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Photo courtesy Beth Tollefsen

This swallowtail butterfly was recently spotted showing off its colors while drinking.

Complaint filed against town for short-term rental fee ordinance

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

Thirteen plaintiffs filed a complaint against the Town of Pagosa Springs that essentially questions the validity of recently enacted Ordinance 982, which outlines the implementation of the town's short-term rental (STR) fee.

The complaint asks that the court "enjoin the town from applying and enforcing the STR Amend-

ment and Ordinance 982."

The seven-page document outlines claims about the alleged invalidity of the ordinance and amendment, which was enacted by the town after a citizen-led petition put the fee on the ballot in the 2022 regular election and it passed by 11 votes.

The ballot question asked if the Town of Pagosa Springs Home

■ See Complaint A8

Low river flows trigger drought plan restrictions

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Low river flows in the San Juan river have triggered drought stage 1 for the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), according to a June 21 press release from District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Ramsey's press release continues that entering the drought stage requires a vote of the PAWSD Board of Directors, which is scheduled to come during a 4 p.m. special meeting on Wednesday, June 22.

In an interview with The SUN, Ramsey explained that drought stage determinations are based on

lake levels at Hatcher Lake, river flow in the San Juan River and the state drought stage, with the variables to weighted to give Hatcher the highest priority, followed by the river flows, followed by the state drought stage.

Ramsey commented that, while Hatcher is "still in good shape," the median river flow for June 21 is 929 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the flow for that day in 2022 was 250 cfs.

According to the PAWSD drought plan, drought stage 1 restricts irrigation to between 6

■ See Drought A8

County approves free recycling

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to eliminate county recycling fees at its June 21 meeting.

The alteration to the county fee schedule to make recycling free

was initially proposed as part of a broader set of landfill fee changes at the June 7 BoCC meeting. However, those fee changes were tabled at that meeting and County Manager Derek Woodman indicated at the June 21 meeting that the broader price

■ See Recycling A8

County sales tax revenue increases continue to slow

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Increases in sales tax revenue for Archuleta County continued to slow in April, according to a report released by Archuleta County Finance Director Louise Woods.

The slowing revenue growth matched the trend from February

and March, where revenues that were 9.4 percent higher than a year before in February dropped to 2.5 percent higher in March.

Woods notes in her report that the town and the county jointly received \$1,265,284.55 in sales tax revenue for the month of April, with

■ See Sales A8



Photo courtesy Steven Long

A group of Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-graders recently traveled to Washington, D.C.; Charlottesville, Va., and Williamsburg, Va., to learn about various people, monuments and events from American history. They are pictured here at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Ballots for June primary due back soon

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's active registered Democratic, Republican and unaffiliated voters have until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, to return their ballots to help determine who will appear in November's regular election.

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

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta reported that 1,977 ballots had been returned as of mid-morning Wednesday.

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

Voter Service and Polling Center information

The Archuleta County Election's Office, located at 449 San Juan St. (in the back of the courthouse) is serving 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 through June 27.

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

On Tuesday, June 28, it will be

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EDITORIAL

Local Senior Center needs our help

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center needs a new home.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is trying to raise \$100,000 by Aug. 1 in order to be considered for a second round of grant funding from Senate Bill 21-290.

The organization's first attempt at funding for a new home came back with the recommendation that ASI come to the table bringing monetary support from the community. That's why they need you to help sweeten the pot with your donation.

The grant proposal will be for \$2 million to purchase a facility, including the cost of renovations for a large dining room, food storage, offices, a large commercial kitchen and space for activities.

For many years, the Senior Center has been housed in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard. The center has outgrown this location.

The organization's leadership has their eyes set on a 7,000-square-foot building that will suit the organization for years to come. The location of that new building has not been made public due to the need for confidentiality until a real estate deal can be structured.

Demand for Senior Center services increased 250 percent from 2014 to 2022. ASI is requesting funding through Senate Bill 21-290 via the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging in order to purchase a building that will offer room for the organization to accommodate the growing needs of the community.

A 2021 letter of support from the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners reads, "A dedicated building for their programs is a significant and necessary investment in the Social Infrastructure of our community. While Archuleta County is a major long-term funder of ASI operations, there are no funding streams available for senior center infrastructure in the foreseeable future. ASI's request directly supports the need for sustainable services and will open up more options for senior-focused nutrition programming, intergenerational social activities, and education opportunities that meet the existing and evolving needs in our area."

A 2021 letter signed by then-Mayor Don Volger in support of the project reads in part: "On behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Pagosa Springs,

please consider this letter of support for Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI)'s request for capital funding under SB 21- 290. ASI has leased roughly 3,249 square feet of space in the northern wing of the Ross Aragon Community Center—the 'senior center'—for several years. Through the rented office space, gathering area, and commercial kitchen, ASI provides key services to older adults in the Pagosa Springs/Archuleta County community. They provide prepared meals and programming through the Center, which helps seniors to have nutritious food and positive, regular social interaction.

"Since 2017, ASI has been seeking a larger facility to accommodate the growing need for their services and to expand their programming. As you are likely aware, the Archuleta County demographics show a growing trend towards an aging population and having a facility that will meet those needs into the future is important for residents and visitors. The Town has no desire to change the current rental arrangement with ASI and will support them staying at the Community Center at their current highly subsidized rental rate for as long as they like. However, we understand their goal of having an independent facility that is larger and will meet their future needs. We are happy to support them in their quest for expanded and improved space to serve our community's seniors."

If you've ever stopped by for lunch at the Community Cafe in the Senior Center, you are in for real treat. The meals are delicious and the staff is friendly, kind and accommodating.

You can get fancier and healthier food from the Community Cafe than what we cook up at our house. This week's menu includes delicious, healthy dishes including shrimp scampi, pulled pork sandwiches, beef Salisbury steak, King Ranch chicken and minestrone soup with pimento cheese finger sandwich.

For as long we can remember, the Senior Center has been the place for seniors in Pagosa Country to connect and stay engaged. The social hub has offered numerous activities and services for adults "age 60 and better" in our community, including playing games and sharing stories after meals.

The only thing that has been lacking is enough space, which is why the organization is seeking a larger facility.

The National Council on Aging offered these key takeaways regarding senior centers:

• Recognized by the Older Americans Act (OAA) as a community focal point, senior centers have become one of the most widely used services among America's older adults.

• Senior centers serve as a gateway to the nation's aging network—connecting 1 million older adults to vital community services.

• 75% of participants visit their center 1 to 3 times per week. They spend an average of 3.3 hours per visit.

• Approximately 70% of senior center participants are women; half of them live alone.

• Compared with their peers, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction, and life satisfaction and lower levels of income.

• The average participant age is 75.

• Research shows that older adults who participate in senior center programs can learn to manage and delay the onset of chronic disease and experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, and economic well-being.

• Today's senior centers are reinventing themselves to meet the needs and desires of the aging baby boom generation. Boomers now constitute more than two-thirds of the 50+ population. Senior centers are developing new programs and opportunities for this dynamic generation of older adults."

Fingers crossed, we should know in mid-September if the funding request for a new facility is approved.

In a related matter, the Senior Center is also the hub for the local Meals on Wheels program. Meals are delivered five days a week, with frozen meals provided for weekends.

You can volunteer to deliver meals and make an impact for as little as one day a week. To volunteer, please call (970) 264-2167.

We commend ASI for its efforts in providing needed services and vital programs for our community's seniors, their families and caregivers.

Please consider donating. You may mail your donation to: P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors, Inc.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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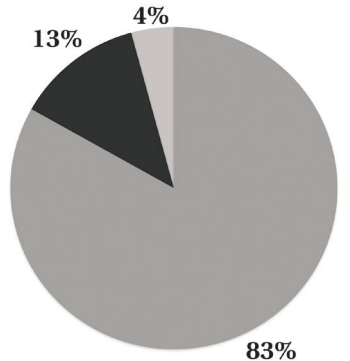
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WHADDYA THINK?

Do you plan on voting in the primary election?

Poll results (95 votes)
Yes. — 83 percent
No. — 13 percent
I don't know. — 4 percent



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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 23, 1922

Prof. J.A. Jeancon, curator of the state museum, Frank H.H. Roberts, of the Denver University faculty, and party of nine Denver University archaeological students, arrived Sunday evening by truck and Ford cars from Denver to resume the work begun last year of excavating what are known as the Chimney Rock ruins, located about 18 miles southwest of Pagosa Springs.

If you live in a community and allow it to protect you and your property, and then send your money out of the community, are you a citizen or a parasite?

A.T. Sullenberger has been critically ill at his Sunetha home the past week, but is somewhat improved at this writing. His family has been called to his bedside and a nurse, Miss Kate Conway of Durango, has been engaged.

Archuleta county is today unloading a ten-ton caterpillar tractor, received Saturday from the state and which will be put to work on the Yellowjacket hill road and later on the Arboles road.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 27, 1947

In one of the larger ranch transactions in the county recently, Mr. and Mrs. Dailey Hott sold their property to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Robinson of Fort Sumner, N.M. The Hott property has been in the family for 20 years, and was homesteaded by Jake and John Dowell. Mr. and Mrs. Hott will continue to operate it until December, disposing of their stock.

Tragedy was narrowly averted on the William F. Jackson ranch Tuesday morning when six-year-old Essie Marie plunged into an irrigation ditch to rescue her two-year-old brother from drowning. The tot, Tommy, fell into the ditch while playing. The girl clung tenaciously to her brother until she was able to grab a timber under the bridge and pull him from the chill water. He was given first aid in his home and recovered promptly from his dunking.

A fulltime Courtesy Patrolman, Harry Cable, has been assigned to this district and will make his home in Pagosa.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 22, 1972

A group of students from the University of Colorado has arrived and work has started on further study and exploration of the Indian ruins on Chimney Rock. This is the third summer that student groups have worked on the project and many interesting artifacts have been discovered. Work on stabilizing more ruins is scheduled to start in early July. The archaeological area is on the San Juan National Forest and is now expected to be open to the public in 1974.

Four hikers were rescued from the bottom of a canyon above Williams Creek Lake early Tuesday by Judd Cooney and Herb Browning of the Game and Fish Department. The hikers, all young people, strayed from the established trail, and over a 30 foot high waterfall in an effort to get further downstream, and found themselves trapped in a canyon with falls too steep to go up at the upper end and too high to go down at the lower end. They were rescued safely and none were injured and suffered on a very wet, very cold, and rather miserable night.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 26, 1997

This weekend's 1997 Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta will run from June 23 to June 29 and feature a variety of activities and events at different locations in the community — all celebrating the vital role of the Hispanic culture in the Pagosa Country. "Viva La Fiesta y que Siga La Musica" is the theme of the 1997 Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta, with musical entertainment forming the core of the annual celebration.

Fiesta royalty will reign throughout the festivities. The Fiesta Queen this year is Trista Gomez and her attendant is Natalie Ortega. The Fiesta Princess is Malory Godbold, and her attendant is Jessica Martinez, Fiesta Prince is Garret Gomez.

San Juan Basin Health Department officials announced this week that permit fees for individual sewage disposal systems installed in Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan County will increase after this month. "The increase will allow us to charge a fee to cover our costs, rather than using tax dollars to subsidize this program," said Lynn Westberg, San Juan Basin Health Department director.

Letters

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Unique town

I am fed up with what is happening in and around the town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

The town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County, it is no longer a unique small Mountain town "It Has Sold It's Soul". It is taking the way of many small places in this State of Colorado. It has become just another destination place for Transplants and all that goes with them.

People cannot leave the way of life that causes them to leave, they bring it with them, to an area like this and start the changing of the new area to what they left behind, by then the whole area has been destroyed, they move on to another place.

In the meantime there are many, many roads built and can't be maintained, causing more air pollution.

The Land Fill and Sewer systems are now raising their ugly heads, oh my what should we do, DAH That should have been thought about a long time ago. DAH!!! Next time think about not putting next to the river.

The wildlife have no migration routes left and are encroaching on the transplants thus losing their lives for no reason except trying to get through to be themselves.

So to the future transplants coming here have a good time, leave a load of money and move on.
LABaker

'Great Divide'

Ever worry about inflation, well did you know that the current 'Great Divide' in politics is actually the cause. Yep, that's right. Our dislike and bad mouthing of the other major political party is mirrored by the politicians we elect. Their total disfunction based on our anger has rendered Congress almost totally a snafu.

You know what that means, well let's make it easy...Congress has many responsibilities but one of their primary functions is to fight inflation w/programs and specific spending. So a incompetent stuck-in-the-mud Congress means the only institution to fight inflation is the Federal Reserve (Fed.); and all they can do is raise-lower their rate. OK, it helps...may-or-not work but sure isn't Congress.

You know that infrastructure bill stuck in the Senate, guess who it would help...you...us.

So, love to hate gets us all nowhere on inflation. What to do, probably the least wanted action... tell your Congressperson to get off their hate soap box and 'talk & work' w/the other side. Take the time to go to your guys local meetings and read them the right act for preferring to hate vs work.

...or the rate of inflation will keep going up.
Dave Blake

'Wonderful community'

Dear Editor:
Oh my gosh, what an amazing community this is. Over the weekend, we gathered at the Veterans Memorial Park to celebrate the passing of Trista Nauman. Celebrate? Yes! Not mourn, truly celebrate.

The Veterans Memorial Park has been in the throes of construction for the past month. We are undergoing a major project to finish the parking lot. Much of this work is because of Trista, she was our project manager and our driving force. But what happened on Saturday started with so many extraordinary people who came together because of their passion for the VMP.

A few weeks ago, a group of folks consisting of Josh Thompson, Buck Frisbee, Rick Walker, Joe King, Lynn Davis, and Lynn Weiland worked together to relocate a couple of trees in the park. We tried to pay them for their time, they wouldn't take it.

Upon arrival to the park Saturday morning, I burst into tears when we saw that Boyd Anderson and his crew had cleaned up the entire site and created a gravel path for all of us to get to the memorial meadow.

The San Juan Rangers were there to direct everyone into the parking area. Wayne Strauss, Larry Jelinek, Rob Hagberg, and Aion the pup kept everyone in line.

The American Legion Post 108 of Raymond Taylor, Buck Frisbee, Roy Vega, David Harper, Doug Roberts, Ken Rogers, Frank Matthews, Ted Eckerson, Donald Brenno, and Jim Huffman performed the military honors with the utmost of grace. They don't have to do this. They do it because of love, passion, valor, and their sense of duty.

The San Juan Squadron of Craig Taylor, Michael Arbutnot, Tim Gallagher, Skip Thomas, Mark Guenin, and Krissy Rubish flew over the park in the Missing Man formation. How incredible is this team that flies their planes to honor our veterans.

Mary Jo and her Chamber volunteers made the gathering afterwards effortless. Countless hours of volunteerism. How lucky we are. How blessed we are. How grateful we are to live in this wonderful community.

Sempre Avanti—Always Forward
Karin Daniels

'STRs did not create the problems'

I don't understand the sudden and vociferous opposition to STRs in both Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs. The main "industry" of the area is tourism. There are not sufficient or desirable accommodations in hotels and motels in the area to accommodate visitors, especially those coming for fairly extended stays. Is the goal of punishing STR's and ultimately reducing their numbers, to entice big developers to build resorts here? (News flash, they won't). Or the idea of building STRs in undeveloped areas of the county? (No one wants to be there. That's why they're undeveloped). STRs have been a valuable contributor to the economy of the area. Requiring local management and oversight? Sure. Being diligent about occupancy and reasonable behavior? Of course. Ultimately, to rely on STR punishment to solve the city and county housing issues is short-sighted and will ultimately backfire to the detriment if the community. I write this as a committed and cooperative STR owner who loves this community, has wonderful local management, and has made improvements to my property via local businesses. Folks who rent my home, some of whom stay for weeks at a time, shop in local

stores, eat in local restaurants, rent recreational equipment from local companies, and contribute to the local economy. When I stay, I do the same. STRs did not create the problems with affordable housing in the area, and they should not be relied on to solve them.

Cathlynn Groh
Santa Fe, N.M.

'Time to get growth under control'

Dear Editor:
First, I would like to thank Gordon Holmes for his letter about proposed development of our town in last week's June 16 Sun. It got me thinking about what it would be like to keep living here another 7 years as a full timer. If you have time please visit the well prepared and easy to use Pagosa town information site. Go to "mypagosa.org" and search the proposed developments topic. Look over all the 19 proposed developments and ask yourself is this direction you want your town to move in? Some are small and some are really large. Sure, we need workforce housing and more businesses mean more jobs, but if we essentially double the size of this great little town with explosive growth what will it be like? Good luck finding a vacant lot now without a For Sale sign. I for one moved here because of the location and the small town atmosphere. If all this development occurs how will the support services keep up as mentioned in Gordon's letter? How will we get up and down Put Hill? What will it cost to build another sewage plant and with dire predictions about water availability and a 30 year projected drought where will we get the water we need? Consider the long lines and crowds we will deal with. It would be nice to see the development process slow down so our citizens can evaluate it more carefully.

Please focus on the long term projections for our little town and contact your commissioners and planners with your opinion. Now is the time to get growth under control. Thanks

Bob LeCour

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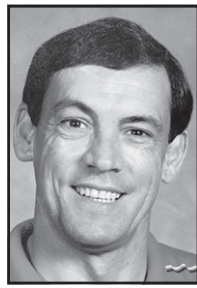
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Obituary

Larry Cortez Glover Jr.

Larry Cortez Glover Jr., passed away on April 23 at his home in Walker at the age of 84.

He was born in Denham Springs on Dec. 28, 1937. Larry started school at Denham Springs Elementary and discovered the game of basketball in the third grade. As an eighth-grader, he played on the DSHS varsity team where he received the nickname "Half Pint" because he was so small. In his senior year, 1956, DSHS won the State Class A basketball and softball championship. He was inducted into the Denham Springs Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012. Larry continued his education at Louisiana College in Pineville, La., on a basketball scholarship, where he



lettered four years and lettered two years in baseball. He graduated cum laude in June 1960 as class president with a B.S. in math education. In 1968, he received his master's degree in education from LSU and then received his master's plus 30 from Southeastern.

Larry's first teaching and coaching job was in EBR parish at Central High School. He then taught one year at Glen Oaks High before returning to Central for nine years. In 1971, Larry became principal at McKinley Jr. High. In 1973, he became assistant principal at Baker Jr. High, and, in 1979, principal at Prescott Jr. High. After 20 years of service in EBR Parish Schools, Larry retired and took a principalship in Hitchcock, Texas, before becoming assistant principal at Clear Creek High in League City, Texas. In 1984, Larry became athletic director for C.C.I.S.D. and retired in 1993. That same year, he also retired from officiating in four conferences of NCAA basketball for over 20 years.

After retiring, Larry and his wife, Connie, moved to Pagosa Springs,

Colo., where they built a log house on a fishing lake at the foot of the San Juan Mountains.

Larry is survived by his wife of 61 years, Connie Wilkinson Glover; his sons, Tommy Glover, of Walker, La., and Tim Glover (Jennifer), of Houston, Texas; his daughters, Teresa Glover, of Trabuco Canyon, Calif., and Tammy Glover Novak (Jack), of Dallas, Texas; his brother, Malcolm Glover (Charlene), of Denham Springs, La.; and sisters Norma Fletcher, of Snyder, Texas, and Pat Sartwell (J.W.), of Livingston, La.; his six grandchildren: Jack and John Novak, Taryn Novak Federer (Austin), of Dallas, Texas, Carrie Zeller, of Denham Springs, La., Mia and Kota Glover, of Walker, La.; and his four great-grandchildren Cora Federer, of Dallas, Texas, Olivia West, of Trabuco Canyon, Calif., and Bayleigh and Maddox Martinez, of Denham Springs, La. He is preceded in death by his parents, Larry Cortez Sr. and Minnie Irene Whitehead Glover, and father- and mother-in-law Rex Valry and Carrie Milton Wilkinson.

Services

Gabe Canela

There will be a viewing for Gabe Canela at 1:10 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at Restoration Fellowship Church prior to the service at about 1:40 p.m.

There will be a graveside service at Hill Top Cemetery following the funeral at the church.

We also want to invite everyone to a potluck dinner at Restoration Fellowship at 6 p.m. that evening. Please bring a dish or side dish. Beverages will be provided.

Those wishing to donate for Gabe's funeral expenses and for a trust account for his daughter, Alisia can do so at: <https://tinyurl.com/zrur8nnt>.

Thank you all for the love and support.



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Letters

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'Recall incompetent politicians'

Dear Editor: President Joe Biden has blamed everyone except himself for high gas prices and inflation in general. First, it was Putin and the war in Ukraine. Second, it was the oil companies. Third, it was the transportation companies. Fourth, it was the Republicans. Now it is the supply chain. It's time for Joe to dust off Harry Truman's desk plaque that said "The Buck Stops Here". There are all kinds of petitions to recall incompetent politicians. Maybe it's Joe's turn.

John Meyer

'We deserve better'

Dear Editor: As a responsible gun owner living on the Western Slope in Colorado I see firearm ownership as an important right. In the wake of the senseless killings in Boulder and in Uvalde I have had to consider seriously the idea that some restrictions to the right to acquire firearms may be necessary for the safety of the public at large and sadly, our children. I think that there are probably many actions that could be taken that would not stop responsible

citizens from owning weapons that they feel necessary to protect their home and families but which could be aimed at those persons that the law enforcement community and the mental health establishment reasonably believe to be dangerous to themselves or others. I think that we are entitled to have an elected representative that could lay out several measures that might reasonably be undertaken and give us an informed opinion as to what the practical effect of any new laws restricting acquisition or removing possession of guns as applied to the young or dangerous or mentally ill might be.

This thinking brought me to review the suggestions of my current representative, Lauren Boebert. In the wake of the killings in Boulder she gave us her take on the issue during a Newsmax interview a few days after the Boulder attack as follows:

"In America, we see more deaths by hand, fist, feet, even hammers — and, you know, are we going to start legislating that away? Are we going to be, uh, like these other countries who even ban knives. I mean, if hammers are the cause of more deaths than firearms, then maybe we need to start having background checks on hammers. I mean, look out Black & Decker."

According to the data platform Statista, annual homicides caused by firearms (handguns, rifles, shotguns and other types) in 2020 numbered 13,663; annual deaths from knives were 1739; personal weapons (hands, feet, etc.) were 662; blunt objects (clubs, hammers, etc.) numbered 393; and other weapons numbered 983. That means murderers used guns to kill 9,886 more people in 2020 than personal weapons and blunt objects combined. We deserve better information and guidance from our elected representative on important issues. Boebert's comments were not accurate and do not contribute to the discussion.

After the Uvalde massacre our representative went on Hannity to offer her observation that, "When 9/11 happened, we didn't ban planes". I suppose she saw the airplanes as the weapons. If so, I think she could have realized that access to airplanes was restricted at almost every level in response to 9/11. I don't think restricting almost all access to guns is reasonable. In any event, though colorful, her comments did not contribute to any informed discussion of what restrictions, if any, could be reasonably considered in the face of the increasing level of gun violence that threatens all of us. Whether Republican, Democrat or unaffiliated, we deserve better than Boebert.

Patrick Moore

STRs: 'This is not my job'

Dear Editor:

There is a lot of controversy about short term rentals here in Archuleta County. I am speaking from my own history of being a landlord for 51 years, seventeen of them here in Pagosa Springs with both long and short term rentals. I can also tell you I have lost more money with long term rentals. Long term has more damage, wear and tear on the property, a history of late or no rent payments. So you can see it's really very simple....my rentals are "my business" not Archuleta County's. Our Commissioners want more long term rentals but this is not my job. If our county has a shortage of affordable rentals it is the County Commissioners that need to do the job that they were elected to do and are being paid to do and that is to create affordable housing. It's not up to the people and not up to the private sector to "fix" the county's housing problems. Many areas around the country have built "Tiny Home Villages" for the low income, including our Veterans. This concept may also work here. Let's sparkle Pagosa and show folks what Pagosa is all about... Let's just do it.

Tari Lynn Woods

Letters

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The SUN generally does not edit letters, but reserves the right to do so.

Celebration



Maxine Lattin

Happy, happy 90th birthday, Maxine Lattin.

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May sees continued declines in unemployment

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

According to a June 17 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate for the month of May dropped to 2.9 percent from 3.1 percent for the month of April.

