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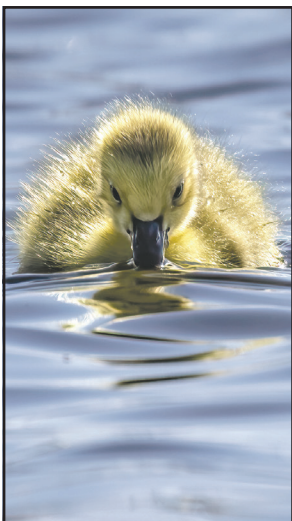
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As wildlife becomes more visible in backyards, open spaces and on trails, Colorado Parks and Wildlife encourages people not to disturb young wildlife.



County considers short-term rental regulation changes

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 7 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed potential regulation options for short-term rentals (STRs).

Development Director Pamela Flowers began the discussion by presenting four potential schemes of STR regulations to the board.

As a preface, she highlighted that the BoCC had decided at an earlier work session that supporting tour-

ism; preserving the small-town rural character of the county; and promoting affordable housing are core priorities in new potential regulations on STRs.

Flowers then presented four potential options for STR regulations.

The first option was a plan to use density caps on STRs to disperse vacation rentals, which she suggested should be lower in multifamily housing units.

The plan also included setbacks

■ See STRs A8

District picks Vining to be next elementary principal

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On June 14, the Archuleta School District Board of Education decided that Pagosa Springs Elementary School's (PSES) next principal will be Kelly Vining, who most recently served as the school's assistant principal.



Vining

ing the meeting.

Vining's hiring for the role follows the resignation of former principal Justin Cowan, who will serve as the superintendent and elementary school principal for Aguilar School District.

"I want to be the Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal because I love our community and want

to serve it in any way I can," Vining wrote in a statement to The SUN. "The past couple of years have been difficult for students, families, and

■ See Vining A8

PAWSD contemplates Pagosa Views inclusion

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the June 9 Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors meeting, the board began consideration of the inclusion of the proposed Pagosa Views development into the PAWSD water system.

PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey began the discussion by highlighting that Pagosa Views has not yet submitted a formal inclusion petition, although he felt it was worth bringing the item to the board's attention early given the

unprecedented size of the inclusion.

Board member Glenn Walsh highlighted that the inclusion is also complicated by the fact that PAWSD would ultimately treat the wastewater emanating from the development, as well as providing water through the inclusion.

James Jones, a local real estate agent representing the developers, then provided a summary of the development, which would provide approximately 700 units of housing. This number is reduced from

■ See Views A8

Low waters in Navajo Lake impact recreation, marina

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The continuing drought across the southwest has impacted Navajo Reservoir, now at its lowest levels for this time of the season in the last 10 years.

According to the Lake Navajo Water Database, the lake was at 56.4 feet below full pool, an elevation of 6,028.6 feet, on June 12 and at 55.78 percent by volume of full pool on that same date.

Before this year, the lowest level that had been observed in Navajo Lake on June 12 in the last 10 years was in 2013, when the lake was at 6,029.17 feet of elevation.

Last year, the water level on June 12 was 6,041.47 feet of elevation.

The Navajo Lake Water Database also notes that the San Juan and Piedra rivers, which feed Navajo Lake, are at 11.92 percent of their combined average and that inflows for water year 2022, which began on Oct. 1, 2021, and ends on Sept. 30, 2022, are at 89.6 percent of those for water year 2021.

In an interview with The SUN, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Manager for Navajo State Park Brian

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Photo courtesy Patty Sanner

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EDITORIAL

Voting in the primary is important

Democracy was delivered in mailboxes throughout the county this past week.

By now, every active voter who is registered in Archuleta County should have received a ballot for the June 28 primary election, which will help determine who will appear in November's general election.

There are big decisions that need to be made here in Archuleta County.

The county has nearly outgrown our landfill. Why this matter is just now coming to the forefront is beyond us. Leadership should have addressed this long before the landfill came this close to reaching the end of its life.

County leadership keeps kicking the can down the road when it comes to short-term rental regulations. This complex issue keeps coming up over and over. It is time for elected leaders to make those decisions on behalf of their constituents.

Roads have been a huge issue for years and years. It's one problem it seems will never be solved. We've watched the balance in the county's road and bridge fund grow over the years and wonder why this money hasn't been spent on improvements.

Perhaps one of the biggest issues the county is facing is the potential dissolution of San Juan Basin Public Health, which will require the county to establish its own health district.

We need to elect competent, capable leadership to decide the direction the county will take in these and many other important matters. Your vote is imperative in selecting the candidate you think can do the best job in addressing these issues on behalf of the citizens. The time is now to make your voice heard.

It is definitely shaping up to be an interesting year for political races in Archuleta County. Over the years, elections in the county have typically been decided in the primaries.

Currently, the only certified local candidates with competition in the primary election are Republicans.

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

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

With not one single Democrat running for local office, the June primary elections are extremely important.

However, this year, the candidates who advance to the general election in November are not guaranteed that they will be elected.

Five local unaffiliated candidates have filed with the state, but as of Tuesday, no one has turned in their petition with signatures to be validated. Those petitions are due on July 14.

The winner of the Republican primary for sheriff has the potential of facing three more unaffiliated candidates in November. The winner of the commissioner race could face at least one other candidate.

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.

Voter Service and Polling Center information

Beginning June 20, the Archuleta County Election's Office, located at 449 San Juan St. (in the back of the courthouse), will serve as the Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC).

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.

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.

How to track your ballot

Voters 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 and clicking on "Sign up for BallotTrax."

Voting in the primary election directly affects our county, state and country.

Your vote will make an impact because we believe this year's primary elections could be pretty close.

Every vote counts.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 16, 1922

The crews from Pagosa Springs and Del Norte, which went to the top of Wolf Creek pass Sunday in an attempt to dynamite and dig out the snow, succeeded in clearing all except about 100 feet of snow and ice before dusk. This was removed in due time the next day, Monday, and cars have been coming through every day since. Though there is some mud and considerable work to be done, the highway is passable. The McComas Cadillac holds the distinction of being the last car over the pass last season and the first to reach the top this season.

Mrs. Bob Ewell was up recently attending to school business. Little by little repairs and improvements are being added and it won't be long until Chromo will be on the map so far as school buildings and fixtures are concerned. The talk made by the county superintendent relative to securing the best teachers was enjoyed by many. It was certainly gratifying to know that she is a firm believer in building up the rural schools.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 20, 1947

The following official report was issued this week by the San Juan Basin health unit in Durango: "Pagosa Springs, which already is aware of its danger due to sickness epidemic this spring, received an 'absolutely unsafe' rating on its water, while Pagosa sewage was considered 'grossly unsatisfactory.' Ratings for other towns were not so drastic, although filtration and chlorination frequently were recommended."

"Sewage disposal at Pagosa Springs is by means of privies which serve about 50 percent of the town and cesspools which serve most of the rest of the town except for a few places where the sewage is piped directly into the river. Sewage disposal is grossly unsatisfactory at Pagosa Springs."

Jim White's new fence was demolished Monday night by a car that ran off the highway, and on Wednesday the wind storm blew down the huge cottonwood trees in his yard, one falling on Ben Pargin's car.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 15, 1972

The area has been blessed this past week with some very nice rain showers. The showers have been spread all over the area but most places have received enough moisture to be helpful. The rainfall to date in June this year is almost equal to the average expected for the entire month. It has been welcome.

James Cloman is the new mayor of Pagosa Springs. He had been elected mayor pro tem by the board following town election this spring. When Harvey Catchpole resigned as mayor, Cloman automatically assumed the position. No replacement for Cloman on the town board has been selected as yet.

The Modesto Montoya family has opened a new business in Pagosa Springs. The establishment, to be known as Montoya's, will carry a complete line of clothing and dry goods. It is located in the Elkhorn Cafe building and will be operated by Mrs. Montoya.

The Town Board voted to hire Ralph Yamaguchi to supervise the work of NYC workers this summer. These youths are hired under a program of the federal government, but the town must provide the supervision.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 19, 1997

The Pagosa Springs Trustees granted a variance Tuesday from the town sign code to developers of the Pagosa Country Center, located on U.S. 160 between Talisman Drive and North Pagosa Boulevard. The decision came at a special meeting — the third meeting at which the trustees considered the topic of a large "monument sign" to be built near the highway fronting the new City Market site. It was informally acknowledged at the June 10 work session that Jim Grant should reduce the height of the monument sign to 30 feet, with the understanding that the height (measured from the base of the sign) would put the top of the sign at a point 27 feet above the crown of the roadway on neighboring U.S. 160. Town building inspector Mark Garcia reported that Grant returned to the board on Tuesday of this week with a plan including a monument sign that met the compromised dimensions. Grant agreed to reduce the number of other free standing signs at the 17-acre site to five.

WHADDYA THINK?

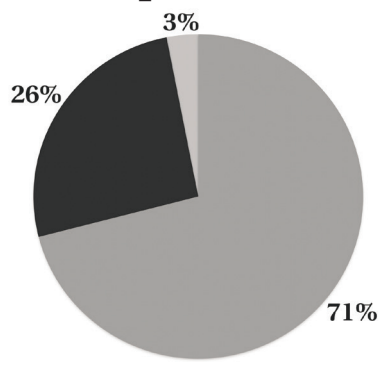
Based on community infrastructure, should there be a moratorium on new development?

Poll results (146 votes)

Yes. — 63 percent

No. — 27 percent

I don't know. — 10 percent



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Southern roads overlooked

Dear Editor:
The May 19th issue of the Pagosa Sun listed several county road construction projects being planned throughout the county. However, no mention was made of any County Road 500/Pagosa Junction projects. No mention was made of the Pagosa Junction bridge that is in major need of repair. This project is long overdue.

There are three additional issues requiring attention in the southern part of the county. One is the bar ditches in and around Pagosa Junction. The bar ditches have become filled with rocks which in the event of a heavy downpour would be unable to divert water off of the roads. The second issue concerns stream bank #3 on CR500 where erosion has been occurring for several years. This has been brought to county officials' attention but so far nothing has been done about it. The third issue is regarding gravel for CR500 from Pagosa Junction west to Hwy 151. During heavy rain storms the road turns to mud and driving in places is almost impossible, it is even dangerous.

While other parts of the county get attention, it appears that the county commissioners continue to overlook the needs of the southern part of the county.

Chris L. Chavez

Why Veronica Medina?

Dear Editor:
As a 27-year resident of Pagosa Springs, I have seen a lot of change, and a lot of leadership personalities and styles. As a community we've

seen effective, knowledgeable, competent, and broad community inclusive; not just the loud voices. We've also had to suffer through the opposite both at the county and town levels. As a frequent attendee of both town and county meetings, I've witnessed blatant conflict of interest in setting and voting on policy without regard to self-interest. And I've watched as council and commissioners passively allowed decisions by those who stand to benefit, and no one says a word or objects. I am optimistic that with new leadership at the town level, there will be greater accountability. In the case of the commissioners, it's business as usual. I have yet to see a commissioner take a strong stand against some inequities that are blatant conflicts or potential economic harm to our economy. Each individual commissioner has good and admirable strengths. When they are separated out, each brings much to the table. But together they form "The Good Ole' Boys" network and are far more focused on banding together than stepping out, taking a risk, and holding each other accountable. It's time for change Pagosa! Just as the Town of Pagosa now has a woman in leadership who is willing to risk being liked over being effective, the county deserves the same. Veronica Medina will dismantle the "Band", use her knowledge, years of deep financial and HR experience, commitment to effect real and lasting change and ability to network to the hear the voice of the community - both sides. She will listen to the community, both the loud voices and the quiet, and bring the communities concerns to the table seeking input from those she is elected to represent. I have heard repeatedly, Commissioners state they are elected to make the decisions for the community. That is not why they are elected. It is arrogant for anyone to think they can be that smart about all the moving parts of a county. There is just too much to know and understand. We never expected when we chose them on the ballot that they would know it all. They are elected to represent both sides of the community. They are elected to seek input, listen, and represent. Instead, they choose

the answer that fits their ideas for our community or to stop the loud voices from hounding them, and then band with their brothers to march on. I've watched Veronica repeated stand at meetings in representation of the quieter voices, those who deserve equal representation. I've watched her take a stand against conflict of interest, I've watched her use her financial expertise to publicly evaluate decisions. She's not afraid to take a stand on behalf of our community. As a Latino woman, she won't be a "Good Ole' Boy", she'll be effective. Vote for Veronica.

Lauri Heraty
Mom, Wife, Business Owner,
Community Volunteer

Development meetings

Dear Editor:
As I was perusing the Pagosa Springs Sun, I saw a proposed 80-acre subdivision southeast of Put Hill and behind the Elementary School.

I noticed a multi-use layout consisting of two-story Town Homes, four-story Condominiums, RV sites and single family homes.

The density was alarming and using the current population multiplier there would be an increase of 2,997 individuals, almost tripling the current Pagosa population. So off I went with my wife to Town and County meetings to see if either entity had planned for, considered, or anticipated such rapid growth.

1. Archuleta County Commissioner's meeting: the landfill continues to be out of compliance with the State. The life expectancy of the landfill is four years or less without any increase in the population. There is no proposal to upgrade, provide additional properties, or present a business model to assist the landfill.

2. Pagosa Town Council meeting: a developer's proposal for a land usage change which would allow a 23 lot RV Park with a Food Court.

The public expressed numerous concerns with the most telling being the access and the safety of the travelling public. The proposed access was a left turn from route 160 to Pike Drive. Curiously enough, the 80 acre subdivision

would use the same area for its entry. Put Hill is known for its ease of driving (LOL) during the months of Tourism and Winter. It was suggested that a roundabout might be constructed on 160. Finally, it was decided that a traffic study was needed by CDOT.

3. Republican Women's meeting: local candidates spoke and did a wonderful job. I was alarmed that Candidate, Boyd Neagle, said that the Department is considerably understaffed and under paid. The pay equivalent was compared to McDonald's.

4. PAWSO meeting: the Pagosa Springs Sanitation District is in a crisis and on the verge of leaking effluent into the river. Trucks are on standby if an overflow is imminent. A discussion followed of the new sewer treatment plant to replace the outdated one in operation. Regarding water availability, they assured us that the immediate needs could be met but any substantial increase would require the construction of pipelines.

Next was an inclusion request from the developers of the 80-acre subdivision. It was revealed that the portion of the land set aside for RV's was deleted and replaced with apartments. The Board stated that they couldn't grant inclusion until the actual need was specified and true. The request was tabled. The developers want to start construction this Fall.

Whether the school district, Fire Department, LPEA or medical facilities are currently capable of handling the proposed expansion is unknown. We are at a crossroad in which Pagosa may become the Aspen of the Southwest.

We need a moratorium on growth until we have a substantial plan agreed upon by both the Town and the County to help solve some of our core issues. We are going to grow, we are no longer invisible.

Gordon Holmes

Prepared and qualified

Dear Editor:
I support Mike LeRoux in his bid to be our next Archuleta County Sheriff.

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ing on their activities and those of their subordinates. I knew several of the sheriffs well, on a personal level. I watched all these officials and the members of their departments do commendable work and, at other times, do less than well. In the process, I developed an opinion concerning what it takes in terms of skills and character for a sheriff to serve the community as effectively as possible.

Mike Le Roux possesses these skills, and this character.

Mike is a POST-certified Colorado law enforcement officer who also possesses the administrative talents necessary to be successful as a sheriff. His work heading up Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, and the Emergency Management department, required administrative and leadership expertise, and led to his appointment as Under-sheriff, a job requiring involvement in all aspects of the operation of the agency — in the office, in the detention center, in the field. Mike has proven himself extremely capable, adaptable, and energetic. He understands the tasks set before him, and he knows how to deal with them.

And he knows the community. It takes a decade or more to begin to know this place — its physical characteristics, and its people. This can't happen over the course of a few years. Mike put in the effort, establishing a deep engagement with residents and organizations in all parts of the county, with people of all ages, in all circumstances. He accomplished this over a considerable period of time, with work in law enforcement and related agencies, and with volunteer activities with groups such as Gecko, Seeds of Learning, and Rise Above Violence.

Mike is prepared and qualified to deal with the many challenges that face our next sheriff, among them the need to hire and retain high quality individuals, given the inevitable budget constraints; effective and ongoing training of road and detention personnel; dealing openly and honestly with county residents, listening when residents voice concerns, and responding appropriately; analyzing policies and practices, and making necessary changes; recognizing and dealing with day-to-day organizational details, as well as with the sometimes stressful internal-

agency and public situations that occur, regardless of who occupies the office.

All this and more comes with the job, and the undertaking requires a strong leader and a person of integrity. Mike's desire to constantly seek both organizational and personal improvement, and his ability to lead by example, are powerful and positive qualities he will bring to a critically important organization.

I urge my friends and neighbors to cast their ballots for Mike La Rue.

Karl Isberg

'He did nothing'

Dear Editor:

In July of 64 A.D., a great fire ravaged Rome, destroying 70 percent of the city. According to a well-known expression, Rome's emperor at the time, the decadent and sadistic Nero, "fiddled while Rome burned." The expression has a double meaning: Not only did Nero play music while his people suffered, but he was an ineffectual leader in a time of crisis.

The story of Nero's inaction is at least partly apocryphal. The fiddle wasn't invented until the 11th Century. If Nero played anything, it would probably have been the cithara, a heavy wooden instrument with four to seven strings. However, the image of the de-ranked emperor came to mind as I watched the January 6th Hearing last Thursday.

Ensclosed in the Oval Office that afternoon, with numerous video feeds available to him, the President of the United States did nothing. He watched as extremists — with their appalling vulgarity, with their chilling disrespect, with their unprovoked violence against Capitol security officers — rampaged.

Trump did nothing as the mob stormed through the halls of the Capitol, leaving behind an estimated \$1.5 million in damage. He did nothing as the mob called for his own vice president to be hanged. He did nothing as a young Capitol police officer, one of 140 officers injured in the Capitol that day, slipped in the blood of her fallen officers and suffered a traumatic brain injury. He did nothing as his advisors, friends and family pleaded with him to stop the violence. For hours, our President sat in safety and watched it all on TV.

On January 6, 2021, Donald J. Trump violated his sworn oath of office. He did nothing.

K. Muth

'Stop Abbott'

Dear Editor:

Greg Abbott, the governor of Texas, has changed Texas from "The Lone Star State" to "The Death Star State".

I am utterly appalled at the gun violence that has become normal in the U.S.A.. And Abbott is leading the charge with his no restrictions, no training and no rules - approach to gun "regulation".

People and organizations, like the NRA, are controlling Abbott and the GOP by lining their pockets. After all, in Abbott's mind, money trumps legality or reason. How extremely sad and anti-American.

To my dear Texans that come here to our beloved Colorado and particularly to Pagosa Springs, I am asking you to consider whom you support for positions of leadership. I am asking you to vote for people that support life and truth, rather than bizarre, foolish, conspiracy laden, fringe money and power grubbing people, like Abbott and his co-conspirators. This crap is not pro-life.

The gun laws of Abbott's Texas as of May are:

1) Must be 18 to buy a rifle (that includes weapons of war like A.R. style meat grinders of children), and 21 to buy a handgun from a licensed dealer.

2) No background checks required for private sales.

3) No limit on purchases of multiple firearms or large capacity ammunition magazines.

4) Permit-less carry.

5) Local agencies prohibited from enforcing new federal gun rules.

My god. I lost my son to a drunk driver. According to Abbot's insane thinking we should eliminate laws that ban drunk driving, enforce speed limits or seat belts, to protect "our right to choose". Well why don't we eliminate drivers training or licensing also. At 18 you can't buy a beer but you can buy a weapon of war. Abbot's thinking is just plain crazy.

Keep in mind that "The U.S. has had 57 times as many school shootings as the other major industrialized nations combined" Combined.

And we have more guns in America than we have people. Obviously more guns have not made us more safe.

I'm not against guns but I am against weapons of war in the hands of civilians. We ban civilians from having grenades and machine guns. Come on, let's get sensible.

And my beloved Coloradans, here in the 3rd district, we desperately need to vote out Lauren Boebert. She is no good for CO or us. Boebert is a right-wing nut. I'm one of her constituents and she sure doesn't represent me.

Our children's future, and all of us at any age, depend on leaders who promote peace, are wise, and lead with integrity. Leaders must be pro-life for the living. Stop the NRA. Texans, stop Abbott.

Mitch Nielsen

Clarification

Dear Editor:

I was surprised to see my name listed as a supporter for Archuleta County Sherriff candidate Mike Le Roux in the June 9th edition of the Pagosa Sun. I had not had any communication with that candidate nor any of his campaign staff.

I realize that there may be several other individuals with the same name as mine, but for clarification I am the Dick Ray that began outfitting in Archuleta County in 1970. I also served on the Colorado Wildlife Commission 2005-2009, as well as other Boards, Commissions and Committees.

After seeing my name in print I chose to look at both Sheriff Candidates websites. I then chose to place a sign supporting candidate Neagle on my property on the evening of June 9th.

Whoever the newly elected Sherriff is, he will face a list of problems that is growing exponentially. He will need the support of all of the voters and other elected officials. We must collectively unite to retain what is left of the culture and traditions that have caused us all to value this County that we call home.

Richard H. (Dick) Ray
Editor's note: In fact, there is another Richard (Dick) Ray living in Archuleta County, whose name was listed in the ad along with his wife, Brenda Ray. Brenda Ray reported to The SUN that those names were printed with permission.

Father's Day

Dear Editor:

I keep a magnet on the front of my "frig" that states the following: "The best things in life are not things". Yes, the best things in life are loving parents who work together to teach good values to their children and build a good launching pad from which they will spring to build their own future.

We didn't have a lot financial but my Sweetheart Dad of my children found a way to provide special, unforgettable times for us. Aside from those camping vacations

he made "end of week" quite a celebration. Like most families with a "working Mom", most of the weekend was spent getting the laundry and ironing done, the weekly house-cleaning, etc. Then it was church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon was spent getting last-minute chores done for the coming week, and of course, the children got their school work done for the coming week.

So, everything done and ready for the coming week, Dad would hand a dollar bill to the oldest to go to the nearby store and pick up our snack for the evening. She always returned with a large bottle of soda and a large Hershey Bar to be divided into five servings — we were "set" for our evening with Dad, in front of our 19-inch Black and White TV, placed on a shelf where all could see it. Our evening entertainment began with "The Ed Sullivan Show". Yes, their Dad did the best he could and to us, there was nothing better.

His birth name was Bobby Joe, but he preferred the short version. "Bob J." Yes. He is forever loved.

Happy Father's Day to all.

Patty Tillerson

'Lies and innuendos'

Dear Editor:

As an active member in the local republican party, I have tried to stay away from actively endorsing a candidate before the primary election but I have finally had enough of the lies and innuendos being bandied about as of late, this last letter to the editor attacking Alvin Schaaf was the proverbial last straw.

I believe everyone is entitled to their opinion but not to suggest factual statements where there are none. There was a letter to the editor about Commissioner Schaaf, the writer "believes" Mr. Schaaf's brand inspector position is a full-time salaried job and then his "research" leads him to believe it's a time-consuming job paying Mr. Schaaf approximately 38,000 annually, sorry, his research is as flawed as his beliefs. My research took me directly to Alvin Schaaf, nothing like getting facts straight from the source. I was shown documentation to prove his brand inspector position is part time, less than twenty hours every two weeks where he earned a whopping 12,600 last year.

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To establish the vision, the Sheriff needs to be a clear, effective **communicator** who can capably engage the community at all levels to establish the county's needs.

Finally, the Sheriff is the key person responsible for creating a positive, ethical organizational culture unfolding from their own integrity, accountability and conduct.

Do I have the qualifications and experience to enforce the law in day-to-day calls for service? Absolutely.

However, far more valuable, and of interest, are my capabilities and career experience that qualify me to be the **EXECUTIVE LEADER** of a large, multifaceted and diverse agency, in a rapidly growing county.

In a career spanning over 25 years, I have a **professional background** in corporate business in the private sector, as a high level project manager. Here I was involved in leading teams, administration, budget management and large-scale program development and delivery. I bring a global perspective and a fresh approach.

Also, I have **passionately served Archuleta County for 10 years**, clearly demonstrating every one of the requirements for executive leadership in my roles.

During my long tenure at the Sheriff's Office, I have **developed important working relationships** with regional law enforcement entities and all key local agencies and stakeholders which will be of great benefit to this county.

As the **current Undersheriff**, I am in the best position to identify the strengths and shortcomings of the Sheriff's Office, and, if elected, I am committed to meeting all the needs of this dynamic community to ensure a safe and thriving home for us all to enjoy.



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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.



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.



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

Describe your leadership style. How do you gauge your effectiveness?

Mike Le Roux

I have a 'hands dirty' approach to leadership. I believe that having a personal passion for the kind of work we do at the Sheriff's Office is inspiring. I will get in the trenches if I need to in order to motivate and lead, and there's nothing I will ask others to do that I wouldn't be willing to do myself.

I developed the all-volunteer Search and Rescue team from 15 members to a team of approximately 40 highly dedicated and trained individuals. I gauged my effectiveness by the growth and dedication of the team.

I have always used After Action Review processes as a tool for feedback and continued improvement.

In saying that I have a decentralized approach to leadership, where I work to empower those in leadership roles beneath me, to be accountable and responsible for their teams and take ownership for their positions and actions.

