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# County to pause new STR permits

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At its July 19 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) passed Resolution 2022-75, setting a sixmonth moratorium on new shortterm rental (STR) permit applications to take effect Sept. 1.

The moratorium was initially recommended at the BoCC's June 7 work session by County Attorney Todd Weaver as a way to prevent a rush of new STR permit applications while the county is in the process of drafting new STR regulations.

The implementation of the moratorium follows the BoCC's July 12 work session where the

■ See Moratorium A8



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

A fire burns in the Aspen Springs area Sunday evening. The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office reported that the fire was a structure fire. The Pagosa Fire Protection District has not released information on the incident.

# Town, county look at sales tax increase

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At a joint work session between the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and the Pagosa Springs Town Council on July 18, officials further discussed the possibility of a ballot initiative for a

sales tax increase. County Manager Derek Woodman began the discussion by presenting data on the impact of such an increase on an average family in

He explained that, based on information he had acquired from

■ See Tax A9



# **CRUISE-A-THONg**

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Costumed attendees take part in Saturday's CRUISE-A-THONg fundraiser for the Friends of the Upper San Juan River. The leisurely event includes a cruiser bike ride, flip-flop walk and float down the river.





# Several fires reported following lightning

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Local fire personnel have tended to a number of fires in the area in the last week, with several likely caused by lightning.

On Sunday, the San Juan National Forest responded to five fires, with four being on Pagosa Ranger District land and one being on private land, according to Scott Owen, public affairs officer for the forest.

That, he pointed out, "is actually a pretty high number for one day for one district."

As of Tuesday afternoon, he explained, all were under control or out, and all were two acres or smaller. On Monday, forest personnel responded to one fire that reached

On Tuesday, two more were reported on national forest land, according to Owen.

.8 acres, he explained.

One, the Turkey Fire, was reported at about 8 p.m. Tuesday, according to Owen. On Wednesday, it was reported as being .2 acres northwest of Pagosa Springs, with crews tending to it.

Another fire called in Tuesday night, located in the area of Willow Draw and Mill Creek Road just east

■ See Fires A9

# Local real estate agents predict continuing downturn in market

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

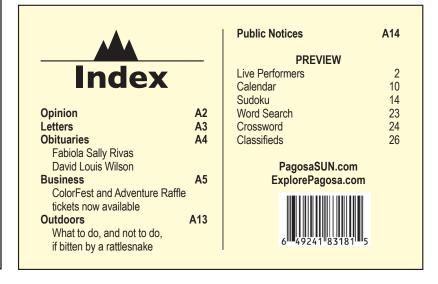
The state of the real estate market has become an issue of major interest in the area as concerns about inflation, high interest rates and a potential recession rise.

At a July 11 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, local real estate agent Lee Riley provided a summary of the market over the past years.

Riley explained that, over the ■ See Market A8

last two years, prices rose dramatically and that, as of last fall, the average time on the market was "three or four days, with multiple offers.'

Real estate agents Deb Archuleta and Brent Christians corroborated Riley's report, highlighting how rapidly houses sold in recent months and the bidding wars that frequently occurred during sales last year and into the beginning of this year.



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# Our View

# A lesson in social media management

What if your business' or organization's Facebook (FB) page was taken over by someone you didn't know and you have no control over social media communications that are made by that

What if someone was posing as your business and posting things on your FB page contrary to what your business believes and unrelated to what your business does?

What if you have no idea who that person is and you have no power to stop them?

What do you do when FB tells you that only an administrator can solve the issue and you have no idea who that

Apparently, that is the position that the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) finds itself in these days.

Earlier this month, SUN staff became aware of multiple posts pertaining to abortion and politics posted on SJWCD's FB page.

A May 10 post on the district's page reads: "I am disappointed so much had to go by the wayside to protect the right to abortion. I was especially appalled it was necessary to draft a bill to keep cops from lying to children; even more appalled Republicans thought it important to allow cops to lie to children; and most appalled that Democrats were willing to give up on the bill." The headline of the Denver Post article reads: "This is what Colorado Democrats gave up to end an 18-hour GOP filibuster."

SJWCD board member Doug Secrist asked on the post, "Who is posting

He had zero response to his question. The SJWCD Board of Directors claims not to know who is posting to its FB page. In a board meeting it was stated that they have no control over the page. They have tried, unsuccessfully, to get control of the page through the powers that be at FB.

The SUN reached out to former SJWCD board member John Porco about the page and he confirmed he has no access to the page and has never posted to the page. His former email address is still listed as a page contact.

There is also an unrelated and disconnected phone number listed on the

The SUN reached out to FB pertaining to the page two weeks ago with no

directed us back to the SJWCD board "for any questions you might have." Proffitt left the district back in 2018 and was recently reappointed to the board.

On May 6, the SJWCD posted a political YouTube video named "Two Plans"; ironically, Proffitt posted the same thing the very next day to his page.

No one seems to know who posted on April 16 and engaged the public on behalf of the district: "Nothing says 'hypocrite' quite like Republicans touting small government while using government to force women to take a pregnancy to term no matter the circumstances. Nothing says 'hypocrite' like Republicans touting patriotism while plotting sedition and violence to overthrow the will of the people. Nothing says 'hypocrite' like Republicans demeaning 'activist' judges while trying to stack the court with judges that think money is speech and corporations deserve to be protected by the Constitution ... there is now no real Republican Party; only a cult of Trump with no political platform and no pretense to support democracy in any form." The link under the statement takes you to a Washington Post story: "The rapidly-changing state of abortion access in America.'