This drop in unemployment continues the trend from March and April where the unemployment rate dropped from 3.6 percent to 3.1 percent, matching the falling trend seen throughout 2021 and early 2022.

From April to May, Archuleta County's labor force grew from 7,069 to 7,463.

For the month of May, there were 7,249 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is up from

April's report of 6,850 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for May was Huerfano County at 5.4 percent, followed by Pueblo County at 4.9 percent.

Next were San Miguel County at 4.6 percent, Las Animas County at 4.3 percent and Fremont County at 4.2 percent.

The state's unemployment rate dropped from 3.6 percent in April to 3.5 percent for May.

The state's labor force grew from 3,255,300 in April to 3,240,700 in May.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell one-tenth of a percentage point in May to 3.5 percent. This marks the lowest rate since Feb-

ruary 2020, when it was 2.8 percent. The national unemployment rate was 3.6 percent in May, unchanged from the prior two months."

Employers in Colorado added 5,400 nonfarm payroll jobs from April to May, bringing the total number of nonfarm payroll jobs in Colorado to 2,855,400.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector added 5,200 nonfarm payroll jobs and the government sector added 200 jobs.

The press release notes that, over the past 25 months, Colorado has recovered 410,300 jobs compared to the 374,500 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April of 2020.

"That translates to a job recovery rate of 109.6 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 96.3 percent," it states.

The press release also states, "Since May 2020, Colorado's private sector has grown by 414,000 jobs, compared to declines of 358,800 in early 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 115.4 percent and outpaces the U.S. rate of 99.0 percent."

Private-industry sectors with significant job gains in May included:

- Professional and business services at about 3,000.
- Leisure and hospitality at about 1,800.
- Manufacturing at about 1,000.

Significant job losses in trade, transportation and utilities occurred in May, with the sector losing about 2,700 jobs.

"Since May 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 124,600, with the private sector growing by 116,800 and government adding 7,800 jobs," the press release notes.

Since April 2021, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 37,800.
- Professional and business services at about 31,700.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 16,700.

"No industry experienced job loss during that same period," the press release notes.

The press release notes that Colorado's rate of job growth over the past year is 4.6 percent, marginally exceeding the U.S. rate of 4.5 percent.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.9 to 33.7 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$31.76 to \$34.62, two dollars and sixty-seven cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$31.95."

\$4.5 million in capital credit refunds headed to LPEA members in July

By Hillary Knox
La Plata Electric Association

In July 2022, people who were members of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) in 1998, 1999 or 2021 will receive capital credit refunds based on the amount of electricity they used in those years.

Amounts over \$100 will be mailed as a check, while amounts under \$100 will be applied as a bill credit.

LPEA is a not-for-profit utility delivering electric services to its members at cost. As such, any payments made by members over what is needed to provide their electric service are placed into a capital credit account in each member's name. When LPEA is financially able, those capital credits are returned to members as part of LPEA's CashBack program. Since its incorporation in 1939, LPEA has returned close to \$90 million in capital credits to its members.

"This year and moving forward, we are conducting capital credit allocations and retirements together and earlier in the year," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "We hope this will raise awareness of this key benefit of being a co-op member. When our members pay their electric bills, they are also investing in the cooperative, and we enjoy being able to return that investment."

The decision to retire capital credits and the amount retired is determined by the LPEA Board of Directors on an annual basis, as financial circumstances permit. This year, the board decided to retire capital credits using both the "first in, first out" (FIFO) and "last in, first out" (LIFO) methods, which will return some of the remaining capital investment of LPEA's older members while also showcasing the benefits of being a co-op mem-

ber to LPEA's newest members.

Dollars become unclaimed after three years when LPEA cannot locate members deserving of the refund and are then reinvested in our community through LPEA's various grant programs. Get more details on LPEA's CashBack program at: lpea.coop/capitalcredits.

Small Business Development Center appointments are back

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Are you trying to open a business? Expand a business? Looking for a new direction in your professional life? Looking for an exit strategy for you from your business? Not sure if your financials are in order?

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be returning to Pagosa Springs and the Chamber of Commerce for free consulting appointments. They will be at the Chamber conference room on Tuesday, June 28, with appointments starting at 9:30 a.m. and going until about 3 p.m.

If you are interested in meeting with the SBDC and signing up for potential future free consulting services depending on your need, call the Chamber at (970) 264-2360 and speak to Kim to book your appointment.

This service is open to all businesses or interested parties. You do not need to be a Chamber member to partake of these valuable services. The SBDC is engaged with consultants of all different talents and can help you sort out issues, start or expand your business. Take advantage of these services to help you through a difficult patch or to get you started on the road to business success.



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Tourism board discusses fires, Reservoir Hill at planning retreat

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board discussed planning, direction and areas of focus for the upcoming year at its planning retreat on June 15.

A large portion of the meeting was dedicated to how the town might balance attracting tourists with the risk of wildfires, or what the board would do in terms of tourism if a wildfire were to burn near the town.

Tourism Director Jennifer Green stated that, already, the town's marketing budget accounts for fire awareness and recovery efforts, including easy access to air-quality metrics for tourists.

Still, Green stated that an explicit social media strategy for if a fire is impacting the town would be a smart move by the town, both to reassure tourists and local businesses.

The possibility of local businesses suffering due to a nearby fire, either due to people staying inside or making the assumption that they are closed, is something that the board expressed being highly aware of and wanting to avoid.

Thus, the board agreed that a social media strategy plan might bring business owners some comfort.

Within the discussion for the plan, board members agreed that it would be best to collaborate with local business owners, the Forest Service, official town and county entities, and community members.

Board members envisioned a day-by-day plan that would message the current state of businesses and encourage people to support open businesses through the fire.

Other priorities for the plan were that it be consistent with official communication from the town, and that it give specifics about risk levels and advice on "where tourists

can still have the most fun," one board member said.

The board members also agreed that before going very far into drafting a plan, they should meet with Colorado towns and cities that have been impacted by fires, such as Durango and Glenwood Springs, to get feedback on what went well and what could have been done differently as they mitigated tourism in response to their fires.

Another priority the board set for the upcoming year is a heavier focus on the Reservoir Hill area, which board members identified as a spot with potential for greater tourism attraction.

Board members discussed venue improvements in the area, mural expansion, additional parking and picnic tables, and improvements to the sledding hill area.

In addition, one board member expressed a need for greater education on Native American heritage and history in the area, proposing

educational efforts in the area.

The board also expressed a need for a collaborative meeting with the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to discuss potential Riverwalk upgrades such as consistent lighting, the possibility of a horticulture guide that could identify local plants for tourists and continued discussions about event stage management.

The event stage and its management has been an ongoing issue for the Pagosa Springs Town Council, town Parks and Recreation Department and the tourism board, Green stated.

Finally resolving those issues would be a great task for the upcoming year, she expressed.

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board is set to meet next on July 12 at 4 p.m., when board members will continue discussing specific implementation measures for what was proposed at the retreat.
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Fire district adopts new fire code, fee schedule

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 14 meeting, the Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors voted to adopt the 2015 International Fire Code and a new fee schedule for the district.

At the meeting, Executive Assistant Shirley Brinkmann explained that both Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs are operating under the 2015 fire code, with the district typically being the last adopter of a new fire code.

Following a discussion on minor punctuation revisions in the resolution, the board unanimously voted to approve Resolution 220614A approving the new code.

The board then moved on to discuss the new fee schedule and the possibility of including a provision waiving open records request fees for credentialed press members.

However, after concerns were raised about a previous incident where press members had requested excessive numbers of records, requiring intervention by

the district's lawyers, and about the potential legal ramifications of such changes, the board decided to adopt the fee schedule without changes and potentially examine the issue of open records requests at a later date.

The board then unanimously approved Resolution 220614B, adopting the new fee schedule.

This fee schedule for the district includes a range of fees, primarily for inspections, fire code plan reviews and operational permits, among other fees and services.

The fee for a fire code plan review is \$300 for new building constructions under 5,000 square feet and \$300 plus \$0.04 per square foot for buildings above 5,000 square feet. These reviews include reviews of the plans, reviews of corrected drawings and any necessary inspections.

The fee schedule notes that, if the drawings must be reviewed more than two times, an additional fee of 50 percent of the original fee will be incurred.

The schedule also notes that most remodels do not require plan reviews, although a fee of 50

percent of the new building construction fee will be charged for those that do.

Additional inspections and re-inspections will be performed at a cost of \$100 per inspection.

The new fee schedule also includes costs for various operational and construction permits, including operational permits for food trucks at \$100, operational permits for open burning at \$10 and construction permits for solar systems at \$30.

The schedule also includes fees for a wide variety of other inspections and incidents, including nuisance alarms, sprinkler or fire suppression system inspections and reviews, and fire investigations.

In a later interview with The SUN, Capt. Kelly Robertson, who drafted the schedule, explained that the implementation of fees was partially driven by issues detected in inspections not being promptly rectified and property owners being absent at scheduled inspections, thus wasting staff time.

She added that once a fee is implemented for inspections,

"people tend to pay attention," and that similar fees are charged by nearby fire districts.

She highlighted that the district performs inspections on commercial and multifamily buildings, but does not perform residential inspections.

Robertson also explained that the new fee schedule goes more in depth into permitting and inspections for all aspects of the fire code, including sprinklers and alarms, compared to previous district policies, which only included a small fee for fire plan reviews.

She concluded, "For me, it has nothing to do with the money. It's not about us collecting money from the public. ... When you do collect money, there's a buy-in both from the owner, the contractor and ... that connection to us and our permitting. And it is a long process to do plan reviews on sprinkler systems, alarm systems, buildings ... it takes a lot of time. So, we're trying to manage our time better and, at the same time ... bring us up to speed with the rest of the country."

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Treasurer's deed applications, reimbursements approved by county

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 21 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners (BoCC) approved a reimbursement for trenching and backfilling in Chris Mountain Village 2 and applications for treasurer's deeds for six properties in

Trails.

The reimbursement for electrical trenching and backfilling was awarded to Blake Harper, who performed this work for four lots in Chris Mountain Village 2, and totaled \$10,563.75.

According to County Attorney Todd Weaver, the reimbursement money came from the Fairfield Settlement Fund, a fund created in the 1997 bankruptcy settlement for developer Fairfield Communities and intended to support the development of electrical infrastructure in areas where it was left incomplete due to the bankruptcy.

The commissioners also ap-

proved the county applying for six treasurer's deeds for properties with county-held liens in the Trails subdivision.

According to Weaver, the properties are located near Ranger Park Drive and Lassen Drive.

These applications constitute the third phase of a plan proposed by Weaver at the April 5 BoCC work session to process a backlog of properties with county-held liens in the Chris Mountain 2/Trails area.

Following the acquisition of treasurer's deeds for the properties, Weaver indicated that they will be taken through the quiet title process and auctioned off.

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Bayfield man killed in June 16 rollover

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A Bayfield man was killed on June 16 when his semi with belly dump trailer rolled.

According to an incident report from the Colorado State Patrol, the man, 44-year-old Rex J. Barnes, of Bayfield, was eastbound on U.S. 160 at milepost 147.2 at about 2:45 p.m. when the semi was unable to stop for stopped traffic in the eastbound lane.

The report explains the semi and trailer went off the right side of the roadway and over a driveway, then rolled one-half time

while attempting to re-enter the roadway.

"The tractor came to rest on its top in the eastbound lane and the belly dump trailer came to rest on its top on the right side of the road," the report states, adding later the full load of gravel spilled during the rollover.

The driver was ejected, the report notes, also indicating he was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

The report notes that neither drugs/alcohol nor excessive speed are suspected, and under restraint the report notes "None/Unused."

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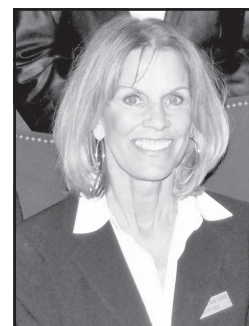
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What if I didn't receive a ballot or need a

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 was 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 Of-

fice at (970) 264-8331.

What's on the ballot?

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

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

Republican ballot

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

Daniel Hendricks filed the required paperwork with the Colo-

rado secretary of state to be a write-in candidate.

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

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

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

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

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

District 59.

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

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

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

There are no Republican candidates for county surveyor.

Democratic ballot

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

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

Several state-level offices will include only one Democratic candidate: Jared Polis for Colorado governor, Jena Griswold for Colorado secretary of state, Dave Young for state treasurer, Phil Weiser for state attorney general, Kathy Plomer for

at-large regent of the University of Colorado and Barbara McLachlan for state representative for District 59.

There are no Democratic candidates for county-level offices.

How to track your ballot

Colorado voters in all 64 counties can 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."

Colorado voters can enroll themselves in BallotTrax by going to www.GoVoteColorado.gov and clicking on "Sign up for BallotTrax."

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Complaint

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Rule Charter should be amended to initiate a workforce housing fee for STRs amounting to at least \$150 per month for each permitted bedroom with all fees dedicated to creation and sustainability of workforce housing.

The complaint argues that the STR amendment is invalid because "it is an administrative, regulatory or executive function" that is not an allowable subject of the citizen-led petition that created it, that it is "unconstitutionally vague" and the ballot question was "vague, misleading, confusing or unconstitutional."

It also asks that the court declare that the amendment and ordinance impose invalid fees because the fee "is not reasonably related to the cost of the administration of the short-term rental program," "did not comply with statutory requirements for adoption of impact fees," or "has no essential nexus between short-term rental properties, where the owner does not live on the property full-time, and workforce housing."

The discrepancy in which STR owners the fee applies to, particularly between owners of STR

properties who do and do not live on their properties for nine months out of the year, is a common target in the complaint.

The complaint goes on to specify that if the fee is considered a tax, the court should declare it invalid because it "violates the equal protection clause," "is unreasonable or arbitrary or unequal and unjust," "was not adopted pursuant to the requirements of TABOR," referring to the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, or "is not uniformly applied as required in Art. X, Sec. 3 of the Colorado Constitution."

The complaint was filed on June 10 in district court by attorney Paul Kosnik of Eggleston Kosnik LLC in Durango, who is representing plaintiffs Clinton Alley, Monica Alley, Blackhead Properties LLC, Melissa Buckley, Escapa LLC, Gregg Fitts, John Grey, Kristin Grey, JLS-FUN LLC, Peter Macomber, Nicole Buckley, Olivia Modern and Aaron Moore.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips wrote in an email that she "would not be able to comment on this issue as it is pending legal matter."

Currently, the town has a request for proposals out for a nexus study that closes on Friday, June

24, at 5 p.m.

According to the language in the request, posted on June 2, the town is seeking "proposals from qualified firms and individuals to analyze the linkage or 'nexus' between the need for affordable/workforce housing and short term or vacation rentals in the community."

The proposal further states, "the Town is anticipating legal challenges to this fee and is seeking to conduct this study to analyze the nexus that may or may not exist and the appropriate amount of such fee."

Phillips wrote that, to her knowledge, the nexus study will not be impacted by the complaint, but added that it is up to the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

Regarding the complaint, Phillips stated that the town council will enter into executive session at its special meeting tonight to discuss next steps and hear advice from town attorney Clay Buchner.

That meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See the town's website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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Southern Ute Reservation rescinds Stage II fire restrictions

By Lindsay Box

Southern Ute Indian Reservation

Due to recent rains and moderating fuel conditions, Stage II fire restrictions have been rescinded for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Stage I fire restrictions remain in place. Everyone on reservation land is still asked to be cautious and use common sense with fire, as conditions may dry out and fire restrictions may again be implemented.

Since May, the Southern Ute Agency Fire Management has responded to several fires, including the 89-acre Bear Dance fire that burned near the tribal campus and SunUte Recreation Center. A burned area emergency rehabilitation

(BAER) team is currently assessing and developing a plan for the impacted area.

For more information regarding fire restrictions, please contact Southern Ute Agency Fire Management at (970) 563-4571.

Stage I fire restrictions prohibit acts for the general public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Prohibited acts:

- Open burning. Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.
- Agricultural burning. Burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.
- Campfires. Building, maintain-

ing or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbecues or fires for sweat ceremonies; however, such fires are not to be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.

• Fireworks. Possession, discharging or use of any time of fireworks is prohibited.

Commercial and industrial restrictions can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Office at 575 County Road 517, Ignacio, CO 81137 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.

Drought

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p.m. and 9 a.m., and encourages restaurants to only serve water at the request of the customer and hotels to only change towels and bed linens for new guests and at the request of existing ones.

Ramsey explained that the outlook for the implementation of further drought stages is largely dependent on future precipitation.

"If it starts rainin' we'll be OK," he said. "If it stays dry we'll continue to go into more and more drought stages. ... The fortunate thing we have right now is the lakes still all look good, but that will change fairly quickly."

According to Ramsey, the drought management plan and further information and updates on drought stages can be found on the PAWSD website at www.pawsd.org.

Ramsey concluded, "We're just askin' everybody to conserve what they can. ... But it is dry, we're growing so ... we're producing more water and using more water 'cause there's more houses and more people here and we're not getting any more water from Mother Nature. So, at some point, it's going to pose a problem."

For the results of the Wednesday meeting, see www.PagosaSUN.com.

Rivers and drought

Stream flow for the San Juan River on June 22 at approximately 9 a.m. was 220 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Service (USGS) National Water Dashboard.

This is down from a recent peak of 662 cfs at 7:15 p.m. on June 19 and up from last week's reading of 137 cfs at 9 a.m. on June 15.

According to Ramsey, the rise in river levels is linked to the recent storms in the area.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) reports

that 100 percent of the county is experiencing drought.

It notes May 2022 was the 19th driest May in 128 years, with 1.03 fewer inches of precipitation than normal, and with 2022 to date being the sixth driest year in the last 128 years, with 5.22 inches of precipitation less than normal.

The NIDIS also places the entire county in an extreme drought, which may cause pasture conditions to worsen and large fires to develop.

The NIDIS also notes that an extreme drought can cause extremely low reservoir levels, mandatory water use restrictions and increases in water temperatures.

Water report

According to a June 20 press release from Ramsey, Pagosa and Village lakes are full.

Stevens Lake is also estimated to be full, although the report notes the gauge is currently not reporting.

Hatcher Lake is currently 4 inches from full.

Lake Forest is 2 inches from full. Total diversion flows for the district are listed at 6.0 cfs.

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 3.0 cfs and the San Juan diversion flow is listed at 3.0 cfs. The Four Mile diversion was closed on May 17 according to Ramsey, ahead of the June 14 average.

Water production from June 9 through June 15 was listed at a total of 21.32 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 6.14 million gallons, the Hatcher plant contributed 7.90 million gallons and the San Juan plant contributed 7.28 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 20.31 million gallons for those dates.

Weather report

According to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) website,

sites in Archuleta County received between 1.96 and 1.19 inches of rain between June 15 and June 22.

Higher precipitation totals were concentrated in the northern portion of the county, with one site in Mineral County near the Archuleta County line receiving 2.12 inches of precipitation over the period.

According to Shawn Prochaza of Pagosa Weather, prior to the recent storms, the last time the county received more than 0.1 inches of precipitation was on April 4.

He also commented that the average precipitation for June is 0.93 inches, which the recent storms surpassed.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), showers and thunderstorms are expected across Pagosa Country mainly after noon on Thursday, June 23, with a high of 68 and winds at 5-10 mph.

Mostly cloudy skies are expected Thursday night with a chance of rain and thunderstorms, 5-10 mph winds and a low of 51.

For Friday, June 24, the forecasted high is 69 degrees with partly sunny skies and likely showers and thunderstorms after 9 a.m. Winds are forecasted to be 5-15 mph. The forecasted low is 50 degrees under partly cloudy skies overnight and a chance of rain and thunderstorms before midnight.

For Saturday, June 25, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 70 degrees with partly sunny skies and a chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. The forecasted low is 52 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and a chance of showers and thunderstorms.

For Sunday, June 26, the forecasted high is 64 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and chances of thunderstorms and showers through the day. The forecasted low is 51 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and a chance of showers and thunderstorms turning to a chance of showers after midnight.

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Sales

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\$631,818.17 going to the town and \$633,466.38 going to the county.

April sales tax revenues are 1.8 percent, or \$22,027, higher than April 2021.

According to Woods' report, the categories that are up in comparison to April 2021 include:

- Retail Trade at 2 percent, or \$14,441.
- Information at 13 percent, or \$2,867.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 14 percent, or \$2,235.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 4 percent, or \$7,940.
- Miscellaneous at 10 percent, or \$18,665.

Categories that were down for April in the month-to-month comparison include:

- Construction at 18 percent, or \$5,630.
- Manufacturing at 20 percent, or \$10,449.
- Finance and Insurance at 29 percent, or \$427.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 40 percent, or \$4,093.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 18 percent, or \$3,522.

Woods notes that on the year-to-date comparison, sales tax revenues for January through April of this year are 4.7 percent, or \$217,382.78, higher than January through April 2021.

According to Woods' report, the categories that are up in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Retail Trade at 3.1 percent, or \$84,729.

- Accommodation and Food Services at 1.6 percent, or \$14,752.
- Miscellaneous at 13.3 percent, or \$93,203.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 5.8 percent, or \$6,021.
- Construction at 48.7 percent, or \$41,737.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 9.4 percent, or \$6,300.
- Information at 18.9 percent, or \$16,458.

The categories down in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 54.4 percent, or \$34,956.
- Finance and Insurance at 23.4 percent, or \$974.
- Manufacturing at 4.9 percent, or \$9,885.

Recycling

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changes would not be implemented until the scale the county is currently purchasing is installed.

"It's about time we're getting recycling at no cost for our community to try to ... promote recycling, which is the newest thing about 25 years ago, maybe 30," Commissioner Warren Brown said at the

meeting. "So, I like to see that come to pass."

Following this, the commissioners unanimously voted to adopt Resolution 2022-58, which amends the fee schedule to make recycling free as well as making a minor correction to a road right of way fee.

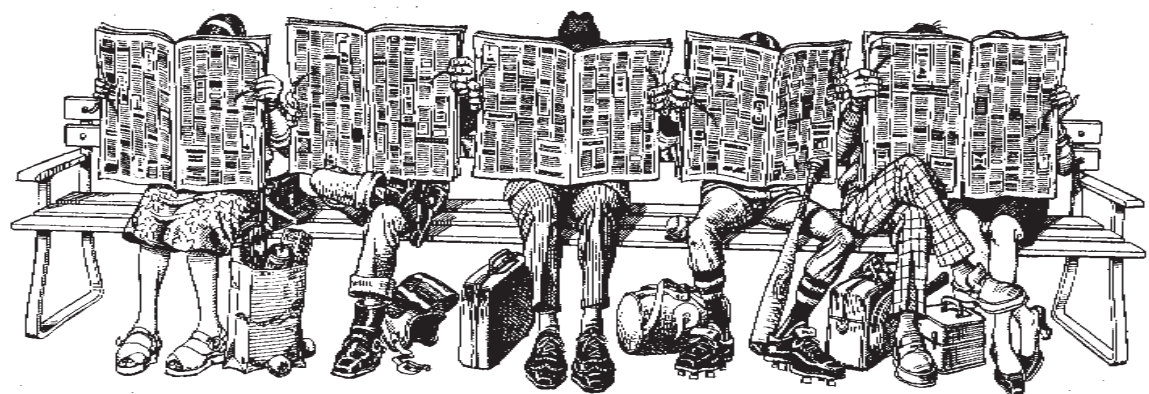
According to the resolution, the change is effective immediately

upon the adoption of the resolution.

Recycling is accepted at the Pagosa Transfer Station at 2140 County Road 500, which is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and at the Arboles Transfer Station located at 95 County Road 973, which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation receives workforce, broadband grants

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its June 8 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) announced it was officially awarded a Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC) grant to assist with the establishment of paid internships for high school students in Pagosa Springs and a Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant to help with broadband infrastructure.

The CWDC awarded \$100,000 in grant funding to the PSCDC as part of its rural RUN funding, which stands for reskilling, upskilling and new skilling workers.

The RUN grants are meant to support "rural organizations that facilitate or are planning to facilitate training for unemployed and underemployed Coloradans to earn industry-recognized credentials, which equip workers with in-demand skills while addressing the skills gaps many employers are facing," according to the CWDC's website.

