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No containment on area fires

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Multiple fires continue to burn in the area, including three large fires burning on the Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest (SJNF).

The three fires, the Quartz Ridge Fire, the Bear Creek Fire and the Mosca Fire, are currently under the management of National Incident Management Organization Team 1.

Other fires in the region have also put up smoke visible from Pagosa

Springs in the last few weeks, including multiple fires in New Mexico that are now nearing full containment and one new fire near the state line.

Archuleta County announced last week that Cloman Park is temporarily closed and is being used as the base camp for firefighters.

“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 announcement states.

■ See Fires A8

Traffic delays expected as buildings are moved

By Hailey Sams
SUN Intern

Expect temporary traffic delays and road closures in the morning and afternoon of Aug. 22 and 24 as three historic buildings make their way from Harman Park to the Archuleta County Fairgrounds/rodeo grounds.

“On Tuesday, August 22nd, and Thursday, August 24, 2023, from approximately 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,” a notice concerning the project ex-

plains, “three historic Harman Park Buildings will be moved from their current location behind the new Archuleta County Combined Courts Facility at 85 Harman Park Drive to the Rodeo Grounds/ Fair Grounds site at 344 US Hwy 84.”

The notice indicates the planned route will include South 10th Street, Piedra Street, Apache Street and Light Plant Road.

Expect delays on U.S. 160 be-

■ See Move A8

Health district votes on policy changes after receiver’s report

Declines to continue investigation

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health (BoH) held a special meeting on Aug. 10 to discuss the findings of receiver Belleann Raile’s report on emergency compensation (EC) payments made to leadership staff during the COVID-19 pandemic and determine next steps.

BoH vice chair Shere Byrd began by noting that the meeting was called to allow the BoH to have “substantive discussion” on the report and the clarifications submitted by SJBPH Attorney Michael Goldman.

She explained the meeting would provide an opportunity to build on insights from the report and from experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.

■ See Policy A8

Put Hill Overlay District uncertain following opposition to proposal

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

The future of a new Put Hill Overlay District is in jeopardy after several property owners expressed strong opposition to the proposed new requirements at the Aug. 8 Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting.

Planning department staff proposed the new district as part of

the overall revamping of the town’s Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

According to the department’s presentation at the meeting, the intent of the new district is to preserve a stand of mature ponderosa pine trees along the U.S. 160 corridor.

This would be accomplished by continuing to preserve the mature

■ See Overlay A8



Duck race

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Thousands of plastic ducks raced down a stretch of the San Juan River Saturday as part of the Knights of Columbus’ annual duck race and community picnic. After four lucky ducks were picked from the water to determine the event’s winners, youngsters and others helped catch the ducks.



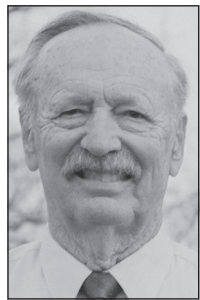
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Robert Leigh Arnold

In loving memory of Robert Leigh Arnold:

Robert is son of James Ven Arnold Jr. and Helen Gertrude Dean and brother to Jackie Weddle. Robert Leigh Arnold, "Bob," a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and esteemed member of the community, peacefully departed from this world on Aug. 6 in the comfort of his home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., at the age of 83. Born in the vibrant city of Los Angeles, Calif., in 1940, Robert's journey through life was marked by dedication, service and a profound love for his family.



In 1959, Robert felt a deep calling to serve his country and with unwavering patriotism, he enlisted in the Army. He served with utmost dedication as a member of the security agency and as a military policeman with Menwith Hill, stationed in England. Robert demonstrated exceptional commitment and honor in safeguarding his fellow soldiers and protecting the values he held dear. It was during his time stationed in England that Robert's life took a beautiful turn and brought him face-to-face with his soulmate, Joan Mary Smith. Their connection blossomed into a love that they shared for 61 incredible years together. Together, they journeyed through life's joys and challenges, creating a profound bond that was the foundation of their family's happiness.

Robert and Joan were blessed with two children, Cheri Arnold (Ortega) and Shaun Arnold, who brought immeasurable happiness and pride to their lives. As a father, Robert was a pillar of strength and guidance, always providing unwavering support and unconditional love. His legacy of wisdom, kindness and the values he instilled in them will forever shape their families lives.

Robert delighted from being an adoring grandfather to his and Joan's four grandchildren: Brandon Ortega, Dylan Ortega, Kelsi Arnold (Beaver) and Caitlinn Arnold (McCullah). Their laughter and playful spirit brought immeasurable happiness to his heart, and he cherished each precious moment spent with them. Robert's legacy of love and influence will continue to shine through them as they carry his memory forward.

In 1993, Robert and Joan relocated to Pagosa Springs, where they found a true sense of belonging in the community. Robert actively participated in Veterans for Archuleta County, dedicating his time to supporting his fellow servicemen and women. His commitment to serving others extended beyond his military career, as he spent 29 years with the United States Postal Service, retiring in 1992 after a commendable 32 years of service to the United States government.

To honor Robert's remarkable life, his family invites all those who knew and loved him to join in a celebration of life in Pagosa Springs, Colo. The commemoration will begin at Veterans Memorial Park on

Aug. 19 at 10:30 a.m., followed by a gathering at the Tennyson Building Event Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Together, friends and family will share stories, laughter and memories, celebrating the lasting impact Robert had on their lives.

As we bid farewell to Robert Leigh Arnold, let us remember a remarkable individual whose life was an embodiment of unwavering dedication, profound love for his family, his commitment to serving his country and community, and his ability to find joy in the simplest of moments. In this time of mourning, let us find solace in the memories we shared with Robert and honor his legacy by mirroring the values he held dear. May he rest in eternal peace, forever surrounded by the love of his family and friends and the gratitude of a nation he served so faithfully. In the hearts of those who knew him, Robert's memory will remain ever-present.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please send donations to Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.

Joan Olmstead Cortright

Mrs. Joan Olmstead Cortright passed from this life into the arms of Jesus on Aug. 7, 2023, surrounded by loved ones at her Pagosa Springs home at the age of 91. Joan, known as Jo-an, was preceded in death by just 97 days by her loving husband of 73 years, Eugene (Gene) Cortright.



Born to Lyle and Amber Olmstead on Jan. 9, 1932, in Battle Creek, Mich., Joan grew up in central Michigan, marrying Gene on July 3, 1949. She worked at Western Electric as a file clerk to support Gene's undergraduate and graduate education at Kalamazoo College and The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Joan was selected as a contestant in Western Electric's "Hello Charley" beauty contest. (See photo.)

