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## Quartz Ridge, Bear Creek fires among several burning in area

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A number of fires are burning in the area, including two large fires burning on the Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest (SJNF).

Both of the large fires are under the command of the San Juan Type 3 Incident Management Team, an Aug. 7 press release from the SJNF states, though a national incident command team has been ordered to take over command of both fires on Saturday, Aug. 12, to provide additional capacity and oversight.

Other fires in the region have put up smoke visible from Pagosa Springs, included multiple fires in New Mexico.

On Wednesday morning, Archuleta County announced that Cloman Park is closed indefinitely and is being used as the base camp for firefighters working on the Quartz Ridge and Bear Creek fires.

“Please avoid the area as there will be heavy traffic in and out of the park, along Cloman Blvd and Piedra RD (CR 600),” the county’s announce-

■ See Fires A8



The Quartz Ridge Fire smoke plume as seen from County Road 400 Monday. As of Wednesday morning, the fire size was listed at 1,133 acres with no containment.

SUN photo/Terri House

## School board approves ballot question

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

At its Aug. 8 meeting, the Archuleta School District Board of Education approved moving forward with a mill levy override (MLO) extension ballot question that will be listed on this November’s ballot.

“This is a big deal. We’ve talked about it for quite a few years, the worry that this cliff was coming,” board president Bob Lynch said after the initiative was unanimously approved, adding, “There’s work to be done; there’s roles we can all play in that.”

In April, the district hired political consultant Lynea Hansen to guide an MLO extension exploration committee to determine when and if extending the 2018 MLO should go to voters. The committee also coor-

■ See Ballot A8

## Payments for health district leadership raise concerns

Board of Health to hold meeting Thursday

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

A July 27 report filed with the La Plata County District Court by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) receiver Belleann Raile of Cordes and Company provides documentation on and raises concerns about emergency compensation (EC) pay awarded to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) staff between March 2020 and May 2023, during the CO-

VID-19 pandemic.

The report will be discussed further at an emergency SJBPH Board of Health (BoH) meeting on Aug. 10 at 4 p.m., according to Archuleta County commissioner and BoH member Warren Brown at an Aug. 8 work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners.

According to Raile’s report, the EC pay was first recognized during a

■ See Payments A8

## Four Board of Education positions up for grabs in November election

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) recently issued a call for nominations for candidates for Board of Education directors to appear on the Nov. 7 ballot.

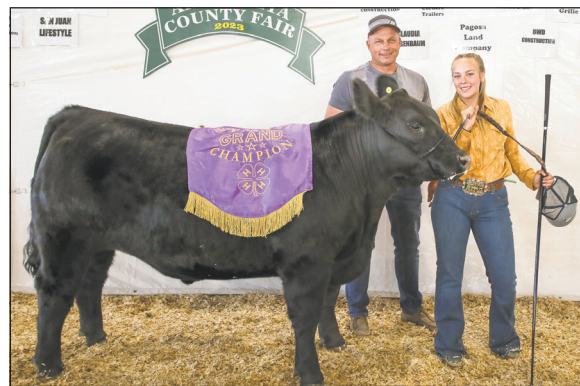
Up for election this year are three four-year terms, for director districts 2, 3 and 4, as well as a two-year term for a director representing District 5. District 2 is currently represented

by board president Bob Lynch, who was appointed to the board in January 2019 and elected in November 2019.

District 3 is currently represented by Amanda Schick, who was appointed in January 2022.

District 4 is currently represented by Dana Guinn, who was appointed in November 2019 and elected in November 2021.

■ See School A8



Taylor Elliott, Grand Champion Beef



Madison DeClark, Grand Champion Swine



Carlie Bridges, Grand Champion Goat



Madisen Stretton, Grand Champion Lamb



Benjamin Stretton, Grand Champion Turkey



Colle Loooper, Grand Champion Chickens

Photos courtesy Jenny Heckmann

4-H participants took part in the year’s Livestock Auction at the Archuleta County Fair on Saturday evening.

## Ketchum recognized for preservation of western heritage

By Lisa Scott  
Western Heritage  
Event Center



Ketchum

The 73rd annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo committee and the board of the Western Heritage Event Center honored Jess Ketchum with the 2023 Red Ryder Award for his great love for rodeos, his outstanding contribution to the western culture of this community, for his service and his friendship.

The board of the Western Heritage Event Center acknowledges individuals who have upheld ideals that align with the board’s mission statement to provide a venue for education and training for youth and equestrian events, and preserve the history and traditions of the American West.

Ketchum was introduced to horses when his family moved to Pagosa Springs when he was 8. He did ranch work to make money and buy his own horse, Libby, when he was 10. Moving cattle, packing during hunting seasons, fence and irrigation work, on all the well-known family ranches in Archuleta County, is how Ketchum made his own money to continue to buy his own horses, feed and tack. It also enabled him to buy a 1984 GMC standard shift three-quarter-ton pickup truck when he was 16.

Then, he began driving to team roping competitions on weekends, with friends in tow, and practiced and competed in the hometown Western Heritage Arena.

A graduate of Fort Lewis College, he continued with ranch and cattle work, moved into electrician and construction work, and now owns

■ See Heritage A8

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## OUR VIEW

# Thank you, fire responders

Smoke from area wildfires has been prevalent throughout most of Archuleta County this past week.

Recent lightning strikes have sparked several fires in and around Pagosa Country.

Multiple fires also broke out in northern New Mexico that put up plumes of smoke that were viewable by area residents.

At times trying to breathe with all of the smoke has been downright unbearable.

This week's plumes of smoke brought back memories of the Little Sand Fire in 2012 and West Fork Complex wildfires back in 2013, when hundreds of thousands of acres burned in the Piedra area and just north of Pagosa Springs.

There were plenty of days and nights back then during those wildfires that we endured much worse conditions than what we have experienced recently. And, back then, we remember several days that the wind was so strong and the smoke was so thick from the wildfires raging nearby that we weren't certain where exactly where the flames were.

We were also reminded of last year's Plumtaw Fire and the successful sup-

pression efforts put into place.

Today's Quartz Ridge Fire is easily viewed from town and is burning in rugged territory with severe terrain. Dead trees have added to the danger for fire crews.

The Bear Creek Fire is burning west of the Weminuche Valley. Dead trees have been falling across lines and compromising the fire's containment. Additional fire resources have been ordered to join in fire suppression operations in these two incidents.

When it comes to the Dry Lake Fire, the San Juan National Forest posted on social media: "The collaboration amongst partners in Southwest Colorado directly contributes to the success of our firefighting organizations. A big thank you goes out to Upper Pine River Fire Protection District for their support of the #Dry Lake fire. UPFPD is hosting the Incident Management Team (IMT) in their outstanding Admin building, giving fire personnel an excellent Incident Command Post (ICP) location to plan and prepare for daily operations on the Dry Lake fire.

"And to our partner and cooperating agencies fighting fire with us, thank you! We are working alongside local crews from Los Pinos Fire District,

Durango Fire & Rescue, Upper Pine, as well as out-of-area crews from Idaho, Missouri, South Dakota, and eastern Colorado."

You can read more about the status of area fires on this week's front page.

It takes skilled coordination between agencies to support fire suppression efforts.

Please extend your gratitude for the assistance from these fire crews.

Slow down and be patient as the additional fire trucks and crews arrive. We've seen some pretty impatient people this summer when it comes to reckless and aggressive driving during road construction.

We owe a great debt to our firefighters, first responders, law enforcement, dispatch staff and all of those who have played a part in managing, containing and fighting the fires.

We know the fires and your jobs are physically demanding, dangerous, extreme and stressful. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

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

Terri Lynn Oldham House



## LOOKING BACK

Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN files of July 28, 1988: SEARCH AND SEIZURE — Deputies Steve Powell, Earl Gibbs, Jim Velasquez and Larry Rogers found more than they were looking for Tuesday afternoon. With a search warrant to recover missing golf course equipment, the officers discovered plants thought to be marijuana and numerous drug paraphernalia.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 10, 1923

Pagosa Springs and vicinity experienced a small cloudburst or waterspout Wednesday afternoon that filled the arroyos, ditches and streets to more than over-flowing, besides taking out several small bridges, tearing out a new cement wall on Lewis street and doing other damage. Afterwards a general rain set in which did not moderate until this morning.

Louis R. Montroy is now considering the matter of completing the rooms in the second story of his new brick building for hotel purposes. He will also drill a hot water well for bath houses and heating purposes, and it is rumored that a local hotel proprietor will lease and operate the new hostelry.

A Pagosa youth spent a short time in jail Wednesday morning and paid a nominal fine imposed for disregarding the obstructions and passing over the new cement crossing at the O'Neal corner with his car the night before.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 13, 1948

Ranchers are reporting a better than average hay crop this year around the county. If the weather would just clear up long enough for them to put it up.

The following article and picture appeared in the Fiesta Edition of the Durango Herald-Democrat of August 4. Miss Macht was one of three attendees from San Juan Basin communities.

Jean Macht, 11-year-old page to Fiesta Queen Jenra Jarvis, is equally at home riding on the range as parading down Main avenue.

In fact blue-eyed Jean has been riding since she was three years old, her aunt, Mrs. Emil Arndt, said.

When she first started to school Jean didn't like it because she couldn't go out riding with her daddy H. Ray Macht. The Machts live on their Three-Quarter Circle ranch north of Pagosa Springs the same ranch homesteaded by Jean's grandfather, the late Harry Macht.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 9, 1973

The assessed valuation of Archuleta County took a big jump, according to preliminary figures studied by the County Commissioners this week. The assessed valuation — and this may vary slightly when final tabulations are completed — stood at \$13,125,340.00. This is up over three and one-half million dollars from the figure last year of \$9,565,790. Much of the increase in valuation was attributed to new homes, new business construction and subdivision developments. This increase assessed valuation, along with increased deposits at the local bank, shows that the economic future is bright.

The report of Town Building Inspector Milton Schweining for the month of July shows that building permits totaling \$27,685.00 were issued during July for the town. Residential building within the town, and outside of town, continues to be at an all-time high. If the low rental housing units are included in an overall total, more than 150 new housing units will have been constructed by fall in the community, with many of these in town, and many at subdivisions near town.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 13, 1998

The board of directors of Archuleta County School District 50 Joint learned Tuesday night that the state building inspector will issue a "temporary certificate of occupancy" for the new high school today.

Superintendent Terry Alley said the temporary certificate is "contingent upon further inspections. We expect to have final certification before school starts (Sept. 8)."

The board heard from Lescher and Mahoney architect Jeff Peterson that 91 percent of the total work was in place for the school. The classroom wings, vocation building and boy's locker rooms are "substantially complete and ready for staff occupancy Aug. 14," Peterson said.

The gym is complete except for the bleachers which will be installed beginning next Tuesday (Aug. 18). According to Baldwin Construction manager Robert Lea, this process takes "between one and two weeks." The kitchen has passed the health department's inspection and is ready for use.

While Lea expects some work will remain to be done after Sept. 8, he said he hoped "for a minimal presence on the campus once school starts."

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

## Pedestrians on crosswalks

Dear Editor:  
I would like to respond to the officer hitting 2 pedestrians as he was turning left onto 160 from Hot Springs Blvd. This same thing almost happened to me on Saturday, only I would be the pedestrian. This Saturday I was at the same crosswalk (NW corner) with my 3 granddaughters, ages 7, 5 and one in a stroller. The mechanical crossing guard turned white and the voice said it was time to cross. So, looking at all cars, right, left and straight ahead, we began to cross. As we started the first step, a huge truck (grey pickup truck with Colorado plates) takes off and turns left onto 160 right in front of us. I am in no way excusing his poor judgement and the realiza-

tion that we all could have been killed in the blink of an eye but I believe there must be a solution. I ask the traffic department to consider calibrating the street lights so there is no blinking yellow light for turning while the mechanical crossing guard suggests it is safe to cross. Too many drivers fail to respect or understand the blinking yellow caution lights. Coordinating the mechanical crossing guard and street lights (red, green only) is the best solution to hopefully preventing more obituaries in The Pagosa Sun.

Leslie Byers

## Suggestions

Dear Editor:  
In response to Charles Newton's letter of August 3rd regarding the actions of "christian" business interactions with the LGBTQ community, I have a couple of suggestions for Mr. Newton and his ilk.

1. Follow your bible to the letter, do not pick, choose and interpret which portions you practice and which you do not. Go ahead and use your bible to abhor the LGBTQ community if you will, or to consider their pursuit of things like a wedding cake as evil, but be sure to follow all the other directives listed there. They are many.

2. Pay special attention to passages like Leviticus 19:17-18.

3. Remember the words of Jesus to himself in Matthew 22:37-40

Cathlynn Groh  
Santa Fe, N.M.

## Proud of the fair

Dear Editor:  
Proud of all the Fair Board members and all the volunteers that worked many hours on putting on this wonderful 2023 Fair. The rodeos, 4-H kids and families, exhibitors...everyone. I was so proud to see you are incorporating all the Archuleta history, Fred Harman, and families into the programs. Your new buildings are such an asset for our kids and community. The music you had was great. Many of us trying to figure out how to help you get a better floor to dance on than those woodchips. All in due time. Great Job.

Nancy Ford

## 'Christian values'

Dear Editor:  
In response to a recent letter about attacks on Christian service providers, I imagine that providers are being questioned because of how their Christian values are being put into action. For example, does the cake-baker or any Christian service provider, given Jesus' many clear teachings on giving up wealth, helping the needy, loving God and others and adherence

to the Commandments, also not provide their services to those who haven't lived up to these Christian values? Does a divorced person who wants to remarry, or a couple living together before marriage, also not get a wedding cake or website or restaurant service from a Christian? Do we get asked "Have you done/given enough to help those in need?" before our Christian doctors treat our illnesses?

People with Christian values embraced a president with multiple divorces, adultery and prostitutes, multiple bankruptcies to avoid paying laborers, and who publicly bragged about sexual assault, basks in verbal assaults, makes fun of disabled people, POWs and military families, and yet these same Christians are outraged and insulted over a gay person "attacking" their values by asking for cake?

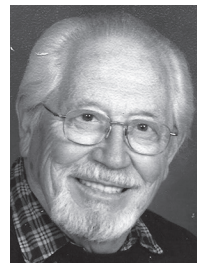
Choose a group, any group just asking for some basic human dignity, cast out in the past - blacks, Jews, my immigrant Italian ancestors - by people citing their Christian values against them, and tell me how the needs of these "others", or any of us, are unworthy of kindness and the love of Christ.

Debra Hepler

## Obituary

### Manuel Martin Archuleta

Surrounded by loving family and friends, Manuel Martin Archuleta passed peacefully on to eternal rest in his family home on main street Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023.



A rosary will be held for Manuel Friday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m., at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in downtown Pagosa Springs. His funeral will also be held at the church on Saturday morning, Aug. 12, at 9 a.m. Interment will take place at Hilltop Cemetery following the Mass.

Please see next week's paper for his full obituary.

Lori Lucero

## In Memoriam

### Vimmie Ray

It's been four years since my mom went to be with our heavenly Father, and I can only imagine the joyous time she has spent there. I sometimes think of her looking down at her friends and family, concerned for their well-being, worrying about them, but then I realize that she no longer worries, for she knows that God is in control. I imagine that she speaks to me and helps guide my decisions, my words, my actions, for I often think, "How would Mom have handled this?" Sometimes, I feel so close to her, and feel like she is proud of me; yet, other times, I can feel her saying how I could have done things differently; she is still teaching me. She was such an amazing person and touched so many people's lives...through her church, through

the wildlife park, through her daily trips to town, and so much more.

I'm reading a book called "A Time to Dance, Chasing Joy in Difficult Seasons," by local author Shannon Singh, and it is so incredibly uplifting. In it, she says, "Joy does not come passively. It is not a season or an emotion. It is a daily choice."

It reminds me of something my mom used to say: "Try to find joy in all you do." Any chore or job, any activity for that matter, can be enjoyable if you can do it with a happy heart. It was her mantra, and I have chosen to make it mine, as well. We all should. She knew that if we strive to make other people's days better, help them in some way, or simply take time for them, it makes us feel better, too.

Lori Lucero

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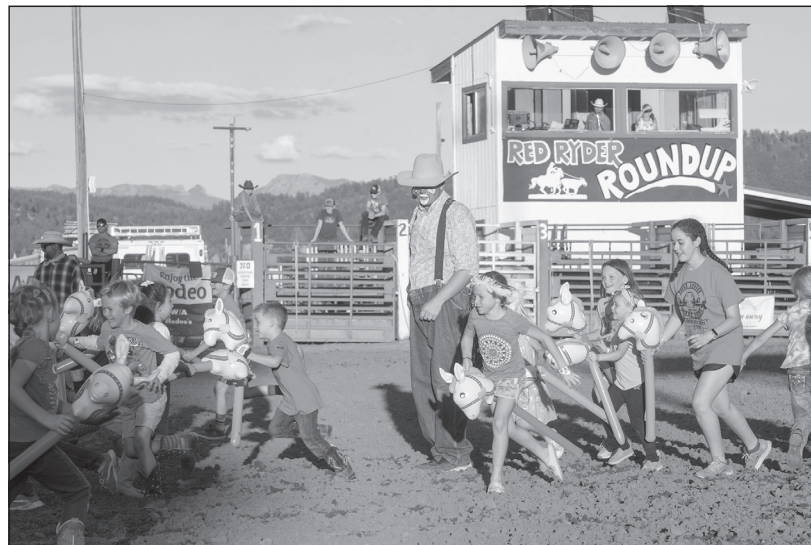
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## Bulls 'n' Broncs Rodeo

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

This year's Bulls 'n' Broncs Rodeo took on a pink hue, with the event also being Tough Enough to Wear Pink night. Intermixed with the class rodeo events were events to bring attention to cancer and raise funds for Pagosa Springs Medical Center's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. Tough Enough to Wear Pink events included recognizing survivors, a kids' pink stick horse race and the Bald for the Brave event, where community leaders and others shaved their heads or cut their hair to donate in honor of those fighting cancer.