Boyd Neagle

You can only lead from the front if you expect to be followed. "We cannot lead anyone further than we have been ourselves" John Maxwell

I think you must mentor others when you lead and not ask anyone to do something you can't or have not done yourself. You set the example to follow and hold yourself to the standard you expect from others. I have been a leader most of my career regardless of my position at any given time. You must take the time to teach and pass on experience to others and that is why officers look and come to me for guidance and direction. They trust my experience and see my commitment. I have trained hundreds of police cadets and led officers helping them have successful careers and advance over the years. To this day I get calls for advice from officers daily and to me, that is effective leadership.

With a growing population, crime, naturally, is projected to increase. How will you

address this?

Mike Le Roux

For reference I ran the criminal charges for the past 18 months. DUI (Driving under the influence) consistently ranks first. Unsurprisingly, Harassment, Domestic Violence and Assault are next. Arguably, drug and alcohol abuse and addiction are the underlying cause of the majority of these charges.

I value an approach based on education and training, and will ensure that our staff are afforded every opportunity to maximize their knowledge and skills, in a dynamic environment.

By proactively engaging the community we're able to gain situational awareness, resulting in early intervention and enforcement. This engagement provides the chance to educate, guide and protect. This is particularly critical for early childhood and youth sectors.

Supporting programs and initiatives that address drugs and alcohol issues gives the ACSO access to valuable partners.

I am always committed to researching, to provide specific evidence to request additional full-time staff in response to the increase in crime.

Boyd Neagle

I will address these issues from day one when I take office. I will work with other community leaders and agencies to plan for the future and not just react to it. It begins with a well-trained and knowledgeable command staff that can work with others and make well thought out and educated decisions.

This means planning for future budgets and needs. We are fiscally responsible with our budget to get the most we can for our citizens hard-earned tax dollars. We look at the trends and growth areas to see where the available resources are best utilized. We train our staff to be the best and able to serve the community at the level it requires.

What is your personal experience with leading a large and diverse organization?

■ See Tracker A7

What is the county doing well?

Alvin Schaaf

I believe the county does a pretty good job throughout all the departments. Showing the most improvement is road and bridge and that includes the increased frequency of maintenance to our dirt roads during the past year. I believe we do a good job of prioritizing projects to fulfill the mandates of government, the necessities of our citizens and still provide some non-essential services for our citizens to enjoy. We still have room for improvement but our employees are doing a great job and continue to improve daily.

Veronica Medina

Working towards Archuleta County having Broadband redundancy.

Are you satisfied with the existing short-term rental regulations?

Alvin Schaaf

Not having any personal experience with short term rentals (not having one near my residence) I don't have a straight forward answer to this question.

I listen to the people effected by them as well as the people relying on them for income, and, as with anything I am tasked with making a decision on, I weigh both sides of the argument. I am certain we can improve on the regulations without taxing them out of existence; we must find middle ground between property rights and residential expectancy.

Veronica Medina

Short term rentals are important to our community. There needs to be more information gathered and shared so that a decision can be made.

How are you, as a leader, going to look to build and strengthen relationships with other local agencies?

Alvin Schaaf

As a sitting county commissioner, I believe we have built solid relationships with most local agencies, one exception being SJBPH. There

will always be agencies that just clash, one must accept that fact and remain civil while exploring common goals that can be beneficial to both entities. To strengthen a weak relationship, one must set aside all personal feelings and interests and identify the steps necessary to achieve the common goal that brought the entities together in the first place. I have, and will continue to do this, to set aside any preconceived notions that would stand in the way of doing what is best for the citizens, to engage in conversations that produce positive results. Two or more agencies, working together, reaching a satisfactory outcome, is the best relationship builder.

Veronica Medina

Be actively engaged with the local agencies, attend the meetings in person, reporting back to the BoCC so that communication is open and clear. If action is required decisions can be made in a timely manner.

I will always be Open, Honest, Ethical, and Accessible to my constituents, always seeking their input.

Sensitive to needs of Vets, Seniors, Local Small Business Owners, Fair to all County Employees.

How should the county address the rising cost of living and lack of affordable housing for residents?

Alvin Schaaf

We, as county commissioners must continue incentivizing the private sector, too much government involvement can produce a multitude of unintended consequences. We have to take under consideration any and all innovative ideas put forth by the private sector that could provide safe, affordable housing for our full-time residents. Without affordable housing, every business will suffer the lack of employees and/or tradespersons so they too need to be involved in the solution. As a sitting commissioner, I am very proud of our decision to donate eleven lots to Habitat for Humanity, it's a positive step for the hard-working families that will receive affordable homes. Unfortunately, there isn't much that can be done

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County Sheriff Candidates

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Mike Le Roux

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Commander of Emergency Management, ACSO: leading and managing Emergency Management staff, wildland seasonal fire staff, overseeing a large non-profit all-volunteer Search and Rescue team (mission activation, training and coordination), Emergency preparedness and mitigation planning.

Multiple and ongoing coordina-

tion and incident command of largescale multi-day extended operations and multi-jurisdictional incidents involving liaison with numerous agencies and stakeholders. Creating and facilitating training opportunities and exercises with the above.

As current Undersheriff ACSO: All administration; overseeing a chain of command for patrol, investigations, jail, emergency operations preparedness, wildland fire, search and rescue, administration, court security, and alternative sentencing. Continued cooperation with the County and first responder agencies. The full remit of daily management tasks including administration, recruitment, training, financial and budgetary.

Boyd Neagle

I have worked for small and very large agencies. This has allowed me the opportunity to learn all aspects of their operations. I have run a jail/detention center and been a supervisor. I know firsthand the issues of staffing, scheduling, budgeting, policy, training, internal affairs investigations, proper employment backgrounds, grant writing and administration, and many others. I have written policies and procedures and know that no matter the size of the agency good employees are one of the cornerstones that make it work.

Community trust is another cornerstone that is a must to make the Sheriff's office successful.

County Commissioner Candidates

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on the local level about inflation, we attempt to be competitive with pay for the employees but we fall short there because of budget constraints.

Veronica Medina

The County could work to break down costly barriers that have been preventing new affordable housing options, encourage job growth with better wage levels to improve cost of living challenges.

Additional questions and answers were also printed in the June 2 and 9 editions of The SUN.

Letters

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culture: "The Division is 100% cash funded by the livestock industry (from brand assessments and inspection fees) and has an annual budget of over \$4 million" which means Mr. Schaaf is not being paid by tax-payer dollars in this position. Alvin's qualified and works holidays and weekends, he does not neglect either job as the writer would have you believe. Alvin never tried to hide his part time job, it's stated in the first line of his bio in the election tracker of this paper, the writer is trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill.

The writer goes on to say "the citizen's business is a serious matter" and "should be the first priority on any elected officials list", and in my opinion Alvin Schaaf does

exactly that. Alvin is a hardworking, humble man that even finds time to volunteer behind the scenes, that's why you do not see him out front campaigning at every event in town, give me a workhorse over a show-horse anytime.

It is such a shame that things like this get printed after the ballots are out, possibly swaying early voters with untruths but I guess some people feel if you can't take the man out by fact, try a little fiction. If you still have doubts about Alvin, call him, it's time you get the facts straight because our county's future depends on it.

Alvin puts a lot of thought and research in his votes, he looks at the good for the community as a whole and he will not compromise his values, very rare these days. Alvin

will be the first to tell you that we still have a long way to go but we are moving in the right direction and I personally believe he deserves a second term.

Deborah Van Gundy

Turf Replacement Program

Dear Editor:

Hurray. The Colorado State HB22-1151 has been signed into law: "Concerning measures to incentivize water-wise landscapes, and, in connection therewith, creating a state program to finance the voluntary replacement of irrigated turf and making an appropriation."

Here is our opportunity to improve water conservation in

Archuleta County by replacing turf with water-wise plantings. What organization will take this on?

As stated in the bill: "The bill requires the Colorado water conservation board (board) to develop a statewide program to provide financial incentives for the voluntary replacement of irrigated turf with water-wise landscaping (turf replacement program). The bill defines water-wise landscaping as a water- and plant-management practice that emphasizes using plants with lower water needs. Local governments, certain districts, Native American tribes, and nonprofit organizations with their own turf replacement programs may apply to the board for money

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- There are over 20 active ranches in the area, including cattle, sheep, and goats.
- The district also has hundreds of small farms and ranches starting at 35 acres up to several hundred acres, that produce or support the production of agricultural products.
- The area runs thousands of cattle and yields several million dollars in agricultural business each year.

If you haven't thought about it this way before, consider now that a big part of the reason you chose to make your home in Archuleta County is because of its surrounding wide-open spaces, lush green pastures, its western heritage and its ranching community.

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I am the only Commissioner running for this District that has this necessary expertise, experience, background, and understanding.

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Paid for by the committee to Re-Elect Alvin Schaaf

Please vote for Veronica Medina
 County Commissioner District 3

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Veronica is available to answer questions and meet with you to hear and understand your concerns, 970.582.0066.



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Paid for by Melinda Ratliff

STRs

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between STRs, both by distance and by parcel, with a certain number of parcels required to be between each STR.

Flowers explained that there are “thousands” of rural parcels in the county that do not currently contain STRs and onto which STRs could be dispersed.

As part of this plan, Flowers recommended a two-year grandfather-

ing period for STRs that are above the new density limits, with lotteries after to determine which STRs in areas above the density caps could retain permits.

Flowers explained that this option was predicted to result in an immediate halting of new STRs in oversaturated areas and a migration of STRs to rural parcels, although the overall number of STRs is not expected to decrease.

Flowers added that this option would have a high benefit on residents near STRs by reducing the density and the chances of disturbances while having a moderate impact on housing, with some STRs becoming long-term rentals (LTRs).

The next option Flowers presented would “leverage the desire to have a short-term rental permit in the county to help move people to ... provide long-term housing.”

This approach would require nonresident STR owners in the county to provide a LTR for every STR permit they hold. Flowers explained that one way to accomplish this would be for STR owners who currently rent two sides of a duplex or a garage apartment and house as an STR to convert one portion of their rentals into a LTR.

She added that accessory dwelling units, workforce housing incentives and density bonuses could also contribute to making LTR creation feasible.

For this option, Flowers recommended a three-year grandfather period.

She predicted that this option would cause a significant slowing in rates of new STRs, a reduction in the number of STRs over time and a general reduction in the amount of lodging available, negatively impacting tourism.

Flowers added that this option would likely cause a moderate improvement in the quality of life for residents near STRs, as there would be fewer overall, and would likely create a moderate amount of housing, although some STR owners would simply stop renting or relocate instead of providing LTRs.

Flowers also commented, citing the potential negative impacts on tourism, “Frankly, I don’t think this plan, in its own, is the best plan.”

The next option Flowers presented is a significant increase in fees associated with STRs.

Flowers explained that residential property taxes are currently approximately 7 percent while commercial property taxes are 29 percent and that this option would work to shrink the gap for STRs, which Flowers described as a quasi-commercial use, by raising fees and bringing STRs closer to the money collected from businesses.

According to Flowers, the fee increase would be based on a proportion of the property taxes paid by the STR owner, with resident owners exempt from the fee increase.

She explained that the fees collected would then be directed toward funding county projects and partnerships to develop affordable housing.

She recommended that the fees be implemented Jan. 1, 2023, as this option would not involve taking away any STR permits.

Flowers predicted that this option would potentially slow the growth of new STRs or reduce their numbers, although she believed that most

STR owners would simply absorb the fees.

Flowers added that the county would gain approximately \$3 million a year for housing projects if the fee was set at two times the property tax rate and approximately \$4.5 million if the fee was set at three times the tax rate.

Overall, Flowers suggested that this option would have a limited impact on tourism and quality of life while having a positive impact on housing through projects the county could enact.

The final option Flowers presented is a hybrid of the caps and setbacks discussed in the first option and the nonresident fees increases included in the third option.

This option would also include an ability for nonresident-owned STRs to opt out of the higher fees by providing a LTR.

Flowers recommended that this option include a two-year grandfather period for the setbacks with the fees being implemented at the beginning of 2023.

Flowers suggested that this option would have a limited impact on tourism while having a positive impact on neighborhood quality of life and housing availability, making it “the best of all plans,” according to her presentation.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he wants to hear community input on the options in an effort to ensure the regulation options are palatable to the community.

Flowers commented that it would be possible for the county to collect public input on the options at the upcoming planning commission meetings where the language for these regulations would be defined.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf raised concerns that public input could be concentrated from county residents and outsiders who have a financial interest in the STR industry without hearing from representative members of the general public.

Following a discussion on the impacts of STRs to the local economy — where Flowers commented that much of the money earned by STRs is not spent in the county — and conversation on the government’s role in supplying housing — where Schaaf raised concerns about the county being involved in providing housing and Brown suggested that it is the county’s duty to ensure continuing operations, which might require providing staff housing — the board moved on to discuss next steps

for the regulations.

Brown commented that he wants conversation on the proposals to determine what would work best for the community.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez highlighted that the BoCC is well-informed about the issues surrounding STRs in the community, and Brown highlighted the value of hearing public feedback on the proposals.

Maez responded that the community is waiting for regulations to be implemented, with the board agreeing that it should attempt to implement the regulations within 60 days.

County Attorney Todd Weaver added that, if implementing the regulations takes longer than 60 days, he would recommend implementing a moratorium on new STR permits to prevent a rush of new applications being submitted to beat the new regulations.

Flowers continued the discussion by recommending that the county require noise-monitoring equipment to help validate noise complaints and that the county create a mid-term rental category to ensure that housing benefits implemented by the county apply primarily to buildings providing long-term housing instead of monthly rentals.

She also discussed changes to the county’s methods of calculating the number of guests allowed in an STR, although the commissioners indicated limited interest in continuing with these changes.

However, Flowers indicated that she would be tightening enforcement of guest limitations for STRs with septic systems to prevent overloading such systems with numbers of guests the systems are not designed to accommodate.

Flowers also recommended a density bonus program, which would follow the rules of the county’s preexisting property tax exemption policy and incentives to encourage higher energy efficiency and renewable energy in STRs.

Flowers concluded by explaining that she would attempt to solicit public feedback on the STR regulations at the June and July planning commission meetings while also developing an online survey to encourage additional comments.

She added that she would then return to the BoCC in August to hear its directions on what regulations it would like implemented, after which she would begin the process of drafting the regulations.

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Views

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the initial plan for approximately 1,200 units due to feedback from the public and Pagosa Springs Planning Commission.

Jones also expressed the hope that the PAWSD board would approve the inclusion at the meeting.

The board members responded that they needed additional information and certainty as to the size and structure of the development before the inclusion could be approved.

Walsh added that the inclusion and the construction of the development could also cause challenges for PAWSD by increasing the volume of sewage the town sanitation system would receive, which would increase the amount PAWSD would need to treat, likely triggering costly state-mandated upgrades of PAWSD facilities.

Walsh also commented that these costs would need to be divided between the town, PAWSD and the developer in some way in order to ensure that PAWSD could afford to treat the waste.

Ramsey highlighted that inclusions happen at the discretion of the board and that the board could require a wide range of information before deciding on the inclusion.

Jones stated, referencing a comment from Walsh, that he felt that PAWSD had indicated that they possessed enough water, with the potential issues with the inclusion being related to wastewater issues.

He added that the primary thing that he wanted to know was that there is not any opposition to having water service to the development if the developer is willing to pay to get it, similar to how the developer might need to pay to secure sanitation services from the town.

Board chairman Jim Smith commented that his main question was how quickly the developer could provide PAWSD with the information needed to model the infrastructure costs of the inclusion and the associated wastewater on the system.

Board member Bill Hudson reiterated that sentiment, stating that he would need the modeling information as well as a better map of the development and its size to feel comfortable with approving the inclusion, as this would allow him to better understand its impact on PAWSD.

Ramsey highlighted that the high estimate of the number of units in the development would only harm the developer as it would cause an overestimation in the number of units PAWSD must serve.

Jones commented that he could

have provided more up-to-date information to the board if he had known they would need it, although their application had not specified that some of the information discussed would be necessary.

He also proposed that PAWSD staff or the board should meet with the engineers and developers for the project when they are in Pagosa for the community hearing before the town planning commission on June 24.

Ramsey agreed that such a meeting could be valuable while adding that it is a major decision and the issue would have to be addressed at future public meetings.

Board vice president Blake Brueckner and Walsh both commented that the development could represent an opportunity to rectify the current difficulties with town sanitation, while Jones highlighted that other large developments in the area that might simultaneously be near initial submittal to the town would provide an opportunity for the larger expenditures that might be needed to fix the problem.

The board then heard public comments on the issues, the first of which highlighted that the development would potentially double the size of the town and change its character as well as requiring more water than PAWSD has available, particularly in drought conditions.

Walsh responded by stating that he feels PAWSD’s situation in terms of water availability is less “dire” than the commenter expressed, highlighting that PAWSD currently possessed substantial reservoirs of water that are unused and that PAWSD has not declared an extreme drought, as the commenter had stated.

Walsh also highlighted that the water usage of the Pagosa Views development might be lower than a similar number of units of houses as the apartment buildings would possess smaller areas of lawns per resident than a house, which are the largest factor in water consumption for a residence.

Brueckner also responded that the development could aid the town in paying for its sewer modifications, ensuring that a situation does not arise where water becomes unaffordable for residents due to the cost of sanitation system repairs.

Another commenter raised concerns about public transparency, stating that the public should have the information to accurately know the changing size of the development.

Jones responded by commenting that it is “unfortunate” that

the size of development had been inaccurately reported in the media since the developer had changed his plans well before the articles on the development were published.

Another commenter highlighted the number of developments that were proposed in the area in addition to Pagosa Views and that these developments could cause a serious impact on local infrastructure such as roadways and the landfill.

Walsh added that, for him to approve inclusions such as Pagosa Views, the town and PAWSD would have to reach an agreement either to split development fees to help PAWSD fund treating waste or to consolidate the sewer district and build a modern treatment plant along the San Juan River.

Hudson commented, on the subject of the town’s sewage difficulties and the approval of additional developments, “The town doesn’t know where they’re at.”

He continued that the town is working to acquire pumps and prepare for a sewage overflow to fix its current pumping problems although “the town doesn’t know where they’re headed right at the moment.”

He added that he would feel uncomfortable approving the inclusion until he has a clear idea what investments might be required by PAWSD to treat the sewage produced by the development.

Walsh highlighted that, while PAWSD is not, in a narrow sense, culpable for the town’s sewage problems, they were “partners” in creating the problem and would bear a degree of responsibility if developments approved by PAWSD caused a sewage spill into the San Juan River.

He stated that PAWSD needs to take a broad view of the situation and focus its policies and decisions on rectifying the sewage issues.

The board then discussed next steps for considering the inclusion, with Walsh stating that he would be willing to follow the town planning commission’s lead in terms of stages of plan approvals for the development.

Jones reiterated his willingness to provide PAWSD the information it desires and his interest in having PAWSD meet with the engineers for the project.

Ramsey and the board expressed agreement that this would be useful and later, after discussion, agreed that PAWSD staff should meet with the developer and representatives before the June 24 planning commission hearing to discuss the matter further and gather more information.

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Public works director provides landfill update

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Public Works Director Kevin Pogue gave an update on the proposed landfill fee increases at the June 14 Board of County Commissioners’ (BoCC) work session.

“I’ve got the scale comin’,” Pogue stated to open his update. He explained that he had contacted a supplier who would ship out a scale for the landfill within four to six weeks and that he has gotten state approval for the installation of the scale.

He added that, once the scale is installed, the county could switch to pricing waste by tonnage instead of by cubic yards, as the landfill currently does.

Pogue mentioned that he informed citizens and trash companies of this change in an email on June 14 and that he will, in the period before the scale arrives, investigate prices at surrounding landfills to develop an updated pricing scheme.

County Manager Derek Woodman clarified that the county will not request a fee increase prior to the scale’s installation and will consider new pricing once the scale is installed.

However, Woodman indicated that the BoCC will consider voting to waive recycling fees, which were part of the previously proposed set of landfill fee changes, at its next meeting on June 21.

Pogue indicated that he invited residents and trash haulers to be part of the discussion on the new landfill

fees in his email and that the county would potentially hold a meeting to discuss the issue with interested parties in the future.

Pogue then mentioned that a rented grinder is expected to arrive at the landfill in the next two weeks, where it will be used to process tires accumulated in the landfill.

The commissioners then discussed the merits of holding a public tire disposal day where citizens could bring tires to be ground.

Commissioner Warren Brown raised concerns about doing this based on environmental concerns raised by his constituents.

Commissioners Alvin Schaaf and Ronnie Maez highlighted the potential value of this disposal day for the community and the need for daily cover materials at the landfill.

Pogue added that ground tires are approved as a daily cover material by the state and that this event would act as a “preventative” measure to reduce the amount of tires deposited on roadsides.

Woodman commented that this would likely be a one-time event as the landfill does not generally accept tires, and that doing this would help create daily cover materials and reduce the usage of the landfill’s limited supply of dirt.

The discussion concluded with the commissioners commending Pogue on his efforts and his work to improve the circumstances at the landfill.

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Navajo

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Sandy explained the impact the low water levels have had on the park.

He commented that the low water levels have had a “really negative impact” on the park’s marina and the services it can provide, with the on-the-water fuel pump dock and the pump-out station for houseboats both inactive.

He noted that no slips are available at the dock, with the few that remain usable reserved for patrol and rental boats.

He added that the water level in the mooring cove is sufficiently low to render most of the mooring balls unusable.

Sandy stated that the low water level has had a particularly severe impact on houseboats, many of which depend on the mooring cove and the pump-out station.

However, for other boaters, Sandy suggested that the loss of marina services is largely an inconvenience.

The boat ramp remains usable, with Sandy commenting that, to his

knowledge, the ramp extends to the edge of the former riverbed.

He added, “I hope I never experience this.”

Sandy stated that, although the park’s visitor numbers are down this year compared to previous years, he attributed most of this to the high cost of gasoline and the poor boating conditions created by the regular high winds instead of to the low lake levels.

Sandy also explained that the ecology of the lake is likely to be minimally impacted by the low water, given the volume of water present in the reservoir.

However, he noted that, given the Colorado park is on the shallow end of the reservoir, fish will likely be pushed toward the deeper portion of the lake in New Mexico.

Sandy commented that water levels in the reservoir are likely to continue to drop over the season with water commitments for the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project and municipal water for communi-

Vining

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Vining also touched upon continuing the school’s culture. “My highest priority is to create opportunities that connect students, teachers, and family members, keeping the Care Reigns Here spirit that has been the undercurrent of our elementary school. I am honored to work with the high-quality staff of the elementary school and am humbled to serve our community in this way,” she wrote.

On June 8, Interim Superintendent Laura Mijares announced that Vining would be put before the board for approval as the chosen candidate.

In the announcement, Mijares notes that Vining holds a bachelor’s in human development and family studies with a minor in early childhood education; a master’s in elementary reading and literacy; and an education specialist degree in curriculum, instruction and assessment. “Professionally, she maintains an

impressive portfolio with experiences as a reading intervention teacher and an early childhood educator. The selection committee was impressed with her depth of understanding and vision for Pagosa Springs Elementary School,” Mijares wrote.

Vining explains in her email she moved to Pagosa Springs in 2014 and taught second grade at PSES during the 2014-2015 school year.

From 2015-2017, she notes, she taught first and second grade at Pagosa Valor Academy before staying home with her young children and obtaining her education specialist degree.

She notes she subbed for a year at PSES, writing, “I have tried to stay connected to the school in any way I could!”

She returned to PSES for the 2020-2021 school year as a Title I reading and math interventionist and became the assistant principal last year.

Obituaries

Kimberly Ann Coleman

Kimberly Ann Coleman, born March 1, 1953, in Chicago, Ill., died Wednesday, June 1, at her home in Pagosa with her family by her side. She was 69. She is forever loved and missed.



She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Brian W. Smith, and her daughters, Sarah O'Kane Smith, 37, and Em-malynn (Emmy) Coleman Smith, 34, and five dogs and a cat between the three of them.

Kim was a home health and hospice nurse for Mercy Home Health for nearly 25 years; she worked as an OBGYN nurse for many years at Maricopa County Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., before moving to Pagosa Springs with her family in 1995. She'll be remembered by countless people for her compassionate care. Brian often returned from the post office or grocery store having just chatted with a Pagosan who called Kim an "angel" for the love and skill she

showed a loved one — Brian's joke was always, "Are we talking about the same Kim?" She is survived by her elder sister Kathleen Mendes and her younger brother Timothy Coleman (who both can attest to the fact that Kim was not, in fact, an angel), and many beloved nieces, nephews and siblings-in-law. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Dorothy Coleman Edgecombe (nee O'Kane) and James Coleman, and her elder sister Judith Fuller.

Kim was always modest when praised for her work. She knew she wasn't an angel, that no one is, and she was, like us all, mortal. She knew that the inevitability of death makes life all the more absurd and precious. She had comforted so many people through death at home, but that did not mean she didn't feel the deep injustice and anger at having to go through the process herself. It was the greatest honor of her family's lives to be with her at home at the end. Many of her fellow hospice nurses, colleagues and friends, were also with her in her final weeks. She even uttered her last words, a colorful expletive, to her former boss — no recompense for losing her too soon, but fitting all the same.

