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## Discussion on 80-acre Put Hill subdivision continued

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

At its May 24 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission moved to continue discussions of a rezoning application for a possible development that proposes a major subdivision with a variety of housing and lodging options after concerns regarding infrastructure emerged.

The proposed development spans around 80 acres and is located at 500 and 600 W. U.S. 160, just west of Pagosa Springs Elementary School and its fields.

The site is located within the rural transition (R-T) zoning district, but the town's 2018 Comprehensive Plan anticipates the area be rezoned to R-22 with a Put Hill overlay district, according to the town's brief on the project.

The applicant, Village Care Partners LLC, applied for a planned development overlay zoning to allow site-specific considerations for allowed uses and development standards that vary from the R-T zoning standards, but due to the anticipated rezoning of the area anyway, the zoning designation is discretionary.

According to the development application, the site would create a

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## Commission OKs Mill RV Park rezoning

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

At its May 24 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission approved the rezoning application for the proposed Mill RV Park and Food Court Park on Put Hill.

The development is being proposed in an area that previously housed a 28-unit RV park that closed "around 2005," according to Courtney King, representative for applicant James Prutsman.

King explained that this park would "revitalize and reactivate" the old park by updating 23 of the existing RV units with full hook-ups and reserving the other five for food truck spots.

The food trucks will be independently owned and operated, King stated.

In addition, the site will feature a multiuse building that has a commercial kitchen and cold/frozen food storage for the food truck operators' use, as well as indoor seating, bathrooms and a bar area for customers.

This was the second time that the planning commission heard about the development; at its May 10 meeting, the commission moved to continue discussion at the May 24 meeting due to a failure to meet public notification requirements.

The parcel that the RV park is set to go on is currently zoned as mixed-use residential, which does not allow RV parks at this time, Planning Director James Dickhoff explained. The applicant sought approval from the planning commission for a planned development overlay, which is a zoning designation that allows for

■ See Mill A8

## More than 100 set to graduate Saturday



Photo courtesy Archuleta School District

Students of Pagosa Springs High School's class of 2022 pose in their caps and gowns ahead of Saturday's graduation ceremony, which is set for 9 a.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium. More than 100 Archuleta School District students are slated to graduate Saturday.



Photo courtesy Archuleta School District

San Juan Mountain School students pose in their caps and gowns ahead of Saturday's graduation. The school's second graduating class will celebrate its accomplishments at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

More than 100 Archuleta School District students are slated to receive their diplomas in a pair of ceremonies Saturday, June 4, bringing their high school careers to a close.

Unlike the last two years, Saturday's ceremonies will be open to the public.

### Pagosa Springs High School

Pagosa Springs High School will see 81 students graduate, according to Principal Sean O'Donnell.

Nell Taylor earned the distinction of being

the class valedictorian and Olivia Craig earned the distinction of being the salutatorian.

PSHS's class of 2022 chose "We are the reason you have Freshmen Seminar" as its class motto, "22" by Taylor Swift as its class song and snapdragons for its class flower.

The senior class officers are Ebanie Wilkins, president; Arden Blakemore, vice president; Camilla Gostynski, secretary; and Ryan Callado, treasurer.

"Class of 2022, congratulations on your achievement of graduation," O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN. "I have been genuinely impressed with your resilience and tenacity through this pandemic. I can't

thank you enough for the leadership you have shown this year as we reestablished many of the traditional activities we were unable to have the previous two years. Good luck to each of you, and please remember to always be grateful, and look at the world with your eyes wide open."

The PSHS graduation will begin at 9 a.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

### San Juan Mountain School

San Juan Mountain School (SJMS) Principal Stewart Bellina reported the school's

■ See Graduation A8

## Ballots for June primary to be mailed next week

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's active registered Democratic, Republican and unaffiliated voters will soon be receiving ballots for the June 28 primary election to help determine who will appear in November's regular election.

Beginning June 6, the Archuleta County clerk and recorder will send a mail-ballot packet to every active voter who is registered in Archuleta County.

To be counted, ballots must be returned no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, June 28. Postmarks do not count.

The following information is from the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

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## La Plata County, health district look at next steps

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

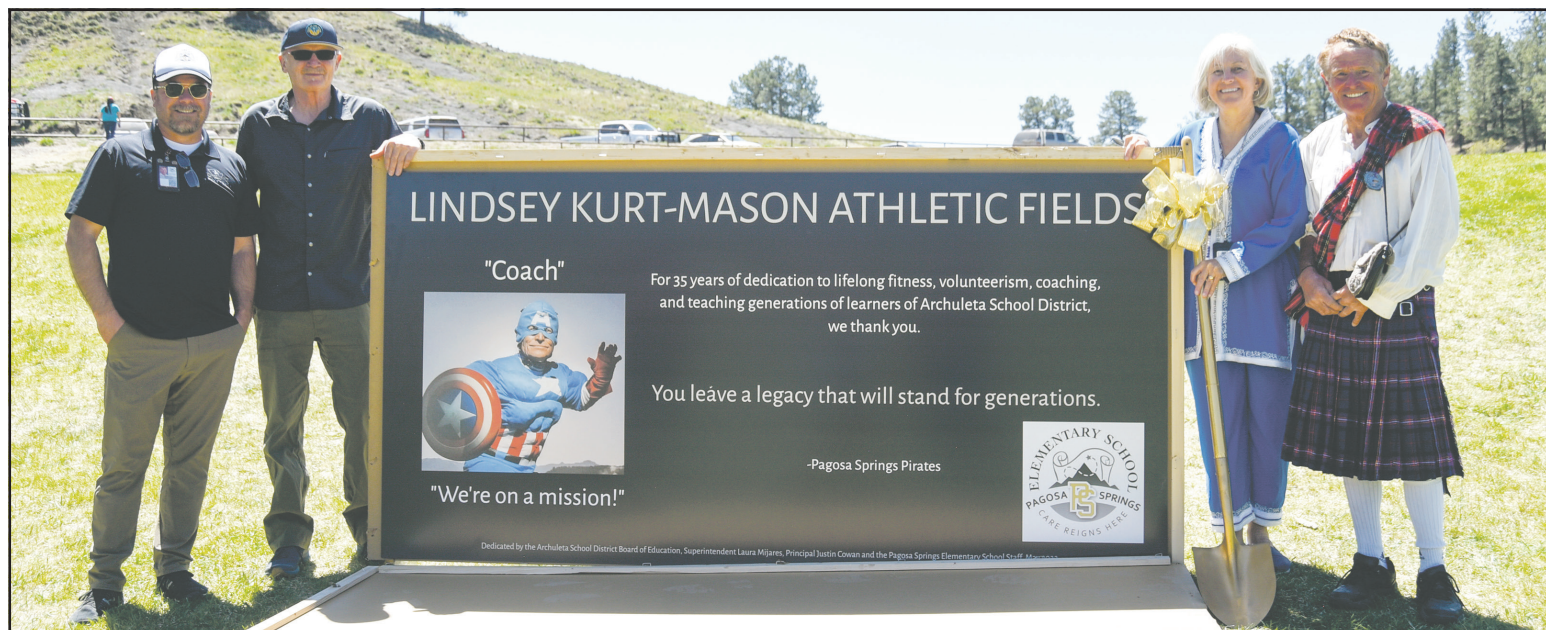
The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the county's future with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) at its May 25 meeting.

The discussion focused on the logistics of separation from SJBPH and constructing a public health district following the recommendation made at a April 28 SJBPH Board of Health (BoH) work session where the board indicated that the district should be dissolved.

During the May 25 meeting, La Plata County Attorney Sheryl Rogers explained that La Plata County could resolve to leave SJBPH, which would require a year's notice, or could jointly resolve with Archuleta County to dissolve the district, creating an opportunity for a more flexible timeline for dissolving the district and creating a county health department.

Rogers explained that, in the short term, La Plata County's primary task is to develop a transi-

■ See Health A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Justin Cowan, school board president Bob Lynch, Interim Superintendent Laura Mijares and Lindsey Kurt-Mason pose with a sign designating the fields adjacent to the elementary school as the Lindsey Kurt-Mason Athletic Fields in honor of Kurt-Mason's years of service to the district and community. The sign was unveiled during the closing ceremony of the Pagosa Springs Elementary School Olympics on May 26.

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## EDITORIAL

# Advice for the class of 2022

Members of Pagosa Springs High School's and San Juan Mountain School's class of 2022 will accept their diplomas Saturday. In doing so, they will close out the final chapter of their high school years.

After Saturday, they will start a new book with plenty of blank pages waiting to be filled.

We share with you some advice for the class of 2022 as submitted to The SUN:

"College was the best thing I did for my future. Trade schools are awesome also, if you want to go that direction." — Tonya Taylor Vaughn

"Live life to the fullest. Travel when you can and make it a habit. Make sure you are happy with your career choice. Make sure you have the education you need, to have a good career. Doesn't mean college, trade schools are fine. But whatever you choose, love what you choose. I am 71 and I wish I had traveled more. I did choose a career I loved, which made my life and my families life better for many reasons. Always believe in yourself and don't be afraid to reach for the stars." — Judith Farnam

"God doesn't give you what He doesn't think you can handle." — Josephine Ribera

"Don't settle. You can do anything you set your mind to. Make every day count, tomorrow is not guaranteed for any of us. Be kind always." — KristyPat Rodri

"Congratulations. You have the world at your fingertips. Make it a better, safer, happier world for everyone. You are beautiful, handsome, intelligent, and you can be the change makers." — Joane Skultety

"Cherish every moment of life. Respect yourself and every person you meet always believe you can be better tomorrow." — Jill Garcia Shaull

"Victorious goals are made on the stepping stones of both successes and failures. Please don't let those failures become 'monsters' in your mind, diminishing the reality of your successes and/or even overshadowing your final goal. Along with this, is a piece of advice my mother gave me when I graduated: 'Only those who see the invisible can do the impossible.' So go forth and be the best version of yourself that you can be and be the change that you want to see." — Bella Ribera

"Read at least 20 minutes every day. Over time, it matters." — Sharilyn Knox

"Not everyone needs a college degree. Find something you love to do and go after it." — Beth Ford Ross

"It's okay to not know what you want to do. Don't let the stress of the world drag you down and keep you in a bad position. Try new things, fail, succeed, learn, and keep moving forward. There is always something you can do with your skill set (no matter what your skill set is.)" — Dave Martinez

"Let me be the first to say, Congratulations....you made it thru the easiest part of your life. LoL. Seriously....try to stay out of debt. Massive debt = a lifetime of slavery. You are going to be inundated with credit offers as you venture further into adulthood. Be wise and selective on your purchases and credit choices. Don't finance disposable items such as TVs, computers, clothes, etc. Lastly....if you see something you'd like to buy, instead of impulse buying and regretting it later, make a commitment to take 3 days to consider if you really want it before you buy it, and pay for it....don't finance it." — Greg Pilgrim

"1. Return calls within 24 hours. Sooner if it's your mom. 2. Tip at least 20% for good service. 3. Spend a little more money on sheets and shoes because if you're not in one, you're in the other. 4. Go to the dentist every six months for a cleaning. 5. Pay your bills on time. Always. 6. Be boldly true and truly bold." — Kristi Smith

"Congratulations. May you always look forward but never forgetting what you had behind, for the past is what made you so far. Reach for the stars and always be true to yourself." — Linda Lattin

"The future belongs to you, believe in your dreams." — Monica Bentley

"Be a responsible person and be accountable for your actions. You need to be honest and true to yourself." — Patti Carter

"Don't chase the money. Do what you truly love and you will naturally work harder at it and spend more time honing your skills without even realizing it. The money will follow. If you ever dread going to work, it's time to change your job. Life's too short for that. Never stay in a job where you aren't valued." — Di AL

"Stay in touch with your high school friends. Read books because you want to, not because they're assigned. Learn new things all the time. Be true to the love of your life. Travel while you're young. Don't be afraid to change jobs.

Save some money for later in your life. Don't buy cheap stuff. When you have children, be involved in their lives. If you don't, someone else will. Enjoy your life as an adult. Being married will be your hardest job. Smile often. Help others. Be happy." — Diane Elise Smylie Trembly

"Do what you love. Enjoy every minute. Life is a gift." — Denise Woods Santille

"Good luck!" — Bruce Buhler  
"Follow your heart but don't forget to take your brain with you." — Lilley Powell

"Follow your bliss." — Joseph Campbell. Be patient. Work hard. Set goals. Trust your instinct." — Sylvia Coon

"The harder you work, The luckier you will be." — Doug Baxter

"Life is neither a race nor a competition. Live your life and don't compare with others." — Austin Santa

"It's better to keep your mouth shut & have them think your a fool than to open your mouth & prove it." — Mandy Smith

"Be curious. Keep reading, keep learning and ask good questions of people who have knowledge and experiences that you don't have, yet. Enjoy life - it goes by quickly." — Nancy Warrick  
"It's okay to have a thought and not express it." — Kathleen Hubka  
"Work...save money." — Suzanne McCarty

"Don't follow other people's dreams. Stay true to yourself and you will never regret your decisions, even if things don't always go as planned." — Amber Lark

"Learn a skill that will carry with you through life. Oh, and learn how to change a tire and drive a stick." — Pat Buckley

"Have a great work ethic, no matter where life takes you. You will be the elite if you do." — Lisa Wilson Seider

"Believe in yourself and go forward to make a difference. You are the future of America. Wonderful things are ahead." — Linda McCombs

"A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor." — Franklin D. Roosevelt" — Pam Lister

"Never give up on what you believe in." — Ashlee Valdez

"Set goals...short term and long term. Then... always do your best, forget the rest." — Jack Hill

There were a lot more answers than what we had room for this week. We will share more advice next week.  
Terri Lynn Oldham House

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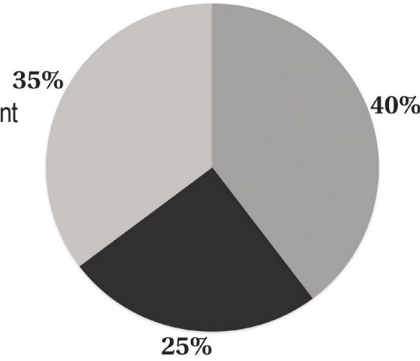
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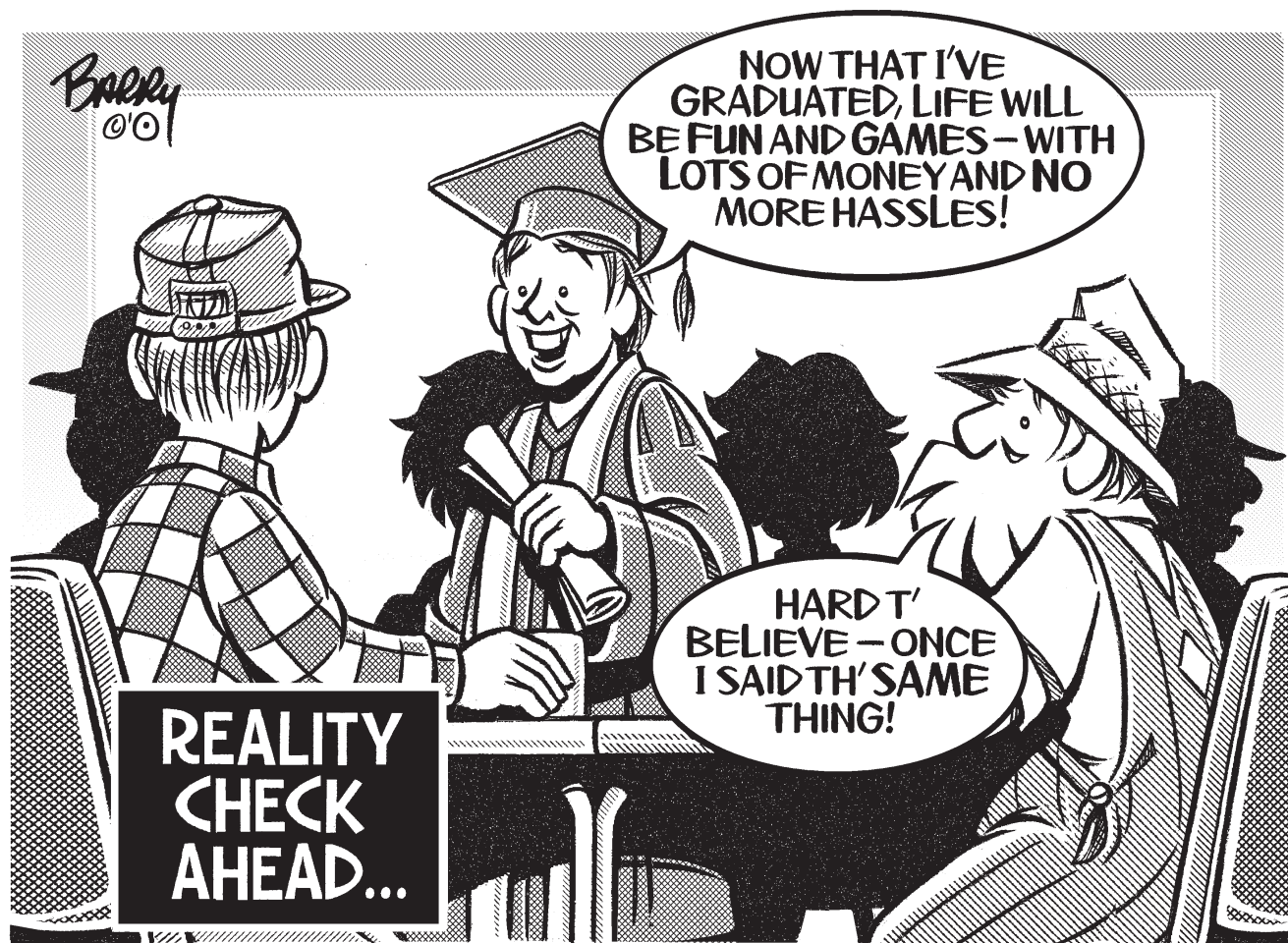
What advice do you have for the high school class of 2022?

Poll results (68 votes)

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Work hard and good things will happen. — 35 percent



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## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
June 2, 1922

The caterpillar tractor is now busy putting the road leading from town up Putnam hill to the railroad track in first-class shape.

The Piedra bridge is in danger of being put out of commission owing to the high waters. The west approach and the bridge itself are gradually separating.

A peach of a mud hole has formed in the road on the Piedra due to an overflowing irrigation ditch.

This whole section was favored with a million dollar rain Wednesday, and indications are that the storm is not over. Monte Vista was visited by a freak whirlwind Tuesday, which overturned several buildings and barns, but no loss of life is reported.

Ranger Frank McDaniel of San Juan station has a crew of four men now at work reconstructing the East Fork government trail. When this work is completed, they will commence work about June 20th on a new trail connecting the state highway with Turkey creek, and from there proceed to the Treasure Mountain trail.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
June 6, 1947

Members of the Town Board will hold a meeting Friday afternoon, Mayor R.C. Connelley said Tuesday morning. Top item on the list of business will be a new parking ordinance to prohibit long trucks and trailers from parking on the business side of the main street.

While the town has tentative plans for a filter system and chlorination plant to purify the water supply, action is being held up until further information can be secured. Meanwhile work on the present reservoir is being planned to provide adequate water for the town, Connelley said.

Among those who enjoyed a picnic at the East Fork campgrounds Sunday evening were: Messrs. A.W. Olson, Evert L. Dunagan and daughter, Jeroldene, Jerry Sheridan and son Michael, Lee Cox and sons, Alva Lee and Dean, Herbert Kingsley and daughters, Alma Lee and Zelma Dee, R.K. Blacker and children, Ruth and Glenn Roddy, Barton Cox of near Farmington and Ben Larry Lynch.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
June 1, 1972

A regular meeting of the Chamber of commerce was held last Friday night to discuss plans for the operation of the information center and other CoFC projects. The information center is now complete and an attractive sign has been erected there. The center will open Saturday of this week with Earl Crouse returning as attendant. Information about the area, local accommodations, and other matters of interest to travelers may be obtained there.

Also discussed was a project to present an interesting program once a week for visiting tourists. The programs will be held in the Town Park, adjacent to the center. The programs will include slide shows, informative talks, and possible entertainment events.

The long dry spell in this area was broken Monday night when rain fell in town. There were some scattered showers in various parts of the county Sunday and again Monday night. The Monday night storm left snow caps on high mountain peaks, cleared the atmosphere of haze and washed the dust off the grass and trees. Precipitation to date this year is less than half of average.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
June 5, 1997

The Mamie Lynch Gymnasium was packed Saturday morning as families and friends of the graduates attended the 87th Commencement exercise of the Pagosa Springs High School. Principal Bill Esterbrook presented 86 seniors to the school board as having satisfied the requirements necessary to earn a diploma from the local school system.

The Class of 1997 established a "first" in the history of commencements in Pagosa Springs by having six valedictorians. Stephanie Bodewig, Molly Davis, Kelsey Gill, Zach Ketchum, Leandra Rader and Heather Riley, who maintained perfect 4.0 grade point averages during their four years in high school.

Thirty Pagosa Springs Elementary School students received the Presidential Fitness Award this year, following successful completion of a battery of demanding physical tests. Two sixth grade students, Zeb Gill and Jordan Kurt-Mason, satisfied the test requirements and received the award for the fifth year in a row.

# Letters

Letters to the Editor are printed as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

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## 'Slaughter of innocents'

Dear Editor:

The heart-rending scenes of grief-stricken parents mourning the death of their Uvalde, Texas, children pull at the heart-strings of every American. The senselessness of the slaughter of innocents still boggles the mind. Truly these families need to be held up in prayer.

Following this tragedy, the scenes in Washington, D.C., were predictable. Before the gun smoke cleared the air in Texas, the Democrats were calling for more gun control measures as they have done after every such tragedy. The urge to "Do something," can be a dangerous thing. The often threatened confiscation of so-called "assault weapons" (which they are not), needs to be balanced by asking a simple question: "Will this measure actually make any difference?" Confiscation of personal property and the surrender of Constitutional rights is not something that many Americans would take lightly. There would be every likelihood that non-compliance with any such unconstitutional edict would be very wide-spread.

Confiscating American's personal firearms would be much like banning automobiles because a few bad actors have killed people when those drivers were drunk. Punishing people who have done nothing wrong for the actions of a crazed murderer is simply unjust and unnecessary.

What, then, needs to change? Firearms have been part of American life since before this nation's founding. They have always been available. However, when I was growing up there simply were no

school shootings. Why? If you are of sufficient age you know the answer to the question. In 1950's and 60's America such taking of life was simply unthinkable. It went against our faith, our morals, and our ethics. What needs to change is the culture's infatuation with violence and death. Violence and killing pervades our movies, our books, and our video games. Death reigns in abortion clinics, assisted suicide states, and among gangs in our inner cities. Many Americans simply no longer value life.

People need to remember that we are God's creation. So is everyone else we see and meet. We are made in God's image as Scripture tells us. So part of what needs to change is to acknowledge that we are all God's children and that means that every one of us has value and worth. God's command that, "Thou shalt not murder," is not a suggestion.

What needs to change? Fathers need to be part of their children's lives. Fathers and mothers need to instill in their sons and daughters a sense of morality and ethics that value life, and teach them that to take the life of another human being is to destroy what God has made, unless under eminent threat of injury or death.

The DOJ tells us that 63 percent of suicides are from fatherless homes. Ninety percent of homeless youth and runaways come from fatherless homes. Eighty-five percent of behavioral disorders occur in fatherless homes. Seventy-One percent of school dropouts, 70 percent of juvenile detentions, 75 percent of substance abusers, and 75 percent of rapists all come from homes with no father. This needs to change.

Richard Bolland

## Le Roux: Effective leader

Dear Editor:

I retired after 30 years in law enforcement. I held supervisory and managerial assignments in patrol, investigations, and SWAT. I know from my own experience what it takes to effectively lead law enforcement to accomplish the mission of delivering the best protection and service possible to the citizenry.

In 2018, I became a member of Upper San Juan Search and Rescue. Since then, I have gotten to observe first-hand Mike Le Roux's leadership and management style. He consistently leads by example and strives towards perfection. Mike is a natural leader and has the ability to direct a diverse group of individuals towards accomplishing a shared goal.

As the Director of Emergency Management prior to being appointed Undersheriff, Mike had a multitude of diverse responsibilities, including wildland fire and search and rescue. Mike was responsible for leading people and managing projects and resources. He provided training and equipment necessary for successful outcomes in critical incidents, all while operating within a meager budget. During the COVID pandemic, Mike was responsible for managing the county-level response.

Undersheriff Le Roux models a high degree of professionalism and personal accountability. He also demands professional conduct by his subordinates and has made it known that he will not tolerate misconduct. He expects his staff to treat everyone with dignity, compassion, and respect. If they fail to do so, he will take prompt and appropriate disciplinary action. The citizens deserve this, and Mike demands it.

