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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

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-

### 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 CO-VID-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 CO-

■ See Policy A8

### **Put Hill Overlay District** uncertain following opposition to proposal

By Derek Kutzer Staff Writer

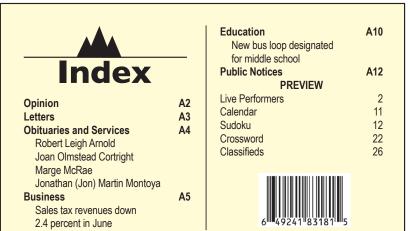
The future of a new Put Hill Overlay District is in jeopardy after several property owners expressed strong opposition to the proposed new requirements at the Aug. 8 Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meet-

Planning department staff proposed the new district as part of the overall revamping of the town's Land Use and Development Code

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**

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.









### Opinion





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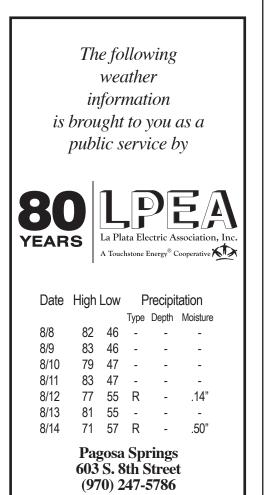
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### Our View

### A raid on a Kansas newspaper

per doesn't get a news tip about something going on in Archuleta County that is concerning to a local citizen.

Sometimes, those tips prove to be spot on. Other times, our reporters end up going down a rabbit hole.

Sometimes, reporting on the results of those tips ends up hitting us in the pocketbook. We were told after reporting on one tip that a couple of elected officials ordered that their organization's ads be pulled out of The Pagosa Springs SUN.

We consider that an abuse of power. An incident last week concerning a small, family-owned newspaper in Marion, Kan., with seven employees and a circulation of about 4,000 took things to a whole new level when law enforcement seized computers, cellphones and reporting materials from the Marion County Record office. Also seized were items from the newspaper's reporters and items from the publisher's home in what was coined as "an unprecedented raid."

It was reported that the motivation behind the raid was a confidential source leaking sensitive documents to the newspaper.

The newspaper's account of the matter quoted Marion County Record owner and publisher Eric Meyer stating that the message was clear: "Mind your own business or we're going to step on you."

The raid was reported as contributing to the death of Meyer's 98-year-old mother and co-publisher at the newspaper, who died one day after the raid occurred.

Poynter Institute's Tom Jones reported that Joan Meyer "had been stressed beyond her limits and overwhelmed by hours of shock and grief. ... She tearfully watched during the raid as police not only carted away her computer and router used by an Alexa smart speaker but also dug through her son Eric's personal bank and investments statements to photograph them.'

Joan Meyer had been in the newspaper business since 1953. One statement she made before her death: "These are Hitler tactics and something has to be done."

taurant by a U.S. representative that was suspended." led to the raid on the newspaper. According to reports, the restaurant's owner, Kari Newell, decided to tell Eric Meyer and his reporter to leave.

When the newspaper reported on the matter, it resulted in a tip to the journalist about Newell.

Then the restaurant owner claimed someone had obtained private information about her online by unlawfully using her identity. Instead of reporting on the tip he received, Eric Meyer

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Not a week goes by that this newspa- informed the police of the situation, because he was concerned that the information he obtained from his source had not been obtained legally by that source.

The next morning, the newspaper was raided. The search warrant executed allowed law enforcement to search for and seize items, including documents and records pertaining to Newell.

The raid essentially shut down publication of the newspaper when items seized included newspaper stories, logs of advertising and ads that were prepared for printing in the next issue of the paper.

'Unpublished materials of a news gathering operation are generally protected by state and federal laws and a long line of First Amendment court decisions, but there are exceptions," stated a joint editorial in The Wichita Eagle and The Kansas City Star.

Headlines claim the raid was prompted by the paper's "vigorous reporting on Marion County officials," including the employment history of its chief of police.

The Star and Eagle also explained in the editorial: "The crux of the police investigation seems to be whether the paper and its reporters committed identity theft and/or unlawful acts concerning computers in confirming Newell's driving records. An affidavit justifying the warrant is being withheld by County Attorney Joel Ensey, whose brother owns the hotel where Newell has her restaurant."

The Associated Press' John Hanna and Margery A. Beck wrote, "Newell publicly accused the newspaper of using illegal means to get information on the status of her driver's license following a 2008 drunken driving conviction and other driving violations.

The newspaper countered that it received that information unsolicited, which it verified through public online records. It eventually decided not to run a story, because it wasn't sure the source who supplied it had obtained it legally.

"But the newspaper did run a story on the city council meeting, in which Newell herself confirmed she'd had a DUI conviction and that she had con-Interestingly, it was a visit to a restinued to drive even after her license

Things are clearly complicated in Marion County. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for newspapers to have issues with elected officials in various positions abusing their position in communities across the nation.

"We are deeply concerned that a Kansas judge issued a search warrant authorizing this search even though the federal law clearly requires authorities to use subpoenas rather than search warrants if they seek to access records of a news organization in the course of an investigation," wrote Eileen O'Reilly president of the National Press Club, and Gil Klein, president of the National Press Club Journalism Institute.

Others in the news industry have also responded:

Bill Ketter, senior vice president of news for Community Newspaper Holdings Inc., wrote a column explaining: "Anti-press rhetoric has also whiplashed small town America at a time when local newspapers are more needed than ever. They are a cornerstone of rural democracy."

O'Reilly and Klein were quoted in Editor and Publisher magazine: "A law enforcement raid of a newspaper office is deeply upsetting anywhere in the world. It is especially concerning in the United States, where we have strong and well-established legal protections guaranteeing the freedom of the press.

"This search violated the rights of the journalists at the Marion County Record to serve their community by gathering and reporting the news. We stand by the Marion County Record in its efforts to continue publishing despite the seizure of important reporting material and equipment. We demand local authorities return the reporting equipment to the Marion County Record immediately, and we expect a full investigation by appropriate state and federal authorities into why this search warrant was requested, authorized and executed.'

Kansas Press Association Executive Director Emily Bradbury wrote in an email on Monday: "We are still waiting on the probable cause affidavit. We have asked the court to release it and have even asked the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration to demand it be released. Unfortunately, the local prosecutor can hold it for one week if he so chooses. As of 3:22 p.m. today, he has not released it. I have been on the phone with First Amendment advocates and legal experts and if this is about identity theft, as many claim, it would take a really twisted reading of the law to use that as a justification for a raid on the newspaper.

"Like someone said on Twitter — 'I would really hate to be anyone with a title in Marion, Kansas right now.'

"Most importantly, the Marion County Record will have a print edition this week.'

Dean Ridings, CEO of America's Newspapers wrote: "The raid on The Marion County Record goes directly against the First Amendment rights that our country holds in esteem. Newspapers must be able to do their jobs without fear of reprisal or interference. We stand in support of the Marion County Record."

Terri Lynn Oldham House

#### LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 17, 1923

Pagosa Springs is sharing in the gasoline warfare being staged throughout the country, a reduction of three cents having been made, making the retail price 28 cents here.

The forest service crew on the Piedra river trail completed its work last week. If our information is correct, in the death of Joseph Isam and Grandma

Cade, the county lost its two oldest citizens within less than a week. Homer McKinley is adding some fixtures to his new cafe in the old postoffice building that will require considerable explanation to the rising generation which is just now getting its first glimpse

of such furniture. Suffice to say he has purchased the old bar and fixtures that once adorned the Martinez saloon in this city before Anti-Jag Finch and his cohorts held sway — long before the Eighteenth amendment was written into the constitution.

### 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

August 20, 1948

Work on the rebuilding of Pagosa's main street started this week by the State Highway Department. This project is being financed with funds received from gasoline tax refunds and all of the work will be done by the State Highway Department.

The street will be torn up and completely rebuilt with an improved road bed being built before the oil coating is applied. While the project may not be completed before winter, it will be put in shape so that it will not be muddy and slick. With an improved foundation for the oil mat the road should be good for many years and the town will not be plagued with the rebuilding of it every couple of years.

While the town did not have enough money to pay for this construction Mayor R.C. Connelly and the highway department worked out a plan whereby the department will take the town's gas tax refund until it is completely paid for.

According to an announcement by Superintendent Elbie Gann, the Pagosa Springs High School will have a football team this year and has already been entered in a league composed of the other small towns in the Basin.

### 50 years ago Taken from SUN files of

August 16, 1973

Pfc Vangie Herrera, USMC, was honored during her recruit training at Paris Island, S.C., by being given the Molly Marine award. This award is given to the outstanding woman Marine from a group of about 68 women who train together. Pfc Herrera left this week for Memphis, Tenn., where she will attend air controller school. Her conduct and performance were good enough during recruit training that she was given the rank of PFC upon graduation. She is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Herrera,

of Pagosa Springs.

Jim Goodenberger, all star player for the Pagosa Pirates the past few years, will be playing on the South team when the All-Star North and South game is played at Pueblo. The game will be played this Friday at 8 p.m. in the Pueblo Public School Stadium. Goodenberger was one of the outstanding players in the San Juan Basin A league last year. Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Goodenberger and will be attending BYU at Provo, Utah this fall on an athletic scholarship.

### 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

August 20, 1998

Archuleta County's \$450,000 road and bridge building was officially titled the "Bob Formwalt Facility" by a resolution adopted by the county commissioners Tuesday. The surprise ceremony, held during the regular commissioners meeting, was attended by Formwalt's wife Jessie and two of their daughters, Stacey and Robyn.

The new building is a state-of-the-art facility containing offices for the growing road and bridge staff and work bays where county mechanics perform all but the most specialized maintenance on county vehicles. Maintenance performed includes engine work, body work, painting, routine service, washing, and tire repairs and balancing. The work bays are heated with infrared devices and contain a system for evacuating dangerous or noxious fumes. The petroleum products are trapped and removed from the building in a way that does not cause environmental problems.



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#### Crucial agreement

Dear Editor:

During a recent visit, my 15-year-old granddaughter drove to town on HWY 84. Armed with her learner's permit and less than 20 practice hours, she negotiated the twists, dips, and confusion of cars, trucks, RVs and motorcycles streaming past at 65 mph.

As one car safely passed another, she ventured this thought: "The only thing keeping us from killing each other is an agreement about those lines." Refraining from pointing out that a few lunatics blatantly disregard the lines, I concurred.

It was later that the broader implication of her comment struck me. A society protects its members by agreeing about basic lines. We

conform, however reluctantly, because to make our own rules is chaotic. We may grumble and feel aggrieved at times, but most of us refrain from outward threats and attacks.

I wish everyone could spend a week with a 15-year-old. Observe the optimism, the open-mindedness, and the sincere desire to fit in. At 15, most kids have an unjaded attitude toward their world. They know that their successes are due to their own efforts. They've learned that lies aren't effective in the long run, that most people are decent, and that different ideas are interesting, not threatening. They've developed a robust BS detector, so they're not easily manipulated. It's refreshing.

Americans need to get back to accepting basic lines as the crucial agreement that keeps us from savaging one another. A return to civility is urgently needed to restore and refresh our democracy. We need to rely on common sense instead of social media, and we need to stop labeling each other. It would help if we all lightened up.

A century ago, Will Rogers put politics into perspective when he famously said: I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

K. Muth

#### God's neighborhoods

Dear Editor:

We just said "farewell" to our Methodist Minister, Leighton Mekeal and wife, Suzy. They will be greatly missed by all and our best wishes to with them for a very safe and happy retirement. I know they will continue to stay busy, doing good deeds, in their retirement community. We now have welcomed Rev. Danial, his wife Amanda and their adorable little

For those who area newcomers to the community, here is a little history. When the Methodists and Presbyterians were moving West, they signed an agreement that where one was, the other would not go — their membership requirements and order of worship were so near the same, why would they want to divide a small population? So, it is interesting, as one drives around the state, in those small communities, you will not find both — only in the cities. So, you newcomers, will find many Presbyterians who are now members of the Methodist Church. Unity through Christ — We like that.