Joan was proud of her traditional role supporting her husband's career and raising their two daughters, Cynthia Covin, of Bozeman, Mont. (deceased), and Lisa Foster, of Pagosa Springs, who acted as the Gene's and Joan's principal care giver since March 2019. Gene's career moved the family to 12 different homes in the U.S. and internationally. Joan developed excellent cooking skills, principally while the family lived in Paris, France, which she used in hosting friends, family, and inter-

national visitors after she returned to the U.S.

Joan and Gene moved to Pagosa Springs in 1984, where she volunteered with the Chamber of Commerce Visitors' Center, supported local arts programs and their church. Joan lovingly cared for Gene during his decades-long battle with dementia.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Rob), of Pagosa Springs; granddaughters Michelle Gamino, of Orlando, Fla., and Ashley Dieleman (Jeff), of Clive, Iowa; grandsons Gregory Gamino, of Lutz, Fla., Trey Foster (Andrea), of Aurora, Colo., John Foster (Kristy), of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and great-grandchildren Lauren, Charlotte, Davis, Avery, Kade and Brooke. She is also survived by her sister, Joyce Lynch, of Charlotte, Mich., and her brother, Gordon Olmstead (Frances), of Atlanta, Ga.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 9 at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mercy Home Health and Hospice in Durango.

Marge McRae

Born Margaret Ellen Bezjak on Dec. 6, 1939, to Edward and Margaret Bezjak. She married James Price in 1955. They had seven children, losing son Danny in 1970. She is survived by her six children: Margaret Martinez (Anacleto), Jim Price Jr. (Lisa), Richard Price (Crystal), Cary Price (Shella), Tanya Rivas (Jeff) and David Price (Shannon). In 1974 she married John (Mac) McRae and added two stepchildren, Vicki Reed (Dean) and J.D. McRae (Barbara). She had 23 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



Marge was a stay-at-home mom, a 4-H leader when her children were young. In 1973 she enrolled in nursing school and became an LPN. Throughout her career, she worked as a home health nurse, an EMT first responder, a well-baby nurse, a nurse at Pine Ridge care facility and a school nurse in Dulce, N.M., taking care of Archuleta County's young and old.

Marge was an avid snowmobiler after moving to Pagosa Springs in 1977. She was an extraordinary gardener and operated Mar/Mac organic farm with her husband, Mac.

Marge went home to be with her Lord on Aug. 4. She is preceded in death by her husband, Mac, her parents, brother Edward and her son, Danny.

A memorial will be held for Marge on Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. at the Mar/Mac farm, 541 County Road 175.

Jonathan (Jon) Martin Montoya

Our family would like friends and family who knew Jonathan (Jon) Martin Montoya to join us for graveside service at Hill-top Cemetery on Aug. 26 at noon.

The service will be followed by dinner served by the Guadalupanas at the Methodist Church. Dinner will be potluck style.



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Obituaries

Local obituaries up to 500 words are printed free in The Pagosa Springs SUN and can be submitted to: editor@pagosasun.com

Deadline is 1 p.m. Tuesday for the following Thursday's edition. The SUN reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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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 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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August 17, 2023

Kirk James Blues to play ComFest Friday

Staff report

The Town of Pagosa Springs' 2023 ComFest series will continue from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, in the athletic field at Town Park.

The town's free outdoor concert series takes place June through August, with the beer and wine sales benefiting a different local nonprofit organization

each month. Food trucks will be available for meal purchases.

Friday's event will feature Kirk James Blues, with proceeds benefiting Pagosa Youth Football.

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

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

Aspire's Barn Bash slated for Aug. 25

Aspire Medical Services and Education

Celebrate life, love and fellowship at Aspire's 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 also sold raffle tickets for a chance to win more than \$10,000 in prizes. Raffle tickets were sold online until Aug. 23 and 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.

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.

■ See Bash on next page

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

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

Wednesday

The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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Online voting open for Runway for Rise Fashion Gala

By Dee McPeek
Rise Above Violence

All of our teams are having fun as they craft outfits that will delight guests at the Sept. 30 Runway for Rise Fashion Gala.

Show your support for their efforts by voting for your favorite teams at riseaboveviolence.org.

Another way to cheer on teams is by becoming a team sponsor for \$100 to \$500. You'll be recognized at the event and your dollars will be added to the team scores.

Your donations could put your team in first place to win the beautiful Pagosa Prada Award. This lovely gift is being created and donated by Yvonne Wilcox. Known for her work as an artist and graphic designer, she is diligently working on an award that will truly be appreciated by all members of the winning team. And they will have bragging rights for the next year.

Don't forget to buy your Runway Wine Pull tickets online, too. Committee member Sherry Phillips has outdone herself assembling wonderful wines you will love. Tickets are \$50 and there are only 40 bottles available to purchase. Just go to riseaboveviolence.org and open the Runway for Rise tab.

Buy your wine, support the teams and provide help for critical Rise Above Violence programs like housing. Your dollars fund emergency hotel stays, a three-week Transitional Housing Program and up to six months of rental assistance. Domestic violence survivors shouldn't have to stay in an unsafe situation because they have nowhere to go.

Want to be a team sponsor or have questions about the event? Contact Dee McPeek at (970) 317-3224.



Photo courtesy Lynne McCrudden

Wings Early Childhood Center staff members Becca Gartmann and Sienna Hunter will harness their preschool imaginations to produce their repurposed creation for the Runway for Rise Fashion Gala Fundraiser. The Princess Lollipops team is one of several taking part in the Sept. 30 event.

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

All-ages carnival games party and yoga storytime for kids tomorrow

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Join us at our free Carnival Game Design Contest playday tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.

At this event everyone can play the games entered by creative talent in our community 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 before 3 p.m. tomorrow, 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 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.

Y is for Yoga storytime

Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 18, beginning at 11 a.m., children ages 1-5 will stretch while practicing early literacy skills in a fun, relaxed way.

Activities calendars

Pick up monthly events calendars at the library so you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family.

Paws to Read tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 18 from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you love Pokemon, this club is for you. Bring your cards to a

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fun free event for ages 6-11 on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. when you can play games with others who feel the same way. No experience is required.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. Anyone under age 18 is welcome with a signed parental permission, available at your library. For program information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396 (not the library).

Read with a Ranger

Kids aged 4 and up are invited to a free Read with a U.S. Forest Service Ranger storytime and to make a nature craft on Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Action Drawing for teens, tweens

This month we have a free art program for teens and tweens called Action Drawing every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. led by Dean Dempster.

You'll take turns posing for each other in playful exercises and learn to capture the essence of your friends quickly and freely. You'll also learn the basics of sketching figures, portraits, hands and feet. Registration is required.

Kickoff to Kindergarten

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

to 11 a.m.

Activities will include circle time, group activities, playtime and storytime while exploring reading, writing and math. Parents can participate for limited time periods each week. Preregistration is required in person or by phone at (970) 264-2209. Attendance at all sessions is recommended.

Online author talks

There will be two more talks in August in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times best-selling authors with an opportunity to ask questions. You can listen live or access the recorded talk.