From her lifetime of helping others both enter this world and leave it, she knew that it was the middle part that counted, and that none of us are ever guaranteed health or wealth in this world, so you'd better help others and love hard while you're here. She often declared how lucky we are to have food and shelter, and that we did not need birthday/holiday gifts, we would just donate to others — and then she would end up doing both. She was often inscrutable, but she loved widely and indiscriminately. To honor her beautiful soul and memory, please consider donating to Mercy Home Health and Hospice, or to some of the organizations she supported throughout her life: Planned Parenthood, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs.

Lawrence Alan Crane

Lawrence Alan Crane, 74, passed away on June 11 at home with his wife by his side.

"Larry" was born on April 3, 1948 and grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., and served in the Army Reserves. He married his wife, Cheryl, in 1978 and they spent 43 wonderful

years together traveling, hiking, camping, and enjoying the National Parks in Colorado and the Southwest. Larry worked at Sub-Zero refrigeration in Madison, Wis., for 30 years and spent his free time going to college football and hockey games with his wife. He also loved coaching youth hockey in the Madison area, which he did for nearly 15 years. In 2016, Larry and Cheryl completed their dream home in Chromo, Colo., where they have lived full-time since. Larry will be remembered by all who knew him as a sports fan and a kind, generous, funny man who was always willing to help a friend. He will be deeply missed.



Survived by Cheryl Crane (wife), Curtis Crane (brother) /Judy Crane (sister-in-law). Preceded by Salvatore Crane (father) and Ruth Crane (mother).

In place of flowers, donate to national parks or plant a tree in Larry's name.

A celebration of his life will be announced at a later time.

Letters

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to help finance their turf replacement programs. The board will contract with one or more third parties to administer one or more turf replacement programs in areas where local turf replacement programs do not exist."

This legislation provides matching funds: "On or before July 1, 2023, the board shall develop a state turf replacement program: to provide money to an eligible entity that itself provides matching money in an amount up to fifty percent of the direct and indirect costs that the eligible entity and any third party it contracts with in developing or implementing a turf

replacement program will incur."

The water- and plant- management practice: "(a) is intended to be functional and attractive; (b) emphasizes the use of plants that require lower supplemental water, such as native and drought-tolerant plants; and (ii) prioritizes the following seven key principles: (a) planning and design for water conservation, beauty, and utility; (b) improving soil; (c) applying efficient irrigation; (d) limiting turf to high traffic, essential areas; (e) selecting plants that have low water demand; (f) applying mulch; and (g) maintaining the landscape. page 6-house bill 22-1151."

Also included is the encourage-

ment to update irrigation systems to efficiently irrigate water-wise landscaping.

I think there are many places, including townhouse associations like mine, that would benefit from it.

Joan Y. Ward

Mike Le Roux for sheriff

Proven leadership skills and caring about our community are the two most important traits of a sheriff. Mike Le Roux's tireless work for the past 10 years in his positions of Emergency Operations Manager, Undersheriff, and

his leadership in some of our community nonprofit organizations has shown that he possesses both of these traits. Mike is seeking the office because he truly cares about the people he has been serving in our community for as long as he has lived here.

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John Weiss

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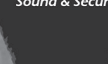
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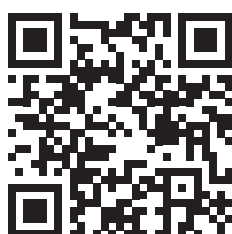
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For more info, contact:

Brandon Wolff at (970) 264-8383, bwolff@archuletacounty.org

Obituaries

Dahlr Jane Henley

Dahlr Jane Henley (Miller) passed from this life to the next with God on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, at the age of 89.



Dahlr will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 62 years, Robert (Bob) Henley; and her children, Karen (Greg) Lessman, Anne

(Ed) Parker and John (Esther) Henley. She was the proud "Grandma" to her grandchildren, Gregory, Nicole, Zachary (Tish), Ryan (Sandra), Courteney, Emily, and Ian. She was also "G-ma" to her great grandchildren, Audreana, Dalton, Greyson, Calliope, Weston, and Alexios. Dahlr was a loving daughter to Lloyd and Ruth Miller, and Charlotte and Lyle Bordwell. She was the baby sister to Lee, Sue and Duke, and the big sister of Johnny. She cherished many nieces, nephews and dear friends throughout her life.

In her 41 years of service as a registered nurse, she held roles as a staff nurse, supervisor, manager and "mom" nurse for the many bumps, bruises and even broken bones of neighborhood children ... "Come to my house, my mom's a nurse!" Her passion, sense of humor, dedication to her patients and strong commitment to make a difference in the lives of others remain vivid in the hearts of all who benefited from her care.

Her greatest gift, though, was in her humble life of faith. No act of kindness or task was too big or small for her to undertake. She was a volunteer in the Navy Relief Society, at the many schools her children attended, at Chimney Rock archaeological site, the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library and was always an active member in her church communities. Her family will miss her big presence in their lives but rejoice knowing she is in peace and resting as the good and faithful servant she was.

To know her was to be loved by her. Dahlr was loved well in return by her family and countless friends, and she always made them feel welcomed when they visited her home. Dahlr spent her last 26 years in Pagosa Springs, where she never tired of the splendor of the mountains, the blessing of friendships, a vibrant faith community, and providing a home where her children and grandchildren enjoyed being together.

Please join Dahlr's family in celebrating her life with a memorial Mass on Tuesday, June 21, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Mass will begin at 10 a.m. with interment and reception immediately following.

The family has requested that any remembrances in honor of Dahlr's generous heart be made in the form of a contribution to your favorite charity.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the wonderful nurses and doctors at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and Mercy Hospice House for their compassionate and dignified care in the last years and days of her life.

William Hotz Jr.

William Alexander Hotz Jr. was born to William Augustus Hotz and Maria Magdalena Gallegos

on March 3, 1949, in Pagosa Springs. William, known as "Billy" to most, grew up working hard and loving the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and loved every aspect of it. Billy joined the Army after graduation and, upon his return home as a corporal, he landed in Denver, Colo., where he met his future wife, Connie Marie Profit, who was selling Bibles. They became friends and later married on March 17, 1973, on St. Patrick's Day. Every anniversary they would go get green ice cream to celebrate. They were blessed with a daughter, Magdalena Alexandra Hotz, on Jan. 12, 1983.



William Edward Manning

William Edward Manning, 95, born to Samuel Leonard and Bertha Piatt Manning on Dec. 28, 1926, in Belen, N.M., passed away on June 8, 2022, in Albuquerque, N.M. His father was a conductor for the Santa Fe Railroad and his mother was a Harvey girl, also for the Santa Fe Railroad. Not only did the Santa Fe play an important part in the life of his parents, it would also strongly influence his childhood and teenage years spent in the railroad hub of Belen.



Billy's strong work ethics and accountability working for the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service has been noticed by the public. He was awarded numerous certificates of merits for improving facilities in campgrounds, fighting fires, including that in Yellowstone, and being an accomplished blaster. Less than a year after his grandson was born, Billy said he was retiring to become a full-time grandpa. Hunting and family were Billy's life. Magdalena was beside her father as he left on Mother's Day, May 8, to be reunited with his wife.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents, sibling and wife. He is survived by his only child Magdalena (Emory Draper) and grandson Gabriel Dean Hotz Draper. There will be a graveside service for Billy at Hill Top Cemetery, Pagosa Springs, on Saturday, June 25, at 10 a.m., with a reception/memorial to follow.

Karen K. Long-Hatfield

Karen K. Long-Hatfield, 71, passed away unexpectedly on May 24 from a short illness. Karen beat cancer three separate times. She was a warrior, fighter and true inspiration to all of us with her grace, bravery and perseverance.



Karen is survived by her husband of 32 years, George Hatfield; her children, Amber Brandimarte (Gerard), Shaun Long and Nathan Hatfield (Sioux); her grandson, Wylder Long; and sister, Cindy Staggs. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Charlene and Loyd DeuPree.

Karen was a loving wife, devoted mother, grandmother (aka Jaja), sister, confidant and friend. She will be remembered for her big heart and ability to advocate for those who didn't have a voice. In her 29-year career as a victim advocate in Arapahoe County and Pagosa Springs (Rise Above Violence), she helped countless people get their voices and power back.

Karen enjoyed laughing, quilting, reading, swimming, dancing, cooking and gardening. She loved all animals. She will be deeply missed by her friends, family and all those who were fortunate enough to know her.

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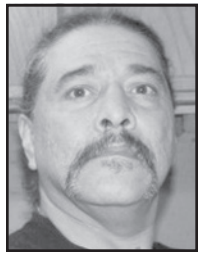
He joined the Air Corps Cadets while still in high school and served as a member of the Air Corps in post-war Germany. He started his higher education at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He then worked with the U.S. government immunization program in Mexico to prevent the spread of hoof and mouth disease. Following the work in Mexico, he returned to complete his degree in agriculture at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. After getting his degree, his job took him to Portales, N.M., where he met the love of his life and devoted wife of 60 years, Margaret Aline Hudson. During his life, Bill lived and worked in New Mexico, Texas, Colombia, Iran and Mexico. He and Aline settled in the Pagosa Springs, Colo., area in 1977, where they lived long and happily, surrounded by the natural beauty and abundant wildlife of the San Juan National Forest near Chimney Rock. Bill loved and cared for many animals, enjoying the cowboy life of horses, hunting and mountain living. Stories he would tell and his enduring sense of humor entertained those around him.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Aline; his son, David V. Manning; and his siblings, Roy, Irma, Marion and Bob. He is survived by his daughters, Susan Perry, of Albuquerque; Anita Kay and husband Juergen Goldmann, of Chimney Rock; and daughter-in-law, Joyce Manning, of Sparta, Mo. Bill's four surviving nieces are Marianne Warfield Doran, Nancy Warfield-Baker, Melissa Manning and Melinda Manning.

Grandchildren are Stephanie Gurule, Sean Gurule, Lara Goldmann, Jordana Goldmann, LaDonna Moore and Michelle Manning. He has seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Glen Rivas

Glen Rivas was born July 8, 1962, in Pagosa Springs, the son of Christopher Lloyd and Fabiola Sally (Rivera) Rivas. He passed away on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021, in Archuleta County at the age of 59.



Surviving Glen are his mother; children Mikaela Rivas, of Delta, Colo., Cruz Rivas, of Cortez, Colo., and Harlie Rivas (Edward Zeutzius), of Cortez; his siblings, Robert Rivas, of Aztec, N.M., Bernadette Archuleta, of Cortez, Libby Rivas, of Cortez, Lily Rivas, of Cortez, and Aaron Rivas;

and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and his sister, Dolores Rivas.

Funeral services will be held as follows: rosary: 6 p.m. Friday, June 17; service and Mass: Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m., all held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs.

David Henry Sprowle

David Henry Sprowle, of Pagosa Springs, died peacefully at home on May 31, 2022. He was 89 years old. David was born on July 21, 1932, to George and Martha Sprowle, of Port William, Ohio. David lived in Port William until he joined the Army and went off to serve in the Korean War. When the war was over, he returned home and married his pen pal, Mary Lou Thompson, on April 8, 1955. They were married for 67 years.



They had four children: Steve (Rhonda) Sprowle, of Wilmington, Ohio; Lisa West, of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; Scott (Kathy) Sprowle, of Wilmington, Ohio; and Molly Sprowle, of Pagosa Springs. They had three granddaughters, a grandson, several great grandchildren, and adopted children and grandchildren that lived next door.

He served his community as a volunteer firefighter, EMT, auxiliary policeman and a member of the Port William Lions Club. In 1992, he retired from General Motors and they moved to Pagosa Springs. Once in Pagosa Springs, he became a member of the local American Legion, Pagosa Springs Lions Club, Durango Lions Club and was a lifetime member of Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.

He was a fixture at the Corner Store for many years until it closed. Folks would often stop to drink coffee, chat and catch up on the local happenings. When Wal-Mart opened, he was one of the first people hired. He worked as a greeter and, in the summertime, he kept all the flowers watered and pretty. He took great pride in his work. He worked there for seven years until his death.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou Thompson Sprowle, on May 9, 2022.

There will be a service at a later date when the family is able to get together.

Donations in David's memory could be made to the John Wayne Birthplace Museum in Winterset, Iowa, or the Veterans for Veterans in Pagosa Springs.

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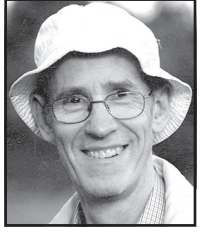
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Obituaries

Anthony Steventon

How does one sum up a human life with words and prose? It's not possible, but here's the best his family can do: Anthony Steventon was born in 1945 in Great Britain, and he died on April 9 after an accidental fall at home. The fall caused a head injury and he passed away in less than 24 hours from an uncontrolled brain bleed, leaving a devastated wife, Kathy, a daughter, Chelsea, and two granddaughters, Riley and Skyla.



Anthony was a hell of a human being. A naturalized American citizen, but always a Brit at heart, Anthony was his wife's "Best Guy," his granddaughter Riley's best friend and Gramps. He teased and supported his daughter, Chelsea, when she needed it and loved giving his granddaughter Skyla big hugs. Anthony's loves were his family, chess, art and music. He carried the title "Mr. Brown," as Kathy his wife often pointed out that his clothes, his entire simple wardrobe, was in various hues of brown and beige. Anthony was an artist of both the heart and the palette knife. He quietly observed the world around him and didn't understand why so

many human emotions were spent on hate and non-tolerance. His art canvas visions were of peaceful, colorful pine forests, all captured in reds, purples, pinks, blues and golds.

Anthony was a kind and funny man who cried when a bird flew into our windows and was hurt. He liked soft character-driven movies, but John Wayne, too. He laughed at the antics of his grandkids and the silliness of his two big dogs. Anthony loved his Pagosa Chess Club buddies and their shared time spent leaning over chessboards at Higher Grounds. Every weeknight, he excelled playing the TV quiz show "Jeopardy" at 6 p.m. Anthony adored the people at Two Old Crows Art Gallery on Lewis Street: Evelyn, Vickie, Kirsten, Matt, George and Joseph. He had a special place in his heart for Duncan and Linda Lawrie.

Anthony always had at least one ongoing project around his home and property, though he rarely finished any of them 100 percent. The last 2 percent of the projects innately outfoxed him. So, he moved onto the next one. Anthony was a lifelong partner to his artist wife, Kathy, a father to Chelsea, a step-in father to Riley, a grandpa to Skyla, brother to Wedgwood, uncle to Ceri and Tracy in the U.K. He was a funny, kind, wacky friend to many here in Pagosa Springs. Whenever the Steventons' Great Pyrenees dog Avalanche barked at a bird outside,

Anthony would shout, "Shut that damn dog up!" Now Avalanche barks with impunity at every leaf or bird moving outside in the garden. Anthony was sickened by the huge divide in our country. He didn't understand it, he didn't condone the simplicity of labels that we place on each other. Anthony had 77 years on this planet, circling our sun. The stars and vastness of space occupied his mind for hours. He spent much of his time inside his own head and would come down from that intelligent height to laugh or share his pearls of wisdom with us. His brilliant mind kept him occupied, yet he delved back into our world with great kindness and loads of laughter. Anthony adored his home and family here in Aspen Springs, with the mature pine trees, the birds and the wildlife. It never was the things that Anthony had done in his life that seemed to carry significance, it was his presence and intent that mattered the most. His kindness to others, his intelligence and his choice to be nonjudgmental created the stellar human soul that he was and is. Anthony was one of the special people who always felt comfortable in his own skin. He often wore the same pair of pants for a week, almost never combed his hair, his glasses were smudged, his cotton hat was always tossed on his bald head, and his family loved him for it. Anthony adored raising Riley, loved and supported Kathy in her art always, and he learned that our

world was much broader and wider than what science had taught him.

Anthony's family will be celebrating his 77 years on earth this autumn at the Tennyson Event Center right next to Boss Hogg's on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 4 to 6-ish p.m. All who knew Anthony are invited to join the party. Please do not wear black to Anthony's event. Wear the color brown to honor Anthony's "Mr. Brown" title, or any and all hues of the rainbow. It's a potluck event, so bring a dish to share. Rock and roll music from the 1960s and '70s will be playing; you can bring your ear plugs if that will bother you. Finally, please bring an Anthony story to share if you have one. A microphone will be provided for storytelling. Any and all friends of Anthony, Kathy, Chelsea, Riley and Skyla are invited to attend.

Services

Irma Brown

Services for Irma Brown will be Friday, June 17, at 10 a.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Light lunch will be served after. Following lunch, the family will head up the mountain to spread her ashes.



Town opts out of receiving opioid settlement funds, redirects to regional pool

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its June 7 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council made the unanimous decision to opt out of funds directed at the town in an opioid settlement and instead redirect the funds to a regional pool.

The settlement comes from a statewide lawsuit against companies found to be partially responsible for the ongoing opioid epidemic, which was negotiated by the office of the Colorado attorney general, according to Town

Manager Andrea Phillips.

For Pagosa Springs, the settlement would mean receiving a total of \$9,403.22 over 18 years. Accepting the funds would also require the town to routinely report on its use of the funds toward opioid-related strategies, Phillips explained.

Town staff recommended that the town opt out of receiving the funds instead of attempting to start a program with such limited funds and commit to the reporting process, Phillips stated.

Town council's unanimous deci-

sion to opt out of the funds means that the funds will now be directed to the SouthWest Opioid Response District (SWORD), a regional council that was established to administer opioid crisis funding for the Southwest Colorado area.

Pagosa Springs joined SWORD through an intergovernmental agreement in January, according to the agreement.

SWORD comprises Archuleta, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan and Dolores counties, and the municipalities within those counties, as well as the tribal governments,

according to the agreement.

The allocation of the funds originally meant for Pagosa Springs will now be administered by SWORD, which will not spend 2022 allocations this year, according to the brief for the resolution. Funds will be rolled over to 2023 until a feasibility study produces findings to determine the best use of funds, which is estimated to be completed by the end of 2022.

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Community members come together for Main Street America program kickoff meeting

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

On June 1, several local business owners and community members filled the Tennyson Event Center to learn more about the Main Street America program and Pagosa Springs' effort to become a full member of the organization.

Main Street America is a national program that helps to promote preservation-based economic development and community revitalization across the country, according to its website.

The purpose of the event was to introduce the Main Street Program and associated benefits to the community, identify potential advisory board members and discuss the

next steps for visioning and strategic planning.

The Wednesday event marked the first call to the community in Pagosa Springs' attempt at becoming an official Main Street America community, replacing its current status, which is an affiliate member.

Gaining the community status means that Pagosa Springs would be eligible for the full range of available technical assistance, training, consulting services, mini-grants and scholarships that the program provides, according to Kathleen McFadden, the town's Main Street coordinator and administrative manager for the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation.

The meeting was mostly meant for introductions and early discus-

sion of what community members and business owners would like to see be improved in the downtown area of Pagosa Springs.

Some ideas included more affordable housing in the area; recycling, trash and composting improvements; greater accessibility for bikers; and parking expansion. The rebirth of the bike scavenger hunt was expressed as a fun idea to encourage visitors and residents to explore the downtown area more.

In addition, one attendee noted enthusiasm for the idea of one shared vision for the downtown area, calling the current area a bit "laissez faire" in the different design styles. Other attendees echoed this idea, expressing excitement about the potential for the program

to unify downtown businesses.

Overwhelmingly, attendees did not want to see some of the things that attract people to Pagosa Springs to change. The nature and scenery, including the view of the river, the "small town feel," and the low levels of light and noise pollution were priorities that were supported during the event.

Those interested in becoming advisory board members gave their information to the program's leaders and will be determined later.

The program will now continue in its effort to be an official community of the Main Street America Program and will announce follow-up meetings and events in the coming weeks.

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\$100,000 grant funding to be used for workforce development

Pagosa Springs Community
Development Corporation

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) recently announced the May 5 award of \$100,000 from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

The Reskill, Upskill, New Skill (RUN) grant is part of the Colorado Workforce Development Council, targeted at rural communities in the state. The grant will support

summer internships for construction trade and technical education (CTE) for local high school students, with trade participants in construction, culinary, health care and early childhood education, plus additional partners through Build Pagosa Inc. and the PSCDC.

"When the grant application opened in March, we knew that the rural isolation of our area combined with low average household income would easily meet the objectives of the funding from

House Bill 21-1264," said Emily Lashbrooke, executive director of the PSCDC. "We are building on the success of Build Pagosa Inc and its summer work program. Our employers need well-trained staff and this grant will provide additional skilled talent for the local economy. This is an opportunity for individuals to learn new skills, at zero or very little cost."

The RUN grant funding will support:

- Paid summer internships for

high school students grades nine through 12.

- Support stipends for uniforms, safety equipment and computers.
- Tuition and supplies for 2022 and 2023 classes at Pueblo Community College for certified nurse assistants and early childhood education.

The grant will support workforce training through September 2023. For more information on how to participate as a business or a high school or adult student, email: emily@pagosapringscdc.org.

Town council continues discussion of Land Use and Development Code updates

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its May 26 work session, the Pagosa Springs Town Council weighed in on the changes to the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) as the town wraps up its first round of edits on the code.

The town started its revision process after a decision was made to update the LUDC to better align with Pagosa Springs' 2018 comprehensive plan, which outlines goals for the town's future.

"There were some items that just weren't detailed enough and not consistent with other portions of the code," Planning Director James Dickhoff said at the work session. "It really is just an update, not a total rewrite."

The code is nearing the closing of its first round of edits after more than a year of public open houses, surveys and town meetings.

At the work session, town council members and town staff went through a list of questions submitted by council member Jeff Posey regarding the code's changes and sought feedback from members regarding if staff had adequately addressed Posey's questions.

The first question from Posey asked how "eclectic" design standards are embraced by the new, updated LUDC compared to the existing one.

Dickhoff explained that early comments from the LUDC Steering Committee made a good case for why more eclectic, unique designs should be embraced by the code, including the argument that the

town's varied designs and structures reflect the influence of many different cultures and architectural styles that have impacted Pagosa Springs throughout history.

He continued by saying that most of the guidelines in the updated code that limit design types have less to do with how eclectic the design is and more to do with the compatibility of the design in the town, and only apply to commercial buildings or larger housing developments, not single-family homes.

"We do want to encourage materials that appear that they were sourced locally," Dickhoff said.

In addition, some design types are not conducive to the environment, Dickhoff explained. For example, buildings with certain siding materials may be not suitable for heavy snowfall or might have north-facing parking lots that will be encouraged to mitigate ice buildup.

Posey also asked if the new LUDC is easier or harder to comply with.

Dickhoff replied that the intention behind the revision is to make it clearer, with a lot of revisions focused around removing unneeded text and duplicated text as much as possible, as well as including more clearly described standards that help alleviate uncertainty.

He also reported that town staff will run scenario development applications to make sure that the code is clear and easy to understand, which will take place after the first round of edits are finished. Mayor Shari Pierce suggested

that the inclusion of a checklist in the LUDC User's Manual is a great way to mitigate any of the challenges that an individual might have in deciphering the code.

One of the changes in the updated LUDC is that the User's Manual is being moved out of the code and onto the town's website, according to the executive summary of changes.

One of Posey's questions centered around one of the code's biggest revision sections, which pertains to landscaping. Dickhoff explained that the revised LUDC incorporates new landscaping standards that are much more specific regarding species that thrive — not just survive — in the local climate.

Dickhoff also stated that the town will look into outreach communications to local plant nurseries to let them know about the new plant-type guidelines after the suggestion of council member Gary Williams.

Similarly, Posey also asked how the LUDC provides more local control over the warm wetlands.

Dickhoff explained the updated code requires an environmental analyst do an assessment of properties that are near wetlands. Developers will then have to comply with the delineation and buffer zones of the wetlands, as determined by the assessment.

Other changes to the LUDC that the discussion brought up include signage requirements, which are facing a few proposed changes.

Reflecting the U.S. Supreme Court case Reed v. Town of Gil-

bert, government cannot regulate the content of the text within a sign, in accordance with the First Amendment. Therefore, minor changes are being made to the LUDC that ensure all signage rules are content-neutral.

In addition, the updated code will reduce allowable sign height and sizes.

In the downtown area, which is from 1st to 10th Street, the code will reduce allowable sign height from 15 feet to 10 feet and size from 75 square feet to 50 square feet. Along the remaining highway corridor, the code will reduce allowable sign height from 20 feet to 15 feet and size from 100 square feet to 75 square feet. Town council members were in support of these changes.

At the suggestion of Town Manager Andrea Phillips, the town will also look into adding a short amendment to the code that requires infrastructure be added to single-family homes if an individual or developer is purchasing many parcels in the same location.

This is due to an observable loophole in the current code; when a developer is building a subdivision, they are required to put in pedestrian infrastructure like sidewalks. However, if they purchase each parcel separately, essentially creating a subdivision but technically not having to comply with those requirements, they can avoid putting in this type of infrastructure.

The language of this section was suggested on the spot at the work session and does not necessarily

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Kiwanis Club

Archuleta Seniors Inc. seeks local support for grant opportunity

By Christina Knoell
Area Agency on Aging

Because no community funding partners currently exist, a request to the state of Colorado of \$5.4 million for a new Archuleta County Senior Center building was not granted.