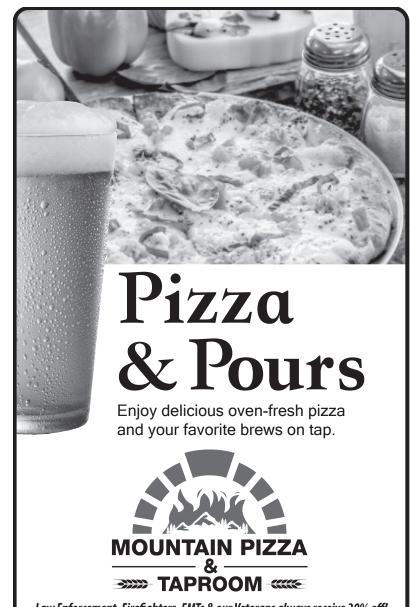
When we first came here in the late 1970s, there were only three

churches in town. All were located on Lewis Street and were "good neighbors" — supported one another, borrowed tables and chairs for special occasions, etc. Then, as the town population grew, mostly West of town, two of them decided to build bigger churches out West to convenience the growth out there. However, the Methodist Church has such a deep history from the beginning of Pagosa as a mere "village". Their members believed their early history requires that their church building remain in the original town area, serving the needs of the community as well as their members. They also have sponsored our Boy Scout Troop since the very early days of Scouting in this country and many Scouts have earned the prestigious Eagle Badge over the years.

Let's keep in mind that all are God's children. Today, with growth in population, there are many more churches here. I like to consider each as a family home within a neighborhood in God's world, each one enjoying the "traditional" Worship Service familiar to their family members while continuing the early day tradition of being good neighbors to all while spreading God's love around.

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#### Fulton promoted to captain with Pagosa Fire Protection District

Pagosa Fire Protection District

The Pagosa Fire Protection District proudly announces the promotion of Devin Fulton from lieutenant to captain effective Aug. 8.

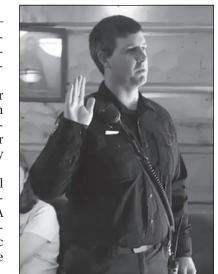
Fulton began his volunteer firefighting career with the PFPD in August 2014. He was hired as a fulltime paid firefighter in November 2017. His primary responsibility will be management of A Shift.

Each shift is assigned collateral duties to keep the department running smoothly and efficiently; A Shift is responsible for the purchasing and maintenance of BLS (basic life support) and first response medical equipment.

Fulton is qualified as a structure firefighter and wildland firefighter. He has additional training in vehicle extrication, hazardous materials, swift water rescue and ice rescue. He currently holds certificates for Fire Officer I and Instructor I.

Deputy Chief Karn Macht said, "Captain Fulton has been leading A Shift for over a year and during that time has met all requirements to be promoted to the captain position. He is an asset to the department."

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### **Obituaries**

#### **Robert Leigh** Arnold

In loving memory of Robert Leigh Arnold:

Robert is son of James Ven Ar-

nold 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 (Mc-Cullah). 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 Veterans in 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

#### 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 international 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 greatgrandchildren 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 greatgrandchildren and two great-greatgrandchildren.

#### **Obituaries**

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#### 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 a stay-at-home mom,

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

#### Jonathan (Jon) **Martin Montoya**

Our family would like friends and family who knew Jonathan (Jon) Martin Montoya to join us

for graveside service at Hilltop Cemetery on Aug. 26 at noon.

The service will be followed by dinner served by the Guadalupanas at the Methodist Church. Din-

ner will be potluck style.

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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.

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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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### Business

### Sales tax revenues down 2.4 percent in June

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

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

Sales tax revenues previously fell by 4 percent in May compared to

The report notes that the town and the county jointly received \$1,675,610 in gross sales tax revenue for the month of June, with \$836,245 going to the town and \$839,365 going to the county.

June gross sales tax revenues are 2.4 percent, or \$40,627, lower than June 2022.

This is a reminder to our busi-

ness community to get your feed-

back to the Town of Pagosa Springs

on its upcoming Land Use and De-

velopment Code (LUDC) changes

along the U.S. 160 corridor are

annexed into the town. Therefore,

these changes affect our business

community. Whether in support

of or commenting on the proposed

changes, your business voice is

changes proposed. The town is

looking for business input. How

can you find out about the pro-

posed changes? The easiest way

to find the proposed LUDC sign

code and other changes is at www.

mypagosa.org/ludc-update. At this

website, you can give your input on

the sign changes as well as other

topics in the draft.

Of special note are the sign

The majority of businesses

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Pagosa Springs Area

Chamber of Commerce

by Friday, Aug. 18.

important.

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

• Construction at 16 percent, or

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 162 percent. or \$17,868.

Categories that were down for June in the month-to-month com-

• Manufacturing at 21 percent,

• Retail Trade at 1 percent, or

• Finance and Insurance at 34 percent, or \$822.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 21 percent, or \$10,356.

 Accommodation and Food Services at 2 percent, or \$8,281. • Miscellaneous at 11 percent, or

The report notes that on the year-

are 4.1 percent, or \$340,034, lower than January through June 2022. According to the report, the

comparison include: • Finance and Insurance at 4

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 184 percent,

could be 20 or 16 square feet to bet-

ter align with the character of the

district. Verbiage on the sign is also

specified to be "content neutral" to

your sign and the signs around

your business and interpret how

these changes might positively

or negatively affect your business

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ensure freedom of speech.

• Other Services (except public administration) at 9 percent, or \$10,451.

The categories down in the yearto-date comparison include:

• Construction at 5 percent, or

Manufacturing at 17 percent,

• Retail Trade at 5 percent, or \$223,013.

• Information at 3 percent, or \$5,015.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 23 percent, or \$44,872. Accommodation and Food

Services at 6 percent, or \$83,985. • Miscellaneous at 1 percent, or

#### • Other Services (except public administration) at 23 percent, or to-date comparison, sales tax reveor \$56,334. the previous year. nues for January through June of 2023

parison include: categories that are up in the yearly

The town's objectives for the What may have been 25 square feet

• Information at 12 percent, or

proposed sign code changes are

intended to preserve and maintain

our mountain town aesthetic while

balancing business owners' needs

for effective and attractive signage.

Primary changes include aligning

sign heights and overall sizes with

Signs can be a powerful indica-

tor for pedestrian-oriented areas

versus auto-centric ones, which

impact safety and creates a sense

of place. The proposed changes

result in more, but smaller, sign

districts. Specific standards for

height and size are tailored to

those districts and corresponding

vehicle speeds. Keep in mind, the

LUDC only applies to properties

in the town boundary and not in

unincorporated Archuleta County.

free speech rights are preserved

and protected by eliminating any

content-specific regulations. For

example, in some sign areas, the

signage proposal is to reduce the

square footage in height and width.

The other objective is to ensure

vehicle speeds.

percent, or \$297.

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MLS 803367

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### Commissioners discuss transit facility costs, road grants

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update on the construction of the county transit facility and discussed letters of support for grants for County Road (CR) 500 at its Aug. 8 work session.

The update was delivered by Public Works Director Kevin Pogue and consultant Laura Vanoni.

Vanoni opened the discussion by explaining that the first bid by contractor FCI Constructors came in at approximately \$5.5 million, exceeding the \$4.6 million budget the county had informed the contractor of.

She stated that, with changes, the price had been lowered to \$5.2 million and that additional changes would be made before a final number is presented, with the final price not to exceed \$5.1 million.

Pogue explained that one of the major elements increasing the cost of the project is the site work, with difficult conditions and an expected cost of approximately \$1 million.

Pogue added that the county could potentially reduce the cost by assisting with the site work, which he indicated is one of the few items he could think of large enough to substantially reduce the cost.

Commissioner Veronica Medina questioned why the cost of the project had increased since the initial

Pogue explained that the bids from subcontractors had been higher than expected, with Vanoni adding that the subcontractors being busy and not having enough staff was stated to be a primary driver of the increased costs.

Vanoni added that limited numbers of subcontractor bids and the requirements of Davis-Bacon wages

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"I am deeply honored to have been invited to join the bank's board of

Art Chase, founder and president of Bank of the San Juans, said,

"Tami brings a breadth of experience to our board, both as a former

directors," said Duke. "Having been part of the bank's journey since its

bank vice president Tami Duke to its board of directors.

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banker and as a successful business person.'

are also drivers of the costs.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked how FCI had not known about the higher costs when it submitted the initial estimate.

Pogue and Vanoni stated that they had had an initial estimate, but that the unexpectedly high subcontractor bids raised the price.

"I feel like this is a bait and switch situation and ... I'm more willing to go with the second bid in there and not play this game," Brown said. "They knew where our budget was. They didn't submit this ... bid two years ago, they submitted this bid in a timely way knowing when it was going to start. I feel like they're kind of holding us at ransom here."

Brown added that he would be willing to delay the fall construction date until spring as he felt the cost increase was "unreasonable."

Pogue stated that he agreed with Brown and proposed that the county "sit on it" and see what changes in prices occur instead of going with a different contractor.

Medina raised concerns that the delay might increase the cost, and Pogue responded that beginning next year in the spring when the subcontractors are less busy could lead to better bids.

Pogue added that the delay of switching contractors could cause additional delays by pushing the project later in the year.

Maez commented that he would prefer going with the second bidder as he feels the project needs to continue progressing.

Pogue explained that the second contractor, Buildings by Design, also appeared to be qualified to finish the project.

Brown commented that the cost increases seemed excessive, and Pogue added that he felt the contractor should be doing more work to figure out how to lower the cost

instead of county staff doing the majority of the work.

In response to a question from Maez, Vanoni explained that there is not a grant deadline for the project as long as the county continues work on it.

Pogue proposed that the county contact the second bidder and get a cost estimate from them to see if their cost would be similar.

County Manager Derek Woodman noted that the county already cut \$300,000 from the project before it was put out to bid and that the changes that FCI Constructors was proposing were "impractical" and not likely to result in the savings the county needs.

Maez stated that his direction would be to reach out to the second contractor and get numbers from

Pogue commented that, with the delays, little would likely be accomplished this year, which Medina stated she would be "OK" with.

At the Aug. 15 BoCC work session, Transportation Director Kevin Bruce spoke to the board about the transit facility construction process, commenting that there had been recent changes to the FCI Constructors bid and that he wished to review those before the board moves forward.

The BoCC expressed agreement with this proposal.

Additionally, Medina raised the issue of if it would be better to relocate the transit center to another location, such as an open lot on North Pagosa Boulevard between Village Drive and Country Center Drive.

She cited concerns about the costs of excavation in the current location in Harman Park, as well as the lack of options for growth in the

Maez and Brown expressed limited support for this proposal, commenting that the process may be too far along to relocate the building and that the cost of acquiring a lot to house the center might nullify the savings created by the move.

Woodman also highlighted that the Harman Park site would potentially have more room for expansion

now that the county administration building will likely be located in a different part of the park.

Bruce noted that a relocation would require additional consultation with the Colorado Department of Transportation and the department's approval.

#### Road grants

Also at the Aug. 8 meeting, Pogue  $\,$ and Vanoni presented on applications for the U.S. Department of Transportation Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) and Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program grants for work on CR 500 and requested letters of support for the grants.

He explained that the PROTECT grant would provide design and engineering funding for work on the lower end of CR 500 while the rural and tribal assistance grant would cover planning for the upper portion of CR 500.

Vanoni explained that the PRO-TECT grant focuses on resiliency and that it would fund upgrading the existing National Environmental Protection Act study, fund creating final design drawings for repairing the slough-off area on the lower portion of CR 500 and to replace failing culverts.

She explained that the planning allowed by this grant would allow the county to later pursue funding for construction on these projects.

Vanoni stated that the rural and tribal assistance grant would assist with paving upper CR 500 to at least the landfill.

She added that she felt the application would be strong due to the number of entities in support of the project.

"We're just trying to offset some of these costs," Pogue said.

The group briefly discussed a training session connected to bridge construction grants before concluding the topic.

Maez signed the letters of support on Aug. 8 and the letters were ratified at the Aug. 15 BoCC meeting.

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Chamber of Commerce at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. To register, visit www. pagosachamber.com and go to the events calendar and click on the class listed on Aug. 30.

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### ■ Continued from A5

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For ColorFest, there are a number of various tasks you can volunteer for including decorating, set-up, clean-up, or helping our restaurants or brewers.