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. 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Pre-registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

STEAM program

Camp Connect is a free STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) program for fifth- through eighth-graders next Wednesday, Aug. 23, from noon to 2 p.m. Registration is required.

Wacky Wednesdays for kids

Ages 6-11 are invited to get silly and play next Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Each week will be a different free fun activity.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.
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Understanding Medicare Medigap policies: Medicare 101 class planned

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging

With Medicare Open Enrollment starting Oct. 15, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging is sharing important information on Medicare topics.

When enrolling in Medicare, beneficiaries have choices regarding their Medicare coverage. They can stay with Original Medicare,

add a Medicare Advantage Plan, or add a Medicare Medigap (Supplemental) plan.

This article discusses Medigap plans and how they differ from Advantage plans.

Medigaps are health insurance policies that offer standardized benefits to work with Original Medicare (not with Medicare Advantage). They are sold by private

insurance companies.

If you have a Medigap, it pays part or all of certain remaining costs after Original Medicare. Medigaps are designed to cover outstanding deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. People often refer to these charges as the “gaps” in Original Medicare’s coverage, hence the term “Medigap.”

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adults. “Never Lose An Employee Again” by Joey Coleman describes an eight-phase plan during the first 100 days to help you keep employees on your staff. “Sing Your Name Out Loud” by pop music singer Jason Derulo offers 15 rules for living your dream.

Memoirs and other nonfiction

“Rooster House” by Victoria Belim is a memoir of a Ukrainian family and their country’s past and present. “We Hold Our Breath” by Micah Fields is a memoir about the people and history of Houston. “The Art Thief” by Michael Finkel explores the life of a man and his girlfriend who stole art to display, not sell. “Sparkle” by the poet Atticus is designed to remind us of the beauty in our lives. “White House by the Sea” by Kate Storey explores the lives of the Kennedys at their summer refuge in Hyannis Port. “Bogie & Bacall” by William J. Mann celebrates the complex romance of these two iconic actors. “Secrets of the Greatest Snow on Earth” by Jim Steenburgh is the second edition of this guide to weather, climate change and deep powder in Utah and around the world.

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“Preacher’s Purge: The First Mountain Man” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a western. “This Thy Brother” by Rod Miller features families of two elder sons heading eastward on the Santa Fe Trail.

Books on CD

“An Evil Heart” by Linda Castillo is the latest in the author’s Amish mystery series. “Obsessed” by James Patterson and James O. Born is a Michael Bennett mystery. “Crook Manifesto” by Colson Whitehead is set in Harlem. “All the Demons Are Here” is a thriller by CNN anchor Jake Tapper. “An Honest Man” by Michael Koryta is a crime story that begins with murders on a yacht.

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Medigaps may also cover health care costs that Medicare does not cover at all, like emergency care received when traveling abroad. Remember, Medigaps only work with Original Medicare. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, you cannot buy a Medigap.

What costs do Medigaps cover?

Some costs are covered by all Medigaps. These include:

- Part A hospital coinsurance. All Medigap policies pay for the Part A hospital daily coinsurance charge for all of your covered days in a benefit period. This includes the daily coinsurance charge for days 61 through 90 that you spend as a hospital inpatient during a benefit period, as well as the daily coinsurance charge for up to 60 inpatient hospital lifetime reserve days. In 2023, the coinsurance for days 61-90 is \$400 per day, and the coinsurance for lifetime reserve days is \$800 per day. All Medigap policies also cover the full cost of 365 additional hospital days during your lifetime.

A benefit period is the way that Original Medicare measures your use of inpatient hospital and skilled nursing facility (SNF) services. Your benefit period begins the day you are admitted to the hospital as an inpatient and ends when you have been out of a hospital or SNF for more than 60 consecutive days.

- Part B coinsurance. All Medigaps pay toward the 20 percent coinsurance for Medicare-covered outpatient medical services, like X-rays, durable medical equipment and visits with a health care provider. All Medigaps cover at least part of the Part B coinsurance, and they will cover the full Part B coinsurance for certain preventive services.

- First three pints of blood. All Medigaps pay for part or all of the cost of your first three pints of blood. If you are hospitalized and the hospital needs blood for a medical procedure or blood transfusion, then your Medigap will pay for the first three pints. If you do not have a Medigap, you will be responsible for this cost.

- Part A hospice care coinsurance or copay. All Medigaps cover the full cost of hospice coinsurance charges and copays for hospice-related drugs and respite care, as long as the Medigap was purchased on or after June 1, 2010. Respite care is care you receive as a hospice inpatient while your usual caregiver rests.

Some Medigaps cover all or part of the following costs:

- Part A SNF coinsurance. Some Medigaps pay for your SNF coinsurance charge for all your covered days in a benefit period (the coinsurance for days 21-100 is \$200 per day in 2023).

- Part A deductible. Some Medigaps pay for your Part A deductible, which is the amount you owe

out of pocket at the beginning of a hospital inpatient stay (the Part A deductible in 2023 is \$1,600 per benefit period).

- Part B excess charges. Excess charge is the difference between a health care provider's actual charge and Medicare's approved amount

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• **Foreign travel.** Medicare does not cover services you receive in a foreign country, but some Medigaps cover emergency health care when you are abroad. These Medigaps cover 80 percent of the cost of emergency care abroad during the first two months of your trip, up to a lifetime limit of \$50,000, after you meet a deductible.

Note that some Medigap policies cover extra benefits, such as gym memberships or dental. You may come across these types of policies when shopping for a Medigap.

What is the difference between having a Medicare Advantage Plan and having Original Medicare with a Medigap?

Having Original Medicare and a Medigap allows you to see any provider and use any facility that accepts Medicare, while having a Medicare Advantage Plan typically means you can only see in-network providers.

Therefore, if you have Original

Medicare and a Medigap, you can receive covered care anywhere in the country (if the care is from a provider or facility that accepts Medicare). In contrast, if you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, you will likely be out of your plan's service area while in other parts of the country. In addition, if you have Original Medicare and a Medigap you do not need a referral from a primary care physician to see a specialist, while having a Medicare Advantage Plan typically means you need a referral to see a specialist. This means that you will generally have greater provider access if you have Original Medicare and a Medigap. You will also likely have far fewer out-of-pocket costs than you would with a Medicare Advantage Plan, as Medigaps are designed to cover deductibles, co-insurance and copayments.

While you would have to pay an additional monthly premium for your Medigap, your out-of-pocket costs for the care you receive is greatly limited. This means Original Medicare and a Medigap may be a more affordable option for you if you have more health needs and receive more costly medical care throughout the year.