## Input sought for main street reconstruction project

By James Dickhoff  
Special to The SUN

As many of you may be aware, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is planning a main street (Pagosa Street and San Juan Street) reconstruction project through Pagosa Springs between 1st and 10th streets, with construction expected to begin in 2024.

As part of the CDOT project, the town is including improvements along the downtown U.S. 160 corridor, which includes the historic 400 block of Pagosa Street. The town is seeking your input on proposed

improvements along this block that may include widening the sidewalk, new street lights with hanging flower baskets, new street trees, benches, gathering areas, crosswalk improvements and more.

Join us on Wednesday, Aug. 16, between 4 and 6 p.m. on the deck in the downtown overlook parking lot (next to Tequilla's restaurant) to review some of the opportunities for improvements along this section of main street.

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# Business

## Colorado Broadband Office holds stakeholder meeting in Pagosa

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Colorado Broadband Office (CBO) held a meeting hosted by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) in Pagosa Springs on July 26 to discuss upcoming broadband funding opportunities and needs with regional stakeholders.

The meeting centered around a presentation by CBO Senior IT Project Manager Michael Murphy.

Murphy began his presentation by updating the group on Colorado's work on digital equity, with efforts focusing on improving digital literacy and access to technology for populations including veterans, the elderly, individuals with disabilities, incarcerated individuals, people with language barriers and members of minority groups.

He explained that the state of Colorado is currently working on community engagement and developing a digital equity plan this year, with additional funding for implementing the plan arriving next year.

Murphy stated that the state is also working on launching a Digital Navigator program, which will be

done in partnership with AmeriCorps and will be initially based in libraries.

He added that digital equity efforts will be an ongoing project and noted that mapping efforts for digital equity continue and that the CBO can provide presentations on digital equity to local organizations that might be interested in the program.

Murphy also indicated that data on how many homes lack Internet access entirely is incomplete.

The group also discussed methods of communicating information to the public about digital equity resources, with Archuleta County Broadband Services Technical Manager Eric Hittle noting that the PSCDC could potentially assist with communication and that reaching seniors would be critical in improving digital literacy.

Murphy then highlighted the similarities between rural electrification work between the 1930s and 1950s and broadband expansion efforts, commenting that these efforts are a "transformational opportunity."

He added that expanding broadband serves economic development, education, health care, pub-

lic safety and government services.

Murphy explained that an executive order by Colorado Gov. Jared Polis has set a goal of having 99 percent of Colorado households connected to broadband by the end of 2027 and that this order created the CBO to achieve this goal.

He also stated that the goal is for 100 megabits per second (Mbps) for both upload and download, though 100 Mbps download speeds with 20 Mbps upload speeds would be accepted if they are scalable to 100 Mbps in both directions.

The group then discussed the challenges with these speed standards and the limitations of wireless Internet technology, with Murphy noting that the upcoming grant cycles would be administered through the state, which he suggested will be better than the federal level as it will make funding local projects more feasible and likely.

The group discussed that the maps of broadband speeds are inaccurate in many areas and that new methods of revising these maps are needed, as well as continued development of the challenge process.

Participants also highlighted the

importance of middle-mile grant funding and the fact that Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) funding for middle-mile broadband is declining, creating a situation where middle-mile projects must be funded with last-mile funds or where new middle-mile funds are needed.

Murphy explained that the broadband roadmap, which covers the steps intended to allow Colorado to get to 99 percent broadband coverage, includes expanding digital inclusion and adoption, developing networks with a priority on fiber connectivity, strengthening community resilience through broadband, and fostering and supporting the digital economy.

Carry Irving, director of business and strategy at Internet service provider Clearnetworx, highlighted that long delays with other entities and staffing at other agencies are major barriers to rapid broadband implementation.

Murphy commented that there has been some progress on accelerating permitting and increasing staffing, but these improvements will be gradual.

Irving added that timelines are ■ See Broadband A6

## 19th Hole Concerts raise \$13,125 for Archuleta County nonprofits

By Tracy Pope

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

This summer's 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club raised a record-breaking \$13,125 for five Archuleta County nonprofits, with each nonprofit receiving a grant for \$2,625.

The recipient organizations were Aspen House and Aspen Services, Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, and Vet-

erans Memorial Park.

This year generated the largest grants in the eight-year history of the concerts, raising nearly \$3,500 more than last year — a 35 percent increase. The 19th Hole Concerts featured a different local music talent at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club on Thursday evenings in June, with one concert rescheduled for July due to inclement weather. The cover charge for each concert was a \$10, and all proceeds were pooled and distributed evenly to the five selected nonprofits.

"This is one of my favorite sum-

mer time events we facilitate," said Joseph Kuzma, community outreach manager for the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. "It is such a pleasure to enjoy some gorgeous Colorado evenings with breathtaking views at the golf club, while seeing the community come out to support our featured organizations."

"Our Archuleta committee does an outstanding job helping to coordinate these events. We always welcome new volunteers to assist in organizing this grant opportunity, so please reach out

if you are interested in joining our team."

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# Business voice needed for proposed town sign changes

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

The Town of Pagosa Springs has been in the process of revising and updating its Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) and is in the final stages of getting input and proposing changes to the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

It is important that our business community weigh in on several issues. One such issue is the revision of the sign code. At the Chamber, we hear comments when businesses are opening a business or getting a new sign about the regulations they face. Here is an opportunity for you to weigh in on the revisions.

Here is a brief rundown of the changes. The changes will be in sync with the area of town. Downtown regulations will be different from west side or east side, and this is based on the density of the area or sign zones. The town's objectives with the proposed sign code changes are intended to preserve and maintain our mountain town aesthetic while balancing business owners' needs for effective and attractive signage. Primary changes include aligning sign heights and overall sizes with vehicle speeds.

Signs can be a powerful indicator for pedestrian-oriented areas versus auto-centric ones, which impact safety and create a sense of place. The proposed changes result in more, but smaller, sign districts. Specific standards for height and size are tailored to those districts and corresponding vehicle speeds. Keep in mind, the LUDC only applies to properties in the town boundary and not in unincorporated Archuleta County. The other objective is to ensure free speech rights are preserved and protected by eliminating any content-specific regulations. For example, in some sign areas, the signage proposal is to reduce the square footage in height and width. What may have been 25 square feet could be 20 or 16 square feet to better align with the character of the district. Verbiage on the sign is also specified to be "content neutral" to ensure freedom of speech.

The changes and a summary in each of the sign categories including banners, temporary signage and lighting of signs can be located in the proposed LUDC sign code, which can easily be found on the [www.mypagosa.org/ludc-update](http://www.mypagosa.org/ludc-update).

On this website you can give your input on the sign changes as well as other topics through the

draft, which is about 90 percent complete. You still have time to comment, and the town is seeking your input. Be a vested part of this change and give constructive feedback. Don't wait until it is too late for you to give your input. This input does not have to be negative. It can certainly be positive input as to the changes that are being proposed. Please just take the time to look at your sign and the signs around your business and interpret how these changes might positively or negatively affect your business community.

## QuickBooks classes update

Thanks to the great response, the Aug. 17 one-on-one QuickBooks Class with Nelly Burns is sold out.

Therefore, we will hold another free one-on-one consulting class with Burns on Thursday, Aug. 24. There is still time for you to sign up.

This class is not for beginners. It is for those business owners who have some knowledge of QuickBooks and have a question or two where they would like assistance.

Burns is a QuickBooks Pro Trainer and consultant with the Small Business Development Center

(SBDC).

There are only four one-hour time slots available on this date. To register for a consultation, visit [www.sbdcfortlewis.org](http://www.sbdcfortlewis.org) and scroll down to the Consulting section. Enter either as a new client or, if you have received assistance before from the SBDC, sign on as an existing client. Click on the class and sign up for one of the available time slots. Take advantage of this opportunity to help you be a better business manager.

## Business Tax Designation class

Don't forget that we will also be hosting a free Business Tax Designation class on Aug. 30 at 4 p.m. This class is important for current or up-and-coming businesses to make sure that they are filing their business in the correct tax designation and protecting their personal and professional assets.

An attorney and a CPA will be on hand to give you some sound advice. This quick one-hour class is very important for self-employed or gig workers. Register for this free class through the Chamber's website at [www.pagosachamber.com/event-calendar](http://www.pagosachamber.com/event-calendar) and click on the Aug. 30 class date.

# PSCDC close to finishing redundant broadband

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

Emily Lashbrooke, executive director of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) reported in the organization's meeting on July 18 that it is close to completing the redundant broadband in the area.

"We're almost finished," she said. "We just have a couple hundred thousand dollars left to spend [from our grant], but expect to be fully completed by the end of August."

Lashbrooke added the PSCDC achieved a 30-year lease for a carrier neutral location (CNL) building that was signed by the county, which is the abandoned substation

from La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) on U.S. 160 west of town. They will add another CNL building — a closet in Town Hall. After that, the redundant loop will be "lit up."

"You'll see an increase in capacity and bandwidth," Lashbrooke said. "We've been talking about this grant since I took this job in October of 2019, so finally we're getting results."

She explained that CenturyLink wants to run its own fiber, but every other provider will use both CNL buildings.

"Every person who's connected to the fiber on their line will feel the difference," Lashbrooke said.

She added that they have identified CenturyLink as part of the cause of the last two cuts that af-

ected Archuleta County.

"They checked the box and said they located it and never did," Lashbrooke explained, "and it was their dig. They dug the line up, cut it, and then cut it again, the same line. So what is unfortunate is they don't care about the impact they have for some reason."

Lashbrooke went on to explain that the conduit they were hoping to put in on U.S. 84 and U.S. 160 has been laid. They are also working on getting a fiber out to the Hatcher Lake area, and will be hosting the Broadband Roadshow on July 26, where state representatives and broadband providers will be present.

She said that the construction of a four-way fiber has begun, initi-

ated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

"The tribe has done Elmore's Corner and [Colo. 172] about three weeks ago," she said. "When I drove through Ignacio today they were at the corner of 151 and 172, and they've got a lot done in a short amount of time."

She added the fiber will run all the way up Colo. 151 to Pagosa Springs.

Lashbrooke explained the PSCDC continues to partner with Build Pagosa and is reaching out to other counties and area tribes to include them in workforce development.

She reported the PSCDC paid for a CDL (commercial driver's license) ■ See PSCDC A7

# Broadband

■ Continued from A5 becoming more of an issue than funding for Internet projects.

He also highlighted that staffing shortages in fields related to broadband installation are also causing delays in installation.

Murphy indicated that the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Office of Future Work is drafting plans to address staff needs for broadband and provide training opportunities in these fields.

He also highlighted that notifying the CBO of errors in the current map of Colorado broadband is critical and that the current map contains a range of potential errors.

Hittle noted that some of the errors in the maps are driven by Internet service providers being the primary suppliers of data on broadband coverage.

Irving commented that the improvements in mapping would have to come from the community level, with the state needing to provide a more effective process to challenge speed and coverage data.

Murphy highlighted that 2.7 million units are currently unserved in Colorado by state metrics.

Hittle noted that, according to state data, 91.6 percent of Colorado households are served by 100 Mbps

download/20 Mbps upload speed Internet, although participants indicated that this data may not be accurate.

In response to a participant question, Murphy noted that he is most concerned about the potential safety impacts of increased connectivity and the criminal activity that individuals who lack awareness of Internet safety might be exposed to.

Murphy also explained that Colorado ranks 23rd in the nation in terms of high-speed Internet availability, seventh on the adoption of high-speed Internet where available, second in terms of device access, 20th in terms of affordable Internet plans and 11th in terms of equitable access for African Americans.

He added that, if the broadband accessibility plans of the state succeed, the state hopes to be in the top 10 for all these metrics.

Irving noted that the focus on fiber networks in Colorado and the difficulty of building broadband in many portions of the state make these placements more impressive and future-proof.

Murphy then outlined a variety of grants, both ones previously awarded to entities within the state and upcoming funding, with

an emphasis on the Broadband Equity, Access and Development (BEAD) funding that Colorado will soon receive.

He stated that, among the range of grant sources, the state has received or will receive approximately \$1.4 billion in funding for broadband development, but more is needed.

Murphy also stated that Colorado will receive \$826.5 million in BEAD funding and that the CBO is hoping to submit its initial BEAD plan in September or October.

He elaborated on workforce development needs, noting that most of the needed positions will initially be in construction positions with a hope to shift these workers in maintenance and technician positions over time.

Murphy highlighted the importance of reaching high school students and other persons early in their career about opportunities to expanding the telecom workforce.

The group discussed workforce development opportunities in telecom in the area, with PSCDC Community Grants Manager Beth Lamberson highlighting the amount of workforce development and trade education opportunities in the area.

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## County approves submission of letter of intent for infrastructure grant

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved the drafting of a letter of intent (LOI) for a Strong Communities grant to fund the development of roads, electrical installation and other infrastructure in the Chris Mountain Village II subdivision at its July 18 meeting.

Earlier in the day, at the BoCC work session, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke, Archuleta County Development Director Pamela Flowers and Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Lori Hendricksen presented to the board about the grant opportunity.

Lashbrooke explained that Habitat and the PSCDC are collaborating on an affordable housing project in Chris Mountain Village II and that, at a workshop the previous week, they learned that the Colorado state departments they intended to apply to in order to secure grants for the project had paused grant applications until November.

She stated that the reason for this is that the policies for Proposition 123 must be written before the legislature comes back into session.

Lashbrooke stated that this would delay the PSCDC housing projects until next year due to not being able to apply for grants, but added that the PSCDC would plan to build the eight houses planned for the two years next year.

She explained that the group learned about the Strong Communities infrastructure grant through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) at the workshop.

She explained that the applicant for this grant would have to be the county and that the grant could be used to pay for improving all county roads and extending electricity to every buildable lot in

Chris Mountain Village II, as well as extending electricity to parts of Trails.

Lashbrooke noted that the PSCDC is looking at a \$1.5 million to \$2 million dollar grant and that the grant only requires a 20 percent match, which could be satisfied by the lots the county has already decided to the PSCDC and Habitat.

She stated that the LOI period ends in early August and needs to be submitted by July 25 due to Lashbrooke going on vacation and being out of reach.

She indicated that the pre-application review would be between August and October, the full application would be due in November, and the grant would be awarded in January.

Lashbrooke highlighted that the infrastructure improvements this grant would allow would increase the affordability and feasibility of development in the area and explained that her calculation of the valuation of the lots held by the PSCDC and Habitat in the area indicated they would be sufficient for the match.

Lashbrooke explained that this grant would allow for building up to 140 percent of the area median income-based thresholds and that the grant would also pay for a bus stop, a park, tap fees and trailhead improvements in the area in addition to the road and electrical improvements.

"If this isn't a community good project, I don't know what is," she said, noting that the grant would assist the PSCDC and Habitat on their projects, as well as facilitating development in the area.

She explained she discussed the grant with the county Planning Department and noted Flowers "loves the idea" and Public Works Director Kevin Pogue "hates the idea."

Lashbrooke added that she had spoken with DOLA, which confirmed the project would qualify for the grant.

Commissioners Warren Brown

and Ronnie Maez noted that the county recently dedicated funding from auctioning off county-held properties with tax liens to road improvements in the area, which could be added to the grant match.

The group then discussed the logistics of the project, with Lashbrooke noting that, from the estimates provided by Pogue, she expected the cost of the road improvements to fall between \$1.5 million and \$2 million.

"It's a no-brainer to me," Maez said.

Flowers also noted that the project would fix previous county errors where the county allowed a developer in the area to sell lots without completing road improvements to the lots.

Lashbrooke commented that the grant request could potentially be amended later to include additional projects in Trails.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that the water and sewer infrastructure in the area should also be examined and needs discussed with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) since she was unsure if the current infrastructure could handle growth in the area.

Maez commented that the PAWSD is supposed to be able to handle this expansion since the district has been charging availability fees in the area.

"What they're supposed to do and what they actually can handle is two different things," Medina commented, adding that the county needs to have conversations with local utilities to ensure infrastructure can support the growth.

Maez informed Medina that PAWSD is committed to providing water and sewer in the area and she responded that she understood this, but there are "current issues that you may not know."

County Attorney Todd Weaver proposed that the project could talk with natural gas and fiber utilities to add these utilities to the

other line extensions.

Lashbrooke noted that the grant requires the county to have done land use regulations changes to promote affordable housing, which she noted the county has recently done, and stated that she felt the county is a "Cinderella story" for the grant.

She added that she would come before the BoCC at its afternoon meeting to get approval to move forward with submitting a LOI for the grant.

The group then discussed the procedure for opting into Proposition 123 funding, which Flowers indicated would require a BoCC commitment which she hoped to present to the board in September.

Flowers and Lashbrooke added that they are working on coordinating these commitments with the Town of Pagosa Springs and that the town is expected to consider its commitment in September as well.

Before concluding, the group further discussed logistics of the project and potential options for expanding trails and parks in the Martinez Canyon area in collaboration with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.