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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.

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### Findings released on opioid and substance use disorder treatment in southwest Colorado

By Hailey Sams SUN Intern

In 2021, opioid overdose deaths accounted for 68 percent of all drug overdose deaths in Colorado with 1,289 deaths, according to KFF, a policy analysis, polling, journalism and public health information organization.

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado recently released the results of its feasibility report outlining opioid and other substance misuse gaps to help identify viable, sustainable, substance treatment solutions for our rural region.

According to the press release, "The findings and recommendations will inform the Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) to administer opioid funding in the region.'

SWORD, it explains, was formed as a requirement of the Colorado Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding.

The feasibility study and report was conducted and written by Health Management Associates (HMA), it notes.

The findings in the Region 9 report show that opioid overdose deaths have increased dramatically

since 2017 in southwest Colorado. 2021 showed the highest numbers, with half of all drug overdose deaths being opioids.

#### Key findings

Key findings in the report in-

- An increasing trend in drug overdose deaths in Region 9, similar to trajectories seen statewide.
- · Opioid overdose-related deaths were higher in Region 9 than alcohol-related deaths.
- The death rate from alcohol overdose was significantly higher in Region 9 than in the state.
- Males had significantly higher drug overdose death rates than
- Native American residents in Region 9 had a higher rate of overdose deaths compared with that of other Region 9 residents, driven in part by methamphetamines (or other psychostimulants) and

#### Regional strengths

alcohol.

According to the report, Region 9 has several strengths when it comes to recovery and support for opioid and substance users:

- Peer-support models.
- Street medicine team, which

provides care and resources for people experiencing homeless-

• Committed organizations. • Existing LGBTQ+ and tribal resources.

#### Regional gaps

The report also states that Region 9 has gaps that could limit recovery and support:

- Affordable housing.
- Living-wage jobs. • Social/community connec-
- Access to treatment and recovery services for priority populations, including LGBTQ+ and Na-
- tive American communities.. Distance to services

#### Regional challenges

Region 9 has other challenges that make it more difficult for support and recovery, according to the report:

• Stigma continues to be a challenge throughout the region.

In the assessment of Southwestern Colorado Opioid Overdose Planning, when asked about stigma, about 10 percent suggested strong blame for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD).

• Difficulty coordinating shared

**Strengthening Region 9** 

measurements for success.

The findings of the report help identify what needs to be done to improve Region 9 and provide better access and support for opioid and substance users. From the report, the recommendations for improving Region 9 are:

- Map the Region 9 SUD/opioid use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery ecosystem.
  - Mobile methadone clinic.
- Establish regional care com-
- · Collaborate with the assessment work underway with tribal partners.
- Consider opportunities to collaborate with neighboring regions and tribal partners to improve feasibility estimates for inpatient residential, crisis stabilization, and other services and supports.

#### For more information

The report and report summary can be found at https://www.region9edd.org/sword.

Anyone interested in attending SWORD meetings or needing more information can call Region 9 at (970) 247-9621 or go to Contact Region 9 at region9edd.org.

The notification points out

"Anyone who uses this information

to harass, threaten, or intimidate a

registered sex offender, the person's

family, or anyone involved in the

offender's management will be

notes the law enforcement agency

has no legal authority over where a

sex offender lives and that, unless

court restrictions exist, the individual is "constitutionally free" to

It adds sex offenders "have al-

ways lived in our communities"

live where they choose.

The notification bulletin further

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#### Police department issues notification of sexually violent predator of a sex offense that requires law under supervision.

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) has issued a community notification of a sexually violent predator.

The notification is stated to be pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 16-13-901 through 16-13-905, which it notes "authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public about a sex offender's release when the offender has been notifications "have been convicted

determined to he a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP). The purpose of this notification is to enhance public safety."

The notification in-

dicates that individuals

depicted in



Rudolph Candelaria

people have been determined to present a high potential to reoffend and are, therefore, subject to community notification regarding their residence within the community." The notification bulletin indi-

enforcement registration. These

cates that Rudolph Candelaria, 53, who was convicted of sexual assault, has a residence address of

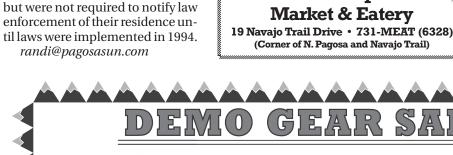
It notes he is on parole with the Department of Corrections and is

Wednesday. A second incident is reported to have occurred on Aug. 6, with the incident report stating a man reported that three of his goats were

and were found in an open pasture.

It indicates the responding deputy observed a small entrance wound consistent with the size of a .22 long rifle and the third goat had a small entrance wound above its left eye also consistent with a .22 long rifle.

The report later notes no shell casings were located on or recovered from the property, and it adds the deputy was unable to confirm that bullets were the cause of death for the animals.





#### Sheriff's office investigates animal cruelty cases dog's X-rays showed possible bullet

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office recently looking into a pair of incidents of alleged animal cruelty. The first incident was reported

on Aug. 4. According to an incident report, Elk Park Animal Hospital reported a dog, reported to be a 2-year-old pit bull, that was brought in with

noie in its tongue. The report further indicates the

a gunshot wound to the leg and a

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**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office** Calls for service for week: 326. Aug. 5 — All other thefts, County

Road 302. Aug. 5 — Found property, Treasure Falls.

Aug. 6 - Criminal mischief, theftmotor vehicle parts/accessories from vehicle, U.S. 84. Aug. 7 — Second-degree assault-

caused intended serious injury, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/ kicks, Valley View Drive. Aug. 7 — Open container in a motor vehicle, illegal possession or consump-

tion of alcohol by minor, drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, countywide curfews, Ute Drive/Bill's Place. Aug. 7 — Warrant arrest, County

Road 700/West View Road. Aug. 7 — Burning without a permit, burning during stage 2 or 3 ban, Lazy

Aug. 8 — Resisting arrest, obstructing peace officer/police animal, fireman, Navajo Trail Drive/Hopi Drive.

Aug. 8 - Warrant arrest, Bastille Drive/Seminole Drive. Aug. 9 - Information only, County

Road 600/Back Swing Drive. Aug. 9 — Unlawful activity selling of land, Buttercup Drive.

Aug. 9 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard. Aug. 9 — Agency assist, West U.S.

Aug. 10 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, West U.S. 160. Aug. 10 — Domestic violence,

harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, Cool Pines Drive

Aug. 10 — Found property, defacing a firearm, County Road 400. Aug. 10 - Information only, East

U.S. 160. Aug. 11 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), Harman Park Drive.

fragments, as well as a shattered radius and ulna. According to the report, the

veterinarian noted he had seen similar lacerations to the tongue caused by objects such as a stick in the dog's mouth that caught on another object, but that he could not verify the cause of the pit bull's tongue injury.

The report further notes the veterinarians were directed to hold the dog while the investigation continued.

It further explains a deputy made contact with the dog's owner, who reported the dog had been under the care of another individual and the dog was already injured when he picked it up.

The report added the owner "appeared very nervous" while speaking to the deputy and did not appear very concerned about the dog.

It further indicates the deputy "found it odd" that the owner did not question the person he'd left the dog under the care of about the injuries.

The report notes the case was turned over to the animal control special deputy. The status of the investigation

was not available by press time

found dead with bullet holes. The report notes the three goats were approximately 5 or 6 years old

The report notes the case was closed with no leads to follow. randi@pagosasun.com

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#### Fires

A smoke outlook for the Quartz Ridge and Bear Creek fires is available at https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/933fc4e4.

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

smoke and its impacts on health, go to https://www.colorado.gov/pacif-

The Town of Pagosa Springs is anticipated to discuss entering into Stage 1 restrictions at its Aug. 17 meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### **Quartz Ridge Fire**

discovered on Aug. 5.

AWednesday morning update on the fire lists it at 1,440 acres, up from 1,133 acres a week prior, with no

The Aug. 16 update explains the fire is burning in steep terrain and "Indirect suppression tactics are the safest approach since significant (almost 90%) tree mortality exists which creates a potential for burning and falling trees."

Multi-Mission Aircraft flight indicated there was no new growth to

tween Harman Park Drive and South

10th Street, it notes. Also expect de-

lays on U.S. 84 between Light Plant

Road and the rodeo grounds/Mill

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 consid-

ered an oversize load when it travels

through town to its new home. The

move will also require close coor-

dination and associated work with

state, county and municipal agen-

cies; multiple utility companies;

local schools; and all area residents,

Harman house where Fred Harman

VID emergency, and to have a "con-

structive dialogue" about potential

refinements to policies for future

these discussions and recommen-

dations to be guided by the BoH's

commitment to prioritizing the

well-being of staff and the citizens

of Archuleta and La Plata counties.

nize differences in opinion while

we continue to have collaborative

decision-making," Byrd concluded.

"We all share — I know this for cer-

tain — a common desire to elevate

the public health services in the two

counties for the remaining time

that [SJBPH] is in operation. I hope

that we can cordially navigate the

conversation around the receiver's

report, using it as a means to make

strategic changes that can enhance

our readiness and response to future

sions of the report, beginning by

noting that the report is "controver-

sial" and that the pandemic was an

of the specifics of the EC program

(see the Aug. 10 issue of The SUN)

and that, with better transparency,

the board could have stopped or

the high costs of the COVID response

and that detecting the amount of EC

amount of EC paid was not problem-

atic, but the payments being heavily

the BoH would have become aware

of the payments and the receivers

only found the payments due to

the rules and provided adequate

documentation, and the report

focused on former executive direc-

tor Liane Jollon as she oversaw the

program, earned the highest amount

of EC payments "by far" and worked

many hours with often poor docu-

Raile stated most staff followed

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approved the payments.

The notice also outlines that the

the wildfire. The southeast corner of this fire is showing a reduction in the heat, while the west and north sections are showing a slight increase of heat. The three spot fires on the northeast side of Quartz Creek are showing less and less heat and are producing minimal smoke. Over the next week we will see the fire slowly start to become a little more active and see more smoke."

The update notes the plan for Wednesday included, among other things, continuing work to reduce fuel load along trails and continuing suppression tactic reviews with the objective of keeping the fire south of East Fork Road.

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

#### **Bear Creek Fire**

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

An Aug. 16 update lists the lightning-caused fire at 408 acres, up from 283 acres on Aug. 9, with no containment.

The Weminuche Valley is under pre-evacuation notice, it notes.

The update indicates firefighters are still unable to directly engage the fire due to the steep, remote terrain and "heavy fuel loading of dead standing and down trees.

It adds, "The potential for spread remains in Bear Creek towards the Little Sand and Shaw Creek trails."

It also notes there was one new start in the area, which "was basically a single tree that was struck by lightning.'

A fire area closure is in effect. More on the closure boundaries can be found at https://www. fs.usda.gov/alerts/sanjuan/alertsnotices/?aid=82327.

#### Mosca Fire

According to Bear Creek Fire updates, another fire, the Mosca Fire, began on Aug. 7.

The Aug. 16 update notes the Mosca Fire is "burning slowly in a remote area northwest of Bear Creek near Slide Mountain in steep terrain. There has been little active heat or movement on this fire.'

#### **New Mexico fires**

#### **Rim Fire**

The Rim Fire, burning in San Juan County, N.M., was reported at 7 p.m. on Aug. 13, according to an update from the Bureau of Land Manage-

The update lists the location as on the north side of N.M. 511, approximately one mile south of the Colorado border.

As of Aug. 14, the most recent update available, the fire was approximately 50 feet by 50 feet with no containment.

It was caused by a lightning strike, according to the update.

The update notes, "Fire managers will suppress the fire by utilizing this occurrence to benefit resource habitat in accordance with local management plans. Resource management objectives would allow the fire to aid in minimizing the presence of the encroaching pinon-juniper species while promoting the growth of mountain mahogany and oak brush for wildlife."

#### **West Fork Fire**

The final update on the lightningcaused West Fork Fire was issued on Aug. 11.

The fire is located in San Juan County, N.M., 8 miles north of the Navajo Dam, near mile marker 20, and approximately 6 miles south of

The reported start date of the fire

the state line.

was 5 p.m. on Aug. 7. The final update lists the fire at 43

acres and 90 percent containment. As of Aug. 11, the fire was exhibit-

ing low fire behavior associated with winds produced by passing thunderstorms, the update explains.