The PSCDC will use about half of the funds to support paid internships for high school students in Pagosa Springs through a summer work program, Emily Lashbrooke, executive director of the PSCDC, stated.

Lashbrooke explained that the summer work program was previously run by Build Pagosa but focused exclusively on building trades. The PSCDC joined the effort this year to help expand the program to additional industries and fields.

So far, the program has attracted 38 high school students for this summer's program, Lashbrooke noted.

With the funding, the PSCDC will reimburse employers, up to 40 hours per week, for the work of the intern. By completing at least 20 hours a week for six weeks, interns will also receive high school credit, Lashbrooke explained.

In addition, the grant will cover up to \$200 per internship if the student needs supplies for the job, such as non-slip shoes or tools, according to Lashbrooke.

So far, students have expressed

interest in a variety of industries, including early childhood development, health care, outdoor industry, culinary arts, mechanics, science, and building skills and trades, Lashbrooke stated.

Right now, the PSCDC is working on matching students with employers and starting introduction meetings between potential employers and interested students, Lashbrooke explained. Most internships will start this month, with some starting in July.

"We let the employer talk a little bit about their industry, and the challenges in their industry," Lashbrooke said, "so we're teaching the kids more than just a skill or a trade."

The other half of the RUN funding will be built into a general public fund where community members will be able to apply in order to upskill or gain new skills in the workforce, Lashbrooke stated.

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The funding will help pay tuition for community members to attend Pueblo Community College and is expected to start in the fall.

Those interested can email Lashbrooke at emily@pagosaspingscdc.org.

"All \$100,000 will be kept in the county," Lashbrooke said, adding that she feels that is of utmost importance to the PSCDC's goals.

The other grant that the PSCDC announced is a \$1.1 million DOLA grant that will address gaps in In-

ternet connectivity in the county.

The grant is for broadband deployment to create a redundant loop in Archuleta County, Lashbrooke stated.

The loop will make it so that if a line ever gets cut, there will be enough infrastructure for the Internet to backfeed, making it very unlikely that people relying on the infrastructure will lose Internet, Lashbrooke explained.

The added infrastructure will make it so that the merchants downtown will have stable, secure Internet to avoid connectivity issues interrupting business, Lashbrooke noted.

She added that the loop will be critical for providing consistent, uninterrupted Internet for emergency management teams in Archuleta County.

The grant was officially awarded to the PSCDC on June 17 for the amount of \$879,000, with PSCDC covering the remaining costs.

Lashbrooke stated that the leftover cost of about \$221,000 will come out of funding the Broadband Management Office, which the PSCDC oversees, received as part of the American Rescue Plan Act in early spring.

While the total cost of the project is around \$2.1 million, Lashbrooke explained that only \$1.1 million needs to be accounted for due to recently passed legislation (SB19-107) that allows utility companies to share infrastructure.

Therefore, the PSCDC plans to share some infrastructure with La Plata Electric Association, which will cut down costs, according to Lashbrooke.

Construction is expected to begin in July, with the DOLA grant allowing the PSCDC to start work immediately, Lashbrooke stated.

Looking forward, the PSCDC continues to look into other grant opportunities that will enhance the community, Lashbrooke noted.

Some of the largest projects on the docket include creating a campus for Pueblo Community College in town and creating a Boys and Girls Club to provide consistent after-school care for the community, Lashbrooke stated.

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June 16 fire remains under investigation

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The origin and cause of a June 16 structure fire remain under investigation by both the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

According to a PFPD press release, the structure fire on the 400 block of Great West Avenue was reported via 911 at about 9:47 p.m. on June 16.

"Upon arrival, a volunteer firefighter noted a single-story residential structure with heavy smoke and fire showing from all sides," the press release explains.

Fire, it notes, had spread to adjacent oak brush surrounded by dry grass and pine needle "cast off."

The first-arriving engine, the release explains, initiated a defensive attack "to protect additional exposures and slow fire growth in the surrounding fuel bed."

Once the fire spread was contained, the press release explains, firefighters "converted to a transitional fire attack which allowed them to enter the structure and continue extinguishment."

The release reports that the roof of an attached garage collapsed due to fire damage, but that the roof of the main residence remained intact, "allowing for an interior search and fire suppression."

Great West Avenue was closed during fire operations. The PFPD was on scene for approximately two and a half hours, the release indicates. No firefighter injuries were reported.

The PFPD, the report notes, responded with two engines, one tender, two wildland brush trucks, one chief vehicle, one support vehicle, nine paid staff members and nine volunteers.

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Photo courtesy Stephen Brooks

The cause and origin of a June 16 structure fire that spread to surrounding oak brush along Great West Avenue remains under investigation.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- June 19 — Information only, Peltitt's Circle.
- June 12 — Information only, U.S. 160.
- June 12 — Agency assist, Solomon Drive.
- June 12 — Information only, Spring Street.
- June 12 — Nuisance, disturbance of peace, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- June 12 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- June 13 — Theft, South 8th Street.
- June 13 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, expired license plates.
- June 13 — Failure to use turn signal, drove vehicle when license suspended, no insurance in possession, South 8th Street.
- June 14 — Animal at large, Aspen Village Drive.
- June 15 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- June 16 — Unauthorized use of financial transaction device, South 9th Street.
- June 16 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.
- June 16 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.
- June 17 — Criminal mischief, Lewis Street.
- June 17 — Theft, East Pagosa Street.
- June 17 — Theft, West U.S. 160.
- June 18 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, third-degree assault-simple assault, Davis Cup Drive.
- June 19 — Agency assist, Buttercup Drive.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

- June 15 — Daisy L. Fuller, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.
- June 15 — Kellen J. Wilkison, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$307.50.
- June 15 — Christian N. Archuleta, seat belt not used, seat belt not used, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$451.50.
- June 15 — Christian N. Archuleta, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$513.50.
- June 15 — Carlos F. Cardenas, careless driving, fines and costs — \$238.50.
- June 15 — Christopher Lee Tressler, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.
- June 15 — Steven D. Roberts, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.
- June 15 — Francisio A. Martinez, failed to yield right of way/stop sign, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$188.50.
- June 15 — Jose Aaron Ibara Pena, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.
- June 15 — Alicia Nmi Smith, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$190.
- June 15 — William Tyrell Sweitzer, violation p/o-criminal, two years probation, fines and costs — \$1,531.50.
- June 15 — William Tyrell Sweitzer, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, two years probation, fines and costs — \$1,503.50.
- June 15 — Randall Allen Dodson, driving under the influence, driving

obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

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June 15 — William Tyrell Sweitzer, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, two years probation, fines and costs — \$1,503.50.

June 15 — Randall Allen Dodson, driving under the influence, driving

under the influence per se, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 30 days electronic surveillance, 24 months probation, 48 hours community service, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 30 days electronic surveillance, 24 months probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$2,663.50.

June 15 — Kaly Matthew Lewis, resisting arrest, 15 days electronic surveillance, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$903.50.

June 16 — Michael George Murphy, dog at large, fines and costs — \$136.

June 17 — Robert W. Sutphen, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.

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CDC authorizes COVID vaccines for children 6 months to 5 years

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Last week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) gave final approval for a pair of COVID-19 vaccines for young children.

The announcement came on Saturday, June 18, with the CDC giving final approval for the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months through 4 years old and the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months through 5 years old.

It followed the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices unanimously recommending use of the both vaccines in the younger population and following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's amendment of the emergency use authorization for both vaccines.

"Parents like me are ready to get our young children vaccinated and give them the protection we've been anxiously awaiting with this approval," said Heather Roth, immunization branch chief for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) via a press release. "While children younger than 5 are less vulnerable to SARS-CoV-2 than adults, they can still experience severe and lasting outcomes. Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help avoid the worst outcomes for Coloradans of all ages."

The press release states, "Getting vaccinated means the youngest Coloradans and their families

can look forward to summer activities and see family and friends with the peace of mind that comes with being able to choose to protect their children through vaccination."

The release further notes the state will receive enough vaccines so any parent or guardian who wants to get their young children vaccinated will be able to get them.

Vaccines, it notes, will be distributed in waves, with the earliest deliveries expected by Monday, June 20.

Colorado has been allocated 31,600 doses of both Moderna and Pfizer vaccine for both waves one and two and 269 providers have already placed orders, the June 18 press release explains.

The Pfizer vaccine for younger children is three doses, and the Moderna vaccine is two doses, according to the CDPHE.

"Both vaccines went through rigorous clinical trials to make sure they are safe and work well for this younger age group," the press release explains. "COVID-19 vaccines can safely be given at the same time as other routine childhood vaccines, like MMR, tetanus, and polio."

The CDPHE recommends parents and guardians make a plan to get their children vaccinated. Talk to your doctor or visit covid19.colorado.gov/vaccinefinder for more information on where to get the COVID-19 vaccines for children.

For more on the vaccines, eligibility and local providers, visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>. More information about CO-

VID-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.

Archuleta County remains at medium risk level

San Juan Basin Public Health's (SJBPH) data dashboard showed that, as of Monday, Archuleta County's one-week positivity rate was 16 percent and one-week cumulative incidence rate was 179.5 new cases per 100,000 people.

Archuleta County continued to fall under the medium risk level for the CDC Community Levels as of Wednesday.

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.

The CDC's website indicates hospitalizations pushed Archuleta County into medium, with 14 new COVID admissions per 100,000 population (a seven-day total) exceeding the low category.

The website shows that 3.7 percent of staffed inpatient beds are in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 in the region.

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

On 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 the 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.

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

Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Tuesday, June 28
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/agendacenter>.

Joint town and county work session. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center south conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors regular meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., or Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88304467907>, meeting ID: 883 0446 7907.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Thursday, June 30
Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, July 5
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/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>.

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Wednesday, July 6
Archuleta County Local Weed Advisory Board meeting. 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Monday, July 11
Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation quarterly membership meeting. 7:30-9 a.m. Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive.

Tuesday, July 12
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/agendacenter>.

Pagosa Fire Protection District regular meeting. 5:30 p.m.,

PPFD administrative office, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Wednesday, July 13
Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation board meeting. 5:30-7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.
Archuleta County Fair Board meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84.

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Education

Wings Early Childhood Center's preschoolers graduate

By Rebecca Gartman
Wings Early Childhood Center

Wings Early Childhood Center held its second annual preschool graduation on June 3 and watched seven students graduate.

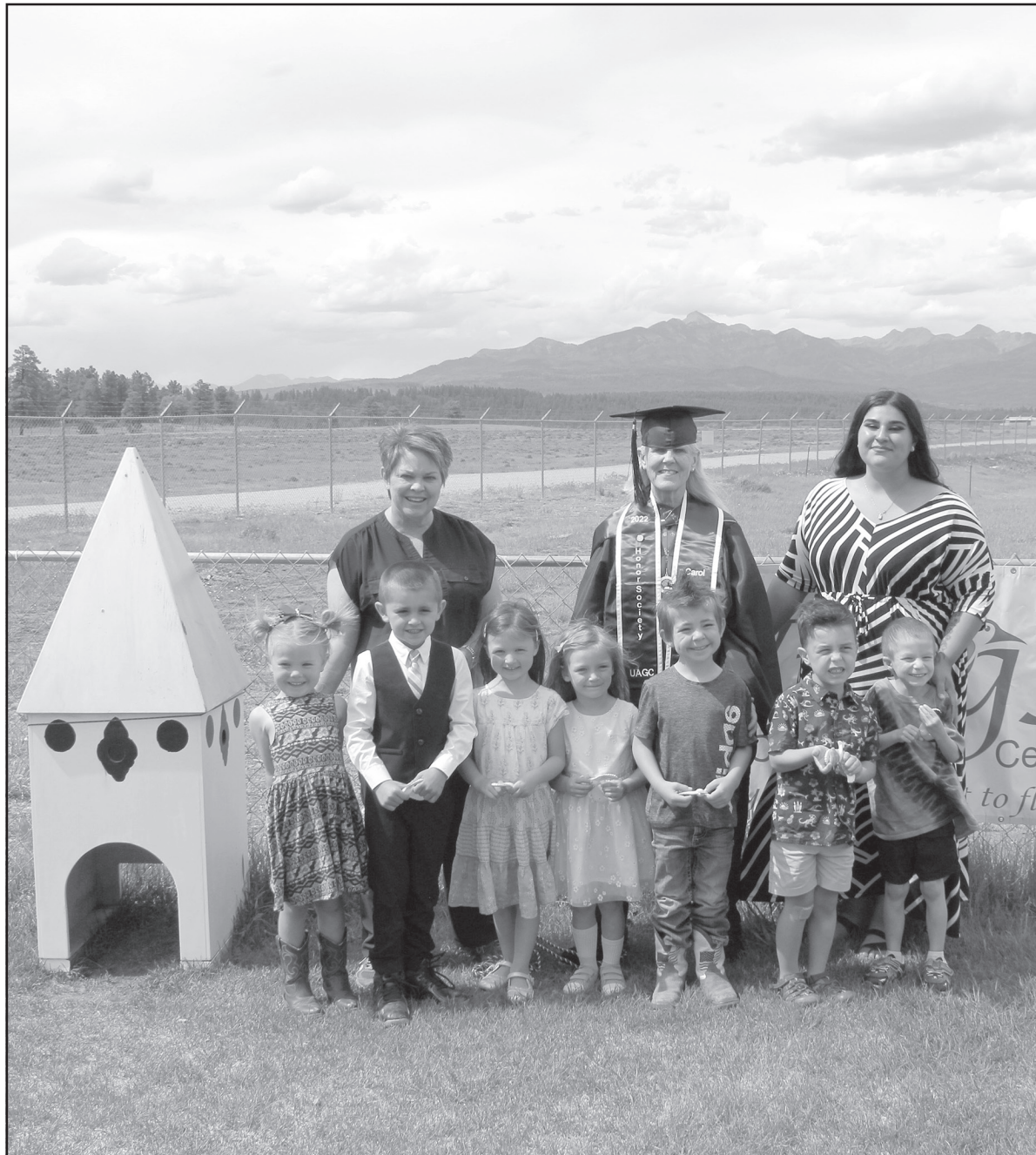
Many families attended to watch their children take flight and enter a new chapter in their education. One student was so enthused by the event that he wore a tuxedo.

When asked about his snazzy outfit, his mother said, "He was so excited about his graduation, he came home last night and picked out his entire outfit for today."

Children and their families oftentimes choose to go to many different schools in town. Wings has one child who will be attending Lutheran Preschool, two children who will be marching off to Pagosa Springs Elementary School and more than half of Wings' preschoolers will be flying away to Pagosa Peak Open School. Parents and teachers alike are proud to send their children to such wonderful schools.

After each preschooler crossed the outdoor stage, they received their certificate, smiled for the camera and ran proudly to sit with family and boast about their new accomplishment. Many parents showed support and happy faces while watching their children walk across the stage with their big smiles and pausing to pose for a picture.

Wings is proud to watch so many happy families and children grow within the community. They are looking forward to seeing how each student will grow and flourish in their new educational journey.



Seven preschoolers graduated during Wings Early Childhood Center's second annual preschool graduation on June 3.

Photo courtesy Wings Early Childhood Center

Mijares resigns as assistant superintendent

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

As part of the consent agenda at its June 14 meeting, the Archuleta School District Board of Education accepted the resignation of Laura Mijares as assistant superintendent.

The consent agenda also included the hiring of Mijares as the Pagosa Family School Spanish teacher.

That evening, following the meeting, Mijares sent out a statement acknowledging the change in role, stating, "I submitted my resignation to the Board tonight as Asst. Superintendent. While I am stepping down as an administrator, I am stepping up as a teacher. I will be the Family School Spanish teacher. Being close to students and sharing the beauty of the Spanish language brings a smile to my face. I am confident we are all headed into a great 22-23 school year with the new superintendent."

She further wrote, "I have relished my last seven years as an ASD administrator and have been honored to work beside you. Your professionalism and capacity to care for students are admirable.

My respect for you and your craft is sincere."

Other business

In other business at the June 14 meeting, the board:

- Approved an independent contractor contract with the incoming superintendent, Rick Holt.

The contract allows Holt to spend up to 10 days "with the current Interim Superintendent (Laura Mijares) to learn as much as possible about the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. By touring schools and other facilities of the school district, meeting with the current Interim Superintendent and school personnel, and meeting with the current Interim Superintendent and key community stakeholders and other individuals."

The contract includes pay of \$710 per day for up to 10 days.

Board president Bob Lynch explained during the meeting the district asked Holt to make himself available some in June.

Holt will take over as superintendent on July 1.

- Approved administrator contract renewals for the 2022-2023 school year.

The list of renewals includes

Chris Hinger as the middle school principal, Cory Clopton as the middle school assistant principal, Sean O'Donnell as the high school principal, Chantelle Jordan as the high school assistant principal/athletic director, Stewart Bellina as the San Juan Mountain School principal and Jane Parker as the Pagosa Family School principal/shared school liaison/district communications specialist.

"Thank you guys for all you do," board member Amanda Schick said, calling the administrators "exceptional humans."

- Approved teacher and special service provider contract renewals for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Approved the volunteer coaching and extra duty activity assignments for the upcoming school year.

Board member Dr. Tim Taylor recused himself from the vote since he is on the list as an assistant high school track coach.

The list shows new head coaches for two high school sports: Sarah Osborn for high school girls' basketball and Katie Lorenzen for high school girls' volleyball.

- Approved the consolidated grant application, with the agenda

explaining the application is to access "federal monies allocated through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act."

Finance Director Mike Hodgson explained the 58-page application is for funding for Titles I-V and includes \$399,500 for Title I, \$70,133 for Title II, \$6,183 for Title III and \$29,962 for Title IV.

He noted the amount for Title V will not be known until September.

The agenda further notes, "Archuleta School District 50 Jt. uses Title I monies for K-8 instructional purposes (excludes administration and special education programming). Title II monies are used for class size reduction in the elementary school (approximately one teacher's salary). Title IV is used to promote a safe, rich and well-rounded education."

- Approved a resolution to update bank account signers.

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Charter school students begin 'intensives'

By Emily Murphy
Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) students in kindergarten through fifth grade recently started their first Peak Week intensive and warmed up with the theater game Little Sally Walker in preparation for their community performance of "Winnie the Pooh."

This is one of five mixed-age groups of PPOS students participating in intensives: a unique educational experience for PPOS students focusing on a subject and covering a variety of state standards.

While the theater group addresses many art, writing, reading, speaking and listening standards, other groups have different focuses. Families had options for Spanish, gardening, jujitsu, cooking, visual arts, biomedical engineering, robotics, camping, hiking, projects, rafting, golf and outdoorspace. Each student got to choose two experiences, each two weeks long.

Earlier this month, middle school students prepared for their camping trip that happened last week with PPOS middle school advisor Kelsey Scott. Students camped at McPhee Reservoir and rafted the San Miguel from Placerville to Telluride, studying the ecosystems in the area and classifying flora and fauna.

Another group spent their days learning Spanish with Jen Sarkis, PPOS's third-grade teacher.

"I told my mom and dad, when I am done with this, I will probably just be speaking Spanish all the time," first-grader Alice said.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School
Pagosa Peak Open School students rehearse for "Winnie the Pooh" at the Pagosa Center for the Arts. The show was performed for the public June 18-19.

Students learned the basics of greeting, weather, days of the week and more through games, songs and crafts.

At St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, students gathered with PPOS advisor Michala Mecklenburg with an introduction to forensic science where students assume the various roles of crime scene investigator, scientist and medical examiner in order to collect and evaluate

evidence in a problem-solving environment.

Many students got dirty through two intensives: "Forging Gardens and Greatness" and "Where Does Our Food Come From?"

PPOS Advisor Maggie Saunders worked with students on building school gardens. When they were not planting, weeding and building, students got to hit the mat with jujitsu instructors, learning

the basics of this martial art.

Meanwhile, out at Southern Roots Farm, PPOS Lead Advisor Kelle Bruno worked with a group of K-3 students on planting, cooking and harvesting produce from the farm. Students are learning where food comes from and how it's grown.

"The concept of 'intensives' is quite common in project-based learning schools across the country and we are excited to bring this programming to Pagosa Peak Open School," School Director Angela Reali-Crossland said. "Our amazing staff has tapped into their passions and come up with some really great educational opportunities for our students."

Each year moving forward, PPOS will offer one week of intensive programming during the summer. This year, due to the school's building renovation, students will participate in intensives for the entire month of June.

Two added to charter school board

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors welcomed two new members during the board's June 15 regular meeting.

After interviewing the prospective board members during a work session prior to the meeting, the board unanimously voted to add Lawrence Rugar and David Pribble to the board.

Rugar's letter of interest lists experience in education and management development.

Rugar's letter and resume show he worked as a substitute teacher, assistant coach and as an associate faculty member. He also worked in corporate risk management, as well as on the development and implementation of programs.

Pribble's letter of interest explains he previously served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1989-1994, then began work in commercial construction.

He moved to Pagosa Springs four years ago, according to his letter, and works in commercial construction for a company he notes has built schools, community buildings, housing and more.

Pribble acknowledges in his letter that he works for the construction firm currently working on PPOS's building, stating, "I understand this will be a unique situation until the remodel is complete at Pagosa Peak. It will require the utmost professionalism and honesty

in maintaining a fluid relationship with both parties. In certain situations, related to decisions and voting that is in conflict of interest of any party, it is understood that I will need to recuse myself from that interest."

Following the vote to add the pair to the board, board president Ursula Hudson noted she believes they will be great additions to the board.

Other business

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Approved a resolution authorizing School Director Angela Reali-Crossland to apply for a trio of grant opportunities.

- If awarded, those grants would, according to the resolution, include \$20,000 in support for a behavioral paraprofessional salary, \$50,000 for intensives and expanded learning opportunities, and \$35,000 for math and reading "curriculum print materials and supplemental online program aligned with current approved curriculums."

- Tabled decisions related to the school's family handbook, marking and enrollment proposal, and revisions to the school's mission and vision.

- Heard a report about the school's construction, with the school's representative in the construction, Andy Fiamengo, that the construction is on time and within budget.

Fiamengo reported that while

there are change orders on the project, he noted that the demo on the building is done, reducing the chance of finding things such as "pterodactyl eggs" or other issues that would add cost to the project.

"I'm optimistic about our progress," he said.

- Briefly discussed whether or not the school should participate in the Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act, also known as FMLI.

The discussion followed a report from Business Manager Chenni Hammon in which Hammon noted that government entities are able to opt out of the act and that she and board member Bill Hudson had previously discussed that it could be a small price to pay to provide insurance to staff.

School Director Angela Reali-Crossland told the board the additional deduction from paychecks for the program would mean a pay reduction when some live paycheck to paycheck.

- Heard from Reali-Crossland that the school's intensives — the education programming the school is doing around the community while construction is ongoing in the building — is a "huge hit."

She noted the school is looking at a grant for one week of intensives programming next year, adding that the programs are incorporating a lot of academics.

She noted she believes the school will see the results of the intensives in the classroom next school year, too.

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Pagosa Peak Open School first-grader Alice learns her colors in Spanish.



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Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) students Everly, Amelie and Annie eat radishes harvested at Southern Roots Farm during PPOS intensives.

School boards approve budgets

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A pair of local school boards approved their respective budgets for the upcoming fiscal year last week.

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education approved the district's budget on June 14, with the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors approving the charter school's budget the following evening.

ASD

Assistant Finance Director Eric Burt presented the budget to the board on June 14.

He explained the district's finance staff is tracking changes daily that will appear in the January budget revision.

He and Finance Director Mike Hodgson also explained to the board that the district agreed to be part of a trial group using a new budget template created by the state, with the pair indicating there are still issues being worked out with budget documents working together.

The board approved the budget, salary scales, appropriations and a resolution authorizing the use of beginning fund balances in a pair of funds (for expenses related to the new automotive program, onetime maintenance and additional supply chain expenses for food).

The resolution appropriating funds includes the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$26,763,384.
- Food Service Fund: \$697,030.
- Designated Purpose Grants

Fund: \$3,537,280.

- Pupil Activity Fund: \$311,573.
- Capital Reserve Fund: \$428,975.
- Trust Fund: \$307,844.

The total appropriation approved for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is \$32,046,086.

More about the ASD budget can be found at www.mypagosaschools.com.

PPOS

In presenting the budget to the board for consideration, Business Manager Chenni Hammon noted that the reimbursement rates for the school lunch program have not been released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) yet, with PPOS tentatively budgeting \$136,800 in income for the school lunch program.