The grant committee encouraged the Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) to apply for a Round 2 opportunity for the July deadline, with \$5.7 million at stake. Archuleta County remains a vital contender for this grant. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ensure that older adults in Archuleta County have a building of their own with supportive services that they need.

The immediate monetary need is \$100,000 from the community to strengthen a Round 2 application. All donations are tax-exempt. ASI has identified a building to purchase as a senior center which will

allow for a much-needed expanded space and services.

The ASI grant application proposes a \$2 million request. The proposed budget will include a building purchase and the necessary renovations for a large dining room, food storage, offices, a large commercial kitchen and space for activities.

ASI has been fortunate to rent space in the Ross Aragon Community Center. The other senior centers in the southwest Colorado region receive their spaces rent-free as they are under county support; however, ASI pays \$2,300 monthly for kitchen, dining room and office space. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ASI has seen an increase in demand for services and more room is needed to respond to the needs of the growing older adult population in Archuleta County.

ASI's objectives are to expand programs for more consistent

services and opening more options for nutrition programs, social activities, wellness and education classes/support groups. Longer-term plans include providing housing for older adults and a recently approved grant to build a growing dome that will enhance the nutrition program meals.

The current Senior Center space encounters office-hour restrictions. ASI staff and participants must vacate the Senior Center building by 4:30 p.m. each day for evening use by the Town of Pagosa Springs. These space restrictions do not allow for expanded services beyond ASI's goals and objectives.

After a larger Senior Center is established, there could be opportunities for rental income that may include wedding reception events, fundraising events and community gatherings to bring in diverse income that will ultimately

help sustain the cost of maintaining a building.

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and ASI are organizations that provide specific supportive services to the aging adult and people living with disabilities population. Often, people are not looking for senior supportive services until they need it that very moment. It is not something one plans for, and when an aging loved one is declining and needing supportive care, organizations like AAA and ASI are a valuable resource.

If senior supportive services interest you or if the mission of helping keep older adults in the community for as long as they are able speaks to your heart, please consider donating to ASI by calling (970) 264-2167. You may also mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. For general information about ASI, please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 264.
June 4 — Violation of restraining order, Oak Drive.
June 5 — Dog at large (first offense), vicious dog with injury, East Log Hill Road.
June 5 — Information only, Bastille Drive.
June 5 — Found property, Monks-hood Drive.
June 6 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, Cactus Drive.
June 6 — Purchase on credit to defraud, Metro Drive.
June 6 — Driving while ability impaired by alcohol, open container in a motor vehicle, West U.S. 160.
June 6 — All other thefts, fraud by check-other method, County Road 500.
June 6 — All other thefts, Brook Drive.
June 7 — Warrant arrest, Cascade Avenue.

June 8 — Speeding 10-19 miles per hour over prima facie limit, driving under restraint alcohol/drug, Cascade Avenue/Buttress Avenue.
June 8 — Third-degree criminal trespass, North Debonaire Court.
June 8 — Agency assist, Country Center Drive.
June 10 — Violation of restraining order, Blue Jay Circle.
June 10 — Third-degree criminal trespass, defacing public/private property, County Road 335.
June 10 — Criminal mischief, Bastille Drive.
June 11 — Criminal mischief, conspiracy to commit felony, aggravated robbery of controlled substance, first-degree burglary, domestic violence, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, all other thefts, third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, attempt to escape-felony, Solomon Drive.
Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
Calls for service for week: 115.
June 5 — Failed to display lights, drove vehicle when license suspended, no insurance in possession, U.S. 160.
June 6 — Unauthorized use of financial transaction, San Juan Street.
June 6 — Tampering with a motor vehicle, Majestic Drive.
June 6 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.
June 6 — Warrant arrest, Pinon

Causeway.
June 7 — Information only, Apache Street.
June 8 — Criminal mischief, theft, Rosita Street.
June 8 — Harassment, menacing, Country Center Drive.
June 8 — Theft, U.S. 160.
June 8 — Possess/consume alcohol by person under 21, Cornerstone Drive.
June 8 — Harassment, South 9th Street.
June 8 — Menacing, disorderly conduct, South Pagosa Boulevard.
June 9 — Found property, South 5th Street.
June 9 — Information only, San Juan Alley.
June 9 — Warrant arrest, Lewis Street.
June 10 — Off-highway vehicle registration and use permits, Apache Street.
June 10 — Harassment, South 8th Street.
June 11 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.
Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
No report.
Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
June 9 — Tamara Tressler, trespass 2-enclosed/fenced property, fines and costs — \$331.
6th Judicial District Court:

Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
June 13 — Jerome Douglas Nobles, criminal mischief-\$300-\$750, resisting arrest, 12 months probation, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$981.50.

Updates

Continued from A12
reflect what will be in the code. The town's consultant on the LUDC revision, Jen Gardner, stated that she would do research and get back to council members on the feasibility of adding this section to the code.
The LUDC still faces scenario development application tests and another round of edits. After that, the code will need to be adopted by the town in the form of an ordinance. Major changes in the code have been summarized and can be found at: https://mypagosa.org/ludc-update/news_feed/module-1-overview-of-changes.
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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, June 20

San Juan Water Conservancy District regular meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5. A Zoom link will be provided on sjwcd.org.

Tuesday, June 21

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=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org>.

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=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Wednesday, June 22

Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom. For more infor-

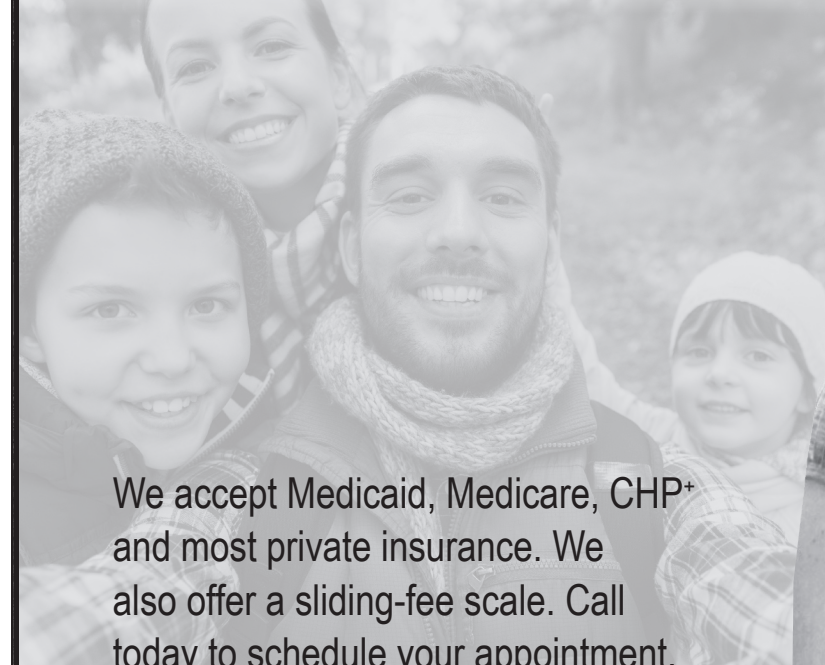
mation, visit: <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

Thursday, June 23

San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Health meeting. 9 a.m. Zoom meeting. For more information, visit: <https://sjb-publichealth.org/>.

Pagosa Springs Town Council Retreat. 1 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprices.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasan.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.



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Water directors testify at reappointment hearing

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson denied Bill Hudson's request for reappointment to the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors in a June 9 order.

This order followed a June 6 hearing where the judge, who supervises appointments to the board, heard testimony from the SJWCD board members concerning Hudson's reappointment.

The judge opened the hearing by highlighting that it was primarily being held to gather information to aid his decision-making and thus standard rules of evidence did not apply.

The hearing followed conflicts within the board concerning Hudson's reappointment, a vote by the board where it voted 3-2 to not pass a recommendation for Hudson to not be reappointed, and submissions of letters to the judge by both Hudson and SJWCD President Al Pfister.

All these events were previously covered in The SUN.

Hudson opened the hearing with a statement commenting that some of SJWCD's meetings had been contentious, with the controversies primarily concerning the behavior of directors outside of the board.

He added that Pfister had frequently raised concerns concerning Hudson's writing on SJWCD and water for the Pagosa Daily Post, although no similar concerns had been raised concerning Pfister's ongoing involvement with other water organizations, particularly his work as a consultant for Mountain Studies Institute (MSI).

Hudson then stated that Pfister's concerns about his work did not reference SJWCD's adopted policies on proper behavior outside of meetings, which he claimed to have followed, and instead relied on "vague" references to fiduciary duties.

He concluded by mentioning that he had attempted to meet with Pfister to discuss their differences, but he had been turned down.

Board member Joe Tedder then spoke, commenting that he believes that SJWCD has done a good job of responding to and rectifying concerns about the board, particularly concerning conflict of interest, and that Hudson has done an "excellent" job of raising those concerns.

However, despite this, the board was still spending more than half its time at meetings, in Tedder's estimation, on disputes related to conflict of interest as opposed to on water policy.

Wilson inquired if these disputes were being initiated by multiple parties, to which Tedder responded yes and commented that the board had lost focus on water issues, with one board member resigning partially over this loss of focus and Tedder likely not seeking reappointment if focus is not regained.

Wilson then inquired whether these debates had been civil, to which Tedder commented that, although the board had maintained some level of maturity and

there had not been specific name-calling, there had been personal attacks.

Wilson then asked whether Tedder felt the concerns about ethics were justified.

Tedder responded that there were significant challenges with conflicts of interest on the board, since board members worked in other water organizations and in the press, although he felt they could be managed with board policies.

He added that, although he was not now convinced that board members have a duty to publicly support board decisions they voted against, there is a proper way to express these disagreements while maintaining civility and respect for other board members—a line that publications by other directors had crossed.

Pfister then spoke, opening his remarks by commenting that, at a meeting shortly after Hudson had joined the board, Hudson commented that he takes pride in being a contrarian—an approach that Pfister had objected to at the time but that he felt Hudson had followed through his tenure.

He then added that he feels Hudson should not be reappointed, explaining that he feels that press coverage of SJWCD meetings and Hudson's behavior at them have undermined public trust, and that much of the board's time was not being spent fulfilling its duties to the state.

He added that Hudson also spent time outside of meetings discussing issues with other directors and lobbying his positions.

Pfister then referenced two incidents, one where Hudson had attended a private meeting between the SJWCD, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and state officials without disclosing that he intended to write about the meeting's contents in the Daily Post, and one where Hudson requested budgetary information from MSI and the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership without, in Pfister's view, board approval.

Pfister then agreed with Hudson that he regularly brought up issues of fiduciary duty, although he noted that he based his objections on legal counsel and his experience as a government official, which he felt Hudson lacked.

He then referenced Hudson's comments that he had refused a one-on-one meeting, stating that he was unsure of the meeting's purpose and what portions of it might appear in the press, and asserted that, contrary to Hudson's prior allegations stated in a letter to Wilson, his involvement as a paid consultant for MSI did not represent a conflict of interest and had been cleared by multiple lawyers.

Pfister concluded by mentioning Hudson's recent appointment to the PAWSD Board of Directors, stating that he had not acknowledged the conflict of interest present there, and added that his recommendation that Hudson not be reappointed is not based on policy differences, but in a desire for the board to function effectively.

Board member Susan Nossaman then spoke, referencing that her concern peaked after articles on the board's recent meetings had appeared in The SUN, making the board "look like silly children."

Board member Doug Secrist then commented that, similarly to Tedder, he had joined the board to discuss water issues, something which the board has strayed away from in the midst of the increasing conflicts.

He added that he feels Hudson was a large contributor to these conflicts, and that he often had difficulties separating his roles as a journalist and as a board member, which is one of the main contributors to the conflicts on the board.

SJWCD's attorney, Jeff Kane, spoke next, highlighting that he was there at request of the majority of the board and that he had filed four exhibits with the court.

He then discussed the exhibits, starting with the 2015 agreement between PAWSD and the SJWCD concerning the management of the Dry Gulch reservoir, which he suggested raised potential conflict of interest concerns given the differing interests and information the two entities possessed and the fact that Hudson is on both boards.

Kane then discussed his second and third exhibits, a 2018 memorandum he had prepared at the request of the previous president of the board to familiarize directors with fiduciary duties and SJWCD Resolution 2020-02, which defines policies for directors' conduct outside of the board.

Kane explained his final exhibit, a February 2021 memorandum prepared in cooperation with disinterested directors after Hudson accused Pfister of profiting from funds awarded by the district.

This issue was to be discussed at SJWCD's next meeting following the allegations, Kane explained, but, prior to that meeting, Hudson asked it to be struck from the agenda and not discussed further.

Kane concluded his comments by mentioning that the laws governing water conservancies had limited amounts of information to guide the judge's decision, although the provisions for removal in the Water Conservancy Act cite malfeasance, misfeasance and willful neglect of duty as reasons for removal.

Hudson then responded to the comments made by the rest of the board, commenting that the assertion that most of the discussions surrounding conflicts of interest had been initiated by him is untrue.

He then provided an alternate narrative surrounding his requests for the budget of MSI, stating that, after he learned Pfister was a paid consultant for MSI, he requested the budget from Pfister, to which Pfister responded that Hudson should ask MSI since Pfister did not have it.

He added that, at a later meeting where a donation to MSI was being discussed, he had asked Pfister to recuse himself given his financial conflicts and debate started when Pfister did not recuse himself.

He commented that he had not sought to have these conversa-

tions, but felt obliged to when he saw conduct on the board that he considered unethical.

He then addressed Pfister's comments concerning his meetings with other directors, commenting that these meetings had always been one on one, thus not violating open meetings law, and that he considers it essential to a well-operating board for such meetings to occur.

He continued by addressing the concerns about his service on multiple boards, highlighting that Pfister serves on both the SJWCD and Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP) boards and that no complaints, including from him, had been raised about this arrangement.

He added that he currently serves on four boards, including the SJWCD, PAWSD, Pagosa Housing Partners and Pagosa Peak Open School, and that he feels this is inevitable in a small community where the number of volunteers is limited.

Hudson concluded by stating that he hoped the board could put this "nonsense" behind it, commenting that he did not feel that he was the one initiating discord on the board, and reiterating the value of his different perspective and opinions to the board.

Wilson concluded the hearing by stating that he would look at the exhibits and statutes before making his decision.

Wilson's June 9 order denying Hudson's request for reappointment references the "persistent" manner in which Hudson raised ethical concerns before mentioning other directors' concerns about the functionality of the board and its ability to focus on district business.

The order also states, "Without making any findings as to whether Mr. Hudson is justified in his concerns, the Court believes that Mr. Hudson has performed an important public service for the citizens that live within the water district by raising potential ethical and transparency issues regarding the actions of the directors."

"The Court finds that Mr. Hudson is in a unique position to be able to raise and publicize these issues outside of the board meetings he attends as a director due to his work as a journalist and publisher of the Pagosa Daily Post. The Court finds that the needs of the San Juan Water Conservancy District to have consistency in leadership and to be able to utilize their board meetings for the purposes for which the district was formed outweighs the desires of an individual director to continue serving on the board. This is particularly true when Mr. Hudson is able, as a journalist, to inform the public of his concerns with the management of the board."

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County approves school funds, design bid

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 7 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved the dedication of Secure Rural Schools funding to the public schools and accepted a bid for the design of a new bus facility.

Secure Rural Schools funding

County Finance Director Louise Woods explained at the meeting that, on May 6, the state of Colorado disbursed \$303,072.42 to Archuleta County under Title I of the Secure Rural Schools Act,

which was the low bidder for the project at \$224,980. According to Transportation Director Laura Vanoni, the county also received a bid from Short Elliott Hendrickson at a cost of \$447,694.

She added that the RAA bid amount included money for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assessments, with the price for the design being close to \$216,000.

Bus facility design

The BoCC also awarded the contract for the design of the new bus facility in Harman Park to Reynolds Ash + Associates (RAA),

which was the low bidder for the project at \$224,980.

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CDC increases local COVID risk level as transmission increases

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On June 9, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) raised the Community Levels for COVID-19 for both Archuleta and La Plata counties, with Archuleta County entering Medium and La Plata County entering High.

The CDC's Community Levels are updated each Thursday, with the CDC website explaining the agency looks at the combination of three metrics — new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past seven days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past seven days — to determine the COVID-19 Community Level.

San Juan Basin Public Health's (SJBPH) data dashboard showed Wednesday that, as of Tuesday, Archuleta County's one-week positivity rate was 16 percent and one-week cumulative incidence rate was 194.5 new cases per 100,000 people, up from 82.30 two weeks ago.

"The counties, which are part of the same regional health service area, had 10.6 new hospital admissions per 100,000 residents over the past week," a June 10 press release from SJBPH states.

"Clearly we have increased transmission in the community as well as an uptick in hospitalizations," said SJBPH Communications Director/COVID-19 Public Information Officer Megan Graham.

Graham reported four hospitalizations in the region as of Wednesday, with all four individuals at Mercy Regional Medical Center.

In addition, wastewater monitoring through the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) shows a "sharp increase" in COVID, Graham indicated.

The state's wastewater monitoring trends website shows that, on May 26, there were 19,300 SARS-

CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID) copies per liter. By June 6, that had jumped to 350,000 copies per liter — the highest figure recorded since PAWSD began submitting wastewater samples in early April.

Under Community Level Medium, the June 10 press release explains, "those at high risk for severe illness should talk to their health care provider about taking additional precautions such as masking. Mask wearing is also encouraged on public transportation."

Under High, the agency explains, "masking is advised for all public indoor spaces and on public transportation, per the CDC and SJBPH's Public Health Advisory."

The press release adds, "In both counties, individuals are advised to follow CDC isolation and quarantine guidance if they have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. The CDC advises mask wearing until at least day 10 for individuals coming out of a five-day isolation period. For both Community Levels Medium and High, individuals are encouraged to stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, and test if experiencing symptoms."

It further clarifies that both counties "remain in Transmission Level High applicable to masking requirements for health care and long-term care facilities, per State Public Health Order 20-38."

SJBPH's public health advisory, which is tied to the CDC's levels, is available at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>.

Graham noted that BA.4, an Omicron subvariant, has been found in both Archuleta and La Plata counties.

CDC modeling estimates, she noted, show that BA.2.12.1 accounts for 54.4 percent of new cases, BA.4 accounts for 13.1 percent and BA.5 accounts for 4.9 percent.

State testing site closing, at-home tests and masks available

On Tuesday, June 14, the state announced the testing site located near Pagosa Springs Medical Center will close at the end of the month as part of its continued implementation of Colorado's Roadmap to Moving Forward.

"This continues the gradual transition to normalize COVID-19 testing in traditional healthcare settings and through federal programs including the Test to Treat program and free, at-home rapid tests available at COVIDTests.gov," a press release from the state explains.

At-home tests and KN95 masks are available free at the SJBPH offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs, or tests can be ordered directly from the federal government (covid.gov/tests).

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

Treatments available for high-risk individuals

Too, COVID-19 treatments 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, continue to be available.

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

Vaccines for young kids expected soon

Graham noted that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is discussing vaccines for youngsters aged 6 months to four years this week, with the CDC considering them June 17 and 18.

Graham reported the CDPHE is expecting the vaccines to be available the week of June 20 if approved.

For more on the vaccines, eligibility and local providers, visit: <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. 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.

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Continental Divide Trail hiker rescued

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A Continental Divide Trail (CDT) hiker was rescued last week after deviating from the trail and getting stuck on a cliff.

According to Archuleta County Undersheriff Mike Le Roux, a male in his mid-50s had been out hiking north on the CDT for about five to seven days when he went off the trail.

Le Roux said that the hiker "at a point, I believe, followed what he perceived to be the trail, which was, it ended up being I suppose a game trail, and at a point he got turned around and ended up like cliffed out in a drainage" in the Rio Blanco watershed.

The man was unable to go up or down and was forced to activate a spot device, which communicated an SOS and the hiker's coordinates, according to Le Roux.

"We had no idea what his status was," Le Roux said. Local officials received the activation at about 10 p.m. on June 6, he indicated, though rescue operations could not start until the next day due to the terrain.

Flight for Life was activated, Le Roux explained, and an aerial search began about 7 a.m. on June 7, with the hiker spotted a little before noon.

The hiker was at the coordinates provided, he noted, but it was difficult to find him because he was so deep in a drainage on a cliff.

Three employees of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office's (ACSO) Office of Emergency Management were dropped at a landing zone above treeline, with those rescuers going down, making contact and using a rope system to lower the hiker to a safer level. They then hiked to another landing zone, the undersheriff reported.

The subject and crew were picked up at about 8 p.m. and were ferried back out, he added.

Le Roux pointed out the hiker was uninjured and was able to find accommodation.

The time from the report of the hiker to the rescue's completion was about 24 hours, Le Roux indicated.

Safety tips

The ACSO's commander of emergency operations, Ryan Foster, offered the following safety tips for safely recreating:

- Let someone know where you're going and when you plan to return.
- Make sure you sign in at the trailhead so there is a last known location if someone is looking for you.
- Make sure you're ready to hike, including with an appropriate wardrobe, sunblock, nutrition, water and first aid — basically, he noted, the necessities in case you find yourself stranded.
- Take a navigation tool, with Foster explaining it makes their job a lot easier if they can get an accurate latitude and longitude.
- Foster pointed out that phone apps are available that can be used offline, or there are two-way spot devices that can help a stranded or injured individual relay their status.
- "That communication is extremely helpful," Foster said.
- Be prepared for high-altitude storms, which can form and move in quickly, as well as different climate zones.
- Check the forecast and know what to expect the best you can.
- Be "heads up" about wildfire, know the fire restrictions in effect in the area you're going into and check for actively burning fires on websites such as <https://inciweb.nwcc.gov/>.
- Be aware of your physical fitness.
- Basic first aid and CPR training can also be helpful.

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Nathan Scott Lewis

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Brittiany Newsome

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HUBZone expansion includes Archuleta County

Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade

Gov. Jared Polis, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) announced the expansion of HUBZone, a program to support small businesses that hire low-income residents in Archuleta, El Paso, Mesa, Montrose, San Miguel and Weld counties with opportunities to compete in the federal marketplace.

According to Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke, "This expansion means any local industry has an opportunity to bid on a federal contract with an increased success rate, bringing in more federal dollars to our economy."

The HUBZone, or "historically underutilized business" zones, fuels small business growth with a goal of awarding at least 3 percent of federal contract dollars to HUBZone-certified companies each year.

The newly designated areas are now viewable on the SBA's HUBZone map as "Governor-Designated Covered Areas." To be eligible for this program, communities must have a population of 50,000 or fewer, an average unemployment rate of at least 120 percent of the average unemployment rate

for the U.S. or state (whichever is lowest) and be located outside of an urbanized area.

"My administration is focused on bringing good-paying jobs for Coloradans, supporting rural small businesses, and ensuring every Coloradan can thrive. We welcome the latest HUBZones designation, which builds on our ongoing work supporting rural economic development and providing equitable access to good-paying jobs across Colorado," said Polis.

The program allows governors to apply each year to expand their zones by 10 percent of the current number of zones. Colorado intends to apply annually to maximize the impact of this program in rural Colorado.

"This expansion of HUBZone areas in Colorado is a big step in bringing rural communities into a national network of small businesses with access to valuable support resources and contracting programs to better leverage the federal marketplace," said SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman. "We look forward to partnering with more small businesses in these newly designated regions and we're happy to see more requests from our governors to expand covered areas in their states to support economic growth."

"I'm incredibly proud of our Business Funding and Incen-

tives and Rural Prosperity teams for partnering with the Colorado Procurement Technical Assistance Center (CO-PTAC) and persevering to get this expansion across the finish line," said OEDIT Executive Director Patrick Meyers. "This program will open countless doors for businesses and workers in our state's rural communities."

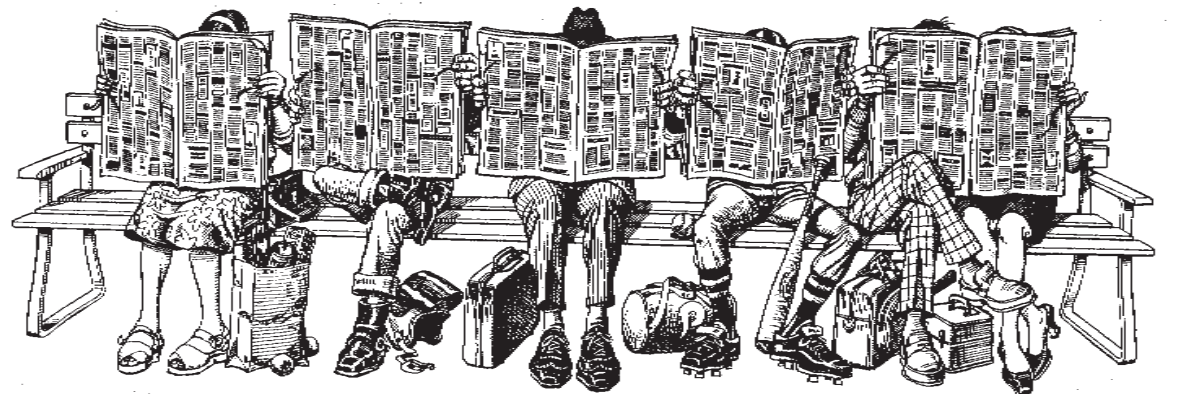
The CO-PTAC supports small businesses around Colorado in obtaining federal, state and local government contracts and was instrumental in supporting this expansion of HubZones in Colorado.