The role of Sheriff is quite complex. The ACSO currently has a staff of 45, of which 18 are sworn personnel. ACSO is responsible for patrol, investigations, and running the jail. Mike has immersed himself in learning the roles and responsibilities of each member of the agency. He is cognizant of the role of Sheriff being to direct his resources (personnel & equipment) in the most efficient and beneficial manner for the public good.

Mike is not only dedicated to his profession, but is also actively involved in the community outside of work. He has participated in numerous charitable causes, including "Dancing with the stars," GECKO, Seeds of Learning, Rise Above Violence, and Special Olympics. Mike is invested in our community and passionate about the safety and well-being of everyone in Archuleta County.

It is for the reasons stated above

that I believe Mike Le Roux will make a great Sheriff of Archuleta County. A vote for Mike is a vote for leadership, integrity, accountability, professionalism, and safety. Mike's leadership as Sheriff will enhance the quality of life for the residents of Archuleta County and make our community an even better place to live or visit. Please join me in helping Mike being elected as our Sheriff.

Chris Boyd

## Support for Mike Le Roux

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in support of Mike Le Roux for Sheriff.

I have known and worked with Mike since 2014 while I was the Executive Director of SEEDS of Learning.

I first met Mike when he was with another local nonprofit called G.E.C.K.O (Giving Every Child Knowledge of the Outdoors) and we teamed up to create an annual program called 'getting little seeds outdoors'. Between GECKO and Seeds we managed to get whole classes of little kiddos outside and into the woods for a day, finding fun ways for them to enjoy and interact with nature. For his imposing size Mike was very good at finding ways to 'get down to their level' and engage them, sharing his passion for the outdoors with them.

After this Mike continued his support of SEEDS in various ways and both he and Kirsten were always enthusiastic about opportunities for the improvement of early childhood education in our county. During his time at the Sheriff's Office Mike was involved in the 'Reading to the Kids' program and he and other deputies would fold their large frames in tiny SEEDS chairs to read children's books they had selected.

However, probably the most memorable contribution Mike made to SEEDS was by being a Star at the 2019 Dancing with the Stars fundraising event where he trained for months to present a stylish salsa and raised a boatload of much needed money.

I have found Mike to be selfless, giving, reliable, personable and an excellent communicator. I believe

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# Letters

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that the Sheriff is first and foremost a person of and for the community, and Mike has proved that he is this through and through, consistently over many years.

Lynne Bridges

## Gun control

Dear Editor:

Where do your senators and representatives stand on gun control? Do they have a record of inaction and adherence to the gun lobby above the will of the public? Vote them out.

There will always be people who think that it's a basic right to be able to go out and buy any and all kinds of weapons, but if common sense restrictions save the lives of innocents, is it not the right thing to do to implement these restrictions? I certainly don't want my children or grandchildren to have to fear going to school, worshipping at their place of choice or going to the grocery store. I'm sure no one wants their loved ones to have to live under those fears.

What harm would a ban on semi-automatic weapons, bump stocks, etc., do to a law abiding citizen? These weapons are weapons of war, designed to quickly kill as many people as possible. Do people use these types of weapons to hunt game? I think not. If they do, shame on them.

Ultimately, the blame does not lay on our lawmakers, but on us, the voting citizenry. We are the ones who allow these elected officials to make decisions for us. If we have the strength to make the next election cycle to be a one-issue election, which is safe and sane gun restrictions like other thriving democracies have, this epidemic of gun violence could be ended. Do your own background checks on your lawmakers and think hard about the next innocent victims before you mark your ballot.

Jean Broderick

## Casting ballot for Boyd Neagle

Dear Editor:

I am writing in support of electing Boyd Neagle as Sheriff of Archuleta County.

Working with Boyd in the Pagosa Springs Police Department, I have had the privilege and opportunity to get to know him. His substantial experience in law enforcement is evident within his strong work

ethic and compassion for his community and fellow workers.

The duties and responsibilities of the Sheriff are exceedingly difficult and challenging. That individual must demonstrate himself as knowledgeable, professional, have the experience, abilities, education, and character to do the job well, and be fully capable of fulfilling the duties of Sheriff.

There are several critical areas where the Sheriff must keep intact. The public's trust in the department, confidence, and transparency in dealing with the public and media and building relationships with other local officials.

Archuleta County needs a well-trained, well-educated person with integrity and leadership to effectively manage and administrate the Office of Sheriff.

Boyd clearly meets all the above reasons why he should be elected as the next Sheriff of Archuleta County.

I will not hesitate for an instant in casting my ballot for Boyd Neagle. I encourage all Archuleta County voters to do the same.

Brooks Brown

## 'Responsible gun legislation'

Dear Editor:

"A well-regulated militia, being necessary for the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Why exactly did the framers of the constitution add that to the Bill of Rights? We do not have a lot to go on, partly because the Bill of Rights was added after the Constitution was written to convince some states to ratify the Constitution. Hamilton, Madison, and Jay wrote no Federalist papers to give us the reasoning behind the second amendment. What we do know is that the founders were very much against the idea of maintaining a standing army. In its place were state militias which were expected to come to the defense of the country if there was a threat from a foreign country. Hence, the term well-regulated militia did not mean that any citizen could possess or use any weapon at any time. The right to bear arms meant that a citizen had the right to defend his country.

In 1840, the Supreme Court of Tennessee gives us some clarity on the "right to bear arms" in an opinion that states, "A man in the pursuit of deer, elk, and buffaloes might carry his rifle every day for forty years, and yet it would never be said of him that he had borne arms; much less could it be said that a private citizen bears arms because he has a dirk or pistol concealed under his clothes, or a spear in a cane."

We have gotten to this sorry state because in the latter half of the twentieth century the NRA abandoned its original mission of encouraging responsible sport and marksmanship; the gun manufacturers and the NRA bought the Republican party, and there was a knee jerk reaction of politicians to oppose any form of gun safety legislation.

What I am most afraid of is that in the zealous opposition to responsible gun legislation, we will end up with what we are most afraid of: a police state. Do we

want an armed guard at every school entrance? Do we want our cars searched before we can enter a parking lot of a grocery store? Do we want metal detectors at the doors of places of worship? That is what I am hearing from the Republican candidates and office holders. Yes, let's have better mental health treatment. Yes, let's Red Flag potential violence. But, whatever else we do, let's reduce the number of guns in our country; outlaw military type weapons; raise the age to purchase guns; require safe storage of guns, and require universal background checks. That will not take away the right to own a pistol or a hunting rifle. It will not prevent all gun deaths. It will just make us all safer.

Lynn R. Frederick

## Democrats can change affiliation

Dear Editor:

If you would like to participate in politics in western Colorado, the Republican primary on June 28th is where the action is. (That is...No Democratic candidate is likely to win the general election in November.)

To vote in the Republican primary on Tuesday, June 28th you must be registered Republican or Unaffiliated.

Democrats can change their registration at the Archuleta County courthouse until June 6. Be informed & vote.

Jeff Greer

## 'It could happen here'

Dear Editor:

The truth should be obvious to any rational person.

The truth is that law enforcement in Uvalde Texas was afraid of the shooter. They have stated as much. They were afraid for their own lives and put their safety above that of those children and teachers. While that is understandable, given the state of gun violence in America today, but for those 21 families, it is unforgivable. Were they simply ill equipped to deal with that kind of event? Did they lack necessary training for such a situation?

The truth is that an 18 year old young man should never have been able to legally purchase those assault weapons. They have no other purpose than to kill people.

The truth is that those officers who were first on the scene were out gunned because an 18 year old child could get weapons of war that they themselves did not have. How is that possible? Until those weapons of war are outlawed in this country, we will see this over and over again.

The truth should be obvious to any rational person that the myth of a good guy with a gun does not stop a shooter with an assault rifle and body armor. A retired police officer in Buffalo New York, a trained "good guy with a gun", gave his life trying to stop that "bad guy with a gun". Another 18 year old child was able to legally purchase assault weapons and carry out a massacre of ten law abiding citizens because we as Americans are afraid to call on our elected officials to outlaw the purchase and ownership of these weapons.

The truth is our leaders do not have the courage of that retired officer in Buffalo.

The truth is that our cowardly politicians are afraid of the NRA and are "outgunned" by the fear mongering of their influence.

The truth is that while expanded background checks might prevent a few extremist individuals from getting a gun, it would not have stopped either of these two shooters.

The truth is that red flag laws might keep a few irrational individuals from having guns, too few of us want to get involved to report someone. We are in fear of what those persons might do, just like the officers in Uvalde. And law enforcement has to be committed to enforcing those laws. The ACSO and BOCC have publically stated that they will not enforce those laws.

The truth is that assault weapons should not just be banned. They should be outlawed and possession of them should be a felony. If these two young men had not been able to legally purchase these weapons, it might have limited the number of people who have died because of them. A "good guy with a gun" might have stopped the killing. "Good guys in uniform with a gun" might not have been afraid of confronting a shooter that killed so many babies.

The truth is that it could happen here.

Gary Hardin

## Boyd Neagle: Cortez tasing

Dear Editor:

Our community deserves a Sheriff with whom they can trust and depend. That candidate is not Boyd Neagle.

In 2019 the city of Cortez paid out a \$200K to Patti and Glen French as part of a civil lawsuit over the arrest of their son, Shane French.

Officers were dispatched to assist with a mental health hold for Shane French, a qualified individual with a disability, but entered the French home without consent. Officers pushed Glen and Patti French aside, tackled Shane to the ground, handcuffed him, and then "repeatedly tased Shane French while he was in handcuffs."

Boyd Neagle admitted under oath during the 2014 trial that he violated the department's stun gun policy during the arrest. He disclosed that he stunned French seven times, including five times within 2½ minutes while French was handcuffed.

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French was in custody for about ten months before a jury cleared him of all charges. (taken from the Cortez newspaper, The Journal)

Archuleta County does not deserve a Sheriff capable of such a brash, reckless and heartless act. The \$200K payout is inconsequential when held against the possibility of this type of inhuman action rearing its head in our small community.

After leaving Cortez, Boyd Neagle decided to go east to Mancos. Mancos knows a corrupt cop with anger issues when it sees one, and after Neagle failed to gain the position of Town Marshal in Mancos in 2018, he set his sights on Archuleta County.

To quote Glen French, "We're not anti-law or anything like that. There are good officers out there, and we are friends with them. But the ones that abuse their power and get out of control should not have badges."

Boyd Neagle is one of the latter mentioned officer types, and Archuleta County deserves better.

More in-depth information about this incident can be found on The Journal's web page. (<https://www.the-journal.com/articles/cortez-reaches-settlement-in-make-my-day-case/>)

Justin Hyman

## New lighting

Dear Editor:

More than ten years ago, Dan Burch, Musical Director at PSHS, friend, partner in shows, and person extraordinaire, and I began conversations about replacing the stage and auditorium lighting system at the high school. We have always been proud of that space, a second home for me for 20 years, and a premier performance space in Southwestern Colorado. Last year, after many hours of patience, work, positive thinking, research, collaboration with the Archuleta School District, the new LED state-of-the-art lighting system became a reality. Samy Owen, our Lightmaster, trained on the new system and has already run some shows. Thanks Dan for working with me and persevering so that kids and community, actors and performers will be able to enjoy the magic of new lighting for many years to come.

Dale Johnson

## 'We can beat Boebert/Trump'

Dear Editor:

Some Democrats in the 3rd Congressional District have changed to unaffiliated as a method to vote against Lauren Boebert in the primary. I am a registered Democrat, I am absolutely opposed to Boebert; but Dems should not vote in the Republican primary. Democrats must focus fully on electing someone who can beat Boebert.

Boebert's opponent in the primary is Don Coram, a reasonable bipartisan state legislator. But he won't beat Boebert. She has \$4 million in the bank and national support. Coram has less than \$100,000 and is unknown.

Boebert beat Scott Tipton by 10,000 votes in the 2020 Republican primary and it's likely she'll get more votes this time from her base. So, that means at least 15,000 unaffiliated would need to vote for Coram. That's a massive amount of votes in a primary.

By voting for Coram, Democrats also send a terrible message to actual independent/unaffiliated voters. This election will hinge on independents -- the largest block of voters in the 3rd CD. They need to know that Dems are firmly behind the Democratic nominee. A lot of independents don't like Boebert.

Boebert can be defeated. She beat Diane Mitsch-Bush by 51 percent to 45 percent. But Mitsch-Bush chose not to campaign because of Covid and still gathered nearly 200,000 votes.

Dems must put all our effort -- and money -- into winning the 3rd CD. That work starts with Democrats voting for Democrats in the primary. We can beat Boebert/Trump.

Joe Lewandowski  
Durango

## 'I believe'

Dear Editor:

The conservative contributors to the Sun love to climb on their MAGA throne and pontificate about what they think liberals believe, none of which is positive for the United States. Well, I am a proud, progressive Democrat and here is what I actually believe:

1. I believe that voting is the foundation of our nation. Any actions that obstruct a citizen's ability to vote are un-American, particularly when based on phony allegations of fraud.

2. I believe that all persons are worthy of respect, including the LGBTQ community that is so despised by conservatives. How does someone else's choice of gender or whom to love and marry have any impact on me?

3. I believe that all of us are descended from immigrants unless we are Native American. My father and grandparents immigrated here because they saw America as a beacon of hope, equality, and prosperity, just as today's immigrants do. Despite obstacles and pervasive prejudice, immigrants have made ours the most diverse and resilient nation on earth.

4. I believe that excellent health care should be a right for all Americans as it is in every other developed nation. No one should have to choose between food and medicine, nor be driven into poverty by medical bills.

5. I believe that public lands belong to ALL of us, not just a few mining and oil companies or ranchers.

6. I believe that we should leave our children and grandchildren a healthy, livable planet with clean air and water, not a hot wasteland ravaged by natural disasters.

7. I believe everyone has the right to worship the god of their choice, or no god at all. But no one has the right to tell me how to behave based on their personal moral code.

8. I believe that a woman has the right to choose to end a pregnancy. I am not "pro-abortion," but I believe that this decision should be left to the woman and her doctor, not the state. Abortion bans do not stop abortions, they just stop safe abortions.

9. I believe that in the world's wealthiest nation it is a crime that millions of adults and children go to bed hungry or are homeless.

10. I believe all children deserve a high-quality education, regardless of family income or their zip code.

11. I believe that our economy should work for everyone who

works hard, not just those at the top. Billionaires who have reaped the greatest benefit from America's economic opportunities (to say nothing of the toil of their employees) should pay equitable taxes for the financial treasure they have enjoyed.

12. I believe we owe our veterans a huge debt of gratitude. No veteran should struggle for healthcare, live in poverty, or experience homelessness.

13. I believe we need to strengthen Medicare and Social Security, which provide our senior citizens with at least some dignity.

If you think any of these beliefs are un-American or unpatriotic, please let me know.

John Porco

## Le Roux: 'Committed community spirit'

Dear Editor:

I noted with interest the two side-by-side advertisements for Sheriff in the May 19th edition of The Sun. One of the candidates, Mr. Neagle's advertisement notes "I will regain the community's trust" and "...put the Sheriff's Office back in the community."

I can attest to the trust and committed community spirit Mike Le Roux built during the time I was Superintendent of Archuleta School District and Mike was Commander of Emergency Management at the Sheriff's Office from around 2016 until my retirement in July 2020.

Here are a few of the interactions I can remember: Mike instigated, coordinated and facilitated valuable monthly multi-agency / organization coordination meetings, many of which I attended; He would call me at 5am on winter mornings to discuss snow delays, bus routes that might be affected and county impacts; After we received a series of grants that allowed us to purchase improved radio communication devices, Mike was instrumental in the 'school safe program', conducting radio use training and programming for school radios and coordinating with Dispatch; He proactively planned and coordinated discussions on Active Threats within our school district, which I know later culminated in an important workshop/multiagency table top event; He brokered an updated Red Cross sheltering agreement to include the school district in evacuation plans, re-establishing necessary relationships; He has participated in numerous 'career days' through the High School and has also been involved in a number of trainings and presentations to various groups of children and adults in his various capacities.

Mike is a top level thinker who demonstrates proactive forward planning on a community-wide scale. He is an excellent and clear presenter, communicator, and trainer, and he's dependable and trustworthy. He has a long demonstrable track record of community engagement and builds sincere and solid relationships wherever he goes.

Additionally, he could be found reading and talking to the kids at the elementary school with the Sheriff's Office school reading program.

My vote for Sheriff goes to Mike Le Roux.

Linda Reed

## A garden in peril

Dear Editor:

Re: "Gravel Pit Proposed in Hinsdale County" (May 19, 2022), a permit is currently under review for creating a gravel pit in southern Hinsdale County just south of the Piedra River crossing on Piedra Road. The proposed pit borders Northern Archuleta County. Its operation will require access via Piedra Road (CR 600/631) so it might as well be in Archuleta County.

My question is what is the cost of maintaining a balance between growth and despoilment in our mountain town? How do you keep a garden like Pagosa Springs growing while an intruding environment keeps trying to kill it?

Our local leaders seem not to care about the cost of allowing "outside" investors to ruin the pristine wilderness environment we live in -- particularly mining investors.

How about this cost: not long ago, High-Country News (March 18, 2019) reported that toxic waste from mines "accounts for a full half of toxic waste generated by all industries across the country. . . ." and that "[m]ining is the nation's largest source of toxic pollution."

But our garden keepers don't seem to care. Their common response to the invading investors is "it's their land and their county, and we need gravel to handle our booming growth." But again, at what cost?

What our garden keepers don't seem to question is how does this industrial use fit into a residential, recreational, and agricultural area?

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- I will continue to work hard as a board member for the Victim's compensation board and 4 the children to bring the resources the citizens of Archuleta County deserve
- Advocate for mental health services
- I will lead with transparency, trust, integrity, and character

**For these reasons, I am asking for your help and support in becoming your Archuleta County Sheriff.**

If you would like to learn more about how our community can begin turning things around, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/BoydNeagleforsheriff/> and learn more about my campaign for Sheriff.

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# "Today, it is my privilege to nominate Mike Le Roux for Sheriff."

**I do not make this nomination lightly.** The Sheriff is arguably the most important elected official when it comes to the day-to-day business of the county. While Commissioners have an important focus on the future, the Sheriff ensures the well-being of our community through enforcement of our laws, keeping the peace, and handling a broad array of challenges from wildfires to search and rescue, to even propane delivery.

**We must choose our Sheriff wisely.** That wise choice is Mike Le Roux. I say this for two reasons. **First, leadership.** Mike is a fantastic leader. He has the enthusiasm, decisiveness, ability to listen, and collaborative nature our fine law enforcement professionals expect in their leader. Further, if you know Mike, you know he would never ask someone to do something he would not do himself, a highly desirable trait to look for in any leader.

**Second, Mike provides both continuity and fresh perspective.** He has proven himself in multiple high stress leadership positions within the Sheriff's Office and is ready to take the reins. His understanding of the entire array of challenges facing the Sheriff's Office from law enforcement to wildfires combined with his great relationships across the community and in the region will allow for a smooth transition. That smooth transition doesn't mean Mike won't be constantly seeking to improve and build on the foundation of success laid down by the great law enforcement officers who help make Archuleta County such a wonderful place for us all. I know with Mike in the lead, our Sheriff's Office will be ready for the future.

For these reasons and many more,

**I proudly nominate Mike Le Roux for Sheriff of Archuleta County!**

**JESSE M. MOREHOUSE**  
Brigadier General, Colorado Army National Guard & Archuleta County Resident

*Nomination Speech for the Office of Sheriff at the Archuleta County Republican Assembly Held on March 19, 2022*

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# Primary Election Tracker

The SUN asked candidates to provide a brief bio and answer the following questions. Answers are printed as they were received.

## County Sheriff Candidates

## County Commissioner Candidates



**Mike Le Roux**

I have called Archuleta County home for 10 years, working as the Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Commander and more recently as Undersheriff. I have served on numerous community/non-profit boards, and volunteered in several capacities. My wife and I have been together 29 years, and I enjoy an active, outdoors lifestyle.



**Boyd Neagle**

I began my law enforcement career in 1994 and then graduated from the HCCS police academy in early 1995. I moved to Colorado in 2012 where I continued my law enforcement career. I am a husband of a wonderful lady, father of 5 amazing children, and grandfather of a darling little girl.

### How does your background translate into being sheriff?

**Mike Le Roux**

The Sheriff is a high level leadership position that oversees a large, diverse multi-operational agency. It requires the ability to effectively interface with the community they serve.

In addition to my previous high level career in the private sector, my tenure at the Sheriff's Office has given me first-hand, in-depth working knowledge and experience. As a deputized employee since 2015 I have been consistently involved with law related activity. As Undersheriff I am in the best position to identify the strengths and shortcomings of the agency and take the necessary steps to ensure the needs of citizens are met.

Am I able and qualified to carry out daily law enforcement functions? Absolutely. Do I need to be doing that every day? Absolutely Not. The role of the Sheriff is to ensure that the staff performing those functions have the best possible resources available to execute their job effectively.

**Boyd Neagle**

I began my career in Law enforcement as the only officer in a small town with a population of 411 and have worked for a large department of 1200 serving over a million citizens. This taught me the importance of community no matter the size. I have been serving my communities going on 28 years gaining experience in each position. I've been a patrol deputy, detentions deputy, supervisor, field training officer, detective, school resource officer, training officer, marijuana investigator, and animal control to name a few. I've written department policy and procedure manuals. I've written grants and overseen the programs with great success, budgets, etc. for my agencies. All this translates into working knowledge of how to run a department and run it correctly. I know and have worked all the jobs involved and how to get them done from a position of knowledge.

### What is the department doing well and where

### does it need improvement?

**Mike Le Roux**

With over 12,000 calls for service in 2021 the ACSO still managed to effectively provide an uninterrupted 24/7/365 service, despite ongoing challenges of recruitment and retention experienced by all industries, but particularly law enforcement. I applaud each staff member for the commitment, dedication and long hours this effort required.

Moving forward we need to be competitive and appealing to attract quality staff needed throughout our entire organization. I am committed to investigating opportunities and incentives for staff retention and recruitment programs.

My belief is that sincere, mutually beneficial relationships are the bedrock of creating an efficient Sheriff's Office, as we rely on multi-agency response and coordination in a smaller, rural county. I will continue to invest my time and efforts engendering this throughout the agency.

Relationship development is key within the wider community as well. Implementing proactive community engagement programs and opportunities will become a priority for the Sheriff's Office.

**Boyd Neagle**

The department has many great employees that are working hard to serve our community. The employees need to be supported and mentored to be the best they can be. This comes from knowledgeable leadership passing on their experience and training. The department needs to better use its resources and personnel to serve the community. Having one deputy on patrol at times is unacceptable. Having only two detention officers working the jail at times is dangerous and unacceptable. The department needs to plan for the future and not wait to react to coming issues. It needs to build the employees up and stop the employee turnover. It needs to rebuild its relationships with the District Attorney's office, outside agencies, and the community.

### How would you build and maintain trust with the public?

■ See Tracker A7



**Alvin Schaaf**

I'm the incumbent Commissioner and the Brand Inspector. My wife and I have three children and we live on a cattle ranch. In 2007 I became a County Deputy, I worked my way up from Corporal, to Sergeant in charge of the jail. I've also been a small business owner/operator.

### What is your primary reason for running for county commissioner?

**Alvin Schaaf**

I ran for Commissioner in 2018 because I felt a need for someone with knowledge of the County and a relationship with the citizens to be involved in decisions for future growth and oversight of everyday management of the county. We've accomplished a lot in four years, some very contentious decisions were made such as building the unfunded state mandated jail but it's done and will save the county money in the long run. We've made changes for the better in county bureaucracy and I am running for a second term to follow through with these changes as well as helping Archuleta County grow responsibly. Tourism is the biggest part of our economy and with all of our outdoor opportunities, the ski area, and our small-town appeal, it will continue to be but I'd like to help make it easier for different businesses and tradespersons to call Pagosa home.

**Veronica Medina**

I am passionate about giving the people of Archuleta County a voice through leadership. My family is from here and I plan to live the rest of my days here.



**Veronica Medina**

My family ties to the community for more than 25 years, Master's degree in Business Administration, Human Resources Manager 15 years, former grant writer, Bilingual English/Spanish. I am very involved in Archuleta County; I sit on a few boards and volunteer for other organizations

### Do you have a financial background that would help you understand budget issues important to the stability of the county?

**Alvin Schaaf**

Four years as a County Commissioner, working closely with the Finance Director and County Administrator has been an invaluable education to understanding the budget issues facing Archuleta County; every government entity has challenges unique to themselves. During my tenure as Sergeant in charge of the jail, I worked closely with finance and other personnel creating and administering the budget and I prepared the budget I operated under during my time as a small business owner in the construction industry.

**Veronica Medina**

I have an MBA and in my positions of Human Resources and as Program manager for Youth Courts for National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Justice. I had to ensure that all departments managed their budgets. I reviewed budgets with department heads on a regular basis.