"They have said that they're not going to continue with the current summer feeding program rates that we've been using throughout COVID and we should expect the rates to be less than what they've been for the last two years," she said.

But, she noted, the USDA is also still discussing supply shortages.

Hammon noted the update rate typically comes out in July.

"The reimbursement rate does not determine what we charge," School Director Angela Reali-Crossland told the board, noting that she's presented lunch prices of \$.25 for kids and \$4.75 for adults to PPOS's food authority for approval.

"And for students or whatnot that don't pay?" board member Julie Simmons asked.

■ See Budgets A15

Pagosa Springs Middle School honor roll released

By Anjelica Gallegos
Pagosa Springs Middle School

The following fifth-grade students made the Pagosa Springs Middle School fourth-quarter honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Rylan Ash, Abigail Barreraz, Kylie Coleman, Treyson Cotts, Veda Deitemeyer, Samson Dennis, Christopher Dozier, Kaydence Hibbert, Aliana Hoffschneider, Daniel Kinsley, Kieran Kurz, Paisley Lister, Ember Liverett, Morgan Lucero, Whitley Lucero, Ava Millburn, Olivia Moody, Jimena Moreno-Echavarría, Valeria Pereyra, Alan Renteria, Rylan Soden, Zyan Souza, Wayde Sutherland, Lilly Taylor, Riley Ward, Avery White, Briggs Wilson and

Reilly Yates.

The following fifth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Kian Berghoff, Avery Book, Corinna Galabota, Ward Halterman, Quinn Howard, Delaney Kirkham, Logan Lamoreaux, Brynn Looper, Ahrianna Martinez, Kelsey Matyniak, Lily Peck, Laken Pitcher, Aurion Richardson, Sofia Souza and Kailey Vincent.

The following sixth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Delani Abeita, Mikaila Anderson, Mackayla Beach, Noah Bellina, Riley Culligan, Tyler Dimond, Darria Fiorenza, John Grimes, Reese Jenkins, Kasen Limebrook, Ethan Lopez, Katie Lucero, Aerybella Maez, Mila Miller, Peyton

Pfeiffer, Angel Ramirez, Catherine Randall, Isabelle Ratcliff, Liam Sherman, Audrina Smith, Weston Sweet, Liana Vega, Molly Washburn and River Wilson.

The following sixth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Lorelei Abramson, Avea Bruce, Layla Forrest, Bella Jackson, Jessica Parker, Luke Reynolds, Colby Ross, Oliver Samu, Gianna Shaeffer, Leela Simpson, Carington Smith, Nicolas Tator, Janzen Tuggle-Rapp and Ellie Vining.

The following seventh-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Trinity Angle, Nile Bollig, Jackson Chaney, Katie Court, Baylee Davis, Leo Dennis, Makaela Denton, Van Halterman, Emma Jackson, Kally Anne Kubelka, Stetson Osborn, Italia Pereyra, Koen Pitcher, Jonathan Rodriguez, Su YuHuang, Reagan Vanatta and Stefani Veleta-Echavarría.

The following seventh-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Isabela Forster, Parker Frame, Kaiya Lyons, Kyle Matyniak, Brian Rafferty, Gwendolyn Tyler and Peyton Yates.

The following eighth-grade students made honor roll with 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Reeve Belarmino, Ava Berry, Olivia Cardenas, Samuel Casacelli, Izabella Castillo, Aiden Copley, Alillyanna Davis, Deaglan Denen, Charity Domingo, Hope Domingo, Benjamin Dozier,

Edith Grimes, Matthew Happ, Alaura Hughes, Kaeden Iguchi, Jasper Lambert, Colton Lucero, Kyleigh Martinez, Katelynn Mills, Elijah Nehring, Chance Ramirez, Heidy Renteria, Nicholas Schroeder, Eric Segura-Tarango, Angelina Trillo-Quezada, Ethnea Williams and Brady Ziminsky.

The following eighth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Xyra Belarmino, Leah Blackman, Samantha Brehm, Terriana Cage, Alexis Campbell, Jacob Castaneda, Kylie Chavez, Jordan Compton, Milo Deitemeyer, Dylan Dempster, Faith Domingo, Jessie Elledge, Alia Hibbert, Jenna Jenkins, Adison Johnson, Luke Kinsley, Kaila Limebrook, Yordy Lopez, Kathryn Martin, Deisi Morin-Baxin, Anja Nasralla, Stephen Pair, Lillian Petago, Hayden Peterson, Weston Phillips, Zachary Pouyer, Jayton Ross, Nicolas Santile, Johnathon Smith, Amberlynn Snarr and Natalie Talley.

RECREATION NEWS

Pee-wee soccer and tee ball registrations being accepted

By Breezy Bryant and Trevor Gian
Town of Pagosa Springs
Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is now accepting pee-wee soccer registrations for ages 3-4 years.

The registration fee will be \$40 for the first child and \$20 for a second child. The deadline to register will be July 15.

Online registration will be available through the town website at pagosasprings.co.gov/recreation-division or stop by the Ross Aragon Community Center to fill out a form.

Play will begin in August and run until September.

Recreation tee ball (ages 4-5 years)

The Recreation Department is now accepting tee ball registrations for ages 4-5 years.

The registration fee will be \$40 for the first child and \$20 for a second child. The deadline to register will be July 15.

Online registration will be available through the town website at pagosasprings.co.gov/recreation-division or stop by the Community Center to fill out a form.

Play will begin in August and run until September.

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New bicycle safety signs going up on state roadways

Colorado Department of Transportation

With bicycling season in full swing, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Bicycle Colorado are teaming up to remind motorists to give bicyclists their fair share of the roadway when traveling the state's highways.

Signs reminding drivers of Colorado's "Three-Foot" law, requiring motorists to give bicyclists at least 3 feet of space between the widest part of their vehicle and the widest part of the bicyclist, are being installed at various locations around the state, either as part of a road construction or sign replacement project. Drivers are allowed to cross a double yellow line to pass when it does not put oncoming traffic at risk.

"These new highway signs are designed to remind drivers that they are legally required to maintain a safe space when passing people biking on a shared roadway," said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "Studies indicate that regulatory signs for the 3-foot law are much more effective at enhancing safety. They also help make it clear that drivers bear the responsibility for safely passing a bicyclist."

Thirty-five states currently have statutes in place requiring at least a 3-foot clearance between a motor vehicle and bicyclist.

"We thank CDOT for making the change to the new State Law 3 Feet to Pass signage," said Bicycle



Illustration courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Colorado Director of Government Relations Piep van Heuven. "Words matter and these signs leave no doubt about what is expected of drivers when passing bicyclists on any roadway — 3 feet of space and no less. It's exciting to see CDOT leading on best practices in bicycle safety signage."

See the statute at: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/images/olls/2009a_sl_239.pdf.

June is Bike Month in Colorado. Following are some reminders for bicyclists and motorists to safely interact on the state's roadways.

Bicyclists

- Wear a helmet to protect your

head and reduce injury severity.

- Follow the rules of the road. Ride in the right-hand lane and, when it is safe to do so, ride on the right to allow vehicles to safely pass.

- Follow the rules of the road. Ride in the right-hand lane and, when wide enough, ride on the right to allow vehicles to safely pass, except when turning, passing or avoiding obstacles.

- Ride side by side on single-lane roads only when not impeding traffic.

- Use hand signals 100 feet before turning, merging or stopping if you can do so while safely operating your bike.

- Use extra caution after dark. Use bike lights, reflectors and wear reflective clothing.

- Avoid distractions. Riding and using a cellphone can be dangerous. Turn down music and remove headphones. Ride defensively and be aware of your surroundings.

- Eye contact and/or a quick nod is an easy way to confirm that both bicyclist and driver see and acknowledge each other's presence. Ride defensively, stay visible and be prepared to react. It's important never to assume that a driver sees you.

- Maintain your bike. Check brakes, lubricate the chain and check for proper tire pressure.

Motorists

- Provide 3 feet minimum of

space when passing bicyclists.

- Avoid distractions. Never text and drive, limit or eliminate cell-phone use, turn down music/talk volume.

- Be aware that bicycles may be encountered at any time — day or night.

- Eye contact and/or a quick nod is an easy way to confirm that both driver and bicyclist see and acknowledge each other's presence.

- Only enter the oncoming travel lane to pass a bicyclist when it is fully visible and free of oncoming traffic. If the oncoming travel lane is not fully visible or free of oncoming traffic, wait until it is to pass.

- Do not drive, park, idle or open doors without looking for bicyclists.

- Take the time to look for people on bikes — and other vulnerable road users — to accurately judge their speed and distance, regardless of the time of day.

- Understand that people on bikes may take the full lane at any time to avoid obstacles, to be more visible, to prepare for a left turn or to discourage drivers from passing when it is not safe.

For additional guidance on bike safety or how drivers can safely interact with bicyclists on the road, please visit: www.bicyclecolorado.org. For more information on CDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, please visit: www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped.

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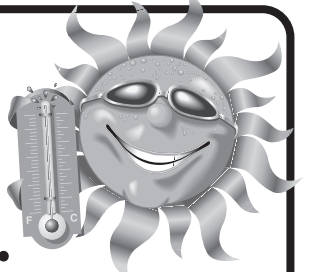
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Budgets

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Reali-Crossland noted that the school is still working on policies relating to handling nonpayment by those who do not qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, with policies at other schools ranging in how they deal with it.

Simmons later suggested that PPOS look at the estimated cost of providing free lunches for the school's students, noting that could be something easy to fundraise for

or find a pool of money.

She acknowledged that they shouldn't take advantage of the community for things that shouldn't be paid for by the public and added, "Also, at the same time, I just know that it's just going to get harder here going forward for families and I would hate for those kids to go hungry."

"I would never let a kid not eat," Reali-Crossland said.

The school director later noted

lunch money can have a political aspect and the need for confidentiality in dealing with lunch accounts.

The board is anticipated to hear a proposed lunch program policy in July.

Further discussion on the budget touched upon salaries and benefits, including a .05 percent increase to the state's retirement.

The appropriation resolution approved by the PPOS board in addition to the budget shows the

following appropriated amounts for the school's funds:

- General Fund: \$1,540,250.71.
- Mill levy override: \$106,400.
- Activity Fund: \$22,000.

The resolution also includes allocations for grant funding:

- Federal funding: \$49,038.
- State funding: \$193,308.

The total allocation approved for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is \$1,888,996.71, according to the resolution.

More about the PPOS budget can be found at: www.pagosa-peapokenschool.org. randi@pagosasun.com

It's pothole season — again

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler
Colorado State Patrol

One of my favorite movies is "Groundhog Day." In the movie, Bill Murray has a line in one of his reports that is also a favorite of mine: "Well, it's Groundhog Day — again." That resonates with me more than you know. Well it's pothole season — again.

After a Colorado winter, we see an influx of potholes around the state. This is not the fault of road crews, it's just our weather tearing into the roads as it does every year. So, why bring up these axle killers? They can also be dangerous for drivers.

Often, I see people driving along the roadway and suddenly slam their brakes on to try and limit

the pothole experience. Where I understand the urge to avoid the pothole, there are other ways to accomplish it.

A pothole can be seen prior to coming upon it if you are doing that scan beyond the hood I talk about. If you slam your brakes just prior to getting to it you may end up knowing the driver behind you more than you wanted. Even though they should be giving you enough distance in case you have to use your brakes, often they aren't and we end up with a crash. Scan your lane so you can see the potholes in time and slow gently.

The other situation I see with potholes is the swerve. When swerving, most times the vehicle hits the pothole anyways, so it didn't do any good. When a driver

swerves, especially when it causes the vehicle to go into the oncoming lane, it can be deadly. Even if you don't go into the other lane, the swerve may cause you to lose control and crash, especially if you still hit the pothole.

If you do happen to come up to a pothole and didn't see it in time, it is best to hit it straight on. I understand you may have damage in the way of a flat tire, bent rim or possibly some axle damage depending on the speed it was hit, but you will be around to get it fixed.

No matter what I discuss here, it always comes down to keeping control of your vehicle and letting other drivers know what you're going to do prior to doing it. As always, safe travels.



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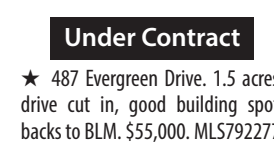
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Outdoors

15th annual Pagosa Duathlon July 9: Come out for the Dirty Du and get dirty for a cause

By Ashley Wilson
Rise Above Violence

Join us at the Brockover Trail-head off Turkey Springs Road the morning of July 9 for the 15th annual Pagosa Duathlon. There is a race for everyone from the kids to the seasoned trail racer.

We will launch the day with the Dusty Kids Gravel Growler, the race for our youngest enthusiasts.

The adult races include loads of single-track and loads of fun. All races start with the run portion. Dirty Sprinters will start with a 3-mile trail run and then transition to the 8-mile bike, all surrounded by beautiful scenery and single track mountain trail.

If you are looking for a bit more of a challenge, we have the Dirty Du. Dirty Duers will run a full 6-mile loop on single-track and ATV trails for a true mountain run experience. Then, it's off to the 14-mile bike section, where you will sail down dusty trails, climb rocky slopes and wind your way through pines and aspens. The course includes improved trails like Catamount, Gopher Trail and Aspen Run. Obstacles not only include your normal downed trees, rocks and shrubs, but cows and their "presents," too. (It is called the Dirty Du for a reason.) You won't be disappointed with this year's duathlon excitement.

All adult races have the option of racing in the individual men's or women's divisions, or as a two-member relay team, one runner and one biker. Early registration



Photo courtesy Rise Above Violence

The 15th annual Pagosa Duathlon is set for July 9, with the event offering a race for everyone from kids to seasoned trail racers. Registration is currently open.

ends July 2, so don't delay. Register online at: www.riseaboveviolence.org/pagosa-duathlon. All racers receive an official Pagosa Duathlon race T-shirt and post-race goodies. Races will be professionally timed and the top three finishers receive medals. Visit the website for more race information and driving directions to the race site at the junction of Turkey Springs Road and Brockover Road. As you train and prep for the race, if you need a partner, runner or biker, email ashley@riseaboveviolence.org and we will work to pair you.

The race lineup, beginning at 7 a.m.:

- Dusty Kids Gravel Growler (1-mile run, 2-mile dirt road dash), \$10.

- Dirty Sprint (3-mile trail run, 8-mile mountain bike), \$40 early registration, \$50 after July 1.

- Dirty Du (6-mile trail run, 14-mile mountain bike), \$50 early registration, \$60 after July 1.

Check out more information and register at www.riseaboveviolence.org/pagosa-duathlon.

Epic races funding an epic need

The Pagosa Duathlon is an essential fundraiser for Rise Above Violence; all proceeds support local survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other violent crimes. Rise is the only organization serving victims and survivors in Archuleta County. The funds raised support advocacy services, legal advocacy, support groups and youth violence prevention in our schools.

Violence is a dirty word, so we invite you to come out for the Dirty Du and get dirty for a cause.

Mark your calendars for the 10th anniversary of Chimney Rock as a national monument

By Brandy Richardson
Forest Service

Chimney Rock National Monument (CRNM) was designated by presidential proclamation on Sept. 21, 2012. The Forest Service and tribes are planning a 10th anniversary event to recognize the designation of Chimney Rock as a national monument

Sept. 23-24.

The 10th anniversary of CRNM is an opportunity for the Forest Service to honor tribal traditions, histories, influences and continued connections to the area; recognize the work of monument partners; and highlight the Forest Service's role in preserving the legacy of the past while pro-

viding the public meaningful recreational and educational experiences.

For more information, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sanjuan/specialplaces/?cid=stelprdb5390324>.

Details on events will be posted on Aug. 1 or as they become available.

Hope to see you there.

Bridge to Continental Reservoir closed to vehicle traffic

By Gregg Goodland
Forest Service

The Divide Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF), in cooperation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), announced recently that the road and bridge over North Clear Creek on Forest Service Road (FSR) 513.1A will be closed until further notice. This road is the access to Continental Reservoir.

The closure is needed to ensure public safety because of deteriorating bridge support structures.

A barrier system will be in place before the bridge that will be wide enough only for ATVs, side by sides, motorcycles, bicycles and foot traffic. No trailers or boats will be able to get through.

During a routine inspection last summer, a critical finding of safety

concern was noted on the bridge abutments, prompting district officials to restrict the weight limit of the bridge. Recently, it was determined that further deterioration in the support structures has occurred and confidence in the bridge's ability to support the weight of full-sized vehicles has diminished.

"Closing the bridge to vehicular traffic is the last action we wanted to take," said Andy Kelher, deputy forest supervisor for the Rio Grande National Forest. "However, we would be remiss in our commitment to our visitors if we did not consider the public's safety as our first priority. We recognize the popularity of the reservoir and understand that this will be a sig-

nificant inconvenience for many forest users."

CPW District Wildlife Manager Brent Woodward said Continental Reservoir will not be stocked with fish again until after bridge repair work is completed.

Engineers on the RGNF began the process to secure a contract to repair the bridge earlier this year. Officials are now pushing to make this a priority. Unfortunately, it is too early to estimate when the contract will be awarded and the repair work will be completed.

To view the full text of the closure order, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/riogrande/alerts-notices>.

For information on the RGNF, call (719) 850-2374.

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The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Herby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 07/28/2022, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 03/20/2022
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Amanda Ferguson #44893
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd. Ste 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155
Attorney File # CO11454
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
Robert J Gilmore, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30028
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Tel. 479.242.5906
Email: ir@hjclegal.com
Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):**
Robert J Gilmore
Joyce Gilmore
Lowell L Rose, Trustee of the Lowell L Rose Revocable Trust dated August 25, 1983, undivided one-half interest and Trustee of the Norma R Rose Revocable Trust dated June 29, 1998, undivided one-half interest
Norma L Rose, Trustee of the Lowell L Rose Revocable Trust dated August 25, 1983, undivided one-half interest and Trustee of the Norma R Rose Revocable Trust dated June 29, 1998, undivided one-half interest
Jack C Hicks
James W Jones, Jr., Trustee of the James and Jennette R Jones Revocable Living Trust
Jennette R Jones, Trustee of the James and Jennette R Jones Revocable Living Trust
Frank P Dickson Jr., Surviving Joint Tenant with Rights of Survivorship of Elinor M Dickson, deceased
Dorothy W Williams
Imogene Wright Bowen
Russell D Stein
Ramona L Stein
Ann L Daniel-Hartung
Roy D Goode
Careni L Good

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Peregrine Townhouses

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Inus H Wilson, et al
Defendants
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INUS H WILSON
WILLIAM C WILSON, JR.
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for failure to pay assessments to Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
Account Number: R012427
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/s/ Christopher B. Conley
Christopher B. Conley
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Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
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Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
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County Court
Archuleta County, Colorado
109 Harman Park Dr.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Case No. 22C35
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Public notice is given on June 17, 2022 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Louise Lorraine Dawes be changed to Lorren Louise Dawes.
/s/ Cheryl Mulberry
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published June 23, 30 and July 7, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION

FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
CAPITAL VENTURES INC
26560 PLEASANT PARK ROAD
CONIFER, CO 80453

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to
Archuleta County
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
Situs Address: 50 HOME CT
Legal: Subdivision: CHRIS MTN VILLAGE 2 Lot: 128-129 CMV 2 Sec: 25 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W
Account Number: R004377
Schedule Number: 569525105051
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01062
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CAPITAL VENTURES INC for said year 2009.
That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 24th day of May 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ARCHULETA COUNTY
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GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501
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Situs Address: 410 TRAILS BLVD
Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 76 PT
Account Number: R012426
Schedule Number: 569930202026
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2011-01834
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County
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Weminuche Audubon Society members held their annual meeting June 15 at Yamaguchi Park. The meeting included the electing of new officers, reflecting on accomplishments and discussing future plans.

Be bear aware while camping and backpacking in bear country

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado is home to a large population of black bears, with numbers estimated at 17,000-20,000 in the state. As humans venture into Colorado's great outdoors to spend time in nature, it is important to take active steps to avoid conflicts with bears.

Most conflicts between people and bears can be traced to easily accessible human food, trash or other attractants with strong odors. A bear's natural drive to eat can overcome its fear of humans. When bears become too comfortable around humans, they can destroy property or even become a threat to human safety.

"The majority of the time, bears are not after you, they are after food," said Area Wildlife Manager Mark Lamb. "Understanding bear behaviors and being aware of what steps you can take to avoid bears from approaching you is an important part of recreating responsibly in bear country. Being smart about how you store your food, using bear boxes and bear-resistant canisters and locking your property keeps you safe and can save a bear's life."

Watch our videos on camping in bear country: <https://www.you-tube.com/watch?v=MV-WMycU-Vjw>; and the bear aware webinar for Evergreen, Colo.: <https://www.you-tube.com/watch?v=CilzjevQpg>.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) recommends the following outdoor best practices to minimize encounters with bears.

Camping

When camping in bear country, the easiest way to avoid bears is to not have anything in your campsite that has a smell that will attract them.

- Safely store food, beverages and toiletries in campsite lockers called bear boxes (if provided), in bear-proof containers away from your tent or locked in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Stash your trash. Put all trash in bear-proof trash receptacles or bear canisters.
- Keep a clean campsite. Scrape grill grates after use and clean used dishes.
- Never bring food or anything that smells like food — which includes toiletries, sunscreen and even the clothes you wear when cooking — into your tent.
- Lock cars and RVs whenever you leave your site and at night and close windows.

What if a bear tries to enter a campsite?

Try to haze it away with loud noises such as yelling, banging pots and pans together, or use your car horn or an air horn to scare the bear away. Notify CPW park staff if a bear enters a campsite. As an extra precaution, carry bear spray with you when you go camping.

Backpacking and hiking

Understanding bear behaviors and your surroundings can help avoid unwanted encounters with wildlife on trails.

- Stay alert at all times. Avoid using headphones and be extra cautious at dawn and dusk.
- Keep dogs leashed at all times.
- Never feed or approach a bear.
- Double bag food and pack out all food waste (including apple cores or banana peels) to avoid encouraging bears to see trails as a food source.
- Respect forage areas. If your usual trail runs through berry patches, oak brush or other known food sources, be extra vigilant. Make extra noise by periodically clapping or calling out to alert

bears to your presence.

What if you surprise a bear on a trail?

Stay calm, stand still and speak to it in a firm tone of voice. The bear will most likely identify you and leave. Never run from a bear. If the bear does not leave, slowly wave your arms to make yourself look bigger. Continue facing the bear, slowly back away and keep slowly moving away until the bear is out of sight. If the bear gets within 40 feet, use bear spray.

If a bear attacks, do not play dead — fight back with anything available, including trekking poles, small knives or even your bare hands.

Sharing outdoor spaces with wildlife makes Colorado a wonderful place to live. Bear sightings from a safe distance can be a rare and wonderful experience for outdoor enthusiasts. Staying bear aware while on trails and camping helps keep bears wild and helps reduce human-bear conflicts.

For more resources and information on how to be "bear aware," visit: cpw.state.co.us.

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Colorado State Outdoor Recreation Grant Program quarterly deadline nears

Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office

The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office (OREC) is announcing the upcoming deadline for the Colorado State Outdoor Recreation Grant program. These funds are made available through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act.

OREC will be accepting applications for roughly \$4 million in competitive funding for projects related to economic development and recovery in the outdoor recreation sector. Eligible entities include government bodies, nonprofits, colleges/universities, economic development organizations and Indian tribes.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with quarterly review deadlines of March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 of each year through 2025 or until all funding

is allocated.

Grant recipients will be subject to federal and state reporting requirements, as outlined in the final grant agreements, and will be subject to annual site visits from OREC staff through the duration of the grant.

Due to EDA restrictions, this funding is not available for individuals, private businesses or other federal agencies. In addition, projects occurring on federal lands or new construction projects may be ineligible.

For more information, visit: <https://oedit.colorado.gov/colorado-state-outdoor-recreation-grant>.

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Celebrate Independence Day

Fourth of July parade to begin with flyovers

By JoAnn Laird
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Pagosa Springs Fourth of July Parade is gearing up to be one of Pagosa's annual highlights. Can't you just visualize all those groomed horses, strutting their stuff, proudly ridden by rodeo and Indian nation royalty? Braided manes, silver trimmed saddles — a colorful, proud tradition. Kids on decorated bikes, flag bearers, veterans, fire engines, theater groups, all loved by the crowd, locals and visitors alike — it's the perfect start to celebrate the birth of our nation.