For information about the HUBZone program and to see all active zones in Colorado, visit www.sba.gov/hubzone. For information about the CO-PTAC, visit: www.coloradoptac.org.

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Town council discusses possibility of geothermal heating rate increase

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its June 7 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed the possibility of a geothermal heating rate increase and options for mitigating the cost to the town.

Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explained that the stated goal of the Geothermal Heating District is to be the most affordable option for heating in Pagosa Springs, which has resulted in low connection fees and low monthly fees since the inception of the program in 1982.

"The district has always run on a lean budget, and when in financial crisis, supported by the town," the brief provided to council states.

Schmidt explained that a system study performed in 2020 made it clear that rate adjustments should be considered for the district due to a continual increase in the cost of repairs, operation and upgrades, and the fees not reflecting those increases.

Based on current applications and demand for heat, there are only two more customers that can be connected to the system without major upgrades to heat transfer and insulation on the system, and even then the system is limited, according to Schmidt.

The last adjustment to the geothermal rate occurred in 2013 and was a 10 percent increase in the monthly fee, according to the brief.

When the geothermal system was first installed every customer had a meter that determined the number of therms used. The therm is a unit of heat energy equal to 100,000 Brit-

ish thermal units (BTU), Schmidt explained.

As the system progressed in age, the reliability of these meters decreased and the cost to replace them increased. There was also significant staff time dedicated to reading and troubleshooting the meters.

Therefore, the monthly metering was abandoned and a system of using the average demand from the first three years of metered use was applied to the customer and they paired a flat rate through the entire winter, Schmidt stated. This created stability in billing for the customers.

Schmidt explained that the stock of meters for assessing the customers' first three years of use has continued to fail and their repair and replacement has continued to increase. Currently the meters cost about \$1,800 to replace and \$1,200 to repair, and only one meter is currently functional.

The district charges a \$1,500 connection fee at the time the property is tied into the system, so the meters themselves make attaching new customers a financial loss, Schmidt noted.

Schmidt explained that town staff has been trying to determine ways to improve the financial situation of the geothermal system and fund repairs to the system at large, and not metering the heat use was identified as a way to use the connection fee to support maintenance of the system, similar to the capital investment fee paid when connecting to sewer instead of buying meter hardware.

Each residential living area is charged a onetime connection fee and a monthly service charge. The

size of the tap is adjusted to match the anticipated heat demand.

Schmidt noted that, currently, heating costs are rising in every sector except Pagosa Springs' geothermal district.

He stated that town staff would like to see increases that would fund repairs and continued operation of the system. Therefore, the town council heard four options for addressing the cost needs for the district.

These options are:

- Purchase and install meters for all new customers and charge based on the meter readings for three years, then use an average rate based on the readings. Also, potentially increase the price per therm to \$0.75 for all customers.

- Increase to a flat total monthly service fee for residential properties of \$60 per month, which would follow other town fees that are assessed based on each residence. This would simplify the overall billing and maintain the predictable billing that the geothermal district has provided since 2013. An annual increase of 1.5 percent, subject to annual approval, could be instituted for all customers. Commercial properties would be assessed based on the range of square footage listed on the assessor's website. Commercial properties less than 2,000 square feet would be charged \$112.50 per month or \$0.75 per therm. Properties from 2,001 to 5,000 square feet would be charged \$225 per month, and properties from 5,001 to 10,000 square feet would be charged \$675 per month. The schools would be charged a new rate of \$2,500 per month for the middle school, \$1,000 for the elementary school and \$500 for the junior high, a 20 percent increase across the board for the schools.

- Institute a onetime 20 percent increase based on customers' current monthly payment and institute a 2.5 percent annual increase in the monthly fee. New customers would start at \$60 per residence (no metering) and would have the same 2.5 percent increase annually (increased at start of heating season), to be approved by the town council. The onetime increase would be the equivalent of charging \$0.72 per therm.

- Issue an invitation to bid for a rate study by a firm specializing in establishing rate schedules for utilities. Staff is anticipating a cost of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for this type of study. It would be a competitive bid process for this work based on the town's purchasing policy.

Town council members were not asked to make a formal decision, but rather give input on if there should be a rate increase, which option they saw best fit for the town and what additional information they wanted to see before a resolution was brought before them, Schmidt stated.

Council member Matt DeGuise wanted to know how much work it would take to install a meter.

Schmidt replied that it takes about three hours, but most of them only last about three years.

DeGuise suggested that meters be kept on the houses for only one

year and then exchanged between houses, but Schmidt indicated that the three-year average is the best way to get an accurate estimate of usage because of the changing winter conditions from year to year.

Council member Mat deGraaf stated that meters are not a worthy endeavor for the town because "they don't last and cost staff a lot of time" and that he also wanted to avoid a rate study. Therefore, he expressed support for the second or third option.

Of those options, he favored option two due to the fact that it would require the least amount of staff time and he felt it is transparent.

Council member Madeline Bergon agreed that the first and fourth option were unfavorable, but preferred option three.

She thought the third option was more in line with other utilities in that residents pay for what they use and it might be more "palatable" to the residents who have used the system for a long time.

She also indicated that the school district could be an entirely different special agreement, or that residential and commercial properties could see different policies.

Schmidt noted that the schools are very unique in their use of the system, and it probably is not best to group them in with commercial properties because some other commercial properties use far less heating than the schools.

Mayor Shari Pierce favored a rate increase because of the amount of time and funding that the town has to support for staffing and maintenance, and agreed with Bergon's reasoning for option three.

She was also concerned that without metering the system, the town is discouraging users to mitigate their heat usage.

Many council members expressed concern over users not regulating the heat properly, with experiences with buildings opening windows in the winter time due to high temperatures inside.

deGraaf suggested that with whatever option the town moves forward with, a small educational campaign on how to regulate heat in homes would be useful.

"The people who use this need to pay for maintaining it, that just makes complete sense to me," council member Jeff Posey said, adding that he wants to see the math for how the fee increase will impact the repair demand for the system.

Posey preferred option three. Council member Brooks Lindner agreed that the math is an important part of the decision, and would like to see the different numbers associated with option two and three.

Bergon also indicated a desire to see the math, and finalized her preference to separate the school district from the new policy and create a special agreement.

Town staff will now take the guidance given by council and come back with more information on options two and three. The rate increase will come back to council as a formal resolution once details are worked out, Schmidt stated.

Celebration



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

Dr. Walt and Kim Moore celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 5. They were married at St. Bartholomew's Chapel in Estes Park, Colo., on June 5, 1972. They met while attending college at Colorado State University. Walt was from Wilmington, Del., and Kim was from Pompano Beach, Fla. They have three grown children: Scott, Bryan and Amy Allen. They have loved living in Pagosa Springs since they moved here in 1996. Walt retired as a chiropractor and Kim has been a realtor since moving here.

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Sports

Cowboys and cowgirls will compete for prizes at Red Ryder Roundup

By Diana Talbot
Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

This year marks the 72nd anniversary of the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo held annually in Pagosa Springs.

This multistate sanctioned rodeo series features amateur cowboys and cowgirls from various states competing for prizes and prize money. Rodeo participants receive cash and prize awards for their daily performances, including the coveted personalized belt buckle. The overall cowboy and cowgirl award is presented after the third and final performance and each winner receives a Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo Golden Boy Henry rifle.

The rodeos are July 2 and July 3 at 6 p.m. and July 4 at 2 p.m., presented at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds. Tickets are available online at www.pagosarodeo.com and at the gate prior to the event. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children. Box seats are available and can be purchased by calling Diana at (970) 749-3492.

Concessions are available throughout the events, including barbecue, and Our Savior Lutheran School is manning the beer tent and selling drinks and snacks.

Traditional American rodeo features cowboys and cowgirls in the various livestock events like bronc riding, tie down roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, barrel racing, bull riding and team roping. Various activities are included in the daily performance like the Daisy BB gun raffle and the presentation of the honorary Red Ryder Award.

An impressive grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback kicks off each performance that is accompanied by the announcer introducing special guests and the crowd singing the national anthem. Mutton bustin' is always fun and full of laughs as boys and girls, 6 years old or younger, don helmets and vests prior to mounting a sheep, gripping a rope tied around the chest of a sheep and hanging on while the sheep races out of the chute as it opens.

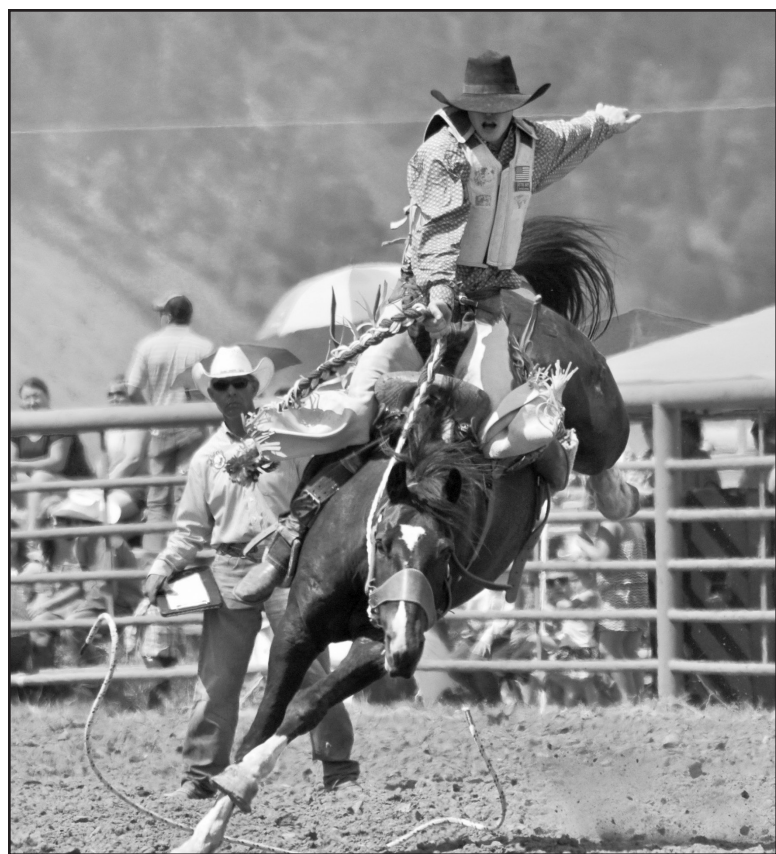


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Ten contestants each day vie for the coveted belt buckle that is given to the daily winner with the longest ride time. Every rider goes home with a Daisy BB gun.

The rodeo clown is a staple in the rodeo arena. Called a "bull-fighter," the chief responsibility is to protect the cowboy from dangerous livestock. While the cowboy is focused on the ride and maximizing time, the bull-fighter distracts the livestock once the rider dismounts. The term "clown" comes from the entertaining side of this job, with the clown entertaining the crowd during the lulls in the action.

Red Ryder was the main cowboy character in the popular western comic strip created by Stephen Slesinger and artist Fred Harman that ran for over 25 years in newspapers all over the country. Red was a strong and ethical cowboy who lived on Painted Valley Ranch in the Blanco Basin in the San Juan Mountains. His horse was Thunder, his sidekick was Little Beaver with horse Papoose, and they protected the people and land from unscrupulous behavior. The geography is that of Pagosa Springs and this community was blessed to have Fred Harman III as a town resident for decades.

More rodeo information is available by calling (970) 749-3492 or visiting www.PagosaRodeo.com.



Photo courtesy JoAnn Pogreba-Dykstra

The Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association (WCGBA) hosted its first shooting match on June 4. The event was held in Del Norte.

Inaugural shooting competition results announced

By Chris Boyd
Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association

On June 4, the Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association (WCGBA) hosted its first shooting match.

The competition was conducted at the Rio Grande Sportsman's Club Range in Del Norte. Both pistol and rifle matches were offered, with contestants ranging from first-time to exceptionally experienced shooters. A safe and fun time was experienced by all.

The rifle course of fire consisted of shooting 10 metal plate targets at distances between 225 and 650 yards. The plates were shaped as small as bobcats and coyotes to as large as bison and elk. The maximum time allotted to hit all 10 plates was 5 minutes and 30 seconds. Many competitors elected to compete with more traditional-style hunting rifles, although there were some highly customized long-range rifles.

The pistol course of fire consisted of hitting 24 metal plates from 10, 12 and 15 yards. In order to count, the plate needed to fall, not just be struck. The score was a combination of hits and time. Competitors' handguns ran the gamut of completely stock to highly customized, with most being in

9mm.

The courses of fire were created by Pagosa Springs resident Sam Johnson, the match director. Johnson is a member of WCGBA and is on the events committee. Although this was the first match he coordinated, he has previously competed in several matches in multiple states. Participants commented favorably about the event, which emphasized safety as well as having a good time.

The results were as follows:

- First-place rifle: Phil Paccione (the only perfect score).
- Second-place rifle: Alvin Kunugi.
- Third-place rifle: Caleab Spencer.
- First-place handgun: Phil Paccione.

• Second-place handgun: Alvin Kunugi.

• Third-place handgun: Don MacNamee.

WCGBA is working diligently to identify land in the Pagosa Springs area to provide a safe and enjoyable environment in order to promote the responsible use, training and education for shooting disciplines. An emphasis on youth education and overall safe handling of firearms is at the core of the organization.

A trip to the NRA's Whittington Center in Raton, N.M., is planned for Sept. 9-11. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact events@wolfcreekgunandbow.org.

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First-ever Semi-Centennial Schramble Golf Tournament for sexagenarians set

By Leonard Martinez
Special to The SUN

The first-ever Semi-Centennial Schramble Golf Tournament for sexagenarians organized by the graduating class of 1972 will be held on July 3 and 4.

The first round is nine holes on July 3 at Pagosa's golf course. There will be a 3:30 p.m. shotgun start.

The second round is nine holes on July 4 at Pagosa's golf course. There will be a 3:30 p.m. shotgun start.

It is open to any and all four-person teams with at least one Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) graduate. Be aware: The class of '71 has issued a challenge to all.

All members of the PSHS graduating class of 1972 are now sexagenarians (between the ages of 60 and 69). Each team will be reduced one stroke for any member of the class of '72 on their team. Golf equipment nor golf experience are needed to play in this tournament. Do expect to have fun.

All teams will have at least one woman and a two-stroke reduction or have a stroke added for not having a woman. (Yes, an all-woman's team will have an eight-stroke advantage starting out.)

If a team has an older-than-70-year-old team member, there will be a one-stroke reduction for each.

Teams with a left-handed player get a stroke reduction.

Teams with players younger than 60: There will be plus one stroke for each team member under the age of 60, plus two strokes for anyone under 40, plus four strokes for anyone under 25.

First round

Each team member will be able to choose three clubs each for round one.

Par 5s: Team will choose the sequence and each player will take their turn. Final score is the cumulative strokes for that hole (10 max score).

Par 3 and Par 4 holes will follow normal scramble rules: best ball, all team members play every shot.

Three mulligans per person per nine can be purchased (\$5 each).

Or, a 10-foot string can be purchased for the team (\$50).

Second round

Straight scramble rules, best ball.

One-stroke reduction for any team that can solve the Par 3 riddles.

Prizes for round one and round two winners: The team with the lowest combined score over the two rounds will be the first ever Semi-Centennial Class of '72 Schramble Champion.

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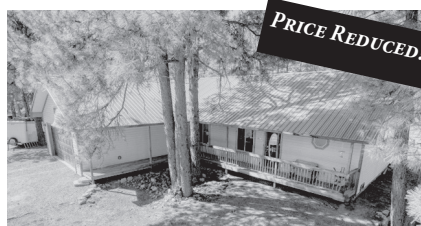
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Area agencies announce Stage 2 fire restrictions

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, a trio of regional agencies have announced the implementation of Stage 2 fire restrictions, with those restrictions going into effect yesterday, June 15.

Stage 1 fire restrictions remain in effect for several other areas, including Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs.

San Juan National Forest

In a press release, the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) explains the move to Stage 2 fire restrictions is based on "recent wildfire activity and persistent severe fire weather conditions" and the increased restrictions are to "reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires."

The Stage 2 fire restrictions are in place until Dec. 31 unless rescinded earlier.

Stage 1 restrictions on the forest went into effect on May 20.

"Forest managers use several criteria to determine when to implement restrictions, including current and predicted weather, fuel moisture, fire activity levels and available firefighting resources," the press release explains.

On Wednesday, the SJNF's website listed fire danger in the Upper Fire Danger Area as very high and in the Lower Fire Danger Area as extreme.

"Stage 2 fire restrictions are a proactive way to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires, protect natural and cultural resources, and enhance public and firefighter safety," the press release explains. "Forest visitors are asked to use extreme caution when fire restrictions are in place. Violations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations and/or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

It notes 90 percent of all wildfires on public lands are started by humans.

"It is every forest visitor's responsibility to recreate responsibly and follow best practices," the press release states, adding that fires should be reported by calling 911.

Prohibitions under the SJNF's Stage 2 fire restrictions include, but are not limited to:

- Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, including fires in developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas), charcoal grills and barbecues, coal- and wood-burning stoves, and shepherd's stoves.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.
- Blasting, welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.
- Operating or using any internal combustion engine without an effective, properly installed and approved spark arrestor.
- Operating a chain saw without an effective, properly installed and approved spark arrestor, a

chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and shovel that meet requirements specified in the order.

- Using an explosive, which includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers and incendiary ammunition.

- Possessing or using a motor vehicle off established roads, motorized trails or established parking areas, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the vehicle.

Federal, state and local officers and members of an organized rescue team or firefighting force are exempt from the closure order.

More information on the restrictions can be found in Forest Order SJNF-2022-08, which can be accessed at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan>.

The press release notes that visitors "may use stoves, grills and lanterns fueled by propane or other liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels that meet manufacturer's safety specifications. If you plan to visit the forest, be sure to practice One Less Spark vehicle safety guidelines by securing chains, checking tire pressure and properly maintaining your brakes."

For information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874, visit the forest website or follow the forest on social media (Twitter and Facebook).

Southern Ute Indian Reservation

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe announced Tuesday its move to increased restrictions is due to "current high temperatures, dry fuel conditions and the occurrence of the recent wildland fires," according to a press release.

The press release states, "Everyone on reservation land is asked to be very cautious and use common sense with fire this time of year."

Stage 2 restrictions implemented by the tribe prohibit the following acts for the general public, commercial operators, and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation:

- Open burning, including burning of trash and/or yard waste.
- Agricultural burning, including burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning.
- Campfires, including building, maintaining or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites. Charcoal broilers and wood and coal stoves used outside of dwellings are classified as campfires and are also prohibited.
- Fireworks, including the possession, discharging or use of any type of fireworks.
- Smoking is restricted to designated areas, within structures or within vehicles equipped with ashtrays.

More information on the restrictions can be found at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/>.

The press release notes that individuals intending to use a campfire for ceremonial purposes, such as sweat, must contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Fire Office for approval prior to the ceremony. Please plan for ceremonies in advance to ensure proper approval has been granted.

Commercial and industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 in Ignacio or by calling (970) 563-4571.

"Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code," the press release states.

Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced Stage 2 restrictions for all lands administered by the Tres Rios Field Office, which includes lands in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, the southwest corner of Montrose and the western portion of San Miguel counties.

A press release notes the restrictions "align with local orders and guidelines to protect the public's safety during high fire danger."

The restrictions will be in place until further notice.

"The hot and windy weather in Southwest Colorado is creating very high to extreme fire danger" said Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson. "Stage 2 fire restrictions will assist in reducing human-caused fires in the area until the monsoonal moisture arrives."

The restrictions prohibit:

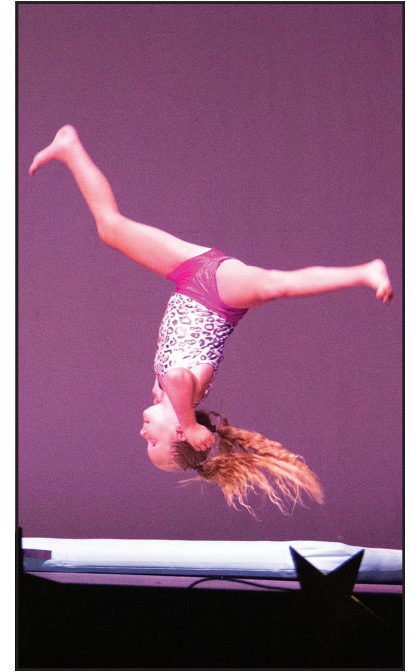
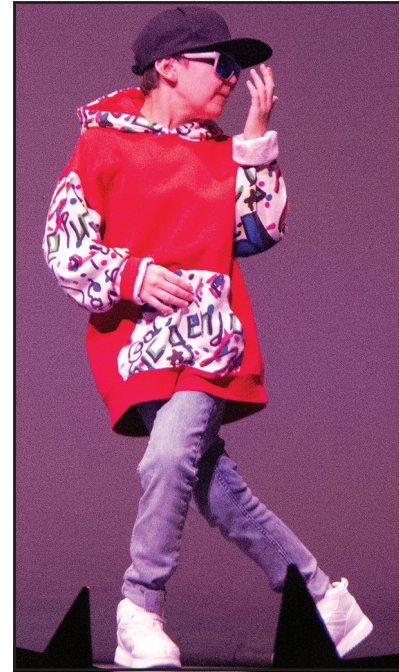
- Campfires, fires charcoal/fire pans or grills that are not portable, pressurized liquid fuel with a shut-off switch.
- Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or in at least 3 feet in diameter in a barren area free of all flammable materials.
- Explosive materials.
- Welding or operation of an acetylene or other similar torch with open flame.
- Operation of any internal combustion engine, including chain saws, without a spark-arresting device properly installed and in working order, chemical fire extinguisher and shovel.

Fireworks are always prohibited on public lands.

The press release explains violation of federal fire restrictions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both. In addition, those found responsible for starting wildfires will also face restitution costs of suppressing the fire.

More information about fire prevention is available at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/get-involved/fire-prevention>.

For West Slope Fire Information, visit: <https://westslopefireinfo.com>.
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Pagosa Springs Elementary School held the PSES Has Got Talent show in May. Students showed off their many talents during fun-filled evening of performances as one of the numerous end-of-the-school-year activities.



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June 16, 2022

‘Guys and Dolls’ to open Friday, June 17

By Amy Wolfe

Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company will open the second musical of the season with “Guys and Dolls” this Friday, June 17, for the Champagne Opening.

The doors to the theater will open at 6 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show time. After the show, join the “Talk Back” for a question-and-answer session to learn more about the cast, crew and production of “Guys and Dolls.”

Based on short stories by Damon Runyon and set in 1920s New York City, also known as “Runyonland,” the musical was written by Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling. Frank Loesser composed the toe-tapping music and wrote the lyrics for the many familiar songs of “Guys and Dolls.”

In addition to the gambling underworld of horses and craps games, the romantic comedy also bets on love. “Guys and Dolls” stars Jesse Kortus as Nathan Detroit, Cassandra Brooks as Adelaide, Trevor Brown

as Sky Masterson and Samantha Luck as Sarah Brown.

Pia Wyatt is the director and choreographer for “Guys and Dolls,” which, like her, will be high energy and creative.

“Bright Star” will return to the stage on Saturday, June 18, as well as Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25.

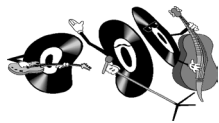
“The SpongeBob Musical” will open on July 1.

Tickets for all three shows, rotating through Aug. 24, can be purchased by calling our box office at 970-731-SHOW (7469) or visiting pagosacenter.org.

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Friday

East Side Market: Open mic 9 a.m.

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Steve Blechschmidt, 5 p.m.

Saturday

East Side Market: Open mic 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

East Side Market: Bluegrass Cadillac, 11 a.m.

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jordan Stern, 5 p.m.

Sunday

East Side Market: Open mic, 9 a.m.

Monday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.

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Fourth of July parade set, new route announced

By JoAnn Laird
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Fourth of July Parade will be held Monday, July 4, at 10 a.m.

Applications, maps and general information are now available at Town Hall or at www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

You can hand-deliver your application to Town Hall or download, scan and email back. The deadline is July 1 at noon and entries will not be accepted after this deadline. So, all of you thinking about being in the greatest little mountain town parade ever better get on it.

Judging will be in four categories. Those categories are appearance, patriotism, creativity and judges' choice. Think professional Rose Bowl Parade; red, white and blue; wacky; or fun. The reviewing stand will be at 3rd Street and U.S. 160, at the crosswalk. Get ready, out-of-town viewers — wait until you see what Pagosans can do in a parade.

As in years past, no items or candy are to be thrown from the entries. A candy bar hitting a baby's eye is no laughing matter. Those walking alongside the entry may hand out items. In the past, that has meant everything from dental floss to carrots. You can do this in a small town. Seriously, the Pagosa Springs Police Department enforces this for safety reasons, as it wants to ensure a good time for all.

Because of the continuing McCabe Creek/6th Street construction, the parade route has a change this year. The staging area will on the vacant parcel to the south of Bank of the San Juans on Hot Springs Boulevard. This will also

be the area for checking in at the registration desk and the start and end of the parade.