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# Primary Election Tracker

## County Sheriff Candidates

## County Commissioner Candidates

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### Mike Le Roux

We trust those people we know and respect. Trust is built through giving the public every opportunity to get to know me.

I will provide frequent, transparent and clear communication through easily accessible channels; be approachable so the public feels comfortable to engage me; look for ways to actively engage the public; and respond and follow up reliably, courteously, punctually and professionally.

Again, it comes down to someone who is comfortable and adept at relationship building, and considers this a worthwhile time investment. I care about Archuleta County so taking an interest in the community naturally follows.

Where complex situations arise there is thorough protocol in place to follow. Rumors and defamation hurt an organization and individuals. I want to be a person known for

my integrity and care. I want the public to trust that decisions are difficult, and that mine are deeply considered, fair, and unbiased.

### Boyd Neagle

The Sheriff's office cannot be successful without the trust of our community. I will be a working sheriff out in the community leading from the front and setting the example I expect from all sheriff's office employees. My door will always be open to all citizens and they will be welcome to meet and speak with me anytime. We will be an agency involved in our community hosting community events, having a citizen's police academy, community watch programs, self-defense programs, antibully programs, etc. We will partner with agencies to help or community with mental health and drug issues. We will be part of this community working hard to be the best for it. We will serve with professionalism and transparency.

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### What is the most challenging issue facing the county today?

#### Alvin Schaaf

In my opinion, the most challenging issue is road maintenance. We need convenient access to gravel, for this reason I was a proponent for the gravel pit. We consistently haul gravel but in no way can we haul enough for supply to keep up with demand and now, with the rising cost of fuel, hauling the required amount of gravel needed to effect any real change to the condition of

our roads is completely cost prohibitive. During this stage of events, the most practical thing for us to do is try to increase the frequency of maintenance and that's what makes this issue such a challenge.

#### Veronica Medina

Most of my constituents have expressed serious concerns about the roads. Working with the other two County Commissioners and County Administrator to form a long-term plan for repair and maintenance of the roads. I would also look at grant opportunities to further expedite the much-needed repair and regular maintenance.

**See next week's SUN for additional candidate questions and answers.**



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## Congratulations All High School Graduates!



## Letters

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And what reformations must take place to provide adequate mitigation of the environmental impacts the mine will have on wildlife and residents – not to mention the aesthetic degradation to our pristine mountain views?

Wildlife studies indicate that when operations like this become active, wildlife leave the area and do not return.

Fish and river life will be affected by run off from mine operations due to sediment which clouds the water. It will affect insect populations and the fish will leave the area or die. The buildup of sediment also affects eggs laid by the fish which will reduce the fish population as well.

In our area where hunting and

fishing is a source of income, this industrial development will greatly impact our local economy.

Another question: how will the mine impact the water system in our community? Has the proposed mine prepared a drainage study of the creeks and rivers that enter and exit the proposed development site? This is not an industrial area.

Also, how will an industrial mine affect the air from dust and diesel pollutants. And how will the proposed mine mitigate the impacts of traffic generated by the project?

In summary, I quote a resident in one rocky mountain community that speaks of the impact of a mine on the air and the water resources in her neighborhood: "I think it (gravel pits) is a large part of our

dust pollution. Some days it is hard to see the mountains. . . It takes a lot of water to keep a good pit. Is that what we want to use our water for?" ("Jobs, dust among benefits, harms of gravel pits", aggregateresearch.com, January 2003).

Hank Slikker

### Value work

Dear Editor:

Yes, there is education from jobs well done. Back 1912, Scouting for boys had been welcomed into this country by Congress, giving it the name of "Boy Scouts of America". My grandfather was serving as Justice of the Peace and he was attracted to the membership requirement of "duty to God and my country" and he encouraged his son, my Dad, to join one of the first

troops organized in this country, Troop One, sponsored by the Floral Heights Methodist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Through the various activities of "scouting", my father's self-confidence grew as he experienced the values of leadership that encouraged working with and for others to accomplish good things. Once in high school, he became Captain of the football team. When he graduated in 1918, he decided to take advantage of the two-year post graduate program offered by the high school, which consisted of practical business courses. He continued to work with the football team as Coach.

Following those two years, he accepted an entry level job with

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# Ballots

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The hours for the VSPC will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday from June 20 through June 27.

On June 25, it will be open from 8 a.m. to noon.

On June 28, it will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## How to return ballots

Voted ballots may be returned to the VSPC or taken to one of the county's ballot drop boxes.

Those drop boxes are located at the courthouse at 449 San Juan St. (outside on the sidewalk near the flagpoles) and at the TARA Community Center at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles.

According to the county's election notice, the drop boxes will have 24/7 video surveillance from June 20 through 7 p.m. on June 28.

## What if I didn't receive a ballot or need a replacement?

Eligible residents can register to vote up to and including Election Day either online or at the Archuleta County Election's Office/VSPC.

June 20 is the last day for an individual to submit a voter registration application and still receive a ballot in the mail for the June 28 primary, according to the state.

Replacement ballots are available at the VSPC.

More information on eligibility and registering to vote can be found at <http://www.archuletacounty.org/192/Elections> or [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov).

Those with questions should call the Archuleta County Election's Office at (970) 264-8331.

## What's on the ballot?

Registered Republicans and Democrats will each receive a primary ballot specific to their party.

If a voter has not declared a party preference, they will receive two ballots in their mail-ballot packet. They must only return one ballot in order for their vote to count.

## Republican ballot

The Republican ballot will include three choices for U.S. senator: Ron Hanks, Joe O'Dea and a write-in option.

Daniel Hendricks filed the required paperwork with the Colorado secretary of state to be a write-in candidate.

According to the Archuleta County election notice, "A write-in vote should be counted if the write-in line on the ballot includes at least a reasonably correct interpretation of the candidate's last name and the voter fills in the target area next to the write-in line. For more information, please review sections 1-4-1103, 1-5-407(3), 1-7-114, and 1-7-304, C.R.S., SOS Rule 18, and the Voter Intent Guide."

The ballot will include two candidates for U.S. representative for District 3: Lauren Boebert and Don Coram.

Two names will appear on the ballot for Colorado governor: Greg Lopez and Heidi Ganahl.

Republican voters will have three candidates on the primary ballot for secretary of state: Tina Peters, Mike O'Donnell and Pam Anderson.

Several state-level offices will include only one Republican candidate: Lang Sias for state treasurer, John Kellner for attorney general, Dan Maloic for at-large regent of the University of Colorado and Shelli Shaw for state representative for District 59.

Two candidates will appear for Archuleta County commissioner for District 3: Alvin Schaaf and Veronica Medina.

Two candidates will appear for Archuleta County sheriff: Mike Le Roux and Boyd Neagle.

One candidate will appear for several Archuleta County offices: Kristy Archuleta for clerk and recorder, Elsa P. White for treasurer, Johanna Tully-Elliott for assessor and Brandon L. Bishop for coroner.

There are no Republican candidates for county surveyor.

## Democratic ballot

The Democratic ballot will include one candidate for U.S. senator: Michael Bennet.

The ballot will include three candidates for U.S. representative for District 3: Soledad Sandoval Tafuya, Alex Walker and Adam Frisch.

Several state-level offices will include only one Democratic candidate: Jared Polis for Colorado governor, Jena Griswold for Colorado secretary of state, Dave Young for state treasurer, Phil Weiser for state attorney general, Kathy Plomer for at-large regent of the University of Colorado and Barbara McLachlan for state representative for District 59.

There are no Democratic for county-level offices.

## How to track your ballot

Colorado voters in all 64 counties will be able to track their primary election ballot using BallotTrax, according to the Colorado Secretary of

State's Office.

BallotTrax is a program that was implemented statewide in 2020 that allows voters to track their ballot, including when it is sent, received and counted.

According to a press release from the office, "BallotTrax enables voters to receive notifications by phone, email, or text about the status of their mail ballot, from the time it is mailed to the voter, to when it is received, and counted. In 2020, over 1.6 million voters used BallotTrax to follow their ballots. This year, nearly 2 million active voters are enrolled in the program."

According to the press release, messages about the status of voter ballots will begin after ballots are mailed out by counties.

Colorado voters can enroll themselves in BallotTrax by going to [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) and clicking on "Sign up for BallotTrax."

# Graduation

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graduating class will be 28 students this year, up from 16 in 2021 (the school's first year).

Asaunda Hancey earned the honor of being SJMS's valedictorian, and Russell Lopez received both the salutatorian award and Character Award.

The class of 2022 chose a quote from Dr. Seuss for its class quote: "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

The white rose was chosen as the class flower, with "Time of Our Lives" by Pit Bull picked to be the class song.

Members of the graduating class will hand out peach roses, which signify gratitude and sincerity, to those who supported them during the graduation.

"The Class of 2022 is leaving an incredibly positive mark on San Juan Mountain School," Bellina wrote in an email. "I continue to be amazed at the sense of community in SJMS, and these seniors were

leaders in developing a culture of respect and positive work ethic this year. Many of these students graduated before May as they found motivation to work hard and complete all their requirements early. I cannot wait to celebrate each of them this weekend alongside the entire staff of SJMS, our school board, and the families and friends of our seniors."

The graduation will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the PSHS auditorium.

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# Health

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tion team and plan, determine the structure and priorities of the new district and board of health, and solicit citizen and stakeholder feedback on health priorities and needs.

She added that the county will also need to hold discussions with SJBPH staff and receive the formal report from the BoH before making a decision to leave and opening negotiations with Archuleta County.

Rogers also mentioned that the staff of the new department would be hired in an open process by La Plata County, although the county hoped that existing talent would apply.

La Plata County Manager Chuck Stevens added that the county would want to pursue staff-to-staff interactions with SJBPH to determine the financial details and roles of its staff, a process that would likely take 60-90 days and which Stevens described as "due diligence."

Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton summarized this process by stating that the county would first perform the due diligence work, then make a decision on leaving or dissolving the health district, then move forward with structuring the new county health district and determining needs.

Rogers added that the decision stage would be when the county would enter into negotiations with Archuleta County.

She also added that, in her "ideal world," the process would take approximately a year and a half, although she noted that La Plata County is not the "only party at the table."

# Mill

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"greater flexibility" in zoning, according to the town's current Land Use and Development Code.

The approval by the planning commission means that it is now up to the Pagosa Springs Town Council to decide if the development will be rezoned.

Both the May 24 and May 10 meetings were met with lengthy public comment sections, mostly expressing disapproval over the RV park.

A frequently repeated concern was regarding the traffic the park would cause. Prutsman is proposing an extension of Eagle Drive to avoid traffic on Pike Drive, the primary road that the residents in the area use.

"What happens if someone misses the turn onto Eagle Drive?" one public commenter asked. "How would they turn around on Pike with an RV?"

Others expressed concern over the backup that the park could cause for highway access.

Prutsman was present at the meeting and noted that he had pre-

viously reached out to the area's Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) representative to ask about the possibility of a roundabout at Pike Drive and U.S. 160 to alleviate some of the traffic concerns.

Prutsman reported the CDOT representative replied that it would be a possibility, especially with the town's support.

In addition, nearby resident of the development and public commenter Cheryl Flynn expressed concern over the noise and light pollution that the park may cause.

"We came to Pagosa and really fell in love with this neighborhood," Flynn said at the meeting, speaking of her and her husband. "The dark sky is a real bonus and I'd hate to see anything disrupt that."

In response to a board member's question about RV lighting fixtures and compliance with the town's dark sky ordinance, Dickhoff noted that the concern could be solved with an operating requirement that would be included in the planned unit development agreement, which is the document that permits the planned development overlay.

circulated to the boards of county commissioners, would be brought back to the BoH to be acted upon in a regularly noticed meeting.

Michael Goldman, the attorney representing the BoH, then commented that it would be appropriate for the board to act upon the recommendation in a normal meeting, depending on its contents.

BoH member Bob Ledger then added that, before the report is circulated to the county commissioners, he would like for the report to be circulated among the BoH to ensure that all members concurred with the report.

Bruss and Porter-Norton expressed agreement with this proposal, with Porter-Norton commenting, "I'm in agreement with all this and I think that, when the report comes to board of county commissioners, speaking just for myself, I think that is gonna be a much more credible and stronger position, not having it be a recommendation from a work session but having it be reviewed by the board and make sure we know what words are in there and how things are characterized."

SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon then clarified that the timeline stated by Daniels earlier would be delayed.

The board then discussed that the BoH members would receive the report by May 31 with the potential for a special session to discuss the report after this point, although Goldman commented that this would be dependent upon board members' responses to the draft.

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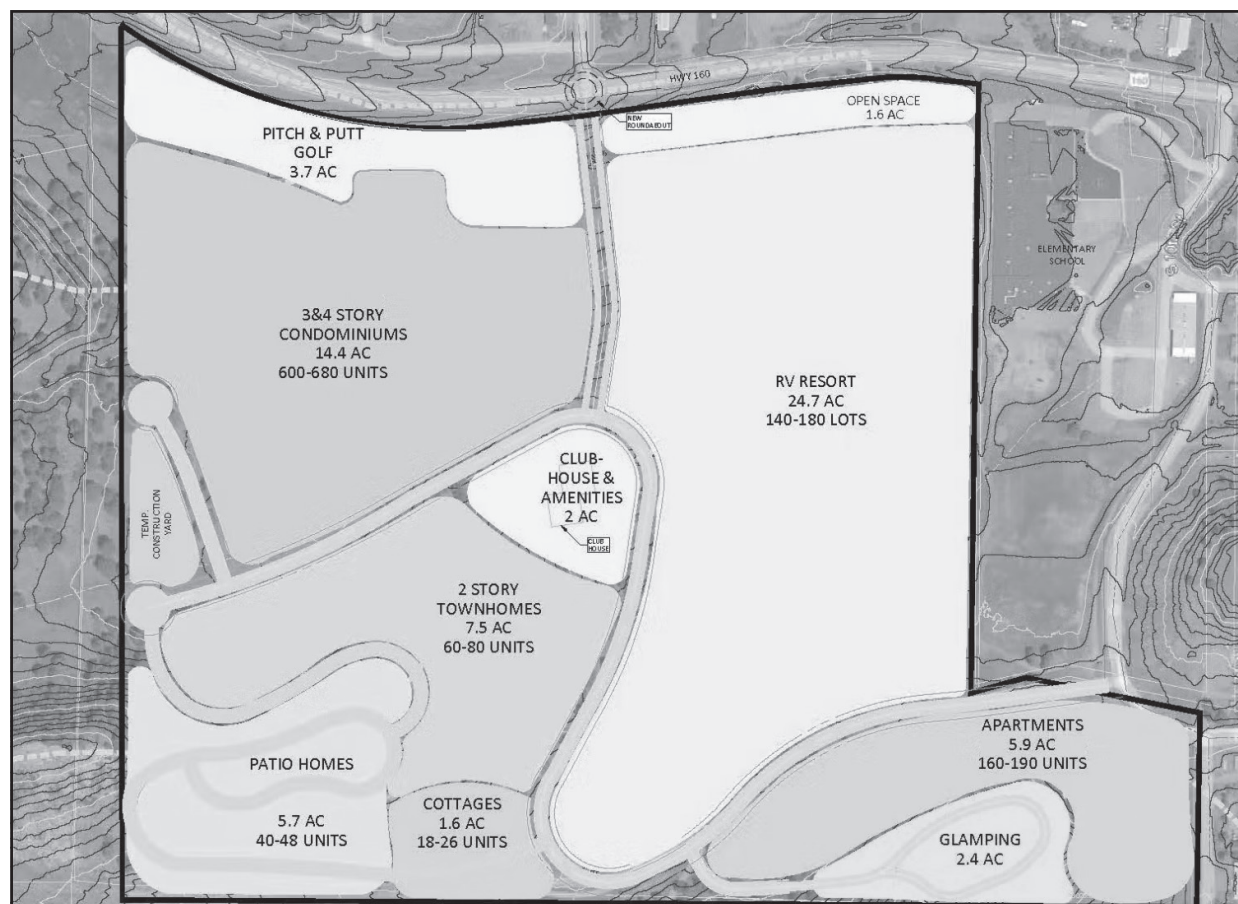


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A conceptual site map for a proposed near-80-acre subdivision off of Put Hill. On May 24, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission moved to continue discussions of the site's rezoning request after the developer could not provide adequate answers pertaining to infrastructure needs for the development.

# Subdivision

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mixed-use residential community that features two-story townhomes, three-story condominiums and apartments and one-story cottages. It would also feature a luxury RV park.

In addition, the site proposes a multitude of amenities, including a paved trail system; a "pitch & putt" small golf course; indoor and outdoor pickleball courts; and an outdoor theater for movies and events that are open to the public; a pool and hot tub area; a playground; several barbecue gazebos and horseshoe pits; and a clubhouse that features a fitness room, game room, meeting room and a bistro for beverages.

According to its plan, the development will add between 530 and 600 new housing units and between 130 and 140 RV lots to the Pagosa Springs community.

Of all the units, the application estimates that 47 percent will be for purchase, 30 percent will be for rent and 23 percent will be part of the RV resort.

However, at the meeting, the developer's representative, Carl Bommarito, stated that initially 75 percent of the homes will be for rent and 25 percent will be to own.

In addition, Bommarito stated that the developer is willing to commit to designating 100 units as workforce housing.

The inclusion of workforce housing and public trails and amenities is the developer's case for why the site should qualify for a planned development overlay zoning, which requires that developments with this zoning designation offer "a substantial benefit to the Town," according to the language in the town's current Land Use and Development Code.

Bommarito explained that the building would take place in phases, likely spanning "around a decade." He explained that the site's infrastructure would also happen in phases, to avoid "going out of business in a year."

Concerns from the planning commission centered around the

water and sewage usage of the development.

Bommarito stated that the developer is paying the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) to do a water model to see if the current system could handle infrastructure of this magnitude.

"There may be improvements needed two years from now, four years from now, to handle this. Same with the sewer system," Bommarito said. "This is a big project."

Bommarito stated that on-site sewage or water may be considered, pending the results of the model study.

He said that added landscaping would be kept at a minimum, which could reduce water demand.

Planning Director James Dickhoff explained that the decision about water servicing to the site will have to be a mutual effort between the developer and PAWSD.

Regarding access to the development, Bommarito stated that no conversations with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) have occurred yet.

Bommarito noted that a roundabout is needed to mitigate traffic congestion, and Dickhoff explained that the developers plan to "piggy-back" off the access control plan that is already in the works by the town, county and CDOT.

A full traffic study will also need to be conducted, Dickhoff stated.

In addition, planning commission members nodded to a letter from the Archuleta School District as a reason for their hesitancy.

The letter, written by Interim Superintendent Laura Mijares, lists several concerns regarding the development, including the elementary school's near-capacity status and the need to build a new school should the development be created.

The letter also expresses disapproval of the RV park in the development's close proximity to the Pagosa Springs Elementary School play fields.

"I am incredibly concerned for the safety of my students, knowing the population of any RV park is

transient," Mijares wrote in the letter. "Colorado sex offender laws require registration after 14 consecutive business days in a given location. The juxtaposition of a churning population and delayed registration of sex offenders raises concerns for the safety of my elementary students."

Bommarito replied at the meeting that the developers are "here to listen" and are open to looking at other uses of space for that section of the development.

Nearby resident Patty Holmes expressed concern during public comment about the landfill and infrastructure capacity of the town, as well as the lack of environmental review, as reasons for disapproving of the project.

"This is gonna double the size of Pagosa, I don't care if it's in phases," Holmes said. "Can some consortium of five guys just double our town?"

Lori Henricksen, nearby resident and executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County, expressed concerns about traffic, dark-sky compliance and the disruption of migration patterns of wildlife during public comment.

However, she noted that she was appreciative of the variety of income levels that the site caters to and acknowledged the need for housing as the community grows.

Other public commenters asked the developers to scale back the size of the project.

After a long discussion, Bommarito and the planning commissioners agreed that the discussion should be continued, with no decision being made during the meeting.

The developer is now tasked with returning to the planning commission at its June 28 meeting with a clearer idea of water, sewage and traffic models; how to address the concerns of the school district; and more realistic parameters for density and what each phase of construction will include.

"We will see what we can do based on the concerns," Bommarito said at the conclusion of the meeting. [dorothy@pagosahun.com](mailto:dorothy@pagosahun.com)



# PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

## ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

**To the Electors of Archuleta County, Colorado,  
in accordance with the provisions of Section §1-5-205 C.R.S.,  
notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in Archuleta County,  
on Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 2022.**

**Eligible Voters:** All Active Registered Democratic, Republican, and Unaffiliated voters.

**Attention Unaffiliated Voters:** If you have not declared a party preference, you will receive two (2) ballots in your mail ballot packet. You MUST only return one (1) ballot in order for your vote to count.

**Mail Ballots:** Beginning on June 6, 2022 the Archuleta County Clerk & Recorder will send a mail ballot packet to every Active voter who is registered in Archuleta County. To be counted, mail ballots must be returned to and in the hands of the Archuleta County Clerk & Recorder no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 28, 2022. **Postmarks do not count.**

**Polling Locations:** Beginning Monday, June 20, 2022 the Election's Office located at 449 San Juan St. (behind the courthouse), will serve as the official Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC). The VSPC hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from June 20 through June 27, 8:00 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, June 25 and 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Election Day, Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

**Drop-Off Locations:** You may also drop-off your voted ballot at the Election's Office located at 449 San Juan St. (behind the courthouse), between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning June 20, 2022. Tuesday, June 28 the office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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BOTH Democratic and Republican ballot styles have been added together for this notice. Contents are shown below and be aware that your ballot will only contain the races and issues for which you are eligible to vote. Feel free to call our office at 970-264-8331 or visit our website [www.archuletacounty.org](http://www.archuletacounty.org) if you have any questions.

The following are the official nominations that will be voted on at the Archuleta County, June 28, 2022 Primary Election.

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### FEDERAL OFFICES

#### United States Senator

(Vote for One)

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (01) Ron Hanks<br>(Republican)      | (01) Michael Bennet<br>(Democratic) |
| (02) Joe O'Dea<br>(Republican)      |                                     |
| (03) Write-in _____<br>(Republican) |                                     |

#### Representative to the

##### 118th United States Congress – District 3

(Vote for One)

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| (01) Lauren Boebert<br>(Republican) | (01) Soledad Sandoval Tafoya<br>(Democratic) |
| (02) Don Coram<br>(Republican)      | (02) Alex Walker<br>(Democratic)             |
|                                     | (03) Adam Frisch<br>(Democratic)             |

### STATE OFFICES

#### Governor

(Vote for One)

- |                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (01) Greg Lopez<br>(Republican)   | (01) Jared Polis<br>(Democrat) |
| (02) Heidi Ganahl<br>(Republican) |                                |

#### Secretary of State

(Vote for One)

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| (01) Tina Peters<br>(Republican)    | (01) Jena Griswold<br>(Democrat) |
| (02) Mike O'Donnell<br>(Republican) |                                  |
| (03) Pam Anderson<br>(Republican)   |                                  |

#### State Treasurer

(Vote for One)

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| (01) Lang Sias<br>(Republican) | (01) Dave Young<br>(Democrat) |
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#### Attorney General

(Vote for One)

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| (01) John Kellner<br>(Republican) | (01) Phil Weiser<br>(Democrat) |
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#### Regent of the University of Colorado – At Large

(Vote for One)

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| (01) Dan Maloic<br>(Republican) | (01) Kathy Plomer<br>(Democrat) |
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#### State Representative – District 59

(Vote for One)

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| (01) Shelli Shaw<br>(Republican) | (01) Barbara McLachlan<br>(Democrat) |
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### ARCHULETA COUNTY

#### County Commissioner – District 3

(Vote for One)

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| (01) Alvin Schaaf<br>(Republican)    | (01) There are no candidates for this office.<br>(Democrat) |
| (02) Veronica Medina<br>(Republican) |   |

#### County Clerk & Recorder

(Vote for One)

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| (01) Kristy Archuleta<br>(Republican) | (01) There are no candidates for this office.<br>(Democrat) |
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#### County Treasurer

(Vote for One)

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| (01) Elsa P. White<br>(Republican) | (01) There are no candidates for this office.<br>(Democrat) |
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#### County Assessor

(Vote for One)

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|--|---|
| (01) Johanna Tully-Elliott<br>(Republican) | (01) There are no candidates for this office.<br>(Democrat) |
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#### County Sheriff

(Vote for One)

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| (01) Mike Le Roux<br>(Republican) | (01) There are no candidates for this office.<br>(Democrat) |
| (02) Boyd Neagle<br>(Republican)  |   |

#### County Surveyor

(Vote for One)

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| (01) There are no candidates for this office.<br>(Republican) | (01) There are no candidates for this office.<br>(Democrat) |
|---|---|

#### County Coroner

(Vote for One)

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| (01) Brandon L. Bishop<br>(Republican) | (01) There are no candidates for this office.<br>(Democrat) |
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Below is a list of the certified write-in candidates who have filed the required paperwork with the Secretary of State. These candidates may not be listed on the ballot; however, voters may write the candidate's name on the ballot in the appropriate space provided in order to cast a vote for that candidate. As a result, any ballot containing the districts below must contain a write-in line.