On the other hand, if you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, you will owe out-of-pocket costs like copays, which may be more affordable if you do not have many health needs and do not receive much medical care throughout the year. While Medicare Advantage Plans may charge a monthly premium in addition to the Part B premium, this additional monthly premium is likely less expensive than the monthly premium for many Medigaps. Additionally, Medicare Advantage Plans may cover extra services that are not covered by Original Medicare and not covered by most Medigaps, such as vision,

hearing and dental care.

Medicare Advantage Plans are a way to receive part A, B, and D (drug plan) benefits in one plan; whereas, those with Original Medicare and a Medigap likely must enroll in a stand-alone Part D plan to receive Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Generally, the best time to enroll in a Medigap policy is during your open enrollment period. Under federal law, you have a six-month open enrollment period that begins the month you are 65 or older and enrolled in Medicare Part B.

During your open enrollment period, Medigap companies must sell you a policy at the best available rate regardless of your health status, and they cannot deny you coverage. The best available rate may depend on a number of factors, including your age, gender, whether you smoke, your marital status and where you live.

To ensure that you are getting the best available rate, you may want to check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor. If you purchase a Medigap during your open enrollment period, policies are limited in their ability to exclude coverage for pre-existing conditions, meaning conditions you had before you enrolled.

For more information on Medicare plans, enrollment, deadlines and details, please plan to attend a Medicare 101 class at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. You can also make an appointment with a certified SHIP Medicare Counselor at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4.

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Archuleta Seniors Inc. given growing dome through area-wide project

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on March 11, 2021, to combat the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide financial relief to Americans.

Of the \$1.9 trillion package, \$1.43 billion was earmarked for the Older Americans Act (OAA) and the national network of Area Agencies on Aging. The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) received \$645,688.74 in ARPA funds for Region 9 (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties).

The executive director of SJBAAA, Christina Knoell, proposed working with a Pagosa Springs business, Growing Spaces, on a growing dome project to benefit five area senior centers.

The first two would be built to support the Southern Ute tribe in Ignacio and the Ute Mountain Ute tribe in Towaoc. Another growing dome would be constructed in Dove Creek for the Pioneer Center. A fourth growing dome would be built in Silverton for its newly opened senior center, with the last one in Pagosa Springs (located on the Growing Spaces campus) for Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI).

For this proposal, Knoell explained she thought about how ARPA funds could help her own region by offering quality food and health benefits for older adults, as well as stimulate the local economy.

There are several nutritional health benefits and opportunities for the older adults who receive meal services from the senior centers:

1. Quality, healthy, nutritious, locally grown food being incorporated in the meals.

2. Consuming fresh, locally grown food may contribute to chronic disease prevention for those who are at risk or currently

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living with one or more chronic diseases.

3. Lower cost for fresh fruits and vegetables. The growing domes will not replace a fresh food order from food suppliers, but it may reduce the cost of fresh food, saving the senior centers some money.

An important part of the growing dome proposal is to hire a master gardener to ensure that the soil and plants thrive in the domes. A full-time master gardener for the first five years will assist in maintaining a healthy plant ecology and help prevent disastrous white fly or aphid infestations. ASI just partnered with SJBAAA to hire local farmer Kelle Bruno for the master gardener position.

Chef Cynthia Sperry of ASI's Community Cafe just met with Bruno this past week to take inventory of her seasonal menus and identify which produce will be grown to supplement the menu prepared at the Silver Fox's Den and Community Cafe located in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Early ideas include freshly grown crudites added to the green organic salads and fresh herbs to amp up the flavor and presentation of the meals. Stop by the cafe in the coming weeks and months and consider ordering lunch (the cafe is open to all) to try some of the new seasonal produce on the menu.

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.

SJBAAA staff will seek additional funds from other grant applications, that may include but are not limited to private donors and foundation support. This project has support from the State Unit on

Aging, and staff are excited about growing domes being part of the meal program.

For more information about the ASI growing dome project, please contact ASI at (970) 264-2167 or stop by the Pagosa Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. in the Community Center.

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all the ins and outs of Medicare. With open enrollment only a few months away, SJBA 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 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 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 inspiration 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.

Farmers Market vouchers

Farmers Market vouchers for seniors are available.

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

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

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

Senior conversations

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

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

The meeting will be held at the

Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club

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

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

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com.

Share lunch Monday through Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, 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.

Monday, Aug. 21 — Chicken Marsala, baked potato, broccoli,

garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 22 — Veggie lasagna with white sauce, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit, milk and chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, Aug. 23 — Crispy cod with tartar sauce and lemon, green beans, dinner roll, garden salad, pistachio fruit salad and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 24 — Pork adovada with Spanish rice, calabacitas, biscochitos, garden salad, fruit and milk. Calabacitas is a favorite New Mexican side dish with yellow squash, corn, onions and green chiles.

Friday, Aug. 25 — Crispy chicken with country gravy, southern biscuits, glazed carrots, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. 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 its paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

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Historic Buildings at Harman Park are Moving!

On Tuesday, August 22nd, and Thursday, August 24th, 2023, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., three historic Harman Park Buildings will be moved from their current location behind the new Archuleta County Combined Courts Facility at 85 Harman Park Drive to the Rodeo Grounds / Fair Grounds site at 344 US Hwy 84.

The largest building is 16 feet wide by 24 feet long by 18.5 feet tall. All three buildings will require heavy duty moving equipment and be considered an oversize load when it travels through town to its new home. The move will also require close coordination and associated work with state/county/municipal agencies, multiple utility companies, local schools, and all area residents, visitors, and businesses.

Expect temporary traffic delays and road closures in the morning and afternoon of August 22nd and 24th on US HWY 160 between Harman Park Dr. and S. 10th St. The planned Route will impact S 10th St., Piedra St., Apache St. and Light Plant Rd. Also expect delays on US HWY 84 between Light Plant Rd. and the Rodeo Grounds / Mill Creek Rd.

If additional information is required, please contact Kyle Brookens / Pagosa Cattle Co., Inc. construction@pagosalandcompany.com or 970-264-5000

Preview Calendar

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

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.

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(or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily open hours. For more information or tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

Let's Talk Medicare. 1 p.m., Senior Center. 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. Bring your beverage or snack, and your Medicare questions to the Senior Center dining hall. For more information, please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4.

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

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Senior

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

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

COVID-19 test kits available

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

Mahjong

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

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

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the SJBAAA 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.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Donations requested

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PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

Friday, Aug. 18

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.

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 or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Saturday, Aug. 19

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.

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

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. See how many quilters met the challenge and finished their UFO. Refreshments and fellowship included. Use the rear entrance.

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

Pokemon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others

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ANSWER:

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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 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 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.

Monday, Aug. 21

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.