The parade will proceed north to the stop light, make a right onto Pagosa Street/U.S. 160, right onto 2nd Street, right onto Hermosa and make a left onto Hot Springs Boulevard to go back to the staging area.

Separate waivers will be required from all participants and are included with the application. These forms must be signed along

with proof of insurance and a copy of your driver's license for any entry that is a street-legal vehicle. It is important to note there will be no parking along the entire parade route. Reservoir Hill and Mary Fisher parking will not be available, but parking at Town Hall will be.

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Students from Pagosa Peak Open School's Whatchamawhozit Children's Theatre Intensive will present four performances of "Winnie the Pooh KIDS," two on Saturday and two on Sunday.

Four performances of 'Winnie the Pooh KIDS' set for this weekend

By Laura Moore and Amy Wolfe
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Bring the whole family to see the delightful production of "Winnie the Pooh KIDS" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Four shows will be playing this weekend beginning Saturday, June 18, with shows at noon and 2 p.m. Show times on Sunday, June 19, are at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The 40-minute show will be performed by students from Pagosa Peak Open School who are attending a Whatchamawhozit Children's Theatre Intensive with Thingama-

jig Theatre Company at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts as part of their project-based learning curriculum. The intensive is taught and directed by the professional performers in Thingamajig's Broadway in the Mountains summer season.

Tickets are only \$5 for a musical that will welcome you to the Hundred Acre Wood, where Pooh and his pals — Tigger, Piglet, Rabbit, Eeyore and Owl — prepare for a rescue operation while still finding time to search for honey. Purchase tickets by call Thingamajig's box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469)

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The Pagosa Farmers Market will open June 25 at 9 a.m. It will be a slow start for sure this year; the exclusive produce — garden ripened tomatoes — won't be ready until July. The plants are full of fruit and, though raised in a greenhouse, the tomatoes are very green. Word from one farm in New Mexico is that tomatoes from the hoop house won't be ready until August. What has gone wrong for the growers? Just about everything. Dry, windy weather and very cold nights have slowed down just about everything except chard, kale, onions, radishes and sugar snap peas. These you will find as well as starts — tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, peppers, rosemary, oregano and probably more. And of course the bakery and meat vendors, and artisans will back to share their very popular wares.

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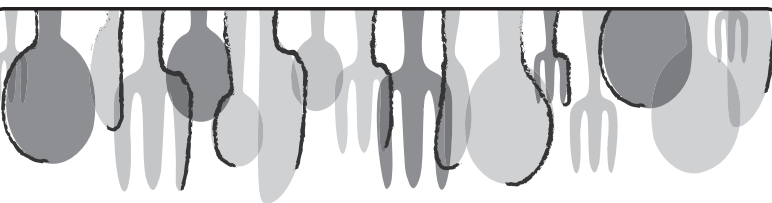
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Community Band looking for members for July 4 concert

By Susy Mekeal
Pagosa Springs Community Band

The Pagosa Springs Community Band will soon be gathering to prepare for an important part of the Fourth of July celebration here in Pagosa Springs.

Each year on the lawn at The Springs Resort the band plays a patriotic concert to enhance your celebration of our country's birthday. We will prepare some classic marches, military themes and local favorites.

The band is open to any musicians in the community. We have wind, brass, percussion and string players and they also come from many different musical experi-

ences. Some of our band members have played in public school bands, others have degrees in music, some have published music and others currently play in large symphonies.

Our common bond is a love of music and the joy of many people coming together to make beautiful music. Remember that joy? Come join us to feel that again. We would like to meet you and tell you how you can be a part of the Pagosa Springs Community Band.

For the Fourth of July concert, our rehearsals will be Saturdays, June 25 and July 2, at 10 a.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room.

The concert will be at 2 p.m. on

July 4 on the lawn at The Springs Resort. We look forward to meeting you.

If you have questions, call Susy at (970) 270-2674.

19th Hole Concert Series raising funds for Weminuche Audubon Society

By Rose Chavez
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Weminuche Audubon Society is one of the nonprofits chosen for this summer's 19th Hole Concerts. It is excited to participate in this fun event at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

Please come out Thursday, June 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for some great music by Bo DePeña.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Your \$10 cover charge not only supports the Weminuche Audubon Society, 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 helps.

Please tell your friends and family and join together for the remaining performances of the 2022 concert series:

June 16: Bo DePeña — Weminuche Audubon Society.

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

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The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) is hosting Open Mic Night in the GGP amphitheater on the San Juan River this evening, Thursday, June 16, from 4:30 -7:30 p.m.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership to host Open Mic Night this evening

By Rose Chavez
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) is hosting Open Mic Night in the GGP amphitheater on the San Juan River this evening, Thursday, June 16, from 4:30 -7:30 p.m.

The GGP invites the community to an open mic each third Thursday from June through September. The free event is in Centennial Park at the GGP amphitheater, 80 S. 5th St.

All forms of family-friendly art and music are encouraged and

welcome. A portion of the funds raised during these events will be used to jumpstart the future heritage food gardens surrounding the grow domes that celebrate and provide educational opportunities about the traditional plants, foods and cuisines of our Indigenous and Hispanic relatives and ancestors who have thrived here for generations.

The GGP is excited to host these free community gatherings, to connect spaces in beautiful downtown Pagosa Springs along the San Juan River and to support

the GGP's mission of educating the community in sustainable agricultural practices by producing food year-round using local renewable energy.

For additional information, please contact us at ggp@pagosagreen.org.

All teens invited to 'Guys and Dolls' dress rehearsal

By Amy Wolfe
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company is again opening our doors to all teenagers in Pagosa Springs to see the final dress rehearsal of "Guys and Dolls."

Make plans to attend this free show and bring your friends tonight, Thursday, June 16. The doors to the theater will open at 6:45 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show as part of our ThingamaWho Programs for Teens offering educational programming to the youth of our community.

Whether you are a first-time

"theater goer" or a seasoned thespian, all are welcome to attend the high-energy performance filled with great music and dance. "Guys and Dolls" is set in 1920s New York City with a side trip to Havana, Cuba. Based on short stories by Damon Runyon, "Guys and Dolls" is filled with interesting characters from underworld gamblers to purlitanical evangelists.

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.

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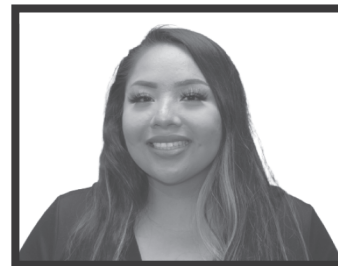
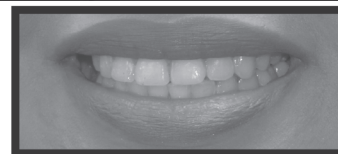
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Once-in-20-year celestial event to be visible in Colorado

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers' Astronomy Club

People in Colorado will have a very special treat in June, but you will need to get up at about 4:30 a.m., which is a small price to pay.

Only in Colorado will you be able to see Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn all in a row with Mercury located just on the horizon. June 24 is the best morning to see these planets, but looking any day in June should be good.

This alignment was last viewed in 2004, so it happens about once every 20 years. A telescope would add a lot to view each planet individually, but bring your camera or cellphone to get all five planets in a row. For more information, see Sky and Telescope Magazine or check out Space.com.

June meeting canceled

It is always fun to make a schedule in the spring and then see what all can happen in real time to bring changes. The San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club monthly meeting on Thursday, June 23, in the Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall is being canceled due to special activities at the church and a nationwide television presentation which all concerned citizens should be able to view. This month's program on the Galilean moons of Jupiter will be postponed to the July 28 meeting.

When talking about our Stargazers' club meeting, a local woman said, "I don't know much about Astronomy." My reply was, "No one does."

Never feel that you do not know enough to attend our meetings. Astronomy is a science where everyone has much to learn and the best time to start is now.

And talk about learning: Photos will begin in July from the incredible James Webb Space Telescope. What we learned from the Hubble will seem like preschool compared

to what we will learn from the Webb.

Upcoming events

The San Juan Stargazers will also get together on Fridays, June 24, July 8, July 22 and July 29, at Chimney Rock with the gate opening from 7 to 8 p.m. for a telescope training session which lasts as long as people want to stay.

Bring your own telescope, use a Chimney Rock Interpretive Association scope or share a scope with others. We will all help each other, learn a lot and have a great time. We do the training in the upper parking lot with the breath-taking view and the fabulous dark night sky.

Members, please note there is a change in the date for the event with Steve McAllister. On Wednesday, June 29, we will have McAllister, a special guest astronomer from the West Cliff Observatory. He came last summer and this summer on June 1, and he was so helpful with learning about our telescopes, solving problems with telescopes and giving us a fantastic view of deep-sky objects. Those who attended on June 1 are still in awe. Thursday, June 30, will be our back-up "cloud date."

New membership year to begin July 1

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, our new membership year begins July 1. You will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25/family. You can join the club at any of our events.

The San Juan Stargazers club is part of the Astronomical League — celebrating its 75th year of service — which includes more than 250 clubs from all over the U.S. Our local group also has a website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org. Check it out for more information and beautiful Hubble photos. We welcome everyone to learn more about our amazing universe. We hope to see you soon.



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Countywide Women's Bible Study meets Tuesdays

By Stan Counsell
Special to The PREVIEW

The Countywide Women's Bible Study is joyfully marching onward, explaining with clarity various Bible teachings and topics that honor Jesus Christ.

A concern of some is, "We don't understand parts of the Bible." Conflicting books, speakers and ministries often lead good people, with a shrug of the shoulders, saying, "I just don't get it, why even bother?" But, when theological convolutions give way to an easily understood mindset, Christian growth excels beyond our wildest expectations. We can see a different person breaking free just like a new butterfly being released from its cocoon.

John 8:32 records Jesus saying, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Do we feel that freedom in its fullness? With good intentions, many secular people say, "Hearing the truth will set you free" but that is a misquote. The forgotten word is "know" the truth, not listen. The word "know" means to simply understand something. It doesn't

mean having our brain shattered with conflicting opinions. Understanding the truth is soothing to our mind and spirit, just like a cool Pagosa mountain breeze.

However, in 1 Timothy 4:1 the Bible declares, "Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the truth; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that are inspired by demons."

Do we want understandable truth or deceptive teachings?

The Bible and various topics are presented, with considerable interest, to the attending ladies. Pleasurable presentations, made easy to understand, bounce off the walls as all learn the biblical facts from conflicted fiction, dispelling dreaded brain fog.

With a profound love for God's Word and unending research, the study's facilitator has tackled scriptures and Bible topics with complete fairness. The discussions have been quite innovated, open and joyfully guided. Who says one cannot laugh and still learn? It is never too late to attend as each study has a refreshing overview.

For now, the study of 1 Thessalonians is nearing completion. Then, the ladies will commence with 2 Thessalonians. All interested ladies are openly invited to attend. Your spiritual background is not an issue: Protestant, Charismatic, Evangelical, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal and nondenominational. Even the spiritually curious are most welcome.

Roberta ('Bert) Counsell is a jovial, ordained women's pastor from an international Christian organization encompassing more than 4,400 churches in 116 countries.

She is a skilled Bible teacher; worship composer; and former chaplain with the American Red Cross, U.S. Border Patrol, an AIDS hospice, and ministries to sufferers of various sexual addictions covering a span of more than 20 years. She endeavors that all discover more clearly Jesus Christ's love, forgiveness and salvation.

She is known for her humor, simplicity, and non-lecturing guidance of the Lord's Word. She loves a casual atmosphere with continual, laughing feedback from the ladies. She has been an active pastoral team with her husband for 37 years.

The difficult is easily addressed each Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship in the spacious confines of its fellowship hall. The address is 1044 Park Ave., right across the street from the Recreation Center.

For more information, or if you have questions, please call Counsell at (970) 264-9931. She'll be happy to take your call. Bring your Bible of preference, laugh, learn and join in the feedback.

Adventure Clubs for kids announced

By Frank Porter
Adventure Club

Four Adventure Clubs are scheduled in June and July.

Each Adventure Club will include a Bible story with drama and activity, a memory verse, high-energy songs, games, crafts, snacks and more games.

It is two hours of fun and learning for kids and it's free.

Come and bring your friends. Adventure Clubs will take place in four locations in Pagosa Springs and Aspen Springs:

- June 21-23, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Dr.

This club has a separate class

for little ones who are 3-5 years old. This includes any little ones who will not start kindergarten until the fall.

- June 21-23, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Pagosa Vista Estates, 129 Fireside St.

- July 12-14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Amazing Grace Community Church, 77 Navajo Circle in Aspen Springs.

- July 12-14, 1-30-3:30, Cross-Road/Grace in Pagosa campus, 1044 Park Ave.

The four Adventure Clubs will have the same three-day program, so choose the Adventure Club that works best for you. For more information, call Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email her at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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 19, our theme is "Fathers and Family."

"In this new cycle, education and training are recorded in the Book of God as obligatory and not voluntary. That is, it is enjoined upon the father and mother, as a duty, to strive with all effort to train the daughter and the son ..." — Abdu'l-Baha.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at www.bahai.org. Our local contact is archuletabahais@gmail.com.

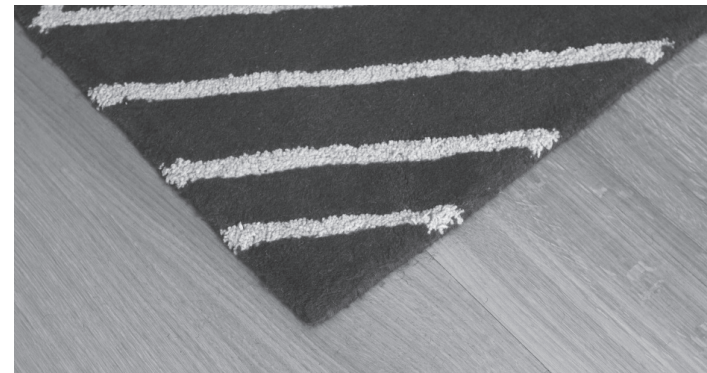
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Healthy Archuleta features Community Learning and Leadership Circle member Chris Frederics

By Rose Chavez
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The Archuleta County Nutrition Security and Health Equity Assessment which kicked off in December 2021 is continuing its ongoing work to engage the community through a Community Learning and Leadership Circle (CLLC) that meets on a weekly basis.

The CLLC is made up of a group of diverse Archuleta County community members who are committed to contributing to the design of the assessment during this first phase of the project, which will conclude at the end of June.

CLLC members engage in learning through module presentations facilitated by Healthy Archuleta and partner organizations about the concepts of nutrition security and health equity.

On a weekly basis, the CLLC members helped inform the assessment as it relates to 1) primary/preventive health care access and utilization (coverage, timeliness, workforce and services) and 2) bolstering our community-based food system (food production, food transformation, marketing and distribution, getting and preparing food, eating nutritious foods, food safety, food waste prevention and resource recovery).

A community-based participa-



Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

Chris Frederics and his family.

tory approach is used to capture people's voices and lived experiences related to access to food and primary/preventive health care in Archuleta County. Additionally, both food and health care organizations will have the opportunity to share information as it relates to primary/preventative health care and food efforts.

Healthy Archuleta is sharing individual profiles of CLLC community members who are serving their community in this capacity. This week

we are featuring CLLC member and community leader Chris Frederics:

1. Health is the new wealth. What does that mean for you and your family's health in Archuleta County? "Wealth is related to education and those that have access to all different types of education are better prepared to know what to eat and how to eat. As a farmer and an educator, I have tried to grapple with the idea that locally produced food and organically grown food is more

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New Thought topic: ‘Our Father’s Greatest Gift to Us’

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

The Sunday service on June 19 at 10 a.m. will be “Our Father’s Greatest Gift to Us” with Sophia White Feather.

“God’s most precious gift is reason. Its best use is the search for knowledge. To know the human environment, to know the earth & galaxies, to know God. Knowledge (science) is the best form of prayer.”
— Fatema Memissi

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 for band information.

June 23, 6 p.m.: Reception for author Shari Silvey.

June 24, 5 to 8 p.m.: Courtyard Concert Fundraiser for Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Bruce Wayne Classic Rock and Country, Pagosa Lodge.

June 25, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Playshop with Silvey.

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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 pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

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expensive. It has to be for small producers to make a living wage. That generally means that healthy food has to go through a different channel, with more obstacles, to find itself on the plates of low income families. It is important to have good food and food that reflects your culture. Big box groceries are unable to provide culturally relevant food to all consumers. Small scale producers are able to provide both but tend to sell their products at farmers markets, restaurants, through CSA members, which all are more expensive ways of eating. Eating healthy food requires sacrifices and some may simply not be able to make those sacrifices without aid.”

2. What are your ties to Archuleta County? “Our family is fairly new to Archuleta County but both my wife and I are multigenerational Coloradans. We have both had a lifelong love of the mountains. We are eager to bring our farm to Archuleta County. We find this lifestyle to be good for our children and intend to help grow the community in a positive way.”

3. What do you see as your role on the CLLC for the Nutrition Security

and Health Equity Assessment? “I am a member of the community in Archuleta County. My experiences teaching, farming and working in public services will help me bring that perspective to the group. As we collect information from the community and take action toward a better food system, I hope those perspectives will be helpful. Democracy works best when many people, with different perspectives, work together towards a better future. I think we have that in the CLLC.”

4. What is your vision for a healthy Archuleta? “I would like to see a more diverse set of producers. If there were more farmers and producers with diverse skill sets, we could get closer to having a more robust local food system. I would like to see an influx of young producers and a stronger connection between them and the generational producers. With a larger quantity of locally produced food we could start making significant inroads to a more equitable food system. There are a number of diverse populations, with histories in this area, that could work together and advance the health of Archuleta County. I am optimistic that it could

happen.”

5. What do you think is critical about the dynamics of learning and leading on the CLLC for this assessment? “I think it is important for leaders to also model learning. I hope that our group leans in on listening to one another. If each of us broadens our understanding of various lived experiences we stand a better chance of making a more just food system.”

For more information, please contact us at fssearchuleta@gmail.com or (401) 371-3227. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, doing business as the FSFE-Food Coalition, please visit: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>.

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Senior Center dining room reopening

By Christina Knoell
PREVIEW Columnist

After two years of being closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pagosa Springs Senior Center will be opening the dining room.

A soft opening is planned for three specific days: June 22, 27 and 29.

We are hoping to open our doors five days per week after July 1. Please be prepared to show your vaccination cards. If you have COVID-19 or have been exposed or are exhibiting symptoms, please stay home.

Medicare Mondays

Medicare Mondays are for anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans Parts A, B and D.

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Bridge

Bridge takes place Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations is required.

Kitchen and desk volunteers needed

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

ASI board vacancies

The Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors has four vacant positions open for financial oversight and policy implementation for the organization and Senior Center staff.

Terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term. Potential candidates should be at least 55 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

Community Café menu

Thursday, June 16 — King Ranch chicken, sautéed zucchini, milk, salad and chocolate toffee crackers.

Friday, June 17 — Tuna salad with green salad or as a sandwich, broccoli salad, milk and lemon mousse.

Monday, June 20 — Closed for Juneteenth National Independence Day.

Tuesday, June 21 — Beef Frito pie, coleslaw, milk, salad and blueberry cobbler.

Wednesday, June 22 — Dining

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room open to the public. Chicken salad with green salad or as a croissant sandwich, carrot salad, milk and strawberry shortcake.

Thursday, June 23 — Shrimp scampi, roasted zucchini, tomatoes and onion, milk, focaccia bread and salad.

Grab-n-go meals

Reservations and cancellations are required. Please call by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$5 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10. Please call (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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Pasta recipe

Pasta is an excellent source of nutrients. Consider trying whole-grain pastas for more fiber and protein. There are many options for gluten-free pastas that are derived from rice, beans and quinoa. Pasta is a great way to make a quick and tasty meal, even on a budget.

Ingredients
Pasta (spaghetti, penne, rigatoni, etc.)

Cherry tomatoes
Fresh basil
Garlic
Extra virgin olive oil
Chili flakes
Parmesan cheese (optional)
Salt and pepper
Cook your pasta in boiling salted water until al dente.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large skillet and sauté garlic and chili.

Toss in the tomatoes, salt and pepper and cook.

You'll want to cook the tomatoes over a high heat until they burst and their juice gets thicker. It takes about 6-7 minutes.

Once the tomatoes look saucy and yummy, stir in the shredded basil, taste and adjust the seasoning.

Finally, it's time to drain the pasta and add it to the skillet.

Toss until well combined and serve with more fresh basil, a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil and freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

A few notes on the ingredients:

- Tomatoes: Make sure your cherry tomatoes are ripe and

sweet, and cook them until they burst and get deliciously saucy. I recommend using cherry tomatoes for this recipe, but Roma tomatoes can work too, although the result won't be the same.

- Basil: Use only fresh basil for this recipe.

- Extra virgin olive oil: It's absolutely the best for this tomato basil pasta, full of fresh, fruity flavor that pairs beautifully with tomatoes.

- Garlic: The sautéed garlic provides such a wonderful base, and I'm always happy to use at least three garlic cloves. But, if you're not a garlic fan or if you find it hard to digest, reduce the quantity.

- Chili flakes: These are to give it some kick, but feel free to skip it if you feed children.

- Parmesan cheese: Parmesan adds plenty of savory flavor, but I leave it optional in case you prefer a vegan or dairy-free version. The result will be terrific anyway.

- Salt and pepper: Taste the tomato basil sauce and adjust the seasoning if needed. Salt is also important when you cook your pasta, because if you haven't

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19th Hole Concerts

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This annual concert series features SW Colorado musicians.	

Summer Hours begin Monday!

Beginning Monday, June 13th, we will begin dinner service at 4pm.

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Noxious weed of the month: Chinese clematis

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Chinese clematis is a perennial species in the buttercup family that wreaks havoc on trees, fences and other upright structures.

Like its native relative the white virgin's bower, Chinese clematis is a woody vine which produces long, fluffy seeds (they remind me of the truffala trees in the Lorax). The main identifying feature between the invasive species and the native is that Chinese clematis has yellow flowers rather than white.

Foliar herbicides are not the best choice to treat this species as it is often found climbing desirable tree species. To remove clematis (native or invasive), cut the plant at the base, untangle the vines, bag them and dispose of them. A cut-stump treatment will prevent re-sprouting.

Chinese clematis is not currently found in Archuleta County. If you believe you have seen this species, please report it to the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

Archuleta County Fair

The Archuleta County Fair is set for Aug. 4-7.

Have you ever wanted to enter the Archuleta County Fair? Are you a woodworker, potter, jeweler, photographer, painter or knitter? Or maybe you grow vegetables or bake cookies? Would you like to showcase your creations? These are just some of the many divisions that you can enter in Open Class.

Extension Viewpoints

Go to <https://www.archuleta-countyfair.com> and look up the 2022 Fair book for the rules. Judging will be Aug. 3.

If you have further questions, please email archuletacountyfair@gmail.com.

You could earn a Grand Champion ribbon at the Archuleta County Fair.

Volunteers needed

Archuleta County 4-H needs volunteers. We are looking for short-term commitment for super-intendents at the county fair.

Please contact our office at (970) 264-5931 or contact 4-H Coordinator Becky Jacobson at rjacobson@archuletacounty.org.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December) from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid, and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.

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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salted your pasta water properly, the entire dish will be miserably under-seasoned.

Fundraising need

Last week, you may have read that ASI has an immediate monetary need of raising \$100,000 from our community to strengthen a Round 2 state of Colorado grant opportunity. Well, guess what? We have raised \$25,000 so far.

ASI is proposing a \$2 million request to purchase a new se-

nior center, including the cost of renovations for a large dining room, food storage, offices, a large commercial kitchen and space for activities.

Please consider donating to ASI by calling (970) 264-2167. You may also mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Donation checks can be written to Archuleta Seniors Inc.

We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. For general information about ASI, please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, June 16

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Pickleball. 9-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Seventh Annual Vacation Bible Camp. 9 a.m.-noon, Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The cost is \$35 (limited number of scholarships available). A fun-filled week for kids pre-K through middle school at the outdoor pavilion. This year's camp theme is "Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God." Registration deadline is Friday, June 10. For more information, call (970) 731-5744 or email jpoffice@gmail.com.

Summer Reading Club: Ships Ahoy. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For those in the K-5th grade. Explore the world of ships and sailors and try building a boat of your own.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving spaghetti, bread 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.

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Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Google Meet. For those in the 4th-12th grade. Join us to help plan library events. Let us know what you think the library should be doing for you. Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jav-wcht-szx>.

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

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Open Mic Night. 4:30-7:30 p.m., GGP amphitheater, Centennial Park. For additional information, please contact ggp@pagosagreen.org.

Flora of Chimney Rock. 5-6:30 p.m.

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19th Hole Concerts Presents Bo DePen. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A community event that showcases an Archuleta County nonprofit and a local music talent. The cover charge is a \$10 donation. Patrons can purchase a five-punch pass online for \$50 throughout the month of June. Visit <https://www.swcommunityfoundation.org/19th-hole-online-tix/> to learn more about this option.

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.

Pagosa Night Rodeo. 6:30 p.m. preshow, 7 p.m. rodeo. Western Heritage Event Center Rodeo Grounds. Tickets available at the gate. For entries and information, call (719) 480-3189.