A write-in vote should be counted if the write-in line on the ballot includes at least a reasonably correct interpretation of the candidate's last name and the voter fills in the target area next to the write-in line. For more information, please review sections 1-4-1103, 1-5-407(3), 1-7-114, and 1-7-304, C.R.S., SOS Rule 18, and the Voter Intent Guide.

#### United States Senator

(01) Daniel Hendricks

Kristy Archuleta  
County Clerk & Recorder  
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SUN photos/Randi Pierce

The annual Vets for Vets Memorial Weekend Golf Tournament took place Saturday morning. Around 200 people were expected for the sold-out event, which opened with a flyover, honor guard, taps and the awarding of the Heroes and Helpers Award to Chris Liverett.



## Letters

Continued from A7

a National Baking Company, continuing to learn all he could from each job. Over a few years, he worked his way up the ladder until one day, he was told they were considering him for a General Manager position; however, there were concerns that he looked too young for one in such a position, that he would be unable to command the respect needed. Hmmm. What to do? He grew a mustache. Yes, he got the job.

He became one of the most respected business leaders in the community, known for his commitment to integrity and service to others.

Yes, he valued work.  
Patty Tillerson

### Coding and education

Dear Editor:

I have done some research about coding and education. I

wanted to know how coding affected education. I learned some reasons people thought coding for education was good and some reasons people thought it was bad. Then I did a survey with my class at Pagosa Springs Elementary School and shared with them some of my research. Including reasons coding for education is good and bad. Some of the reasons it is good are: it encourages persistence, coding boosts problem skills, and is a career building skill. Some reasons it

is bad are that instead of hunched over a screen kids need to be learning basic human skills, and coding is "addictive". After taking my survey 75% of my class (12 people) decided that coding for education was good and that our school should keep doing it. 12.5% (2 people) said no we should stop it, and another 12.5% said that they can't decide. I looked at my research and survey results and most of it says that coding for education is helping the world. Therefore I would like to recommend that more schools should take more time to teach their students coding. I hope you agree.

Your friend,  
Wells Witting, age 10

## Services

### Bonnie Milburn

The celebration of life for Bonnie L. Milburn will be held Saturday, June 11, at 2 p.m. approximately 4.1 miles up Turkey Springs Road, just past the turnoff for Brockover Road. All are welcome.



### Donna Youker

Donna Youker, formerly of Pagosa Springs, lost her battle with cancer in December of 2021. She was 85 years old. Donna was born in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1936. She met her husband, Ken, at the wedding of a mutual friend and they were married on June 27, 1953, in Cable, Wis. They were married for 61 years at the time of Ken's



death. They lived in Minnesota for many years, where their three children were born. They were on vacation when they passed through Pagosa Springs in the late '70s. They instantly fell in love and moved there shortly after. Donna worked for the Pagosa Springs Public School for many years as the head cook. When she retired, she took a part-time job at Circle K and enjoyed talking with her many friends that came into the store. After the death of her husband, she moved to Phoenix, Ariz. She made many new friends in Phoenix and made the most of every day. She loved visiting with friends and participating in community activities.

She also created and led several fun community events. Donna simply enjoyed the life she lived. She died peacefully, with family present. Donna is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth A. Youker; brothers George Holly, Norman Holly and Ray Dodge; and her parents, Clarence and Verna Holly. She is survived by her children, Nick A. Youker, of River Falls, Wis.; Kenneth G. Youker, of Jonesborough, Tenn.; and Patti A. (Youker) Roads, of Hildreth, Neb.; along with her four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Donna was a wonderful person and we all should take a page from her book and just enjoy the life that is given to us.



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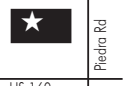
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# Plumtaw Fire transitioning back to local control, at 77 percent containment

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Containment on the Plumtaw Fire continued to be 77 percent on Wednesday, June 2, according to the San Juan National Forest.

The fire has burned 721 acres 7 miles north of Pagosa Springs, 2 miles west of the intersections of Plumtaw and Fourmile roads, with Wednesday's update anticipating no spread beyond the current fire perimeter.

The fire was reported on May 17 and was estimated to have burned more than 600 acres that day. The cause continues to be listed as under investigation.

The fire will transition back to the local management unit today, Thursday, June 2, according to Wednesday's update.

The Rocky Mountain Incident

Management Team 2 took over management of the fire on May 20, and on May 28, command of the fire was turned over to a Type 3 incident management team as containment increased.

Wednesday's update states that the fire "showed little heat throughout the fireline perimeter. An engine found an interior hot spot late in the day and was able to add water to extinguish the heat. Interior hotspots have little chance of escaping the established fire perimeter because the fuel between the hotspot and fire edge has already burned."

The update further indicates that firefighters continued to systematically examine the entire area for heat Tuesday — an effort that is ongoing — and the Unaweep Wildland Fire Module continued collecting fire and fuels data through unmanned aircraft system

technology on Tuesday.

Also on Tuesday, a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team began arriving.

According to Wednesday's update, the BAER team "will begin assessing the fire area and create a report on burn severity. The report will be used to create a rehabilitation plan to protect the natural resources in the area."

The update further notes that fuels remain "critically dry" before stating the fire is anticipated to remain within the existing perimeter.

## Closure order lifted, flight restriction remains

On May 31, the San Juan National Forest announced that the closure around the Plumtaw Fire area had been terminated, with the area reopening to the public on June 1.

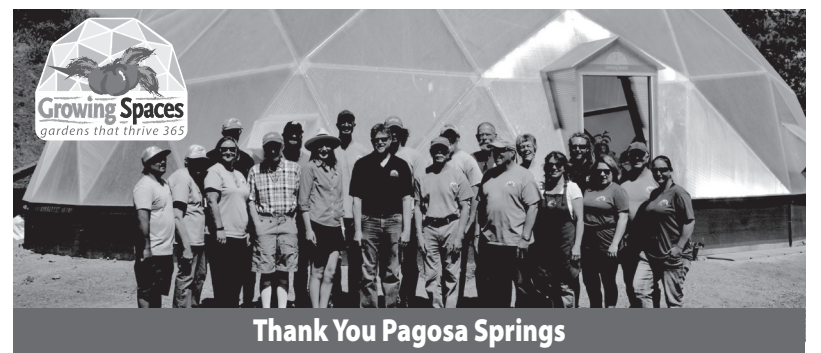
Wednesday's update urges, "Please use caution as hazard trees and firefighting equipment are still around the fire area."

A temporary flight restriction (TRF) remains in effect over the fire, according to Wednesday's update.

"TRF violations can disrupt aerial firefighting operations and may [force] fire managers to ground essential aircraft. [Wildfires] are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. If you fly, we can't. <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>," the update states.

## Fire restrictions in effect

Stage 1 fire restrictions remain in effect for the San Juan National Forest, as well as much of the region, including the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. [randi@pagosahun.com](mailto:randi@pagosahun.com)



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## Are you up to date on your knowledge of fire prevention?

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

For outdoor enthusiasts, forest lovers and mountain adventurers, it can be hard to accept that you could be the cause of a wildfire.

However, the U.S. National Park Service reports that from 2000-2017, nearly 85 percent of wildfires in the country were human-caused.

Luckily, with safety precautions and thoughtful practices, you can reduce your risk of starting the next big fire. Test your knowledge below to see if you are up to date on the current fire prevention tips.

True or false? When putting out a campfire, it is only important to drown red embers.

False. It is critical that you drown all embers when extinguishing a campfire, not just those that appear to be hot.

According to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), if the fire is too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave. A good rule of thumb is to pour water over the fire until you cannot hear a hissing sound.

If you do not have enough water, the USFS recommends that you mix your fire with sand and dirt, gradually, until there is no detect-



## WILDFIRE: Be aware and be prepared

able heat. However, you should not bury your fire, as the fire will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire.

Once you feel that you are safe to leave your fire, use a shovel or large rock to dig around your fire and make sure that there are not any active embers buried.

True or false? If I am using a permanent metal or concrete fire pit or grate that was installed by the USFS, my fire is safe.

False. Although using these types of pits is one of the safest ways to burn a campfire, there are several factors that can put your fire at risk of growing out of control.

Before you start your fire, make

sure that debris is cleared from the area of the pit. Be on the lookout for pine needles, as they are highly flammable, according to Bill Trimarco, Archuleta County coordinator for the Wildfire Adapted Partnership.

The USFS also recommends that fires are positioned in cleared areas with no overhanging branches, minimal grass and brush.

Tents, hanging clothing and other flammable camping equipment should be at least 10 feet away from your fire, according to the National Park Service.

In addition, avoid burning a fire if winds are high or conditions are especially dry, regardless of how isolated you feel your fire is. Always check fire restriction statuses in the county or town you are camping before you go, and make sure to follow all of those regulations.

True or False? There are several ways that your vehicle or equipment can start a wildfire.

True. If you are off-roading, remember that your exhaust can reach temperatures of more than 1,000 degrees, according to the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI). So, avoid driving or parking over dry grass.

Vehicles and equipment can shoot sparks from their exhaust, particularly vehicles that have not received regular maintenance. The DOI recommends that you make sure your vehicle is current on all mechanical checkups and suited for off-road adventures, and reminds you that off-highway vehicles must have a spark arrester.

"If you're towing a trailer, please remember to do a maintenance

check to ensure the tires are not worn, the bearings and axles are greased, and safety chains are properly in place and not dragging on the ground," the DOI website states.

In addition, equipment can also start a wildfire. Just last month, the Ute Mountain Pass fire near Durango was started after a heavy-duty lawn mower hit a rock, causing a spark, according to the Durango Fire Protection District.

The DOI states that you should never operate equipment that produces sparks near dry vegetation. You should always clear the area around your workspace, and this area should be larger if it is windy and dry.

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## 19th Hole Concert Series to raise funds for Wings Early Childhood Center

By Rose Chavez  
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Wings Early Childhood Center was chosen to benefit from this summer's 19th Hole Concerts. We are excited to participate in this fun event at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

Please come out Thursday, June 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for some great music by the Jackson Mountain Ramblers.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Your \$10 cover charge not only supports Wings Early Childhood Center, but also four other local nonprofits that are part of the 19th Hole Concerts.

Funds from all the concerts are

pooled and divided evenly. So, your attendance at multiple concerts, June 2 through June 30, helps support Wings Early Childhood Center, among others. We hope to see you there.

Please tell your friends and family and join together for the upcoming 2022 concert series:

June 2 — Jackson Mountain Ramblers, Wings Early Childhood Center.

June 9 — Bob Hemenger, Habitat for Humanity.

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June 23 — San Juan Mountain Boys, PM Morning Rotary Club.

June 30 — Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release, Healthy Archuleta.



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— Patient Advisory Council feedback, November 2021

Primary care provider Jeanne Marotta, FNP

# County planning commission approves new rules for swimming pools and utility structures

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its May 25 meeting, the Archuleta County Planning Commission approved changes to the Land Use Regulations (LUR) regarding private pools and personal utility structures.

At the meeting, Development Director Pamela Flowers explained that the changes to the regulations on private pools were made following discussions highlighting that the current LUR only mentioned swimming pools, excluding hot tubs, and that the current regulations, which require a 6-foot fence around any private swimming pools were a "pretty high bar to... achieve the goal of security and safety" for children around pools.

Flowers added that new regulations will provide more options for securing pools and apply to other private pools beyond swimming pools.

The proposed new regulations define private pools as a swimming pool, hot tub, spa or the like connected to a residence, condominium or apartment complex solely for the use of the residents of that dwelling. The regulations also mention that wading pools with depths of

less than 24 inches do not qualify as private pools.

Flowers explained that the new regulations require that private pools follow the setback rules for auxiliary structures, although pools do not require a building permit.

She added that the regulations also require that any private pool is secured to prevent unsupervised access to the pool by children, or accidental drowning. Among the allowed security measures are the construction of a non-chain-link fence or wall on the ground completely enclosing the pool; the addition of a pool safety fence of at least 18 inches in height to an above ground pool with a removable ladder; or the installation of safety cover, compliant with ASTM International Standard F1346-91, when the pool is not in use.

What height of fence or wall was needed to secure a pool was a subject of debate at the meeting.

In her proposal, Flowers had lowered the height of fence from the 6 feet required in the former regulations to 4 feet.

However, planning commissioner Peter Beaudry raised concerns that a 4-foot fence might be too low.

Flowers explained that 4 feet is the industry standard for securing swim-

ming pools from children and that this requirement would likely be secondary as the easiest way to secure a pool is to use a pool cover.

Planning commissioners Adam Buttons and Mont McAlister also commented that a 4-foot fence might be too low, with McAlister citing that, where he had grown up, the requirement had been 6 feet and Buttons commenting that, as a parent of a 20-month-old child, he "would be fine with" a 5- or 6-foot fence requirement.

Buttons and Beaudry then agreed that they would prefer a 6-foot requirement for ground fences around pools.

Flowers explained that the new regulations concerning personal utility structures were driven by residents placing solar panel arrays in utility easements under the erroneous claim that they represented a utility.

Additionally, she added that the new rules clarified where other personal utility structures could be placed on a property.

Flowers then explained that a personal utility structure is defined in the new regulations as a structure that provides utility services — including water, gas/propane or electricity — primarily for the personal

use of the owner.

The proposed regulations, Flowers continued, prohibit the construction of personal utility structures in utility, ditch, right of way or access easements.

The proposed new rules also add that the above-ground portions of permanent personal utility structures must obey property setbacks while the below-ground elements of the structure could cross into the setback.

Additionally, the proposed rules stipulate that all temporary personal utility structures which are above ground, such as propane tanks, are exempt from setbacks and that on-site wastewater treatment systems must obey setbacks for nearby water features.

During this explanation, Beaudry and Flowers highlighted that, even though some solar panels send power back into the grid, this does not make them a public utility.

The commission then unanimously approved the changes to the LUR, with the change of requiring a 6-foot ground fence around private pools secured by a fence.

These new regulations will go before the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners for final approval at a later date.

# Commissioners hear Human Resources update

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At the May 24 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session, Human Resources Director Tina Woodman delivered a semiannual update to the board.

In her update, Woodman explained that the training program started and is going well.

She also noted performance reviews are being conducted using the recently approved form and were being performed on or around the employee's hire date or the anniversary of their hire date.

She added that the county's employee-of-the-month program is highly successful and that workers' compensation recently completed an audit — the results of which she would hear soon.

She also mentioned that she is completing a presentation to the BoCC for switching the county to

a paid time off (PTO) system from its current leave plan.

She then explained that, while no new equipment operators or dispatch staff had been hired, staffing levels increased across other departments, with approximately 20 openings in the county.

She also mentioned that she is working with the county finance director on options for outsourcing payroll, a move which she believes would simplify the payroll process in the county.

She also discussed, at the request of County Attorney Todd Weaver, the impact of the Family and Medical Leave and Insurance (FAMLI) Program on Archuleta County employees.

She explained that the county currently operates under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which allows for employees to take non-paid leave to care for family members with serious health conditions or bond with children after

childbirth, among other uses.

She added that county employees can accrue vacation and sick time and can use that time to pay themselves while on FLMA leave.

FAMLI, she explained, provides paid leave sponsored by the state in exchange for a payment of 0.9 percent of the employee's gross salary to the state, split in half between the employer and employee. When the employee goes on FAMLI leave, which has similar parameters to FMLA leave, the state then pays their wages, without benefits.

Woodman commented that she would prefer to opt out of the FAMLI program as the county's leave policies already provided a mechanism for payment during FMLA and the program would cost the county and its employees more money.

Weaver explained that the BoCC would need to pass a resolution to opt out of FAMLI program.

Commissioner Warren Brown

commented that FAMLI is "essentially an unfunded mandate, or a partially funded [mandate]."

The board then discussed the timing for opting out, with Woodman explaining that the opt-out period would begin in the fall.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he would like to hear employee opinions on the program, while Commissioner Alvin Schaaf stated that he would like to hear from the taxpayers as well, since they would have to pay for the program through its impact on the county's General Fund.

Woodman explained that Archuleta County's utilization of FMLA is low and that because of this and the mechanisms the county already has in place for payment, she does not support the FAMLI act.

"I don't like it," Maez concluded, "I agree with Tina on this; scrap it." [josh@pagosahun.com](mailto:josh@pagosahun.com)

# Town continues moving forward with East End Multimodal Master Planning Project

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

At its May 26 work session, the Pagosa Springs Town Council heard updates about the town's East End Multimodal Master Planning Project.

The project aims to assess and update pedestrian sidewalk and trail connectivity, river and park access, public parking, functionality of roadways and traffic flow in

the area, and transit opportunities, according to the Town of Pagosa Springs' website.

Planning Director James Dickhoff explained the East End area extends roughly between 1st Street to just east of the U.S. 160/U.S. 84 intersection. "Multimodal" emphasizes a variety of transportation modes in addition to vehicles, including cycling and walking, as well as public parking, and access to businesses and public spaces.

The Town of Pagosa Springs is well underway with the project, which began in August 2021, and was awarded a \$156,850 Multimodal Options Fund Grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The total project budget is \$178,238.64, with the town providing a cash match of \$21,388.64.

Currently, the town is looking at a few different scenarios for use of the frontage roads in the project's area, with diagonal versus parallel parking being considered. Currently, CDOT owns the frontage roads and will only allow parallel parking, but diagonal parking spots would generate more parking spaces, according to Dickhoff.

The town has the option to accept the rights to the road from CDOT, thus allowing them to create any type of parking, but Dickhoff suggested he is reluctant to take the road until the asphalt is in better condition or the town has the funds to accept responsibility for the road's maintenance.

Mayor Shari Pierce inserted that it could be a good idea to acquire the road and she does not want to regret a missed opportunity to expand owned land for the town, but Dickhoff replied that he thinks that the offer will remain from CDOT after this project concludes.

Diagonal parking could also force it into being a one-way road due to the limited remaining road

space after sidewalks are added, Dickhoff explained.

However, several council members were opposed to parallel parking due to difficulty of parking and were not opposed to the idea of a one-way road.

The town is also exploring different concepts for land acquisition in the area of the project. If land was acquired, the largest priority would be a public parking lot. Some concepts also explore the option of purchasing land for a regular spot for the farmer's market and an ice-skating rink.

Council member Mat deGraaf was in favor of the purchase of land for a parking lot, stating that the success of the plan rests with availability of parking to the public.

Pierce explained that she wants to wait to give a concrete answer until after the town council's retreat on June 23, where members will set annual priorities for the town.

Pierce noted this year the priority is housing and the town's purchases need to reflect that. "I'm totally not against doing this," Pierce said, "but I'm just concerned financially until we get this housing project figured out."

Dickhoff and Town Manager Andrea Phillips will continue conversations and give updates regarding the future of the road and the project at future meetings. [dorothy@pagosahun.com](mailto:dorothy@pagosahun.com)

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**Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.** 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprisings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Tuesday, June 7**  
**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09,meetingID:91609048375,passcode:4141885>. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09,meetingID:91609048375,passcode:4141885>. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall coun-

cil chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprisings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District board special meeting.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprisings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Wednesday, June 8**  
**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation board meeting.** 5:30-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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# Judge sets hearing on water board member's reappointment

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The dispute surrounding the reappointment of director Bill Hudson to the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board continues, with Judge Jeffrey Wilson, who makes appointments to the board, setting a June 6 hearing to receive additional information regarding the situation.

The district court hearing, which will occur at 10 a.m., follows a vote at the April 18 SJWCD meeting where a motion to not recommend the reappointment of Hudson failed 3-2, with directors Joe Tedder, Susan Nossaman and Hudson voting against and directors Al Pfister and Doug Secrist voting for.

Following this meeting, Pfister sent a letter to the judge, dated April 21, reiterating his complaints about Hudson's conduct and opposition to Hudson's reappointment.

Pfister's letter focuses on his concerns about Hudson's ability to follow his fiduciary duties and the adverse working environment his presence has created for the board.

The letter states: "In short, his participation as a Board member has created a very unhealthy environment for our Board to operate within. We have spent too much money involving legal counsel and his meeting his fiduciary duties, as well as too much time debating issues which have minimal to no value in helping the District accomplish our mission. It is not just his disagreement with some issues within the District, which are typically resolved when we take a vote and he is [sic] the sole Board member voting no. Situations such as this are good for all points from different perspectives that are likely within the community are at least represented, enabling a well reasoned decision. It is more his criticism and innuendos presented in the Post (not fulfilling fiduciary duties) that create the unhealthy environment. This unhealthy environment was highlighted in our most recent meeting and thus creating mistrust and a lack of good faith within our community. My impression is that he is more interested in developing a headline for the Post, instead of ensuring our community has adequate water to meet our future agricultural, environmental, municipal and recreational water needs in a warming and drying water future. His cumulative unprofessional and divisive behavior outweighs the positives he has provided to the District. Another way of viewing his performance of Board member duties is that he seems to try to come up with issues that will delay or sabotage District mission accomplishment. From an additional perspective, Director Hudson will become a Board member of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District. In discussing this at our recent meeting, he failed to acknowledge this would be a conflict of interest.

"Last summer, at my suggestion, the SJWCD board adopted a new section to its bylaws, to clarify the behavior expected of Director Pfister and the other board members regarding financial conflicts of interest.

"Section 11. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest. A Director who has a financial interest in a matter coming before the Board shall recuse himself/herself from participation in discussion of voting on the matter, and shall propose no motions or offer comments while the matter is before the board. Whenever possible, recusal shall include removing himself/herself from the meeting while the matter is under consideration. A potential conflict of interest of any Director shall be disclosed in accordance with State law, particularly Article 18 of Title 24, C.R.S., and Section 18-8-308, C.R.S.

"Regardless of this action by the board, Director Pfister continues to participate in official board actions - discussing, making motions, and voting in favor of donations made to Mountain Studies Institute, a corporation for which he acts as a paid consultant. Mr. Pfister violated this section most recently - in my opinion - on February 21, 2022 and March 21, 2022. My criticism of Director Pfister's behavior has resulted in considerable tension at board meetings."

Hudson continues to comment that tensions on the board have also been amplified by conflicts over his work as a columnist for the Pagosa Daily Post before providing a brief summary of the board's bylaws governing fiduciary duties

"I realize this is a brief overview of the current continuing situation within our Board. I am willing to provide more specifics at your

request, but request you consider our ability to act as a functional Board; minimize the likelihood of additional Board members resigning, and/or contractors accomplishing mission important tasks terminating their contracts; and/or our legal counsel terminating his contract, and not reappoint Director Hudson - all in the furtherance of the District accomplishing our mission. This is not Director's Hudson first display of unethical and unprofessional behavior while acting on a Board. He was removed from the Town Council Planning Commission this past year (summary attached) for similar disruptive behavior."

Hudson also submitted a letter to Wilson, dated May 3, in which it is noted that this letter is a response to Pfister's earlier letter.

In this letter, Hudson begins by summarizing SJWCD's previous failed motion to not recommend his reappointment, adding that SJWCD had already made a motion opposing his original appointment in 2018, which Secrist and Pfister had both voted for.

He continues to state, "One of the ongoing disagreements between Director Pfister and myself concerns Director Pfister's continuing willingness to - in my opinion - violate the 'conflict of interest' statutes described in CRS 24-18-109 and other statutes. These violations have been ongoing consistently for at least the past two years.

"The difference in opinion seems to center on whether the fiduciary 'duty of loyalty' refers to 'loyalty to the board of directors' - as some board members have argued - or whether it refers to 'loyalty to the district taxpayers,' which is the stance I have maintained.

"It's my belief that sharing information about the District with the taxpayers, and sharing my understanding of the District's actions with those same taxpayers, is a key part of my fiduciary duty. I believe a well-informed public is best able to make well informed decisions.

"Director Pfister disagrees with my interpretation of 'fiduciary duty,' and he has consistently argued from that perspective, thus generating a steady series of contentious board discussions that have very little to do with productive work by the board.

"In 2017, a majority of the SJWCD board voted last year [sic] to place a proposed mill levy increase on the November ballot, to support a reservoir construction project. The mill levy increase was subsequently rejected by the District voters by a 2-to-1 margin. I was among the voters who rejected the mill levy proposal, and I believe SJWCD needs more board members who represent the majority of the taxpaying voters, so that a comprehensive, community-centric examination of past and current SJWCD policies can take place. I am eager to continue promoting that direction on the SJWCD board."

In response to these letters, Wilson issued an order on May 23 stating, in part, "As to the issue as to whether to re-appoint Director Hudson, the Court has reviewed his response to President Pfister's letter to the Court. After reviewing both letters, the Court believes that it needs more information prior to deciding the issue. The Court

and stating that has abided these policies since their inception, although "two particular directors" continue to accuse him of violation his fiduciary duties.