At the BoCC meeting, prior to on an LOI for the Strong Communities grant, Lashbrooke noted that the county would be the applicant for the grant while the PSCDC and partners would fund the project.

She added that a memorandum of understanding between the entities would be established and that the LOI would not commit the group to applying for the grant.

Brown congratulated Habitat, the PSCDC and Flowers for the work they have done that has positioned them to "potentially get money to do great things and make a sizable impact on our housing needs here."

"I think all the hard work is about to be rewarded," Brown added.

Hendricksen noted that the work had begun with the county's donation of lots to Habitat in the area.

Lashbrooke added that the work was also facilitated by the county's donation of lots to the PSCDC.

Maez thanked the group for the work.

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## \$17 million in grant funding will go to Colorado's public electric vehicle fast-charging network

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By Hailey Sams  
SUN Intern

Colorado has a state goal of reaching 940,000 light-duty electric vehicles (EVs) on roads by 2030, according to a press release sent out from the Office of Gov. Jared Polis.

To reach this goal, Colorado is extending the state's public electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) announced \$17 million in grant awards through its Direct-Current Fast-Charging (DCFC) Plazas program, states the press release. These grants will grow Colorado's network of 871 fast-chargers by more than 20 percent,

adding 188 public chargers. The release states that a 2021 commissioned report on the state's charging infrastructure needs suggests that at least 5,000 fast-chargers are needed to reach the state's goal.

"Transportation contributes more greenhouse gas pollution than any other sector in Colorado, making electric vehicle adoption a top priority to mitigate climate-warming emissions," said CEO Executive Director Will Toor. "We recognize that this can only happen if people trust that an EV can get them where they need to go. The state and federal funding for this program will ensure EV charging is widely available so that all Coloradans can feel confident driving an EV."

"One of the main concerns Colorado drivers raise about making the switch to an EV is the amount of publicly available charging," Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Executive Director Shoshana Lew said via the

press release.

According to the release, the grants are going to fund a list of projects and new charging stations all across Colorado, these include:

- Tesla Inc.: Fort Collins, Highlands Ranch, Springfield, Cortez, Kit Carson, Wray, De Beque, Durango, Pagosa Springs and Poncha Springs.
- Alta Convenience: Bayfield and Fruita.
- ChargePoint: Winter Park, Lakewood, Delta and Vail.
- Circle K Stores: Colorado Springs and Pueblo.
- City of Pueblo: Pueblo.
- eCAMION: Maybell and Lyons.
- Electrify America: Montrose.
- EVgo LLC: Strasburg.
- Francis Energy Charging LLC: Seibert.
- Kum & Go LLC: Steamboat Springs, Rifle and Wellington.
- Love's Travel Stops: Buena Vista, Eads, Hudson and Parachute.
- Phillips 66: Thornton and Lakewood.

■ See Electric A9

## PSCDC

Continued from A6 class, which eight members of the community attended.

She added the PSCDC pulled together the entire class and will pay the instructor with the PSCDC's funds.

She noted that the attendees paid about \$3,000, while a regular CDL class would be \$6,000 to \$8,000.

The PSCDC also unanimously approved postponing the building of three units in Chris Mountain II until next spring, thus building all eight units in one year rather than the two-phased project it had initially agreed upon.

Lashbrooke noted she believes this is a better option than building the three units this fall, where, due to a delay in grant applications, they would be 120 percent of the area median income (AMI), which is "not what we're trying to do here."

She added she thinks they will have no trouble finding people and families to buy the homes, and suggested if there are any more interested parties she'll have to go to a "lottery."

"To me this is what community development is," she said. "We lift up other areas and help a bigger cause."

The next PSCDC board meeting will be Aug. 16 at the Ross Aragon Community Center. The next membership meeting is Oct. 9 at the Tennyson Building Event Center.  
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# Payments

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review of payroll information related to a request by former SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon to be paid the hours in her sick bank upon her May 2023 departure from the organization, a request that Raile determined to be against her contract and denied.

Raile notes that, upon inquiring about the EC pay with the SJBPH Human Resources Department, she learned that the pay was for exempt employees who are not paid an hourly wage.

She adds that the total amount of EC pay over the three-year period was \$846,589, with 52 percent of that going to three executive-level staff, including \$215,745 to Jollon, \$127,365 to then-Deputy Director Tiffany Switzer and \$99,007 to then-Emergency Manager Lori Zazzaro.

Raile comments that the large amount of EC payments, their concentration on three employees and the fact that Jollon was the largest recipient of the payments raised concerns about the “administration, oversight and authorities” connected with the program and that she determined additional investigation was needed due to the potential impact of these payments on the SJBPH general fund.

The report indicates that, on May 23, the receiver made a request through counsel to SJBPH attorney Michael Goldman for additional information about the history of the program, if it was formally approved by the BoH and known to the counties, how the program was monitored, what funding sources were used and if there were any reporting requirements associated with it.

The receiver also asked Goldman if he believed that the EC compensation paid to Jollon was a violation of

her contract, which indicates that she is not eligible for overtime pay or compensatory time.

According to the report, the receiver also contacted the county attorneys for Archuleta and La Plata counties on May 24 to ask if the commissioners representing each county on the BoH were aware of the EC payments.

The report states that the receiver received requests from both county attorneys for further investigation of the EC payments on May 31 and June 1 and that both of these requests indicated the commissioners were unaware of the EC payments.

Raile continues to explain that the emergency duty compensation policy was originally approved by the BoH on Aug. 27, 2015, and, according to a memo from BoH chair Shere Byrd, was originally intended to satisfy federal requirements for reimbursement of expenses related to the Gold King Mine spill.

She indicates that the policy establishes the executive director with sole authority to approve additional compensation for exempt employees during a declared emergency.

She also notes that, although the policy claims to not provide overtime pay, “as a practical matter the policy in fact provides overtime compensation to exempt employees.”

Raile explains that SJBPH declared a public health emergency on March 16, 2020, and ended it on May 11, 2023.

The report states that EC payments began in March of 2020 and that, although the BoH was informed of the general financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on SJBPH, there is no evidence that the EC payments were ever directly explained to or discussed with the board, although “oblique references” to them were made in variance explanations for “emergency duty pay

for COVID-19.”

Raile indicates that, in a July 5 letter, Byrd and BoH treasurer and SJBPH Finance Committee chair Terryl Peterson comments that the BoH does not review the details of the budget to the “granular” level of issues such as EC payments and that the Finance Committee focuses on high-level trends and overall health for the organization, without typically “digging into the transactional details behind the numbers.”

On the issue of if the payments were contrary to Jollon's contract, Raile indicates that Byrd and former BoH chair Ann Bruzzese stated that the EC payments were intended to include the executive director, although Raile adds that she is unsure if this opinion is held by the BoH as a body.

The report then reviews the recording of EC time and payments in the SJBPH payroll system, indicating that EC hours were recorded for exempt employees who worked more than 40 hours a week.

Raile adds that while program-level staff kept complete and detailed notes on their activities while being paid EC time, Jollon kept less-detailed notes, including “non-specific and cryptic abbreviations” and provided no notes after a July 2021 change in how notes accompanying EC time were recorded.

Raile also points out that there were periods where Jollon's time logs exceeded 15 hours per day seven days a week and that she logged an average of 74 hours per week for the period of March through December 2020.

She adds that Jollon was approving her own timekeeping logs in the system.

The report states that funding for EC payments was primarily provided by money from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund Program in 2020

and the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases program in 2021.

According to Raile, both these programs were audited as part of the 2020 and 2021 audits and the auditors found no discrepancies or other issues related to them.

Raile then provides a summary of the report's conclusions, indicating that she believes that the current BoH members “had at least constructive knowledge” of the program and that the BoH was updated on the status of the organization and the impacts of COVID-19, although the EC payments were not directly discussed.

She also comments, on the payments to Jollon, “Though Ms. Jollon was intimately involved in the administration of the emergency Covid response, the EC payments made to her appear disproportionate as compared to the other exempt staff responding to this crisis. She had higher base pay (plus bonuses) and may have worked more hours than the other staff, but there is little documentation to support what she was specifically doing to support the time entered. It is not clear that her contract allowed for what is essentially payment for overtime, though the current board chair and a previous board chair claim that was the intention of the board.”

Raile also provides comments on Jollon's position of responsibility for the oversight and execution of the EC payments program, noting her authority and “unfettered discretion” in operating the program.

She notes that, except for the executive director, all SJBPH staff have a direct supervisor responsible for reviewing their time submissions,

# School

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District 5 is currently represented by Butch Mackey, who was appointed in January 2022.

District 1, which is not up for grabs in the 2023 election, is currently represented by Tim Taylor, who was appointed in September 2020 and elected in November 2021.

According to the call for nominations, “To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the elec-

tion and a resident of the director district which will be represented.”

It notes that legal descriptions for the director districts are available at [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com) under the School Board tab, or at the ASD administration office located at 309 Lewis St.

“A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child,” it adds.

Those who desire to be a candidate for school director must file a written notice of intent to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 50 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions are available at the ASD administration office. The office is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Completed petitions, according to the call for nominations, are to be submitted to Heather Schultz, ASD's designated election official, no later than 3 p.m. on Sept. 1.

Hansen explained most communities have 10-15 percent of voters who have children in the district, and many other voters would have an “indirect connection” to students, like grandparents and other family members.

She explained that the ballot question doesn't list career and technical education because “that \$1.7 million just isn't enough to fund it, but it is something you all should keep in mind that your community is very supportive of that issue.”

Hansen said the bottom paragraph was crafted by lawyers to uphold the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, also commonly known as TABOR.

The board unanimously approved moving forward with placing the initiative on the ballot.

“I feel confident that the work that was done could be vindicated on this November's ballot,” member Butch Mackey, who was also on the exploration committee, said.

According to Hansen, this approval now puts the district in a place where they can “just educate. No district resources or time can be used to talk about a vote yes or a vote no. You can only talk about pros and cons and the fact that it's on the ballot itself.”

“This is really important to the ongoing funding of our district and teacher salaries that we're proud of today,” Lynch said, adding, “Thanks again to those who helped get here. And now the work begins.”

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# Fires

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ment states.

A smoke outlook for the Quartz Ridge and Bear Creek fires is available at <https://outlooks.wildland-firesmoke.net/outlook/933fc4e4>.

Additional wildfire smoke information is available at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>.

The SJNF also notes wildfire smoke may affect your health. For more information, go to <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

## Quartz Ridge Fire

The Quartz Ridge Fire, burning approximately 3 miles into the South San Juan Wilderness and 13 miles northeast of Pagosa Springs, is a lightning-caused fire that was discovered on Aug. 5.

A Wednesday morning update on the fire lists it at 1,133 acres with no containment.

According to the Aug. 9 update, fire managers are continuing to develop plans for when the fire reaches terrain more favorable for engagement.

“Firefighters are unable to directly engage due to very steep terrain, its remote location, and firefighter risk associated with working in standing dead and down trees,” the update explains. “Aviation assets are ineffective if ground resources are not in place to utilize water and retardant, so only an aerial supervision aircraft will be used today for planning and reconnaissance. The fire area in the South San Juan Wilderness is extremely steep and heavily loaded with dead timber both standing and down; this contributes to more intense fire behavior and elevates risk to firefighters and aviation.”

The Aug. 7 press release notes the fire is expected to remain in a “very remote location of the South San Juan Wilderness.”

The report notes Quartz Meadows Road (Forest Service Road 685), Quartz Ridge Trail and Quartz Creek Trail are closed.

## Bear Creek Fire

The Bear Creek Fire is located 23 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs and 2.5 miles west of the Weminuche Valley. It was discovered on Aug. 1.

An Aug. 9 update lists the lightning-caused fire at 283 acres with no containment.

Like the Quartz Ridge Fire, the update notes fire managers continue to develop plans for when the fire

reaches terrain more favorable for engagement.

An Aug. 7 update explains direct fire-suppression efforts occurred the first two operational shifts, but firefighters disengaged due to increased fire behavior and the presence of dead standing trees.

The Aug. 9 update notes firefighters have been unable to directly engage due to the “dangerous loading of dead timber both standing and down.”

“Firefighters are prepared for when the fire backs down to the Weminuche Valley, providing an anchor point for them to begin suppression operations,” the Aug. 9 update states. “Structure protection operations are underway and will continue today. Crews will monitor the fire overnight.”

The update notes there are no pre-evacuation or evacuation orders at this time.

The Little Sand Trail from Mosca Road, Shaw Creek Trail and Falls Creek Trail are closed, it notes.

## Dry Lake Fire

The SJNF issued the final update on the Dry Lake Fire on Aug. 7.

That update notes that the 1,372-acre fire is burning in the First Notch area of the Columbine Ranger District.

It was listed at 47 percent containment.

“Firefighters are continuing to mop up and secure the fireline,” the update states. “Pockets of vegetation inside the fireline will continue to smolder and burn, though fire activity and smoke production will decrease through the week.”

The fire transitioned from the SJNF Type 3 Incident Management Team back to a local Type 4 team Monday, it notes.

“The indirect fire suppression tactics used by fire managers has resulted in the successful thinning of overgrown oak brush and grass growing in the understory of the Ponderosa Pine forest cover. Benefits of this strategy include reducing hazardous fuels, encouraging native plant growth, increasing species diversity, and enriching wildlife forage,” it states.

The update adds the unmanned aerial system (UAS), or drone, “will continue to provide critical aerial imagery for firefighters. The UAS platform is equipped with an infrared camera that can detect sources of heat on the ground below. Fire-

fighters repeatedly utilize the UAS to patrol the fire containment lines and detect any sources of heat outside of the established perimeter.”

The public is strongly advised to avoid First Notch Trail and First Notch Connector Trail due to dangerous conditions, with the update explaining, “Lingering smoke and fire-weakened trees are present along the length of these trails traveling through the Dry Lake Fire.”

## Lake Fire

The lightning-caused Lake Fire is burning on the west side of Navajo Lake Dam in New Mexico and is on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Reclamation. It started Aug. 2.

According to an Aug. 9 update from the New Mexico State Forestry Division, the fire is 73 acres and is at 90 percent containment.

“Fire managers continue to implement a full suppression strategy,” the update states.

## West Fork Fire

The lightning-caused West Fork Fire is located in San Juan County, N.M., northwest of the Navajo Dam and approximately 6 miles south of the state line.

According to the Aug. 9 update from the New Mexico State Forestry Division, the fire, which started Aug. 7, is 42 acres with 25 percent containment.

The update notes there are no evacuations or road closures, but the fire is in the vicinity of oil and gas well pads.

Members of the public are asked to avoid the West Fork Fire area.

The update further notes smoke is visible from Arboles and Pagosa Springs.

## American Mesa Fire

The American Mesa Fire, is located on the Jicarilla Ranger District of the Carson National Forest in New Mexico. It is southwest of Dulce, N.M.

It is listed as beginning on Aug. 8 and being caused by lightning.

“The American Mesa fire is burning in pinyon-juniper woodlands and, as of this morning, fire crews have made excellent progress in holding the fire at 756 acres, with 25% containment,” the update from the New Mexico State Forestry Division states.

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# Ballot

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denated with a polling organization, Keating Research, that polled 300 registered voters in the county to determine issues that are important to them and the likelihood of voting to extend the MLO.

The committee held six meetings and unanimously recommended the ballot question for the Nov. 7 ballot.

The question will read as follows: “WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, SHALL ARCHULETA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50JT BE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND THE \$1.7 MILLION ANNUAL TAX APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 2018 SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE IN 2025, TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND AND USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: “RECRUITING AND RETAINING HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND STAFF; AND “PROVIDING SCHOOL SAFETY, SECURITY, AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS; “WHICH REVENUE FROM THE PERMANENT EXTENSION IS FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22-54-108, C.R.S.; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?”

The poll indicated that over two-thirds of registered voters who participate in off-year elections would vote to pass the MLO extension.

and operates a residential and commercial appraisal business — and he still runs cattle today. He is married to Casey and they have three outstanding children, Kylie, Duke and Jeb.

Ketchum served on the Western Heritage Event Center Board of Directors from 2009-2019 and served

in many officer positions, including president. His hands-on approach to the work that needed to be done in the arena and grounds set an example for all to follow. He organized and managed the Red Ryder Rodeos and many other rodeo events that were instrumental to the success the organization has experienced. The initial processes

# Heritage

of developing the Hughes Pavilion was led by Ketchum and he continued as the lead for two years after his departure from the board.

Western heritage is important to Ketchum because “we need to preserve the traditions of the past and keep them alive. It is an important part of agriculture and our American history.”

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# Town council adopts goals and objectives, accepts property acquisition ordinances

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council met on Aug. 1 to adopt 12 goals and objectives they workshopped at a July retreat and approve two ordinances that ratified the acquisition of two already-purchased properties.

Regarding the goals and objectives members came up with at their retreat in July, Town Manager Andrea Phillips said, "These objectives serve as basis for putting together our annual operating budget. ... They help us communicate with the community what the goals and objectives are that council has set to focus on."

Among the 12 goals and objectives, members listed five as high priority, which include the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District; staffing; workforce housing; traffic management, parking and road maintenance; and parks and trail maintenance.

## Property purchases

Members also moved to approve the second reading of two ordinances, both of which ratified property purchases.

The first ordinance, 998, ratified the purchase of 558 Hot Springs Blvd.

According to the agenda brief, the property was already purchased in 2021 for \$182,500 from Markor Investments Inc., a New Mexico corporation.