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

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Musicians can jam and sing with others. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details. Parental permission needed if under age 18.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Geology Tour. 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney

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

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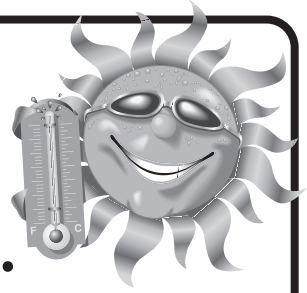
Read with a Ranger. 9:30-10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 4 and up. Enjoy stories read by a Forest Service ranger and make a nature craft.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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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 or text (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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

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

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

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Wednesday, Aug. 23

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

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

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

Camp Connect. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. A STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) program for those in 5th-8th grade. Registration is required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

Wacky Wednesdays. 2:30-3:30 pm., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Get silly and play. Each week will be a different activity.

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Author Talk: Cassandra Clare. 6 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. For details, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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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 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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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.

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

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

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tral Committee Meeting. 5:30-7 p.m., Grace in Pagosa.

Geology Tour. 5-7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and learn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12.)

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

Friday, Aug. 25

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.

Read Baby Read. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-18 months. Babies will love this interactive storytime with singing, bouncing and laughing while enjoying age-appropriate books and songs.

Artist Studio Tour. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. More than 30 local studios are participating. Visit www.studioutourpagosa.com to preview. Paper maps will be available the week of the tour at PJ's Fine Bamboo Rods, the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, Two Old Crows Gallery, FABA and The Springs Resort and Spa.

Video Gaming. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Play age-appropriate video games on an Xbox, Wii and other game systems.

Magic the Gathering. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for this strategic

fantasy card game. All playing levels are welcome. Cards are not provided.

'The Great American Trailer Park Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and

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Saturday, Aug. 26

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.

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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 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 or call 1 (877) 444-6777.

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LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-1p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your own or use our LEGOs to build.

Knitter's Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters, get help with your project, or sit and knit.

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

Sunday, Aug. 27

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

'Jersey Boys.' 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, Aug. 28

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock. Spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history

and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free, and are considered a non-refundable, non-transferable donation.

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

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

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

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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the western wood-pewee.

This is another member of the tyrant flycatcher family of birds that migrates here to spend the summer eating insects and raising babies. You won't find this bird at your bird feeders, but if you live near open woodlands or a forest edge, they are sure to be around. Their preferred habitat has larger trees, open understories and standing dead trees.

The summer breeding range of the western wood-pewee divides the lower 48 states almost in half. The nearly identical eastern wood-pewee occupies the other half. Both of these wood-pewees migrate to northern South America for the winter.

The lack of an eye-ring and a peaked crown are physical features that help to distinguish this small, grayish bird from other similar tyrant flycatchers. Its recognizable call in spring and summer make identification positive.

The wood-pewee employs a sit-and-wait method of feeding while it watches for an insect to fly by. You can spot this bird, which perches upright, often on a bare branch, when it darts out to catch an insect and returns to the perch to eat it. Although it will also take insects from foliage, twigs and tall grass, flying insects are its primary food source.

The nest of the western wood-pewee is a compact, neat basket measuring about 3 inches across. The female spends anywhere from three to 14 days using her bill to weave grasses, plant fibers and other materials that are held together by spider webs. She shapes the nest by rotating her body around while pressing against the interior. She uses her bill and tail to press and strengthen the outside. The camouflaged nest is built on a horizontal branch away from the trunk and may look like just a knot or bump.

Partners in Flight classifies this bird as "a common bird in steep decline" due to losses in population numbers in recent years.

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Write through your tears

By Betty J. Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

I remind our writers each Monday morning we are people of words. I encourage them to write about those hard things: things they can't reveal, because they hurt too much to think about them, much less write about them.

I've heard the writers say they are working on a story or a memoir that's hard to process and it brings pain into their consciousness. So, they stop writing.

When I read this scripture this week, I went bonkers. Why? Because I got a glimpse of how God sees us in our real condition. Paul writes in Romans 11:32 (TPT), "Actually, God considers all of humanity to be prisoners of their unbelief, so that he can unlock our hearts and show his tender mercies to all who come to him."

God sees us as prisoners of unbelief. It's not what we've done or not done, but how we believe Him and see Him as a faithful and loving God. He must open our hearts in order to receive his mercy.

An example would be when a teenage girl rejects her father's words. The father says, "The guy is no good for you. I don't want you to hang around him."

"But Daddy, you don't understand. You're being judgmental."

"I understand."

Sometime later, the girl comes to the father and says, "I love him and I'm going to marry him."

"He's no good for you. I'm trying to protect you. You'll have a life of trouble. Is that what you want?"

"No, but I love him and I can change him."

Twenty years later, the girl calls her father on the phone, "Daddy, can I come home with my two children? I've made a mess of my life. I tried to make the marriage work. You're right, he's not going to change. I couldn't hear you or believe you before."

The father says, "Come home and bring your children; you always have a place in my heart."

Why couldn't the girl hear her father before? She didn't want to believe her father's words. She wanted what she believed would make her happy.

We go through the same things as human beings. When there is sin or shame in our background, we don't want to look at or admit our wrong. Writing the words hurts too much and we can't trust what other people might think of us if we expose our shame. So, we keep our thoughts hidden.

We can't seem to believe that when God asks us as writers to write those hard things, he has a reason and purpose. Someone needs to hear your struggle and

Artist's Lane

saved your old room for you and you have always had a place in my heart. What you've learn, share with others."

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I have found it takes most of us a lifetime to believe what God says. He means what He says and His words will come to pass. It's not what we do, but who we believe.

your pain. It helps them become free. When the Father asks us to expose those dark areas in our lives, it is to set us free, not to shame us. When darkness is brought to the light, it loses its power in us. It is also His way of unlocking our hearts and opening our eyes.

One of the writers wrote his experience of packing up his elderly parents and all he went through. They waited too long to move from a place of comfort, familiarity and hoarding, to another home farther from family who could help them.

He said, "As I went through their things and all they had lived with for 60 years, I had to write it down in order to process. It was too much to take in."

That writer allowed God to unlock his heart and show mercy to him so he could show mercy to his elderly parents.

Final Brushstroke: I have found it takes most of us a lifetime to believe what God says. He means what He says and His words will come to pass. It's not what we do, but who we believe.

We can either believe our own thoughts and words or believe God, who knows what He's talking about. The love and faithfulness of the Father will be the key to set us free. And when we mess up and we come home with our arms full of baggage, He'll say, "You are welcome home. I have

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Wildland firefighters need our support

By Gregory McNamee
PREVIEW Columnist

At any given moment during this smoky summer of 2023, hundreds of wildfires were blazing in the United States — more than 850 as of late July, according to the nonprofit Fire, Weather and Avalanche Center. Most of those wildfires ignited in the forests of the American West.

Fires were also burning by the thousands in Canada, creating a pall of particulate-dense smoke that blotted out views of the Chicago skyline and the Washington Mall. Those fires are expected to burn well into fall.