The letter then adds, "Although Colorado law is very clear - in my opinion - on questions of financial conflict of interest, the definition of 'fiduciary duty' when serving on a conservancy district board is much less clear.

"Since serving on the SJWCD board, I have considered it part of my fiduciary duty to help the district taxpayers understand the laws and policies that influence water allocations and uses, whether local or statewide. A couple of my fellow board members have consistently argued that such communications, when carried through a local news outlet that I operate, are damaging to the work of the district.

"In spite of an official board policy, these two directors have attacked my work, without any evidence that I am, in fact, violating my loyalty to the district taxpayers. These constant attacks, aided and abetted by our current legal council, have resulted in ongoing debates and antagonistic feelings during board meetings, causing tension and frustration.

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therefore sets a short hearing on this issue on June 6, 2022 at 10:00 AM at which time director Hudson, President Pfister and/or the board may present additional information they deem appropriate for the Court to consider."

Hudson's concerns about Pfister's obedience to conflict-of-interest laws and the upcoming hearing were discussed at the May 26 SJWCD board meeting.

At the April 18 meeting, the board had moved to have Hudson submit his concerns, which had been stated at that meeting, to Jeffrey Kane, SJWCD's attorney. During a discussion on the progress of this submission, which had not been completed by the time of meeting, Hudson explained that he was waiting on communication from another board member.

He elaborated, "I've been covering government boards and writing about and documenting government boards for 18 years and have never, ever, heard an attorney attack an individual board member of the board that he serves, in public, the way Jeff Kane attacked a board member at the last meeting. I have never heard an attorney act the way Jeff Kane acted at the last meeting. So, I will not send a letter that comes from Bill Hudson because Jeff Kane does not like Bill Hudson.

"In fact, he's willing to attack a board member of this board, his employer, in a public meeting and badmouth a board member in a public meeting. So, I will not send the letter coming from Bill Hudson, but I will send it if it comes from more than one board member. Doug wasn't willing to put his name on it. ... I'm looking to see if another board member will put their name on this letter because Jeff is just going to toss it in the trash if it comes from Bill Hudson."

Secrist commented that Kane would respond to Hudson's concerns.

Hudson responded, "That's an assumption. I don't make that assumption."

The discussion ended with Pfister reiterating that Kane would respond to Hudson's concerns and Nossaman agreeing.

The board then moved on to discuss the hearing request from Wilson, with Pfister summarizing the previous meeting and letters before commenting that he would prefer Kane to be there.

Hudson expressed his objections to this, stating that this is between the judge and the applicants and that he would not agree with paying Kane "\$200 an hour to attend a hearing."

Pfister then motioned to have Kane attend the hearing. The motion passed with Pfister, Secrist and Tedder voting yes, Hudson voting no and Nossaman abstaining. [josh@pagosahun.com](mailto:josh@pagosahun.com)

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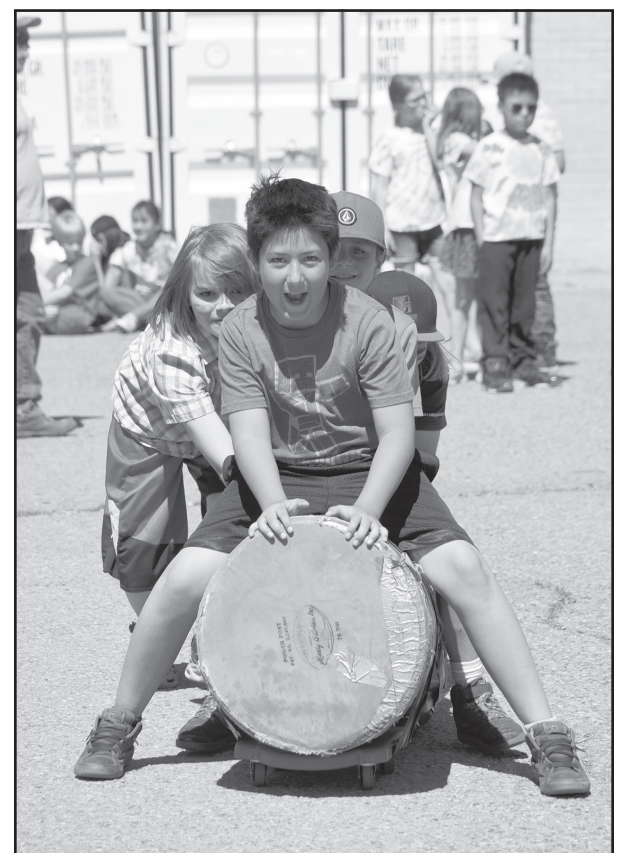
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## Pagosa Springs Elementary School Olympics

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Students celebrated the end of the school year and the Olympic spirit at the Pagosa Springs Elementary School Olympics on May 26. Following opening ceremonies that included a parade of athletes (complete with a bagpiper and fire and law enforcement escort), flyover by the San Juan Squadron, delivery of the Olympic torch via paraglider, torch run, releasing of "doves" (pigeons) and more, students and teachers competed in a wide variety of games and activities.



# PSMC presents automatic external defibrillators to Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Pagosa Springs Medical Center staff

On behalf of Pagosa Springs Medical Center, (PSMC) Dr. Rhonda Webb, PSMC CEO, presented five automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) for the benefit of the community.

The AEDs are a portable medical device used in the case of cardiac arrest to analyze heart rhythm and deliver a shock to restore the heart rhythm to normal. The units will be housed in five ACSO vehicles.

The ACSO responds within an 1,800-square-mile area that includes Archuleta County as well as parts of Mineral and Hinsdale counties. Deputies are most often the first on scene to major medical and trauma emergencies, including cardiac arrest calls where defibrillation and early CPR may be the difference between surviving or not. All sheriff's deputies are trained by PSMC's Emergency Medical Services staff.

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Staff of Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) pose with an automatic external defibrillator, or AED. PSMC donated five AEDs to the ACSO to be housed in patrol vehicles.

Heart Association's most recent data, in the United States there are 356,461 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests annually. In 2021, within

the ACSO's response area there were 54 calls for service for cardiac arrest patients. Without early CPR and access to early defibrillation,

survivability is less than 10 percent across the board for adult patients. The survival rate triples when there is access to early defibrillation.

# Local COVID-19 transmission rate rising

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Recent COVID-19 incidence and positivity rates indicate that transmission is rising in La Plata and Archuleta counties, according to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment data showed a 100 percent increase in COVID levels in local wastewater between April 28 and May 5, with the amount of virus continuing to increase since, according to SJBPH Communications Director/COVID-19 Public Information Officer Megan Graham.

"SJBPH encourages residents, especially those who are at high risk for severe illness, to act now to protect themselves and their families," a May 27 press release states. "Residents should continue prevention efforts such as staying home if you have symptoms, frequent hand-

washing, and staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. High risk and vulnerable individuals should consider resuming masking in public indoor spaces."

SJBPH's data dashboard showed Wednesday that, as of Tuesday, Archuleta County's one-week positivity rate was 9 percent and one-week cumulative incidence rate was 82.30 new cases per 100,000 people.

"I think we can safely assume that the incidence rate is higher than the numbers indicate," Graham said, explaining that while the widespread availability of home testing is good, it means not all cases are being reported to the state.

Hospitalizations continue to remain low in the region, Graham reported, with one unvaccinated individual hospitalized at Mercy Regional Medical Center as of Wednesday.

For more on the vaccines, eligibility and local providers, visit: <https://>

[sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/](https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/).

More information about COVID-19 vaccines, as well as assistance scheduling an appointment, is available at: [covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine](https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine). The public can also call SJBPH at (970) 247-5702 or Colorado's Vaccine Hotline at (877) 268-2926 to get help finding a vaccine.

### Testing and treatments available

The free community test site located behind Pagosa Springs Medical Center will remain open at least through the end of June.

SJBPH's press release states that SJBPH continues to have at-home tests and masks available for free at the SJBPH offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs.

Too, at-home tests can be ordered directly from the federal government at [www.covid.gov/tests](https://www.covid.gov/tests).

More information on testing can be found at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>.

Graham also pointed out there continue to be multiple treatment options available that those who have COVID-19 can speak about with a medical provider, including using a telehealth option now available through the state.

"COVID-19 treatments are for people who currently have mild to moderate symptoms and are not in the hospital for COVID-19, but who are at high risk of getting very sick," the SJBPH press release explains. "You should get treatment as soon as possible when you start to feel symptoms."

For more information on those treatment options or the state's telehealth program, visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-treatments/> or [covid19.colorado.gov/treatments](https://covid19.colorado.gov/treatments).

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# Outdoors

## June events at Chimney Rock National Monument announced

By Nadia Werby  
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Summer is here and it's time to get outside and explore.

At Chimney Rock National Monument, you can view the stars, the full moon or take a tour of this majestic place where the Ancient Puebloans used to live. Chimney Rock offers special interpretive programs that are fun and educational for the whole family.

### June special events

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) offers two different Night Sky Archaeoastronomy Programs: Our Solar System on Friday, June 3, 7:15-10 p.m., and Stars and Galaxies on Friday, June 27. For both programs, your evening begins with a sunset and interactive discussion at the Mesa Village Trailhead just off the high mesa parking lot. After the discussion, volunteer astronomers await with telescopes to provide a closer look at the wonders of the night sky. Tickets are \$16 (adults) and \$8 (children 5-12) plus booking fee and are nonrefundable. Check our website for program times and bring your questions.

This month's Geology Tour will take place on June 1, 8, 15, 27 and 29, 7 to 8:30 a.m. This program includes a 2.5-hour guided tour that explores local geology and its

relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and learn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in at 7 a.m. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12).

The Flora of Chimney Rock tour will take place on June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 24 and 28. On Tuesdays, the tour takes place from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and on Thursdays the tour is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. A thousand years ago, the people who lived at Chimney Rock depended on the plants around them for food, fuel, tools, housing, clothing, medicine and art. The breadth and depth of their knowledge is almost unimaginable today. At this special program, visitors will receive an introduction to some of the plant species that grow at Chimney Rock and their uses by Ancestral Puebloan people. The 1.5-hour guided tour will include the Great House and requires negotiation of a steep, rough trail with exposure to heights and drop-offs. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (5-12).

The Birding at Chimney Rock tour takes place on June 4 and 25 from 7:15 to 9:30 a.m. This program, presented in partnership with the local chapter of the Audubon Society, is a wonderful oppor-

tunity to observe and learn about birds native to the Chimney Rock area. Experienced Audubon birders will lead and assist the group, walking in the lower area of Chimney Rock National Monument (no archaeological sites are included on this tour). This program takes place off-trail, on uneven ground, with some mild up and down walking. Exact location will vary. Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. The fee is \$16 for adults and \$8 for ages 5-12, and is considered a nonrefundable donation.

The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour occurs most Mondays and Thursdays (June 6, 9, 16, 20, 23, 27 and 30). The Monday tour is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and the Thursday tour is from 7 to 9:30 a.m. This engaging two-hour tour is led by a trained CRIA tour guide. The tour will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. You will learn about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chaco culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the inhabitants of Chimney Rock. You will walk both the Mesa Village and Great House Pueblo Trails, learning about the structures along each trail, including their significance and uses. The tours are conducted in the quiet off-hours of the monument. Bring your curiosity, camera, sturdy shoes and water. Check our website for tour times. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12).

This month's Full Moon program will take place on June 13. The Full Moon Program occurs against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site. Guests will then watch the full moon rise to the music of Charles Martinez' Native American flute. The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top and hiking to the Great House Pueblo. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. There is a \$20 fee for attending or \$25 to attend the Full

Moon Program with an early tour. Guests who plan to attend the early tour, please check in at the gate by 5:45 p.m. Guests who plan to attend the Full Moon Program only, please check in at the gate between 6:45 and 7 p.m.

The Moonlight Melody program (June 12) is similar to the Full Moon program, but is more accessible to all visitors since it takes place at the lower area of the monument — no strenuous hiking involved.

Our Sketching at the Pinnacles program is new for 2022. This class is part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little visit to Chimney Rock National Monument all rolled into one. For a unique, reflective evening experience along the paved Mesa Village Trail to the Great Kiva, join us on June 7 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

### Other June programs

Summer Solstice Program: June 20, 21 and 22, 4:30 to 6:45 a.m.

Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies: June 17, 7:15 to 10 p.m.

Kids' Workshops: June 3, 6, 13, 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For this program only, contact the CRIA office at (970) 731-7133 to register your child.

For tickets for any of these special programs (except the Kids' Workshops), please visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777. A \$1 booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for these special interpretive programs.

Include Chimney Rock in your plans this summer. This Ancestral Puebloan cultural site is located 17 miles west of Pagosa and 3 miles south on Colo. 151.

To view the Chimney Rock National Monument 2021 Calendar of Events, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that offers interpretive programs at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information, see the CRIA website at [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (970) 731-7133.

## Public Notices

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2022-003

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On February 28, 2022, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
Original Grantor(s) Sohum Mountain Ranch, LLC  
Original Beneficiary(ies) Gary Morris  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Gary Morris  
Date of Deed of Trust June 03, 2019  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 04, 2019  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21903116  
Original Principal Amount \$2,800,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$2,798,769.99  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. TRACT II OF THE GARY MORRIS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 3, 2019 as Reception No. 21903078. Also known by street and number as: 6651 County Road 382, Chromo, CO 81128.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCLUMBERED 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 in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/30/2022, 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 5/5/2022  
Last Publication 6/2/2022  
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun  
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;  
DATE: 02/28/2022  
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: /s/ 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:  
Paul Kosnik #38663  
Eggleston Kosnik, LLC 160 E. 12th Street, Ste 7, Durango, CO 81301 (970) 403-1580  
Attorney File # SOHUM MOUNTAIN

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 Harmon Park Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

**Plaintiffs:** STEFANIE RENEE ROLSTON and RICHARD L. LITTLE v. **Defendants:** ROBERT JOE GROVE, SR. and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

**Submitting Attorney:** Duke Eggleston, #24965  
Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7 Durango, CO 81301  
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
E-mail: [deggleston@e-klaw.com](mailto:deggleston@e-klaw.com)  
Case Number: 2022CV30015

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**PLAINTIFFS STEFANIE RENEE ROLSTON and RICHARD L. LITTLE TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: ROBERT JOE GROVE, SR. AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION** YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
Lot 194 in Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 6 according to the plat thereof filed for August 3, 1971 as Reception No. 74689.

Respectfully Submitted this 3rd day of May, 2022.  
Published in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*  
First Publication: May 12, 2022  
Last Publication: June 9  
Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
/s/ Duke Eggleston  
Duke Eggleston, #24965  
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7 Durango, CO 81301 (970) 403-1580  
Published May 12, 19, 26, June 2 and 9, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

**NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC**  
P O BOX 15534  
IRVINE, CA 92623-5534

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to BENJAMIN M. OR BRITTNEY H. SEGOBIANO the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**LOTS 277 AND 278, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004450  
Schedule Number: 569525108007  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2018-043008

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC for said year 2008.  
That said BENJAMIN M. OR BRITTNEY H. SEGOBIANO on the 28th day of April 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BENJAMIN M. OR BRITTNEY H. SEGOBIANO On the 12th day of October 2022, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 9th day of May 2022  
/s/ Elsa P. White  
Elsa P. White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published May 26, June 2 and 9, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

**NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC**  
P O BOX 15534  
IRVINE, CA 92623-5534

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2018, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to LIVE OAKES LAND LLC the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**LOT 200, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004491  
Schedule Number: 569525202004  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 201804486

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2017  
That said LIVE OAKES LAND LLC on the 28th day of April 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to LIVE OAKES LAND LLC On the 12th day of October 2022, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 9th day of May 2022  
/s/ Elsa P. White  
Elsa P. White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published May 26, June 2 and 9, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

**NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC**  
P O BOX 15534  
IRVINE, CA 92623-5534

National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC  
P O BOX 15534  
IRVINE, CA 92623-5534

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2018, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

LIVE OAKES LAND LLC the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**LOT 200, IN CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77868.**  
Account Number: R004491  
Schedule Number: 569525202004  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 201804486

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to LIVE OAKES LAND LLC  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2017

That said LIVE OAKES LAND LLC on the 28th day of April 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to LIVE OAKES LAND LLC On the 12th day of October 2022, unless the same has been redeemed.  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 17th day of May 2022  
/s/ Elsa P. White  
Elsa P. White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published May 26, June 2 and 9, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Richard Mark Tulley, Deceased  
Case No. 2022 PR 30034  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before September 26, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law  
180 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Published May 26, June 2 and 9, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION  
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE  
SALE NO. 2022-004**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On March 31, 2022, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
Original Grantor(s) Keaton Dean Tjelmeland and Shyaelyn Tjelmeland  
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
Date of Deed of Trust May 05, 2020  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 04, 2020  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 22003039  
Original Principal Amount \$297,124.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$295,595.78  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 543 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884.**  
**Also known by street and number as: 404 Vista Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCLUMBERED 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 in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 07/28/2022, 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 6/30/2022  
Last Publication 6/30/2022  
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun  
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;  
DATE: 03/31/2022  
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: /s/ 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:  
Amanda Ferguson #44893  
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd. Ste 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155  
Attorney File # CO11454

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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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET** of Pagosa Peak Open School  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education Archuleta School District 50JT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and has been filed in the office of Pagosa Peak Open School as well as our website [www.pagosapeakopen.school](http://www.pagosapeakopen.school) org where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District on June 15, 2022 at 5pm. Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register objections thereto. Questions and comments may be emailed to [Chammon@ppos.co](mailto:Chammon@ppos.co) or [Billhudson@ppos.co](mailto:Billhudson@ppos.co)  
Published June 2 and 9, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET** Archuleta School District 50 Jt.  
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. on May 31, 2022 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and has been filed in the Administration Office of the School District where it will be available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District on June 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Library, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. A Zoom meeting link will be posted on the District's web site [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com) at least 24 hours prior to the June 14 meeting.  
Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his or her objections thereto.  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
May 31, 2022  
Archuleta School District 50 Jt.  
Mike Hodgson, Finance Director  
Published June 2 and 9, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

## Private well owners urged to test water levels and have wells inspected to better handle drought conditions

By Ben Frech  
National Ground Water Association

The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) is urging all private well owners impacted by drought to have their systems inspected and water levels tested as we enter the summer months.

Drought impacts both the productivity of a water well and its water quality. Because of this, it is important that well owners take proper steps to ensure their systems are operating safely and efficiently as we continue to experience drought conditions across the country.

Well owners should consider taking the following steps:

- Have your water well inspected by a certified water well contractor. Wells that are not operating correctly will waste water and are more likely to completely fail during prolonged periods of drought. An inspection can help locate current and potential problems with a system before they become serious issues.

• Test your well water. There has been growing evidence that lower water tables, deeper wells and extreme drought have led to higher levels of contaminants in groundwater. These contaminants can typically be easily identified and treated with a simple water-quality test.

• Test your water levels. Declining water levels can impact not only the mechanics of your well, but also water quality. A simple water level test can help determine what service may or may not be needed.

• Conserve water, fix leaks and utilize water-efficient technology. By properly conserving water, fixing leaks, and utilizing more efficient water technology, you can help ensure your water levels remain healthy for you and your neighbors.

• Don't delay. Due to ongoing

drought, supply chain issues and national labor shortages, well owners are seeing longer-than-usual wait times for service. If it has been more than a year since your last water well inspection, we urge well owners to reach out today to a certified contractor.

For more information on maintaining water wells during drought, you can visit: [wellowner.org/drought](http://wellowner.org/drought).

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**Accounting**

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## Attorney

**Daniel L. Fiedler**  
**Attorney at Law**  
Estate Planning • Wills • Trusts  
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**970-507-8528**  
190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6  
next to Restoration Church, behind City Market

## Security Checks

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**Chris (970) 749-2867**

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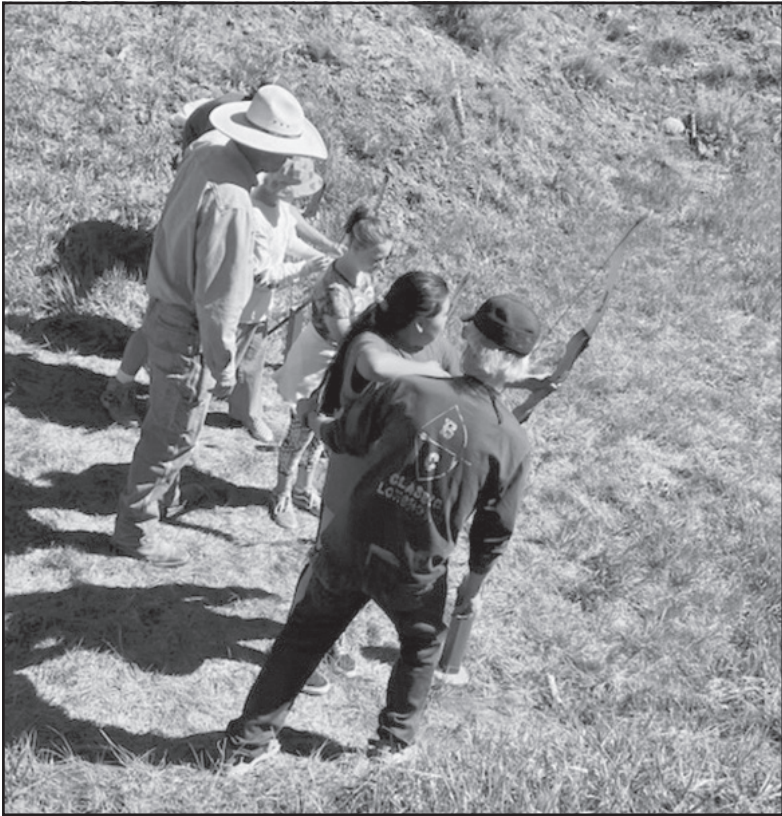




## Hunter education learning

Photos courtesy Pagosa Springs Middle School

On Friday, May 27, sixth-graders culminated their hunter education learning with a field day experience up Mill Creek Road. Students rotated through stations that included shelter building, tracking, fire building, fire suppression, bow shooting, blood trailing and more.



## Discover edible and medicinal native plants with Lake McCullough

By Jean Zirnhelt  
Weminuche Audubon Society

Despite our dry conditions, the woods are alive with a diverse array of plants — plants that provide food or medicine and incredible beauty, and some to admire only from a distance. Join us for a fun and educational ramble through the forest as we discover edible and medicinal native plants. The walks are free of charge.

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plant walks with certified herbalist Lake McCullough.

The first walk, on Wednesday, June 22, will explore edible and medicinal plants of the ponderosa ecozone at the beautiful Hershey Fourmile Ranch on Snowball Road. The ranch is located about 4 miles from town on Snowball Road, County Road 200.

In order to handle increased popularity and demand for information about our local ecosystems, we will be conducting two back-to-back plant walks at this location. The first tour will begin at 9:30 a.m.

and run until 11:15 a.m. The second tour will begin at 11:30 a.m. and go until 1:15 p.m. There is a 15-person maximum on each walk.

Please call McCullough ahead to reserve a space at (970) 398-0923 and indicate which time slot you choose. Walks are about 1.5 miles round-trip. Please be prepared for rugged trails and unpredictable weather, and leave dogs at home.

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If you're ready to help, please contact Lori Henriksen,  
Executive Director at 970.264.6960 or email  
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# Pagosa Springs Car Show

Lewis Street • Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11



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The 13th annual Pagosa Springs Car show will kick off Friday, June 10, and continue Saturday, June 11, along Lewis Street.

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- Friday**  
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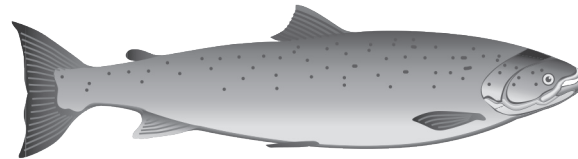
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# Pagosa Springs Car Show just around the corner

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

As we race into June, the 13th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show is just around the corner. Stunning classic cars and motorcycles will take to Lewis Street beginning Friday evening, June 10, at 5 p.m. for the Street Party.

The street will be filled with stunning cars; delicious food vendors; beer, wine and crafted cocktails will be available; and live music by the Rob Lowe band will fill the air. Spectators can get their first glimpse of the vehicles as proud owners show off in 16 different classes.

Vehicles can start lining up at 3 p.m.; however, the festivities will not kick off until 5 p.m. Get out of work and head downtown for an evening of fun and lots of eye candy. The cars will be at the show until 8 p.m. Spectators and car entrants should then head over to the Athletic Field in Town Park for a free car-themed movie hosted by the Pagosa Springs Police Department. Enjoy the free movie along with free popcorn, hot-dogs and lemonade. The movie will begin at approximately 9 p.m. when it gets dark, and you won't want to miss this classic movie.