Then there's those daring young men in their flying machines who will once again be doing their formation flying over the start of the parade on Hot Springs Boulevard, just south of U.S. 160, at 10 a.m. sharp. Pagosa's San Juan Formation Squadron, accompanied by members of the formation team of Chile Flight from Albuquerque, N.M., will make three passes, in three different formations, over the parade that only the best of the best can perform.

These talented men and women are sure to amaze and could even bring a tear to your eye because of what aviation has meant to ensure freedom for our country.

In the military and performance-flying teams, call signs are established, just like in the movie "Top Gun." Tom Cruise was "Maverick." The seven men and two



The San Juan Formation Squadron, with members of Chile Flight from Albuquerque, N.M., will open the Fourth of July Parade with a trio of formations.

women pilots in the San Juan Formation Squadron are Craig Taylor, "Goliath"; Mike Arbutnot, "Towbar"; Skip Thomas, "Screech"; Dave Peart, "Renegade"; Tim Gallagher, "Plowman"; Travis Reese, "Renegade"; Elizabeth Reese, "Knobs"; Brittany Day, "Lefty"; and Jeff Glynn, "Phantom." Now you have the inside story and

won't it be more fun when you see them around town?

Because of the continuing McCabe Creek/6th Street construction, the parade route has a changed this year. The staging area will be 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, making a right onto Pagosa Street/U.S. 160, right onto 2nd Street, right onto Hermosa and making a left onto Hot Springs Boulevard back to the staging area.

For those entering the parade, 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. Checking in at the registration desk is a must to receive your entry number and position in the parade.

For those watching the parade, it is important to note, there will be no parking along the entire parade route.

Applications, maps and general information are now available at Town Hall or at www.pagosaparks.co.gov. You can hand-deliver your application to Town Hall, or download, scan and email to www.parade@pagosaparks.co.gov. The deadline is Friday, July 1, at noon and entries will not be accepted after this deadline.

You can be a part of one of the hottest events of the year, in one of the coolest mountain towns you'll ever see. Whether you're a participant in the parade or a spectator, it's bound to be a fun celebration.

Plenty of fun planned for the Fourth of July

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

With a little moisture having descended on Pagosa Springs, the dust settling and allergies subsiding just a little, people are planning their activities and welcoming family and friends to our active community over the Fourth of July.

Despite the fact that the fireworks will not happen, there are many holiday activities being planned. There are also some deadlines that residents need to know about to get their applications in for parade floats, figure out where to park for the parade, purchase tickets and the like. Let us help you plan your holiday weekend.

The Chamber is excited to announce that we are expanding our Park to Park Artisan Market to include entertainment this year. The Park to Park Market will be held on July 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and then on the Fourth of July from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many vendors also choose to stay open later than

5, weather permitting. The music will be held in the Athletic Field of Town Park from noon until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and then noon to 4 on Monday, July 4. The music will be held under the new shade/food tent that will be in the Athletic Field.

Come and enjoy delicious food, listen to some music and get out of the sun so you can shop more. There are more than 65 vendors this year. Remember that Hermosa Street will be closed from July 2-4 due to the Artisan Market as both Town Park and the Athletic Field will be used for the vendors. There will not be a carnival this year in the Athletic Field.

And with the river having come up after the rains, there will also be a "Freedom Float" on the Fourth of July beginning at 1 p.m. Put your floating device in the river, dress up appropriate for the Fourth of July and enjoy the cool of the San Juan River. Launch your float in the put-in by Riff Raff on the Rio and float down to the Centennial Park bridge in all your red, white and blue just before the concert starts at 2 p.m.

Parade Route

4th of July Road Closures & Traffic Impacts

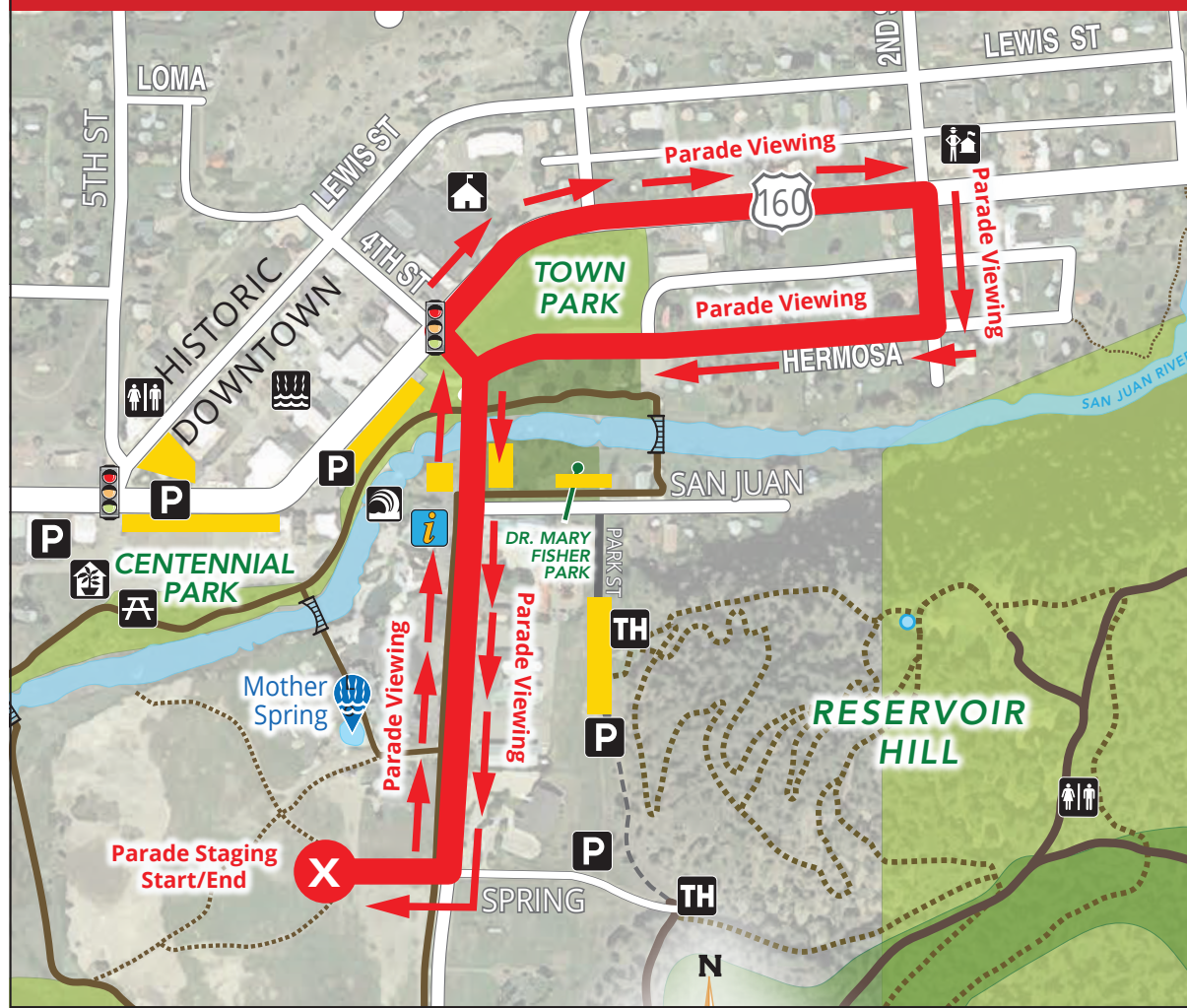


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Parking prohibitions announced for Fourth of July parade

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Due to public safety concerns and to reduce any conflict with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, all on-street parking is strictly prohibited along the designated parade route.

This order is in effect from July 3 at 9 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on July 4, after the parade. Only parking in designated parking lots will be allowed within the parade route and vehicles must remain in place until the conclusion of the parade.

This order includes the 100 block of Pagosa Street (U.S. 160) at the 1st Street bridge, through the 400 block of Pagosa Street (U.S. 160) at Goodman's Department Store), all of Hot Springs Boulevard and the Apache Street bridge.

Additionally, all parking will be prohibited on 1st Street and the 100 block of Lewis Street between the hours of 9 p.m. on July 3 until after the parade July 4. This is required for the designated detour.

Vehicles, including trailers found to be in violation of any of the above parking prohibitions, will be towed at the owner's expense.

These parking prohibitions are required per the Colorado Department of Transportation parade permit, and to ensure a safe detour and route for this event.



Photo courtesy Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, a tradition since 1949, is set for July 2-4 at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds.

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo returning July 2-4

By Diana Talbot
Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo began in Pagosa Springs in 1949 and has been a town and rodeo tradition ever since.

The rodeo was named for the famous comic strip character Red Ryder, who was drawn by Pagosa Springs resident Fred Harman Jr. The comic strip was wildly popular and ran from 1938-1964 in 750 newspapers.

Red was a cowboy hero and a crime fighter of the West, accompanied by his sidekick Little Beaver, a young Navajo Indian boy. Both had trusty steeds named Thunder and Papoose, respectively.

Cowboys and cowgirls from various states, on their trusty steeds, will travel to compete for prizes and prize money in this sanctioned rodeo series. The event is also filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining traditional American rodeo event.

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeos are Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and 3, at 6 p.m., and Monday, July 4, at 2 p.m. at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds off U.S. 84 and Mill Creek Road.

Tickets are available online and at the gate prior to the event. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 for children 12 and under. A limited number of box seats are available and can be purchased by calling (970) 749-3492.

Each daily performance begins with an impressive grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback. Rodeo events are interspersed with a variety of other acts like the mutton bustin' contest, Daisy BB gun raffle and rodeo clown. Concessions will include delicious smoked meats, beer and beverages.

The website www.PagosaRodeo.com has detailed information about the entire event. Additional questions can be directed to Diana at (970) 749-3492.

Community band sets annual Patriotic Concert for July 4

By Susy Mekeal
Community Band

Come one, come all to the community Fourth of July concert.

On July 4, at 2 p.m. on the lawn at The Springs Resort next to the river, the community band will

hold its annual Patriotic Concert. Your neighbors and friends will make up the band members and will be glad for your support.

This concert will get your toes tapping and your spirit lifted as you listen to favorite John Philip Sousa marches, patriotic themes and local

favorites. One of the local favorites is "The Cowboys." This piece was composed by John Williams for the John Wayne movie of the same name. The movie released in 1972 and parts of it were filmed right here in Pagosa Springs. The director for this piece will be Malinda Burnett,

and the movie was filmed on her family's ranch in Pagosa Springs.

The Patriotic Concert will be a fun way to round out your festivities for the day. Bring your chair and join us on the lawn at The Springs Resort for some toe-tapping music. See you at the concert.

Curtains Up Pagosa to present 'Pagosa The Beautiful: A Star-Spangled Evening'

Curtains Up Pagosa

In order to navigate the times we are living in, Curtains Up Pagosa has switched gears for its summer event and will now present "Pagosa the Beautiful: A Star-Spangled Evening."

Come spend an hour and half with us to honor our country, our

active and retired service members, as well as those who have given their lives in service for our country. Though it is a patriotic concert, it will be filled with a lot of traditional and nontraditional songs to honor the beauty that surrounds us.

Several groups from our community will be performing includ-

ing the Pagosa Springs Community Band (as a teaser for its Fourth of July concert), the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Choir, members from Pagosa Springs Dance Academy and many more.

This July 2 concert at 7 p.m. is one you surely do not want to miss. The Pagosa Springs High School

auditorium doors will open at 6:15 p.m. Get your tickets in advance to save. Tickets are \$10 for students (ages 18 and under), \$10 for veterans and \$15 for adults. At the door, prices are \$5 more, so purchase your tickets in advance. Tickets are available at curtainsuppagosa.org and at <https://our.show/star-spangledevening>.

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Auction for the Animals

Virtual Auction and Pet Fashion Show • Through July 5



Photo courtesy Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

June 23, 2022

Humane Society Auction for the Animals online and bigger than ever

By Robson Reyes

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

For a third consecutive year, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) will host its annual fundraiser, the 28th annual Auction for the Animals, virtual and online so that supporters can participate from the comfort of their homes, from anywhere in the world. Access is easy.

On Monday, June 20, the auction went live. To preview items and bid, simply log on to www.hspsauction.org to browse more than 400 auction items and bid on your favorites, all in support of our community's only animal shelter.

HSPS has canceled its live portion of the Auction for the Animals event as a result of the recent rapid increase in COVID cases and the uncertainty in the economy.

"We are disappointed that we cannot host a live event again this year, but we are excited that this year will be our biggest online auction ever. With the costs of goods and services so high these days, hosting our event online means more funds from our auction can go directly towards the care of our animals, rather than towards hosting an extravagant in-person event," said Robson Reyes, executive director of HSPS. "Also, we have a lot of out-of-towners and second homeowners who adopt animals from our shelter and shop at our

thrift store, so hosting an online auction gives both local and non-local supporters the opportunity to participate virtually and bid on auction items to support our cause, even if they can't be here in person."

This year's virtual auction will have more items to bid on than ever and will run for two full weeks, ending at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5.

Back by popular demand will be the third annual Pet Fashion Show, where animals in creative costumes will strut their stuff on the virtual red carpet in support of HSPS.

There are prizes at stake for best dressed, and viewers can vote for their favorite pets and costumes for the duration of the auction through July 5. Prizes will go to the top three vote recipients. Votes are just \$1 each and all money raised goes to support the shelter animals. You can watch the Pet Fashion Show as many times as you'd like by visiting www.hspsauction.org.

The Auction for the Animals is the Humane Society's most important annual fundraiser. HSPS is not immune to the current, ever-changing economic times, which is why it needs your support now more than ever. The success of the auction makes a huge difference in the organization's ability to provide nutritious food, safe shelter and quality medical care that every lost, abandoned and homeless animal needs

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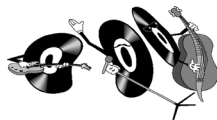
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East Side Market: Jacques Grant, 11 a.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Theis, 5 p.m.

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: San Juan Mountain Boys, 5 p.m.

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Auction

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This year more than ever, the success of the auction will help HSPS continue to provide a safe haven to nearly 700 animals that will call the shelter home, at least until a family and a forever home can be found.

This year, HSPS will host its biggest online auction ever. With more than 400 items, the auction is loaded with a variety of items and there's bound to be something to appeal to just about everyone. From pet supplies to outdoor gear, baby items to art and décor, jewelry, clothing and tons of gift baskets and gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses, this is a great opportunity to do some shopping for yourself, friends and family — all for a good cause.

Bidding on auction items isn't the only way to help the shelter animals. You can make donations to help buy animal food, assist with funds needed for spay and neuter surgeries, help cover the cost of emergency veterinary care and so much more. You can also make general donations that will be used wherever the need is greatest. Any donation, no matter the amount, will make a tremendous difference in the lives of the animals that come into the shelter's care. To bid on an auction item or to make an outright donation, visit www.hspsauction.org and follow the user-friendly prompts.

HSPS would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has already helped make this year's virtual Auction for the Animals a great success.

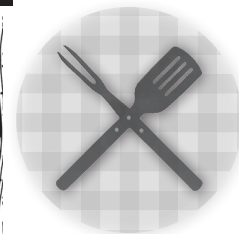
Reyes said, "To everyone who has tirelessly volunteered their time and energy towards event preparation, we appreciate you. To all of our sponsors who have generously given a donation to help cover the cost of things like our virtual event platform, tech support, marketing and advertising, and more, we cannot thank you enough."

For the last two years, HSPS has hosted its auction event on-line with great success and looks

forward to another successful on-line auction again this year. Start previewing items and bidding on your favorites now by visiting www.hspsauction.org. Don't forget the auction ends promptly at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5.

HSPS is a local, private non-profit organization that operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County. Your local humane society does not receive funding from the Humane Society of the

United States, American Humane, ASPCA or any other national animal welfare organizations. Private donations, grants, and thrift store revenues cover only a portion of animal shelter operating expenses. The remainder of shelter costs must be met through fundraising events like the Virtual Auction for the Animals. HSPS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.



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Pagosa Farmers Market to open Saturday

By **Pauline Benetti**
Southwest Organization for Sustainability

In response to the question asked repeatedly this month—when will it open?— we can now say that the Pagosa Farmers Market will open this Saturday at 9 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. in the same location, co-located with the East Side Market at the east end of town.

We won't have our full complement of vendors yet, but all kinds of good products will be available, especially vine-ripened tomatoes from the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) growing dome— something not to be found elsewhere this early in the season. Also to be found are tomato plants which now can be safely hardened off outside for increasing periods of time until it's safe to plant while keeping a sharp eye on night time temperatures. Anything below 50 degrees means cover up.

If the temperatures hold, growers operating their own booths will offer a range of freshly harvested vegetables that will change as the season progresses. Other producers will offer wonderful sourdough breads, sweet pastries, jams, local honey, pesto, farm-fresh eggs and a selection of naturally raised and USDA-inspected beef cuts.

Special notice to SNAP recipients and seniors: The market continues to accept SNAP cards and to distribute Double Up Bucks worth \$20 with the first \$20 SNAP purchase and to accept coupons distributed by the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, both of which make shopping at the Pagosa Farmers Market a wise choice economically.

The Pagosa Farmers Market is part of a community wide effort to increase local production of food by providing a venue where local food can be offered directly to the consumer with benefit to producer, consumer and community. The market in no way profits from this arrangement. Booth fees are passed on to the owner of the property. Support for the market comes from the Town of Pagosa



Photo courtesy Southwest Organization for Sustainability

An important way to increase production of local organic foods is to pass knowledge and access to resources from one generation to another. Roger Candelaria (right) and Chris Frederics exemplify this generational passage as they work the land in the sustainable production of food. The Candelaria family has owned the land since at least 1906, when Roger's great aunt, Victoria Anita Candelaria Gurule, became legal owner through the Homestead Act. Frederics recently came to the area in search of suitable agricultural land to support his family and his own avid interest in regenerative agriculture.

Springs.

The market does not work alone. There are other nonprofits involved in the effort to increase local food production. Healthy Archuleta, doing business as the FSFE — Food Coalition, will soon cast a wide net in its countywide assessment of both community health and food production, the relationship between consuming

nutrient-dense food and health, and equity issues involved in access to fresh local food. From its inception, Healthy Archuleta has worked to establish community gardens and encourage backyard growers to increase production with the intent of giving excess to neighbors or donating to our local food pantries or selling at the

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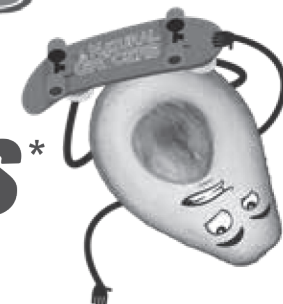
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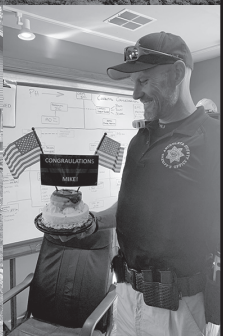
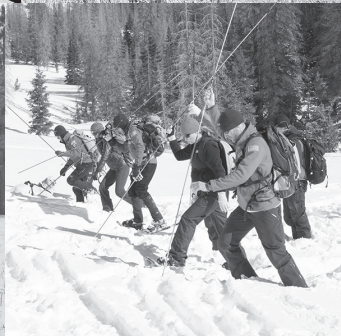
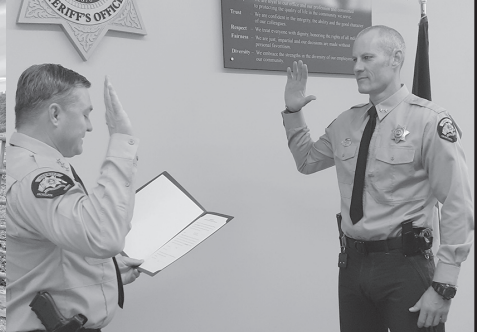
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By Rose Chavez

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Today, Thursday, June 23, from 2 to 3 p.m., Healthy Archuleta, doing business as the FSFE — Food Coalition, will host a community conversation that will engage the health care community and everyday residents about the types of preventive and primary care services that are available in Archuleta County.

Healthy Archuleta, in partnership with Archuleta County, is working to complete a nutrition security health equity assessment over the next couple of years. We are looking at two broad questions that will help capture people's voices/experiences related to food and preventative health care issues and opportunities in Archuleta County.

Thursday's conversation will continue to focus on our community's experience and will feature Dr. Julie Buchner as it relates to preventative health care access and utilization (coverage, timeliness, workforce and service).

According to HealthCare.gov, "Preventative services is defined as routine health care that includes screenings, check-ups and patient counseling to prevent illnesses, disease or other health problems." (<https://www.healthcare.gov/glossary/preventive-services/>).

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83978862954> for the virtual meeting. For more information, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or (401) 371-3227.

To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, please visit: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>.

Market

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Pagosa Farmers Market.

The GGP is another nonprofit dedicated to increasing local food production via the three growing domes at the downtown site in Centennial Park. The Community Garden Dome is worked by local community groups who use some of the produce themselves, give to friends or donate to the local food pantries. Hopefully, the Education dome will return soon to its mission of teaching children how to grow. In the meantime, a crew of volunteers grows produce to be sold at the dome or at the Pagosa Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. The third dome is just beginning to operate as an aquaponic installation and will soon be selling produce to our local restaurants.

In addition to nonprofits, Colo-

rado State University, in the person of Robin Young, local extension agent, contributes mightily to the effort of increasing local food production by offering classes on everything related to small growers by training Master Gardeners, offering cottage food training classes, offering classes to ranchers and offering myriad other services.

The community, too, is engaged. The April Food Summit hosted by Healthy Archuleta brought together an amazingly large number of community members interested in local food. More than 100 people gathered to listen to the keynote speaker set the challenge, folks from the growing community relate their experiences, and town and county officials explain regulations and services relevant to growers.

Proof positive of community

engagement came during the June participatory voting process sponsored by Healthy Archuleta. "Grow More Local Produce" was the winner from a list of priorities offered to help Healthy Archuleta select the area to be at the forefront of its future efforts.

Consider a standing invitation from each one of these entities to join whichever one most exactly meets the particular interests. The contacts are: pagosafarmermarket@gmail.com, ggp@pagosagreen.org and fsfearchuleta@gmail.com. As we all know too well, growing in Pagosa County is not for sissies. There are so many ways that folks can participate and learn and move us forward in the march toward greater resiliency.

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19th Hole Concert Series continuing this evening

By Rose Chavez
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The PM Morning Rotary Club is one of the nonprofits that was chosen for this summer's 19th Hole Concerts.

The club is excited to participate in this fun event at the Pagosa

Springs Golf Club. Please come out Thursday, June 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for some great music.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Your \$10 cover charge not only supports PM Morning Rotary Club, but also four other local nonprofits that are part of the 19th Hole Concerts. Funds from all the

concerts are pooled and divided evenly. We hope to see you there.

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

- June 23: San Juan Mountain Boys, PM Morning Rotary Club.
- June 30: Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release, Healthy Archuleta.



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Patriotic Concert set for July 4

By Susy Mekeal
Community Band

Come one, come all to the community Fourth of July concert.

On July 4, at 2 p.m. on the lawn at The Springs Resort next to the river, the community band will hold its annual Patriotic Concert. Your neighbors and friends will make up the band members and will be glad for your support.

This concert will get your toes tapping and your spirit lifted as you listen to favorite John Philip Sousa marches, patriotic themes and local favorites. One of the

local favorites is "The Cowboys." This piece was composed by John Williams for the John Wayne movie of the same name. The movie released in 1972 and parts of it were filmed right here in Pagosa Springs. The director for this piece will be Malinda Burnett, and the movie was filmed on her family's ranch in Pagosa Springs.

The Patriotic Concert will be a fun way to round out your festivities for the day. Bring your chair and join us on the lawn at The Springs Resort for some toe-tapping music. See you at the concert.

Curtains Up Pagosa to present 'Pagosa The Beautiful: A Star-Spangled Evening'

Curtains Up Pagosa

In order to navigate the times we are living in, Curtains Up Pagosa has switched gears for its summer event and will now present "Pagosa the Beautiful: a Star-Spangled Evening."