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

#### American Mesa Fire

"There is light at the end of the tunnel for the American Mesa Fire as the crews have brought the fire

to 82% containment," an Aug. 14 update from the Carson National Forest in New Mexico states. "The size remains at 386 acres.'

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

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

The Aug. 14 update notes the fire managers released all air resources as of Aug. 13.

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### Overlay.

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trees within the existing 40-foot setback requirement by adding a 60-foot setback requirement for secondary improvements, like parking lots and accessory structures, and by creating 100-foot "buffer zones" for additional improvements, focusing on tree preservation, the presentation states.

The boundaries of the proposed overlay district would stretch from 10th Street to Piedra Road along the U.S. 160 corridor.

A presentation at earlier Pagosa Springs Town Council and planning commission work sessions states that the new overlay district considers incorporating the following design considerations:

· "Protect and enhance forested areas with setbacks and buffers."

· "Require secondary local road networks for connectivity in coordination with the CDOT [Colorado Department of Transportation] Access Control Plan."

 "Consider design standards to protect trees and view corridors from public spaces for future development."

A letter sent to residents and landowners in the corridor states that the new overlay district would "consider architectural and site planning design guidelines that are complementary to and protect the natural surrounding."

But property owners at the Aug. 8 meeting argued that adding regulations to the area is an infringement on their private property rights.

Planning commissioner Mark Weiler took the side of these property owners, telling them that "you should organize together and defend your private property rights - aggressively." Opponents of the new regulations

suggested that limiting what owners can and cannot do on their properties would amount to a seizure of private property without compensation. Some also expressed concern that

shrinking the amount of developable acreage would devalue the properties along the corridor. Community Development Direc-

tor James Dickhoff explained that the effort to preserve trees along the corridor and create a secondary road network are part of an overall community goal established in the vision of the town's comprehensive plan of 2018, which resulted from multiple meetings and input from various public and private stakeholders.

Dickhoff explained that the Put Hill Overlay District is an effort to codify this community vision.

He said, "The comp plan, for us, is fairly clear. We just want to make sure that the language is clear enough for staff, applicants and the board as we see applications come in. We want to make sure we are meeting the intent of the comp plan.'

Senior Planner Karl Onsager suggested that the effort to preserve the natural feel is not an attempt to stifle business development in the area, but was a chance for the town to "build smartly" and reinforce the community vision of the comprehensive plan.

Both Dickhoff and Onsager explained at various points that the Planning Department would take a site-specific approach and that the language in the code would give the developers some flexibility to build within the zone, but with the trees

Onsager stated that new development would become "a bit more of a negotiation."

If a new developer submitted plans threatening a stand of mature trees, for example, the department would ask the developer if they could "move something a little bit to preserve more of those trees," Onsager said.

He called this "a specific site design" approach.

The goal is "not to preserve every tree, but simply to say, where we can, let's maintain some" of those trees, he expressed, adding the department's intention is to "balance some semblance of a tree corridor, while

allowing for commercial viability."

The department wants to avoid "clear-cutting up and down that corridor," he said. Once the meeting opened up to questions from the planning com-

missioners, Weiler stated that he is "very sensitive to an uncompensated taking of private property rights." He suggested that "you are restricting someone from using" par-

ticular parts of their property. "Unless we as a community are willing to pay the people to take the development right away from them, I don't think this is fair to the property

owners," he argued. Dickhoff replied that the 40-foot setback along the highway is already an existing requirement that comes with buying property along CDOT's highway corridor.

He added this setback requirement would not be changing.

He added that the Planning Department is merely trying to ask new developers to provide "a reason" for cutting down trees.

It's "haphazard" cutting that the overlay intends to stop, he noted.

Onsager agreed that the language on the buffer zone provides "contextspecific" flexibility and shouldn't be too burdensome for developers.

He added that if a new development cannot move forward without cutting down trees, then "the [code] language would agree" that the development can still "move forward."

The department just wants to know why a new development needs to cut down trees, he noted.

He acknowledged that this would "add a little bit more complexity to an application," but that the overall benefit would be worth it.

Planning commissioner Chris Pitcher expressed worry that this flexibility would be more available to larger landowners than the smaller properties.

However, he also said, "As long as there's a way for the development to still happen, I think it's worth taking the time to think about how we affect that view corridor." When the meeting opened to

public comment, property owner Brad Seidel complained that, after all the setback and buffer requirements, his buildable acreage would be greatly reduced and, as a result, "it would cost us around \$800,000."

He spoke about not knowing where the secondary road network will go, imploring the Planning Department to "figure out where the roads are going. Figure out a way to fund them."

He said, "We still don't know where the road is going and we don't have funding for it."

He further expressed criticism of the Planning Department's standpoint that the "landowner bears the cost" of building the new road.

"Not only do we lose \$800,000 of property value, I now have to pay for a road? Ladies and gentlemen, going back to eighth-grade civics class, you can't take private property without compensation," he argued.

James Ward, another property owner, alleged that the secondary road network through the Put Hill area would end up cutting down more trees than new development on the properties.

Property owner Mike Davis suggested, "Instead of penalizing people, maybe you should reward them" by giving "general credits for preserving these larger trees."

On the Access Control Plan, Dickhoff clarified that the 2010 plan including a proposal for a secondary coad network — was adopted by three government entities (CDOT, the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County) and that the provisions in the plan would remain in place regardless of whether the Put Hill Overlay District is created.

"I think there's some misconception" that this secondary road plan is a new thing. "It's been in place since 2010," he said.

He informed property owners that the "requirement is in place, it will still be in place, so I just wanted to make that clarification."

The Access Control Plan "does

impact these properties, just as it does every other property between here [downtown] and Trails Boule-

Onsager informed the those present at the meeting that staff would be removing the language around the Access Control Plan in the Put Hill Overlay District draft language in an attempt to clear up the misconception that there would be new requirements in the code.

Onsager also noted he wanted to clarify the difference between regular property owners and developers in the Access Control Plan.

"A lot of what the Access Control Plan is reliant on is not property openers, it's developers," he said.

He added that those who own property along this corridor today and do not develop ... these provisions" will not apply. "Just because you are a property

that tomorrow ... you'd need to build a road." But, if "you sell to a developer, well, that developer ... should build

that cost into their pro forma and

owner on the corridor does not mean

consider that as they move forward.' Dickhoff added that a future secondary road network will be "our bypass, so that, eventually, locals don't have to get on the highway to get around town and there's emergency routes when something's happening

on the highway." He added that town attorney Bob Cole reviewed the plan and "totally supports it," while also mentioning that Cole found no legal "red flags' concerning "[property] takings or

any of that. Overall, Pitcher explained that he supported the sentiment to preserve the tree corridor as established in the Comprehensive Plan of 2018.

Planning commissioner Peter Adams also supported the idea and suggested that the vision of the plan should be kept "front and center" during the LUDC adoption process.

But Pitcher also said, "What I think has been exposed tonight" is that "this might not be the right time" to adopt a Put Hill Overlay District, citing the remaining uncertainty about the secondary road network and concerns of local property

He added he needs more feedback and public participation before "we can figure this out."

Dickhoff acknowledged that "we shouldn't hold up" the adoption of the entire LUDC just "for the Put Hill

Overlay District.' He expressed he was surprised by the "pushback we are getting," since the language of the Put Hill Overlay District is based on a community vision established in the comprehensive plan, "adopted through a very visible and transparent community

process. "We didn't just make this stuff up. We are just trying to codify what the community vision was that was adopted in the comp plan," he said.

He added he had hoped to hear ideas from the planning commission about what the property owners "might be receptive to, but I think what you are hearing is, probably not much."

He further noted he expected constructive feedback on the issue, but "if we are not going to get to that point, then we can certainly delay [the Put Hill Overlay District] for future consideration.

Onsager agreed, saying, "This seems like something that would derail and put risk on the entire [LUDC] adoption process."

Adams lamented, "It's hard to codify a vision in our community."

The Planning Department is now seeking guidance from town council on if it should even move forward with a new Put Hill Overlay District as part of the ongoing LUDC update process, or if it should "take this out" of the process altogether to "revisit it" at a later date, Onsager explained.

Adoption of the new LUDC is scheduled for a public hearing at a Sept. 12 planning commission meeting, and for first and second readings at town council's October meetings.

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#### She noted that questions were

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For more information on wildfire

ic/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health. Town to consider fire restrictions

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

containment.

The update further states, "A

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Creek Road.

house "used to sit out in San Juan River Village ... the Harman Ranch

was out there." Another building is the Ruby Sisson schoolhouse, which used to be in the Upper Blanco area.

"There's still a lot of people who live in Pagosa that actually schooled under Ruby or knew her very well," Ford explained.

The final building is the Smith "It used to sit out by where Parellis is at," Ford said. "It was definitely pre-1900 because the gentlemen that sold it, Old Man Smith, his son shot a sheep herder ... and then went to jail and they were trying to keep him out

of jail and they took on so much debt ... they lost their house and ranch." Ford also explained why the

"Fred Harman III ... had a vision of creating an old west town ... he just never quite could get to the next step, so we're hoping to take a small portion of the rodeo grounds ... and we'll fix them up ... to more of what they looked like in the 1890s or 1900s, whenever they were actually built," Ford said.

In the future, there are plans to move another building, which will have to be taken apart and transported this winter. The buildings will be restored, with some of the original furniture and objects to create a walk through time when you enter the

old town. If additional information is required, contact Kyle Brookens with Pagosa Cattle Co. at construction@ pagosalandcompany.com or (970) 264-5000.

grew up, according to JR Ford. The buildings are being relocated.

Jollon authorized and approved the payments and was thus responsible. have been handled better, specifi-**Executive Director Tiffany Switzer** 

do is learn from the events, which

she believed the board was doing. position to public health" — which she denied — and noted her deep

Porter-Norton added she was pleased that Switzer was looking at policy changes and stated the BoH's task is to supervise the director and that the board should have known

about the EC payments to Jollon.

Goldman agreed with Porter-Norton that anything learned or changed from the report would benefit both the BoH and the employees

learning opportunity," Byrd said.

mittee chair Terryl Peterson noted the committee did not ask about the EC payouts, but that she was confident such information would have been provided upon request and that there were conversations at BoH meetings during the pandemic about the number of hours staff were

raised about the EC documentation of clarity with the policy and payand payments of certain other staff but commented that, in her view,

"It's up to the [BoH] to determine what to do about this, if anything, but I think we can all agree that it could cally with more transparency along the way," Raile said, adding Interim provided suggestions to correct the policy, including a requirement for

SJBPH to provide additional details whenever a budget variance occurs. Raile concluded by stating the most important thing the BoH could

La Plata County commissioner and BoH member Marsha Porter-Norton commented that she and BoH member and Archuleta County Commissioner Warren Brown have been portrayed as "being in op-

respect for Jollon and SJBPH staff.

She stated that she wanted to learn from previous events and implement changes to ensure the BoH is aware of such payments in the future, adding that these issues would also be relevant to La Plata

"This was a painful but great

BoH treasurer and Finance Com-

ments was due to the confusion surrounding the duration of the COVID emergency and the challenges of keeping up with the demands of the

pandemic. Byrd then outlined the phases of an emergency according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including a preparation phase, a phase during the emergency and a recovery phase, which she noted can

last as long as the emergency phase. She noted that money from federal emergencies is distributed throughout an organization and impacts all portions of it and that the BoH had left many of the details of the administration of the funds

to the discretion of the executive Byrd commented that, if the question was if Jollon made "too much money" from EC payments and if the time she charged was appropriate for her role as leader of the emergency response, she felt that, if the management of COVID-19 was effective, it would be difficult to

raise objections about the number of hours Jollon worked. BoH member Bob Ledger asked, "What is it precisely that we're troubled by? She claimed too many hours and made too much money? ... She stole money? What are we

talking about?' Porter-Norton commented that she did not want to personalize the conversation to Jollon since, as fiduciary agents of SJBPH, the BoH should not create policy around a personality, but that her concerns were about if the EC payments followed policy and were properly documented.