On Saturday, June 11, the Show and Shine will begin at 9 a.m. Even more cars and motorcycles will arrive and fill up Lewis Street. The live music this day will be performed by Bruce Wayne Classic Rock and Country. Spectators and participants will be able to vote for their favorite car for the People's Choice award through your phone—super easy. There will also be awards for all of the different car classes. The awards ceremony will take place beginning at 2 p.m. Throughout the day, there will also be a kid's corner—car themed, of course. New this year will also be a costume contest where car participants can dress to match the era of their car. It is a fun and colorful era-themed activity. There will be Car Show merchandise and vendors in attendance.

The Chamber is excited to announce that after a COVID hiatus, the Adventure Package Raffle will be returning. A beautiful blue RZR and towing trailer will be the first-place prize, a Kona Lava Dome 29 mountain bike will be the second-place prize and a collapsible SUP with all the accessories will be the third-placed prize. Whereas, previously, the raffle winner won all three prizes, now there are three chances to win some fabulous outdoor gear—with the grand prize being the loaded RZR and towing trailer. Tickets will be on sale at the Car Show; however, the winning tickets will not be drawn until Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at ColorFest's Band and Brews.

There are a few important notices about the Car Show. Lewis Street will be closed off to through traffic beginning Friday morning, June 10, at 10 a.m. and will remain closed until 3

p.m. on Saturday, June 11. You can access Lewis Street going east from 4th Street. Also, the Lewis Street alley will also remain open. Dogs are allowed at the Car Show as long as they are leashed, which is also the town's animal control requirement. No other animals, skateboards, hoverboards, bicycles or other types of equipment are allowed. We would like to avoid any possible accidents to these collectible cars and motorcycles. Entrance to the show for the participants will be from 2nd Street.

Look for the flags marking the route. Whether a car participant or a spectator, come out and enjoy this 13th annual car extravaganza.

This will also be the weekend for the Folk n' Bluegrass Festival on Reservoir Hill and there is plenty of time to enjoy both events.

For more information or to volunteer for the event, visit [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com), click on the Car Show graphic on the home page and register your vehicle or volunteering capabilities.

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Ethan Hardy Benson as Billy Cane and Emma Alteri as Margo Crawford in “Bright Star.” The cast of “Bright Star” will take the stage at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 3, to open Thingamajig Theatre Company’s Broadway in the Mountains summer season.

## ‘Bright Star’ set to open Friday evening

By Amy Wolfe  
Thingamajig Theatre Company

After months of anticipation, opening night for “Bright Star” is finally here. Friday, June 3, at 7 p.m., the cast will take the stage at Thingamajig Theatre Company to begin the 2022 summer season of Broadway in the Mountains.

“Bright Star” is a beautiful and moving musical set in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina following the end of World War II

with flashbacks to 20 years earlier. Alice Murphy tells her story of love, loss and hope through harmoniously composed bluegrass melodies that pull at the heartstrings.

Season and individual tickets are available by calling the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469) or visiting our website at pagosacenter.org. “Bright Star” will be performed most Friday and Saturday nights in June then in rotation with “Guys and Dolls” and “The Sponge-Bob Musical” through Aug. 24.

Thingamajig Theatre Company was co-founded in 2011 by Tim and Laura Moore. It is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented actors, directors and production teams come from across the U.S. and around the world to produce Broadway-level musicals, comedies and dramas year-round. Thingamajig is also dedicated to providing educational opportunities for youth and teens in our community.

## TARA’s annual Treasure Trail in Arboles to be held June 11

By Susan Halkin  
TARA Community Center

The TARA Community Center will be hosting its annual Treasure Trail for the community. It is the biggest garage sale of the year and is set for Saturday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vendors have the choice of setting up at their location (\$15), or

under the shaded TARA Pavilion (\$10) or in the basketball court (free). Refreshments will be served at the TARA Pavilion.

At 3 p.m., a historical presentation will be made by Patty Tharp, author of the two volumes of “The Lost Communities of Navajo Dam.” A video of two former Rosa community members (Gallegos and Nossaman) will be shown.

The TARA Community Center is located at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles.

For more information or to sign up for the Treasure Trail, call Yvonne at (970) 799-3064 or email at taracommunitycenter101@gmail.com.

The deadline to be included on the Treasure Trail map is June 1.

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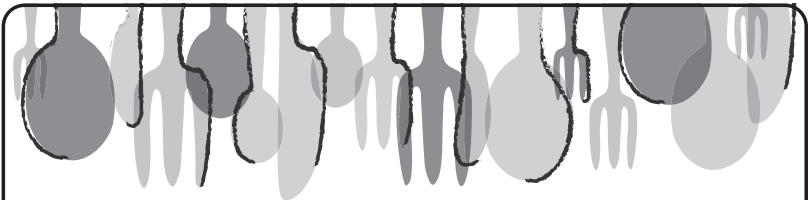
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# 15th annual Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass slated for June 10-12

By Jill Davis  
KSUT

After laying dormant the past two summers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass returns for its 15th year June 10-12 on Reservoir Hill.

Virtuoso guitarist Tommy Emmanuel, rising Americana/bluegrass band The Lil' Smokies, and alt-country powerhouse Sarah Shook and the Disarmers headline the three-day event.

"We are excited to welcome back festiviarians to Reservoir Hill for our June bluegrass and folk festival," said KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham. "We've been working on this lineup since October 2019 when we acquired Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass and the Four Corners Folk Festival from Dan Appenzeller and Crista Munro of FolkWest."

While still maintaining deep, acoustic music traditions, the 2022 Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass lineup includes blues, rock and Native American artists in addition to folk and bluegrass.

"Part of KSUT's mission is music discovery," said KSUT Develop-

ment Director Chris Aaland. "Our lineup includes old favorites like Tony Furtado and FY5 alongside up-and-coming artists like Jackie Venson and Tray Wellington.

"We are also proud of our roots as one of the nation's oldest tribal radio stations and we're committed to presenting award-winning indigenous performers in a variety of genres."

Cary Morin, a blues guitarist who is a member of the Crow tribe and past performer at Telluride Blues and Brews, will play sets on Friday and Saturday at Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass.

Single-day, weekend and patron passes are on sale at [www.ksutpresents.org](http://www.ksutpresents.org), as are camping passes and a very limited quantity of vehicle passes.

Other artists who will appear at Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass include Shinyribs, The Jon Stickle Trio, Town Mountain, Eilen Jewell, Songs from the Road Band, The Bonnie and Taylor Sims Band (formerly known as Bonnie and The Clydes), and the popular Durango-based bluegrass outfit High Country Hustle.

Other festival amenities include a late-night stage, workshops,

children's tent, campground picks, food and crafts vendors, and a beer garden. As has become tradition, Saturday and Sunday mornings will kick off with Bubbles and Bluegrass, which pairs acoustic performances by FY5 (Saturday) and Bonnie and Taylor Sims (Sunday) with complimentary beverages in the beer garden.

Preceding the festival is the Jam Camp and Junior Jam Camp, held June 7-9 on Reservoir Hill with professional instructors including members of FY5 and the Bonnie and Taylor Sims Band. A limited number of spaces remain for the two jam camps.

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# Genealogical Society to continue focus on DNA at June meeting

By Carolyn Paschal  
Archuleta County Genealogical Society

The Archuleta County Genealogical Society is pleased to welcome Dorothy Coltrin to our June 4 meeting.

This will be a hybrid meeting with Coltrin presenting via Zoom from Boulder, Colo.

In continuing our focus on DNA, her presentation will be entitled “Am I a Coltrin or a Coltrane?” She will demonstrate how Y-chromosome DNA is used to connect those individuals who have the same surname. This presentation will describe

the underlying biology for this matching and present a case study to show how this tool can be used to determine these connections.

Coltrin has 15 years experience as a researcher, teacher, lecturer and writer. She is a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society; WISE — a Welsh, Irish, Scottish, English Colorado Society; the Boulder Genealogical Society; and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She holds a BS and MS in nutritional biology and has been a community college professor

for more than 30 years. Coltrin is also the group administrator of the Surname project at Family Tree DNA.

The Archuleta County Genealogical Society meets at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street beginning at 10 a.m.

Those uncomfortable meeting in person can join via Zoom. Please contact Carolyn Paschal at carolynpaschal@gmail.com for the link. A short business meeting will follow the presentation.

All visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

# Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber  
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

The Baha'i Community of Archuleta County hosts weekly devotionals every Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged

to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, June 5, our theme is “Vision of the New World.”

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To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org). Our local contact is [archuletabahais@gmail.com](mailto:archuletabahais@gmail.com).

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Child's age:

Parent's name:

Parent's contact email and phone:

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# Senior Center seeking volunteers

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Community Café in the Pagosa Springs Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with the lunch desk. Please call (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

## Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents to help them stay healthy and independent in their own homes.

This program is vitally important because many seniors have little to no access to nutritious meals. They are often too frail or have health complications that prevent them from preparing meals for themselves or from using the Senior Center's Community Café drive-thru meals pick-up site Monday through Friday.

The Senior Center needs volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for one day a week (or become part of our substitute driver team). Please join us as part of our driver team and build wonderful relationships with the seniors in our community. Call (970) 264-2167.

## Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

In order to continue providing meals, the Senior Center is offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have



your meal delivered, please call (970) 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call (970) 264-2167.

## Community Café menu

Thursday, June 2 — Spinach and mushroom quiche, potato leek soup, milk, salad and fruit salad with whipped cream.

Friday, June 3, 2022 — Beef Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

Monday, June 6 — Shrimp scampi, roasted zucchini, tomatoes and onions, milk, focaccia bread and salad.

Tuesday, June 7 — Pulled-pork sandwich, potato salad, milk, salad and apple crisp.

Wednesday, June 8 — Minestrone soup, pimento cheese finger sandwich, milk, asparagus Caesar salad and baked pear dessert.

Thursday, June 9 — Beef Frito pie, coleslaw, milk, salad and blueberry cobbler.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot at-

tend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

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## Creede Repertory Theatre's 57th season underway

By **Bethany Andre**  
Creede Repertory Theatre

Through Sept. 17, Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) will present its 57th season, welcoming audiences back with a return to fully live, indoor performances, audience enrichment opportunities and thriving education programs.

The season kicked off May 28. "From a variety of popular and thought-provoking works to introducing new voices and educational programs, Creede Rep has unending options to engage our guests this season," said CRT's Producing Artistic Director John DiAntonio. "There are so many reasons to 'Go Rep!' this summer."

The season begins at the historic Mainstage Theatre with "Always ... Patsy Cline," created and originally directed by Ted Swindley. Directed by Michael Perlman ("Annie Get Your Gun"), the musical, which enjoyed a successful run off-broadway, stars Emily Van Fleet ("9 to 5") as Patsy Cline. Based on the true story of her friendship with honky-tonk fan Louise Seger, played by perennial favorite Caitlin Wise ("Pride and Prejudice"), the show includes 27 of Patsy's greatest hits like "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces" and "Sweet Dreams."

Also at the Mainstage is "Native Gardens" by Karen Zacarias and featuring CRT legend Christy Brandt. This moving comedy, directed by Julia Rosa Sosa Chaparro, introduces young professionals Pablo and Tania as they move into their dream home, right next door to community stalwarts Frank and Virginia, starting an all-out war of the roses over a long-standing fence line dispute.

The Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre (The Ruth) welcomes audiences back this season with all new LED lighting technology, keeping it cooler to increase audience comfort. Here patrons can enjoy Robert Harling's hilarious and devastating "Steel Magnolias," directed by Amanda Berg Wilson. Audience engagement opportunities are returning for select shows this season, including a conversa-

tion with CRT alumna and current board member Pam Berlin, who directed the world premiere production of "Steel Magnolias" in 1987.

Also playing at The Ruth is the swashbuckling and family-friendly "Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood" by Ken Ludwig ("Crazy for You").

"It's a story we all know, told like we've never heard it before," said DiAntonio. "It captures the adventurous spirit that represents Creede and CRT. Plus, there is nothing more the world needs right now than to be swept away in an epic romance!"

Next is "The Royale" by Marco Ramirez, which is directed by Kyle Haden, who also directed the world premiere of "Hazardous Materials" at CRT in 2018. Inspired by the life of Jack Johnson, this sports drama set in the early-20th-century world of racially segregated boxing and featuring Lavour Addison ("An Iliad") brings to life the ultimate fight for a place in history.

If it's improv that delights, "Pants on Fire! A Totally Made-Up Musical for Kids" returns to The Ruth Fridays at 11 a.m. from July 1 through Sept. 2. "Boomtown! Improv Comedy" also returns Fridays, July 1 through Sept. 4, now at 9:30 p.m. so you can be in bed by 11 p.m. after all of the frivolity.

CRT's 10th annual Headwaters New Play Festival is also back this season, featuring new work by playwrights Beth Kander ("Hazardous Materials" and "To the Moon") and Michael Perlman ("To White Plains").

Education at CRT will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of "The KID Show with Music Box" written by "KID Show" alumna Allison Quiller and directed by "KID Show" founder Renee Prince. This coming-of-age adventure follows Maggie, a young magician, while she makes new friends, faces dangers and ultimately must use her skills to save her father — and the world. Running July 7 through July 9 at The Ruth, "The KID Show" offers a professional theatrical experience for students ages 10 and older through the creation

of an original show. Additionally, the Education Department hosts camps for learners of all ages July 12 through Aug. 5.

CRT's flagship program, The Young Audience Outreach Tour, now in its 39th season, is staging the world premiere of "Casa Alfonsa" by Diana Grisanti Aug. 26 and Aug. 27 at the Virginia Christensen Multi Use Facility.

Featuring the creative team of last season's "El Guayabo/The Guava Tree," "Casa Alfonsa" is an upbeat bilingual musical following cousins as they help their family navigate grief and regulate emotions while keeping their family restaurant afloat.

### Tickets

Adult tickets are \$42.  
Student tickets (11-22) are \$20.  
Child tickets (4-10) are \$15.  
Boomtown! Improv Comedy tickets are \$15.  
"Pants on Fire! A Totally Made-Up Musical for Kids" tickets are \$10-\$15.  
"The KID Show: Music Box" is free.  
A Headwaters New Play Festival pass is \$40.  
For tickets or information about multi-show, flex and VIP passes, visit [www.creederep.org](http://www.creederep.org), call the box office at (719) 658-2540 (option 1) or email [boxoffice@creederep.com](mailto:boxoffice@creederep.com).

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# Pagosa Arts Initiative announces summer camps

By Jenna Gannon  
Pagosa Arts Initiative

The Pagosa Arts Initiative is pleased to announce that we are running summer camps for ages kindergarten through incoming ninth-graders. The camps will be held July 11-15 for ages kindergarten through outgoing fourth grade and July 25-29 for outgoing fourth grade to outgoing ninth-graders.

During the elementary-aged camp, campers will be led through

various activities such as mural painting, STEAM activities, outside play, creative play and various other activities. During the middle school camp, campers will be led through activities focused on digital art, video editing/creation, fine art skills and mural painting.

This year, we have a variety of fabulous art teachers: Kelly Lewis, high school art teacher; Rebecca Tenpenny, elementary art teacher; and Gracie Horras, an experienced videographer and YouTube profes-

sional. We are so excited to offer these camps to our community.

The cost per camper is \$175 and scholarships are available. To sign up, please visit [www.pagosaartsinitiative.org](http://www.pagosaartsinitiative.org) and register on our Classes and Events page. For further information, please contact [director@pagosaartsinitiative.org](mailto:director@pagosaartsinitiative.org).

## Creede

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**Season shows and performances**

“Steel Magnolias”: May 28 through Sept. 17 at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre.

“Always ... Patsy Cline”: Based on a true story. May 29 through Sept. 17 at the Mainstage Theatre.

“Native Gardens”: June 18 through Sept. 11.

“Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood”: June 25 through Sept. 10 at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre.

“The Royale”: July 23 through Sept. 10 at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre.

“Boomtown! Improv Comedy”: Fridays at 9:30 p.m., July 1 through Sept. 4 at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre.

“Pants on Fire! A Totally Made-Up Musical for Kids”: July 1 through Sept. 2 at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre.

“The KID Show: Music Box”: July 7 through July 9 at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre.

“Casa Alfonso”: Aug. 26 and Aug. 27 at the Virginia Christensen Multi Use Facility.

### About CRT

Founded in 1966, CRT is a professional theater company located at 9,000 feet of elevation in the historic town of Creede. From its Rocky Mountain roots, CRT serves as an artistic home to our rural community and beyond through the creation of repertory seasons, dynamic educational programs and compelling new works.

In a typical season, CRT produces six plays in rotating repertory, hosts numerous musical events and concerts, develops new works through the Headwaters New Play Program and creates nationally recognized educational programs.

With deeply rooted values in diversity, equity and inclusion, CRT is committed to creating a culture of belonging where everyone can thrive.

### COVID-19 safety

Visit [www.creederep.com/covid19safety](http://www.creederep.com/covid19safety) to get the most up-to-date information on CRT's response to COVID-19 and audience requirements.

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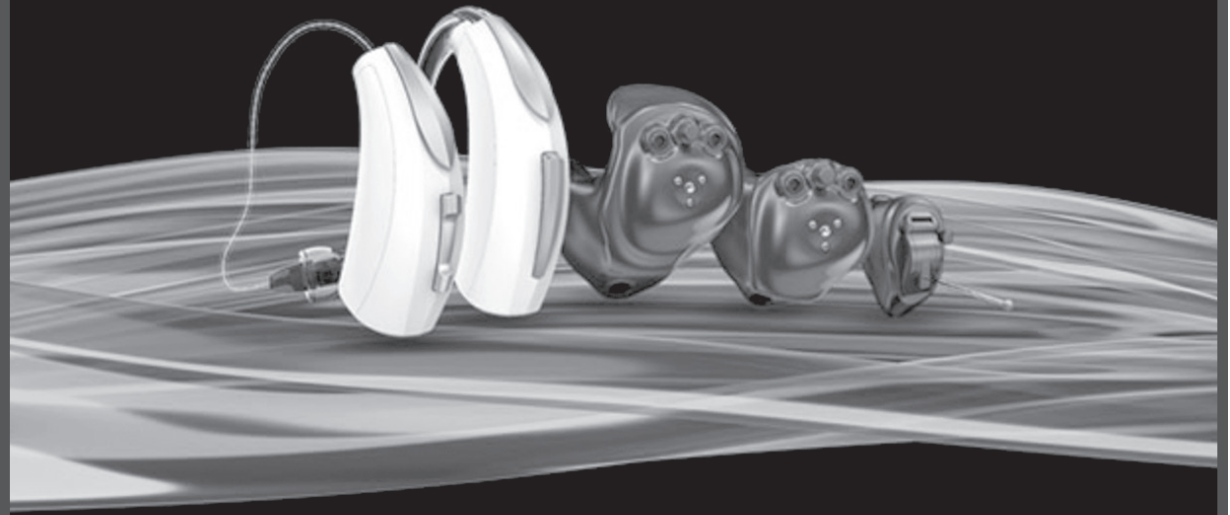
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## VA establishes presumptive service connection for rare respiratory cancers for certain veterans

As part of President Joe Biden's Unity Agenda commitment to support the nation's veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is adding nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed service-connected disabilities due to military environmental exposures to fine particulate matter.

The following list of rare respiratory cancers have been added to the VA's regulations through an Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register on April 26:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea.
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea.
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung.
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung.
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung.
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

The VA determined through a focused review of scientific and medical evidence there is biological plausibility between airborne hazards and carcinogenesis of the respiratory tract — and the unique circumstances of these rare cancers warrant a presumption of service connection.

The rarity and severity of these illnesses, and the reality these conditions present, is a situation where it may not be possible to develop additional evidence, which prompted VA to take this action.

"Last year we made promises to fundamentally change and improve how we establish and expedite presumptions — now we're keeping them," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "We are taking a new approach to presumptives that takes all available science into ac-

## Seventh annual Vacation Bible Camp set for June 13-17

Pope John Paul II Catholic Church

For the past seven years, the Pagosa Catholic Community has hosted a fun-filled week of activities for kids pre-K through middle school at its outdoor Vacation Bible Camp located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

This year's camp theme is "Food Truck Party — On a Roll with God." Children will enjoy crafts, music, games, interactive Bible stories and refreshments.

"The camp activities are designed to remind kids that God is always there and that they are loved," explained Augusta Happ,

## Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



count, with one goal in mind: getting today's veterans — and vets in the decades ahead — the benefits they deserve as fast as possible."

The VA will begin processing disability compensation claims for veterans who served any amount of time in the Southwest Asia theater of operations beginning Aug. 2, 1990, to the present, or Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning Sept. 19, 2001, to the present.

### Grant allows Vets4Vets to help local veterans

Vets4Vets of Archuleta County has received a grant from the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This financial grant is to support veterans in our community through the following assistance: housing, utilities, mental health counseling, dental services, travel assistance, automobile repairs, gas and food cards, and emergency veteran assistance.

Contact Vets4Vets at <https://vets4vetspsco.org/> or [dharps@gmail.com](mailto:dharps@gmail.com).

### Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office (VSO), located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The office: (970) 264-4013, fax number: (970) 264-4014, and email is [raytaylor@archuletacounty.org](mailto:raytaylor@archuletacounty.org). Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the vet-

eran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO. Always leave a message and phone number to contact you.

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

- Veterans for Veterans: every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive, on all but the first Tuesday. Breakfast meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary Hanneman at (970) 946-2540.

- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's office; contact Charlotte at (970) 903-9690.

### Important information

- Vets4Vets: (970) 880-VETS, [www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org](http://www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org).

- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: (970) 247-2214.

- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.

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# Thank you, firefighting team

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

Thank you, firefighters!  
And when I say firefighters, I mean the entire team that goes into making the fire fight happen. If you went by the fairgrounds last week, you saw the grounds filled with trucks, semis, tents, trailers, equipment and people that work into the big picture of fighting the fire.

On May 19, a Type 2 Incident Management Team was deployed to the Archuleta County Fairgrounds to set up its self-contained mini city that provides all the resources and amenities to help the firefighters fight the Plumtaw fire. Most of the team members came from the western states including California, Nevada, Washington, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, Montana and more, and some came from as far as Virginia and Alaska.

The team officers are made up of the incident command, public information, safety, liaison, operations, planning, logistics and finance, and all the support staff that they bring in. They not only come from all over, but they are also different government agencies and private contractors that make up the team.

If you are interested in learning more about incident command systems and the team, I would encourage you to go on the FEMA.gov website to learn more.

Last week, a small group of officials were invited (I got to tag along) to walk around the fairgrounds with Mike LaFrenz from the Shoshone National Forest in Wyoming to see the different services and support that provide the resources needed to support the incident. Services include communications, medical and food. Support are the underlying needs of the incident such as supplies, providing facilities and ground support.

We visited the food facility first. Three semis and 32 employees made up the kitchen and staff to pump out six meals per minute. That is breakfast, lunch and dinner, and they provide all the in-between snacks on and off the fire line. They fed us some tasty peach cobbler and a fruity salad, and some went back for seconds.

We walked over to see the shower units next — two long trailers that provided hot showers to all the firefighters and the rest of the mini-city residents. The contractor who brought in the bathrooms (and there were plenty of those to go around) also brought in the hand-washing stations that were strategically placed around.

We saw the communications trailer where the Starlink satellite had them connected to the entire team. Walking through the cache of ground support, they had pallets of hoses for the engines, pumps, hand

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tools, lights, office supplies, first aid supplies, bottled water, toiletries and so much more. Anything that they needed, they could get.

Mike showed us the incident command post (ICP) meeting rooms (OK, yurts) that were set up just outside the exhibit hall where different meetings could take place. Inside the exhibit hall is where the heartbeat of the ICP was set up. This is where the incident management team officers were stationed so they could provide the functions necessary to effectively manage the incident.

We are so grateful for all the people who make up the firefighting team. Thank you to each and every one of you who helped save homes and land in Archuleta County. We hope you don't have to come back unless you want to.

### Shredding event

The shredding event has been canceled until further notice. Due to new ownership of the shredding company, we can no longer offer our biannual shredding event. We used this service, too, so we understand the inconvenience. We will work on bringing another shredding event to Archuleta County. Thank you for your past participation.

### Volunteers needed

Archuleta County 4-H needs volunteers. We are looking for short term commitment for superintendents at the county fair. Please contact our office at (970) 264-5931 or contact the 4-H Coordinator Becky Jacobson at [rjacobson@archuletacounty.org](mailto:rjacobson@archuletacounty.org).

### CPR and first aid classes

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### Visit online

Visit us on the Web at <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/> or like us on Facebook and get more information: <https://www.facebook.com/CSUARCHCTY> and <https://www.facebook.com/ArchuletaCounty4H>.

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**We must choose our Sheriff wisely.** That wise choice is Mike Le Roux. I say this for two reasons. **First, leadership.** Mike is a fantastic leader. He has the enthusiasm, decisiveness, ability to listen, and collaborative nature our fine law enforcement professionals expect in their leader. Further, if you know Mike, you know he would never ask someone to do something he would not do himself, a highly desirable trait to look for in any leader.