Comments on that post had one person ask, "What does this have to do with water?'

SJWCD responded, "It doesn't. It was suppose to go on my personal page. After seeing your comment, I tried to find a way to take it down and couldn't."

Secrist asked, "Who is creating this post???"

SJWCD board member Susan Nossaman commented, "I don't believe it is appropriate to post this type of article."

On June 30 at 1:56 p.m., Proffitt posted a link to a YouTube video: "Water With Your Lunch: Know Your Snow" on his personal page. He wrote: "Excellent presentation of the problem and the solution."

Ironically, one minute later someone posted the exact same post on the SJWCD page. That comment was slightly different: "Excellent presentation!"

What are the odds?

On May 24, there was a post shared by the SJWCD concerning #Drought. This one was unique in that there are two "Likes" on the post: SJWCD and Rodney B. Proffitt.

A little investigation reveals that there We also reached out to a former ad- are about 20 posts that were actually min of the page, Rod Proffitt, and he water-related that were posted on Prof-

fitt's FB page between May and July that were also posted on SJWCD's page, some at the same time, some within minutes and a couple within a day or two.

For instance:

On July 3, a "discussion of climate change" was posted at the same time on Proffitt's page and SJWCD's page, too: "'Engine Trouble': How greenhouse gas threaten our world."

That exact same day, "Colorado's drought is bad. Tree ring history shows it could get a lot worse" was posted just seven minutes apart on the two pages.

Screenshots of these examples can be seen at www.pagosasun.com under "Our View" in the opinion section.

You'll even find where the FB imposter is engaging in dialogue on the district page with someone over climate change.

There is ample evidence that something is questionable about this apparently inexplicable situation. After all, even the board has said it has no idea who is making the posts.

It is important to note that we do not mean to imply that Proffitt, or any other board member for that matter, is involved on any level in making these posts on the SJWCD page. The duplication and timing of these posts that we found could be purely coincidence, and we did peruse all of the board member's FB pages that we could find for similarities in posts. FB pages get hacked all the

We are certainly not rocket scientists. We won't even begin to explain the multiple theories we've come up with.

For awhile we actually considered someone was stalking Proffitt's FB page and mimicking his posts; however, sometimes we found that the water district posted items before Proffitt did.

The district has been trying to repair its reputation and garner support over the years. We don't see how these FB posts can be working well toward restoring community trust.

The work this board should be doing has never been more important. It is time for the FB imposter to step up and close the page down before more dam-

If your organization or business has a Facebook (FB) page, it is important that you have control of that page and that you are the admin of that page or that you trust the person who has admin capabilities over your page or you may find your business facing a similar fiasco. Terri Lynn Oldham House

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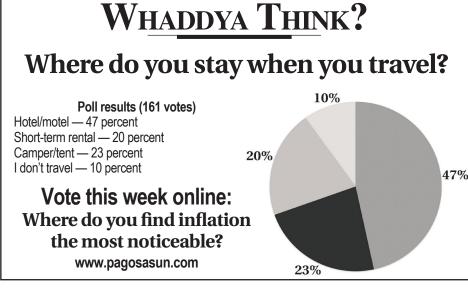
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# **LEGACIES**

By Shari Pierce

# 100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 21, 1922

Earl H. Turner of Dayton, Ohio, who last week purchased the C.A. McCartney ranch on West Fork, has named the place the "At Last" ranch, stating that he has searched all over the west for a ranch suitable to his needs and wants, and that this is the first to come up to his expectations. Mr. Turner and family left Tuesday for Wyoming, but will return in October.

The Pagosa creamery is expecting an experienced butter maker to arrive any day from Webb City, Mo. Manager Birch reports the business exceeding all expectations.

A downpour of rain, sufficient to cover the entire Sunetha flat road with water and debris and prevent passage of traffic, was experienced Wednesday afternoon. Several cars were held up for some time and compelled to seek a route through the Sullenberger ranches in order to get to Pagosa.

New stock of extra fine mattresses just in at Sparks Hdw. Co.

Our new stock of Congoleum rugs has arrived. Come in and look them over. Hatcher Hdw. Co.

# 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 25, 1947

Archuleta County will have an opportunity August 4 to make its bid for a modern health set-up, according to notice published this week by the board of county commissioners. The board will conduct a hearing on that date to consider joining with La Plata, Delores, Montezuma and San Juan counties in a district health department. The establishment of the unit was made possible by an act of the 1947 legislature. District and local health problems would have the advantage of the joint provisions. Commissioners explained that a one mill levy would bring sufficient funds to finance Archuleta County's part of the expense. School health, sanitation inspections and other essential functions would be provided under the new bill.

Dailey Hott, chairman of the county commissioners board, attended a meeting Tuesday of the Southwestern Water Conservation Board held in Durango.

# 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 20, 1972

It was hot, very hot, here during the past week. The mercury soared to 91 degrees on Friday and Saturday of last week. The nights have been cool, but days are hot.

Forest Service officials say that the fire danger reading here has now gone into the EXTREME Category. This is the highest fire danger rating. The rating has been brought about by lack of moisture, very high temperatures, and a long, dry spring. Standby crews are on call by the Forest Service and a helicopter has been assigned to this area to assist in moving in men and equipment, if the need arises. Fires have been numerous, all have been quickly extinguished, but every possible precaution is urged by all officials connected with fire control.