Thingamajig Theatre Company's 'Guys and Dolls' Dress Rehearsal Free for Teens. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The doors will open at 6:45 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show. Part of the ThingamaWho Program for Teens. All teenagers in Pagosa Springs are invited to view the final dress rehearsal. "Guys and Dolls" is a musical based on short stories by Damon Runyon and set in 1920s New York City. For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit www.pagosa-center.org.

Friday, June 17

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. For more information, email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

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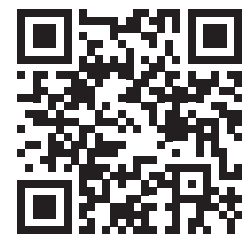
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Roll with God.” Registration deadline is Friday, June 10. For more information, call (970) 731-5744 or email jpilioffice@gmail.com.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A docent is available for a guided walk of the Chartres-designed labyrinth. The labyrinth is available dawn to dusk behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

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

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.

Dungeons and Dragons Meetup. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 10 and up. Adults are invited to participate. Need a group to play with? Come to the library for a chance to meet other players and DMs. Join us for some mini games and to hang out and talk about RPGs.

Comfest 2022 Free Outdoor Concert Series. 5:30 p.m., Town Park. Featuring Dreem Machine and Ragwater.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents ‘Guys and Dolls.’ 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A musical based on short stories by Damon Runyon and set in 1920s New York City. For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org.

Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 7:15-10 p.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Saturday, June 18

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Trail Skills Training with Outdoor Stewardship Institute. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Spend two days working with the

trainees from the Four Corners area to improve your trail skills. This training is free to individuals from the Four Corners area. Folks will be required to create a login to register. Contact Kelly Clouse at kclouse@voc.org to register if you meet this condition. On-site camping is available; contact DUST2 at talktous@dustx2.com. See <https://www.voc.org/osi> for location details.

Pickleball. 9-11 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Makerspace. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For all ages. Come in and build, design and create. We provide the materials, you provide the vision. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

‘Winnie the Pooh KIDS.’ Noon, Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Performed by the kids from Pagosa Peak Open School who are attending a Whatchamawhozit Children’s Theatre Intensive with Thingamajig Theatre Company as part of their project-based learning curriculum. Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased at www.pagosacenter.org for this family-friendly event.

Worship in Dance Camp. 1-4 p.m., 1044 Park Ave. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. This dance camp, hosted by Ahavat Adonai Messianic Jewish Congregation, is to learn how to worship with dance. It is open to beginners and more advanced dancers interested in learning dances for worship. Admission is by a suggested donation of \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a family. For more information, go to: <https://messianicdancecamps.com/home>.

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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.pagosa-center.org.

Sunday, June 19

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DETAILS

8-8:30 a.m. - registration

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. — clinic and fish

11-30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — hot dogs and Frito chili pie - served by Kiwanis

For children ages 7-15

There will be a drawing for fishing poles and equipment.

In order to receive a free rod and reel, children must be at least 7 years old and attend the full clinic.

Please bring your own fishing equipment.

South Fork, Colorado Kids’ Fishing Clinic 2022



Saturday, June 18th • 8 a.m.

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Peak Open School who are attending a Whatchamawhozit Children's Theatre Intensive with Thingamajig Theatre Company as part of their project-based learning curriculum. Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased at www.pagosacenter.org for this family-friendly event.

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 20

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.

Summer Solstice Program. 4:30-6:45 a.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Pickleball. 9-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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.

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

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations required.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 5-7:30 p.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children 5-12. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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 21

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Pickleball. 9-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Adventure Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Exciting Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more. Classes for elementary and preschool kids, ages 3-12. Come and bring your friends. For more information, call Connie Porter at

(303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. Open to all.

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.

WHIPS: Women Helping in Pagosa Springs. 11:30 a.m., Meltdown on Main. Seating will be outside; \$15 a person. All women are invited, but an RSVP is needed: (970) 946-1895. Our scholarship recipients will be there to meet us. Please do not park in the Humane Society parking lot.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations required.

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 pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946.6454 for more information.


Adventure Club. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Vista Estates, 129 Fireside St. Exciting Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more. For kids in pre-K through 6th grade. Come and bring your friends. For more information, call Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. 4th-12th graders. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.


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


Adult DIY: Common Household Cleaners. 5-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Master herbalist Shalina Luna will show you how to make common household cleaners without using harsh chemicals. Luna has 15 years of experience teaching and

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using these techniques, as she strives to provide up-to-date education and resources for a more sustainable lifestyle. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Wednesday, June 22

Summer Solstice Program. 4:30-6:45 a.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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.

Pickleball. 9-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Plant Walk with Lake McCullough. 9:30-11:15 a.m. first tour, 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. second tour. There is a 15-person maximum on each walk. Hershey Fourmile Ranch, 4 miles from town on Snowball Road, County Road 200. Join us for a fun and educational ramble through the forest as we discover edible and medicinal native plants. Walks are about 1.5 miles round-trip. Please be prepared for rugged trails and unpredictable weather, and leave dogs at home. Please call McCullough ahead to reserve a space at (970) 398-0923 and indicate which time slot you choose.

Adventure Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Exciting Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more. Classes for elementary and preschool kids, ages 3-12. Come and bring your friends. For more information, call Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Special Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Special guest Lori Lucero will teach us about some super cool animals. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. All ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Vitalant Blood Drive. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.,

Centerpoint Church sanctuary, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. To schedule your donor appointment, please go to www.Vitalant.org or contact Diane Levison at dianeunheard@gmail.com or via text at (602) 770-6565 to have one scheduled for you. As always, walk-ins will be welcome, but the donation time might take a bit longer as appointments are given priority.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Loaner paddles are available.

Adventure Club. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Vista Estates, 129 Fireside St. Exciting Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more. For kids in pre-K through 6th grade. Come and bring your friends. For more information, call Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Teen DIY. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. 4th-12th-graders will make some fun sea creatures to add to the coral reef display. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Thursday, June 23

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 7-9:30 a.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children 5-12. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Pickleball. 9-11 a.m., South Pagosa
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Summer Reading Club: Ocean Animals. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For those in the K-5th grade. Some amazing creatures live under the water. Come celebrate them through crafts, games and more.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving taco 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.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations required.

Adventure Club. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Vista Estates, 129 Fireside St. Exciting Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more. For kids in pre-K through 6th grade. Come and bring your friends. For more information, call Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflitttlekids@gmail.com.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., 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.

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 to learn how to join.

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

19th Hole Concerts Presents San Juan Mountain Boys. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A community event that showcases an Archuleta County nonprofit and a local music talent. The cover charge is a \$10 donation. Patrons can purchase a five-punch pass online for \$50 throughout the month of June. Visit <https://www.swcommunityfoundation.org/19th-hole-online-tix/> to learn more about this option.

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.

Friends of the Library Book Sale Member Preview. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall, Lewis Street. You'll find lots more books to buy at great bargain prices. Memberships will be available at the door. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Night Rodeo. 6:30 p.m. preshow, 7 p.m. rodeo. Western Heritage Event Center Rodeo Grounds. Tickets available at the gate. For entries and information, call (719) 480-3189.

Friday, June 24

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. For more information, email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

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Pickleball. 9-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A docent is available for a guided walk of the Chartres-designed labyrinth. The labyrinth is available dawn to dusk behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

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

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.

Interactive 'Finding Nemo.' 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. We'll watch "Finding Nemo" while singing, moving and playing along with the screen. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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- There are over 20 active ranches in the area, including cattle, sheep, and goats.
- The district also has hundreds of small farms and ranches starting at 35 acres up to several hundred acres, that produce or support the production of agricultural products.
- The area runs thousands of cattle and yields several million dollars in agricultural business each year.

If you haven't thought about it this way before, consider now that a big part of the reason you chose to make your home in Archuleta County is because of its surrounding wide-open spaces, lush green pastures, its western heritage and its ranching community.

I represent and respect this way of life, I care deeply about it, and I have a firsthand understanding of their specific needs and challenges - Why? Because I am one of them.

Starting in 1995 my wife and I spent a large portion of our time working on my in-law's cattle ranch in Chromo. Making Archuleta County our home in 2005. We live on a 5th generation agricultural property and my wife, and I have volunteered for several non-profits locally over the last 20 years and worked to keep our western heritage alive. I started out in Masonry and operated my own business before transitioning to Law Enforcement where I served Archuleta County citizens for 12 years. I am a part time Colorado Brand Inspector and have deep roots as well as relationships in all facets of the agricultural operations in Archuleta County.

I am the only Commissioner running for this District that has this necessary expertise, experience, background, and understanding.

Elect a Commissioner for this District that has a heart, a passion, and a true understanding of what this District represents to our wider community and County.



Photo courtesy National Park Service

Kayakers launching and retrieving from Antelope Point Public Launch Ramp Lake Powell, near Page, Ariz., in June 2021.

The Colorado River Compact hasn't aged well

By George Sibley
PREVIEW Columnist

The Colorado River Compact turns 100 this year, but any celebration is damped down by the drying up of the big reservoirs it enabled.

The Bureau of Reclamation's "first-ever" shortage declaration on the river acknowledges officially what we've known for years: The compact and all the measures augmenting it, collectively known as the Law of the River, have not prevented the river's over-development.

Nearly every pronouncement from the water establishment about the centennial of the Colorado River Compact calls it the "foundation," "the cornerstone" of the Law of the River — as though before the Compact was adopted, the river was lawless.

It wasn't. The real foundation of the Law of the River is the appropriation doctrine that all seven river basin states embraced from their start, an evolving body of common law foundational to all water development in the arid American West.

There is much to appreciate in the appropriation doctrine. It allows water to be claimed only by those who are actually putting it to beneficial use, thus precluding speculation. It protects existing downstream users from having

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their supply dried up by new upstream users. It has shown flexibility in incorporating new uses.

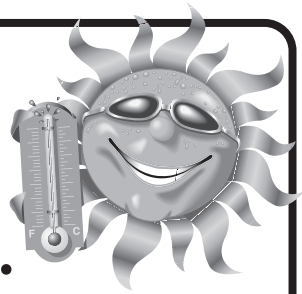
But the appropriation doctrine also evolved as a powerful engine for growth. Its "first in time, first in right" promise of perpetual secure use rewards those who get to the water first.

Judicial decisions then increased its potential for spurring growth. The abstract "right to use water" came to be a property right that could be bought and sold like an automobile, and water whose use was so purchased could then be moved anywhere — along with its seniority. This enabled cities and other large entities with concentrated economic power to buy and move water far from its origin, including water they were not yet ready to use, which clashed with the appropriation doctrine's anti-speculation intent.

The Colorado River Compact commission came together 100 years ago to impose some control

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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 cliff swallow.

Nesting strategy ranges among bird species, from pairs defending a large nesting territory to nesting in colonies of one or more species. Cliff swallows are among the most highly social of all land birds and typically nest in large colonies where nests may touch each other. A Nebraska cliff swallow study spanning more than 40 years has contributed to the understanding of the costs and benefits of coloniality.

Cliff swallows have a dark back and tail, chestnut-colored throat and a pale-colored forehead. Their short, squared off tails help to distinguish them in flight from barn swallows with long, forked tails.

Arriving on their breeding grounds, a pair first chooses a colony to join. They may take over an existing nest or find a vacant space to construct a new one. Using bills to carry mud and form it into balls, they may need to transport between 900 and 1,200 pellets to construct a gourd-shaped nest on a vertical wall with a horizontal overhang. At completion, an adult will sit in the nest entrance and lunge at intruders to hold onto ownership.

Females may lay eggs in each others' nests and will even carry one of their own eggs in the bill and deposit it in another nest. Colony nesting has been shown to impart an advantage in feeding success. If a feeding parent has been unsuccessful in locating food, it may follow a successful neighbor back to the source it has located. Feeding and preening in groups increases protection against predators.

Originally a western bird, the availability of new nesting sites provided by the construction of bridges, culverts and buildings allowed its range to spread eastward. Cliff swallows now breed across most of North America, traveling as far as southern South America for the winter. Federal protection makes it illegal to harm or interfere with nests during breeding season.

For information on events visit, www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.

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■ continued from previous page on that growth engine. The seven basin states had finally acknowledged that they would have to honor each other's prior appropriations, and they knew that could precipitate a chaotic seven-state horse race, with each state trying to appropriate as much water as possible as quickly as possible.

Their initial strategy was to prevent that by determining what each state could "equitably" use. That failed because the cumulative sum of what they each believed they deserved added up to considerably more than the river's average flow.

Finally, they just divided the seven-state horse race into three-state and four-state horse races, details to be worked out later, and that became the essence of the compact. It wasn't quite what they had set out to do, but it satisfied

the federal government enough to allow Reclamation's eager beavers to begin developing the river's main stem.

The compact and subsequent laws, agreements, contracts and other measures we know as the Law of the River impose public priorities on the Upper and Lower basins, limit water for California, designate water for Mexico, add recreation as a beneficial use, incorporate environmental restrictions, limit California again, construct shell games with reservoirs, et cetera.

But a good question for evaluating the compact and the Law of the River today is this: Would the situation on the Colorado River today have been any worse, or different, had there been no Colorado River Compact and its augmenting "Law

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VA secretary issues statement on PACT Act

By Raymond Taylor
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Denis McDonough statement on PACT Act:

“President Biden has stated we have a sacred obligation to support veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors. As part of his first State of the Union address, he identified supporting veterans as a key pillar of his Unity Agenda and an issue that can unite the country. The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act makes good on that promise.

“In my recent press conference, I spoke in detail about the Department of Veterans Affairs’ strong support of the PACT Act because the bipartisan bill will help us advance one of the department’s top priorities: getting more veterans into VA care. President Biden has also been clear about his commitment to getting more VA health care to veterans impacted by toxic exposures, which is why we need Congress to send the PACT Act to his desk.

“Study after study demonstrates veterans in VA care do better — and

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Raymond Taylor



this legislation could bring up to 3.5 million more veterans into our care. The PACT Act would be one of the largest substantive health and benefit expansions in VA’s history, comparable in scale and impact to the Agent Orange Act. It would codify many of the ongoing efforts by the department to improve its process for establishment of presumptions of service connection due to toxic exposure, reducing the burden for veterans and increasing transparency.

“We support the expansion of access to VA health care in the PACT Act and will work to ensure that the expansion of eligibility for health care does not result in the delay or disruption of care for those veterans already receiving health care from VA.

“I want to personally thank Senators Jon Tester (D-MT) and Jerry Moran (R-KS) for beginning to address the operational impact on VA by investing heavily in VA claims processing, VA’s workforce and VA health care facilities. These investments and more are necessary for us to deliver the timely, quality services, benefits and care our veterans deserve.”

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.

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. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran 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.

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

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

- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.

- VA Health Care Emergency Notification: (844) 724-7842.

The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online or text 838255.

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Given that the desert empire watered by the Colorado River continues to grow virtually unchecked, with 50 to 80 percent more growth anticipated by mid-century, even as the water supply shrinks 4 to 5 percent for every degree of temperature increase, it may be time to stop trying to construct control systems around the growth engine and look into the engine itself.

This is, of course, something no one wants to touch. But what else can be done when an appropriation doctrine has nothing left to appropriate and the growth it enables has become dollar-driven and spiraling out of control?

George Sibley is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively discussion about Western issues. He writes extensively about the Colorado River. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of *The SUN*.

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DIYs feature master herbalist for adults and sea creature art for teens

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Join us next Tuesday, June 21, from 5 to 6 p.m. for a special adult DIY event when master herbalist Shalina Luna will show you how to make common household cleaners without using harsh chemicals.

Luna has 15 years of experience teaching and using these techniques. She strives to provide up-to-date education and resources for a more sustainable lifestyle.

Fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to a free in-person teen DIY session next Wednesday, June 22, from 4 to 5 p.m. when you'll make some fun sea creatures and add to our coral reef display.

Library closure

Your library will be closed on Monday, June 20, for the Juneteenth holiday, which is now a Colorado and federal holiday.

Also known as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day and Black Independence Day, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and celebrates Black culture. It has been celebrated annually in various parts of the United States since 1865. The day was recognized as a federal holiday in June 2021 and a Colorado holiday in May 2022.

Summer Reading Program underway

If you haven't already done so, we hope you will sign up now at your library or register online for this year's Summer Reading Program, which began June 6 with the theme "Oceans of Possibilities."

Pick up a bingo card because participants get a small prize every time you complete a bingo sheet.

The Summer Reading Program includes activities for all ages that are fun, free and educational. And, it encourages learning and new opportunities for everyone from toddlers to seniors.

Watch for details of special Summer Reading events in this and future "Library News" columns all summer. And, pick up a copy of the events calendar each month at your library to be sure you and your family don't miss any of the fun. There are three versions — children, teens and adults.

Save the date for book sale

This year's Friends of the Library book sale will open on Thursday evening, June 23, at 6 p.m. for members (memberships are available at the door), and then open to the public on Friday and Saturday, June 24-25.

It will be in a new location — in the Fellowship Hall at the Community United Methodist Church downtown. It's a new time of year, as well, moving to June to avoid the month of August which is so busy

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with community events, including the Archuleta County Fair.

You'll find lots more than books to buy at great bargain prices — there are audio books, DVDs, puzzles and games, as well.

While you enjoy these treats, you'll be contributing to the health of your library. Last year, the Friends' book sale raised more than \$2,000.

The Friends always need help sorting, boxing and preparing for the sale. Year-round, our volunteers go to the library to sort through donations to find the ones appropriate for the annual sale.

If you would like to volunteer with the Friends, please contact Wennona Brown at wennona@centurylink.net.

We hope you'll put the Friends' book sale dates on your calendar for a fun summer outing.

Interactive 'Finding Nemo'

Save the date of next Friday,

June 24, from 4 to 6 p.m., when we'll watch the "Finding Nemo" movie while singing, moving and playing along with the screen.

Summer Reading Club for kids today

Join our Summer Reading Club for kids in kindergarten through the fifth grade today, Thursday, June 16, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., when we'll explore the world of ships and sailors and you can build a boat of your own. Next week's club on June 23 will focus on ocean animals.

Virtual teen advisory board today

Today, Thursday, June 16, the teen advisory board will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. on GoogleMeet. Fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jav-wcht-szx>.

Looking for a Dungeons and Dragons group?

Those ages 10 and up are invited to the library tomorrow, Friday, June 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. to meet other Dungeons and Dragons players and dungeon masters. We'll

play mini-games, hang out and talk about role-playing games.

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Fridays, June 17 and 24, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Makerspace Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to noon when we'll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

Teen writers next Tuesday

Teen writers from fourth through 12th grade are invited to your library on Tuesday, June 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome.

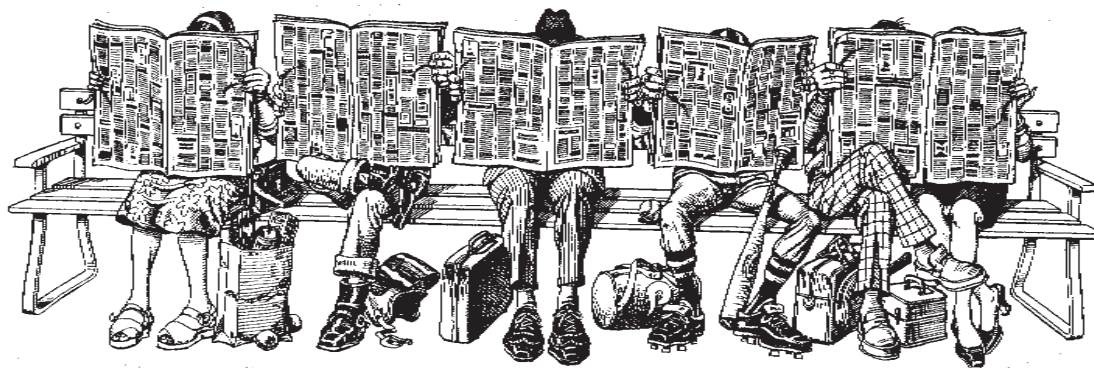
Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted June 13 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

StoryWalk in new location

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Special family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free in-person children’s stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

Special guest Lori Lucero will teach us about some super cool animals on June 22.

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons

Join us next Thursday, June 23,

from 3 to 5 p.m. for our ongoing virtual Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Brad will

help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) sessions take place on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m., when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No registration is required.

Library hours

Most of our programs are happening in person and curbside service continues. Also, our hours are back to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

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Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — children, teens and adults.

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Local author

"Hats: A Bible Study Handbook" by Andrea Downing and Lynn Moffett is a guide to help you find your purpose in life. "A Book of Remembrance" compiled by Moffett is a collection of everyday miracles that changed lives and our concept of God. "Lawless Revealed" and "Rule of Tolerance," also by Moffett, are part of her Incursion series. She is a member of the Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.

How-to and self-help

"Liver Cure" by Dr. Russell L.

Blaylock provides information to ensure optimal liver function to help keep you healthy and strong. "Bittersweet" by Susan Cain explores why we experience sorrow and longing, and how to embrace bittersweetness. "Things That Matter" by Joshua Becker helps you identify obstacles to focusing on what matters most.

Other nonfiction

"Finding Me" by Viola Davis is a memoir about the life and hard work this Academy Award-winning actress put in to build her career. "Burn the Page" by Danica Roem explains in revealing, humorous prose how the nation's first transgender state legislator worked to rewrite her future.

Mysteries and thrillers

"The Lamplighters" by Emma Stonex explores the mysterious disappearance of three lighthouse keepers. "When She Dreams" by Amanda Quick is set in a glamorous seaside playground in California. "Breathless" by Amy McCulloch features murders of climbers on the eighth highest peak in the world. "The Hacienda" by Isabel Canas is a supernatural suspense story set in Mexico.

Other novels

"When Women Were Dragons" by Kelly Barnhill is a feminist historical fantasy set in 1950s America.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Big name in chocolates
- 5 Agrees (with)
- 10 Canned lunch meat
- 14 Shoestring
- 15 Eucalyptus eater
- 16 ___ of voice
- 17 Unintentional
- 19 Barrel of laughs
- 20 Disinfectant chemical
- 21 Amazon snake
- 23 More modern
- 25 Fireplace shelf
- 26 Envelope abbr.
- 28 Kind of stone
- 31 Sideshow performer
- 33 Outdoor shelters
- 37 Similar (to)
- 38 Engine unit
- 40 Fix in place
- 41 Happen again
- 43 Monastery dining hall
- 45 Soften by soaking
- 47 Shepard of "Parenthood"
- 48 Bygone money of Spain
- 51 Type of club or goat
- 53 "The Hunger Games" actress
- 56 Ascends
- 59 ___ Minor
- 60 What a priest hears
- 62 Dry run
- 63 Finish with
- 64 Sandwich fish
- 65 Threat ending
- 66 Roll back to zero
- 67 Urban haze

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- 1 Blow from Moe
- 2 To ___ his own
- 3 Quirky
- 4 English Channel feeder
- 5 Beyond gaunt
- 6 Electrified particle
- 7 Facts and figures
- 8 "Lean" anagram
- 9 Deli offering
- 10 Most muscular, maybe
- 11 Sharp end
- 12 Positive pole
- 13 Rock genre
- 18 Use a divining rod
- 22 Pessimist's word
- 24 Quit for good
- 26 Many miles away
- 27 Peak sighter Zebulon
- 29 One of the Monkees
- 30 Modular home
- 32 List
- 34 Type of magnet
- 35 Fictional plantation
- 36 "Come Sail Away" band

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- 61 Adversary

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Solve the code to discover words related to thyroid health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = E)

- A. 2 3 20 19
Clue: Below the head
- B. 9 7 13 2 21
Clue: Secreting organ
- C. 12 15 6 5 15 2 3 17
Clue: Substances in tissues and blood
- D. 6 3 9 25 7 13 24 3
Clue: Control or maintain

Answers: A. neck B. gland C. hormones D. regulate

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Be careful of wording

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

My 3-year-old daughter brought me her toy. “Daddy, you fix for me?” It was a little wooden duck and just needed a little glue. I got some glue, put it on the broken joint, and pushed the two pieces together. I must have put on too much glue because some dripped down my hand. My little daughter stood close by, watching me. I wanted to hold it steady while the glue was setting, so I turned to her.

“Sweetheart, could you go ask Mommy for a damp cloth for me?”

“A what?” she asked.

“A damp cloth.”

She hurried off to her mother, who was in the kitchen. It wasn’t long before I heard my wife exclaim in dismay. “Your father asked you to get what?”

Suddenly, I realized how what I said might come out of the mouth of a 3-year-old.

“I said damp-p-p-p-p cloth!” I called out. “There was a p on the end of that.”

I’ve learned that a person must be careful what they say to a child. Even if the child says it right, it often sounds different coming

from them.

A good example of this was the first time we took our youngest children to the ocean. Our older ones had been there before when we visited their grandparents in California. As we prepared for another trip down there, the older children told the little ones about their first visit to the ocean. They talked about picking up shells, wading in the waves and feeling the sand between their toes. They had the little ones so excited that’s all they could talk about.

We had a pleasant visit with their grandparents, but all the smaller children could think about was getting to the ocean. My son, Scott, was especially excited. He kept asking, “So, when are we going to the beach?”

The day finally arrived. As we drove through the city traffic, my oldest daughter got them more excited.

“And there’s water as far as you can see. And when the sun sets, it’s like a whole trail of diamonds.”

The younger children started pestering me. “Are we almost there yet?” Scott was especially vocal.