**Second, Mike provides both continuity and fresh perspective.** He has proven himself in multiple high stress leadership positions within the Sheriff's Office and is ready to take the reins. His understanding of the entire array of challenges facing the Sheriff's Office from law enforcement to wildfires combined with his great relationships across the community and in the region will allow for a smooth transition. That smooth transition doesn't mean Mike won't be constantly seeking to improve and build on the foundation of success laid down by the great law enforcement officers who help make Archuleta County such a wonderful place for us all. I know with Mike in the lead, our Sheriff's Office will be ready for the future.

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# Bison: back where they belong

By Ben Long  
PREVIEW Columnist

Early in the COVID-19 epidemic, I visited the Bison Range on the Flathead Indian Reservation in northwestern Montana. But the bison didn't get the memo about social distancing.

A trio of bull bison — each a ton on the hoof — fed on bunchgrass. I watched my son's eyes grow wider as one of the bulls approached our truck, as if it might want to rub off its winter coat on the fender.

Not long ago, the Bison Range visitor center would have given my family a history of the place by focusing on Theodore Roosevelt, America's 26th president and founder of the National Bison Range. Now, that story is getting a much-needed makeover.

Roosevelt still captivates the American imagination, as demonstrated by the recent Ken Burns miniseries on PBS. In particular, Roosevelt has been lionized by conservationists. He helped rescue American wildlife from extinction after the market-hunting bloodbaths of the 1800s, created the first national wildlife refuge and signed the Antiquities Act that enabled the creation of national monuments.

More than any other elected official in U.S. history, he made conservation a household word. Americans were so grateful we carved his face on a mountain.

But that ignores the rest of his legacy. Roosevelt was also a white supremacist who believed that whites were meant to rule the world. His views on race warped his policies, both foreign and domestic. It's easy to dismiss this dark side of Roosevelt as reflecting the norm for his era, but he was behind the times even in his times.

This contradictory man was someone who knew birds by their songs and wrote bestsellers about the beauty of nature. Yet, he also threw around racial slurs and used

## Writers on the Range

pseudo-science to justify his racist policies.

So, what are we to make of this today? Is Roosevelt a hero for being a trustbuster, savior of the Grand Canyon and the egret? Or did he set destructive policies for a century to come? Perhaps both are true.

Case in point: The huge bison that thrilled my son. Before 1776, tens of millions of bison roamed North America. But by the time Roosevelt was a young cowboy in the Dakotas in 1883, only a few hundred animals still lived in Canada and this country, somehow avoiding the mass slaughter that accompanied Manifest Destiny. After Roosevelt shot one of the last lonesome bison, the death is said to have sparked a change in him, spurring him to become a conservationist.

But there is more to that story. Indigenous people had created deep cultures of conservation that predated Columbus. In Roosevelt's day, tribes were desperate to save the bison and their way of life. It was Indigenous people, such as Sam Walking Coyote and Michael Pablo, who helped rescue a small herd of bison from Saskatchewan and brought them back to the Flathead Reservation.

President Roosevelt also wanted to restore bison, and as president in 1908, he created the National Bison Range by taking 18,500 acres out of the Flathead Indian Reservation. But this action ignored the wishes of the Salish, Pend Oreille and Kootenai people, who had been forced to live there since 1855. What's more, the bison refuge was run not by the tribes, but by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which mostly inflated Roosevelt's role in the story and

dismissed those of Native Americans.

But history has written a new chapter. Congress in 2020 moved to return management of the Bison Range to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and this May, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland visited the Bison Range to take part in a celebration of that long-awaited change.

The return of the Bison Range to the Tribes is a "triumph and a testament to what can happen when we collaboratively work together to restore balance to ecosystems that were injured by greed and disrespect," said Haaland at the ceremony.

It has taken decades, but a historic wrong has been righted. All we had to do was look honestly at history and one of our conservation heroes.

*Ben Long is a contributor to Writers on the Range, [writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org), an independent non-profit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is senior program director at Resource Media in Kalispell, Mont. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.*




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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dairy.

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Answer: Curds



Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta  
**Vegetable rock art painted by local artist and Vista Community Garden member Becky Crowe. These rock markers will be used to help label where plants will be planted in the future community garden at the June 12 event.**

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## Vista Lake Community Garden event: Continue the Grow set for June 12

**By Rose Chavez**

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Join the Vista Community Garden at 230 Port Ave. for an afternoon of garden planting Sunday, June 12, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Come help us plant the community garden with fruits, vegetables and flowers that will be grown and shared with the Vista neighborhood and surrounding community through engaging programming opportunities this growing season.

We will have a guest speaker who will share about the benefits

of regenerative and sustainable agriculture along with providing us with some guidance and tips as we continue to grow as a community around our new growing and gathering space.

The space is focused on food sustainability, food equity and education with 24 raised beds and a tilled area for local food production in the neighborhood.

Come learn how you can sign up for membership in the new community garden. Healthy snacks will be provided. For more information, contact fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or call (401) 371-3227.

## Healthy Archuleta hosting Community Conversation about agricultural roots today

**By Rose Chavez**

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Healthy Archuleta, also known as the FSFE — Food Coalition, will host a Community Conversation about “Deepening our Agricultural Roots” through food policy today, Thursday, June 2, from 2 to 3 p.m.

The conversation will be with Monique Marez, a food systems strategist based in Pueblo.

Marez will discuss Pueblo County’s current comprehensive land-use plan and the role com-

munity members played in adding metrics for the local food system.

Marez will also discuss the role policy plays in improving local food access.

Join us on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83978862954> for the virtual meeting.

For more information, please contact us at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) or (401) 371-3227. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, please visit: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>.

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# A matter of honesty

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

One evening, my daughter, Celese, heard a noise outside her house. She flipped on the outside lights, and she and her husband went to investigate. What they found made Celese's heart sink. The tires on their pickup were slashed. Celese's sister was visiting them for the evening, and the worn-out tires on her old car were slashed, too. The pickup tires made Celese mad, but her sister's bald tires made her angrier. Her younger sister was struggling to buy a new, small house and make ends meet, and she couldn't afford new tires.

As Celese thought about it, she was sure she knew who had done it. She ran a small bookkeeping business. Most of her clients were small, but she had gotten a new, much larger one. She was learning that those she worked for that had the most money were the ones who tried to undercut her pay, if they paid at all. Unfortunately, the owner of this company was also asking her to do some unscrupulous things. She refused and decided they needed to part ways. He wasn't subtle about making some threats.

She thought some of her neighbors might have video cameras and maybe she could collect some evidence. But then she considered that perhaps it would be easier to play her hand against his conscience and fear of legal action. She sent him a simple text that said, "That was a stupid thing to do with all the cameras we have in the neighborhood."

His reply was immediate and panicked. "I'm sorry. You're right; that was a stupid thing to do. Please don't call the police. It would ruin my family and my business. I will pay to make it right."

Neither the truck nor the car could be driven, so Celese had someone come remove the tires. She got new ones that were the best she could find. She sent the man the bill for all of it. When he got it, he answered in an obviously

surprised text.

"You are only charging me \$1,400 for the two sets of tires and \$500 for labor? You're not going to charge me like \$20,000 to not go to the police?"

Celese responded with a text of her own. "What I charged was what it cost us. If I charged you more, it would be more like blackmail, which is wrong. If a person is dishonest with others, he or she can expect to get dishonesty in return."

Not too long passed before the man called. "I thought a lot about what you said. Almost everyone I have dealt with has tried to cheat me, so I felt it was OK for me to cheat others in return. I realize I was simply compounding the problem and justifying their actions. I'm sorry for what I did, but grateful for what you taught me. I plan to change my business to one built on trust. If you ever forgive me for what I've done, I'd love to have you back as a bookkeeper, and I would never ask you to do something dishonest again."

Celese said she'd think about it. The man said even though she wasn't asking for more, he was going to send extra as a thank you, and she need not feel guilty about accepting it.

When Celese got the check, she was surprised to find it was more than double what she had billed him for. Along with it came a nice note, again expressing his gratitude.

"What are you going to do with the extra money?" her husband asked.

Celese grinned. "Well, part of it is going into a security system to help keep the honest people honest."

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**ANSWER:**



# New Thought topic: ‘What Is The Purpose of Your Money?’

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

Sunday service is at 10 a.m. on June 5 with Shayla White Eagle McClure: “What Is The Purpose of Your Money?”

“Abundance is mine. I cannot be deprived of my supply. The trees do not lack for leaves; nor the flowers fail to bloom.” — Dr. Ernest Holmes, Science of Mind founder.

## Upcoming events

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.: meditation and yoga with Madison Humes.

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text McClure at (970) 510-0309 to for band information.

June 3, 5-7:30 p.m.: Courtyard Concert Fundraiser Summer Series Kickoff with United for Freedom, Bruce Wayne Classic Rock and Country, Pagosa Lodge courtyard.

June 18: Playshop with Debo-

rah Steddum, author and wisdom teacher.

June 18, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: United for Freedom, Bruce Wayne Classic Rock and Country, Pagosa Lodge courtyard.

June 24th, 5 to 8 p.m.: Courtyard Concert Fundraiser for Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Bruce Wayne Classic Rock and Country, Pagosa Lodge.

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The Aspin Inspiration Memorial Library is a collection of spiritual books. We welcome you to sign out/view our books, by appointment.

## About us

The New Thought Center 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

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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 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. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Center for Inspirational Living).

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Star trails over Bullet Canyon. Andy Butler will present “Nightscape Photography” at the June 8 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

## Pagosa Springs Photography Club presentation: ‘Nightscape Photography’

By Gregg Heid

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The June meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Wednesday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community United

Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Our program this month is “Nightscape Photography,” presented by Andy Butler.

This will be a hybrid meeting, also available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members;

others who wish to attend may request the link by email to [abulter@mac.com](mailto:abulter@mac.com). If attending in person, feel free to arrive any time after 6 p.m.; the actual presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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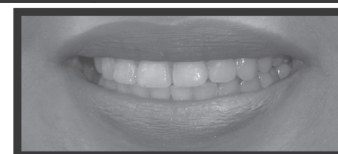
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# Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the evening grosbeak.

A misconception about this bird's behavior, by early explorers who believed it sang only at dusk, put the "evening" in its name. Anyone familiar with these birds at feeders knows that they are noisy all day long. They don't really sing, but their calls are distinctive.

Grosbeak is derived from French words meaning thick beak. Evening grosbeaks share this trait with grosbeaks in the cardinal family, but they are more closely related to birds in the finch family.

The colorful male is a golden color with a large white patch on his black wings. A bright yellow eyebrow accentuates his dark head and at this time of year his bill is greenish. Females are more gray brown with greenish tones and white-tipped tails.

In summer, they eat insects including spruce budworm, caterpillars and aphids, but their strong beaks allow them to specialize on large seeds. They can exert enough pressure to crack a seed as tough as a cherry or olive pit, and pine seeds are a staple in their diet.

Traveling in flocks, they will wipe out sunflower feeders. Observations have determined that one bird is capable of cracking more than 90 sunflower seeds per minute.

Evening grosbeaks are permanent residents of southern Canada and the western mountains. They wander widely in search of food, with numbers rising and falling in relation to availability of pine seeds on their breeding grounds. In the last 20 years, reports from Project Feederwatch, ebird.org and Christmas Bird Counts have shown alarming population declines throughout their range. Factors believed to play a part in this decline include pesticide spraying in Canadian and U.S. forests which have reduced spruce budworms, a favorite prey, and shrinking of boreal forests from climate warming and harvesting of old growth forests.

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



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The Wolf Creek Wonders 4-H club purchased goodies and packed appreciation bags for the staff at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center and Bee Hive Homes of Pagosa Springs. The club members have done community service throughout the year for many different places and organizations.

## Photography

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It's hard not to feel a sense of awe when you look at the stars on a clear, dark night. Modern digital cameras are able to produce high-quality images from long exposures of weak starlight. This allows photographers to extend landscape photography into the night, producing stunning "night-scape" images in which both the land and the sky are important compositional elements.

In this presentation, Butler

will discuss planning and taking nightscape photos featuring the moon, Milky Way, star trails and other features of the night sky. Topics will include planning for nightscape photos, discussion of camera and lens choices, focusing and exposure considerations, and use of both natural and artificial light to illuminate the foreground.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions be-

tween all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. The Photography Club's membership year begins in January. For new members, dues are at \$25 per year (\$35 family).

For more information about the club and to download a membership application, visit our website, <https://pagosaspringsphotoclub.org/about/>.

### This is me

#### Poem by Khloe Hann (age 9)



I am at Pagosa Springs in Colorado.  
 I wonder if I will see a momma bear with her babies.  
 I hear coyotes at night when I'm in bed.  
 I see deer everywhere I go when I am in the car.  
 I want to adopt the two coyotes at the zoo.  
 I am at Pagosa Springs in Colorado.  
 I pretend that I was driving the side-by-side.  
 I felt like I lived here and this was my home.  
 I touched an elk antler and it was hard, old, and rough.  
 I worry that a bear will chase us while we are in the side-by-side.  
 I ask my mom if we could stay longer.  
 I am at Pagosa Springs in Colorado.  
 I under stand that we can't stay longer.  
 I believe that someday I will come back here again.  
 I dream I have a pet baby wolf and bring it back to Utah.  
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# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, June 2

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving steak enchiladas, salad and dessert to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

**Made in Colorado Shoppe 30th Anniversary Celebration.** 1-4 p.m., 2105 Eagle Drive.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Instruction. Loaner paddles are available.

**Dungeons and Dragons** 3-5 p.m., Discord. Ongoing game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join.

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

**San Juan Outdoor Club Meeting.** 6 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. We have resumed our monthly meetings. June's presentation will be "The Monsoon in the Southern San Juans" by Arleen Prochazka. Arleen, along with her husband, Shawn, and Mark Langford, run Pagosa Weather providing weather information and the best forecasts for our area. 6 p.m. social hour, presentation following. The public is welcome and light refreshments are provided.

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**Kids' Workshops.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Contact the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association office at (970) 731-7133 to register your child.

**Gaming.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Bright Star.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Inspired by a real event told in the song "The Ballad of the Iron Mountain Baby." For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org).

**Night Sky Our Solar System.** 7:15-10 p.m., Chimney Rock National

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## Sunday, June 5

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

## Monday, June 6

**Medicare Mondays.** For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.

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**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Proof of COVID vaccination required. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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**Cornhole League.** 6-8 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse. Limited to the first 16 people at the door. For more information, contact Barbara McDonald at (602) 622-9053.

## Tuesday, June 7

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**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson 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. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Computer Basics Class.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for a free computer class on saving and finding files. You will learn how your computer is organized, including files and folders, and how to find what you're looking for. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Duplicate Bridge.** 1 p.m., PLPOA conference room, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. This group will soon have a sanctioned game and director; at this time we will just gather and enjoy the game. Please email names of playing pair to [pago-saduplicate@gmail.com](mailto:pago-saduplicate@gmail.com) or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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**Sketching at the Pinnacles.** 5-7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little visit to the monument all rolled into one. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or

call (970) 731-7133. **'Whose Children Are They?'** Doors open 5:30 p.m., movie starts at 6 p.m. Our Savior Lutheran Church gym, 56 Meadows Drive. Documentary. Not suitable for children and teens.

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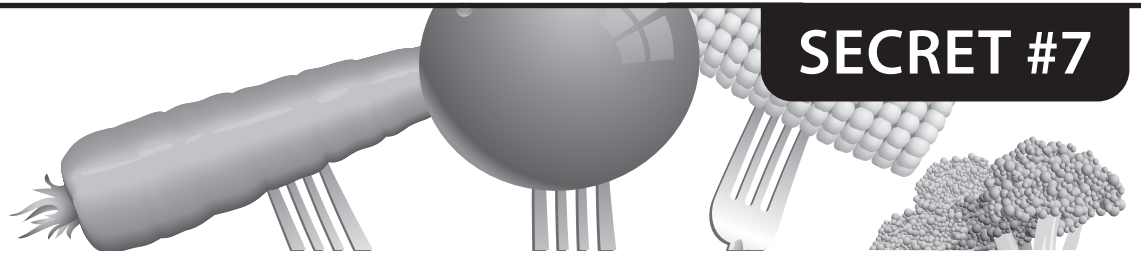
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## 10 SECRETS TO LIVING 10 TIMES BETTER

### LIVE TEMPERATELY

Temperance is self-control. It has also been described as abstaining from things that are harmful and using in moderation even that which is good. You've heard the expression: "All things in moderation." In short, even a good thing can be bad when used to excess. Also consider that nothing that is truly good for you is at the same time bad for you.

Everything affects our frontal lobe. This is the reasoning portion of our brain. The frontal lobe contains most of the dopamine-sensitive neurons. The dopamine system is responsible for mental focus, long-term memory, rational and logical thinking. It is also the very seat of morality, where the will and drive reside. It is the place where we choose or decide what and what not to do. It is where we decide what is right and what is wrong.

Intemperate living or poor lifestyle choices negatively affect the frontal lobe. Some poor lifestyle choices include use of alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, and a high fat, high sugar diet.

These all lead to lifestyle diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and even cancer.

Caffeine is the #1 drug in the world

- Caffeine will directly affect the brain and its proper function
- Caffeine when combined with sugar, fat, and appealing flavors will intensify the craving and addiction to that substance
- Caffeine blocks adenosine which regulates blood flow to the brain, reducing circulation

Refined, white sugar is toxic, suppresses immune function and is linked to cancer

Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of death

- Smoking causes coronary heart disease — the leading cause of death in the U.S.

When eating, be moderate and do not overate. Temperance also includes eating at the proper times. Eating a massive bowl of fruit and oatmeal at midnight is just as intemperate as eating 6 donuts for breakfast.

**Science Says:** A study done by the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the University of Oklahoma showed an increase in blood pressure upon ingestion of caffeine.

Join us next week for more information about living better!

### Live ...

### 10 Times Better!

1. Work with your body's natural rhythms and clock.
2. Go to bed before 10 p.m.
3. Avoid caffeinated beverages like coffee and teas.
4. Set times to work diligently and rest just as diligently.
5. Learn to eat to live, enjoying whole, plant-based food, but avoiding overeating.
6. Get ample sunshine at proper times of the day, but avoid long periods in the sun.
7. Eliminate refined food, sugary snacks, fried foods, and artery-clogging foods like meat and cheese.
8. When exercising, don't do more today than you'll feel motivated to do tomorrow.
9. Eliminate alcohol and narcotics of all kinds.
10. If a smoker, begin a Stop Smoking program today.

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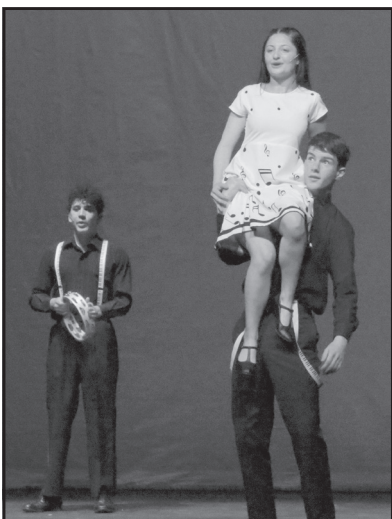
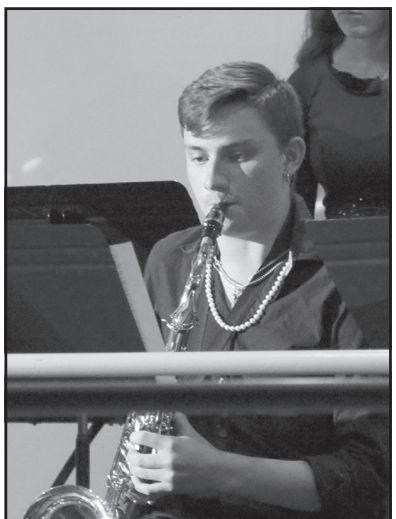
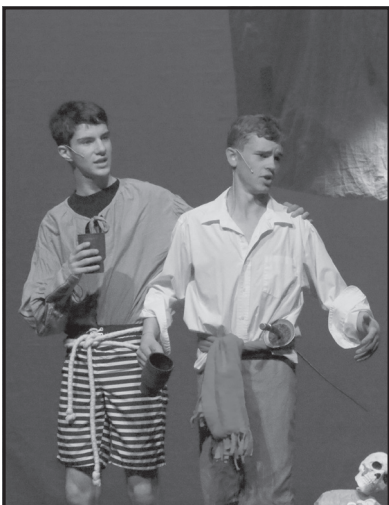
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**Therapy Dog Visit.** 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog; it's a great way to relax or boost your day. Visits with the therapy dog should be limited to 10-15 minutes. In that time, you can pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi."

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**15th annual Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass.** Reservoir Hill. For more information or tickets, visit [www.ksutpresents.org](http://www.ksutpresents.org).

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

**Riverwalk Naturalist Tours.** 8 a.m. Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. The area is rich in natural history and ecological treasures. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and the Springs Resort.

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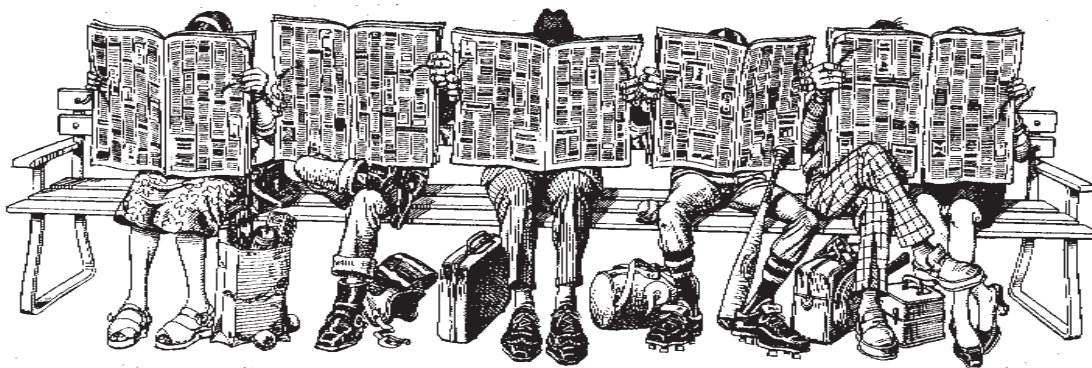
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I learned this week I have an 80/90s Fan Club. They meet and discuss my articles each week. A big shout out to Mrs. Ross and these precious ladies. I plan to meet with you soon. This article is written for you.

It's a new day. I remember my little grandmother, 65 years old, blue hair with finger waves. Always wore a house dress and an apron, she was as big around as she was tall. In her opaque nylons held up by large rubber bands, she stood 5 feet in her Mary Jane 2-inch heels. She looked like a grandmother. She was old at 65.

The days of wondering what to do with Aunt Gertrude are over. She is still barking out orders from her Army days. My Sweet Al reminded me of the 95-year-old lady on television. With saggy arms, lifting weights, the pole bent as she pushed upward 100 pounds. Still competing; still functioning in her lane.

There are those who are born leaders and will always be leaders. They're still shaping society. They may not be leading the race from the pole position, but they are still in the race.

When my Sweet Al retired at 65, he wanted to putter around the property. He was content. I surely wasn't. I said to him, "I have no intention of retiring. I've got a lot to do; my life is bigger than these few acres."

I continued with my art and started writing for the newspaper at 65. I wrote my first novel at 70.

For anyone who has written a book, we know it's not like planting a flower for a season. It's putting down tree roots for years to come, writing, editing, publishing and marketing. And who has that much time left? Many of us think we do,

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



or at least we act like we do.

An older gentleman came to our writers' group on Monday morning. He said, "I came to this group. I have a book to write."

We said, "You've come to the right place. We can help you."

I knew this gentleman 30 years ago. I remember him as a giant, robust figure playing Elvis and filling the stage at Fairfield. Also performing Shakespeare in the Park, he was bigger than life. Retired, he came to Pagosa with a theatrical background and gave young actors an opportunity to learn.

Frail and in his 80s, he still has a book in him to write. He's taking the stage now with his writing.

Another writer in his 80s has just released a 600-page business textbook. He's had years of experience, starting and building businesses. He's helped others in the U.S. and third-world countries. A lawyer and college professor, he is still shaping society with his knowledge.

A pastor came to our writers' group this week. He said he was stepping down from his church and had been working on a book. I told him, "It will be hard on you. You're used to feeding the lambs, standing in a pulpit and being important. Writing is a solitary activity; you will miss those lambs, even if they were a pain. Leading is still in you. It will take time to find

that place where you are fulfilled. You'll be looking for another pulpit. That place of influence might be through your book."

Even though retired, people haven't changed, they are the same, just older. If they were a leader, they will always be a leader at 80, even from a recliner with a motorized foot lift. Rich in experience and knowledge, they are still giving words from the computer.

We haven't thought of being cut short in life. When we dream, we see ourselves at 50, not 80. It is still in us to do what we've always done. If we were a shaper with new ideas and concepts in our early days, we will be shaping society in our older years.