A nine-year-old boy, Terry Clark of Durango, was lost for the better part of three days and two nights in the Upper Piedra last weekend. The boy became separated from his family at about noon Saturday and did not find his way back to camp until noon Monday. The youth suffered no serious effects. He is from Durango and is a nephew of Junior Clark of Pagosa Springs.

# 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

July 24, 1997

The grumble of bulldozers, the roar of dump trucks, the incessant busy signals of heavy machinery in reverse, numerous mounds of dirt that resemble stunted cousins of the San Juan peaks to the east — all of these are constant reminders of Pagosa Springs' latest growth spurt.

On the east side of North Pagosa Blvd., next to Emergency Medical Services and Pagosa Fire Protection, Mike Branch and Curtis Johnson are building the Greenbriar Plaza, with some 17,700 square feet of retail space. A furniture store has already been completed, and the plaza will house seven additional spaces ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 square feet.

The beginning of September is the targeted opening date for a mini-mall on Eagle Dr. Owner Derall Garrett, Sr., said that a few of the mall's 11 units "are already spoken for."



# Letters

struction zone incidents were incorrectly listed as July 27th and

July 29th, instead of June 27th and

June 29th. I am certain the mis-

takes were mine, as my computer

used to send the letter has an auto

correct feature and most likely

changed the date. Unfortunately,

my personal auto correct feature

has been malfunctioning for years

and I didn't catch it. I apologize for

God gives us the ability to re-

create ourselves through devoted,

committed love between two indi-

viduals - a body to house us and

a mind to discover our purpose.

According to Genesis 2:7, God give

us our soul with our first breath,

making us a complete living Being.

Yes, body, mind and soul. Our soul

is our spiritual self, our everlasting

life. So, it is for us to live a healthy

life-style and use our minds to

discover our purpose where "acts

I recall a period following WWII

when some in our government

were pursuing ideals of commu-

nism. It was a frightening time.

Once we "got through" that pe-

riod, some wrote that the ideals

of communism would one day

succeed through its "influence"

on our children, that it will grow

with them. Hmmm. Think about

this: could that be through those

devices which today have a captive

ted to the outdoor exercise and

games which are good for the body,

but what about the mind? How

can original thoughts or ideas fully

develop with that device constantly

interfering for their attention?

What untruths are social media

My generation raised our chil-

dren to be part of the conversation

at the Dinner Table where events

of the day were openly discussed.

It was an excellent way for them to

learn how to consider them. Yes,

God designates us to be the "guid-

ing light" for our children, keeping

them on the road of good values,

Yes, our young folks are commit-

of kindess" originate.

audience?

feeding them?

■ See Letters A4

'Be part of the

conversation'

Andy Planeta

the confusion.

Dear Editor:

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opinions and information in them has not been verified for accuracy.

The opinions of letter writers do not necessarily represent those of the paper.

## 'Too massive'

Dear Editor:

On 7/12/2022 the Pagosa design review board conducted a public hearing to consider the proposed development at 232 Pagosa Street. Several public attendees voiced their opinion that the proposed development was too massive for this location and did not fit into the urban fabric. Of particular concern was the building height. The zoning district for these lots is MU-TC which allows buildings up to 40' tall. Views from the houses on the north side of Lewis Street show a fairly consistent roof height along Pagosa Street. Even Towne Center fits in well. The proposed development would overwhelm the surrounding buildings.

Some of us met with Cindy Shultz, Planning Manager a few

# Letters

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

days before the meeting to discuss various design aspects. Our building height calculation was 41' 10" thus making it 1'10" too tall. Ms. Schultz' building height calculation was even higher. However, by the time of the town meeting, without any changes to the elevations, it had shrunk to meet code limits. The definition of how to calculate building height seems to be the issue. One could argue this is a moot point since the building mass is so out of proportion with the surrounding structures that it still doesn't meet the intent of the

There were additional items of issue. The Pagosa Springs Municipal Code Article 6.7.3.B.4 requires: Four-sided design. All building façades shall be designed with a similar level of design detail. The back of the building along the alley is a 140' long, 3-story tall wall with a very minor indentation on the 2nd and 3rd floor. There is no modulation as required by the code. The intent of the code is to promote good design on all four elevations rather than just the street-side of the building. What if the building were rotated 180 degrees and pushed all the way to the Pagosa Street setback? Would the city accept that design?

Article 6.7.5.C.2 of the code requires: Developments of at least twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet in size shall incorporate outdoor gathering spaces. This proposed project is 43,800 square feet. The intent of this requirement is to soften the impact of a large development along the streetscape and provide some open-space relief. This project does not meet either subsections (a) or (b) of this Article.

There were several other issues with this design but fortunately, the planning commission voted to tell the architects to come back next month with a revised design that blends in better with its surroundings.

Developing a vacant dirt lot appropriately can contribute to the vibrancy of downtown, but it is a matter of how it is developed that is of concern. Unfortunately, no matter how it is developed, all the parking it provides to the Alley House will be lost. Parking downtown will only get worse but this is a city problem, not the developers. Community members wanting to help shape the future growth of our wonderful town should plan on attending planning commission meetings and provide input.

Robert and Sarah Nemeth, Casey and Kim Bristow, Kurt and Donna Huffman

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# National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 988, launches in Colorado

# Colorado continues to promote the statewide crisis line at (844) 493-8255 or text TALK to 38255

Colorado Behavioral Health Administration

As of July 16, Colorado and the rest of the United States are using the 988 dialing code, a new, easyto-remember three-digit number for call (multiple languages), text or chat (English only) that connects people to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Lifeline), where compassionate, accessible care and support is available for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress. The chat feature will be available through the Lifeline's website: https://988lifeline.org/chat/.