To distract them, I told them to keep a watch and try to be the first

to see it. Finally, we went through a short tunnel, and there was the ocean. It wasn’t a very big beach, probably no more than 50 yards long, but it was a beach, nonetheless. The younger children started

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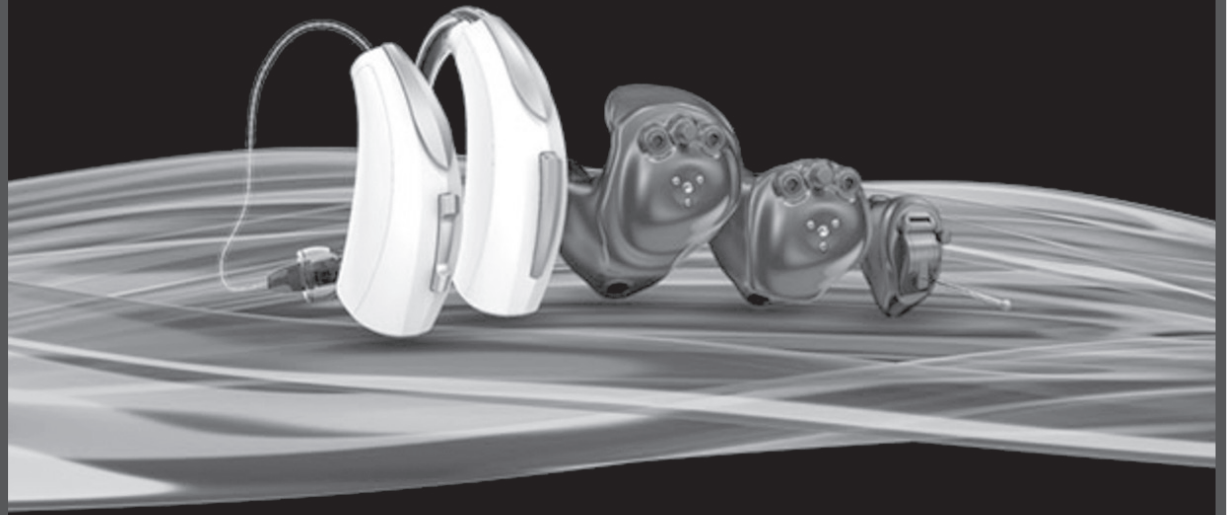
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Local food hero: Kim Barnes

By **Rose Chavez**
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Healthy Archuleta, a local non-profit in Archuleta County also known as the FSFE — Food Coalition, continues to celebrate the local food heroes that make up the food system in Archuleta County and the surrounding southwest region.

These individuals uniquely contribute to the community's vision for a sustainable, health-promoting and equitable local food system so that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious foods.

The effort to capture the profiles of these integral community members was initiated as part of the Archuleta Food System Summit that took place April 9.

Today, we would like to feature Kim Barnes, of Archuleta County, who shared this narrative with us:

"I grow just about every vegetable that my family eats, as well as culinary and medicinal herbs, an abundance of flowers and fruit trees. The garden occupies a quarter acre, which is fully fenced to keep the deer and elk out. I have

20 raised beds which are 4 by 12 feet, and we will be building a 20 by 40 greenhouse this year, with an additional nine beds. I dedicate a good deal of space to storage crops so that we can eat from the garden year round, but I still grow far more food than we can eat ourselves. During the growing season, I share with friends and vacation rental guests, and I donate quite a bit of produce to the food pantries.

"I've been growing food for almost 20 years. During college, I took a year off and traveled to South America, where I volunteered on organic farms. At that time, when I was trying to figure out what I wanted to do with my life, the experience of growing food was a revelation. It was physical, practical, gratifying, and it felt revolutionary to me, having grown up in a way where I was wholly disconnected from the source of my nutrition. Food is fundamental to each and every human life and food production touches so many important issues — health environment, social equality, community resilience. When I returned to school, I jumped on board with

a student-run garden project and after graduation, I did my first apprenticeship on an organic farm with a Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, where people invest in a local farm and receive a share of the farm's produce. I continued to work and learn on a variety of farms and started a couple different market gardens on my own over the years. Most recently, I coordinated a network of community gardens where folks worked together on mini farms to feed themselves and provide fresh produce to their local food pantries.

"I believe that everyone should have access to fresh, healthy food. And I believe that if everyone participated, even just a little bit, in growing the food they eat, our world would be a better place. So my biggest mission in this life is to help as many people as possible to find a way to get their hands in the soil. While I loved the CSA model, it still felt transactional, and I felt that it didn't go far enough in reconnecting people to the source of their food. For the time being, I am not trying to make a living from growing food, so I am free to envision something different. I want to create a place where children grow

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"Daddy," Scott said, "it's the beach. We need to stop."

I answered him teasingly. "That's so small it's just a son of a beach. Perhaps we should go to a big one."

My wife, Donna, smacked my shoulder. "You shouldn't say those things to the kids. You never know what they'll say."

I had in mind to go to a bigger beach, but the excitement in our rented motor home grew to the point I had to stop. The older children ran for the beach while Donna and I gathered up the smallest children, along with a myriad of beach towels, diaper bags and other things we would need. We then hurried after them.

The children played there for

hours. We never did go to a bigger beach. They were contented just to be on the ocean. We watched the sun set, then finally went back to the motor home. We went to beaches many more times on our vacation, but the little children relished that first visit the most.

After we got home from our vacation, we went to church. An older gentleman asked Scott what his favorite part of the vacation was.

Scott got excited as he answered. "My favorite part was visiting the son of a beach."

The man's eyes grew wide with shock. And as I tried to explain, Donna smacked my shoulder again. "I told you that you shouldn't say things like that to the children."

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Forged in the family cauldron

Hooked! Hooked from the beginning. “This is Us,” NBC’s hit drama, aired its last episode. Iron heated, characters formed and the Pearson family came to life. They were hammered into hooks as we grew to know and love them and their story on Tuesday nights.

From the start, Dan Fogelman, the show’s creator, masterfully maneuvered a host of characters through 40 years of emotional drama to a satisfying end. With clever writing, he spanned a life time, switching from the hospital maternity scene to the grown-up-threesome years to the final funeral scene and back to their teenage years again. It worked because the writer knew the end of the story at the beginning.

As the show wrapped up its sixth season, we watched four different actors play each character. They transformed into each stage of life. As their personalities developed, they never acted “out of character.” The family knew Randall would cry at the end. He did.

Randall would always be Randall. He suffered from depression, he overthought and cried easily. He became successful and who he was meant to be in a family different from himself. Kevin messed up in life because of his addiction to alcohol. He fought with himself and finally won peace and contentment. Insecure Kate felt rejected, struggled with her weight, finally proved her worth to move on.

We knew exactly how the Pearson family would act, react and how they would solve the dilem-

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



mas they faced. Each episode was built around the family’s support, love and their influence on each other.

At the end of the series, I said to my Sweet Al, “There is a spiritual takeaway here. Each member finally resolved who they were and their place in that family and it was OK. They were OK.”

Al will always be Sweet Al. I know him better than he does himself. From a young, energetic, high-power salesman to a family man and now to a cute little old man, to us, Al is not 84, he is Sweet Al. We’ve all changed, but have never broken character.

Our family has had its ups and downs as we’ve been forged together in the same hot cauldron. The silver has risen to the top and the guck is still falling to the bottom. All these years, we are beginning to experience the pure metal and our worth.

How did this happen as we lived our lives not sure what the ending would look like? It’s because we are in the Master’s hands. He knew us before we were born and how he made us. He has a purpose for each one of us in this family. We were designed in the beginning to arrive in this place. God knew all along

how we would turn out.

Fogelman said, “The show worked because it’s an ending that’s been in the works for about four years. We first started filming the bulk of the scenes, which largely moved between a time when the program’s lead charac-

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Fresh Air and the Human Body

- The lungs take in nearly 400 million liters of air in a lifetime
- 90% of our lives today are spent indoors
- Each day we breathe about 20,000 times

The body needs to breathe to provide fuel to the cells so that they can burn the fuel, namely glucose. People spend significant time indoors, breathing unhealthy CO₂: the work space, home, car, and in some cases, the gym, where there is heavy breathing by others. This is all stale, recycled air.

Also, when exercising, the body burns more fuel, creating more waste from the cells and thus needs to get rid of that CO₂ waste more quickly. This is the reason the body and lungs begin to breathe more quickly and the heart begins pumping faster.

What Happens with a lack of Fresh Air?

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Food

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Five ways to help reduce risk of cognitive decline

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer's Association

During Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in June, the Alzheimer's Association is encouraging all Americans to adopt healthy lifestyle behaviors that may help reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

There are currently more than 6.5 million Americans age 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease, including 76,000 Coloradans.

Age is the greatest risk factor for Alzheimer's disease. In fact, one in three seniors age 85 and older will have Alzheimer's disease. While some brain changes are inevitable as we age, there is a growing body of research to suggest having the necessary resources to adopt and maintain healthy lifestyle behaviors, including healthy eating, exercising regularly, not smoking and staying cognitively engaged may help us age healthier and help reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

"Understanding strategies to reduce risk of cognitive decline is a robust area of research currently," said Heather M. Snyder, Ph.D., vice president, Medical and Scientific Relations, Alzheimer's Association. "Researchers are working to de-

termine what may be the optimal lifestyle interventions to reduce cognitive decline, but there are steps we can take now to possibly help reduce the risk of cognitive decline as we age."

During Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, the Alzheimer's Association offers five tips that may help reduce the risk of cognitive decline:

- Keep your heart healthy. Studies have consistently produced strong evidence that a healthier heart is connected to a healthier brain. One recent study shows that aggressively treating high blood pressure can help reduce the development of mild cognitive impairment.

- Exercise regularly. Regular cardiovascular exercise helps increase blood flow to the body and brain, and there is strong evidence that regular physical activity is linked to better memory and thinking.

- Maintain a heart-healthy diet. Evidence suggests a healthful diet is linked to better cognitive functioning and may reduce the risk of heart disease as well. Stick to a meal schedule full of fruits and vegetables and low in saturated fats. The MIND diet — a hybrid of the DASH diet (Dietary

Approaches to Stop Hypertension) and the Mediterranean diet — is a brain-healthy diet that emphasizes whole grains, green leafy vegetables, poultry, fish and berries.

- Get proper sleep. Maintaining a regular, uninterrupted sleep pattern benefits physical and psychological health, and helps clear waste from the brain. Adults should get at least seven hours of sleep each night and try to keep a routine bedtime.

- Stay socially and mentally active. Meaningful social engagement may support cognitive health, so stay connected with friends and family. Engage your mind by doing activities that are challenging to you such as learning a new language or musical instrument.

"Incorporating these strategies becomes especially important as we age," Snyder said. "Research suggests that these lifestyle interventions in combination may have the greatest benefit and are good to consider at any age, but even if you begin with one or two, you're moving in the right direction."

To learn more about Alzheimer's and other dementia, visit alz.org or call the association's free 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.



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How to prepare for drought in advance

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Drought is becoming a more frequent problem. According to NASA, the last 20 years have produced some of the driest conditions in the American West on record.

When drought occurs, it is now more severe and pervasive than it once was, which underscores the importance of planning for drought before it occurs.

Government efforts to combat climate change, which NASA in-

dicates is behind the increase in drought over the last two decades, might produce large-scale change needed to protect against drought.

But, there are also steps private homeowners can take to prepare for drought before it occurs.

- Check your well pump regularly. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) urges homeowners who have a well pump on their properties to check them regularly for leaks. If the pump turns on and off while water is not being used, it has a leak. Ad-

ressing the leak promptly helps to conserve water, which is one of the most effective means to combating drought.

- Plant native species. The U.S. Forest Service notes that native plants are adapted to the local

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Lane

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ters were teens, enjoying a lazy Saturday with their parents, to the funeral of the show's matriarch, Rebecca Pearson.

"Half to two-thirds of the finale was filmed three or four years ago when I wanted to capture the actors playing younger versions of the Pearson clan before they matured, unaware of the importance of the scenes they were filming."

The story resonated in me how God wired us, breathed life into us and engraved his name on us. In our family's cauldron, from generation to generation, we have been welded into God's story. We were unaware of the importance of each stage of life we've lived. The scenes were shot in the mind of the Master Creator before we became a reality.

Fogelman said, "When you've worked on a television series that has lasted this many years, it's a giant chunk of your life. It's not just six seasons, it's probably eight calendar years — maybe even nine — since I first put pen to paper and wrote the pilot episode. I wish I had appreciated it all more while it was happening."

Final brushstroke: Each of us has been forged into his image, into a season of time, purposed for an eternity. Not until we come to the final episode will we say, like Fogelman, "I wish I had appreciated it all more while it was happening." But I was too busy trying to figure it out when the Master designer/artist had it figured out in the beginning.

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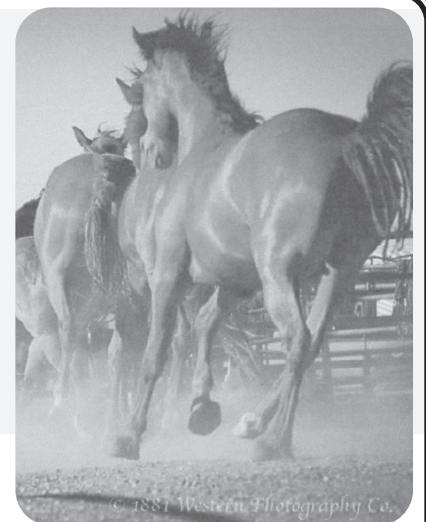
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Six ways to make your garden more successful

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Homeowners enjoy gardening for many different reasons. In addition to adding beauty to a property, gardens can offset grocery costs by yielding tasty produce. They also offer important habitats and food sources for both insects and animals.

While growing a vegetable or flower garden can turn into a rewarding hobby, or even a passion, gardening also can be overwhelming — particularly when the results are less than stellar. Novice gardeners have scores of resources at their disposal, including the advice of gardeners who have made mistakes and learned from them.

The following guidance can make home gardens that much more successful.

1. Start small.

You may have visions of an expansive garden growing rows of crops or acres of flowers. But, it is smart to start small and build on what you find successful, which includes plants that thrive in your lawn and garden.

This also is beneficial if you are unsure of vegetable yields. Several blooming plants producing bushels of crops can be overwhelming, especially if you can't get to harvesting or cooking them in a timely

fashion.

2. Assess the soil.

Plants need nutrient-rich soil to encourage extensive root systems and produce strong, hardy plants, according to the gardening resource GrowVeg. Nourish soil with organic matter, such as manure, compost, shredded leaves, and natural mulch. Add this organic matter in the off-season to give it enough time to be incorporated into the ground before spring. You can have your soil tested for pH and other characteristics that make it friendly or averse to plants at a local garden center.

3. Arm yourself with knowledge.

Do you know how deeply to plant seeds and how far apart to space plants? Are you aware of the sunlight needs of certain flowers or plants? If not, read the packaging and do your research so your plants have the best chance of not only sprouting, but also surviving. Many people prefer to start seedlings indoors in late winter and then transfer those plants outdoors when they are stronger and more established.

4. Sit in your yard and observe.

Watch the way the sunlight dances over areas of your landscape. Take note of which areas get the most sun and shade. This will help you plan what to plant and

where to plant it. Vegetable gardens tend to need ample sunlight to bear pick-worthy produce. You can give plants a leg up by growing them in optimal conditions.

5. Choose hardy varieties.

Certain plants have been bred to thrive in your climate, including heat-tolerant plants for climates with sweltering summer sun. Consult with a local gardening center to figure out which plant zone you are in and which plants will do best within that zone.

6. Use rainwater.

Rainwater contains fewer contaminants and additives than tap water, which can benefit garden plants. Collect rainwater in rain barrels and use irrigation systems to deliver it to the garden.

Home gardens can yield many gifts, from flowers to fruit. Beginners can utilize some time-tested strategies to increase their chances of planting a successful garden.

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Drought

■ **continued from previous page** climate and soil conditions. That means they will require less water and will be hardy enough to withstand heat waves in areas where especially high summer temperatures are the norm.

• Raise the blades on your lawn mower. The DHS notes that lawn mower blades raised to at least 3 inches encourage grass roots to grow deeper and hold soil moisture. That can help lawns survive drought without much intervention, including extra water during times when water restrictions are in place.

• Reseed lawns with drought in mind. When reseeding a lawn, consider the potential for drought. The DHS recommends individuals in areas affected or likely to be affected by drought plant drought-resistant grasses, which include Bermuda and Zoysia grass, can withstand prolonged periods without water. However, before reseeding, consult a local lawn and garden professional to ensure the grass will thrive in your area.

• Devise a wise watering strat-

egy. Come late spring, devise a watering strategy to take you through the dog days of summer. Water-efficient irrigation systems can protect flowers, plants and shrubs during prolonged periods marked by little to no precipitation. In addition, less water will be lost to evaporation when watering during early morning or evening hours when temperatures tend to be less extreme and the sun is not as high. If possible, hand water during these times of day or set irrigation system timers to do so.

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Fun ways to keep kids occupied over summer break

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Kids look forward to summer vacation every year. The last day of school gives way to less structured days when kids can spend more time outdoors and less time cracking the books.

Summer vacation can be a dilemma for parents, especially in households where both parents work full-time. A pandemic-related increase in remote working has made that problem somewhat more manageable, but even parents working from home must find fun ways for kids to stay occupied until the new school year begins.

No two kids are the same, so parents may need to try various activities on for size until they find something their children enjoy doing during the lazy days of summer.

• **Day camp:** Day camps provide much of the structure of school without all the homework or time spent indoors. Many parks and recreation departments run summer day camps for kids. Camps can be generalized or specialized. For example, some may offer an array of activities, including sports and nature walks, in a given day, while others may focus on a single

activity, like musical lessons or science-based programs. Camps run by local parks and recreation departments do not typically last all summer long, which parents should keep in mind when enrolling youngsters.

• **Reading:** Parents may be surprised by how much their children enjoy a good book.

A recent poll from the National Education Association found that 70 percent of middle school students read more than 10 books a year.

The National Literacy Trust reports that roughly 45 percent of children between the ages of 8 and 11 enjoy reading “very much.”

When suggesting to children that they read more this summer, parents can note the many ways that reading for pleasure differs from reading for school. Point out that kids won’t have to submit book reports and emphasize that they can choose their own books. Depending on children’s ages, introduce kids to a series like “Harry Potter,” which is a set of seven fantasy novels that has helped millions of young people across the globe discover and develop a fondness for reading. Weekly

visits to the library, where kids can pick from hundreds of books, can get youngsters even more excited about reading.

• **Play dates:** Play dates are a great way to make kids happy and take a little off of parents’ daily plates. Arrange routine summer play dates with children’s school friends, neighbors and/or cousins. Parents can alternate hosting responsibilities so they can get work done at home and enjoy a break when it’s not their turn to host.

• **Find something free:** Perhaps in recognition of the need for affordable, family-friendly fare, many communities now host free events for kids and their parents each week. Weekly movie nights under the stars and concerts in community squares are popular in many communities, but those same towns also may host events specifically for kids during the daytime. Local libraries can be great resources for free events as well.

Summer vacation is a relaxing time for youngsters. Parents who don’t want that relaxation to turn into boredom can look to various activities to occupy their children’s time until a new school year begins.

Explore these relaxing hobbies

Special to The PREVIEW

Stress is a part of many people’s daily lives. A recent survey from the American Psychological Association found that 44 percent of Americans feel their stress levels have increased over the past five years.

Children also are struggling, with almost a one-third reporting that they have experienced a health symptom associated with stress, such as stomach aches, trouble sleeping and headaches.

Calming activities that can tone down the body’s stress responses are great ways to alleviate stress. Summertime is an ideal time of the year to embrace relaxing activities because the hustle and bustle of everyday life tends to slow down during the summer, when kids are out of school and vacations are on the docket.

These hobbies and other interests can help tame stress by promoting calm.

• **Listen to and/or play music.** Music can be energizing or calming, depending on which music you choose. Researchers at Stanford University found that rhythmic music may have therapeutic effects for treating a range of neurological conditions as it stimulates the brain and can perhaps change

how it functions. Familiar melodies and gentle music can reduce the level of the stress hormone cortisol.

• **Gardening:** Gardening lets a person tend to living things while getting some fresh air. Both the sunlight and the activity itself can be soothing and have a positive effect on mood. A study from the Journal of Health Psychology found that gardening, like listening to music, lowers cortisol levels.

• **Grab a good book.** Taking the time to unwind and read can help ease tension in the muscles, lower one’s heart rate and induce calm. Research from the consultancy

Mindlab International at the University of Sussex found reading reduced stress levels by 68 percent.

• **Start painting or crafting.** Engaging in a creative hobby sharpens the mind and improves focus. You may also want to try focusing emotions onto the canvas to help release tension. A 2014 study published in the British Journal of Occupational Therapy found that 81.5 percent of respondents with depression reported feeling happy after knitting.

Many relaxing activities can tame stress, and these activities can be perfect for lazy summer days.



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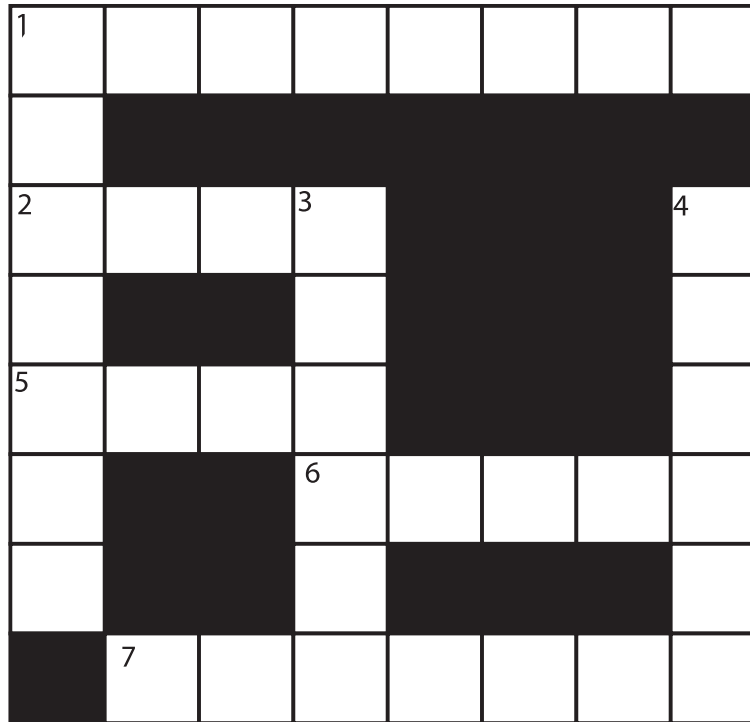
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5. Individual unit
6. Hot fluid in the Earth
7. Those who ride the waves

DOWN

1. Dangerous, dragging motion of the ocean
3. Warm season
4. Cover most of the Earth

Answers:
 Across
 1. Rainbows 2. Paws 5. Item 6. Magma
 Down
 1. Rip tide 3. Summer 4. Oceans 7. Surfers

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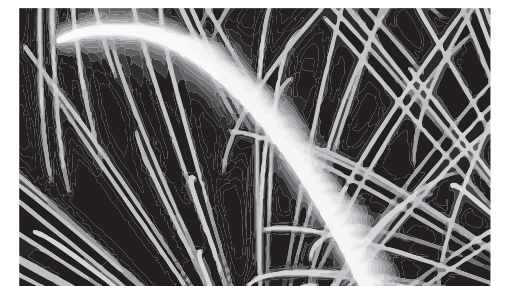
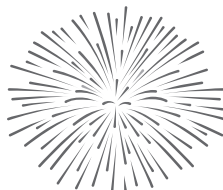
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Preschool Teacher 2 at Pagosa Springs

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Preschool Teacher 2: Full Time, 35 hours a week for 42 weeks, August to May.

This position serves in a classroom to provide an appropriate social and emotional environment to expand children's ability to learn, grow, and build trusting relationships. This role works in a classroom-based setting with typically and atypically developing children and provides daily supervision and support for children's developmental needs.

Salary: The hourly wage range is \$13.25 to \$18.90.

The minimum requirements for this position are;

- Must be 18 years of age and have a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent certificate
- Willing to obtain CDA within six months of hire. Tri-County Head Start will provide opportunities for training support to get a teacher's qualification, including CDA support and coaching.
- TCHS will offer financial support toward a BA or AA degree in Early Childhood Education.
- Previous experience working in early childhood with children ages birth through five years preferred.

Apply online at tchs4c.org/careers/

Durango 4C Council/Tri-County Head Start is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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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.

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.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE. 57 Willow Ct. Saturday, June 18. 8a.m. to 12p.m. Lots of kids, household and other miscellaneous items.

GARAGE SALE. Saturday, June 18, 8a.m.-2p.m. 282 Aspenglow Blvd., just off Piedra.

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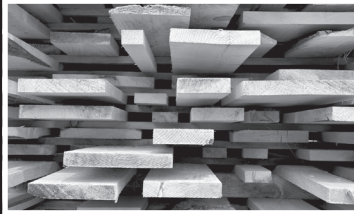
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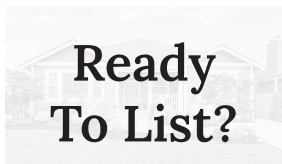
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