Final brushstroke: My book is finished. The whole process has taken three years. I still have the confidence to sign a three-book-series contract. Could be madness. I might be limping into heaven, clicking away on the keyboard and sending pages back to finish the series. If not, someone else will pick up the passion and continue with new life and better ideas.

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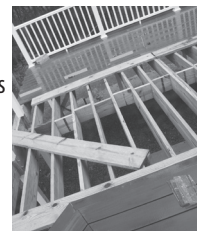
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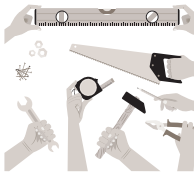
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**BEST JOB / SCHEDULE IN PAGOSA.** Pagosa Adventure Rentals is searching for seasonal (May-September) part-time (2p.m.-6p.m.) team members. Great schedule with 7 days on and 7 days off. More hours available during peak season. Monday through Friday schedules also available if desired. Duties to include operation of ATVs and UTVs, pressure washing, hooking up/ moving trailers. Experience in any of these areas is a plus, but ability to learn is mandatory. Willing to train. Being polite, positive attitude, respectful, and on time a must. All positions starting at \$16/ hour and up DOE. Send inquiries to [Mike@PagosaAdventureRentals.com](mailto:Mike@PagosaAdventureRentals.com) or call (970)398-0088.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED.** Part time to full time, \$18/ hour+ depending on experience. Valid driver's license and transportation required. Send resume to [jared@itrip.net](mailto:jared@itrip.net).

**PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE** are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. **Primary responsibilities:** Greeting and checking in customers. Advising customers on the best product for their needs and preferences. Processing payments through a point-of-sale system and cash handling. Ensuring product security and compliance. Maintaining store appearance and organization. **Required qualifications:** Outstanding customer service and communication skills; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; reliable and professional; full-time availability and ability to work nights and weekends. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Previous retail, food service, and/or cannabis industry experience is preferred but not required. We provide an extensive training program on product knowledge and compliance requirements, with opportunities for continuing education. Benefits include paid sick leave, sales bonuses, and employee discounts. We are growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please e-mail your resume to [employment@jandjinc.net](mailto:employment@jandjinc.net).

**ASSISTANT/ APPRENTICE POSITION.** Part time, but could grow to full time for the right person. Duties to include hanging, taping and texturing drywall, prepping doors, walls and ceilings for paint, cleaning tools and paint sprayers. Must be willing to learn and be a team player. Pay range is \$15-\$25/ hour depending on experience. No flakes. Please send resumes and references to [dadspaint-drywall@outlook.com](mailto:dadspaint-drywall@outlook.com).

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**FRONT OFFICE RECEPTIONIST** needed at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Newspaper experience not required. 30-34 hours per week. \$16-\$17 to start. Email resume to [helpwanted@pagosasun.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosasun.com). Successful applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a full time Senior Technical Support Analyst. The Senior Technical Support Analyst provides technical assistance in person, via telephone, or remotely to computer system users. Services network equipment, including servers, workstations PC's and printer hub. This includes new equipment evaluation, and set-up, hardware maintenance, software support and user education. Receives escalated problem requests from users and promptly diagnoses and troubleshoots "system level" problems in hardware, software, and networking; performs technical support, which may include field and remote site assignments to diagnose and resolve complex problem calls related to hardware and software. Compensation range is \$28.00-\$34. Starting Work Bonus 5%. Benefits include generous PTO, health insurance, dental, vision, life insurance and retirement plan with employer contribution. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's Human Resources Manager at [heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a full time **Financial Counselor.** The Financial Counselor is responsible for providing key financial information to patients, offering charity and financial assistance and arrangements as needed. Screens for Medicaid eligibility and refers and assists eligible patients in filing the application. Works with patients to collect the out-of-pocket amounts due the hospital. Compensation range is \$15.78-\$17.85. Starting Work Bonus 5%. Benefits include generous PTO, health insurance, dental, vision, life insurance and retirement plan with employer contribution. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's Human Resources Manager at [heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM** is a fast growing, successful Pizza Brand. Are you looking for a career opportunity and not just a job? We are looking for full- and part-time people. Amazing opportunity for career progression. Wonderful teams- ain't no Family like a Pizza Family. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa Street. Pagosa Springs, CO.

**CNA CLASS STARTING SOON.** Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

**ESTABLISHED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** hiring All Positions, including Project Manager, reliable transportation a must. Submit resumes to [info@fullertonworks.com](mailto:info@fullertonworks.com) or call (970)403-5119.

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**PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE-** No experience necessary. Competitive pay/ benefits. Energetic, dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT, 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT.** Axis Health System is recruiting for a Full-Time Medical Assistant to join our integrated care team at Archuleta Integrated Healthcare. Responsibilities include assisting with patient care and procedures, phone communications and managing patient flow. Education and experience requirements: HS or GED, 1-3 years of experience as a MA. Certified Medical Assistant preferred. Pay Range: \$16-\$18.96 which includes a \$.50 locale differential at our Pagosa Springs worksite and considers preferred experience and preferred education. Benefits: PTO, Sick Leave, Public Health Emergency Leave, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, and 401k. Apply online or see detailed job description at <https://axishealthsystem.bamboohr.com/jobs/>. Axis Health System is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a full-time EVS Technician. The Environmental Services Technician maintains and implements a clean, safe and positive patient care and work environment by following PSMC policies and procedures, bet practice methods and OSHA guidelines throughout the entire organization. High school diploma or equivalent required. Job requirements include Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician (CHEST) training (offered during employment) and basic computer knowledge. Compensation for this position is \$14 with a starting work bonus of 5%. Benefits include generous PTO, health insurance, dental, vision, life insurance and retirement plan with employer contribution. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's Human Resources Manager at [heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**THE UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL** District is seeking applications for a Jr/Sr High School Principal. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Principal license and previous experience as a Principal or Assistant Principal is preferred. Applications may be obtained online at [www.urtigers.co](http://www.urtigers.co). Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, [ahorrocks@urtigers.co](mailto:ahorrocks@urtigers.co), or call at (719)657-4040.

**PAGOSA PINES CONDOMINIUM OWNERS** Association has an opening for a Property Manager. Pagosa Pines Condominium Owners Association is a 17 building, 78 unit condominium complex which is bordered by Pinon Causeway, Village Drive and Davis Cup in uptown Pagosa. The position requires an individual with experience in property management and knowledge of Colorado Condominium Owner Association Regulations. This is a contracted position with an annual income range of \$50,000 to \$55,000. The Property Manager will have administrative and operational responsibilities to the COA Board, property and owners. A detailed list of responsibilities is available upon request. Please submit letters of interest and resume to Gregg Smith at [PagosaPinesBoard@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaPinesBoard@gmail.com).

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**BWD CONSTRUCTION-** Positions open for skilled construction laborers. Competitive pay, great benefits (including health insurance, PTO and 401K) and a positive work environment. Come join our growing team! Apply today at: [www.bwdconstruction.com/apply](http://www.bwdconstruction.com/apply).

**IN NEED OF RESIDENT COOK,** Housekeeping Manager and Maintenance. Room and board plus hourly pay. Apply at [taramandala.org/connect/employment-opportunities/](http://taramandala.org/connect/employment-opportunities/).

**GENERAL LABORER NEEDED** for construction, to include framing, year around! No experience OK, will train the right person. (970)844-4140.

**HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE** full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a full time **Call Receptionist.** Operates clinic telephone switchboards and consoles to connect, hold and transfer telephone calls and provide information to assist callers or refer them to appropriate contacts, either in the organization or elsewhere. The Call Receptionist does daily problem solving for incoming callers by making informed decisions by communicating with the proper depart, as well as checking and confirming patients appoints. The Call Receptionist performs routine, and some non-routine, continuous work involved primarily with the operation of a telephone switchboard and the operation and maintenance of a computerized database of telephone information. Included in the non-routine work, the Call Receptionist retrieves and organizes incoming electronic faxes for appointments, referrals, authorizations and order requests for the following departments: Radiology, Clinic and Providers, Specialty Clinic, Surgery Scheduling, Oncology, Lab and Medical Records. The Call Receptionist reviews the faxes for complete and accurate information that includes: Patient Demographics, Insurance, Prior Authorization, Provider information and Signature, CPT and Diagnosis. Returns the incomplete fax back to the Outside Providers requesting updated information and following up until results are obtained. Compensation for this position starts at \$14.00 with a starting work bonus of 5%. Benefits include generous PTO, health insurance, dental, vision, LTD, life insurance and retirement plan with employer contribution. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's Human Resources Manager at [heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**GROWING SPACES IS HIRING** a summer gardener. Wednesday- Saturday schedule with option for more hours. \$15+ an hour depending on experience. Go to [www.growingspaces.com/employment/](http://www.growingspaces.com/employment/) to fill out an application or email resume to [employment@growingspaces.com](mailto:employment@growingspaces.com).

**VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED.** St. Francis of Assisi School in Lumberton, NM. \$700 monthly stipend, free housing, Cigna health insurance. For more information, call (575)759-3252 or (970)398-0372.

**DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/ hour.** Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

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 **NOW HIRING:**  
**Terry's Colorado Home Supply & Ace Hardware**  
 is currently making additions to our team in

**Cashier (summer seasonal available), Garden**

We are looking for reliable, motivated, team-oriented applicants that enjoy a fast-paced environment. Full time includes **paid time-off, healthcare, profit share, discounts, \$15 minimum pay and more!** Must be able to work weekends and holidays. Please apply in person; applications available on [www.terrystate.com](http://www.terrystate.com).

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**JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED** but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-3046.

**PRESS OPERATOR ASSISTANT — WILL TRAIN** — Position open immediately to assist operating newspaper press. Must be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods. 30 hours a week. Must have a clear driving record and driver's license. \$16-\$17 to start. Email resume to [helpwanted@pagosahun.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosahun.com), drop resume to, or fill out application at, The Pagosa Springs SUN, 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Public Works Director. The individual selected for this position will oversee the major functions of the Town's Public Works Department which includes the Streets Division, Utility Division, and Facilities Division. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at [www.pagosaprisings.co.gov](http://www.pagosaprisings.co.gov) and select Job Opportunities.

**WE ARE HIRING!** San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA) is searching for a visitor information specialist in the Pagosa Ranger District office. Full-time/ year around position. To learn more and apply, visit [www.SJMA.org](http://www.SJMA.org).

**LIVING SPACE DESIGN** and Construction is looking for skilled and general construction laborers. Prior experience with foundations, framing, siding, roofing, and finish work is a plus, but not required. We will train the right applicants. Must have a driver's license and reliable transportation. Hiring all positions with competitive pay based on experience and work ethic. Call Isaac Phillips at (970)507-1456.

**THE DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL** Athletic Department is currently seeking High School football assistant coaches for the 2022 football season. Applicants must be able to meet all CHSAA and District certification requirements for coaching. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Richie Madrid, Athletic Director ([rmadrid@urtigers.co](mailto:rmadrid@urtigers.co)) or Coach Henry Castillo ([hcastillo@urtigers.co](mailto:hcastillo@urtigers.co)).

**NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON** is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday, 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**PARKS MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Parks Maintenance Technician. The individual selected for this position will be performing duties related to the maintenance and upkeep of the Town parks. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at [www.pagosaprisings.co.gov](http://www.pagosaprisings.co.gov) and select Job Opportunities.

**ELEVATION HEAD SHOP** ISO a new team member! Must have excellent customer service, attention to detail, highly motivated. Drop by a resume.

**3R RANCH IS HIRING** full time 40 hours, or part time 32 hours a week. Signing bonus after 30 day probation pay review. Must have own transportation. (970)264-5160, leave message for interview.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER.** Axis Health System is recruiting for a Full-Time Community Health Worker to join our fast-paced, technologically advanced patient care team at Archuleta Integrated Healthcare. Education and experience requirements: bachelor's degree in social service, health education, or public health. Experience working with community organizations as an advocate for high-need individuals preferred. Case Management tracking, documentation experience, and phone experience required. Pay Range: \$16.50-\$18.49 which includes a \$.50 locale differential at our Pagosa Springs worksite and considers preferred experience and preferred education. Benefits: PTO, Sick Leave, Public Health Emergency Leave, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, and 401k. Apply online or see detailed job description at <https://axishealthsystem.bamboohr.com/jobs/>. Axis Health System is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com) under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 22-23 school year include: Technology Director, District Office Executive Assistant, Middle School Special Education Teacher, Middle School Math Teacher, High School Agriculture, High School Math Teacher, High School Asst. Track, High School Asst. Girls' Basketball, High School Asst. Cheer Coach, Elementary Classroom Teacher, Paraprofessionals (all campuses), Evening Custodian, Part-time Assistant Cook, Bus Driver, Substitutes all positions. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at [lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us).

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**Tour Guides • Drivers**  
 for touring/transportation company  
 Weekends • Evenings • Days

**Part-time positions**  
 \$15/hour + tips + bonus

**2 full-time positions**  
 Salary + IRA match + vacation + bonus

**Apply in person at**


**WJP/PRO**  
 in the lobby of the  
 Pagosa Lodge 3505 W. Hwy. 160


**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a **Patient Registration Manager**. The Patient Registration Manager's primary responsibility is to direct, supervise, and coordinate the daily activities for Patient Registration (Front Registration and Emergency Department) The manager is to ensure timely and quality services in accordance with contractual agreements, federal regulations, hospital policies and procedures while upholding professional standards, high levels of customer service and open communication. Associates degree or advanced college level courses required or equivalent experience. Courses in computer and medical terminology preferred. Compensation range for this position is \$56,000 to \$70,000 with a starting work bonus of 5%. Benefits include generous PTO, health insurance, dental, vision, LTD, life insurance and retirement plan with employer contribution. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaprisingsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaprisingsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's Human Resources Manager at [heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**BOULDER COFFEE CAFE** is getting ready for a great summer serving our guests. Apply today to join our team, 643 San Juan St.

**PSMC HAS FOUR (4) Patient Registration Clerk** openings: 2 full time Front Registration Clerks, one full time and one part-time Emergency Department Registration Clerk. The Clerk provides administrative support courteously greets all patients in person and on the phone in a timely manner, is responsible for the accurate and efficient entering of patient information in the Electronic Health Record through the Registration Conversation, is responsible for verifying insurance eligibility, and is responsible for collecting and posting insurance co-payments and patient payments. Compensation range is \$14.25-\$16. The ED Registration Clerk who works night shift also receives a night differential pay of additional \$5 per hour. Sign-on bonus of 5%. Benefits include generous PTO, health insurance, dental, vision, life insurance and retirement plan with employer contribution. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaprisingsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaprisingsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's Human Resources Manager at [heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

  
**PAGOSA PEAK**  
 FAMILY DENTISTRY  
 Drs. King Campbell & Peter Roukema

We are looking for a Dental Assistant to join our fun and growing team. No experience? We will train the right person.

Full and part-time positions. Great hours, competitive pay, and benefits available.

Please contact  
 "hello@pagosapeakfamilydentistry.com"  
 with inquiries, resumes, and favorite ice cream flavor.

**WE ARE HIRING!** San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA) is searching for a visitor information specialist in the Pagosa Ranger District office. Full-time/ year around position. To learn more and apply, visit [www.SJMA.org](http://www.SJMA.org).

**SAN JUAN BOCES** is looking for Teachers and Paraprofessionals for Summer Programs 2022. Please apply online at: [www.sjboces.org](http://www.sjboces.org).

**HILLSIDE INN IS LOOKING** for a responsible, friendly team player to join our housekeeping staff. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Monthly performance bonuses are given as well. Please send your resume to Natalie at [hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com) or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED** for established construction company. QuickBooks, multi-layered scheduling, sales. Please call (970)403-5119 and submit resumes to [info@fullertonworks.com](mailto:info@fullertonworks.com).

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a **full-time Coding Analyst and Pre-certification Specialist**. The Coding Analyst possesses a solid understanding of CPT, ICD-10, and HCPCS Coding and CMS rules and regulations. The Coding Analyst audits and reviews medical documentation for appropriate coding and documentation for the purpose of reimbursement, training, education, and compliance. Gives feedback to the HIM and Patient Registration Manager, and gives suggestions for improvement initiatives. Responsible for obtaining authorizations for ordered services, timely and accurately, to ensure reimbursement for outpatient and inpatient services. The specialist is responsible for providing complete documentation of clinical information to payers in support of healthcare services to be authorized. High school graduate or equivalent required. Advanced level courses and/or AHIMA or AAPC certification preferred or three (3) years or more of equivalent experience. Courses in medical/clinical terminology and computer. 3+ years' experience in coding with primary focus in facility outpatient and inpatient and pro fee coding. Experience with a Critical Access Hospital and Rural Health Clinic preferred. Salary Range: \$23-\$27 with a starting Work Bonus of 5%. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaprisingsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaprisingsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's Human Resources Manager at [heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.


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**FLOOR ASSISTANT**

**\$14 per hour + Tips**

- 4 pm - 9 pm
- Greeting and welcoming customers
- Passing out samples
- Explaining how to order & use our beer tap wall
- Ability to gauge customer preferences
- Excellent communication skills

Stop in for application  
 175 Pagosa Street

  
**MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM**

**Pagosa Express Lube**

**Lube Tech**

**\$19 per hour, plus weekly bonus - averages \$21 per hour**

Friendly, neat appearance.  
 Apply in person at 1985 Eagle Drive  
 or call 970-731-1400  
 locally owned/operated

**CAREGIVER NEEDED FOR DIABETIC** elderly female. Personal care, healthcare and housekeeping. Weekends 8a.m.-1p.m. and 4p.m.-7p.m. Call (970)946-5364.

**KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND** afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

**FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION** at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

**GOODMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE** is looking for a part-time sales associate and a part-time data entry/ shipping and receiving associate. Sales associate must be friendly, self-motivated, and willing to work weekends. Data entry associate must be tech savvy and good with accurate repetition. Come pick up an application at 402 Pagosa Street.

**PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING** a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST WANTED** at Overlook Hot Springs. Minimum pay- \$37.50/ hour, tips-17-18%. Full-time, part-time or on call positions available. Apply in person.

**PAGOSA PEAK OPEN SCHOOL** is hiring for the following positions: Full Time Food Service Advisor; Part-Time Food Service Assistant; Part-Time Para Specialist. Please visit our website for a full job description and salary range at [www.pagosapeakopenschool.org](http://www.pagosapeakopenschool.org). Resumes may be submitted by email to [Areal@ppos.co](mailto:Areal@ppos.co).

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**ARE YOU LOOKING TO WORK** for a company focused on rural community development? Do you love working with a high driven and a fun team? 1st Southwest Bank is looking for a Personal Banker and Teller. Offering a strong benefit package and career growth opportunities. For more specific details, visit <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers>. EOE.

**SPA/ HOT TUB WATER CARE** and Maintenance Person wanted. Need clean driving record. Maintain water chemistry, cleaning of spa/ filters/ covers, etc., chemical treatment, and more. Deliver and replace covers, install accessories, help Spa/ Hot Tub Delivery Crew on deliveries and moving display tubs in and out of showroom. Training is provided. Please call (970)946-4673 for more information or visit us at Homespun Comforts, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., B-6.

**HCCA IN IGNACIO CO** is accepting applications for the following positions: Middle School Science Teacher; Middle School Math Teacher; 5th Grade Teacher. The job descriptions and application can be obtained by emailing [hopecommunitychristianacademy@gmail.com](mailto:hopecommunitychristianacademy@gmail.com). To learn more about our school, visit [HopeCommunityChristianAcademy.org](http://HopeCommunityChristianAcademy.org), (970)563-0692.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a **Health Information Management (HIM) Manager**. The HIM Manager is responsible for supervision and daily operation of the HIM Department. This individual is responsible for assisting in Quality Improvement activities, must have expertise in all phases of HIM, must know Hospital Departmental Policies and Procedures, Federal Regulations, State Law, requirements of accrediting agencies, medico legal and ethical aspects of the health and delivery system and understand reimbursement methodologies. Daily activities will include planning, organizing and implementing strategies. Bachelor's degree in Health Information Management or related field. Ability to demonstrated leadership and supervisory skill. Excellent communication skills, collaborative interpersonal skills, and an outstanding record in clinical care and education. Must have experience as a Health Information Manager and operations management in the Electronic Health Record Environment. Must have knowledge of Federal Regulations, State Law, requirements as accrediting agencies, medico legal and ethical aspects of health and delivery system and understand reimbursement methodologies. Prefer experience as a Health Information Manager with coding background. RHIT or RHIA credential required with previous related operational and supervisory experience. Prior experience working within a Federally Qualified Health Center is preferred. Compensation salary for this position is \$56,000 to \$70,000 with a starting work bonus of 5%. Benefits include generous PTO, health insurance, dental, vision, LTD, life insurance and retirement plan with employer contribution. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's Human Resources Manager at [heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:heather.thomas@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**NEEDED: HELPERS FOR BUILDING DECKS.** All tools provided. Call (970)501-0150.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** Seeks experienced Line Cooks. 4-5 nights per week. \$18 to start, \$300 signing bonus\*. Must be available weekends and holidays. Health Insurance available after 6 months of employment. Submit resumes and inquires to [Contact@alleyhousegrille.com](mailto:Contact@alleyhousegrille.com).

## HELP WANTED

**SAWMILL HELP. GENERAL LABORER** needed for local sawmill. Please call (970)264-5000 for more information.

**INSTRUCTIONAL COACH NEEDED** at Del Norte Jr/Sr High School. Candidate should be proficient in all areas of teaching and learning with an emphasis on professional practice and the teaching and learning cycle. The coach will be responsible for consulting with and supporting the instructional teaching staff in using resources that impact student learning. The coach will provide support and professional learning to instructional staff as needed. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: David Grabowski, Principal at [dgrabowski@urtigers.co](mailto:dgrabowski@urtigers.co) or contact David at (719)657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co).

**HELP WANTED PART-TIME OR** full-time, at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a customer oriented person for a full-time cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

**KIP'S GRILL AND CANTINA** is looking for hard working, dependable people to join our kitchen staff. Competitive pay, great benefits and an awesome team to work with. Swing by the restaurant to drop off an application.

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## YARD SALES

**HUGE 3 FAMILY YARD SALE.** Friday and Saturday, 6/3 and 6/4 from 7a.m. to 2p.m. 322 Capitan Circle.

**MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE.** Furniture, restaurant and office supplies, glassware, housewares, wall art, (5) new 255/70/R18 Bridgestone tires, keyboard, avalanche snow study tools, outdoor gear, pet doors, leather working tools, too much to list! Saturday, June 4, 8a.m.-2p.m. 122 Brookhill Dr. Cash only.

**ESTATE/ MOVING SALE.** Friday and Saturday, 8a.m. sharp. 258 Sam Houston Ave. (Hwy. 160 to Trails Blvd. to Sam Houston.) Houseful-lovely couches, 3 beds, tools, deco, etc. 1/2 price Saturday. Sale by The Organizers.

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

**XXXL MOVING/ GARAGE SALE.** Friday- Sunday, June 3-5, 9a.m.-4p.m. Elk mount, mowers, compressors, garden tools, furniture, household, area rugs, pictures and mirrors, many other items. Piedra and Jack's Pasture Road, follow signs to 512 Perry Drive.

**CRUISE THE CIRCLE YARD SALE!** Friday and Saturday, June 10-11, 9a.m.-1p.m. Carpin Circle off Saturn Drive in Lake Hatcher. SEVEN households selling toys, bicycles, clothing, furniture, snowblower, youth snorkel gear, tools and more!

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**2ND OF 2 SALES THIS WEEKEND.** Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, 8a.m. sharp. We staggered the times so you hit them both early. Giant estate sale for Roxanna Wise. 7 million items (I counted them). Log splitter, outdoor furniture, wheel barrows, plants, wood pile, jewelry, household fun, new and vintage clothes, shoes, jewelry making items, antiques, beds, furniture, petrified wood, rocks and fossils, lots of hand tools, books, tool boxes, yard art, bird cages and so, so, so much more. Hwy 160 west, right on N. Pagosa, left on Capitan Circle, house #473. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

**SHERIFF PRIMARY ELECTION-** Republican and Unaffiliated- June 28. Vote for Mike Le Roux. Ballots- mail or vote in person. Paid for by [VoteMike2022.com](http://VoteMike2022.com).

**ONE OF 2 ESTATE SALES** this weekend. Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, 7a.m. sharp. Yes, 7a.m. Gorgeous furniture, decorative items, household, kitchen items, leather chairs, beds, dressers, dining room table, patio furniture, sofa, grill, desk, air hockey table, garage stuff, linens, bedding and more. Hwy. 160 east, right on Hwy. 84, about 9-ish miles, turn right on Darcie at bottom of hill, right on Robert's Place, house #1428. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

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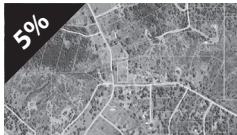
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