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) is supporting the

logistics and implementation of 988 services in Colorado, including the administration of the Colorado 988 Enterprise Board. The 988 Enterprise Board was created last year with the passage of new legislation to impose a 988 surcharge on telephone service users to help fund the Lifeline call center.

"Shortening the number and opening the caller population to people who are experiencing any type of crisis, not limited to suicidal ideation, is groundbreaking. There is no crisis too small to connect with 988," said BHA Commissioner Dr. Morgan Medlock.

Calls to 988 are routed to Lifeline call centers across the country based on a person's area code from

the phone they are calling from. Colorado is actively engaged with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Federal Communication Commission and partners across the country to determine the appropriate solutions for call routing. This situation is not unique to Colorado.

While 988 is an innovative service that should positively impact caller experiences across the country, the full vision of a transformed crisis care system with 988 will not be built overnight. Transformation of this scale will take time.

We recognize that many people in Colorado do not have a phone number with a Colorado area code. We want to ensure a safe, immediate connection to local resources and support. While Colorado works to address geolocation concerns, we also continue to promote our statewide crisis line at (844) 493-8255, or text TALK to 38255.

"Although less than 2 percent of

calls to the existing statewide crisis line result in deploying in-person care, like mobile crisis teams, ensuring all callers have access to local care is crucial," said Kelly Bowman, 988 Enterprise and Crisis Line program manager.

Colorado will not publicly market 988 until the summer of 2023. In the short term, Colorado is looking to strengthen and expand the current Lifeline crisis center infrastructure and capacity to ensure trained crisis counselors are available to quickly respond to 988 via call, text or chat. Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners (RMCP) is Colorado's local Lifeline call center. RMCP is currently hiring remote and in-person call center specialist positions for Lifeline.

In the longer term, our vision is to build a robust crisis care response system across the state that links callers to community-based providers who can deliver a full range of crisis care services, including in-person care, if needed.



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# Barn Bash set for Aug. 26 at Paradise Ranch

By Marcy Mitchell

Aspire Medical Services and Education

Aspire Medical Services and Education invites the Pagosa Springs community to celebrate life, love and fellowship at our Barn Bash on Aug. 26.

Located at Paradise Ranch, the event features dinner, dancing and an adventure raffle full of exciting prizes. You can purchase a table of eight or an individual ticket and it includes delicious barbecue, dessert, a drink ticket, dancing and live music by Three Way Street. Tickets are on sale at https://aspirepagosa. org/upcoming-events/.

As part of the evening fun, Aspire is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win several prizes. Raffle tickets can be purchased online or at the event and you do not have to be present to win. Our exciting prizes include (but are not limited to):

• Date night for a year at our top restaurants in Pagosa Springs.

• A major shopping spree at a local outdoor

- A \$400 gift certificate at Voormi.
- A guided fly-fishing trip.
- Two new leather recliners from Pike Fur-
- Pamper Me Package (massage, hair, nail,
- Framed print from a local artist.
- Annual passes.

You can purchase raffle tickets online at https://aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events in advance or with cash or check at the event.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Aspire's affordable prenatal care program and parenting classes.

Aspire currently provides services to more than 80 percent of all pregnant women in Archuleta County which include pregnancy tests, early ultrasounds, prenatal care, prenatal and parenting education, and STI/STD testing and treatment. Over the past few years, our prenatal clinic has helped lower the preterm birth rate and low birth rate percentage in our area by allowing disadvantaged women to see a quality MD for prenatal care up to 36 weeks. The low birth weight rate for babies born to our prenatal care clients in the last 12 months is only at 5.8 percent compared to a state average of 8 percent. In addition, Aspire offers free childbirth, prenatal and parenting education to all parents of children age 0 to 3. Aspire's goal is to help all children 0 to 3 years of age thrive physically, emotionally and socially during the most pivotal stage of development.

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

# Obituaries

# **Fabiola Sally** Rivas

Fabiola Sally Rivas, née Rivera, passed peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on July 9 in Cortez, Colo.

Fabiola was born in Monero, N.M., on Oct. 31, 1935, to Juan Teodoro and Margarita Rivera. She spent her childhood in Arboles, Colo., before settling in Pagosa



Springs, Colo. The last 26 years of her life were lived in Cortez. Her

hobbies included reading, gardening, crocheting and other numerous crafts. However, she most loved spending time with her family.

Mrs. Rivas is survived by her sisters, Dolores Gurulé and Juanita Baldwin; sister-in-law Dora Rivera; sons Robert (Martha) Rivas and Aaron (Lori) Rivas; daughters Bernadette Archuleta, Libby Rivas and Lily Rivas; and 17 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Ike Rivera, Raymond Rivera and Ted Rivera; sisters Pilar Martinez and Sandra Martinez; daughters Libby Rivas (infant) and Dodie Rivas; son Glen Rivas; and son-in-law Marco (Libby) Blackhorse.

# **David Louis** Wilson

David Louis Wilson, Oct. 29, 1945, to May

17. David had a long battle with cancer starting in 2015 and while he was in remission, the ongoing health repercussions continued to



plague him. David was preceded by his parents, Nellie and Louis Wilson, and his brother, Roger Wilson. He leaves behind his daughter and granddaughters, Ashley Wilson, Sofia and Livia, of Pagosa Springs; and his two siblings, Billy Wilson and Sandra Stewart. David lived and worked in Pagosa the last 40 years, he loved skiing in his younger years and found Pagosa his own personal paradise; there was no place he would have rather been.