Ledger asked how much money was involved, adding, "Is there any suggestion that it was done in some underhanded manner that's tantamount to criminal behavior?" Porter-Norton suggested that was

an important question for the BoH

Byrd stated Jollon received about \$215,000 over three years. Ledger noted Jollon appeared to work long hours and "took a lot

Peterson added that part of lack See Policy A9

to answer.

### Policy.

of umbrage from a lot of different

people. BoH member Jon Bruss commented that he felt the BoH was "broadly aware" that there were funds available for the pandemic and were paid out to staff, which he stated the board seemed to agree

He added he believed the payments fit within the general policy and the board should focus on moving forward with the dissolution instead of reworking policies.

The BoH then heard comments from former BoH chair Ann Bruzzese, who served through 2021, and former La Plata County commissioner and BoH member Gwen Lachelt, who both stated that they knew about the EC policy and that it was in use during the pandemic.

They added that the BoH could have done better requesting documentation and that Jollon worked extensive hours.

Lachelt expressed support for the suggestion to focus on the dissolution instead of policy revisions.

Brown suggested the issue came down to accountability to his constituents and his desire to have clear

He added that the EC payments were an issue because the compensation was not well known or communicated and that he wanted to have answers to "belay the concerns" of his constituents.

He also noted that documentation is key to emergency response and there are mechanisms for documenting time effectively.

Brown added that he desires to do the dissolution "right," adding, "I'm not looking for anybody's head to roll. What I'm looking for is enough information that I can deliver it without a good or a bad spin on it. Just the information."

In response to a question from Byrd, Brown stated that he wanted to gather additional information on the EC payments before making a judgment about the program.

The board then heard and discussed several questions from Brown, including about how many non-hourly employees received EC, how the compensation was calculated and if the BoH approved this amount of compensation, and how

the EC time was documented.

Porter-Norton noted that she was not looking for "illegality" and moving forward is critical.

The board then discussed a variety of clarifying questions about the report, after which Porter-Norton expressed her appreciation for the tone and civility of the discussion and that she wished that she had known about the EC payments when discussing and voting on pay increases for Jollon in 2021 and 2022.

Byrd then attempted to summarize the conclusions of the BoH, outlining that the board could do nothing, decide to make changes to the personnel and board policies, or continue a legal investigation and take legal action, although she noted that she had not heard anyone promote the latter course of action.

Bvrd added that she felt that BoH members were "pointing towards" directing staff to make changes to the personnel policies and potentially the board policies.

Porter-Norton expressed agreement with Bruss that the board should not make major changes but that the BoH should make changes to the EC policy to clarify the board's role in looking at these

She also raised the issue that Raile's report brought up the question of if the EC payments were allowed in Jollon's contract on the BoH, adding that she felt it was "fuzzy."

Byrd noted she agreed that the overtime payments were not in violation of the contract, and Goldman added that, from a legal perspective, the EC payments did not meet the definition of overtime.

The BoH briefly discussed perspectives on if the payments aligned with Jollon's contract, with Porter-Norton noting she believed Jollon should have received the payments.

Bruss reiterated his view that revising policies is "time ill-spent," but that he felt that the BoH providing recommendations to the counties would be appropriate.

Porter-Norton offered an "alternate view," pointing out that the policy changes would be small and would help protect the board and staff, especially if SJBPH enters an emergency before its dissolution.

Byrd expressed agreement with

Porter-Norton, and Raile stated she would "appreciate" the changes being made.

Brown noted the report requests that the BoH determine if the payments were a "breach of public trust" and recommends the BoH engage an independent investigator to assess if a breach of public trust occurred.

Brown noted that all the BoH members were involved and that this could damage their objectivity, adding that he believed "strongly" that the payments would be found to be proper, but he wanted independent confirmation of this and that it is important for public trust.

Byrd highlighted that there were several indicators on whether the payments were appropriate or inappropriate, including two clean audits of the COVID-19 response and the receiver's report itself, which indicated that all the policies were followed.

She added that, outside of these indicators, there is limited information about whether the actions were proper or improper.

Byrd also pointed out the potential costs of such an investigation and if it would be a good use of time and resources given the concern of the counties about the amount of money that will remain after the dissolution.

She stated that the BoH would need to determine what path to take. She also commented the BoH would have to determine who would

be in charge of an investigation. Brown responded that he expected there to be no finding of wrongdoing and that there is a conflict between fiduciary responsibility and a desire to have a clear determination on if the payments were appropriate.

He added that he had a "bit of difficulty" understanding the decisions that led to how the payments were administered.

Byrd proposed that the receiver's report could be considered a thirdparty report and that it found that staff had not violated policies.

She added that changes could be made to avoid issues in the future, but that she felt that the BoH could not say that staff "did anything wrong" as long as they were following SJBPH policies.

Bruss highlighted that there are a range of standards for what appro-

priate and inappropriate conduct might be and that if there were actions that fell outside of policies or appeared to be illegal they should be referred for further investigation.

Bruss added that he felt the board likely cannot determine what is appropriate or not without a definition of those terms.

Porter-Norton noted she felt the situation was different because SJBPH is dissolving and Jollon left, adding that she was ready to be "future focused" and move forward with a policy to address the issues for the remainder of the district's existence.

Porter-Norton stated she felt these issues would be difficult to prove in court and that she would be concerned about the possibility that the SJBPH receivership might remain open, incurring additional costs.

"I really think Dr. Bruss has done a tremendous service today to say that where we have to be focused is the solution and that's where I'm at," she said. "But the issue is fair and if you're having constituents ask about it, join the club. I am too."

Byrd then asked what decision the board wanted to make and if it wanted to not continue an investigation but "tighten our ship up" by making changes while keeping the focus on helping the counties build their departments.

Peterson moved "that we review our board policy on emergency compensation and make adjustments with the future in mind for the next four and a half months that could be potentially a model for La Plata and Archuleta county on their own policies and that we look at this so that we are a lot more clear on our processes going forward."

In response to a question from Brown, Raile noted that she could not make a legal conclusion on the issue and she felt that, although some policies were not followed by all staff, the "vast majority" were

The motion passed unanimously, with Bruss and Isabel Vita noting some hesitation on their votes.

Byrd stated that the BoH would ask staff to make "meaningful but brief" changes to the policy to improve transparency and that the board would vote on the policy once the changes are presented.

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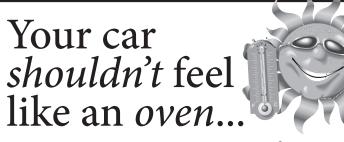
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### Education

### New bus loop designated for middle school

By Monica Nigon Staff Writer

At its Aug. 8 meeting, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education gave a nod to a new bus loop at Pagosa Springs Middle School that could solve backups on Lewis Street.

ASD Director of Operations Josh Sanchez took the floor to give a presentation on a proposed new bus loop at the middle school that would improve safety of students and better manage flow of traffic on Lewis Street during pick-up and drop-off times.

"Lewis Street had some challenges with safety in particular," Sanchez said. "We're looking at how to get the buses on campus so students are getting off on campus and getting on on campus versus off the street."

According to a slide presented by Sanchez, the new route proposes six buses to be ready for boarding and drop-offs on the alley behind the adjacent dentist office, which would remove the parking from that area. Buses would take a right onto Pagosa Street when leaving the school and a left onto 3rd Street when returning.

"This will help with traffic flow," Sanchez said, adding that traffic is during pick-up and drop-off hours as the loop currently stands.

Sanchez explained they have piloted the new loop with the six buses and it was successful despite the tight turns onto Pagosa Street.

The board unanimously approved the new bus loop.

In other business at the meeting, Superintendent Rick Holt discussed updates to the dress code that would "simplify it."

"It allows schools to move with the times but keep students accountable," he said.

Holt noted the updated dress code utilizes the Student Code of Conduct to "determine accessibility," adding that middle and high school students approved of the language and think it sets "reasonable expectations."

The board then moved on to address truancy and absence poli-

Holt explained that the days a student can miss without meeting with a truancy court or being referred for withdrawal has been reduced to 20 days rather than 32.

Member Amanda Schick expressed concern that language regarding truancy and absences doesn't reflect the board's "philoso-

completely stopped on Lewis Street phy," especially when it comes to elementary school students, whom she noted have little to no control over their attendance.

Schick asked the board to include the words "when appropriate" to address the matter of penalties like expulsions or suspensions.

It was also discussed that a preamble will be added to the truancy and attendance policy that explains the board's philosophy in regard to offering support for parents.

Finance Director Mike Hodgson also gave a quarterly investment report at the meeting, which shows that this year the district has had \$266,000 in interest income.

"That's \$19,000 or so above what we budgeted in our January revised budget, which was \$247,000," Hodgson said, adding that interest rates increased more than what they anticipated and will increase the budget for the upcoming year.

"We're very fortunate that interest rates are what they are," he

Hodgson also gave an update on the consolidated grant application, which was approved at the board's June meeting.

As the meeting's agenda explains, "The Consolidated Application is completed to access the federal monies allocated through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The application is completed in the spring of each vear and becomes effective in the fall of the next school year. ... ASD is the Local Education Authority (LEA) for our geographic boundaries and we submit the application on behalf of our students and the students of the charter school.

He noted the total the district applied from Titles I, II and IV was \$523,923.

According to the agenda, "Title I monies are used for K-8 instructional purposes (excludes administration and special education programming). Title II monies are used for class size reduction in the elementary school (approximately one teacher's salary). Title IV is used to promote a safe, rich, and well-rounded education and technology. All monies are shared with the Charter School."

Hodgson added that they have received preliminary approval from the state, but require some adjustments in the application.

He noted this means they can spend the grant, but will not receive reimbursement until final approval.

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a.m. in Golden Peaks Stadium.

Next, the team will play an away

game against Montezuma-Cortez

in Cortez at 4 p.m., followed by a

match at home against Aztec, N.M.,

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### SOCCER

### Pirates set to open season Friday in Crested Butte

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team will kick off its season with a match against Lake County at 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 18 in Crested Butte.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason noted that Pagosa's team will be young this year given the large number of seniors who graduated last year, although he stated that there will be a core of more experienced players from the previous

He stated that the team will likely play defensively in its initial matches due to its most experienced players being concentrated in defensive roles.

Kurt-Mason added that he feels the team's initial conditioning and fitness is strong.

"We've got a lot of talent, we just be against Lamar on Aug. 26 at 11 have to piece it together," he concluded.

#### Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Aug. 15, but is subject to change.

After the match with Lake County on Aug. 18, the Pirates will face Gunnison in Gunnison at 10 a.m.

The team's first home game will

The Pirates will then play a string of home games, including against Alamosa on Sept. 12 at 4 p.m., against Manitou Springs on Sept. 16 at 1:30 p.m., against Taos, N.M., on Sept. 19 at 4 p.m., against Bayfield on Sept. 21 at 4 p.m., against Montezuma-Cortez on Sept. 23 at 11 a.m., and against

on Sept. 9 at 11 a.m.

Durango on Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. Pagosa will then play Alamosa in Alamosa on Sept. 29 at 4 p.m., followed by a match against Mead on Sept. 30 at home at 1:30 p.m.

The team will finish the season with a game against Salida in Salida on Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. followed by a match with Bayfield on Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. in Bayfield.

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Photo courtesy Kate Alfred

Thingamajig Theatre Company actors competed in the first annual Bob Howard Memorial Pickleball Tournament Aug. 8 in honor of Howard, a longtime theater patron who died unexpectedly of congestive heart failure last October. He was an active member of the Pagosa aviation community, having owned 13 planes and two gliders during his lifetime, and also a member of the Gray Wolf Ski Club and Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Twofar right. The actors are performing this summer in three Broadway musicals at the Pagosa Springs Center

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person tournament teams were created by a random card drawing. All of the players wore tie-dyed turquoise tournament T-shirts designed by Samantha ("Sam") Luck. Tournament director was Pagosa resident Kate Alfred. Winners were Trevor Brown, front left, and Justin Autz, front center. Host Carole Howard is standing for the Arts: "Godspell," "Jersey Boys" and "Trailer Park."

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Representatives from Pagosa Springs Medical Center and a host of other local and regional agencies gathered Thursday, Aug. 10, for a discussion exercise to work through the immediate and ongoing response in the event of an active shooter at the facility. The exercise was facilitated by San Juan Basin Public Health

### Medical center receives clean audits

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), heard good news at its July 24 meeting: Its three audits came with clean opinions and the center continues to be in the black for the year.