The purchase falls into the council's goal/objective to acquire property and workforce housing, the brief states.

The second reading of Ordinance

999, ratifying the purchase of 574 5th St., was unanimously approved by the council.

According to the agenda brief, the property was acquired in 2020 for use as workforce housing from John M. Ritchey, trustee of the John M. Ritchey Revocable Trust.

Briefs from both ordinances read, "While this transaction was approved by Town Council at a publicly noticed meeting by motion and vote, it was not completed via ordinance, as required by the Charter."

The purchase of 574 5th St. was addressed at a meeting in August 2020, when, the brief states, "Council directed staff to obtain an engineer's opinion on the partial foundation."

On Aug. 27, 2020, the meeting minutes read, "Council Member Bergon moved to authorize Town Manager Phillips to acquire the property located at 574 S. 5th Street in an amount not to exceed \$230,000, Council Member [Rory] Burnett seconded." The motion was carried.

## Interim town manager

The council also voted to appoint Greg Schulte as interim town manager and adopted an employment agreement.

An agenda brief of the meeting stated, "Mr. Schulte's extensive experience in municipal/county government and his previous service as the Town Manager in Pagosa Springs make him the best candidate to fill the role of Interim Town Manager."

"I'm glad to be here and look forward to working with you all in this interim period," Schulte said after the employment agreement

was unanimously approved.

## Administrative approval of liquor, marijuana license applications

Council also addressed Ordinance 997, unanimously approving the second reading of administrative approval of liquor and marijuana license applications.

"Staff has been working with Attorney Bob Cole on structuring this ordinance for council's consideration," a brief of the ordinance reads.

The types of applications that can be approved in this manner are liquor and marijuana renewals, transfers and temporary permits pending transfer of ownership, art gallery and retail establishment liquor permits, change of location/modification of premises, and liquor special event permits, according to the brief.

The brief adds, "All licenses for NEW liquor or marijuana licenses will be brought before the Town Council for the public hearing process."

"This is a great example of making things work a little smoother for business people in town," council member Gary Williams said.

## Other business

The meeting went on to address the work of Habitat for Humanity and the Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) to "recognize the contribution these organizations and these young people have made to addressing the affordable housing problem and proclaim the work has been an important contribution to this community,"

according to the agenda brief.

The agenda adds that the Town of Pagosa Springs has encouraged the development of affordable housing for workforce members by waiving construction fees for Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County and given grant funding to the organization.

The homes are deed-restricted for 30 years, and "families who partner to build with Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County contribute a minimum of 250 hours of sweat equity and pay a mortgage they can afford ... Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County is tripling historical build capacity in the current project to build 15 homes in 5 years ... Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County and AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) have partnered to provide eight NCCC members to assist in the construction of three Habitat homes in the county this year," the agenda brief reads.

Lastly, Tourism Director Jennifer Green took the floor to request the approval of fireworks for the town's Oct. 28 Halloween Hootenanny.

At the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board's July meeting, members voted to allocate \$25,000 for a special Halloween fireworks display, \$8,000 of which will come from the 2023 event funding budget and \$17,000 from the approved infrastructure funding.

The brief adds that the \$17,000 was part of the "\$200,000 for a roof for the multipurpose pavilion/ice skating, which will not occur in

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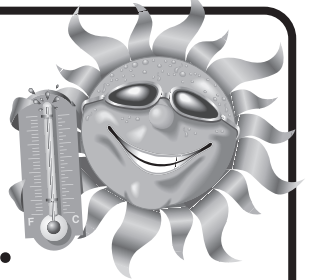


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CEO expects the chargers supported by the current DCFC Plazas awards to become available by the end of 2025, according to the press release. Going forward, CEO anticipates offering two DCFC Plazas

funding rounds per year, with the next opportunity expected to open in the fall.

New charging stations and infrastructure projects are anticipated to increase the security of buying an electric vehicle and grow the number of EV owners, according to the release. The targeted areas for new stations are based on

filling gaps along Colorado's federally designated alternative-fuel corridors, which are paths along which electric charging is needed.

CEO also prioritized projects in communities that were "disproportionately impacted" to ensure better air quality in these places, according to the release.

Colorado has had extremely rapid

advancements in electrifying transportation, now ranking third in the nation for its progress, according to an Aug. 3 press release from CDOT.

"We're proud of the progress we have made and look forward to continuing our work toward cleaner transportation and cleaner air for all," Toor said via the CDOT press release.

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## Democratic Club to hear about freedom of information

By Lynn R. Frederick  
Special to The SUN

Freedom of information will be the topic of the Aug. 16 meeting of the Archuleta Democratic Club.

The speaker will be Jeff Roberts, executive director of the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition.

The meeting is open to all, and we encourage anyone concerned

about government office holders making laws or decisions in secret to attend this meeting. Handouts will be available for those attending.

The meeting will be at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be provided for those who RSVP to [lynnfrederick1@gmail.com](mailto:lynnfrederick1@gmail.com). If you prefer

to attend by Zoom, please go to [archuletadems.org](http://archuletadems.org) to click on the meeting link.

The Archuleta Democratic Club meets the third Wednesday of the month. It is open to anyone interested in the monthly topic. It is also an opportunity to meet other Democrats in Archuleta County and to hear what is happening with the local Democratic Party.

## Council

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"Last year, it was mostly locals," Green said. "The Tourism Board liked that it was a community

event."

She added that fireworks will be at Yamaguchi Park, pending an electric upgrade to the soccer field to handle "bands and food trucks, etc."

Green explained the baseball field is a backup.

"There will be absolutely no bouncy houses," she said. [monica@pagosasun.com](mailto:monica@pagosasun.com)

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# Parks and recreation board hears update on department projects

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

On Aug. 3, Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis updated the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board about the status of various projects that his department has been working on throughout the summer.

Before launching into the department report and an update on the summer projects, Lewis informed the board that Town Manager Andrea Phillips (her last day was Aug. 4) would be stepping away from the position and introduced the board to the incoming interim town manager, Greg Schulte.

Lewis also explained that County Commissioner Veronica Medina replaced Ronnie Maez as Archuleta County's representative on the board.

During the department report section of the meeting, Lewis relayed that the parks department has been "working very hard to get completed what we planned for this year with the staff that we have."

He mentioned a nagging water irrigation issue at Town Park and the adjacent athletic field, calling the debris in the pipes a continuing "struggle," and that "at some point we will have to start looking at a new irrigation system."

He said that parks staff are "working their tails off to try and keep up."

The department has spent "close to \$18,000 that was not budgeted for" to try and get the irrigation system up and running again, Lewis reported.

"We had to go five or six weeks without water at Town Park and the athletic field," he said.

He noted the water was back on currently, but that "it's still a struggle" to keep debris out of the lines

and department staff is still trying to "get that out."

On overall maintenance of the parks, Lewis mentioned that he sometimes has a limited staff on board, "sometimes only one or two" employees and sometimes "four or five."

The main issue is "people not being able to be at work at times," which leaves a limited staff to run the maintenance and tree trimming throughout the town's parks, he explained.

On the recreation side of things, Lewis mentioned the sports seasons that had just come to an end (kids baseball and adult softball) and explained that both kids and adult soccer leagues are about to get underway.

Two projects that have been completed are the veterans bridge at Town Park and the pickleball courts at Yamaguchi Park, he indicated.

On the veterans bridge, he said that "we were budgeted to replace the wood planks on that."

The project was completed in June, he reported.

He explained that on the pickleball courts the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held July 20 and that he was very pleased with the turnout and that it "seems like everyone is enjoying" the courts.

He noted that "a lot of work still needs to be done down there."

He mentioned more parking, a possible sidewalk and landscaping around the courts that is slated to be installed.

He also mentioned that staff is looking at installing some shade spots and picnic tables for people to gather outside the courts to watch as spectators or just hangout, adding that the department would budget for these possibilities in the future.

One discussion topic that remains ongoing is the permanent location of the ice rink, which is slated to double as a proposed multi-use pavilion, Lewis indicated. The ice rink is currently located at South Pagosa Park.

But, Lewis explained to the board that he received direction from the Pagosa Springs Town Council to explore other options for a permanent location for the ice rink/multiuse pavilion.

He explained that Yamaguchi South is being seriously considered and that department staff is conducting a geotech investigation of the area to gather more information on if this would be an appropriate locale for the pavilion.

The department is still waiting on these geotech results, but plans to bring the question back before town council in September once the results can be considered. Plans for the ice rink/pavilion include installing a roof, which would allow multiple year-round uses.

Lewis explained the town needs to do its due diligence to find the right location for the pavilion, because "once that roof gets built, it's not going anywhere," saying that he wants to make sure "it's built on a site that we want to see there for the next 10, 15 years."

"At the end of the day, a location has not been chosen yet," he said, but "staff is doing their due diligence to gather information, as much information as we can" to bring the issue back before the town council for a final decision, he said.

Lewis then turned to the erosion problems with the 5th Street trail along the San Juan River. The trail runs from Apache Street along the river's west bank and ultimately pops out onto 6th Street. Due to a strong spring runoff, the trail was recently "washed out during high

flow," he said.

Lewis explained that there was a discussion at a prior town council meeting about possibly giving that easement up, but that the council ultimately decided to keep the easement "and do some type of temporary fix right now," with it decided to add mulch to make it accessible.

He added that staff is currently working on "mulching that area. It's a slow process."

He didn't give the board a definite time frame on when the trail would be fixed, but explained that his goal is to have it done "by the end of September."

He added that the council will eventually need to come up with a more permanent solution for this trail as it will likely continue to wash out during spring runoff season.

One project that Lewis noted he hoped to have completed this summer, but did not, is the installation of a new dog park at Yamaguchi South.

The main reason that this project was put on hold is because the department is waiting to see what kinds of other "footprints" are in store for the park, he explained.

For example, if the park becomes the location for the ice rink/multi-use pavilion, then the department would need to know the footprint of this structure before building the dog park.

Looking ahead to 2024, Lewis explained he sees the biggest challenge as staffing for the Parks Department.

He noted that around five seasonal summer staff is ideal, but this summer, for example, only two seasonal workers are on his staff.

He added that, without more staff, the Parks Department would likely have to turn down any new big projects for next year and just focus on maintaining the already-completed projects.

He mentioned that the department cannot continue to grow the number of projects that it takes on without also growing its staff.

He said, "From my perspective, we may need to pull the reins a little bit and really concentrate on the projects that are already out there."

"Until we can feel that we are fully staffed, and can maintain what we have, I'm not proposing any large projects out of parks and rec for next year."

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## Sheep grazing subcommittee to meet Aug. 15

Bureau of Land Management Colorado Southwest District Office

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest District Resource Advisory Council will hold the last of six meetings of a subcommittee formed to study domestic sheep grazing in bighorn sheep habitat on Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The group will wrap up its discussion and findings and determine next steps for formulating a recommendation related to livestock grazing and bighorn sheep on BLM-administered lands. The subcommittee will convene at the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO. The

meeting is open to the public.

A 30-minute public comment period will be provided from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. Individuals who wish to speak are encouraged to submit a written copy of their statement for the administrative record. Interested parties unable to attend the meeting in person are invited to join online via Zoom (registration required): <https://blm.zoomgov.com/join/7115d5eugjpkGtwH-46HcCxTHj85HG0xPXk4>.

"Our final meeting will bring all of the information and discussions full circle," said District Manager Stephanie Connolly.

The Southwest District Resource Advisory Council advises the BLM

Colorado Southwest District, which includes the Gunnison, Uncompahgre and Tres Rios field offices. The subcommittee consists of five members who have demonstrated their interest and experience related to sheep grazing. The subcommittee will aim to present their conclusions to the full Resource Advisory Council for their consideration in fall 2023.

The meeting agenda is available online at: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-08/AGENDA%20Meeting%206%20August%2015%202023.pdf>. For more information or to register to speak during the public comment period, please contact Maggie Magee at (970) 240-5323 or [dmagee@blm.gov](mailto:dmagee@blm.gov).

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# Changes to town's Land Use and Development Code enter final stages, public input sought

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

At both Pagosa Springs Planning Commission and Pagosa Springs Town Council work sessions, staff members of the town's Community Development Department gave presentations on their recent efforts to update the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

These updates were presented at the planning commission's July 25 and town council's July 27 work sessions. Community Development Director James Dickhoff and Senior Planner Karl Onsager represented the Community Development Department at both meetings.

Since early 2021, the Planning Department has been working on amending the LUDC.

The changes are aimed "to improve development standards, right-size processes, expand housing choices, enable employment and economic opportunities and to ensure the document is user friendly for the public, developers, Town boards and staff," agenda documentation states.

The potential changes to the LUDC document are the result of input from various parties, which include an LUDC steering committee, a project consultant, public input, and guidance from both the planning commission and town council, according to agenda documentation.

A joint work session was recently held with staff of the Community Development Department and members of the council and planning commission "to receive direction on residential and subdivision standards, sustainability requirements, the new Put Hill and East End overlays and revisions to the sign code," agenda documentation states.

At both of the more recent July work sessions, Onsager explained that town staff also sought further input on these issues by conducting a public survey based on these questions that would give staff some insight into the public's views of these potential changes.

At both meetings, Onsager gave updates about the results of the survey, saying that the survey was open for comment for 30 days and received 56 public comments.

The Community Development Department weighed these public comments and incorporated them into staff's recorded recommendations on these particular items, he explained.

He also explained that staff considers the current draft of the LUDC (available for public view and comment at MyPagosa.org) as 90 percent complete, with just a few more kinks still to be worked out.

Final changes to the document would be based on direction from the public, the council and the planning commission, he added.

Agenda documentation states that before the new LUDC changes can enter into the public hearing and adoption phase, "any remaining policy questions or outstanding issues" would need to be resolved to bring the document to 100 percent complete.

The main reason for these two work sessions was for staff to receive direction from both the council and planning commission on working out these remaining kinks, Onsager noted.

At both work sessions, unresolved questions about the new LUDC revolved around new environmental sustainability standards, a new Put Hill overlay district, signage requirements and how to incorporate tiny homes into the town's residential codes following a new state law that categorizes tiny homes as manufactured homes, rather than as RVs or campers.

## Sustainability requirements

The current draft of the LUDC changes, in Article 6: Development and Design Standards, includes a section titled "Sustainable Site Improvements" that states that "all new residential with three or more dwelling units ... and non-residential development shall achieve a minimum of 6 points from a menu "of sustainable site improvements."

Examples of sustainable site improvement items include planting additional trees, providing a community garden plot, adding designated car share spaces, landscaping that includes native plants, installing renewable energy systems, using high-efficiency irrigation systems, among other items that would allegedly increase sustainability.

Incorporating any one of these menu items would earn the developer a certain number of points, with six points being the minimum requirement for new developments.

Installing native plant material, for example, would earn a developer up to five points toward the total, the draft states.

However, Mayor Shari Pierce stated that she thought the council "should review" each of these new sustainability requirements before committing to them.

"I just don't want to get things that are too onerous on people. I don't mind us moving in a sustainable way, but, given the nature of some of the income of our people ... I just want to look at it further," she said.

To this concern, staff's recorded recommendation states that the department "acknowledges that land-use regulations can increase the cost of development. While there can be an initial cost with some of the [sustainability] options, there are also potential returns on those investments in the form of energy savings or amenities."

According to the public survey, presented at the two meetings, 45 percent of the respondents answered that they agreed that "new construction and existing development making substantial changes should comply with the sustainability standards" and another 25.5 percent answered that they thought these standards should only apply to new developments.

Overall, about 70 percent of the respondents wanted some form of sustainability requirements to be included in the updated LUDC.

## Tiny homes

On the issue of tiny homes within town limits, Onsager explained that the tiny home section in the draft LUDC was "spurred on by a state statute change in which the state is building a program now to certify tiny homes on wheels as manufactured homes, rather than under the RV code."

He noted it is unclear, in the state program, "if you have an existing tiny home on wheels if there's going to be a pathway" to a more permanent certification.

The results of the survey show that the respondents were mostly "split 50-50" on the tiny home question, with one side saying they are appropriate as accessory dwelling units (ADUs), with another side "saying no or I'm not sure, which generally if you're not sure then you're probably leaning towards no," Onsager told the council.

He added that the general feeling was that tiny homes would be appropriate in areas allowing ADUs.

He added that when staff followed up with people about their concerns, there was some worry about the "temporary nature of these" structures — if they'd still have their wheels attached to them.

Dickhoff chimed into the conversation, saying that the department is "kinda waiting for the state to provide the items for that program. We don't know how they are gonna deal" with the question about wheels, but that the town would probably "adopt their regulations," leaving open the possibility that tiny homes may need to go onto a permanent foundation in order to be considered akin to manufactured homes in the town's LUDC.

He also wanted to make clear that while "we are talking about [tiny homes as] ADUs now," the state program does "kinda open them up" to being allowed on lots as primary residences just as manufactured homes are allowed in certain neighborhoods in town.

Council member Madeline Bergon said, "In general, I am in favor

of seeing tiny homes" fall under the manufactured home requirements and that "skirting" and placing them on permanent foundations could "mitigate the temporary-looking aspect of them," as some survey respondents showed concern about.

Council member Gary Williams also expressed that he "liked the idea" of tiny homes and favored "trying this on a provisional basis."

He said that "after the state comes up with their plan ... we could try it for a few years and see what happens."

## Signage requirements

On the issue of the updated sign code for town businesses, at both the council and planning commission work sessions there was general agreement to follow staff's recommendation for a size reduction in the Downtown and East Village overlay districts.