A private memorial will be held in the fall for close friends and family. For clients of David's accounting practice, you can reach out to wilsonandwilsonacct@gmail.com.

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growing to practice the greatest commandment: "love your neighbors as yourselves".

And, do it with love, of course. Patty Tillerson

# Parade thanks

Dear Editor:

It is hard to believe that another 4th of July Celebration has come and passed, unofficially marking the midpoint of summer in Pagosa Springs. Based on the crowds downtown, both locals and visitors alike enjoyed the

The 4th of July Parade had 62 entries this year. Thank you to all the organizations and businesses who represented Pagosa and the

surrounding communities in the

parade. We appreciate your participation and your grace in rolling with the changes to the parade route and staging. Our judges chose the following entries for acknowledgement:

1st Place to the Grand Marshals Lindsey and Mary Kurt-Mason 2nd Place to the San Juan Sled

3rd Place to the Springs Resort A big thank you to the businesses, organizations, and volunteers who work in front of and behind the scenes to make the 4th of July Events happen. Without their commitment and support, the parade would not happen.

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# Business

# ColorFest and Adventure Raffle tickets now available

By Mary Jo Coulehan Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Tickets to the ColorFest events, which include the Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival and the Bands and Brews event are now on sale online at the Chamber's website, www.pagosachamber.

The Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival will take place on Sept. 16 beginning at 6 p.m. This year, there are reserved seating tickets and general admission tickets. Tickets are \$65 and \$50 per person, respectively. On Sept. 16 beginning at 4 p.m., the Bands and Brews event will kick off, with breweries from around the region and New Mexico attending and live music with two great bands.

Tickets for this event are \$35 for beer tasting and \$10 general admission, which means anyone 17 and older and no beer tasting. Wine and nonalcoholic beverages may also be purchased by the glass at the event. At approximately 7 p.m., there will also be a hot air balloon glow adjacent to the beer tasting in the athletic field depending on the weather conditions.

If you are new to town and haven't experienced ColorFest, here is a quick rundown of the weekend.

to Sept. 18. The weekend is filled with tastings of all kinds and the skies fill with hot air balloons. We already have a number of balloon pilots registered for the event, so we expect a great showing. The balloons will launch on Saturday from the downtown area around Hot Springs Boulevard. They can be viewed from many other locations in the downtown area besides just Hot Springs Boulevard. The balloons will launch from various locations on the west side of town on Sunday. Launching takes place around 7:30 a.m.

The Passport to Pagosa is a funfilled evening of music, delicious food from Pagosa Springs restaurants and caterers, and wines from around the world. While there is plenty of seating, guaranteed seating with a VIP gift is a special ticket price. All entries come with food and wine tickets. Restaurants vie for the coveted "Golden Whisk" award in categories such as most flavorful, best sweet and, of course, the People's Choice award. The live music at the wine tasting will be provided by local musical celebrity Bob Hemenger. The Bands and Brews event brings together breweries from around Colorado and northern New Mexico, sharing their special or seasonal quaffs.

ColorFest takes place from Sept. 16 Combine these great tastes with exciting live music, delicious food vendors, activities for the kids and hot air balloons in the evening and you have the makings for a great Saturday afternoon.

Other events happening that ColorFest weekend will be the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's (GGP) Breakfast with Balloons at the GGP site in Centennial Park and Aspen House's Color Run/ Walk along the Riverwalk, both on Saturday morning. Registration for both of these events will be available soon. Enjoy a gourmet breakfast and live music as the hot air balloons fly over head when downtown Saturday morning. Or, run or walk along the Riverwalk, get doused with color from various stations and still enjoy the hot air balloons. Please remember that while the events may not be weather contingent, the hot air balloons are, so there is always a chance they will not fly.

Visit the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com and go to the events calendar or click on the ColorFest graphic to register for either the wine-tasting or beertasting events. There are no packages available for purchasing both wine and beer tickets. Each event is separate pricing. For answers to any questions that are not online,

contact the Chamber office at (970) 264-2360.

#### **Adventure Raffle tickets** available online

The exciting Adventure Package Raffle is now live both in person and online.

This year there will be three opportunities to win prizes. The thirdplace prize is a Red Paddle Co. inflatable stand-up paddleboard complete with carrying case, pump and oars. The second-place prize is a Kona Lava mountain bike. The grand prize is a 2021 Polaris RZR and the towing trailer.

All tickets will be drawn at Bands and Brews on Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are only one for \$5, three for \$10 and seven for \$20. Proceeds will benefit Chamber events and community event infrastructure. You can purchase your tickets online at www.pagosachamber.com. Click on the Adventure Raffle graphic on the home page and purchase your tickets. You will be sent a receipt and your tickets numbers. If you want your ticket receipts in hand, you can pick those up at the Chamber offices at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Don't miss your opportunity to win some great prizes to enhance your Pagosa lifestyle or experience. You can't win if you don't play.



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# Medical center receives clean audits

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD), which operates as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), received a pair of clean audits recently.

The audits — the general annual audit and an audit on federal funding received during the pandemic - were presented to the USJHSD Board of Directors on June 28 by Kami Maztek of Dingus, Zarecor and Associates PLLC.

"Our audit report and the report

on the single audit were both un- PSMC's data over time as well as qualified opinions, which is the best, meaning that the ... financial statements fairly represented the financial position and the operations of the hospital for the year," she said, adding there were no audit findings.

The board accepted the 2021 audit with a unanimous vote at the same meeting.