This hellish aspect lends weight to historian Stephen Pyne's conclusion that we live now in an age of fire called the "Pyrocene."

Assembled to combat these blazes is a massive army of wildland firefighters. Some are volunteers, some are prison work crews earning time credited against their sentences. Some are municipal firefighters dispatched to the woods.

Some 11,300 of them are federal firefighters, called forestry technicians, who work under the aegis of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior.

For all of them, it's exhausting work. Wildland firefighters typically log 16-hour days for weeks at a time, burning 4,000 to 6,000 calories a day while carrying heavy backpacks.

It's punishing labor and always dangerous. Barely a year has gone by in the last quarter century that has not seen at least 15 wildland firefighter deaths, the victims not just of flames and smoke, but also of heat exhaustion, vehicle accidents, air crashes, falling trees and heart attacks.

Often, they don't die alone. In June 2013, 19 hotshots burned to death in a horrific Arizona wildfire, the third-greatest loss of wildland firefighters in U.S. history.

Yet, despite the hardships and the history, a mandated pay raise in June 2021, spurred by President Joe Biden, brought the minimum wage for federal wildland firefighters up to a mere \$15 an hour.

Firefighters of my acquaintance seldom cite money as a motivator for their work. They fight fires in the spirit of public service, while in some rural communities, as a young Apache firefighter told me, "It gives us something to do."

But firefighters, like everyone else, must shoulder rents and mortgages and groceries, and a paycheck of less than \$3,000 a month just doesn't cut it.

Enter a temporary order from Biden raising that base pay rate by 50 percent. Put in place in August 2022 and retroactive to the previous October as part of a hotly contested package of infrastructure-

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funding policies, the pay raise was funded only until Sept. 30, after which pay for wildland firefighters drops back to 2020 levels.

Wildland firefighters lobbied for Biden's pay raise to be made permanent, but they made few inroads. That was until they finally found an ally in Arizona's Sen. Kyrsten Sinema. Now an independent, Sinema allied with Republican Sens. John Barrasso of Wyoming and Steve Daines of Montana, and Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Jon Tester of Montana, to introduce the bipartisan Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act. It would fund permanent pay increases.

By late June of 2023, their bill had passed out of committee by a vote of 10-1, the only no vote coming from Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky. When it reaches the Senate floor, it will be open to debate and a full vote.

There, however, the politicians are likely to squabble, especially on the House side. Larger issues loom, too, such as the need to revise policy so that forests are better managed to improve the conditions that now foster massive wildfires. Those conditions are the product of a "wise use" regime that saw forests as profitable tree farms and not as living systems. The Forest Service also had a decades-long policy of dousing all wildfires as early as possible.

While Washington deliberates, and while a more comprehensive bill compensating wildland firefighters struggles to gain traction, fires continue to burn in the outback. Without a pay raise, federal officials fear, some firefighters will walk away from a risky and insultingly low-paying job.

Wildland firefighters are needed right now, and we need to pay them what they deserve through the Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act. They will be needed even more in a future of climbing temperatures and widespread drought causing even more massive wildfires.

We can only hope that we will have the firefighters to confront them.

Gregory McNamee is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writer-

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- Your annual income must be below \$21,870 for an individual or \$29,580 for a married couple in 2023.
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These limits can change each year. Even if you don't qualify for Extra Help now, you can reapply for Extra Help any time if your income and resources change.

How do I apply for Extra Help?

Some people qualify automatically, but if you don't, it's easy to apply for Extra Help:

- Visit Social Security online at ssa.gov/extrahelp.
- Call Social Security at 1 (800) 772-1213. TTY users can call 1 (800) 325-0778.
- Call your local SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Programs) office at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

After you apply, Social Security will review your application and send you a letter to let you know if you qualify for Extra Help. Once you qualify, you can choose a Medicare drug plan.

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Where can I get more information?

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Getting started with crochet

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Hobbies provide an opportunity to learn new skills, meet people, earn a little extra money and keep minds sharp. Peruse the aisles of a home improvement retailer or craft store and you're likely to find many different ideas for keeping busy.

When visiting the yarn aisle of a favorite shop, shoppers may be inspired to create everything from scarves to sweaters and more. This is entirely possible for those who care to learn the art of crochet.

Crochet is a type of yarn work named after the hook that is used in the process. Crochet is derived from the French word "croche," which means "hook" or "hooked." Historians believe the art was connected to the French tambour embroidery of the 18th century. Books reference the use of ivory, bone or wooden hooks and steel needles.

The word "crochet" first appeared in the Dutch magazine *Penélope* in 1823. The first English reference to garments made of cloth produced by looping yarn with a hook occurred in "The Memoirs of a Highland Lady" by Elizabeth Grant, which was written between 1845 and 1854.

Crochet creates garments by making interlocking loops of fiber, whether it's yarn, thread or even twine. Various projects can be made from this craft, but blankets, scarves and hats are among the most popular. Crochet doesn't require a lot of supplies to get started; in fact, all you really need is yarn, a hook, scissors, and some knowledge of the more basic stitches.

To crochet, one starts with a slipknot in the yarn, which will provide the anchor by which the yarn is initially cast onto the hook. Crocheting begins with making a chain, which is repeatedly passing the crochet hook underneath the

string of yarn to grab on to it and drawing it through the previous loop. This is repeated until the desired length is reached. The next stitch to learn is the single crochet, which even in its most basic form can be used to create blankets or garments. As you gain confidence with basic stitches and projects, you can eventually move on to more complex stitches.

One of the keys to crocheting is to grow familiar with the patterns and abbreviations. Abbreviations are used to make project instructions more concise. For example, rather than writing "chain 30 stitches," one will see "ch 30." Single crochet becomes "sc," double crochet is "dc" and triple/treble crochet "tc." Double and triple stitches produce taller stitches. Here is an example of a round of stitches for a project: Ch 2, Dc 5, Dc 2, ch 2, dc 2 around the ch2-space. Repeat {Dc 7, Dc 2, ch 2, dc 2 around the ch2-space} 3 times. Dc 2. = 52 sts. The last number represents the number of stitches you should have, so you can look for this number to ensure that you followed the pattern correctly.

The next tip is to recognize that certain gauge hooks are required, as is the weight of yarn or other material for projects. Hooks are sold in millimeter size, or a letter or number gauge. For example, 4.0 mm, G/6 size. The pattern should list how large the finished project will be if you follow the recommendations for hook size and yarn weight.

Learning to crochet can be a worthwhile venture. It may take a little time to grow comfortable with the language and technique, but as you gain more experience, you can try more complex patterns. Fortunately, there are plenty of online tutorials that demonstrate stitches for those who want to see before doing.



ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

"Attitude" is our viewing point, our perspective. The higher our viewing point, the more we can see and, thus, the more able we are to make informed decisions. Gratitude is being thankful for what we have, regardless of the circumstances we may find ourselves in. We can elevate both our viewing point and our attitude through prayer and service to others.

Science says that happiness is 50 percent genetic, 10 percent circumstances, and 40 percent intentional activity (i.e. what you do). This means we have the power to affect our feelings and attitudes by what we choose to do. First, it's important to feed our minds with good things: stop listening, reading and watching bad news. Instead, focus on the things that are noble, pure, lovely and praiseworthy. Putting these thoughts into writing further increases our sense of well-being, such as when we keep a regular journal of our blessings, or when we make a habit of writing thank-you notes to people.

Feelings of fear, anger, and resentment actually destroy our immune system, making us susceptible to disease. One study revealed that the #1 thing that prevented people from getting well was hanging on to their feelings of resentment and anger. God desires that we live life to the fullest. He tells us that this is accomplished by loving Him Supremely with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

We can be thankful that we have a God who intimately cares about us.

"...whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things."
Philippians 4:8 NKJV



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Taking risks and trusting God

By Joyce Holdread
PREVIEW Columnist

Momentous events are so understated in the scriptures.

Can you imagine being a midwife and receiving the instruction from the highest authority in the land to kill all baby boys you usher into the world? That was the command of the Pharaoh to the Hebrew midwives during the time of their enslavement in Egypt. But they were God-fearing and defied his orders, allowing every child, male or female, to be drawn forth into life. They could have been killed themselves for such defiance. That was the risk Shiphrah and Puah took; they valued the word of Yahweh more than the dictum of Pharaoh. And, indeed, God preserved them — do we know the personal names of any other midwives in the Bible?

Can you imagine bundling up your 3-month-old infant, placing him in a basket of reeds stuck together with pitch, and setting him down to be carried wherever on the current of a huge river? That was the risk Moses' mother took to save his life. Granted, she placed him among the bull rushes along the Nile's edge, which lessened the river's force. Still, even slight current, over time, could carry the basket to deeper, more forceful waters. There bigger waves could slosh into the basket, chilling him or maybe even drowning him. And he still needed to be fed every few hours.

And can you imagine hiding among the cattails, quivering in your 12-year-old skin as you stand guard over this basket? What can you do if it begins to drift away? Wade into the water after it? The river bottom might suddenly drop out from under you, and you can't swim. And, venomous snakes slither along the riverbanks and swim in its waters. Crocodiles, lurking in nearby swamps, can snap you in half with one mash of their jagged jaws. Those were the risks Miriam took to keep watch over her baby brother. A final risk was confronting Pharaoh's daughter. There aren't many preteens who would engage the princess of the land in an inquiry about finding a woman to nurse a baby who was not supposed to even be alive.

Finally, can you imagine gathering your royal attendants around you and ambling down to the warm riverside to bathe? You are curious when you spy a basket floating

A Matter of Faith

among the reeds. You tell your handmaid to retrieve it. You open it and peer down upon a small babe crying his heart out. You realize he must be one of the ill-fated Hebrew infants. You are moved with compassion and ignore your father's directive. You decide to keep him and raise him as your own. You know your father can have you severely punished, perhaps even put to death. That was the risk Pharaoh's daughter took to accept and raise this child.

All these women trusted God or allowed compassion to overrule their fear in the life-or-death risks they took to save this baby. I'm not sure they regarded, or even expected, any reward. However, God honored their courage and fulfilled their very basic desires — even in a time of hardship and privation. The midwives were granted families of their own; Moses' mother saw her baby saved, and she herself was able to care for him until he was weaned; Miriam was able to bring about her brother's rescue; Pharaoh's daughter, perhaps childless,

gained a son.

They each responded in the way of love, even at great personal risk, not knowing the end result. But the miraculous deliverance from Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, the giving of the Ten Commandments, the provision of manna in the wilderness, the conquering and settling of the Promised Land may never have occurred — except for the courage and compassion of five brave women.

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Mom, the counselor

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Anna couldn't believe what she was hearing. "Mom, you aren't seriously thinking about becoming the high school counselor, are you?"

Anna's mom nodded. "Look, Anna, I'll still be home when you get out of school. But you and all your brothers and sisters are now school-age. I've stayed home all these years taking care of all of you while you were preschoolers. I feel I can work now. Besides, we can use the money."

"That's not the problem I'm concerned about," Anna said. "I see the kids who go visit with the counselor, and, frankly, they aren't the best. They are the druggies and gang members. It could be dangerous for you."

"I appreciate your concern," Anna's mom said. "But before you were ever born, being a counselor is what I went to school for. I have always wanted to do that, and I feel I can take care of myself."

Anna knew she couldn't change her mom's mind, so she determined she would do her best to watch out for her mother. A few weeks before school started in the fall, Anna's mom got a bunch of supplies and went to set up her office. Anna went with her, more out of curiosity than to help. When they got to the office, it looked like what Anna expected it would look like. She had never been in it before, not wanting to be around the kind of kids that were there.

As they worked, Anna was shocked at how her mother transformed it. She was making it into less of an office and more like home. Anna's dad showed up with a load of soft chairs and couches that Anna's mother had purchased at a second-hand store. There were tables and chairs that made Anna think of their dining room at home. Anna thought that maybe her mother's years raising children had gotten too deep in psych. Finally, Anna asked.

"Mom, are you trying to make this look like home?"

Anna's mother smiled. "No. I am trying to make it look like a home."

"Why?" Anna asked.

"Maybe when you aren't in class, you should visit me and see."

Anna was seeing a side of her mother she had never known before. She did plan to visit, partly to understand what her mother had in mind, and partly because she wanted to help protect her.

When the first day of school came, Anna's first chance to visit her mother was at lunchtime. She was sure the office would be empty. Anna ate quickly and hurried to the counselor's office. To her surprise, it was packed. And those who were there were the kind of kids Anna called "losers" when her mother wasn't around. Some were play-

ing games, and some were eating. As Anna looked closer, she saw that they were eating food that her mother had made the night before. Anna thought her mother was making it for their own family.

Anna had lots of questions that night, but her mother said, "Just keep coming for a while, and I think the answers will come on their own."

Anna knew she couldn't change her mom's mind, so she determined she would do her best to watch out for her mother.

Anna started eating her meals in her mother's office, and Anna's friends joined her. Anna realized her mother was feeding those who didn't have enough at home to make lunch and had no money to buy one. She soon understood that her mother had made the office like a home because many of those young people didn't have a real home. Her mother became like a mother to many of those kids who didn't have a parent who cared. Not only would those students never harm Anna's mother, but they also loved her and would give their lives to protect her.

One December evening, Anna's mother asked, "Now that you've been joining me for a few months, have all your questions been answered?" Anna nodded. Her mother then asked her what she had learned.