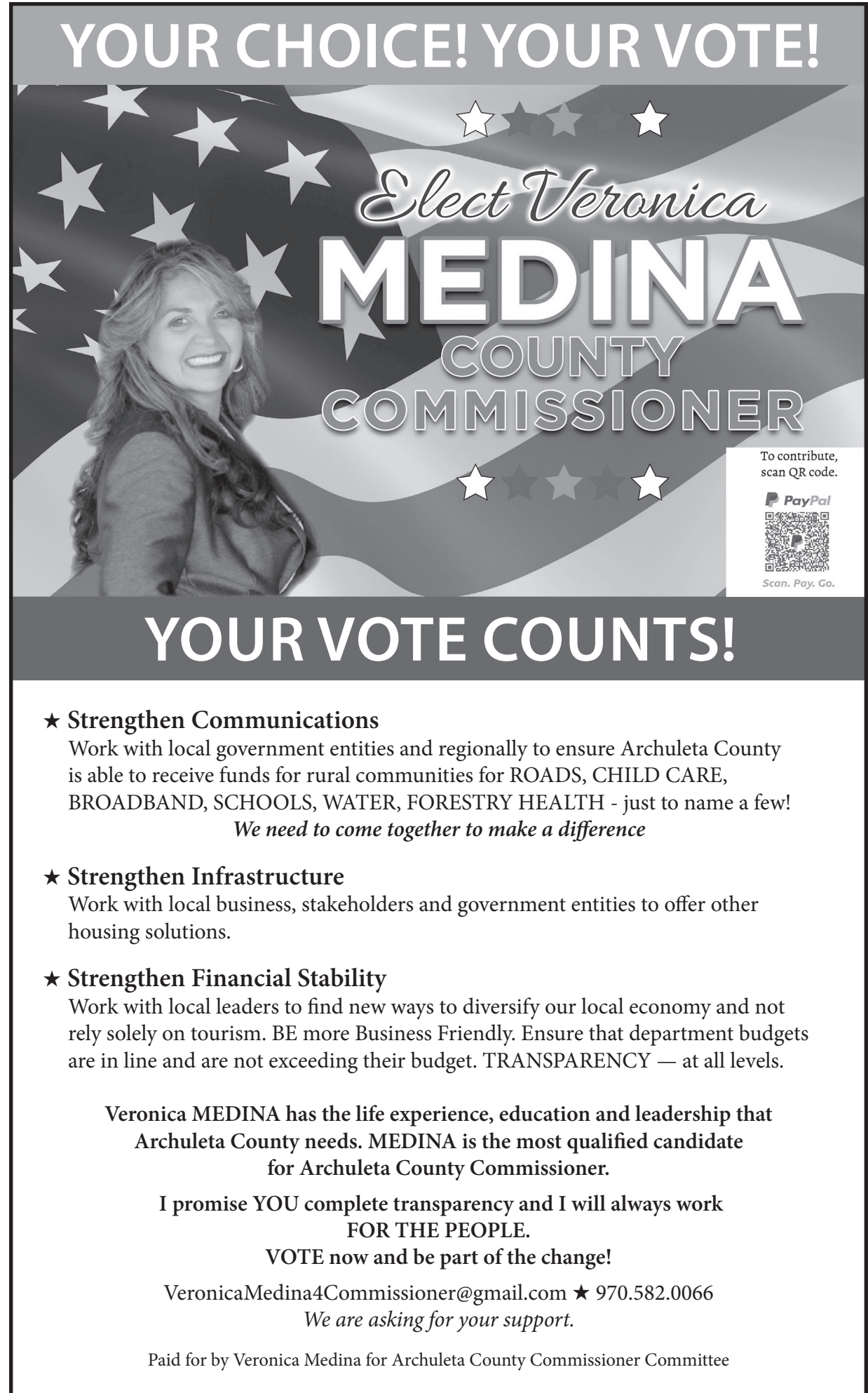
Come spend an hour and half with us to honor our country, our active and retired service members, as well as those who have given their lives in service for our country. Though it is a patriotic concert, it will be filled with a lot of traditional and nontraditional songs to honor the beauty that surrounds us.

Several groups from our community will be performing includ-

ing the Pagosa Springs Community Band (as a teaser for its Fourth of July concert), the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Choir, members from Pagosa Springs Dance Academy and many more.

This July 2 concert at 7 p.m. is one you surely do not want to miss.

The Pagosa Springs High School auditorium doors will open at 6:15 p.m. Get your tickets in advance to save. Tickets are \$10 for students (ages 18 and under), \$10 for veterans and \$15 for adults. At the door, prices are \$5 more, so purchase your tickets in advance. Tickets are available at curtainsuppagosa.org and at <https://our.show/star-spangledevening>.



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Make plans to see 'Bright Star' Friday or Saturday

By Amy Wolfe
Thingamajig Theatre Company

The musical "Bright Star" continues to run at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts this Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25, at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m.

Thingamajig Theatre Company's production of Steve Martin's and Edie Brickell's award-winning musical is becoming an audience favorite.

"Broadway-quality show," is how Marvin Bloomquist described Thingamajig's production of "Bright Star" after friends encouraged he and wife Judy to see it. "We have seen dozens of shows at Thingamajig and this is the best we have seen."

Lee Eden said, "I have been going to Thingamajig Theatre for years and 'Bright Star' is the best ever!"

She went on to say that this one stands out.

"Bright Star" is filled with emotion from the joyful folly of youth to heart-wrenching pain as the story bounces from the 1940s to the 1920s and back again.

Allie Tamburello as Alice Murphy tells her story with song masterfully crafted in the bluegrass music rooted in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The professional cast brings this story to life with superb acting, singing and dance. Andrew Barrett Lewis, who directed "Bright Star," has created a masterpiece for Thingamajig Theatre Company that audiences will talk about for years to come.

The only way to truly know how this show will move you is to be

■ See 'Star' on next page



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Pictured are Trevor Brown as Jimmy Ray Dobbs and Allie Tamburello as Alice Murphy from "Bright Star," the Thingamajig Theatre Company production continuing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Friday and Saturday.

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Teens Night Out announced for 'The SpongeBob Musical'

By Amy Wolfe

Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company again invites all teens in the Pagosa Springs area to attend the final dress rehearsal of the third show of our summer season, "The SpongeBob Musical," on Thursday, June 30.

This free, for-teens-only event is part of Thingamajig's commitment to offering creative educational opportunities in our community through the ThingamaWHO Teen Programs.

"The SpongeBob Musical" is based on the popular Nickelodeon animated series and produced by Nickelodeon for the Broadway stage. The award-winning musical, written by Kyle Jarrow, is filled with original songs by popular artists including David Bowie, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith and The Flaming Lips.

Doors open for the final dress rehearsal of "The SpongeBob Musical" at 6:45 p.m. with the show starting at 7 p.m. Join Thingamajig and your friends for a fun night out with "SpongeBob" and all his

friends from Bikini Bottom.

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

Pagosa Springs History Museum open for season

By Frank Zellner

Pagosa Springs History Museum

The Pagosa Springs History Museum is now open and welcoming visitors for the 2022 season.

In addition to the numerous historical displays, a magnificent quilt

display by many talented Pagosa Springs quilt makers is available to enjoy. An exhibit of items from the recently acquired Fred Harman collection will also be on display.

The museum provides exhibits depicting the history of the area, along with acknowledgments of

local pioneers who were instrumental in the early development of Pagosa Springs. Various cultures are represented in the displays.

The directors and staff are excited to announce that an expansion of the museum this summer will provide desperately needed floor space for additional displays.

Grants and donations have been instrumental in bringing this reality to pass. Thanks to all the contributing individuals and entities for their generosity in support of the expansion effort.

The museum directors and staff cordially invite all to attend and learn of our heritage as a community.

Opportunities to volunteer are available and welcomed at the museum.

'Star'

continued from previous page part of the audience. Call the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469) or visit pagosacenter.org to purchase tickets.

"Bright Star" will continue to run in repertory through Aug. 18 as part of the Broadway in the Mountains summer season. "The SpongeBob Musical" will open on Friday, July 1, and "Guys and Dolls" will return to the stage on July 5.

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Stewart Bellina.

The ladies of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By **Danyelle Leentjes**
Seeds of Learning

The six stars of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars are preparing for the fifth annual dance competition to support Seeds of Learning.

These stars have been matched with a dance coach who will lead them through the process to win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. Three of these fabulous stars are Chantelle Jordan, Sarah Mashue and Stewart Bellina.

Jordan's love of learning and supporting others in their learning adventures all started as a ranch kid in eastern Oregon. She attended public school, participated in athletics, 4-H and learned to dance at the age of 4. In her current position as Pagosa Springs High School assistant principal and athletic director, she is passionate about supporting teachers and coaches to ultimately help all students. Dancing with the Pagosa Stars is the perfect combination of a favorite hobby, dancing, and devoting her time and energy to support the Seeds of Learning educators and students. Jordan lives not far from Pagosa Springs

with her husband, Joe, and two sons, Nolan and Rhead. She is an outdoor enthusiast and an avid triathlete. When she is not supporting educators and students, you will likely find her running or biking on a nearby trail.

Mashue and husband Kris moved to Pagosa Springs in 2007. Together, they have a residential construction and property management company. Mashue has worked as a server for more than 15 years and enjoys working in the service industry. Mashue volunteers for several worthy causes in Pagosa Springs and enjoys traveling, camping, running, dancing, sewing and snowboarding. A mother of two, Tucker, 17, and Natalie, 16, Mashue is grateful to raise funds to support early education at Seeds of Learning.

In 2001, Bellina moved to Colorado after being born and raised in Mississippi, and quickly began her career in education using her degree from Ole Miss. She started out as a preschool teacher in Crested Butte, Colo., in a school very similar to Seeds of Learning before she met her husband, Dave. She then returned to school to get

the first of two master's degrees in education. Bellina now works as the principal of San Juan Mountain School, a successful new alternative high school for students in the Archuleta School District who need extra support. If you want to cast your vote for a hardworking, fun-loving mom of two who has dedicated her career to the youth in our community, look no further than this amazing woman.

Want to see the stars perform in person? Purchase a ticket online on July 14 at 9 a.m. from our website, dwtps.org. All tickets include votes for your favorite star, a buffet dinner served by our fine-dining restaurant, a sensational show which is sure to entertain, and open

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Healthy Archuleta features Community Learning and Leadership Circle member Susan Nossaman

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 participatory 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
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Dancing

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dancing is back this year with the Tim Sullivan Band playing during voting.

But why wait until the event to vote when you can do it today? Visit vote.dwtps.org to vote for your favorite stars. Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the fabulous trophy and bragging rights for the next year. You can vote for as many stars as you would like as many times as you want. But, more

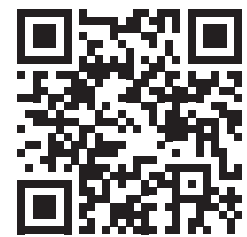
importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining Seeds of Learning's tuition mission to provide affordable, high-quality early childhood education in Pagosa Springs.

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THINGAMAJIG THEATRE COMPANY

Photos courtesy Carole Howard

Scene ... enjoying homemade dinner for Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer actors. On June 14, the Friends of the Theatre, led by Chris Pike and Joyce Ryan, cooked homemade dinners for the cast and crew on their Tech Tuesday rehearsal day, when all the technical elements of the show like lights, sound and sets come together for the first time.



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By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for
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June 25, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Playshop with Silvey.

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Healthy

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individual profiles of CLLC community members who are serving their community in this capacity. This week, we are featuring CLLC member Susan Nossaman:

1. Health is the new wealth. What does that mean for you and your family's health in Archuleta County? “To me, health means doing what is possible to prevent chronic disease. I know diabetes runs in my family so I try to eat a balanced diet and exercise. It's easy and tempting to eat a lot of fast food because it's cheap and convenient, but I try to avoid it as much as possible.”

2. What are your ties to Archuleta County? “My ties to Archuleta County go way back. On my dad's side of the family, his great-uncle was one of the first white people to come here and settle. On my mom's side, her grandparents came through Pagosa on their way to Animas City. My great grandfather, a Civil War vet, took advantage of soaking in the spring water to help ease the pain of his war wounds. Their daughter, my grandma, came to Pagosa as a teacher for the Bayles school and married my grandfather who came to Pagosa to homestead. My mom was one of their four daughters. My dad grew up in Arboles which was about as far west in Archuleta county as you could go. That place is under Navajo Lake now.”

3. What do you see as your role on the CLLC for the Nutrition Security and Health Equity Assessment? “As a member of the CLLC I would like to see our county become more self-sufficient in producing

our own food. Years ago, my grandparents always raised large gardens and preserved the vegetables to last through the winter months as much as possible because they weren't able to run into town whenever they needed something. It's nice to have the huge variety of food found in a grocery store, but there are basic things that grow here that can be extra healthy and good, too. I also believe the effort the CLLC is putting into finding more about health equity is really important for the county. Our research into the system and how we might change some things so that everyone can access basic health-care is extremely important.”

4. What is your vision for a healthy Archuleta? “My vision for a Healthy Archuleta is one where people do not have to worry about food insecurity or getting basic health care.”

5. What do you think is critical about the dynamics of learning and leading on the CLLC for this assessment? “I think the critical part of our assessment will be to really reach out to as many people in the community as possible of as many different demographics as possible. The CLLC can't afford to do a superficial assessment if it expects to make a meaningful impact in regards to nutrition security and health equity.”

For more information, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.org or (401) 371-3227. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, doing business as the FSFE — Food Coalition, please visit: <https://www.foodcoalition-4archuleta.org/donate.html>.



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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the spotted sandpiper.

In spotted sandpipers, the roles of the sexes in reproduction is the reverse of what we normally see in birds. Hormonal changes play a part, with the testosterone level of females increasing by a factor of seven during breeding season. The female arrives first on the breeding grounds and establishes a territory by chasing away other females.

When males arrive, it is the female who performs courtship displays and chooses a mate. Nest building is an important part of courtship behavior and a pair may leave several nests incomplete before finishing the one they will use. Once the eggs are laid, the female leaves the male to incubate and raise the chicks.

In a practice termed polyandry, the female may mate with up to four males, each of whom she leaves to raise her young. Since she has the ability to store sperm for up to a month, this practice may result in a male incubating eggs fertilized by someone else.

Spotted sandpipers breed all across North America, even at high elevations, near almost any freshwater type. They are robin-sized with an olive-brown back and white belly which is covered with dark spots in breeding plumage. Seldom seen in flocks, each walks along the shoreline, constantly bobbing its rear half up and down.

They are active foragers who mainly catch small invertebrates by probing in the mud, skimming from the water's surface, gleaning insects from plants or snatching them from the air.

Before winter, these birds migrate as far south as Central and South America. Often traveling singly, juveniles are the last to leave breeding grounds and somehow find their way to a place they've never been.

For information on events, visit, www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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 26, our theme is "The Name of God."

"I beseech Thee, Oh my God, by Thy Name which Thou hast made

the King of Names, by which all who are in heaven and all who are on earth have been enraptured, to enable me to gaze on the Daystar of Thy Beauty, and to supply me with the wine of Thine utterance." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is an all-embracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity's spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every human soul.

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.

To obtain the passcode for our Sunday devotionals, call Paulette Heber at (970) 731-8610 or email to the above email address.

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Fun By The Numbers

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ANSWER:

Countywide Women's Bible Study meets Tuesdays

By Stan Counsell
Countywide Women's Bible Study

The Countywide Women's Bible Study is marching forward, teaching various Bible topics that bring honor to Jesus Christ and uplift His followers.

A common concern of many good people is, "I simply don't understand parts of the Bible, why even bother?" There are numerous religious books, TV speakers and ministries that often cause brain cramps within the Body of Christ. But, when biblical confusion gives 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 finally 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? The word "know" can commonly be misunderstood in our English vocabulary. What a relief it was for me to say, "Whew, I finally know Greek." But, if I say, "I know if I fertilize my tree, the roots will benefit from it," my use of "know" can be understood as my previous observations, that my tree improves in beauty and growth.

But, do I know what chemicals are needed, how they breakdown to interact with said roots? The answer is no. I have only seen the improvement of the tree, but I'm clueless as to what transpired within the soil. From the Greek, the word "know" often means "to be resolved, be sure, to understand." Or, as one professor taught, "You know it so well, it's as if it attached itself to you." It doesn't mean hav-

ing our brain discombobulated with conflicting opinions. Understanding, like a cool Pagosa mountain breeze, is soothing to our mind and spirit.

With a profound love for God's Word and unending research, the study's facilitator has tackled scriptures and Bible topics with complete fairness, free of any agendas. The discussions are open and joyful. Who says one can't laugh and still learn? It is never too late to attend as each study has a refreshing overview of the previous week's study.

Now, the study has entered 2 Thessalonians, an exciting book. All interested ladies are openly invited to attend. Your background is not an issue: Protestant, Charismatic, Evangelical, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal or non-denominational. Even the curious are most welcome.

Roberta ('Bert) Counsell is an ordained women's pastor from an international Christian organization encompassing over 4,400 churches in 116 countries. She is a skilled Bible teacher and former chaplain with the American Red Cross, U.S. Border Patrol, a San Diego AIDS hospice and ministries to sufferers of sexual addictions. She endeavors that all discover Jesus Christ's love, forgiveness and salvation. She is known for her humor, simplicity and non-lecturing style. She loves a casual atmosphere with laughing feedback from the ladies. Along with her husband, Counsell has been active in pastoral ministries for 37 years.

The difficult is easily addressed each Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 at the former CrossRoad Christian Fellowship building in

the spacious confines of the fellowship hall. The address is 1044 Park Ave., right across the street from the Recreation Center.

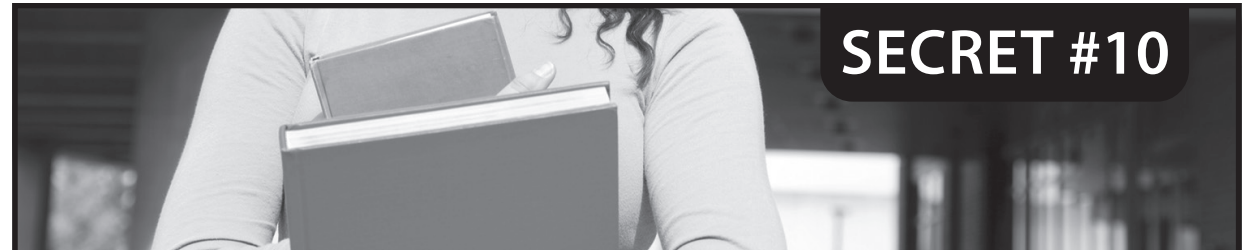
For more information, or if you have questions, please call Counsell at (970) 264-9931. She'll be happy to take your call. Bring your Bible, take notes, laugh, learn and make numerous friends.



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EDUCATE YOURSELF

"Study to show thyself approved ..." —2 Timothy 2:15

"You have to keep your mind alive and continuing to grow, and your body just as much," said 90-year-old Delmar Holbrooke of Loma Linda, California, commenting in a BBC Special on longevity and lifestyle.

Few topics can offer as incredible a study to keep your mind alive as the ever-fascinating human body and its workings. The Egyptians had a proverb, "Man, know thyself ... and thou shalt know the gods." Similarly, Plato simply used the maxim "Know Thyself." Both made references to either actual temples or the human body temple, often as it related to being temperate so that deity could live in man. This is the very theme of the Ancient Scriptures, which asks, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" — 1 Corinthians 3:16

In terms of health, there is nothing more important than learning about our bodies and how they function. And there is certainly a correlation between increasing knowledge about the body and how well we take care of it.

A Few Mental Notes to Get You Started:

- In order to have good health, it must include mind, body, and, soul and it must be continual and progressive.
- A recent study discussed on the website Oprah.com showed that reading is an exercise of the mind that strengthens it and leads to a better memory. In comparison, watching or listening does not stimulate the amount of senses and nerves that reading does.

Health Benefits of Reading and Studying

- Reading a book can actually cause relaxation and stress reduction.
- Reading in silence for just 6 minutes showed to lower stress levels by 68%.
- Personal study time taken each day has been shown to alleviate depression. This is because reading or Bibliotherapy actually stimulates the frontal lobe where emotion, discernment and learning take place.

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1. Determine that you will forever be a fan of learning and keeping an active mind.
2. Maintain a good exercise regimen and keep your brain oxygenated, alert and ready to learn.
3. Read something that challenges your mind each day.
4. Watch educational videos where new words, concepts and health information is shared.
5. Sign up for a cooking class or health-oriented seminars.
6. Challenge yourself to create and journal a new idea (good, bad or indifferent) each week.
7. Do crossword puzzles and challenge your mind.
8. Take up gardening, grow your own food and allow your mind to marvel at the miracle.
9. For information retention, share what you've learned with others.
10. Don't waste brain energy; organize your calendar and where to keep items like keys, so that energy is not wasted looking for things. Save your brain power for new information.

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Preview Calendar

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

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 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 ceflittles-kids@gmail.com.

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

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more information, call Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@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.

Healthy Archuleta Community Conversation. 2-3 p.m., Zoom. A conversation about preventative and primary care services available in Archuleta County. Join us on Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83978862954>, for the virtual meeting. For more information, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.org or (401) 371-3227.

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.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall, Lewis Street. You'll find lots more books to buy at great bargain prices. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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.

Saturday, June 25

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. A wide variety of locally grown produce and food products.

Birding at Chimney Rock. 7:15-9:30 a.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$16/adults and \$8/children 5-12. For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6 and older. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Sunday, June 26

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Monday, June 27

Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they

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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.

Game Night. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse on Port Avenue. We currently have cornhole and backgammon players. Bring your favorite game. For more information, contact Barbara McDonald at (602) 622-9053.

Tuesday, June 28

Flora of Chimney Rock. 8-9:30 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.

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.

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Scene ... taking in local music at Comfest. Friday evening's iteration of the event took place amidst changing weather, with Drem Machine playing a set and Ragwater playing one song before being rained out. The next Comfest will take place on July 15 with the Tim Sullivan Band.



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

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.

Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Come alone or bring a partner. Proof of vaccinations required.

Adult DIY. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will use lengths of rope and simple instructions to create decorative works of art using a variety of knots. We'll also learn the basics of several practical knots that you can use in a variety of situations.

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.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens and young adults. Join us for our in-person game the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on 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.

Riverwalk Naturalist Tours. 7 p.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

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Geology Tour. 7-8:30 a.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children 5-12. For more information,

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Girl Scouts contribute to cleaning up after the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival. Members of Girl Scout Troop 22112 hiked up Reservoir Hill, picked up leftover trash from the festival and earned badges. The troop is a combined troop of Daisies and Brownies (kindergarten through third grade). Daisy members earned the Eco Learner Badge and the Brownies members earned the Hiker Badge.

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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.
Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. There will be no storytime today, but we will put the toys out and you can play.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Loaner paddles are available.

Paper Airplane Obstacle Course. 3-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. You can test different models to see which flies best.

Thursday, June 30

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 Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Methodist Church, Lewis Street. This week only, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving chili dogs, chips 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.

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 Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release. 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.

Thingamajig Theatre Company's 'The SpongeBob Musical' 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. For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org.

Friday, July 1

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.

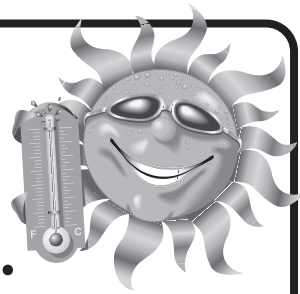
Therapy Dog Visit. 1:30-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog. It's a great way to relax and boost your day. Visits with the therapy dog are limited to 10-15 minutes. In that time, you can pet the dog, read to the dog, or just say "Hi."

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Mosquitoes undeterred by drought: Four tips to protect your horse

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

While much of the western half of the United States endures near-historic drought levels, one might anticipate this year's mosquito season to be a walk in the park.

"Just because we don't have rain doesn't mean we don't have mosquitoes," explained Department Head for Entomology and Plant Pathology at Oklahoma State University and former livestock entomologist Justin Talley, Ph.D. "Some of the most significant West Nile virus outbreak years have been associated without significant rainfall. Be aware, just because you don't see water doesn't mean there are no breeding areas around."

Talley shared how the culex mosquito, which is responsible for transmitting core equine diseases such as West Nile virus, can populate in the most unsuspecting places. Standing, puddling water is not needed.