However, Pierce expressed worry that only requiring the new regulations on new businesses would put new establishments at a disadvantage compared to businesses that would be grandfathered into the older regulations allowing bigger signs.

Most council members appeared to support Dickhoff's reasoning that the intent is to scale "the signage to be compatible with the area."

He explained the easiest way to do that is to base size regulations "on the speed limit" in the area, since "typically signage is out there for drivers to see the sign of the business."

Since speed limits are lower through downtown and the East Village areas, the sign size requirements should also be lowered, he noted.

The staff recommendation on signage is to reduce "the sign height and size allowed in the Downtown and East Village overlays. This reduction is anticipated to improve the general aesthetic and signal that vehicles are entering a pedestrian environment."

Staff indicated it will continue to work with the business community to revise the sign code to be functional, constitutionally compliant and workable for business and community needs.

## Put Hill overlay district

The creation of a new Put Hill overlay district, which is proposed from 10th Street to Piedra Road along both sides of the U.S. 160 corridor received considerable debate and public participation at both of the work session meetings.

The main intention for creating this new zoning district is to protect the corridor of ponderosa pine trees, particularly along the north side of U.S. 160.

Staff cited the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, which highlights the area's natural character and called "for the preservation of trees and views along the corridor, as the rationale for its plans to create a "buffer area" in the code that would preserve the forested area along U.S. 160.

The slide show presentation at both meetings states that the new overlay district considers incorporating the following design considerations:

- "Protect and enhance forested areas with setbacks and buffers.
- "Require secondary local road networks for connectivity in coordination with the CDOT [Colorado Department of Transportation] Access Control Plan.
- "Consider design standards to protect trees and view corridors from public spaces for future development."

However, some property owners who were allowed to voice public comment at the planning commission work session expressed concern that the setback requirements, as well as the requirement to build a secondary road network

toward the back of the properties in that corridor, would leave very little developable land on a property that is only "150 feet deep."

Onsager clarified that the code would allow much more flexibility toward the back of the property and that they want to encourage, especially commercial buildings, to have frontage on the proposed secondary road network rather than on U.S. 160.

The "hard and fast" setback requirements would be implemented only on the highway frontage, he explained.

Dickhoff added that the intent of the code is to be "site-specific" and the main goal of the new overlay regulations would be to "preserve that tree corridor."

He further explained that the town has had experience with this plan, before it ever tried to codify it, with the Pagosa Views development, where the town successfully negotiated the preservation of the tree corridor and the expansion of the trail and secondary road networks.

Planning commissioner Chris Pitcher expressed concern that the new overlay district had not received enough public hearing or input during the process of creating the new district.

Dickhoff replied that "the owners we've talked to ... are totally in support of it. So, I think there's support for it as long as we are not encumbering new development."

However, he noted that he would like to see "more property owner feedback and direction from the town council to inform any final changes" to the code language.

Pierce asked if the town may be "devaluing" some of these properties by "requiring them to have these tree corridors in between these businesses and the highway."

"I think that might be a big reason why they purchased a property along the highway," she said.

Dickhoff explained that the 40-foot setback throughout the property lines, as it currently stands, would stay in place.

"What we are proposing is still allow that 40-foot setback, but preserving the trees by siting the building so that you are reducing the amount of trees you are cutting down and focusing your parking lot on where you're going to get access from, which is going to be that secondary road network" toward the back of the properties, he said.

## Public participation

The current draft of the updated LUDC, which staff considers 90 percent complete, is available for view and comment at <https://mypagosa.org/ludc-update>.

The site states that public input is "essential to ensure the code revisions align with the community's needs and vision."

Final stages for the adoption of the LUDC changes are slated for this fall.

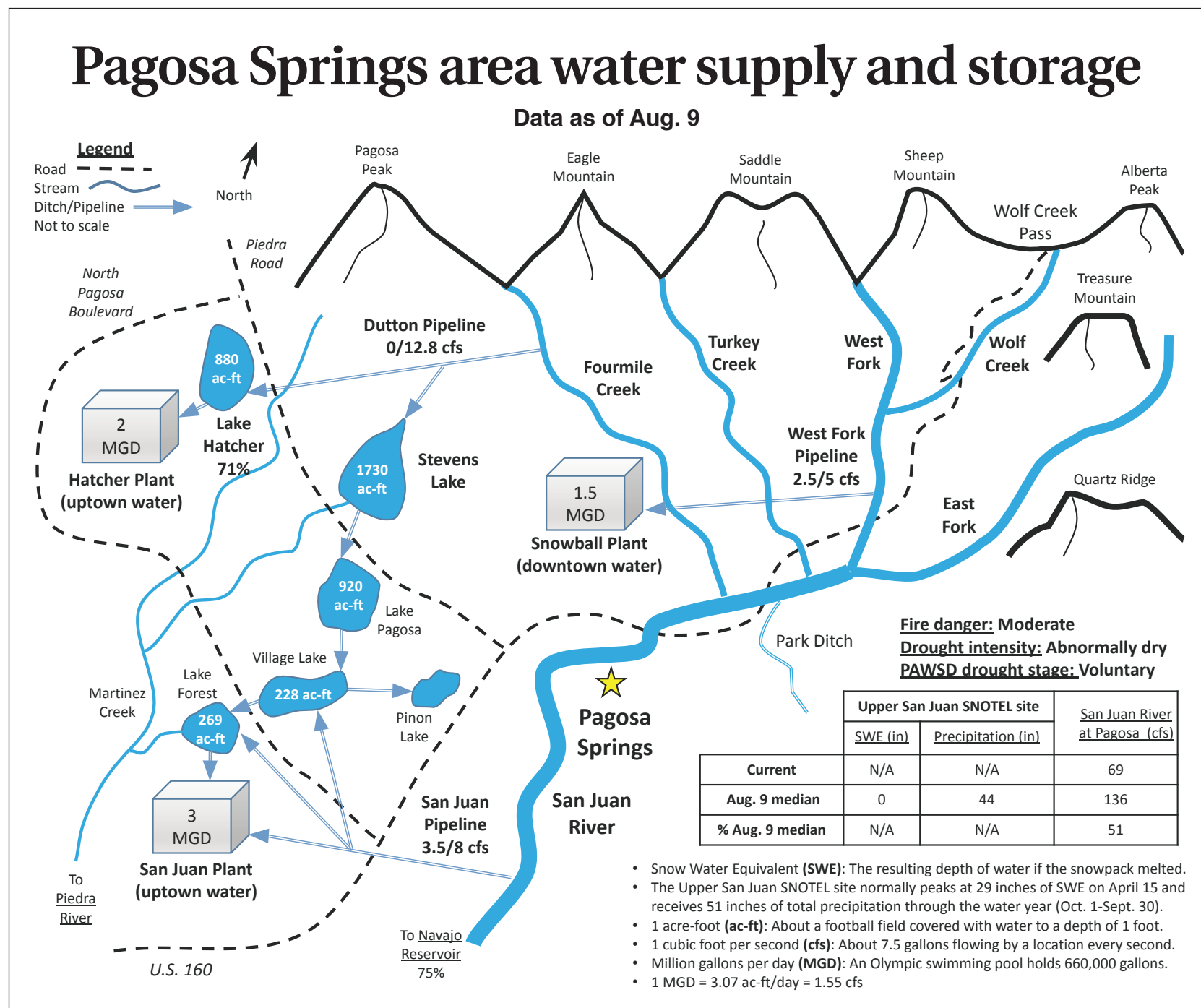
The LUDC document will receive a public hearings at a planning commission meeting and would also require the document to obtain the approval of the majority of town council through two readings.

MyPagosa states: "With adequate public response and Town Council support, staff anticipates bringing the code to a public hearing for Planning Commission's recommendation on September 12, 2023. The Town Council first reading for adoption is expected October 3, 2023 and the second reading on October 19 or November 7 depending on feedback from the first reading."

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## GOLF

### Pirates' Smith takes fourth in season opener

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team teed off its season Tuesday in Cortez at the Montezuma Cortez Tournament No. 1. The Pirates finished seventh out of nine teams at the event, with Pirate sophomore Jonathon Smith taking fourth out of 41 competitors. "It was a little shaky," coach Mark Faber said of the team's first tournament of the year, adding,

"It wasn't quite what we expected. Smith shot a 76 on the par-72 Conquistador Golf Course, shooting birdie on four holes and par on seven holes. "Jonathon played well, but not up to his standards," Faber said. "He'd like to be a little better than that." Junior Cedar Liverett finished in a five-way tie for 20th with a score of 89. His effort included shooting par on six holes. "Cedar played pretty well," Faber said.

Senior Keaton Robel shot a 100 on the day, which included shooting par on three holes. Faber indicated Robel struggled on the day. Junior Isabel Galloway, who did not compete as a scoring golfer, shot a 108 on the day, which included shooting par on four holes. "I think that's the best she's ever played," Faber highlighted. "So, that was good." But, overall, according to Faber, it was a good day.

"I'm glad to get 'em out. I'm glad to let 'em play. You know, you've gotta start somewhere, so we did, and we've got a little time now before our next one, so we've got a few things to work on," the coach said. The Pirates now have a break in competition until Aug. 18, when they head to Alamosa for a 9 a.m. tournament. "At this point we're gonna just keep our heads down and work," Faber said.  
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Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs has been hosting exchange students since 1991. Mykhailo Antafychuk (Mike) was the student in 1998-1999 from Ukraine. He and his children, Olga (16) and Andre (10), made a trip last week to visit Colorado and Pagosa Springs from their home in Austria. His wife and two smaller children were unable to make the trip this time, but the family plans to return to Pagosa Springs in the future. Pictured, left to right, are current club president Cindi Galabota, Olga, Mike, Andre, and Rotarian and exchange student coordinator for the club for 20 years, Jann Pitcher.

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### Dean's list

Nearly 400 students were named to Fort Lewis College's Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester. These students took at least 15 credits of gradable hours and achieved a 3.60 or higher GPA. Those from Pagosa Springs on the dean's list included Gabriela Gallegos, Anthony Ponzo and Sasha Hampton.

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# PAWSD receives clean audit, discusses financial position

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors heard an audit report from Ronnie Farmer of rfarmer LLC, discussed issues related to the audit and voted to accept the 2022 audit at a July 27 special meeting.

Farmer's audit report comments, "In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the District as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

Farmer began his report by reviewing the financial statements for the district, noting that, in 2022, the debt service fund for the district paid off all of its general obligation debt and that the fund eventually needs to be closed out.

He noted that the district is working on lining up funding for water and sewer projects but that the debt involved in those projects would not be general obligation debt and, thus — likely before the end of 2023 — the board should transfer the remaining money out of this fund into the general fund.

He added that money received from property tax liens would need to be added to the general fund after the debt service fund is closed although it is marked as debt service.

In response to a question from PAWSD board treasurer Peter Hurley, Farmer explained that the debt the district is currently taking on and considering will be enterprise fund debt, which cannot be handled by a debt service fund.

Farmer stated that the general fund had a profit of \$557,435, of which \$375,000 was transferred to the district's water and wastewater enterprise funds, leaving a \$182,435 profit remaining.

He noted that the district needs to be aware of the potential changes to property taxes coming at the state level and should be prepared for multiple potential scenarios in budgeting for 2024.

Farmer explained that, with depreciation included, the water enterprise fund saw a \$600,442 profit while the wastewater fund showed a \$760,117 loss.

However, with the water fund's \$2,267,162 in depreciation expenses and the wastewater fund's \$899,741 in depreciation expenses excluded, he stated that the funds would show approximately \$2.8 million and \$162,000 profits, respectively.

He commented that "there are definitely some issues there" and that the rates in the wastewater fund will likely have to increase to

service the new debt.

Farmer explained that, incorporating in the cash gained in the wastewater fund, the \$120,000 transfer from the general fund, the bond payments and capital assets acquired and the payments from other government's received, the wastewater fund lost \$31,599 over 2022, ending at a balance of \$4,089,224.

Farmer noted that this rate of loss could be sustained for a long period of time before the fund runs out of cash, but that the fund would not be able to service significantly more debt and thus the district needs to examine what debt is expected in the fund and raise rates accordingly.

**PAWSD board member Gene Tautges stated that, in his understanding, the raw water acquisition fee was intended to fund water supply while the capital investment fee was intended to support infrastructure.**

He stated that the water fund has significantly more debt service than the wastewater fund, but that, once all inputs and outputs are considered, the fund increased by \$329,183 for an ending balance of \$8,522,441.

Farmer added that the board previously discussed the possibility of avoiding an overall increase in the cost of water and wastewater services to district customers.

He stated that this could be achieved by lowering water rates and increasing wastewater rates, although this would have to be done carefully to avoid the water fund falling into financial difficulties.

Farmer also commented that he would focus his analyses of potential options for these funds on the cash balances and changes within them.

He then highlighted that the district should pay particular attention to the footnote on debt service, particularly its projections of principle and interest payments on bond debt the district currently has.

He noted the district has always budgeted principle and interest payments as part of the budget process, which he added "should continue to give you a good cash number."

Farmer commented that board and PAWSD management has done a "good job" of budgeting conservatively and preventing overspending of budgets.

He stated the district's internal controls are "good," noting that PAWSD is a small organization and making the internal controls better would require additional costs

that would outweigh the potential losses prevented.

He commented that the wide range of ways that PAWSD customers can pay and monitor their accounts and the fact that PAWSD deposits cash and checks promptly are beneficial for internal control.

He added that the fact that multiple staff or board members review most deposits is also beneficial for the district's control.

The group then briefly discussed the upcoming rate study, and District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey asked Farmer for his opinion on combining the raw water acquisition fee and the capital investment fee for the district.

Ramsey noted that Stantec, the firm conducting the rate study, is recommending the fees be combined and questioned why the district has a raw water acquisition fee.

PAWSD board vice president Glenn Walsh described the fee as the "Dry Gulch fee," adding that it was intended as a funding vehicle for the reservoir project.

PAWSD board member Gene Tautges stated that, in his understanding, the raw water acquisition fee was intended to fund water supply while the capital investment fee was intended to support infrastructure.

Farmer commented that the name of the fee is unimportant and that the district needs to generate cash with the fee.

He added that the district could implement the fee as a committed or restricted fund balance to designate a certain amount of funding to a certain purpose.

Ramsey noted that Stantec is not recommending removing the fee, only renaming it.

In response to a question from Tautges, Ramsey noted that both fees are combined currently and that outside groups and customers are generally not aware of the difference between the fees.

He also stated that PAWSD has an equity buy-in fee for individuals who buy into the district.

PAWSD Business Manager Aaron Burns stated that the proposal is to combine the two fees into one fee, which Farmer indicated he sees no issue with.

Later in the meeting, Hurley asked if the allocation of personnel expenses across the funds seems accurate to Farmer.

Farmer responded that the time spent working for various parts of PAWSD activities varies across the year for most staff, but that he feels the overall allocations are accurate.

Hurley also noted that depreciation is a real expense and that the wastewater fund is losing money with depreciation included.

He added that each of the enterprise funds should support operations in those funds and be making some money from the fees collected, while money from taxes should be being saved for capital projects.

Ramsey noted that these issues would be discussed in depth when the Stantec presentation occurs at the Aug. 24 PAWSD board meeting.

Hurley also noted that he would prefer if the district is not transferring any money from the general fund to the enterprise fund and

that these funds stand on their own.

Burns noted that this is the approach the rate study is following.

PAWSD board chairman Jim Smith noted that, in the financial analysis included in the audit, it indicates that \$106,220,000 will be required to address wastewater treatment needs in the next 20 years.

"That is a lot of money," Smith said.

Hurley noted that Burns told him that the previous rate increase focused on water rates and had not substantially raised wastewater rates due to water being the larger part of the district's business, to which Ramsey added that the district had not expected the wastewater regulatory changes that have occurred.

Smith noted that the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) recently met and discussed potential joint solutions with PAWSD for the wastewater treatment system, which Hurley expressed support for.

Ramsey added that investigation of a potential "Band-Aid" solution to comply with upcoming regulations for the Vista wastewater treatment plant is continuing and the proposal will be submitted to the state.

He added that, if the proposal is accepted, then PAWSD could begin to develop a budget for the project.

He also stated that this proposal and the potential savings it would create would only be useful if PAWSD and the PSSGID do a joint project for sanitation in the long term as these fixes would not be able to carry forward to address additional upcoming regulations.

Ramsey stated that this fix would potentially have a \$5 million to \$10 million cost, which would be lower than the costs of other options.

The board then voted to accept the audit.

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At this election three (3) directors will be elected representing the following director districts: Director District Two (2), Director District Three (3), Director District Four (4), for a term of office of four years, and one (1) director will be elected representing Director District Five (5) for a term of office of two years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election and a resident of the Director District which will be represented. Legal Descriptions of the Director Districts are available at [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com) under the School Board tab, or at the Administration office located at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 50 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the Archuleta School District Administration office located at 309 Lewis Street beginning Wednesday, August 9th, 2023. Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Completed petitions shall be submitted to Heather Schultz, the school district's designated election official, no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, September 1, 2023.


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### Tough Enough to Wear Pink

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## ARTS & LIFE

# Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

Saturday, Aug. 19



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August 10, 2023

# Dancing with the Pagosa Stars: Only nine days left to vote

By Danyelle Leentjes  
Seeds of Learning

The lights are set, the cameras are in place and the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars crew is ready for action on the dance floor the evening of Saturday, Aug. 19.