Anna thought a minute, then answered. "I've learned that those kids are no different than I am, and I would likely be no different than they are if I had their lives. They are good kids with few opportunities who are forced into how they are to survive."

Anna's mother smiled. "That's what I hoped you would learn."

Anna smiled. "I also learned something else. I learned I am grateful for a kind, caring mother."

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Watered silk
- 6 Spoken "p"
- 10 Angler's supply
- 14 Jousting gear
- 15 Elderly
- 16 Take apart
- 17 "Air" actor
- 18 In the proper manner
- 20 Snobby sort
- 22 Online trackers
- 23 Delight
- 24 Paris waterway
- 25 Skin an apple
- 27 Blow one's top
- 29 Village People classic
- 33 Tax reduction
- 35 Got wind of
- 36 Action movie prop
- 37 Not sidesaddle
- 39 Crimson
- 40 Moving about
- 42 Along the Mississippi, say
- 44 Arboreal abode
- 45 Diamond corners
- 46 Golf club
- 47 Brady housekeeper
- 49 "Star Trek II" villain
- 51 Wall Street worker
- 54 To no avail
- 57 Assortments
- 59 Despite, briefly
- 60 "The Iliad", e.g.
- 61 Frolic
- 62 Bellhop, often
- 63 The Red and the Black
- 64 Cross to bear
- 65 Stockholm native

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- 1 Created
- 2 Kind of surgeon
- 3 Ellis Island arrivals, once

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- 4 Plant's tiny anchor
- 5 "Sesame Street" regular
- 6 Agreement
- 7 Long, long _____
- 8 Insightful
- 9 Skillful
- 10 Ohio State athlete
- 11 Prefix for social
- 12 Not in use
- 13 Kiddie litter?
- 19 Many, many moons
- 21 Looks like
- 24 Eagles' "Tequila _____"
- 25 Like Druids and Wiccans
- 26 Bad treatment
- 28 Follow-up on a newspaper error
- 30 Puppet on strings
- 31 Guiding principle
- 32 Extra
- 34 Auditory organ
- 35 Possessive pronoun
- 38 Office stations
- 41 Slanted type
- 43 Capistrano visitor
- 45 Casual eatery
- 48 Caustic substance
- 50 Qualifying rounds
- 51 St. crossers
- 52 Back of the neck
- 53 Opera feature
- 54 Mail letters?
- 55 Cast off
- 56 Needing kneading
- 58 Flightless bird

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New Thought Center to hold picnic service Sunday

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

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According to Wikipedia, paneurhythmy is a system of physical musical exercises developed by Peter Deunov between 1922 and 1944. It is focused on achieving inner balance and harmonization. The emphasis of the exercises is on giving and receiving, with the goal of creating a conscious exchange with the forces of nature.

Bring a dish and a lawn chair.

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.

Friday, Aug. 18: 21st Paneurhythmy dancers will be performing and teaching paneurhythmy movements as a blessing for our planet.

Saturday, Aug. 19: Join the Paneurhythmy dancers at sunrise at Williams Lake to welcome the sun and learn about the sacred dance movements. Wear white and bring a picnic breakfast to share and a lawn chair.

Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Free giveaway from our New Thought Center spiritual, self-discovery and inspirational library.

We are making room for new things to come. Visit and take home some awesome books, CDs and DVDs at the New Thought Center on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge.

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

Thursday, Aug. 24, 6 p.m.: "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 this week. Call or text (970) 309-6067 text for more information.

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

Sunday, Aug. 27, 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.

Sept. 23: "Art with Spirit" workshop with Karen Kinney, spiritual art teacher.

Nov. 11: Quintangled Masquerade Ball fundraiser with Julie Loar, author and creator. Tickets will be on sale soon.

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Grace in Pagosa to present radio talk show host Kerby Anderson

By Jan Johnson

Grace in Pagosa

Locals are invited to hear Kerby Anderson, host of the "Point of View" radio talk show, speak at Grace in Pagosa, 1044 Park Ave., on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

The free event will begin at 6 p.m.

Anderson, a veteran talk radio host, author, and syndicated commentator, will discuss defending and sharing a biblical worldview in today's culture. The presentation will highlight practical tips for parents, churchgoers, students and others. Attendees are encouraged to invite friends and come with questions.

Anderson has been an integral voice on "Point of View" since 1986. He is also heard on "Viewpoints," a daily commentary syndicated by International Media Services, United Press International, American Family Radio, Moody Radio and the USA Radio Network.

Kerby serves as president of Probe Ministries, an international Christian apologetics organization,

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Unitarian Universalists to learn about two spiritual teachers

By Joan Y. Ward
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Please join the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship on Sunday, Aug. 20, at 10:30 a.m., in person or on Zoom.

UU member and full-time resident Bob LeCour will be discussing the works of two spiritual teachers who follow unique approaches and whom LeCour has studied for a long time.

Adyashanti (which means “primordial peace”) is American-born and trained in the Zen tradition for 14 years. His Zen teacher asked him to teach in 1996. The truth he points to is not confined to any religion, belief system or ideology and is open to all. He is the author of multiple books and does a variety of live and online programs worldwide, including retreats and conferences.

LeCour has found his teachings to be clear and understandable and has followed his work for many years — many times in person. Adyashanti leads the Open Gate Sangha.

Pail Ferrini, based in Florida, is the author of some 50 books on love, healing and forgiveness. His

unique blend of spirituality and psychology goes beyond self-help and recovery into the heart of healing. His conferences, retreats and Affinity group process have helped thousands of people.

Join the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305> using meeting ID 899 194 1305 or dial (346) 248-7799.

Masks are optional at this time. Social distancing will be encouraged and, to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in their unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community. Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the mountains.

Services are on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m. Meditation, based on cultivating the four immeasurables (love, compassion, joy and equanimity) is on the second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m. Qigong is

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ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the following positions: **High School Special Education Aide.** Full-time position with a starting salary of \$27,086 - \$29,810 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period. **High School Library/ Technology Aide.** Full-time position with 80% of the job spent serving the library and 20% assisting staff with technology problems. Starting salary of \$27,086 - \$29,810 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period. **Middle School Severe Needs Special Education Aide.** Full-time position with a starting salary of \$27,086 - \$29,810 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period. Position also receives a \$1.00/hour bonus throughout the school year. **Middle School Special Education Aide.** Full-time position with a starting salary of \$27,086 - \$29,810 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period. Position also receives a \$1.00/hour bonus throughout the school year. (2 vacancies). **Elementary School Severe Needs Special Education Aide.** Full-time position with a starting salary of \$27,086 - \$29,810 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period. Benefits for all positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement, Life Insurance, optional Health and Dental Insurance and paid Discretionary Days. For more details and to apply for these positions see the following web-site: <https://www.applitrack.com/archuleta50/onlineapp/#>. E.O.E.

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