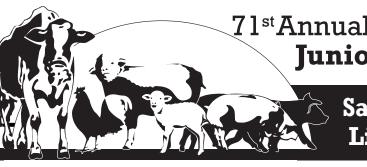
## **Financial indicators**

As part of her report to the board, Matzek presented a series of financial indicators showing how PSMC compares to benchmarks stemming from like hospitals.

Matzek explained to the board that, while comparisons are provided to several different hospital groupings, the far west critical access hospitals are the most like

According to Matzek's presentation, PSMC's total margin for 2021 - a ratio that reflects profits from both operations and nonopera-

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By Dorothy Elder Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs saw decreases compared to last year in its lodging tax collections in April and May, according to a report given to the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board at its July 14 meeting.

April brought in a 14.58 percent decrease compared to the same period last year, which is a \$9,091 difference, according to the report. A larger decrease occurred in May, when numbers reflected a 17.71 percent decrease compared to last year, or \$14,027.

Combined with collections from other months since January, 2022 town collections are about 5.26 percent down from 2021, totaling about \$19,451 less than last year.

Things look better for the county,

2022, lodging tax collections were up 12.47 percent compared to last year's second quarter, which is a \$14,344

Green explained that while the town's numbers may sound concerning, there are a lot of reasonable explanations as to why these numbers are lower for the town this year.

She reasoned that with international travel opportunities increasing and airport regulations related to the pandemic decreasing, people may be traveling farther this sum-

In addition, Pagosa Springs is a "drive market," meaning that most tourists use a car to get here, she explained. Therefore, high gas prices and inflation could be deterring people from making the trek to visit Pagosa Springs.

Hotel and motel inventory is also Tourism Director Jennifer Green a factor. Green explained that with noted. In the second quarter of two lodging businesses closed as

they convert to housing, the town is down 128 rooms.

Still, Green and tourism board members agreed that this summer, namely the June through August months, will paint a much more complete and telling picture of tourism trends in Pagosa Springs.

#### Other business

Tourism board hears lodging tax report, awards more event funding

The tourism board approved funding for three community events in 2022 as part of the board's event funding program.

Board members unanimously chose to award \$1,000 to Healthy Archuleta's community meal, which will take place on July 23; \$2,500 to Rise Above Violence's iRISE Adventure Challenge, which will take place during the month of October; and \$800 to Friends of the Upper San Juan River's CRUISE-A-THONg, which happened on July 16.

After those approvals, the board

still has \$36,019 for event funding this year, according to the data provided in Green's director report.

While the discussion of a replacement fireworks show, given the cancellation of the show on the Fourth of July, was on the board's agenda, the board moved to table the discussion.

Green recommended the move so that she would have the opportunity to discuss potential dates with the company responsible for putting on the show before the board makes a recommendation to the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

Tentatively, the dates being considered are during Labor Day weekend, during ColorFest (Sept. 16-18), during the Thanksgiving Enhanced Santa Event (Nov. 25-26), at the Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration (Dec. 17) or on New Year's Eve.

The discussion will now likely take place during the board's Aug. 9 meeting.

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# **Audits**

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tions and shows what percentage of its total revenues PSMC is able to keep as net revenue — was 18.3 percent in 2021, compared to 5.5 percent in 2020.

Matzek explained to the board the 2021 figure includes PSMC's recognition of its Paycheck Protection Program loan and provider relief funds, which she reminded the board are onetime items the hospital had in 2021.

"When I subtract those out of the graph, it's truly about 2 percent," she noted.

She also noted that the hospital has to recognize the loan revenue when it is forgiven, not when the expense occurred.

She noted critical access hospitals should aim for about 6 percent for the total margin. The average for far west critical access hospitals for 2020 was 6.4 percent.

Matzek's presentation shows that PSMC's operating margin — a ratio reflecting profits from operations only — improved from -3.6 percent

in 2020 to -1.6 percent in 2021. The presentation notes that higher is better, with the far west critical access hospitals averaging 5.3 per-

cent in 2020. Matzek noted she would like to see a goal for PSMC get closer to zero, but noted it is trending closer.

The presentation shows PSMC had 182 days cash on hand from all sources in 2021, compared to 195 in 2020. This compares to 181 for far west critical access hospitals in 2020.

Matzek told the board they like to ee at least 90 days cash on hand.

Without accelerated payments that would have to be paid back, she noted, PSMC's cash on hand was about 150 days in 2021.

PSMC's current ratio, according to the presentation, is 3.4, compared to 2.0 for PSMC in 2020 and 2.4 for far west critical access hospitals in 2020.

"The Current Ratio is perhaps the most widely used measure of liquidity. High values can sometimes be

Colorado's open records law ap-

plies to documents used for public

purposes even if they are held by a

third-party entity, a court decided

Court of Appeals reversed a 2020

decision from the El Paso County

District Court which held that Tim

Leonard, a former state representa-

tive, was not entitled to any records

he requested regarding the Inter-

quest North Business Improvement

documents are so intimately related

to public funds, [Colorado Open Re-

cords Act]'s purpose is at its zenith,"

Judge Michael Berger wrote in the

According to the ruling, Leonard

issued a Colorado Open Records

Act (CORA) request to the business

district seeking "contracts with those

who performed the construction and

consulting work for the installation

of the public improvements paid for

by the District" and "invoices and

payments made to Nor'wood and

InterQuest Marketplace, LLC, or

any related entity of either, for work

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all responsive documents in its pos-

session, but Leonard sued the entity

in district court, claiming that it did

The district claimed it produced

"When, as here, the requested

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The ruling from the Colorado

By Robert Davis

The Center Square

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Court says Colorado's open

records law applies to public

documents held by third parties

not liquid, such as inventory or noncollectable accounts receivable. Higher is better," the presentation

Matzek recommended always being above 2.0, where she added PSMC has historically been.