After a summer of practicing, planning and pinning for the Mirror Ball Trophy, our stars, coaches, emcees, volunteers and producers are ready to put on Pagosa's virtual dance show of the year, Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.

This show will not only provide for an exciting Saturday night, but will also raise money to supplement tuition for children attending Seeds of Learnings, a local early childhood education center.

Our stars, Tim Wightman, Sherry Phillips, Gustavo Palma, Jessica Low, Josh Butcher and Becky Dietyemeyer, have been working hard to perfect their dance moves and rack up the votes for themselves and, most importantly, the children at Seeds of Learning. Each \$1 vote goes directly to the school to help pay for critical costs like a reduced tuition fee for the families that qualify, school supplies, teachers' salaries, providing

a hot meal to each child and much more. The star with the most votes at the end of the night will win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy.

It is still anyone's race, so vote for your favorite star to help them win. Voting is open through Aug. 19. Enter vote.dwtps.org into your browser to go directly to the voting ballot. If you don't know who to vote for, visit dwtps.org to read their bios and vote for your favorites.

While your votes will help one lucky star win the Mirror Ball Trophy, a judging panel will determine the winners of the other five awards. The other awards include Best Showmanship, Best Male Dancer, Best Female Dancer, Best Costume and Best Paramount Video. Our judging panel will consist of volunteers from the Pagosa Springs community who are passionate about Seeds of Learning.

After a summer of hard work, we can't wait to host a night of fun, dancing and fundraising starting at 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 19, when the doors of the Ross Aragon Community Center open. Whether or not your star wins the Mirror Ball Trophy, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you too are a "star" for changing the future for an at-risk child.

## Live Performers



### Friday

**East Side Market:** Wayne Nayor, 11 a.m.  
**Meltdown on Main:** Michael Dae Hanlon, 5 p.m.  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Rodger Bennett and Steve Blechschmidt, 5 p.m.

### Saturday

**East Side Market:** Open Mic with Michael Dae Hanlon, 10 a.m.  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Bo DePena, 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:** Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

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

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# San Juan Stargazers announce opportunity to view Perseids at Chimney Rock

By Joan Mieritz  
San Juan Stargazers

On Aug. 14, the San Juan Stargazers will have a program at Chimney Rock National Monument available to the public for locals and out-of-town visitors (no reservations needed) with activities beginning at 7 p.m. and then viewing of the Perseid meteor shower at about 9 p.m.

The cost is a donation for the San Juan Stargazers Club.

The gate will be open from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Guests will be met near the Visitors Center to sign in and be given their assigned viewing location. The reason for assigning places is for safety due to the dangerous drop-offs and our using areas that normally are not used by the public in this way.

We will assign a place based on the number and ages of the people in your group. For example, people with small but walking children will get the safest parking spots where they can put folding chairs next to their cars to create shelter for their family. Couples and others can bring blankets or light mattresses to be put in a special location on the ground to lay under the stars to see the special shooting stars. Adults and older children will be able to bring folding camping chairs to be in a very open location with a fabulous view of the night sky.

Starting shortly after 7 p.m. there will be art activities and astronomy lessons for both children and adults at the hura-dura in the lower level of the upper parking lot near the restrooms.

Starting at 8 p.m., club members will set up telescopes in the upper parking lot so that visitors can view a few planets before the movement restriction which begins at 9 p.m. Everyone needs to use the restrooms before 9 p.m. After that, everyone needs to be in their assigned viewing locations and only emergency movement is allowed because it is too dangerous to walk around with shear drop-offs in almost all directions. Club members will be available to aid visitors when they want to leave.

This program, in its third year, has something special about it. People have really enjoyed it. The Perseid meteor shower is caused by debris: ice, dust and rocks left by Comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered and named in 1862. It is visible from July 23 to Aug. 22, with its peak being Aug. 11-13, and is best seen from midnight to sunrise.

We won't be able to stay at Chimney Rock until sunrise, but we may make to midnight, depending on our group. We hope to see you for this special experience at a very special place.

## Other activities in August

On Aug. 18, we will present a program for the public, titled Stars and Galaxies, where we look for deep-sky objects with our telescopes.

On Aug. 25, we present to the public the Our Solar System program with a focus on the moon & visible planets.

Reservations are needed, but

you can come and if cancellations happen, which they often do, you can attend and pay for your ticket at the gift shop. The gate opens at 7:30 p.m.

## More activities for 2023

The Stargazers are ending this year with some special fun activities.

■ See Stargazers on next page

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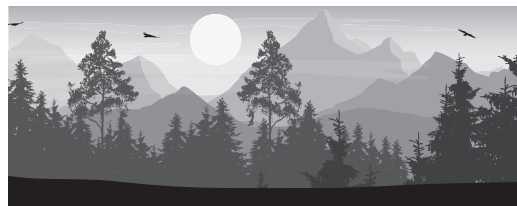
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# Curtains Up Pagosa announces auditions for ‘Clue: The Musical’

Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa is thrilled to announce auditions for our upcoming production of “Clue: The Musical,” an enigmatic murder mystery that will keep audiences guessing until the very end.

We are looking for talented and versatile actors to bring the iconic characters to life in this thrilling theatrical extravaganza.

Auditions will be held from noon until 6 p.m. on Aug. 19 at Pagosa Springs High School.

The video audition deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 18. Video sub-

missions should be sent to director. curtainsup@gmail.com.

To audition:

1. Prepare a short monologue (one to two minutes) that showcases your acting range and ability to embody the character’s traits.

2. Prepare a part of a song (less than one minute) that best represents your vocal abilities. Bring your own sheet music, accompanist or backing track (AUX) without vocals.

To schedule an in-person audition slot, please email director. curtainsup@gmail.com with your preferred time between noon and 6 p.m. on Aug. 19. Walk-ins are also

welcome and will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

For video auditions, submit your video recording (in the format of your choice) along with your headshot, resume and contact information to the email listed above by 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 18.

We look forward to welcoming you to the auditions for “Clue: The Musical.” Come prepared to showcase your talent, versatility and passion for the art of theater. Break a leg.

For any inquiries or further information, please contact Dale Scrivener at curtainsuppagosa@gmail.com.

## Stargazers

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On Sept. 11, by special request we will have Steve McAllister from the Westcliff Observatory to give us telescope classes and individual coaching as he has done for the past two years.

We will also be having two more member/speakers, Dr. Andy Green and Barbara Sanborn, at our regular meetings with dates yet to be determined.

We also will have our Annual End-of-the-Year Dinner and Celebration in October or early November. The date will be determined soon.

There will be an annular solar eclipse on Oct. 14 at approximately 9 a.m. It can be seen in Archuleta County, but Chimney Rock will have a special program on that morning. It will only last for four minutes. It is called a “ring of fire eclipse” and can only be seen from a 130-mile-wide path that we are close to. The Four Corners area is a better location for viewing the ring. More information will be given closer to the day.

### More about the Stargazers

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine — the

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# Aspire's Barn Bash set for Aug. 25

Aspire Medical Services and Education

Celebrate life, love and fellowship at our Barn Bash on Friday, Aug. 25. Located at Paradise Ranch, the event features dinner, dancing and an adventure raffle full of exciting prizes.

You can purchase a table of eight or an individual ticket and it includes delicious street taco bar with smoked meats, dessert, a drink ticket, dancing, and live music by Mountain Alibi. Tickets are on sale at <https://aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events>.

Thanks to the generosity of our local businesses, Aspire is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win more than \$10,000 in prizes. You will be able to purchase a \$25 raffle ticket online until 5 p.m. on Aug. 23. Tickets will also be sold at the event, but we only accept checks/cash during the night of the event. You do not have to be present to win. This year you can purchase a raffle ticket for each specific prize you wish.

Our 11 raffle packages include restaurant gift certificates, furniture and home decor, pampering, soaking in hot springs and area adventures, shopping sprees, family fun, goodies for pets and more.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Aspire's affordable prenatal care program and parenting classes.



Photo courtesy Aspire Medical Services and Education

**Aspire's annual Barn Bash fundraiser is set for Aug. 25 at Paradise Ranch. In addition to tickets for the evening of food, drinks and dancing to live music, raffle tickets are currently on sale.**

Aspire currently provides services to more than 80 percent of all pregnant women in Archuleta County which include pregnancy tests, early ultrasounds, prenatal care, prenatal and parenting education and STI/STD testing and treatment.

Over the past few years, our prenatal clinic has helped lower the preterm birth rate and low birth rate percentage in our area by allowing disadvantaged women to see a quality MD for prenatal care up to

36 weeks.

In addition, Aspire offers free childbirth, prenatal and parenting education to all parents of children age zero to 3 years old. Aspire's goal is to help all children zero to 3 years of age thrive physically, emotionally and socially during the most pivotal stage of development.

For more information, visit <https://aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events>, contact Nicole Cotts at [clients@aspirepagosa.org](mailto:clients@aspirepagosa.org) or call (970) 264-5963.



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## Voting open for inaugural Runway for Rise event



Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Radical, Radiant Rotarians team members Cindi Galabota, Kim Moore, Pat Love, Greg Langford pose for a photo during a work session to decide where their duct tape will go. The team is one of several participating in the upcoming Runway for Rise fundraiser.

By Dee McPeek  
Rise Above Violence

Even the guys are getting on board for the inaugural Runway for Rise on Sept. 30.

The Radical, Radiant Rotarians are just one of our amazing teams competing for the highly anticipated Pagosa Prada Award.

How will they win that? First their friends, family, neighbors and even perfect strangers will go to [riseaboveviolence.org/runway-for-rise](http://riseaboveviolence.org/runway-for-rise) and vote for them. Votes

are \$1 each and you can vote as many times, for as many teams as you like. At the event on Sept. 30, guests will vote with their dollars for their creation modeled by a team member. (Who knows which Radiant Rotarian will model?) Their special accessory will be auctioned off to the highest bidder and any team sponsorship they receive will be added to their votes. The final tally will reveal the winning team that takes home the Pagosa Prada Award that night.

Tickets to the event will go on

sale in two weeks. Reserved seats for \$75 and general admission for \$50 will be offered. Watch The SUN for more details in coming weeks.

Adding to the excitement before the event is our Online Runway Wine Pull.

Feeling lucky? Visit the website [riseaboveviolence.org/runway-for-rise](http://riseaboveviolence.org/runway-for-rise) and buy your tickets for \$50 each. Your secret bottles of wine will range in value from \$25 up to \$80 plus. You could score a high-dollar wine while supporting critical local services.

Did you know that Rise Above Violence served 451 victims/survivors last year, up 52 percent from the previous year? More than 2,531 calls for help and support were answered. Survivors need our help. Join in the fun while ensuring advocates are available 24/7 to answer that call.

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

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Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company  
**Ashley Woodson stars as “Pippi,” a runaway performer who finds herself at the center of a metaphorical storm after relocating to Armadillo Acres Trailer Park in “The Great American Trailer Park Musical” at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.**

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## Thingamajig’s 2023 summer repertory season rolls into August

By **Tim Moore**

Thingamajig Theatre Company

As the scorching days of summer roll on, Thingamajig Theatre Company invites you to escape the heat and immerse yourself in a world of captivating performances.

The 2023 summer repertory season is well underway, featuring three incredible productions that have been delighting audiences since June. Don’t miss your chance to witness the magic of “The Great American Trailer Park Musical,” “Jersey Boys” and “Godspell,” as the season concludes on Aug. 27.

In a world that often moves at a relentless pace, taking a moment to indulge in the arts can provide a much-needed respite (and air conditioning), and Thingamajig Theatre Company has curated a lineup that promises to transport you to different eras, cultures and stories, offering an unforgettable journey for theater enthusiasts and novices alike.

Kicking off the summer repertoire is “The Great American Trailer Park Musical,” a quirky and charming tale that invites you into the

lives of an eccentric community of neighbors.

With a score full of pop culture references and uproarious humor, this production brings to life the trials and tribulations of everyday individuals in a manner that is as relatable as it is entertaining. Don’t miss the chance to share in their laughter, struggles and heartwarming moments that remind us of the beauty in ordinary lives.

Following in the footsteps of “The Great American Trailer Park Musical” is “Jersey Boys,” a musical extravaganza that pays homage to the legendary rise of the Four Seasons.

Set against the backdrop of the vibrant 1960s music scene, this production showcases the timeless hits and behind-the-scenes tales that catapulted this iconic group to stardom. Get ready to be transported to an era of classic melodies and a story of friendship, ambition and the pursuit of dreams that have resonated across generations.

Rounding off this spectacular season is “Godspell,” a theatrical classic that weaves together time-

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# Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society to hear about DNA testing

By Dan Senjem

Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society

The next meeting of the Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society will be Saturday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m. at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street (enter through the side door from the parking lot).

The public is invited to attend the meeting in person, or you can join on Zoom. For a link to join the meeting, you can contact Dan Senjem, [desenjem@yahoo.com](mailto:desenjem@yahoo.com), or Carolyn Paschal, [carolynpaschal@gmail.com](mailto:carolynpaschal@gmail.com).

gmail.com.

Our featured speaker, via Zoom, will be Glenn York. He will speak on the subject of Y-DNA testing, the chromosome that follows the direct paternal line.

York's current focus is on genetic genealogy. He took his first DNA test in 2005. He now manages DNA tests for more than 30 different family members, using all major testing companies.

York facilitates the monthly DNA study group for the Larimer County Genealogical Society and

the Longmont Genealogical Society. York is past president of the Larimer County Genealogical Society.

He teaches genealogy classes and volunteers to help people with genealogy research at the Fort Collins Library.

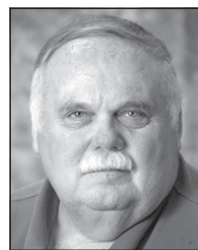


Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society

Glenn York.

## New Thought topic: 'Are you in "sync" with your soul?'

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Aug. 13 Sunday service will be a picnic service at 11 a.m. with Shayla White Eagle: "Are you in 'sync' with your Soul? — Living The Natural Life."

"Every man has his own destiny; the only imperative is to follow it, to accept it, no matter where it leads him." — Henry Miller.

The service will be at Xanadu and will include the SpiritHeart Band. August birthday celebrations will follow. Bring a dish and a lawn chair. Text for directions.

### Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join the SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

Aug. 15: 21st Paneurythmy dancers will be performing and teaching Paneurythmy movements

## Season

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less parables with a modern twist. Through a captivating fusion of music, dance, and storytelling, this production offers a fresh perspective on age-old lessons that continue to resonate in our lives today. Prepare to be enchanted by the energy, creativity and profound messages that "Godspell" brings to the stage, leaving you with a renewed sense of hope and inspiration.

As the curtain draws to a close on the 2023 summer repertory season, make sure you secure your tickets promptly as these shows are disappearing faster than ice cream on a hot August day.

Shows are at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

For tickets and show information, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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Aug. 17: "Sacred Medicine Ways — Basic Healing Techniques with Shayla White Eagle." This week will be "Recipes and Remedies For The Body, Mind and Spirit." Learn how to use the energy around you to support the body, mind and spirit. Call or text (970) 309-6067 for more information.

Aug. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Free books, CD and DVDs. Giveaway from our New Thought Center spiritual, self-discovery and inspirational library. We are making room for new things to come. Come visit and take home some awesome books, CDs, and DVDs. Located at the New Thought Center on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge.

Aug. 20, 11 a.m.: Paneurythmy dancing. Wear white and join in dancing with nature.

Aug. 25, 6 p.m.: Film presentation by Shelly Spotleson-Sinclair.

Aug. 30, 10:30 a.m.: Sunday service with Dr. Elaine Harding. Ignite Your Life Group meeting after the service.

Sept. 10: Sunday service with

Stephanie Morrow.

Oct. 21: Beerfest Vets4Vets fundraiser at Yamaguchi Park. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Nov. 11: Quintangled masquerade ball fundraiser with Julie Loar, author and creator of Quintangled and the Good Vibe Tribe. Tickets will be on sale soon.

### Library

The Aspin Inspiration Memorial Library is a collection of spiritual books. We welcome you to visit and take some new thoughts home with a box of free books, CDs and DVDs on Aug. 19.

### About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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# Preview Calendar

All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

## Thursday, Aug. 10

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

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

**Kick-off to Kindergarten.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For kids 4.5-6 years old. Registration is required. A free four-week school readiness program that aims to prepare a young child for their first year of

school. Activities will include circle time, group activities, playtime and storytime while we explore reading, writing and math.

**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.

**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 **See Calendar on next page**

## Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss how to experience God's love

By Laurah Brock Young

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Yes, God speaks to you.

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and song.

Do you appreciate beauty in nature, art or music? Find solace in a sunrise? Love the sound of the rain? You can attune yourself to this

divine, creative, transformative love and experience the light and sound at any time.

Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs on Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. for a lively discussion on "How to Experience God's Love: The Divine Language of Light and Sound." We will meet at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association

Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

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

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

To read more about light and sound, visit <https://www.eckankar.org/experience/light-and-sound/>.

## Make Art a Part of Your Pagosa Experience!



Artist Reception  
Michael Vittitow

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Thursday, Aug. 17

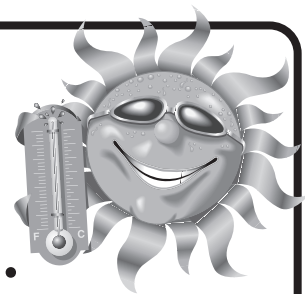
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free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

**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.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**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.