"One would think that wet years equal more equine West Nile virus cases; however, the type of mosquitoes transmitting these equine diseases can develop in muddy water or a storm drain. There's a lot of water you don't see," he said.

Even a tiny hole in a tree — with just a bit of water — is enough for the culex mosquito to repopulate within.

"The thing about mosquitoes is they're very diverse in the habitat they can modify to and it's their adaptive behaviors that allow them to be successful," Talley said.

As risk remains for mosquito-transmitted equine diseases, even in areas impacted by drought, is your horse protected?

"Once our nighttime temps are above 50 degrees or daytime is above 80 degrees, that's the likelihood of when mosquitoes will develop," Talley said.

Horses are threatened with mortality rates up to 90 percent from mosquito-transmitted diseases.

"The three big equine diseases transmitted by mosquitoes are West Nile virus, eastern equine encephalomyelitis (EEE) and western equine encephalomyelitis (WEE). Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis (VEE) isn't typically a problem, but there have been years with outbreaks in specific areas," warned Tony Hawkins, DVM, technical service veterinarian.

These diseases can attack and inflame a horse's nervous system. EEE, WEE and VEE are spread to horses by mosquitoes, which feed on infected birds and rodents that serve as the virus reservoirs. West Nile virus is transmitted by mosquitoes, which feed on infected

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birds.

Four tips to protect your horse

Tip 1: Vaccinate horses. Horses all across the country are at risk for West Nile virus. It's important to vaccinate horses before, or at least early in, the mosquito season. Vaccines provide horses with long-lasting immunity.

"When horses receive their two initial doses, then after that they have a yearly booster, we will have a good response seven days post vaccination," said Hawkins.

Tip 2: Hang livestock fans.

"We know that putting fans on horses will prevent some of the mosquitoes from feeding on them — it's a good, natural thing to utilize. If it's a slow-moving fan, like a box fan in your barn by your stall, it won't do much. But a high-powered fan, that's going to help keep away the mosquitoes," said Talley.

Tip 3: Rid standing water. Hawkins encouraged that horse owners eliminate as much standing water as possible, and empty and clean their horse's water sources at least weekly.

Tip 4: Minimize horses' exposure. Keep horses inside the barn under fans during prime mosquito feeding times, which include dusk and dawn, encouraged Hawkins.

Take steps to keep your horses safe and comfortable as mosquitoes make their presence known.

Archuleta County Fair

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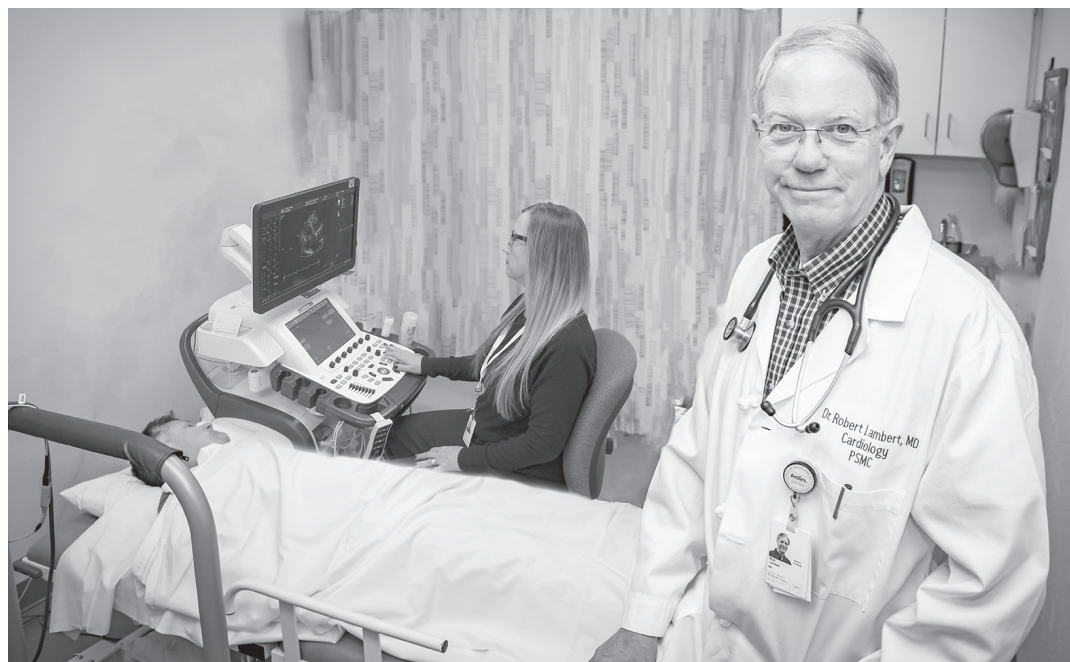
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Hermit's Peak Fire as seen from Holman Hill in Mora County, N.M., on April 30.

We need every tool to fight today's wildfires

By Steve Pyne
PREVIEW Columnist

We know now that the largest recorded fire in New Mexico history was started by an escaped "prescribed burn," or rather by two. The Hermit's Peak fire bolted away on April 6 when unexpectedly gusty winds blew sparks beyond control lines.

Then the Calf Canyon fire raced off on April 9 when similar winds fanned embers in burn piles first kindled in January. The two fires soon merged. Together, as of June 12, they have scorched 320,333 acres, with two-thirds of the fire perimeter regarded as contained.

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's reaction was to insist that federal agencies reconsider their policy on spring burns. The chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Randy Moore, responded by announcing a halt on prescribed burning for a 90-day review period.

Inevitably, the blowups invited comparison to the 2000 Cerro Grande fire in New Mexico that began as a prescribed burn, then blew out of Bandelier National Monument and into Los Alamos. It was the largest chronicled fire in the state's history — until now.

Prescribed fire is not likely to be challenged in principle. Recognition seems widespread that controlled burning is a legitimate source of good fire that can reduce the threat from areas likely to burn. States from Florida to California have even reformed liability law to encourage burning on private lands.

The real threat to fire management is death by a thousand cuts, each breakdown leading to

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shutdowns, each partisan group extracting a concession, that together so encumber the practice that it can't be implemented. There is always something that can cause a prescribed burn to be shuttered. There is no equivalent mechanism to make up the loss.

It's not news that the Western fire scene has become complicated. The early 20th century days, when one response — extinguish by 10 a.m. the next morning — was adequate are long past. It was a marvelous administrative stroke: No confusion, no compromise, one size fits all.

But it made the fire scene worse by encouraging ecological rot and an incendiary buildup of fuels.

The change in policy was clear and necessary: Fire is inevitable, and we need to manage it.

Today, all aspects of landscape fire are plural. Fire control does not mean one thing; it embraces many strategies. It might refer to protecting towns or sage grouse habitat. It can resemble urban firefighting, or for reasons of safety, cost and environmental health, it could mean containing fires within broad borders.

It varies from extinguishing an abandoned campfire to herding mega-fires rolling over the Continental Divide. It might involve bulldozing around municipal watersheds, or working-with-nature firelines in wilderness. It might mean setting emergency backfires that can resemble a prescribed fire done under urgent conditions.

So, also, with prescribed burning. It might mean burning logging slash or piled cuttings from thinning operations. Or it might

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Senior Center reopening dining room Mondays, Wednesdays

By Christina Knoell
PREVIEW Columnist

After more than two years of being closed to the public due to COVID-19, the Pagosa Springs Senior Center will be opening the dining room. A soft opening is planned for specific days of the week.

We are still offering Grab-n-Go on the days of dining in. We will offer dining in every Monday and Wednesday until we are ready to open five days per week. Please be prepared to show your vaccination cards. If you have COVID-19, have been exposed or are exhibiting symptoms, please stay home.

Medicare Mondays

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refer to broadcast burns that range freely over areas from an acre to a landscape. It can mean burning to improve forage in tallgrass prairie, to prune pine savannas or to promote habitat for Karner blue butterflies.

Wildfire acts as an all-spectrum ecological catalyst. Good prescribed burns will do the same thing.

The choice isn't between one strategy or the other; it's selecting from a variety of techniques that work in particular settings and seasons. We need them all, not least because each strategy by itself can fail.

Fires escape initial suppression at a rate of 2-3 percent. Prescribed fires escape at a rate of 1.5 percent for the National Park Service or less than 1 percent, according to Forest Service records. Managing naturally caused fires has a similar rate of failure. When an escape occurs, however, its destructiveness makes news.

Those figures are not likely to drop. We can't control the setting of a wildland fire as we can a blowtorch. All we can do is juggle strategies so that each strategy's strengths fill the others' weaknesses.

The 2000 blowout in New Mexico made prescribed burning more difficult but led to a National Fire Plan. Twenty years later, the fire scene has grown bigger, meaner, tougher. The Hermits Peak fire will likely end up an order of magnitude larger than Cerro Grande.

Inevitably, our future holds a lot of fire. The goal is always to find and employ the right mix of fire for the land.

Steve Pyne is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is a fire historian, urban farmer and author of "The Pyrocene." Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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Kitchen and desk volunteers needed

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Board openings

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Community Café menu

Thursday, June 23 — Shrimp scampi, roasted zucchini, tomatoes and onion, milk, focaccia bread and salad. Calories 1163, carbs 130g, fiber 13g, fat 57g, sodium 987mg.

Friday, June 24 — Pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, milk, salad and apple crisp. Calories 1483, carbs 151g, fiber 16g, fat 75g and sodium 1043mg.

Monday, June 27 — Beef Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, milk, salad and peach cobbler. Calories 1045, carbs 106g, fiber 10g, fat 47g and sodium 926mg.

Tuesday, June 28 — Tuna salad with green salad or as a sandwich, broccoli salad, milk, and lemon mousse. Sodium 920mg, calories 1243, carbs 118g, fiber 11g, fat 59g.

Wednesday, June 29 — King Ranch chicken, sautéed zucchini,

milk, salad and chocolate toffee crackers. Fat 60g, calories 1066, carbs 89g, fiber 11g, sodium 734mg.

Thursday, June 30 — Minestrone soup, pimento cheese finger sandwich, milk, asparagus Caesar salad and baked pear dessert. Sodium 754mg, calories 834, carbs 97g, fiber 12g, fat 29g.

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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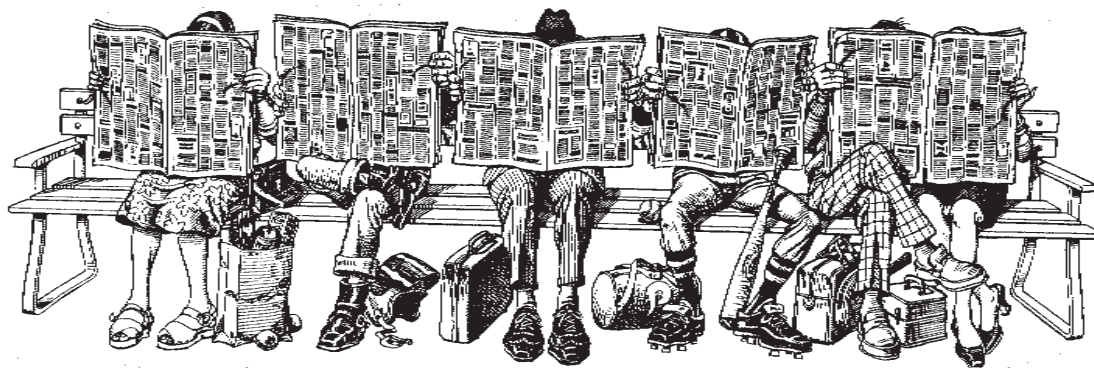
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- Fat from food helps your body
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Friends of the Library book sale starts this evening at new location

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

This year's Friends of the Library three-day book sale starts this evening, Thursday, June 23, at 6 p.m. for members (memberships are available at the door), and then opens to the public on Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25.

This event always is one of the highlights of the summer for locals and visitors alike.

It takes place in a new location — in the fellowship hall at the Community United Methodist Church in downtown Pagosa. And it's a new time of year as well, moving to June to avoid the month of August which is so busy with community events, including the Archuleta County Fair.

An individual Friends' membership is \$15 a year and a family membership is \$25 a year. A lifetime membership is \$100 per person.

The Friends' book sale is an ideal venue for finding treasures for yourself and gifts for family and friends. You'll find lots more than books to buy at great bargain prices — there are audiobooks, DVDs, puzzles and games, as well. While you enjoy these treats, you'll be contributing to the health of



your library.

The proceeds from the book sale are gratefully received by your library to ensure ongoing excellence of our collection, our facilities and our service to you. Last year in two and a half days, the Friends' book sale raised more than \$2,000.

The Friends always need help sorting 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.

If you can't volunteer, we'd love to have you join the Friends or just come to the book sale as a welcomed guest.

Summer Reading Program underway

If you haven't already done so, we hope you will sign up at your library or register online for this year's Summer Reading Program, which is underway now 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.

Summer Reading Club for kids today

Our Summer Reading Club for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade takes place today, Thursday, June 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., when we'll celebrate the world of ocean animals through crafts, games and more. Note there will

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Home in quiet cul-de-sac



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make new cells and tissues. Your body also needs fat to absorb certain vitamins.

• Fat has more calories than carbohydrates or protein (1 gram fat equals 9 calories; 1 gram protein or carbohydrate equals 4 calories).

Fats in foods

Unsaturated fats are healthy fats. Types include monounsaturated fats, polyunsaturated fats, and omega-3 fats.

These fats do not increase cholesterol or triglyceride levels in the blood. Some types, such as omega-3 fats, may lower your triglycerides.

Omega-3 fats may prevent heart disease and provide other health benefits.

Choose unsaturated fats instead of the unhealthy types. Saturated fats and trans fats are unhealthy fats.

These fats increase cholesterol and triglyceride levels. This puts you at greater risk of heart attack or stroke.

Limit these unhealthy fats.

Tips for eating healthy fats

- Snack on a handful of nuts or sunflower seeds.
- Use olives and avocado in salads

and sandwiches.

• Try different nut butters (such as cashew or almond butter) in sandwiches.

• To get more omega-3 fats:
— Eat fish at least twice a week.
— Try flax-fortified cereals and breads.

— Add ground flaxseed to baked goods, cereals, soups and salads.

ASI raising funds for grant match

ASI has an immediate monetary need of raising \$100,000 from our community to strengthen a Round 2 state of Colorado grant opportunity. So far, \$25,000 has been raised.

ASI is proposing a \$2 million request to purchase a new senior 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.

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be no Summer Reading Club on June 30.

Dungeons and Dragons virtually and in person

Today, Thursday, June 23, from 3 to 5 p.m., is our ongoing virtual Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord.

Then, join us next Tuesday, June 28, from 4-6 p.m. for our ongoing in-person Dungeons and Dragons game. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join either or both games. Free in-person sessions take place at your library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Interactive 'Finding Nemo' tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, June 24, from 4 to 6 p.m., we'll watch the "Finding Nemo" movie while singing, moving and playing along with the screen.

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Friday, June 24, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook if you can't make it to the library.

Adult DIY next Tuesday

At the in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, June 28, from 1 to 2 p.m., we will use lengths of rope and simple instructions to create decorative works of art using a variety of knots. We'll also learn the basics of

several practical knots that you can use in a variety of situations.

Paper airplane obstacle course

Fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to see how far you can make your paper airplanes fly on Wednesday, June 29, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. You can test different models to see which flies best.

Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be added June 27 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

StoryWalk in new location

Our very popular StoryWalk has resumed at a new location. We are pleased to partner with the Town of Pagosa Springs to bring the StoryWalk to the Riverwalk downtown. It starts at the Ross Aragon Community Center and heads north toward the growing domes. The June 13-30 featured book is "Wonder Walkers" by Micha Archer.

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. June 29 is a free play session.

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Kitchen bag brand
- 5 Elvis, once
- 9 Partially melted snow
- 14 ____ of passage
- 15 "Fame" singer
- 16 River craft
- 17 Kind of triangle
- 19 Enthusiasm
- 20 Rhino relative
- 21 Mediate
- 23 Doublemint, e.g.
- 25 Grinder
- 26 Done secretly
- 31 That ____ then...
- 34 Caesar's 66
- 35 Glowing sign
- 36 Talk bad about
- 38 Actress ____ Rachel Wood
- 39 "The Lost City" actor

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- 41 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- 42 Gymnastic apparatus
- 44 Overfill
- 45 Hospital fluids
- 46 Hobby shop buy
- 47 Fried foods are high in it
- 50 Gather bit by bit
- 52 Chop down
- 53 Knight's garb
- 57 Academy in Maryland
- 61 "Stormy Weather" singer
- 62 Symbol of biblical wrath
- 64 Church leader
- 65 Green shade
- 66 Sicilian volcano
- 67 Like an untended garden
- 68 "NFL Live" carrier
- 69 Coral formation

- 2 Middle child on "The Simpsons"
- 3 Perched on
- 4 Burke sitcom, "____ Women"
- 5 Bar stock
- 6 "Melting Watch" artist
- 7 "Working Girl" character Trask
- 8 Like some changes
- 9 Color in a Hawthorne title
- 10 Cocoon contents
- 11 Submerged
- 12 Very shortly
- 13 ____ and now
- 18 Caked deposit
- 22 Long, long time
- 24 Base or case closer
- 26 Counter worker
- 27 One more than 34-across
- 28 On the cutting edge
- 29 Like some temperatures

- 30 Wreck beyond repair
- 32 Jetsons' dog
- 33 Sand bar
- 37 Scented splash
- 40 Fit together
- 43 Overlook's offering
- 48 Holiday entree, often
- 49 Till stack
- 51 Like some jackets
- 53 Tobacco wad
- 54 Place for an ace
- 55 Bearded flower
- 56 Walk unevenly
- 58 Go to the polls
- 59 "Green Gables" girl
- 60 Plant part
- 63 Restroom sign

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Answers: A. drop B. speed C. thrills D. ride

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Solve the code to discover words related to roller coasters. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = D)

A. 12 6 1 16

Clue: Fall vertically

B. 9 16 14 14 12

Clue: Velocity

C. 17 10 6 25 19 19 9

Clue: Exciting experiences

D. 6 25 12 14

Clue: Amusement structure

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would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

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Library hours

Most of our programs happen 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

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"The Baxters: A Prequel" by Karen Kingsbury takes readers back to happenings before the first book in the Baxter Family series. "The Investigator" by John Sandford is the first in a new Letty Davenport thriller series. "Country Born" by Linda Lael Miller is book three in the Painted Pony Creek western romance series. "Three Debts Paid" by Anne Perry is book five in the Daniel Pitt mystery series. "Book Lovers" by Emily Henry is a romance involving an editor and literary agent. "In Bloom" contains novellas by Fern Michaels, Lori

Foster and Carolyn Brown. "Killing the Killers: The Secret War Against Terrorists" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard is the 11th book in the authors' Killing series. "Robert B Parker's Revenge Tour" by Mike Lupica is a Sunny Randall mystery.

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"The Lioness" by Chris Bohjalian is a historical thriller featuring Hollywood stars on a luxurious African safari that turns deadly.

Other novels

"By the Book" by Jasmine Guilory follows a Black publishing house employee trying to encourage a reluctant author to finish his memoir. "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge is inspired by the story of two giraffes who made headlines and won hearts in Depression-era America.

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Local food hero: Kristen Roth

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.



Kristen Roth

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 Kristen Roth of Archuleta County, who shared this narrative with us:

"I have been an on-and-off lifelong gardener. I grew up in the Bay Area where gardening was easy — the climate, the soil, the access to good seeds and plants made gardening a breeze. My dad was an amazing gardener and my mom was a wonderful cook, incorporating all of the fresh produce and fruit we grew into our daily meals. While, as a child I never enjoyed the 'chore' of watering, the fond memories I have of the peace and quiet (so desperately needed after a stressful day at school), the sun, smells and sounds of the garden, and the delicious family meals created from the food we grew, have inspired me to grow gardens of my own throughout my life.

"Since moving to Pagosa Springs 24 years ago, I have had both successes and struggles with my gardening experience. The climate, being arid, dry and breezy can make keeping things watered and burn free challenging. I solved

some of this by using hoops and protective cover over my shade loving plants such as kale, lettuce, cabbages, chard, beet, carrots, broccoli. The cover also helps keep my garden fairly safe from insects, deer and difficult weather (heat waves, hail storms, strong winds). I also use raised beds as they help ease the physical strain of gardening as well as helping to keep the ground dwelling, tunneling animals from snacking on the roots and vegetation. I always start the bottom of the bed with tightly woven metal lathe, rolled up the sides of the raised bed. I have also found that it is imperative to start with good soil and keep amending with compost every year. I throw all of my kitchen veggie scraps (never animal/dairy products) into the three compost bins (made of chicken wire bent into a tube) in my yard next to my greenhouse dome. The bear does intrude from time to time, but so goes life in the forest. I have a hand built (thank you, husband) bee habitat (for mason and leafcutter bees) to aid in pollination. And I will always welcome the wasps into my dome, as they are helpers as well. Finally, I never use anything toxic in my garden — if I struggle with aphids and mildew, I take that as a cue that perhaps I am trying to grow wrong foods for the environment. I found that growing peppers and eggplant in the dome was not meant to be in my area. But herbs and chard are always a great success.

"This year, I plan to try out a new system based on the book, 'All New Square Foot Gardening: Grow More In Less Space.' Author Mel Bartholomew is an international master gardener with well over 25 years of experience. The book is based on his extensive hands-on knowledge of soil (he has a special mix that is supposed to be very drought free), garden layout and seed spacing. The way he has you organize the layout and planting of the garden promises to make the whole experience so much simpler. I am adding three new

'square foot' garden beds (4'x8') and am hoping I am not getting in over my head. (Anyone want to partner up and share the harvest? — seriously.)

"Finally, I harvest for my family and include a donated harvest for the FS/FE food distribution center, which distributes my produce and other 'backyard growers' produce to the local food pantries which then distribute the food to those who have limited access and means to fresh, locally grown food. The whole idea of Archuleta Food System/Food Equity Program or FS/FE (part of the larger organization, Healthy Archuleta Inc.) is to help create an equitable distribution of a healthy, local, sustainable food system in Pagosa Springs. If you are interested in joining the 'Backyard Growers Group' (whether you're a passionate gardener, a new gardener or a hobbyist), please contact me at kristenroth0@gmail.com. No harvest donation is too small."

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



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Oh, how people rage when offended. The insult is too deep to forgive, especially when it's a crime of passion. It's like a forest fire, like the fury of a woman scorned.

Like the woman rejected and betrayed by love, who struck a match to a passionate love letter and started the Hayman fire in Colorado.

In 2002, the then-Gov. Bill Owens responded following an aerial tour of the fires, "It looks as if all of Colorado is burning today." Twenty years later, Terry Barton, who set the fire at a campsite during a total burn ban, is still paying for it.

Barton pleaded guilty to two charges, setting the fire and lying to investigators. She was given a six-year sentence and another 12 years in federal prison. Appealed, re-sentenced for 15 years of probation and a thousand hours of community service, she was ordered to pay about \$14.5 million in restitution.

One love letter, one passionate act against her ex-husband, started a forest fire. Not sure if she has forgiven him for his offense, but she is still paying for hers. She claims she has never missed a monthly payment and it will take her a lifetime to pay it back.

Is it possible for someone to hold a grudge their whole life and never make it right? I read, "Forgiveness puts life back together again."

Joan Chittister writes in "The Gift of Years," "Forgiveness is a sign of our own inner healing. It is a mark of our own self-knowledge. It is a measure of the divine in us."

Without forgiveness, we live in a broken self. As we grow in our own self-knowledge, we become aware we aren't perfect and no one is. Not expecting perfection from anyone, we are inclined not to hold their feet to the fire. It sure makes life easier for everyone.

I have learned there are some things in life that aren't negotiable. Forgiveness is one of them. Don't

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



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My Sweet Al says if you ask my brother today what happened, he probably couldn't tell you, and he doesn't even know why he's still mad.

There is the offender and the offended. Somehow, I offended my brother. Not sure what I did, but I've apologized many times. I have written letters. I have come to understand, from one of my children, my letters were never opened.

The embers could still be burning in him. We have missed so much of each other's lives. I pined for years, tried to make sense of the offense. He was my favorite brother. We laughed easily, enjoyed each other. We even made plans for him to move to Pagosa. If I saw him today, I would run to him and embrace him. I lost someone very precious to me — my brother.