The board heard about PSMC's three audits — a general audit and two single audits related to federal funding — from Jeremy Valdez with Dingus, Zarecor and Associates PLLC.

Valdez presented to the board that PSMC received an unmodified opinion on its 2022 audit.

"That's the highest opinion you can have," he said, also offering a

"good job." The single audits related to federal awards also had clean opin-

ions, he noted. Valdez then presented financial

indicators to the board, which give focused on the month of June. an idea of how PSMC is doing compared to the 2021 figures of other groups of similar hospitals, such as all Colorado hospitals, far west critical access hospitals, and rural hospitals and all hospitals with varying revenue levels.

However, in presenting those financial indicators, Valdez noted that PSMC's numbers for 2021 were affected by COVID relief funding, affecting how PSMC's numbers from 2022 look compared to 2021.

"2021 was a weird year," he said, also pointing out there were increased costs during the year.

PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb suggested comparing the years is like comparing apples and oranges.

Later in the meeting, the board unanimously approved a resolution accepting the audits.

The board also heard a monthly financial report from Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger that

Keplinger began her report by presenting trends in patient days, inpatient discharges, observation hours, billable EMS runs, Emergency Department visits, operating room and pain procedures, rural health clinic visits, and radiology exams for the month of June.

She pointed out a big increase in observation hours, explaining to the board increased observation hours versus admitting patients is the new norm and the way it is going in the industry.

She also noted Emergency Department visits are trending up, while operating room and pain procedures dropped back to a more normal number after spiking in May.

Radiology numbers continue to go up, she noted, with the presentation showing 2023's numbers above

the previous four years every month. Keplinger then presented the

financials for June, with PSMC seeing \$7,054,999 in gross revenue for the month; \$3,754,939 in net revenue; \$3,7,725,247 in expenses; and \$282,849 in grants, 340B (a federal drug price control program) and tax revenue.

The written finance report given to the board highlights PSMC's current financial standing.

"PSMC had a positive bottom line for June of \$312,541," the written report states. It adds, "PSMC has a year-to-date positive bottom line of \$636,933. PSMC generally operates at a deficit for the first half of the year, but for 2023, PSMC had a positive bottom line every month except January."

The written report further adds that gross revenue for the month of June was over \$7 million for only the second time in PSMC history.

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throughout the home & include a large kitchen island. This wonderfully functional kitchen features a stainless-steel appliance package with an oversized French door refrigerator, natural hickory cabinetry, glass tile backsplash & a lovely dining nook. The Primary Suite features a walk-in tile shower, double sink vanity, modern fixtures, mounted flat screen TV and an extra-large walk-in closet that offers plenty of storage space. Both guest rooms offer walk-in closets, and the guest bath features a tile shower and cast-iron tub. All bedrooms & great room have ceiling fans, however a great added bonus for this home is that it has Central A/C! You will not find this in many homes in Pagosa! Enjoy watching our local wildlife off your large back deck which has access from the great room and master bedroom. This lot backs up to greenbelt meaning there is ample space and privacy between neighbors to the back. There is a custom-built matching heated studio/shed in the back yard which makes it perfect for year-round use as a studio, workshop, or pet enclosure...you name it! The possibilities are endless. The home's close proximity to National Forest access means you'll find a plethora of hiking/biking trails to get you out into the great outdoors without being far from home and being a PLPOA member gives you fishing rights to all of the association's stocked lakes. This home is being sold partially furnished and is immaculate and move in ready! If you're looking for a beautiful, energy efficient home with low utility costs on a pretty lot in one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Pagosa, then this is the home for you!

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### GriefShare and Divorce Care to be offered at **Centerpoint Church**

By Marie Rascoe

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Along with GriefShare, Centerpoint is happy to introduce Divorce Care, a sister ministry that provides care and healing for those who have experienced a divorce.

ministry have gone through divorce and found healing from it through the ministry of Divorce Care. They desire to come alongside others who are searching for healing from the pain of divorce in a safe, confidential and caring environment.

This ministry offers the same three components: video seminar, group discussion and personal

Both programs are 13-week sessions. Both will be offered on Saturdays beginning Sept. 2 through Nov. 25, held in the Centerpoint Church Library Room, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Jon Duncan is the pastor of Centerpoint Church.

GriefShare will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Contact Marie Rascoe at marierascoe67@gmail.com for more

Divorce Care will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Contact Lorena Medina loremedina0814@gmail.com for

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ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC 1445 Market Street, Suite 350, Denver, CO 80202 Published July 20, 27, August 3, 10 and 17, 2023 in *The* Pagosa Springs SUN.

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Published August 3, 10 and 17, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

The Colorado Division of Water Resources is beginning an effort to develop water measurement rules for Division 7 by conducting stakeholder meetings in Southwest Colorado during July and August, (Two meetings were held during July. One in Dove Creek and one in Cortez.) The first meeting in August, will be held in Bayfield or August 8, 2023, at the Pine River Library Community Room, 395 Bayfield Center Drive, Bayfield, CO 81122 The second meeting in August, will be held in Pagosa Springs on August 9, 2023, at the Town Hall Commu Center, South Conference Room, 451 Hotsprings Blvd. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. More information can be found on the CDWR website https://dwr.colorado.gov/ services/water-administration#div7-rulemaking, under the tab "Rulemaking – Division 7 Measurement Rules". Published August 10 and 17, 2023 in The Pagosa

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Recording Date of Deed of Trust August 23, 2022 Page No.) 22205130 Original Principal Amount \$1,989,000,00

Outstanding Principal Balance \$1,989,000.00 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have be

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. A parcel of land lying and being in the SW1/4SW1/4 Section 17; SE1/4SE1/4 Section 18; NW1/4NW14 Section 20; Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. and being more particularly described as follows, description being derived from plat entitled "Tierra Del Oro Subdivision" completed in July of 1991 by William H. Albert, COPS 26228. and deposited in the records of the Archuleta County Clerk on 30 July 1991 as Plat S-56, having as the basis of bearing North 10°19''10" West (from USC&GS monument "Eight" to USC&GS monument "Echo"); BEGINNING at a 1/2" rebar with PS 26228 cap set for the Northwest corner at a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Tierra Del Oro Drive, a 60-foot ent accessing Mill Creek Road, also known as County Road No. 302, whence a 2-1/2" pipe with 2-12" aluminum cap marked "Metes & Bounds Chama NM T35N R1W S18/S17/S19/S20 1981 PLS 7241 NM PLS 26228 CO" set for the section corner common to Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 bears South 14°31"37" East, a distance of 1421.82 feet to a 1/2" rebar with PLS 26228 cap set forth the Northeast corner, being a point on the East boundary line of SW1/4SW1/4 of said Section 17: thence South 01°49"58" West, a distance of 583.00 feet along said East boundary line to a 5/8" rebar with a 2" aluminum cap marked "Metes & Bounds Chama NM W16 S17/S20 PLS 7241 NM PLS 26228 CO"; thence South 00°21"09" West, a distance of 836.85 feet along the East boundary line of the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 20 to a 1/2" rebar with PS 26228 cap set for the Southeast corner; thence North 88°31"19" West, a distance of 1190,55 feet to a 1/2" rebar with PS 26228 cap set for the Southwest corner at a point on the Easterly right-of-way of said Tierra Del Oro Drive; thence along said Easterly right-of-way as follows: 1.) North 01°28"41" East. a distance of 793.42 feet to a set 1/2" rebar with PS 26228 cap; 2.) A distance of 94.70 feet along a curve to the left having a delat of 41°44"22", radius of 130.00 feet and chord bearing and length of North 19°23"31" West, a distance of 92.62 feet to a set 1/2" rebar with PS 26228 cap; 3.) North 40°15"42" West, a distance of 250.24 feet to the Northwest corner and point of beginning. ALSO COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOT 3, TIERRA DEL ORO SUBDIVISION

Also known by street and number as: 901 Tierra Del Oro Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 09/28/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein. for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 8/10/2023 Last Publication 9/7/2023

Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun

NOTICE OF RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS SHALL BE SENT WITH ALL MAILED COPIES OF THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES. ☐ A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS

CONTINUED: A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE; I IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER

DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE

MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

If the Borrower Believes that a lender OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS Colorado Attorney General 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor Denver, Colorado 80203

(800) 222-4444 www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau P.O. Box 4503 lowa City, Iowa 52244 (855) 411-2372 DATE: 05/30/2023 Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado

By: Elsa P. White. Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the

legal holder of the indebtedness is Daniel L Fiedler, Attorney at Law 190 Talisman Dr. Suite D-6, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 507-8528

Attorney File # Amos.01 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose

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DISTRICT COURT ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number: 970-264-8160 Attorney for Plaintiff: Daniel L Fiedler #47916 90 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 970-507-8528 Case Number 2023CV30045 DAVID OLSEN

In re: that Parcel of Land located within the Northwest Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 11, Township 34 North, ange 3 West, New Mexico Prime Meridian as more fully described herein and containing 0.19 acres more or less and all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in said land

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL

UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appea and defend against the claims of the Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk

of the court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing with 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint ithout further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particular described as follows: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF US HWY 160 WHICH IS IDENTICAL WITH THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 8 BLOCK 3 OF THE ASPEN SPRINGS UNIT 2 SUBDIVISION THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY; S77°03'19"W,

68.30 FT. TO A POINT, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY N15°36'10"E, 44.18 FT, TO A POINT, THENCE; N17°18"52"W, 169.36 FT. TO A POINT, THENCE; S38°03'50"E, 188.72 FT. TO A POINT THENCE; S15°36'10"W, 41.89 FT. TO THE POINT OF

THIS TRACT CONTAINS 8.243 SQUARE FEET OR 0.19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS ALL AS SHOWN ON SHEET 7.04 OF CDOT PROJECT #NH 1602-133 DATED 05/06/2015.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of July, 2023. /s/ Daniel L. Fiedler Daniel L. Fiedler Daniel L. Fietuei First publication: August 10, 2023 Last publication: September 7, 2023 Published August 10, 17, 24, 31 and September 7, 2023

in The Pagosa Springs SUN. DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF **COLORADO** CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023CV030031

DIVISION NO. 1 Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Defendants, 982 INVESTMENTS LLC

COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale 2023-14 arding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree

of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et sea. County of Archuleta, State of Colorado TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please

been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated June 2, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seg., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on August 3, 2022 at Rec. No. 22204797, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration nd notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, against real property legally described as follows: Regarding: Subdivision: Chris Mtn Village 2 Lot: 17-18 CMV 2 Dec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W

wn as: 449 Sam Houston Ave, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

NOTICE OF SALE

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 9 a.m., on the 4th day of October 2023, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real

property in connection with this sale.