Matzek also presented PSMC's equipment additions to depreciation

"This is showing how fast you are replacing your equipment as it ages,' she explained.

She noted a rolling average of 100 percent over five years is recommended to keep up with "aging equipment and technology chang-

PSMC was at 55 percent for 2021, 110 percent for 2020, 45 percent for 2019 and 82 percent for 2018.

The presentation also notes PSMC's long-term debt to net position is 45 percent, down from 58 percent in 2020. This compares to 57 percent for far west critical access hospitals in 2020.

"Long-term Debt to Net Position is the proportion of long-term debt divided by long-term debt plus net position," the presentation explains. "Higher values for this ratio imply a greater reliance on debt financing and may imply a reduced ability to carry additional debt. Lower is better."

Matzek acknowledged that PSMC refinanced bonds in 2021 and paid off some debt, so the last two years are continuing to decrease.

She noted PSMC's jump in net position this year also helped bring the figure aown.

Matzek further explained PSMC's 46 days in net patient accounts receivable (AR) — or the number of days from when a patient is seen until PSMC receives payment — is a "really good number." That figure is up from 42 for PSMC in 2020 and down from 55 in 2019. Far west critical access hospitals averaged 66 days in AR in 2020.

PSMC's gross days in AR — the

not produce all the requested docu-

The district court held that Inter-

Ouest did not have to produce all the

documents Leonard requested be-

cause some of the documents were

in the possession of a third-party

firm working on behalf of InterQuest.

the documents are "public records"

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tity has a contractual right to access

documents from a third party, that

entity has "direct[ed] [the third party]

to have care, custody, or control

of the document[s]," the appellate

Leonard told the Colorado Free-

dom of Information Coalition that

the "construction contracts, plans,

change orders, and invoices cannot

be hidden by developer-controlled

special district boards from the tax-

payers who want to see how their

from the Colorado Court of Appeals

favoring public access to records that

aren't directly in the possession of a

public entity," the CFOIC noted in a

blog post. "The appellate court held

in 1994 that records maintained by a

Coors Field contractor hired by the

Denver Metropolitan Major League

Baseball Stadium District were pub-

lic records subject to CORA."

"Thursday's ruling wasn't the first

panel said in its opinion.

money is being spent."

"We hold that when a public en-

But the appellate court held that

misleading if the current assets are average time that receivables are outstanding — was 60 in 2021, up from 48 in 2020. No comparisons were provided in the presentation. The presentation also shows

> PSMC's contractual adjustment percentage over time. "Contractual Adjustment Per-

> centage is the percentage of gross patient revenue that is discounted to third-party payors. Increasing values for this indicator puts tremendous pressure on hospital prices in those limited areas in which fuller recovery of rates is possible," the presentation

> The presentation lists PSMC's contractual adjustment percentage for both 2020 and 2021 at 49 percent, up from 45 percent in 2019. No comparison to other hospitals is provided.

Next, Matzek presented information on PSMC's bad debt percentage and charity care.

"Bad Debt Percentage is the percentage of patient revenue that has been earned but is determined to be uncollectible," the presentation explains. "Control over uncollectible accounts is an important indicator for the quality of a hospital's receivables and the strength of their collection process. Lower is better."

PSMC's bad debt percentage related to net patient revenue was 7.8 percent for 2021, up from 5.8 percent in 2020, but lower than 2019's 11.8 percent. That compares to 5.3 percent for far west critical access hospitals in 2020.

"This is using net patient service revenue to look at that bad debt, which not necessarily how we recommend to look at it. We recommend using gross patient revenue," Matzek explained, noting that she was presenting that data because there are benchmarks available.

PSMC's bad debt and charity care percentages using gross patient revenue as the denominator were 3.6 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively, in 2021. For 2020, those figures were 2.8 percent and 0.5 percent,

The presentation notes, "Charity Care Percentage is the percentage of patient revenue that has been earned but not billed or collected as part of the hospital's charity care program. This is an indicator of the benefit the hospital provides to in-need members of the community from a service perspective."

"Here we do say that bad debt is probably a little overstated and charity care a little understated," Matzek said, explaining there are probably

patients who would have qualified for charity care had they filled out the application and provided the necessary documentation. "But, it is extremely difficult to get patients to fill all that paperwork out and get it turned in."

She added there is more of a positive feeling associated with charity care than with bad debt, though both figures are services PSMC is not getting paid for.

In response to a question from board member Barbara Parada, it was explained PSMC has someone to help patients fill out the paperwork for charity care.

Later in the discussion on the topic, PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb noted PSMC does not receive enough tax revenue to offset the bad debt and charity care.

Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger explained PSMC is underpaid by about \$4 million, with Webb adding PSMC receives about \$1.4 million in tax revenue.

The presentation also notes PSMC had 219 full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) in 2021, compared to 232 in 2020 and 224 in 2019. It further shows that, for 2021,

PSMC's salaries and benefits per FTE totaled \$109,842, up from \$96,729 in 2020 and \$98,154 in 2019. According to the presentation, PSMC's net patient service revenue per FTE was \$148,636 for 2021, up

from \$127,684 in 2020 and \$131,713 The presentation notes, "This indicator is used as a broad measure of productivity."