Over the years, my Sweet Al has consoled me. "If it wasn't that, it would be something else. He wanted to be mad."

Did I disappoint him? Did he expect more from me, more than I could give? Not sure. Somehow, I fell in his eyes.

Alfred Lord Tennyson said, "Two aged men, that had been foes for life, met by a grave and wept — and in those tears they washed away the memory of their strife. Then wept again the loss of all those years."

Final brushstroke: Weeping comes not from fading embers lying in ashes from enraged passion of long ago, but unforgiveness, and the years lost between lovers, friends and, yes, even family.

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let the sun go down on your wrath. You will smolder and burn.

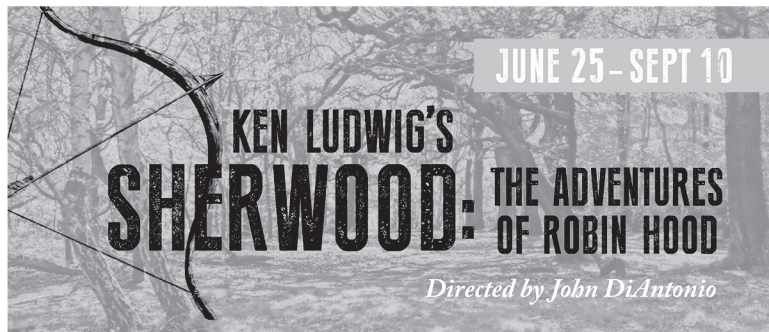
When I hear people say, "I can't believe there are siblings who haven't spoken in years. Nothing like that would ever happen to our family."

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- ... creativity?

Position offers salary (\$14/hour) plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

Submit your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.

The Pagosa Springs **SUN**
(970) 264-2100 • www.PagosaSUN.com
457 Lewis Street

NOW HIRING FOR PART-TIME MAINTENANCE. Work includes pool maintenance, motel maintenance, grounds keeping, and basic resort care. Evening and weekend hours may apply. Positive, friendly attitude required! Download an application: www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or pick one up at Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED. St. Francis of Assisi School in Lumberton, NM. \$700 monthly stipend, free housing, Cigna health insurance. For more information, call (575)759-3252 or (970)398-0372.

ELEVATION HEAD SHOP ISO a new team member! Must have excellent customer service, attention to detail, highly motivated. Drop by a resume.

DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/ hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

MESSAGE THERAPIST WANTED at Overlook Hot Springs. Minimum pay- \$37.50/ hour, tips- 17-18%. Full-time, part-time or on call positions available. Apply in person.

TOWN PLANNER. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Planner in our Community Development Department. The individual selected for this position will be performing duties as relates to the review, process, and implementation of development projects in our community. The hiring range for this position is from associate level to senior level dependent upon the experience and qualifications of the candidate. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH School is looking for an energetic and experienced candidate to serve as a Secondary/ High School Science Teacher. Classes would include Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Science, and Anatomy. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Science endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, URGSD Superintendent at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or contact Mr. Horrocks at (719)657-4040. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co.

ARCHULETA COUNTY IS HIRING for a fulltime Appraiser I. The Appraiser performs inspections and appraisals of residential, vacant land, agricultural, and mobile home properties within Archuleta County for the purpose of determining tax assessments. Pay range: \$37,960-\$53,144. Please visit our website at www.archuletacounty.org for more information and to apply online.

HOUSEKEEPING. Fireside Cabins are looking for full-time or part-time housekeeper. Monday-Friday, 3-5 days a week, starting pay \$16+ an hour. Great work environment, will train. No laundry, hours vary from 9a.m.-4p.m. but are flexible. English not a requirement. (Off all major holidays.) Fireside Cabins esta buscando ama de llaves a tiempo completo o parcial necesaria 5 dias a la semana. Comenzando a pagar \$16 por hora. Gran ambiente de trabajo, entrenara. No hay lavanderia, los horarios varian de 9a.m.- 4p.m., pero son flexibles. El ingles no es un requisito. (Fuera de todos los principales vacaciones.) Fireside Cabins, 1600 E. Highway 160, Pagosa Springs. (East side of Pagosa just past Highway 84 and 160 junction, 1 mile from downtown Pagosa area) must be dependable. For more information, call (970)264-9204 or email johnjessharper@gmail.com. Come in to preview our facility.

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

We Are Hiring

FLOOR ASSISTANT

\$14 per hour + Tips

- 4 pm - 9 pm
- Greeting and welcoming customers
- Passing out samples
- Explaining how to order & use our beer tap wall
- Ability to gauge customer preferences
- Excellent communication skills

Stop in for application
175 Pagosa Street



PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. **Primary responsibilities:** Greeting and checking in customers. Advising customers on the best product for their needs and preferences. Processing payments through a point-of-sale system and cash handling. Ensuring product security and compliance. Maintaining store appearance and organization. **Required qualifications:** Outstanding customer service and communication skills; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; reliable and professional; full-time availability and ability to work nights and weekends. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Previous retail, food service, and/or cannabis industry experience is preferred but not required. We provide an extensive training program on product knowledge and compliance requirements, with opportunities for continuing education. Benefits include paid sick leave, sales bonuses, and employee discounts. We are growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please e-mail your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

DISHWASHING DINNER GURUS! Earn more \$\$\$ here (!) with up to \$24/ hour in shared tips. If you like a clean and organized environment, join the team at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. All Team Members share tips! Apply on Facebook, email: info@pagosabrewing.com, or in-person at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. No phone calls. Cheers!

JOB OPENINGS AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire for the following positions in our Police Department: Police Officer, School Resource Officer, Police Officer Recruit. Apply online under Employment on the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

IN NEED OF RESIDENT COOK, Housekeeping Manager and Maintenance. Room and board plus hourly pay. Apply at taramandala.org/connect/employment-opportunities/.

HELP WANTED



NOW HIRING:

Terry's Colorado Home Supply & Ace Hardware

is currently making additions to our team in

Cashier • Garden

We are looking for reliable, motivated, team-oriented applicants that enjoy a fast-paced environment. **Full time includes paid time-off, healthcare, profit share, discounts, \$15 minimum pay and more!** Must be able to work weekends and holidays.

Please apply in person; applications available on www.terrysace.com.

2525 Navajo Trail Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 • (970) 731-4022

MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Axis Health System is recruiting for a Full-Time Medical Assistant to join our integrated care team at Archuleta Integrated Healthcare. Responsibilities include assisting with patient care and procedures, phone communications and managing patient flow. Education and experience requirements: HS or GED, 1-3 years of experience as a MA. Certified Medical Assistant preferred. Pay Range: \$16-\$18.96 which includes a \$.50 locale differential at our Pagosa Springs worksite and considers preferred experience and preferred education. Benefits: PTO, Sick Leave, Public Health Emergency Leave, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, and 401k. Apply online or see detailed job description at <https://axishealthsystem.bamboohr.com/jobs/>. Axis Health System is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.

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.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

NEW OPENING: ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER? If you are a self starter, with the ability to multi-task, The Pagosa Springs SUN has an opportunity for you with our multimedia organization. Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar, ability to use Adobe InDesign is a plus. We are currently taking applications for a part-time advertising position up to 30 hours per week. Position offers salary, plus commission. Reliable transportation is a must. If you like getting out in the community, meeting new business owners and developing relationships, this is the perfect job for you. We offer a fun and challenging, team-oriented work environment. This position requires that you work in our office. \$14 per hour plus commission. Email your resume to helpwanted@pagosahun.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

HELP WANTED

NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL Seeks Director. The Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County (ECCAC) is accepting applications for Director in Pagosa Springs, CO. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field. Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Coach credential preferred. Duties: Administration of the day-to-day operations of the ECCAC including resource and program development, budget preparation and grant writing. Act as a liaison between community, state and other early childhood partnerships and develop and promote good working relationships within the local community on behalf of young children. Part time: Director \$32,000, Coach \$16,725. Full time: Candidate is qualified for both positions. Request a full job description and/or submit cover letter, resume and references to janet.santo78@gmail.com by June 30, 2022.

BEST JOB / SCHEDULE IN PAGOSA. Pagosa Adventure Rentals is searching for seasonal (May-September) part-time (2p.m.-6p.m.) team members. Great schedule with 7 days on and 7 days off. More hours available during peak season. Monday through Friday schedules also available if desired. Duties to include operation of ATVs and UTVs, pressure washing, hooking up/ moving trailers. Experience in any of these areas is a plus, but ability to learn is mandatory. Willing to train. Being polite, positive attitude, respectful, and on time a must. All positions starting at \$16/ hour and up DOE. Send inquiries to Mike@PagosaAdventureRentals.com or call (970)398-0088.

SAN JUAN STONE WORKS is looking for an experienced Stone Mason and labor, competitive pay with a well established company. Start immediately. Call Amy (970)946-0879 for details.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. Axis Health System is recruiting for a Full-Time Community Health Worker to join our fast-paced, technologically advanced patient care team at Archuleta Integrated Healthcare. Education and experience requirements: bachelor's degree in social service, health education, or public health. Experience working with community organizations as an advocate for high-need individuals preferred. Case Management tracking, documentation experience, and phone experience required. Pay Range: \$16.50-\$18.49 which includes a \$.50 locale differential at our Pagosa Springs worksite and considers preferred experience and preferred education. Benefits: PTO, Sick Leave, Public Health Emergency Leave, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, and 401k. Apply online or see detailed job description at <https://axishealthsystem.bamboohr.com/jobs/>. Axis Health System is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.

HELP WANTED



Preschool Teacher 2 at Pagosa Springs

TCHS will pay a sign-on bonus of \$1,500 for a qualified candidate after six months of completing a CDA program and an additional three months of successful employment. The offer is for external new hires only.

Join our dynamic organization. We are passionate about our impact on the families, children, and the communities we serve.

Tri-County Head Start employees have endless opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others. With ample opportunities for growth in both education and social services, working at Tri-County Head Start means you can develop your career alongside your community. You will gain national and federal curriculum-building experience, earn the tools and resources needed for career success, and make a difference in the lives of your community's children and families.

A career at Tri-County Head Start offers training and advancement, community impact, and work-life balance. Eligible employee benefits include;

- Paid professional development
- Paid sick, vacation & personal time off
- Paid breaks; Thanksgiving, winter, and spring break
- Health, dental, and vision insurance (for eligible employees)
- Employee contribution to a 403(b) retirement savings account
- Employee Assistance Program

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.

COVID-19 Vaccination Mandated Employer

3R RANCH IS HIRING full time 40 hours, or part time 32 hours a week. Signing bonus after 30 day probation pay review. Must have own transportation. (970)264-5160, leave message for interview.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Animal Shelter Kennel Tech. Part time and full time available, may include some week-end work. Job requires cross-training in all aspects of the shelter operation, including working with animals and the public. Must adhere to shelter procedures to maintain animal health and safety. Previous animal care experience helpful but not mandatory. Must be a team player. Reliable transportation, background check required. Pick up application and apply in person at the Humane Society Animal Shelter, 465 Cloman Blvd.

STAFF BOOKKEEPER. Accounting firm has an immediate need for a detail-oriented bookkeeper with QuickBooks online experience to work Monday-Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. Our ideal candidate will also have experience with payroll and sales tax preparation. Competitive hourly rate dependent on experience. Submit resume to jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com, by fax to (970)264-4451 or drop off at our offices by calling (970)264-5330 to get directions.

MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM is a fast growing, successful Pizza Brand. Are you looking for a career opportunity and not just a job? We are looking for full- and part-time people, also shift leads needed. Amazing opportunity for career progression. Wonderful teams- ain't no Family like a Pizza Family. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa Street. Pagosa Springs, CO.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE- No experience necessary. Competitive pay/ benefits. Energetic, dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT, 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is hiring a janitor to clean the school for the 2022/2023 school year. If interested, please call Leah at (816)585-2892.

THE GEORGE T. SANDERS COMPANY is looking for a dedicated and passionate Counter Associate to join our team. Do you have plumbing knowledge or previous plumbing experience? Do you have a passion for being a team player and willingness to do what it takes to succeed? Are you a go-getter looking for your next opportunity? Then come work for us. \$17-\$19/ hour. Go to <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/459799af-dd77-40f9-9c86-48c9bd7f2f1b/George-T-Sanders> to apply.

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HELP WANTED

FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

NOW HIRING DISHWASHERS, SERVERS and busers for the upcoming busy summer season. Competitive pay. Please apply in person or ask for Jen or Kevin at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery.

ASSISTANT BREWER. Opportunity of a lifetime! Will train. Must be 21+ years old. Applications on Facebook, email: info@pagosa-brewing.com, or at Pagosa Brewing. No phone calls. Cheers!

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosa-schools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 22-23 school year include: District Office Executive Assistant, IT Director, High School Agriculture Teacher, High School Asst. Track Coach, High School Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach, High School Asst. Cheer Coach Middle School Math Teacher, Middle School Boys' Asst Basketball Coach, Middle School Asst. Soccer Coach, Elementary Assistant Principal, Elementary Classroom Teacher, Paraprofessionals (all campuses), Evening Custodian, Part-time Assistant Cook, Bus Drivers, and Substitutes all positions. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

BUSY RENTAL SHOP LOOKING for shop person to help service equipment, help load/unload equipment for customers. Welding/electrical skills a plus. Must have valid DL. Fulltime Monday-Friday. Apply in person at 305 Bastille Drive or call (970)731-4410 to get an application emailed.

NOW HIRING- COME JOIN our Lone Spur team. We are hiring all positions: cooks, servers, expos, press cooks. We offer 401K and insurance and the ability to move up and run your own store. Stop in the store or contact us, (970)398-2449.

JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-3046.

GREAT CAREER OPPORTUNITY. Come join our team for a fun and fast paced career as a chairside dental assistant. Paid vacation, holidays and dental benefits. Will train right candidate. Pay range is \$14-\$20/ hour. Please send resume to denprac@yahoo.com.

CAREGIVER NEEDED FOR DIABETIC elderly female. Personal care, healthcare and housekeeping. Friday- Monday, 8a.m.-1p.m. and 4p.m.-7p.m. Call (970)946-5364.

FRONT OFFICE CLERK 2-3 days a week 8a.m.-4p.m., 3p.m.-9p.m. or 8a.m.-9p.m.- hours are flexible. Give us a call and we can discuss different options. Great work environment, will train. Work alone. We are looking for someone to work 2-3 days a week. Hours are flexible. Job description includes making cabin reservations, guest check in, cabin laundry. (All major holidays off.) Starting pay \$16-\$17/ hour. For more information call (970)264-9204 or email Johnjessharper@gmail.com. Come in to preview our facility and apply at Fireside Cabins, 1600 E. Hwy. 160, Pagosa Springs (east side of Pagosa just past Hwy. 84 & 160 junction, 1 mile from downtown area). Must be dependable.

HELP WANTED

DO YOU LOVE WORKING with a high driven and fun team? 1st Southwest Bank has several opportunities with a high starting pay and strong benefits. 1stSouthwest Bank is looking for a Personal Banker and Teller. Offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. For more specific details visit <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/>. EOE.

WE ARE HIRING! San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA) is searching for a visitor information specialist in the Pagosa Ranger District office. Full-time/ year around position. To learn more and apply, visit www.SJMA.org.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Animal Shelter Front Desk. Part time, two to three days a week. Must be detail oriented and computer literate. Must be a team player. Reliable transportation. Background check required. Pick up application and apply in person at the Humane Society Animal Shelter, 465 Cloman Blvd.

LOOKING TO LEARN A TRADE and spend your days in a fun, fast paced environment? Mountain Home Sound and Security has 2 positions: a Security Technician and Administrative Assistant. Experience is a plus but not required. Background check, valid driver's license and neat professional appearance required. Please pick up an application at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-3. Monday- Friday, 9a.m.-5p.m. or email resume to mhsspagosa@gmail.com.

SAWMILL HELP. GENERAL LABORER needed for local sawmill. Please call (970)264-5000 for more information.

HANDY HELPERS IS LOOKING to hire 1-2 full-time helpers. Pay is B.O.E. No prior experience required but is preferred. We tackle all sorts of various jobs from landscaping to drywall, painting, decks and much more! (970)403-9159, ask for Hannah.

CNA CLASS STARTING SOON. Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

ESTABLISHED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY hiring All Positions, including Project Manager, reliable transportation a must. Submit resumes to info@fullertonworks.com or call (970)403-5119.

YARD SALES

GREENBRIAR PLAZA, UNIT B-15, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. Household items. Saturday, June 25, 8a.m.-noon.

SHERIFF PRIMARY ELECTION- Republican and Unaffiliated- June 28. Vote for Mike Le Roux- He has the RIGHT experience for the job. Ballots- mail or vote in person. Questions A/H? (970)946.3835 INFO@VoteMike2022.com. Paid for by VoteMike2022.com.

GARAGE SALE AT 140 SEMINOLE. Friday and Saturday, June 24, 25, 8a.m.-4p.m. Household and decorative items, bedding, lamps, furniture, free twin beds.

GARAGE SALE JUNE 25. 314 Mesa Drive. 8a.m.-1p.m. A lot of furniture. Household items, something for everyone.

CONNIE'S ANNUAL YARD SALE. 516 Park Ave. Saturday 6/25 8a.m.-2p.m. Sunday 6/26 8a.m.-12p.m. Hide-a-bed, chairs, bookcases, dressers, TV, radio, laptop computer, home décor. Linens, jewelry, fleece jackets, kitchen cabinets, VHS player and tapes. Freebies! **Sunday** marked down to half price or free!

YARD SALES

MOVING SALE, 1080 LAKE FOREST CIRCLE: Friday and Saturday, June 24th and 25th, 9a.m.-1p.m. (No early showings.) Snowblower, lawnmower, weed eater, treadmill, kayak, car vacuum, chainsaws, water cooled fans, bicycle, 7' Xmas tree, two Xmas wreaths, mainly shirts-size large, and other goodies.

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES — tinyurl.com/d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

ANNUAL ALTA VISTA COMMUNITY SALE. 61 Lakeside Drive. Friday and Saturday, 8a.m.-2p.m. Lots of goof stuff! Multi family.

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

SATURDAY, 6/25, 9A.M.-NOON. Storage unit sale, 80 Bastille Drive, Unit #52.

PERSONALS

NO MAS! DEJA QUE TE AYUDEMOS. 24-horas violencia domestica o/y asalto sexual Linea directa. Confidencial. (970)264-9075.

LOST & FOUND

FOUND A SET OF KEYS. Minnie Mouse key fob. Collect at Ace Hardware.

LOST DOG



Lost in the Lewis Street area on Thursday, June 16. Very timid, if pursued she will run. Pink printed collar with tags, less than 20 pounds, black with white face, pink around eyes and snout, dachshund/ chihuahua/terrier type mixed breed.

If seen call Nancy 512-650-7972 or Humane Society Shelter at 970-731-4771.

PETS

DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM. Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa. Call (970)264-9111.

NOW OPEN, PAWLISHED. Pagosa Springs newest dog grooming salon. An intimate and calm environment with one on one grooming. Give your dogs the personal attention and pampering they deserve. Certified groomer with 18+ years experience. Located at 444 Lewis Street and open T-Sat 9:30a.m.-5p.m. by appointment only. Call (970)585-WAGS or visit www.pawlishedpetsalon.com.

PETS

EUROPEAN GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES available the 2nd week of June, first shots, raised with TLC. (970)749-5309 Durango. \$400.

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. www.humanesociety.biz.

GOLDENDOODLE PUPPIES! Ready now. Black and golden colors; microchip, vaccines, health certificate; very well-loved and socialized. Will be 50-60 lbs. full grown. \$700 (720)519-8830.

LIVESTOCK

RED RYDER ROUNDUP RODEO- July 4th weekend: July 2nd and 3rd at 6 p.m. and July 4th at 2p.m. General admission tickets online or at the gate prior to the event. Box seats, call (970)749-3492. www.pagosarodeo.com.

FOR SALE

DO YOU BURN FIREWOOD? Start stocking up now! \$250 a cord split and delivered or get a HUGE dump truck load for \$475! GUARANTEED full cords delivered. Pine/ Aspen mix. Contact FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

2018 DUCATI SCRAMBLER 800 motorcycle. In Pagosa Springs. Red and silver, 4,700 miles. \$6,250. (970)946-3223.

SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS. We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. (970)731-PAWN (7296).

1997 HONDA GOLDWING. 1500cc. Kept inside, 75,000 miles. Salvage title. Rebuilt. \$2,000. (970)264-0060 evenings.

SPRING FIREWOOD SALE. Get your wood now for best deal before fuel prices rise even more. Pine, spruce, aspen. Call for availability. Full cord guaranteed, pickup or delivery. Gabe (970)403-2784.

SUN DOLPHIN PRO 120 with Mercury 9.9 4 stroke motor. Pristine condition. Barely used, includes trailer \$3,200. (970)731-1170 or text (940)887-9208.

1936 J2 PIPER CUB. Last flown 2 years ago. Many conversions. 65H continental engine, original 40H engine mounted on stand. All log books and papers. Wings off, stored 2 years. \$28,000. (970)264-0060 evenings.

FOR SALE

2018 FOREST RIVER VIKING. Excellent condition couples camper. 17' foot box, 21' overall. Everything functions as designed. Well maintained, no pets, no smoking. Electric awning, Jensen Bluetooth radio, rear back-up camera with Bluetooth. Automatic L/P/ electric fridge. Queen bed runs front to back, easy access both sides. Overhead storage above bed and dinette plus closet space each side of bed. Large wardrobe/ pantry in rear. Prewired solar ready. 20000 BTU propane heater. 13500 BTU A/C. Fresh water cap. 33 gal. Gray water 25 gal. Black water 25 gal. Base weight 2,920 lbs. Carrying capacity 732 lbs. This is an easy to tow and ready to go camper. (970)507-0500.

FILL DIRT AVAILABLE. 334 S. 7th St. Call first (970)398-9136.

4 QUILTING/ SEWING MACHINES. Lights, thousands of yards of fabric, \$3/yard, patterns and kits, \$2 each, scissors, thread (new \$2 spool, used \$.50 each). Call (970)731-0465 for appointment.

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES — tinyurl.com/d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

TWO CORDS of mixed firewood for \$350. Call (970)317-4933.

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SUN DOLPHIN PRO 120 with Mercury 9.9 4 stroke motor. Pristine condition. Barely used, (970)731-1170 or text (940)887-9208.

DUMP TRUCK TURBO CAT. Automatic new tires, Chevy Kodiak, 6 ton, \$15,000. (719)318-5357.

PAUL BAINES OF MAINE inlaid cedar chest, 36"x22". \$2,000. Please Leave a message with your call back number (970)731-5098.

SUPER HEAVY DUTY 16' FLATBED utility trailer with aluminum bed, floor/ aluminum I beam, 2' side rails. \$2,750. (970)731-2725.

FILA MOUNTAIN BIKE CRUISER. 18 speed with handlebar grip shifters. Excellent condition, tuned up a few years ago and never ridden since. \$175, Call (970)946-1514.

WOMEN'S E BIKE. Hardly used. Excellent condition. Call (970)264-3166. (505)220-7445. \$1,850.

STAINED GLASS CLEARANCE SALE! Art glass, fusing glass and stained glass! Hundreds of sheets! 40% discount until gone! Call (970)946-1514.

Back in the Saddle Again!

After losing our USDA processor a year and a half ago, then hitting a wall trying to find a replacement during the Covid pandemic, we are back in the saddle and stronger than ever!

**USDA Grass Fed and Grass Finished
Beef and Lamb
All Natural Pork and Organic Chicken**



Check us out at
www.grassrootsmeats.com
Warehouse open Mon. 11-4
Also 7 days a week at the
Chokecherry Tree
970-582-0166

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2014 WINNEBAGO NAVION 24G. Mercedes diesel, 25,000 miles, 2 slides, full queen walkaround. Immaculate. Priced to sell, \$88,000. Terri (970)946-3183.

1998 WINNEBAGO MINNIE WINNIE Class C motorhome for sale. 79K miles. 29 feet. Onan generator. Everything works. In good condition. Asking \$13,000. Call or text (806)292-2082.

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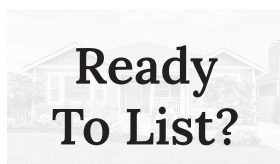
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