\*\*BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR
CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIR

HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE. \*\* PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

First Publication: 8/10/2023 Last Publication: 9/07/2023 Published In: Pagosa Sun DATED in Colorado this 12th day of July, 2023. Mike Le Roux, Sheriff Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manager ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC 1445 Market Street, Suite 350 nver, CO 80202 Published August 10, 17, 24, 31 and September 7, 2023

in The Pagosa Springs SUN. DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023CV030031

DIVISION NO. 1 Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association

nts, 982 INVESTMENTS LLC COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale 2023-15

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

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated June 2, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on August 3, 2022 at Rec. No. 22204797, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, against real property legally described as follows: rding: Subdivision: Chris Mtn Village 2 Lot: 15-16

CMV 2 Dec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Also known as: 469 Sam Houston Ave. Pagosa Springs NOTICE OF SALE

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 10 a.m., on the 4th day of October 2023, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real

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DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023CV030031

Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Defendants, 982 INVESTMENTS LLC

COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale 2023-16
Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado.
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please

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CMV 2 Dec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Also known as: 489 Sam Houston Ave, Pagosa Springs,

NOTICE OF SALE You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 11 a.m., on the 4th day of October 2023, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real

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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLO-

District Court Archuleta County, Colorado 109 Harman Park Dr. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 970-264-8160

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THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA D. MURRAY, deceased, THE ESTATE OF RALPH C. MURRAY deceased; THE ESTATE OF JOHN MCCANCE MURRAY deceased RAY, deceased; PATRICIA R. MURRAY; PAGOSA LAKES LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT: PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; THE ESTATE OF MARGARET A. PIZ A/K/A MARGARET A. PIZ CARDENAS, deceased; DAVID L. CARDENAS: SANDRA R. CARDENAS; AMIE JO PIZ; THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH F. PIZ, deceased; ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT; SUSAN E. HUNT; GRA-HAM P. HUNT; KEVIN D. OVERS; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM UNDER OR THROUGH THE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PER-SONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUB-JECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Zachary A. Grey, Atty. Reg. 49269 Frascona, Joiner, Goodn 4750 Table Mesa Drive Boulder, CO 80305

Telephone: 303-494-3000 Facsimile: 303-494-6309 Email: zac@frascona.con Case Number: 2023CV030033 Courtroom

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 21 or 35 days, as pplicable, after the service of this summons upon you Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the

complaint in writing within 21 or 35 days, as applicable, after the date of the last publication, judgment by de-

relief demanded in the complaint without further notice Dated: August 10, 2023 Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: August 17, 2023 Last Publication: September 14, 2023 Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C. /s/Zacharv A. Grev Attorney for Plaintiff Published August 17, 24, 31, September 7 and 14, 2023, in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Daniel Ray Wolle eber aka Dan Wollenw

ber. Deceased Case Number 23PR30021 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal rep

District Court of Archuleta, County, Colorado on or before August 18, 2023 (date)\*, or the claims may be forever barred.

Elisabeth Musetta Woller 284 Whitaker Place Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147
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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL REAL PROPERTY
WITHIN THE PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons that a Petition for Inclusion of additional real property has been filed with the Board of Directors of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District. The Board of Directors has fixed the day of Thursday, August 24, 2023, at the hour of 5:00 p.m., at 100 Lyn Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, as the date, time, and place of an open meeting at which such Petition shall be heard.
The name and address of the Petitioner and a general description of the property to be included into the

District are as follows: PETITIONER: Fourmile Ranch LLC Jonathan McCauley 1785 Terra Bella Dr Westlake, TX 76262

RURAL Sec: 25 Twn: 36 Rng: 2W 36-2W SEC 25 A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN E2NE4; 36-36-2W; AND W2NW4: 31-36-1W Commonly known as Parcel # 558125100017 or 5053 COUNTY RD 200

PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 All interested parties may appear at such hearing to show cause in writing why such Petition should not be granted.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

THE PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT. PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT Chairman: Jim Smith

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Eryn K Wintz Mineral County Clerk

RESOLUTION TO REPEAL THE COUNTY USE TAX FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF USING OR CONSUMING CONTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MINERAL UPON APPROVAL OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF MINERAL COUNTYAT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 2023.

MINERAL COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 13

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this revenue shortfall will be offset by increased

property taxes and retail sales from increased construction and increased population of Mineral

County and the City of Creede. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

and the State of Colorado Department of Revenue.

November 7, 2023.

- COMMISSIONERS OF MINERAL COUNTY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS: 1. This resolution shall be legally known as the Mineral County Use Tax Repeal
  - 2. The Mineral County Use Tax is a 2% tax on the privilege of using or consuming within the County, construction and building materials, purchased at retail outside of the County for use within the County, currently collected by the County Treasurer
  - 3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the repeal of the Mineral
  - County Use Tax. 4. The Effective Date of the repeal is January 1, 2024 if this repeal is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the County at the next election scheduled for

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Eryn K Wintz Mineral County Clerk

- 5. This resolution, once passed shall be duly published as required by C.R.S. 29-2-104(5) four times a week apart in advance of the election in the Mineral County Miner and the Pagosa Springs Sun by the Mineral County Clerk and Recorder, the cost of which shall be paid by the Mineral County general fund.
- 6. This resolution shall be effective upon approval by a majority of the qualified electors of Mineral County. This proposal shall be submitted to the voters of Mineral County on the regular ballot of the November 7, 2023 election in the following form;

Shall Mineral County, Colorado repeal the County wide Use Tax on the privilege of

using or consuming any construction and building materials purchased outside the

County at the existing rate of 2% of the retail cost thereof as more fully set forth in Resolution No. 2023 - 13 of Mineral County Colorado

MOVED, SECONDED and APPROVED and ORDERED PUBLISHED this 19th day of July,

MINERAL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Published August 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

### Possible County Road 500 hotel and subdivision project presented to county commissioners

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an initial presentation for a subdevelopment and resort project on County Road (CR) 500 and a request for assistance on completing the parking lot for the Larry Fisher Archery Range at its Aug. 8 work

Vault Home Collection Lead Developer Matthew Shear and Vault Home Design Architect Katsia Lord presented the project to the BoCC, with Lord beginning by highlighting that the Vault Home Design is a Colorado firm that specializes in master planning commercial and residential developments.

She explained that the master plan for the ranch, located north of the county landfill on CR 500, is focused on fitting the landscape of the property, maintaining the wildlife corridors on site and using existing trails for development.

She stated that the project would include a residential subdivision of 35-acre parcels as well as a commercial area for a "luxury five-star flagship hotel."

She explained that the hotel would primarily use cabins instead of a high-rise building or other similar model and would include hiking and "alternative camping" opportunities.

Lord outlined that the architecture would be guided by the mountain landscape, with wood and stone elements in the cabins and the spas, and equestrian buildings included in the project blending into the landscape.

She stated that the restaurant and event venue the hotel would

**Public** 

**Meetings** 

The following meetings are subject to

Pagosa Springs Town Council meet-

ing. 5 p.m., Town Hall council

chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

See town website for participation information: https://pago-

sasprings. civic web. net/portal/.

include would be based around a "treescape dining in the sky" concept, with a focus on preserving existing trees.

She noted that, overall, the project would focus on minimizing development impacts to the surrounding area and the county in

Lord added that the singlefamily homes in the residential portion of the development would also integrate local materials and be designed to blend into the

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked where the development plans to get water from.

Lord stated that there is a Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) water main through the site and water modeling was in progress for the project.

Shear noted that artesian wells could also be an option.

Maez commented that artesian wells would impact the water table and that the development should consider these impacts.

Shear explained that the development includes 50 single-family residential parcels, and Lord added that the water modeling includes water supply for 45 of these parcels in addition to the hotel.

Shear added that the artesian wells would be a backup option for PAWSD water with wells only being used for remote sites.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked when the forecasted buildout of the project would be.

Shear stated that starting construction in a year and a half would be a "realistic timeframe."

Brown then asked if the project considered staffing for the project given the challenges of housing staff in the area.

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Lord explained that the project would have employee housing on site, and Shear highlighted that the developers are highly conscious of the needs for on-site housing.

He added that having employees on-site also has operational ben-

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked if Vault Home Collection has done similar projects before and, if so, where these projects are.

Shear explained that the group focuses on high-end estates in Colorado and is attempting to develop three hotels to hold and operate, including one in Lake Como, Italy, one in Mountain Village, Colo., near Telluride, and the ranch project in Archuleta County.

Medina asked how many employees the project might require, with Shear responding that he is unsure but that he estimates that the hotel and the homeowners association would require 70 employees.

The group then discussed the zoning and zoning standards of the project, with Lord and Shear highlighting that the project would likely maintain agricultural status and include a learning center on plants and agricultural activities.

The presentation concluded with the BoCC thanking Lord and Shear for the information.

#### Archery range parking lot

The BoCC also heard a request from Jim Hately of the Pagosa Bow Club for county assistance in completing the parking lot for the Larry Fisher Archery Range.

Hately explained that the county previously supplied approximately 10 dump truck loads of gravel for the range to establish a road to the site on Cloman Boulevard and that

the club is working on acquiring 10 more loads to spread to establish the parking lot and complete the road.

Hately highlighted the several different fixed and rolling course ranges on the site and the infrastructure improvements that have been done at the site.

He also noted the high amount of usage the site receives and the events held there, including an archery event for a local 4-H chapter.

The group then discussed the potential for the installation of vault toilets and a pavilion at the site and Hately explained that, if the county would supply gravel and deliver it to the site, the club would place it.

Maez noted that gravel is scarce in the county and questioned where material for the range might

Hately noted that there is a pile of material across the road from the range that could be used.

He also noted the importance of establishing a parking lot to prevent users from driving directly to the range and damaging local vegetation.

Maez stated that he would not have a problem with the gravel across the road being used if it could be moved over.

The group then discussed the fact that county Conservation Trust Fund money could be used for the project since the area is a park, as well as ways to promote the bow club.

The presentation concluded with the BoCC thanking Hately for

josh@pagosasun.com



### LAND OPPORTUNITIES

Pagosa Springs Visitor Center

Two Old Crows Gallery

FABA

The Springs Resort and Spa

MLS# 797466: 83 Meadowlark — 1 acre, new septic, electric, views of Broken Off Point

MLS# 797092: 738 Ginger Cir — 3 Acres, views of Chimney Rock, Gated subdivision, perfect for walk out basement.

MLS# 805394: 44 Cattail — Awesome Pagosa Peak views over 3000 sqft, oversized 3br, 2.5baths, game room, large garage close to town. MLS# 801188: 24 Overlook — flat cul-de-sac lot, close to National Forest, water/sewer connection fee paid.

MLS# 801733: 177 Glade Dr — Flat buildable lot that backs to the Golf Course and offers views of Pagosa Peak.

MLS# 805774: X State Hwy 151 — Hunter's Paradise, 160 acres with over 1000 ft of riverfront. Backs up to National Forest on 3 sides.

> Anita Bowles C: (512) 214-7923 O: (970) 264-3200

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### OPEN HOUSE: Sat., Aug. 19, 11 am-2 pm

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Monday, Aug. 21

Thursday, Aug. 17

San Juan Water Conservancy District regular meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5. Zoom link in

Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: https:// pagosasprings.civicweb.net/ portal/.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 22

**Archuleta County Board of County** 

Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.

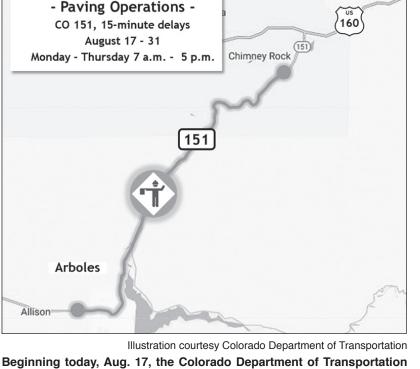
org/agendacenter. Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room. Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/83611276692, meeting ID: 836 1127 6692.

#### Wednesday, Aug. 23

**Archuleta County Planning** Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/96759 128658?pwd=RmdWbHIzTXNyM EF3dEc4QThDNDRjQT09, meeting ID: 967 5912 8658, passcode: 39366. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/ agendacenter.

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### **Bowles achieves** Eagle Scout rank

By Jennifer Walterscheid Scoutmaster, Troop 807

Andrew Bowles, 18, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on July 8.

Bowles is attending Colorado School of Mines. He has spent his youth excelling in school, athletics, scouting and other activities. His dedication and commitment have gained him multiple college scholarships. Through all his accomplishments, Bowles has continued to be gracious. He has contributed to many community service projects and shares his knowledge with those around him.

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

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must complete requirements for six prior ranks and earn at least 21 merit badges. Of those,

14 are required to achieve Eagle Scout rank, then the Scout must earn an additional seven (or more) badges of his or her choosing. Learning leadership skills and performing acts of community service prepares the scout to conduct a community service project, known as the Eagle Project.

Bowles has earned 25 merit badges and completed his Eagle Project in February. He built a table that is now located at Veterans Memorial Park. The project has contributed to the development of the park, which honors veterans and provides the community the ability to recreate and enjoy

Andrew is the son of Ken and Anita Bowles and has one sister;

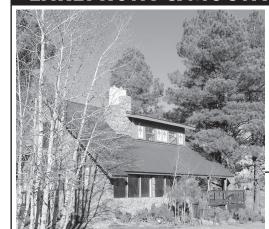
He has worked hard on this journey, with the support of his family, friends and scouts. Andrew Bowles now joins an elite group of

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### Commissioners hear development services update, discuss code enforcement and personnel policies

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a semiannual update from Development Director Pamela Flowers and discussed code enforcement procedures and personnel policy changes at its Aug. 8 work session.