**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).

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

**Annual Mountain High Garden Club Garden Tour.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us as we visit three unique gardens in the Pagosa Springs area. The tour is free and open to everyone. This is a great way to learn from experienced gardeners and to share ideas on gardening in Pagosa

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## Call for Nominations For School Directors



The Archuleta School District 50 JT in the Counties of Archuleta and Hinsdale, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

At this election three (3) directors will be elected representing the following director districts: Director District Two (2), Director District Three (3), Director District Four (4), for a term of office of four years, and one (1) director will be elected representing Director District Five (5) for a term of office of two years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election and a resident of the Director District which will be represented. Legal Descriptions of the Director Districts are available at [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com) under the School Board tab, or at the Administration office located at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 50 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the Archuleta School District Administration office located at 309 Lewis Street beginning Wednesday, August 9th, 2023. Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Completed petitions shall be submitted to Heather Schultz, the school district's designated election official, no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, September 1, 2023.

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Country. Email Laura Lunsford at lunsford303@gmail.com to request addresses and directions.

**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 Peak Genealogical Society.** 10 a.m., Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. (enter thru the side door from the parking lot). The public is invited to attend the meeting in person, or you can join on Zoom. Our featured speaker, via Zoom, will be Glenn York. He will speak on the subject of Y-DNA testing, the chromosome that follows the direct paternal line. For a link to join the meeting, contact Dan Senjem, desenj@yaho.com, or Carolyn Paschal, carolynpaschal@gmail.com.

**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.

**Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association Annual Business Meeting and Election with BBQ Dinner.** 4:30 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center. Join us for some social time with other members. This is an opportunity for new members to join and for founding members to check in and cast election ballots for new directors. The cash bar will be open. Members can enjoy a free barbecue dinner at 5 p.m. (donations appreciated). Guests may eat for \$10. Please RSVP to [events@wolfcreekgunandbow.org](mailto:events@wolfcreekgunandbow.org) by Aug. 10 for food purchase. Elections will be held until 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Drawings for prizes will be held after the meeting. For more information, call (970) 585-6563.

**'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).

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## Sunday, Aug. 13

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

**Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs.** 1 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse. There will be discussion on "How to Experience God's Love: The Divine Language of Light and Sound." For more information, go to <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

**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.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**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.

**Learn to Knit or Crochet.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit or crochet for ages 8 and up. Supplies provided.

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

**Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing.** 7 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. The San Juan Stargazers will host a viewing event with activities beginning at 7 p.m., an opportunity to view planets through telescopes at 8 p.m. and viewing of the Perseid meteor shower at about 9 p.m. The cost is a donation for the San Juan Stargazers Club.

## Tuesday, Aug. 15

**Geology Tour.** 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area

and 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/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

**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.

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

**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.

**Pagosa Duplicate Bridge.** 12:30 p.m. PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 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.

**Adult DIY.** 1-2:30 pm., Sisson Library. Come make a greeting card with beautiful card stock paper and lots of embellishments. We will have stamps, ribbon, yarn, bling, metal designs, etc. All supplies provided for this beautiful and easy craft.

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

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

**Author Talk: Robert Jones Jr.** 2 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. For details, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Join the adventure.

**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.

**Conversational Spanish.** 4:30-5:30

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p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level is required.

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**Wednesday, Aug. 16**

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

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

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

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

**Archuleta Democratic Club Meeting.** 11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse. Freedom of information will be the topic. The meeting is open to all. A light lunch will be provided for those who RSVP to lynnfredrick1@gmail.com. If you prefer to attend by Zoom, please go to archuletadems.org to click on the meeting link.

**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.

**Main Street Reconstruction Project Input Session.** 4-6 p.m., scenic overlook parking lot (next to Tequilla's restaurant). Review some of the opportunities for improvements along this section of main street. As part of the Colorado Department of

Transportation project projected to begin in 2024, the town is including improvements along the downtown U.S. 160 corridor, which includes the historic 400 block of Pagosa Street. The town is seeking input on proposed improvements along this block that may include widening the sidewalk, new street lights with hanging flower baskets, new street trees, benches, gathering areas, crosswalk improvements and more. Please contact the town's Community Development Department at (970) 264-4151, ext. 225 with questions.

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

**Thursday, Aug. 17**

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

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

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

**Kick-off to Kindergarten.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For kids 4.5-6 years old. Registration is required. A free four-week school readiness program that aims to prepare a young child for their first year of school. Activities will include circle time, group activities, playtime and storytime while we explore reading, writing and math.

**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

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**Friday, Aug. 18**

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**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.

**Y is for Yoga Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. Stretch while practicing early literacy skills in a fun, relaxed way.

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

**Carnival Game Contest Playday.** 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. The culmination of the Carnival Game Design Contest. Play the games and vote for your favorite game. Games will be judged on playability, creativity and design.

**ComFest.** 5:30-8:30 p.m., Town Park athletic field. A free outdoor concert featuring Kirk James Blues.

**'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. 19**

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# Let's talk Medicare: Senior Center to host informational event

By **Rose Chavez**  
PREVIEW Columnist

It's easy to get confused about all the ins and outs of Medicare. With open enrollment only a few months away, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging is inviting the public to an informal get-together to discuss Medicare topics.

A certified Medicare counselor will lead the discussion and answer any Medicare related questions.

Join us Thursday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m. Bring your beverage or snack and your Medicare questions to the Pagosa Senior Center dining hall at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

For more information, please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4.

## Rock painting with local artist Aug. 24

Join local artist Becky Crowe at 1:15 p.m. on Aug. 24 for a free rock art session.

We have gathered a variety of rocks of different sizes for your painting pleasure. Stop by the dining hall and either bring your own rock or select from our collection.

We will provide the paint and rocks and you bring your own in-

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spiration to create a colorful rock to place in your garden or to use as a paperweight. This activity is free and open to all ages.

### New Monday music

Enjoy pleasant soft rock songs from the 1960s, '70s and '80s, as well as international folk, humor, and new music, too.

Dr. Erika Sueker has been playing music since 1967, teaching music since 1978, and working with Seniors since 1983. Join the lunchtime fun upcoming Mondays in the Ross Aragon Community Center dining hall.

### 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

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**Geology Tour.** 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and earn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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

**Guided Great House Tour.** 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Meet at 10 a.m., tour at 10:30 a.m. See ancient Puebloan 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.

**Pokemon Club.** 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokemon too. No experience is required.

**'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).

**Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.** Community Center. A dance competition benefiting Seeds of Learning.

## Sunday, Aug. 20

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

**'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).

**Feasts of St. Peter and St. Rosa,** 4 p.m., St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church, 18851 Colo. 151, Arboles. We will celebrate with a mass at 4 p.m, followed by a potluck dinner in the church hall. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. All are welcome. For more information, please call (970) 883-2556.



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Scene ... actors and patrons gather July 25 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts for a gala fundraiser to benefit Thingamajig Theatre Company. Actors who are appearing in the Broadway in the Mountains summer musicals season served food, performed in a spectacular cabaret-style concert and were auctioned off for private gatherings ranging from a campfire sing-along and an elegant progressive dinner to singing telegrams and an audition trip to New York City.



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September) to pick up your \$50 voucher to support the local food artisans and growers in south-west 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 copenhaver-

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# Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the blue-gray gnatcatcher.

A bird like this one — that is not much larger than a hummingbird and is often buried in dense foliage — can require some patience to spot. If it weren’t for the distinctive soft, high-pitched calls that these birds make to stay in contact, and which announce their presence, they could easily be overlooked.

The blue-gray gnatcatcher is referred to as “the little mockingbird” for its grayish hue, long tail and habit of incorporating bits of the songs of other birds into its own. Males sing a simple song at daybreak early in the nesting season, and a more complex one from early morning to midday.

These small birds with blue-gray upperparts and bold white eye-rings seem to be in constant motion. They often flick their long, black tails with white outer feathers in a side to side motion as they forage. The black eyebrows of the male meet over the top of his bill, conferring a stern look. Females have softer coloring.

Despite the promise of its name, gnats do not make up a significant part of this bird’s diet, and a variety of small insects, spiders and other invertebrates are consumed. The gnatcatcher is a busy and acrobatic forager as it searches for prey it gleans from branches and foliage or darts out to capture in the air. It is thought that tail flicking by the bird startles insects into motion and flushes them into the open.

The breeding range of the blue-gray gnatcatcher covers the southern half of the United States, with the exception of the Great Plains states, which do not have good nesting habitat. With increasing summer temperatures, their nesting range is shifting north, especially in the east. Habitat requirements vary with region, and in the southwest, these birds generally breed in oak and pinyon-juniper woodlands or in willow and cottonwood riparian areas.

Like other birds that rely on insects for food, these retreat south for the winter. They begin to depart from our area in August, and by mid-October all of them have moved on.

For information on events, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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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. 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.

Monday, Aug. 14 — Thanksgiving turkey sub sandwich, sweet potato fries, garden salad, fruit, milk and brownie.

Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Pork tenderloin with honey garlic glaze, scalloped potatoes, garden salad, fruit, cottage cheese and milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 16 — Pasta primavera with marinara sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, milk and mini cinnamon roll.

Thursday, Aug. 17 — Beef cheeseburger, green chili sauce, kettle chips, garden salad, fruit, milk and blackberry cheesecake.

Friday, Aug. 18 — Cajun shrimp and grits, zucchini saute, garden salad, fruit, milk and orange Jello.

## 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 dona-

tion of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10 also. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

## Meals on Wheels

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

## Mobile food pantry service discontinued

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

## Text reservations

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

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

## Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare

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

## Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

## Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

## Donations requested

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# Prepare your entry now for all-ages Carnival Games Design Contest

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Now is the time to design and build your own carnival-inspired game and bring it ready to play and be judged at our free Carnival Game Design Contest playday next Friday, Aug. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.

At this event, everyone can play the games and help the judges decide the winners. Games will be judged on playability, creativity and design. Prizes will be awarded in five age categories: 18 years and older, ages 12-17, 8-11, 5-7 and under 5.

Entries must be built ahead of time and submitted between Aug. 14 and Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. Your game cannot be larger than 36 inches by 36 inches by 36 inches and you must be able to carry it in and out of the building without the help of library staff.

Your entry must be your own creation, not a kit or other pre-built structure, and built by the person whose name appears on the registration. One entry per person, please.

## Library early closure

Your library will close early on Monday, Aug. 14, for a staff meeting at 5 p.m. This is a new staff meeting schedule — on the second Monday of the month.

## Composting 101 today

Learn the art and importance of composting for your garden at a free session with West Davies today, Thursday, Aug. 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## Mini Monets tomorrow

Friday, Aug. 11, from 10 to 11 a.m., kids ages 1-5 are invited to

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use art — and sometimes to get messy — to build early literacy skills at this free activity.

## Tween, teen makers tomorrow

Tweens and teens are invited to a free session to make and bedazzle a T-shirt bag on Friday, Aug. 11, from 1 to 2 p.m.

## Legal clinic tomorrow

This month's legal clinic on civil issues is by appointment tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney.

To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic" with your first name and phone number to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library.

## S.T.E.M. program tomorrow

Solve engineering challenges and science experiments at our free S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 11, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Activities are available for multiple age groups.

## Beginning chess Saturday

Learn how to play chess with free quick lessons and game time

to practice your skills on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All ages and abilities are welcome.

## LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to bring

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your imaginations on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the free LEGO Club. Note the extended time of two hours rather than one. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

### Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters this Saturday, Aug. 12, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

### Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, Aug. 14, at our free gathering from 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 8 and up. Supplies will be provided. Note the new day and time.

### Adult DIY

At the free adult DIY next Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., you will make a greeting card with beautiful card stock and lots of embellishments including stamps, ribbon, yarn, bling and metal designs. All supplies will be provided.

### 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.

### Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No minimum skill level is needed. Note this group now meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

### Kickoff to Kindergarten

A free four-week school readiness program for ages 4.5 to 6 to prepare youngsters for the first year of school happens today, Thursday, Aug. 10, and Aug. 17 and 24 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Activities will include circle time, group activities, playtime and story-time while exploring reading, writing and math. Parents can participate for limited time periods each week.

Preregistration is 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."

Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. will feature "The Mortal Instruments" young adult fantasy series by Cassandra Clare.

Wednesday, 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. 15, 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. 16, from noon to 2 p.m. Registration is required.

### 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.

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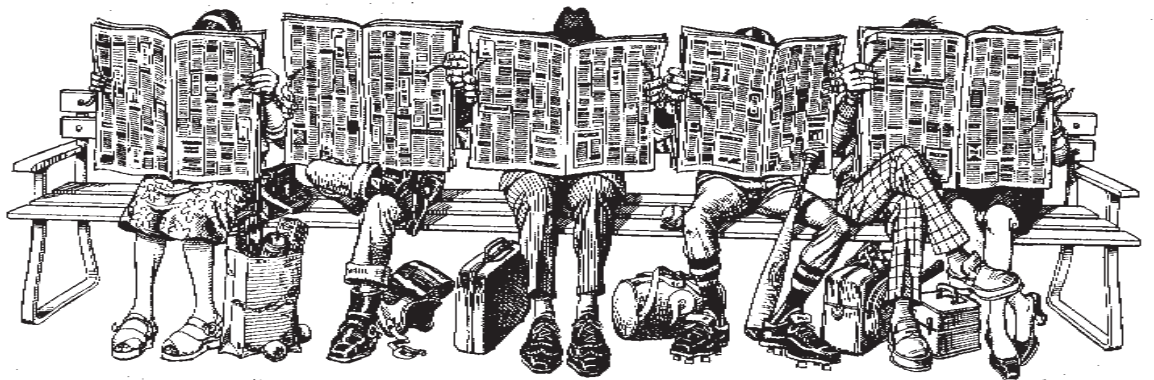
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# Tips for selecting the best produce

By Robin Young and Amber Webb  
PREVIEW Columnists

It's summertime, and that means that farmers markets in your area are in full swing.

Whether you are new to shopping at farmers markets or go on a regular basis, have you considered the importance of selecting the best produce for your needs?

Follow these tips to increase your success and enjoyment at the market.

## Making a plan

First, consider what you are selecting your produce for. Are you using it right away for a special recipe? Are you wanting it to last the week for a variety of meals? Or, are you needing a large amount for a large gathering or food preservation project?

Depending on your need, you may need produce that is ripe and ready to use, or still ripening because you won't be consuming it right away. You can ask the farmer who is selling the product to help you pick out what you need.

And, did you know that most farmers would be happy to cut you a sample of produce to try? Just ask.

## Selecting produce

Consider taking a walk through before you start buying at the market so that you know what is available. When you are ready, choose produce that has good texture, color and a fresh smell. Handle produce gently to avoid bruising and other damage.

Pass on produce that is moldy, badly bruised, or shows signs of

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insect damage. These may allow pathogens to enter a fruit or vegetable and cause it to spoil quickly.

### Consider seconds

When shopping in bulk for cooking in large batches or food preservation projects, ask your farmer for case prices or if they offer seconds of any of their produce.

"Seconds" (or "utilities") are what growers may call the produce that doesn't meet the first standard of quality or appearance. These fruits and vegetables may be slightly discolored or have blemishes.

While most food preservation recipes require the freshest and highest quality of produce for preserving, recipes that require cooking into sauces are good candidates for high-quality seconds, such as applesauce and tomato sauces.

For more information on food preservation resources, visit the Foodsmart Colorado website.

### Food safety and storage tips

In order to maintain the highest quality of your produce, follow these storage tips from Colorado State University:

- Washing produce before storing is not recommended as this may promote deterioration. Tomatoes and melons can be stored at room temperature until ripe or

cut and then refrigerated.

- Always wash fresh fruits and vegetables with running water just before use.

- Store refrigerated produce in plastic bags with holes to let air circulate.

- Most fresh produce has a short shelf life and should be used within a few days. However, apples, onions, potatoes and winter squash can last much longer.

- Not all produce should be stored together. Apples, tomatoes and melons produce ethylene gas and should be stored away from other produce.

- Store unripen fruit at room

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# Habitat for Humanity makes progress in providing homes for local families

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County is in our second year of building 15 homes over five years — and this year we are building three new homes for workforce families in Pagosa Springs.

In order to reduce build time and triple the average number of homes we build each year, we are building with energy-efficient modular homes. The three homes are located in Chris Mountain Village II and Trails subdivisions.

The modular homes arrived ahead of schedule from the manufacturer in Albuquerque, N.M. Fortunately, the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Board of Directors generously agreed to allow Habitat to store the modules at its brush mulching facility on Sam Houston Avenue until the installation crane arrived, saving this nonprofit several thousand dollars on storage and delivery.

Once delivered, the plan was to crane the two sections of each home onto their foundations in late June. However, as anyone involved in construction knows, plans “evolve.” The crane operator was traveling over Wolf Creek Pass from Leadville to our site when the transmission failed. The driver was safe, but the company had to track down parts from Germany to get it repaired and to our build site. (Perhaps you saw the crane patiently waiting alongside the road in your travels over the pass.)

Construction supervisor Jeff Bouwer and our newest staff member, David Hilborn, turned on a dime to redirect the construction schedules while we waited for the crane. Excavation and foundations had been completed, so local volunteers and a crew of AmeriCorps NCCC members stick-built garages and raised the roof on each module in preparation for crane day.

Because Habitat homes include rooftop solar panels, we have a steeper roof pitch than traditional modular homes, requiring a “scissor” roof for shipping. Jobsite volunteers “raised” the shingled

roof of each module in a slow, coordinated effort — you can see the timelapse video on our social media.

Crane days finally happened July 20-22, and our volunteer crews are back on schedule, installing siding and interior finishes.