Flowers began her update by pointing out that she currently has a planner and office assistant position open, though she had made an initial selection for the planning position.

She noted that the Water Quality Department will soon be fully staffed and that staff are planned to attend training and complete job shadowing with San Juan Basin Public Health staff by the end of the year.

Flowers noted that the planning manager will soon be operating independently and that the department has completed regulations concerning workforce housing for rental, with work to continue on creating regulations for workforce housing for sale.

She explained that she is beginning work on creating online workflows for submitting planning documents, beginning with lot consolida-

She also stated that testing on the enhanced portal from Granicus for short-term rental applications is expected to begin in August.

Flowers explained that staff will assess the usability of this portal, which is advertised to contain improved application and monitoring functionalities, and will decide whether to stay with Granicus or switch to a different software pro-

state regulations allowed for the connection of tiny homes to electricity and water and that the county has approved new regulations for tiny homes to match the alterations.

Flowers noted that, in code enforcement, staff are creating a list of resources for property cleanup which she notes she hopes will be added to the county website once code enforcement has its own page.

She added that code enforcement staff are working on a waste tire collection grant application to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Flowers noted that code enforcement is also developing an online portal for submitting com-

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if the online complaint form would make the process more effective, which Flowers indicated it would be and that there is an apparent demand for an online complaint submission process.

The group then discussed details of the complaint form, including methods of anonymously submitting complaints and a permission on the form that allows code enforcement officers to enter the property of the person complaining to look at the property receiving a complaint.

The group also discussed if code enforcement should be complaintbased and how enforcement activity occurs, with Maez suggesting that code enforcement should be moved to a purely complaint-based system.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that she prefers a proactive approach to the enforce-

She highlighted that changes in ment of county codes but raised concerns about if enforcement is being done according to the codes given the number of complaints about property owners being targeted by code enforcement that the county has received.

> Flowers stated that all complaints she is aware of were done properly under the current code enforcement rules.

Maez added that he spoke with former commissioner Ronnie Zaday, who was involved with the creation of the code enforcement ordinance and who had told him that the ordinance was intended to make code enforcement completely complaint-based, although Maez noted that the current ordinance does not reflect this.

Flowers commented that the commissioners can make whatever changes they wish, adding, "I feel like it's a lot to ask of my staff, but I will absolutely follow the rules."

Flowers added, "It's difficult to drive past something, to see it and pretend like you didn't see it when it's obviously a problem."

She explained that there are a large number of properties in the county that have large amounts of detritus and noted that her enforcement officers have been following policy.

She added that she changed her directions on properties zoned agricultural to ensure that her officer is complying with codes.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he sees the problem as an operational priority issue, not an ordinance issue, adding that he feels that going to a purely complaint-based system would

"handicap" code enforcement and "misguide" staff.

Maez stated that he sees the current code enforcement process as the county becoming a "giant [homeowners association]," noting that the code enforcement process was originally intended to help resolve disputes between neighbors.

He added that finding issues on properties creates additional prob-

Flowers noted that code enforcement focuses on responding to complaints and inspects properties within one day of receiving a complaint.

She added that the code enforcement officer has been highly successful in getting residents to clean up their properties and in providing resources to them.

#### Personnel policy changes

Also at the work session, the BoCC reviewed proposed changes to county personnel policies, including the elimination of compensation time in favor of overtime, changes to bereavement leave and provisions to provide prorated benefits to part-time county employees, which County Manager Derek Woodman indicated would be especially important for potential staff in the Archuleta County Public Health Department.

Following a lengthy discussion of the proposed changes, the group agreed to make changes to the proposed policies discussed at the work session and solicit further feedback from staff and elected officials before the changes are approved.

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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.

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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.

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#### 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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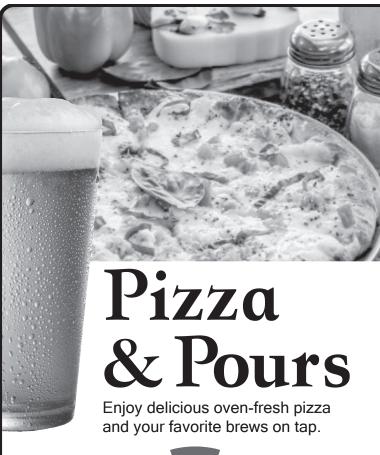
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**Bv Dee McPeek** 

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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-

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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.

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### 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 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.

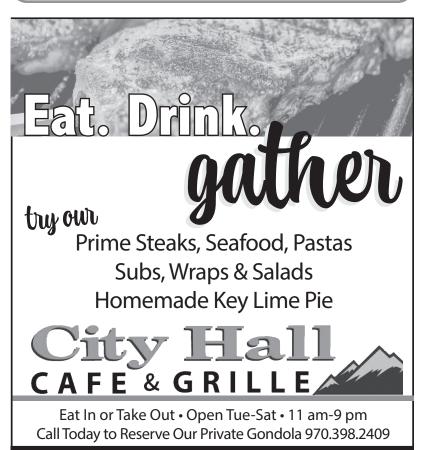
#### **Family storytimes**

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#### Local author

We have two YA (young adult) books by local author Kayla Jones. "Torn" is a dystopian novella set in a world where four tribes — earth, water, fire and air — are at war with each other for leadership. A 17-year-old named Remy Castillo becomes a ring leader of a quest

to fulfill a prophecy. "The Veil" is a sci-fi novel featuring an 18-yearold named Fallon Blythe whose life is complicated by a forbidden relationship during quarantine and a strange conversation she wasn't supposed to hear.

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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

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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.

#### Large print

"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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"You have to be willing to change. There's so much involved with what I call status quo bias. People in a comfort zone. You need to say, 'On occasion, this serves me and this doesn't. It's just a habit. So, let's set that aside and move on.' ... [Aging is] an accumulation of knowledge and experience and options. Mixing and matching becomes much more possible with age." — American dancer, choreographer and author Twyla Tharp in her book, "Keep It Moving," which is available at your library. She lives and works in New York City.

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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 vour 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.
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- •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

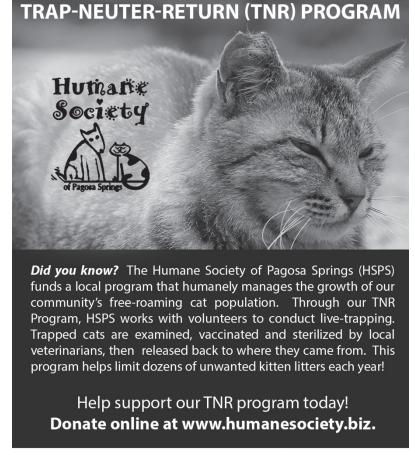
out of pocket at the beginning of a hospital inpatient stay (the Part A deductible in 2023 is \$1,600 per benefit period).

- 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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for payment. Excess charges may only be charged by nonparticipating Medicare providers. These providers do not take assignment in all cases, which means they do not agree to accept the Medicareapproved amount for services as payment in full. Nonparticipating providers can charge up to 15 percent more than the Medicareapproved cost for services (this only applies to certain Medicarecovered services, and doesn't apply to some supplies and durable medical equipment). If you have a Medigap that covers excess charges, you will not have to pay that extra 15 percent if you see a nonparticipating provider.

• 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, coinsurance 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

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

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

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 growing domes being part of the meal program.

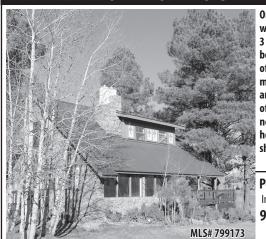
For more information about the ASI growing dome project, please contact ASI at (970) 264-2167 or stop by the Pagosa Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. in the Community Center.

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

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

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

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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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

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

Kick-off to Kindergarten. 10-11

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

Guided Great House Tour. 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Meet at 10 a.m., tour at 10:30 a.m. See ancient Puebloan structures built more than 1,000 years ago and hear the archaeological details that connect this civilization to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this spot. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walk-ins are allowed if room allows. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee. The USFS daily use fee must be paid

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

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Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grabn-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

#### 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

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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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

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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.

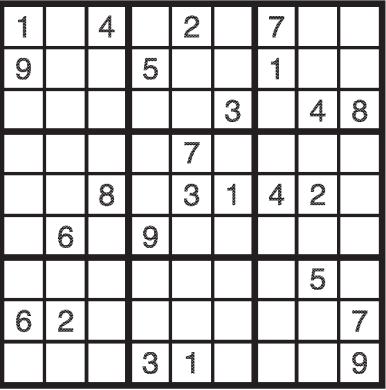
**Pokemon Club.** 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others

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- Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.

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- 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

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- **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.

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

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://libraryc. 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

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

Rock Painting. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center dining hall. Paint and rocks will be provided (or bring your own rock). You bring the 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.

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Artist Studio Tour. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. More than 30 local studios are participating. Visit www.studiotourpagosa.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.

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#### Saturday, Aug. 26

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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.

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#### Sunday, Aug. 27

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

#### Monday, Aug. 28

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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 fire-fighters 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

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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 Penélopé 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

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

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#### **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,



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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."

Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

#### **The Weekly Crossword**

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#### **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

#### **DOWN**

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

**4** Plant's tiny anchor

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- 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

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- **38** Office stations
- 41 Slanted type
- **43** Capistrano visitor
- **45** Casual eatery
- **48** Caustic substance

**50** Qualifying rounds

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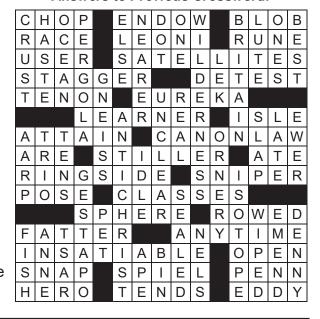
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- 51 St. crossers
- 52 Back of the neck53 Opera feature
- **54** Mail letters?
- 55 Cast off
- **56** Needing
  - kneading
- 58 Flightless bird

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#### New Thought Center to hold picnic service Sunday

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. will be a picnic service with SpiritHeart Band at Xanadu with Jane Bond and the paneurhythmy dance group: "Sacred Earth Dance Communing with Nature."

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.

#### Library

The Aspin Inspiration Memorial Library is a collection of spiritual books.

We welcome you to visit and take some new thoughts home with a box of free books, CDs and DVDs on Aug. 19.

#### **About us**

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members' life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an all-inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the Good Vibe Tribe that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

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### 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, and is the author of 25 books.

Founded in 1972, "Point of View" is the longest-running Christian conservative radio talk show in the nation. Based in Dallas, Texas, "Point of View" covers the full spectrum of issues and current events affecting faith, family and freedom, with frequent interviews featuring prominent subject-matter experts.

There is no charge for this event and registration is not required to attend; however, it will assist in knowing how many to prepare for. To register, go to PointOfView.net/ ps2023.

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### Unitarian Universalists to learn about two spiritual teachers

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

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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Gardening has been shown to have many mental and physical health benefits by getting people outside and working in the soil. Besides the mental benefits, the physical benefits circle back to living a happier and healthier lifestyle regardless of age. Even those with limited mobility can easily access raised garden beds and can still enjoy the physical benefits of getting outside and digging in the soil. Being outside in nature is a great way to relieve stress for so many.

Aside from all of this, one of the ultimate benefits of gardening is

planting a seed, taking care of it from start to finish, and enjoying harvesting food from your garden. You are the source of any food you decide to grow, and there's no worrying about where it came from if it's from your own backyard.

In Archuleta County, we are lucky enough to have the space around us to start gardens or join a community garden. There are also garden and grower's education classes available throughout the spring and summer seasons each year for those who are looking for a place to get started.

If you or someone you know is interested in improving their quality of life through gardening, you can sign up for garden education opportunities and look through other available resources on the Healthy Archuleta website, https:// www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/ garden-education.html.

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**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

MOVING SALE, 634 S. 8TH ST., APT. #6. Friday, August 18, Saturday, August 19, Friday 8/25 and Saturday, August 26, from 8a.m.-4p.m. Cash only.

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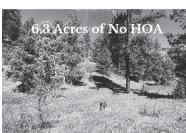
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