Habitat Archuleta administrative staff was also busy in July, reviewing 22 applications for the 2024 build season. Habitat homeownership applications include all the necessary information for pre-approval of a USDA Direct mortgage, which is specific to applicants with an annual income of 80 percent or less of the area median income. This year, 10 applicants met those criteria.

The month of August is a big one for Habitat Archuleta's Family Selection Team. These four board members will meet the financially qualified applicants in their homes, answer any questions about the Habitat homeownership process and get to know them better.

In addition to obtaining an affordable mortgage, families invited to partner with Habitat Archuleta in 2024 will commit to more than 250 hours of sweat equity and take homebuyer education classes. Some applicants also complete HUD certified credit counseling with HomesFund, a nonprofit based in Durango.

Habitat Archuleta will build three more homes in 2024. All financially qualified applicants who are not invited to build with us can still apply for a USDA Direct loan for use in the conventional real estate market next summer. By the end of September, this office will have facilitated four additional purchases for workforce homeowners this year, in addition to the three new units that comprise our 2023 job sites this summer.

Join us on the job site Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call (970) 264-6960 or email office@HabitatArchuleta.org before you arrive so we can plan for how many hands will be on deck.

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temperature in a paper bag until ripe. Refrigerating unripen produce slows down the ripening process.

Following these practical tips can help you enjoy the many flavorful offerings of abundant seasonal produce this year.

Amber Webb is family and consumer science agent in Weld County.

### 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.

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Karate blow
- 5 Donate funds
- 10 Amorphous mass
- 14 Track event
- 15 Actress Téa
- 16 Ancient letter
- 17 False friend
- 18 Earth orbiters
- 20 Walk like a drunk
- 22 Hate with a passion
- 23 Part of some joints
- 24 California's motto
- 27 Student, ideally
- 29 Castaway's place
- 33 Arrive at
- 36 Vatican dogma
- 38 "Right you \_\_\_!"
- 39 "Meet the Parents" actor
- 41 Chowd down
- 42 Best seats at a boxing match
- 44 Rooftop shooter
- 46 Model's stance
- 47 Students take them
- 49 Bailiwick
- 51 Did some sculling
- 55 More loaded, as a wallet
- 58 Whenever
- 60 Impossible to fill
- 63 Neon sign word
- 64 Ginger cookie
- 65 Pitch
- 66 \_\_\_ Station
- 67 Medal recipient
- 68 Minds, as a bar
- 69 Swirling current

### DOWN

- 1 Pizza part
- 2 Proverbial waste-maker
- 3 Triton's realm
- 4 Shade structure
- 5 Otherwise
- 6 More within reach
- 7 Braille bit
- 8 "\_\_\_ Life to Live"
- 9 Backcountry
- 10 The U.K.
- 11 Mandolin kin
- 12 Singles
- 13 Second to none
- 19 Albanian currency
- 21 Banded rock
- 25 Not evident
- 26 Genuine
- 28 Biblical impostor
- 30 Blow from Moe
- 31 Past the deadline
- 32 Big jug
- 33 Retirees' org.
- 34 Chamber group, maybe

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- 35 Addition column
- 37 Obstinate
- 40 Lazy
- 43 Nazi secret police
- 45 Carbon 12, e.g.
- 48 Closed up tight
- 50 Teacher's fave
- 52 Exhausted, with "out"
- 53 Improve
- 54 One of pop music's Papas
- 55 Drop a line?
- 56 Novelist Tyler
- 57 Bygone autocrat
- 59 "I Remember Mama" character
- 61 King Kong, e.g.
- 62 Trash holder

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# Exactly where we need to be

By Betty J. Slade  
PREVIEW Columnist

Is this where we've come?

I've heard some of my peers voice their disappointment in life. Life didn't turn out how they expected. Did they see it coming at them, hitting them in the face with reality? No. But they are exactly where they need to be in the next stage of their lives, good, bad or indifferent.

I looked out over a group of writers, two-thirds between 60 and 95 years of age. In their lifetime, they have hit some high watermarks. They've stolen the limelight, influenced others in their careers, even acquired great wealth. They now sit in a writers' group on Monday mornings learning how to be good writers. It might seem to them they are in a lesser place in life, chalking up time, nothing left to do.

Did we think we'd end up alone, losing a mate early in life, living on Social Security, in a one-room apartment or a rest home with health issues? Some are still taking care of their elderly parents and one day their children will be taking care of them.

An 80-year-old writer voiced his concern. He wants to finish strong, but writing all day makes him feel like there's got to be more to life. He said, "Writing is hard work. I don't know if I want to spend my last days writing. Will anyone even read what I have written?"

This writer has four college degrees, taught at the university, been an attorney and traveled to 150 countries. He's questioning his last days on this earth as lesser than how he lived them.

I see stories only he can write. Will people read them? I don't know. Life is never what we expect. Maybe it's not about the accomplishments of this world, but changing our focus to the reality of who we are and whose lives we've touched.

Tim Tebow will never be known as the greatest football quarterback. He tried. No one worked harder at training and practice than Tebow. He was the recipient of the Heisman Trophy. He had John 3:16 painted in black on his cheeks and bowed in prayer after a victory. I took notice of how daring he was about his faith in open public.

I knew about Tebow through our grandsons. Tebow's career came along exactly at the right time for our grandsons. Slade and Creede were playing football at Pagosa Springs High School. Tebow was their role model. He set an example as to how our boys should act: be respectful, work hard, be polite and smart.

For our grandson's 16th birthday, all he wanted was to go to a Gators' game in Florida. His dad

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took him to see Tebow play. To this day, he is still a Gator fan.

When it seemed Tebow's football career was waning, some of the adoration that our grandsons had for him lost its shine. The world was giving their opinion about Tebow. No one wants to hear bad things about their hero. I prayed for Tebow, afraid he might fall and spiral down into the world's addictions. It would've had a devastating outcome on our grandsons. They would've seen him as phony.

I remember how mad I was at John Elway when he traded Tebow. I was on my high horse about it. After all, he was the kids' role model. Why would Elway do that? My son-in-law said, "Because Tebow isn't that good."

How dare he say that. But there was another factor that had developed in the life of Tim Tebow. At 15 years old, Tebow went on a mission trip to the Philippines. He saw a boy named Sherwin who couldn't walk. His feet were on backward. That moment changed Tebow's focus. That encounter with Sherwin inspired the Tim Tebow Foundation. He wanted to become a voice for the voiceless.

With the first million he received when he signed a contract with NFL, he built a hospital in the Philippines. He's a part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He's built houses for the homeless. Now a motivational speaker, he's written books, his football career has afforded him worldwide recognition and invitations to speak. He is becoming known as a great humanitarian.

So, how does that apply to us and our lives? What is our Sherwin moment when God touched our lives in a profound way and changed our focus to what really is important?

My own career showed me disappointment; I've experienced the fickleness of the world's praise and rejection. The world said I wasn't that good. The world also taught me dissatisfaction and showed me the most important things in

life are family, friends and my walk with the Lord.

At a family night dinner, I said to my grandson, "Football season is almost here."

He said, "Will you watch the Gator games with me?"

I replied, "Of course, I will."

Those simple words from my grandson told me someone I love wanted to be with me. I was exactly where I needed to be in life.

And, yes, I'm writing all the time. And, yes, it's hard work. My words will be my legacy. The same grandson said, "I've been reading your book, 'Taming Wild Horses.' I like it." Thank you, Lord. This is what it's all about.

Final brushstroke: Don't count yourself out. You are exactly where you need to be. Take advantage of what your career afforded you, disappointment or not. Write your stories, stay young for your grandchildren and be relevant to whomever and wherever God has called you.

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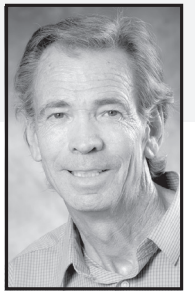
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By **Betsy Marston**  
PREVIEW Columnist

Hurray, you've moved to the rural West from a crowded subdivision or city where the traffic has become an out-of-patience game, and now you want to fit in.

You want to learn how irrigation ditches work, build a hen house, and grow fruit trees, wine grapes and a garden. You also want to take a hike at a moment's notice, or at least look like you're ready to do 10 miles.

How do newcomers manage this transition? Western writer Zane Grey never wrote a Code of the West, but it was clear from his novels that subtle rules operated in the 19th century. Key tenets were fair play, respect for the land and hospitality.

Today's code, were one to be written, would include those values, but there are some modern quirks you might not anticipate.

First, if you meet an old-timer and they're willing to talk about "the way it used to be" in your town, try to restrain the urge to chime in with stories of your own, as that will shut off the flow. Good stories take time.

As you settle in, agree to buy your youngsters 4-H market lambs for the county fair, but only if they know these animals have a definite destiny: Lambs the kids work hard to muscle up will be slaughtered and sold, and by fair time the lambs are sure to have pet names like Fuzzy or Mopsy. Parting will be painful; prepare for tears.

Weather can change minute by minute, and it's no good complaining about it, as the old saw goes. But everyone is willing to talk about it. "Hot enough for you?" will do as a hello at the post office in the summer. You could also tell about a photo from Wyoming that shows a metal chain standing out horizontally, the caption reading: "Stiff wind yesterday."

And even if it rains for more than a week, get ready to tell someone you meet on the sidewalk: "We need the moisture."

Appreciate that neighbor in the West is a verb, and "out-neighboring" someone is a highly developed skill. It can be thoroughly enjoyable (though sometimes competitive) and always helpful, but you need to keep track of who's on tap to neighbor next.

You may live in a rural area, but

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seconds. Try not to audibly gasp. Most kids bounce.

Though no one likes inhaling smoke from wildfires, realize that the only way to prevent forest fires is to prevent forests. They're built to burn. Get some advice about what "defensible space" means and protect your house.

If you're hardcore and want to dunk in an irrigation ditch, do not swallow the water. And never let your dog join you if a culvert is nearby, which one usually is. Culverts and siphons are dangerous and can be lethal to both of you.

Finally, avoid talking politics with your neighbors as you could guess wrong in thinking they share your opinions. You might find out they have a whole host of peculiar ideas and predilections. Of course, they'll think you're odd, too.

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if your dog poops in someone's front yard it helps to have a plastic bag handy to pick it up. On a hiking trail, you also need to bag up a dog's leavings and carry it out with you, though sometimes kicking poop into deep grass works. That is not recommended, however.

See if you agree that there's a pecking order of hunters, with bowhunters the elite as they've got to be extra stealthy and up close to kill their prey. They also get to look cool in their camo and face paint. However, they may reek from the skunk juice they slather on. Muzzleloaders also get respect as they're shooting ancient guns for some reason.

Never ask a mushroom hunter where they found their boletes, chanterelles and puffballs. Mushroom patches are sacrosanct. If queried yourself, wave vaguely and maybe say, "Not too far from here."

Anytime there's a football or basketball game in your area, try to show up. Same goes for a county fair or rodeo, where you might see excellent bull riding along with a sport called mutton busting. That's a tradition involving little kids who wear helmets while riding a sheep that shakes them off within a few

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**THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS** is seeking to hire an Equipment Operator in our Public Works Department. The individual selected for this position performs a variety of entry-level, skilled, and technical duties related to the construction, installation, maintenance, and repair of the Town's streets, sidewalks, alleys, and related infrastructure. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosaprisngs.co.gov and select Employment.

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**EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** needed and a CDL is a plus. We offer paid holidays, vacation time and retirement plan. Please call Tim Brown Construction LLC at (970)731-7071.

**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.

**SAN JUAN DENTAL** is seeking a patient relations manager for our growing practice in downtown Pagosa. Responsibilities include scheduling, collection, patient interaction, and inter office interaction. Candidate must be friendly, outgoing, team oriented, and computer and phone literate. Financial experience is a plus. Join a team with a wonderful staff and supportive management. Fantastic upside potential for financial growth. This is a professional position, so demeanor is important. Two of our core values are communication and care. These play significant into this position. Job Type: Full time, Salary: \$20.00+. Apply in person or email Dericcmsmithdds@aol.com.

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**NOW HIRING FULL-TIME** Kitchen Line Cooks and full-time Front Counter Clerk. Work in a fast paced and clean kitchen. Pay negotiable. Apply within at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery.

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**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE** seeks support staff. Food runners, host and bussers. Nights and weekends. Join our team. Great job for the summer and during the school year. Come by and see Chris, Tuesday- Friday, 3p.m.

**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.

**MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING** customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer \$16 p/h to start, accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

**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 jeffedens7777@gmail.com.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

**HOMETOWN INSURANCE IS LOOKING** for a pleasant and friendly full-time receptionist. Prior experience is desired but not required. This person will undertake all front desk clerical duties and must be very detail oriented. Phone skills are a must. Our ideal candidate will have an outgoing and warm personality while being professional, responsible and motivated. A customer-oriented approach is essential. Please send resumes with references to info@hippsllc.com.

**LIKE GUNS? COME SELL** them for us. The San Juan Trading Post is looking for a gun sales person. Computer literacy and ability to lift 45 lbs. is required. Starting at \$15/ hour, part time or full time. Stop by in person at 635 San Juan St.

**CONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES.** In search of independent contractors to provide bids for residential remodel and new build projects. Such scope as framing, roofs, decks, siding, finish trim. References and proof of insurance is required. Please email Mary@rootdesigncompany.com.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** Looking for a Dishwasher 4 nights a week. \$16 per hour to start. See Chef Anthony Wednesday- Sunday, 1p.m.-4p.m.

**PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY** is hiring a part-time dishwasher and a park-time kitchen assistant. Join our fast-paced and fun team. Application available on our website. (970)264-9348.

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**LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY** seeks experienced cleaning company to handle vacation rentals and long term move outs. Requirements: Excellent communication skills, reliable, flexible, references. Crew should have a minimum of 3 cleaners. Not hiring individual cleaners. Call (970)731-5515 to set up an interview appointment.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** 214 Pagosa Street. Seeks line cooks 4 nights a week. Must be able to work weekends and holidays. \$18 to start. See Anthony or Garrett after 1p.m.

**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.

## YARD SALES

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES —** [tinyurl.com/d64dee19](http://tinyurl.com/d64dee19). The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE.** Saturday, 8/12, only, 10a.m.-3p.m. 2841 Meadows Drive. Furniture, tools, household items, etc.

**GARAGE SALE —** Fri Sat 12 & 13th 10am-5pm. Generator, power washer, RV supplies, exercise equipment, E-Bike, Chevy Truck 2018, yard art, electronics, comforters/blankets, crafts, lots household items 217 W. McCabe St (behind Walmart).

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**ESTATE SALE —** Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12. 8 a.m. sharp. 4,200 sq. ft. house full of stuff. Leather couches, beds, dressers, baby grand piano, dining room and kitchen tables, glassware, kitchen items, decorative Jim Beam decanter collection, canoe, tools, ping-pong table, patio furniture, antiques, refrigerator, camping/fishing, display cases and so much more. Hwy. 160 W, right on Piedra, left on Cloud Cap, house #535. Please don't block neighbor's driveways. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

**ESTATE SALE —** Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. sharp, 2520 E. Hwy. 160. (Day Lumber) Furniture, tools, toys, kitchen items, décor and more. Half price Saturday. Sale by The Organizers.

## YARD SALES

**WHOLE HOME MOVING SALE.** Furniture, antiques, plants, TVs, all household items. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 8/11, 8/12, 8/13, 9a.m. 190 Steamboat Drive.

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**CRARY BEARCAT CHIPPER SHREDDER,** Model #5C567OB (75524). Excellent condition, \$4,500. (970)264-1457.

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## AUTOS

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**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH,** 1-car garage downtown home. \$2,200/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or [pagosaspingsrealty.com](http://pagosaspingsrealty.com).

**2 BEDROOM, 2.25 BATH** condo on Lake Pagosa \$2,000/ month. Team Pagosa (970)731-8599 or [pagosaspingsrealty.com](http://pagosaspingsrealty.com).

**DOWNTOWN LUXURY HOUSE** on river. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, with garage. No pets. \$2,500/ month, 6 month lease. (504)339-4547.

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**4 BEDROOM EXECUTIVE HOME.** Four miles north on Snowball Road (CR200). One mile to trout streams and National Forest, possible irrigated pasture. \$3,200 per month. (970) 946-6274. Leave message.

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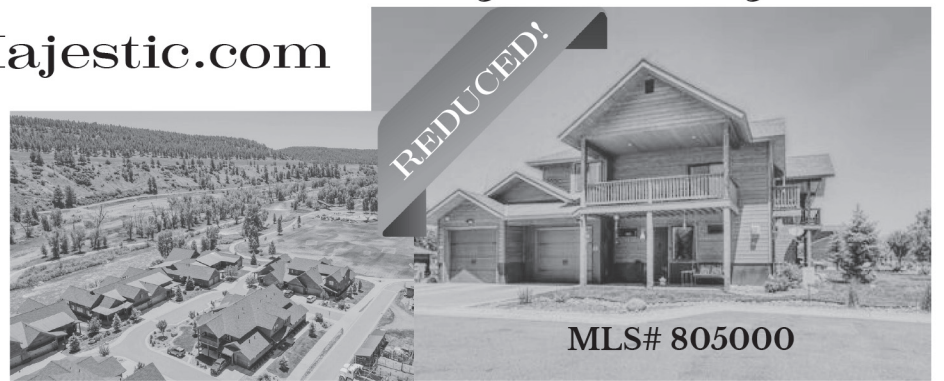
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