## Financial highlights

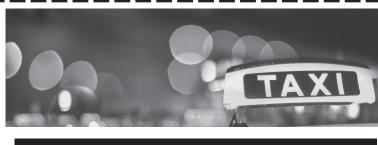
The audit report also includes financial highlights determined by the district's administration:

• "The District's net position increased \$8,757,564, or 67.1 percent, in 2021, and \$2,123,358, or 19.4 percent, in 2020."

• "The District reported operating loss in 2021 of \$592,269 and operating loss in 2020 of \$1,223,671. Income in 2021 increased by \$631,402, or 51.6 percent, over the income reported in 2020. Operating income in 2020 decreased by \$1,466,112, or 604.7 percent compared to 2019."

• "Nonoperating revenues (expenses) increased by \$2,951,594, or 167.4 percent, in 2021 compared to 2020. Nonoperating revenues (expenses) increased by \$1,422,405, or 417.7 percent, in 2020 compared

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### Unaffiliated candidates qualify for November ballot Primary results certified beginning Oct. 17, she notes. lots counted to the number of

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

A number of unaffiliated candidates have qualified to appear on the November ballot for countylevel offices.

According to an email from Election Administrator Tomi Bliss. four unaffiliated candidates have qualified for the November ballot:

- Monica A. Medina is running for Archuleta County sheriff.
- Rachel Suh is running for commissioner for District 3.
- Wayne Bryant is running for

• Ron Sutcliffe is running for re-

one more chance to access the November ballot, with today, Thursday, July 21, being the last day for a write-in candidate to file an affidavit of intent, according to Bliss.

The last day for judicial candidates to file a declaration of intent to run for another term is Aug. 8, Bliss notes in an email. Ballots, according to Bliss, will

be certified Sept. 12, with ballots for voters who fall under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act going out

Ballots for the Nov. 8 election, which will be conducted as a

People can check their registration status and mailing addresses at www.govotecolorado.gov.

#### **Primary election results** now official

On Monday, Archuleta County announced that the results of the June 28 primary election are now

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta certified the official abstract on July 18, with the Canvass Board certifying

- Reviewed the post-election
- manual random audit. • Reviewed all ballot forms and ballot logs associated with this

ballots cast.

 Reviewed and certified the official abstract of votes cast.

County-level candidates moving on to the November ballot from the primary election are:

- Veronica Medina, Republican, for commissioner for District 3.
- Mike Le Roux, Republican, for sheriff.
- Archuleta, Republican, for clerk and recorder.
- Elsa P. White, Republican, for treasurer. • Johanna Tully-Elliot, Republi-
- can, for assessor. • Brandon L. Bishop, Republi-
- can, for coroner. There were no Democratic can-

didates for county-level offices.

#### election. election as county surveyor. mail-ballot election, will be mailed • Compared the number of balrandi@pagosasun.com Colorado's Marijuana Enforcement Division announces Colorado MED Data Dashboard and releases the fourth-quarter 2021 marijuana market update

Colorado Department of Revenue

The Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) announced a new data dashboard that will provide an increased array of data collected and analyzed by the division and will house the quarterly marijuana market updates going forward.

The MED will now increase its data reporting to four times a year from the previous twice-a-year

"We're excited to be able to provide enhanced data about Colorado's legal marijuana industry at regular intervals with interested parties," said Kyle Lambert, MED's deputy director of Data Analysis and Planning. "In partnership with CU's Business Research Division, the Marijuana Market Updates dashboard will take the analysis of the nation's most mature marijuana industry to the next level."

The dashboard is interactive, al-

navigate the data themselves, and includes new and improved topics of focus, such as increased information on sales, prices, licenses, plants, testing and a map that explores key

marijuana indicators by county.

The MED anticipates the graphics

included on the dashboard will be

a welcome enhancement to data

previously supplied by the division. The division also released the fourth-quarter 2021 update. High-

lights include: • Colorado marijuana sales hit a record in 2021, a 2.2 percent increase over 2020: Just over threefifths of overall marijuana sales in Colorado occurred in five counties. The city and county of Denver posted the most overall marijuana sales in 2021, totaling \$679.1 million (31.2 percent of total sales), followed by Arapahoe County (\$202.4 million, 9.3 percent), Adams County (\$160.8 million, 7.4 percent), Boulder County (\$143.7 million, 6.6 percent) and

lowing for visitors to more easily El Paso County (\$138.9 million, 6.4 percent).

· Concentrates and edibles gain market share in 2021: Concentrate's share increased from 30.1 percent to 33.2 percent for adult use and from 30 percent to 30.3 percent for medical. Edible's share increased from 12.8 percent to 13.8 percent for adult use and from 8.5 percent to 9.8 percent for medical.

 Number of marijuana businesses continued to grow in 2021: Active retail store establishment licenses (both adult use and medical) totaled 947 in December 2021, a 2 percent increase year over year and, on average, there were 941 active retail store establishments each month in 2021 compared to 915 per month in 2020.

• Flower and concentrate prices end 2021 at year lows: Average prices per gram and year-over-year change as of December 2021 were retail marijuana flower — \$4.29 (14.1 percent decrease) and medical marijuana flower — \$2.55 (24.3 percent decrease).

• Cultivated plants observe 13.6 percent growth over 2020: Average cultivated plants for 2021 totaled 1.4 million compared to the 2020 average of 1.3 million.

 Occupational license growth continues: Total occupational licenses reached 42,016 in December 2021, an increase of 5.9 percent year

• Monthly sales tax revenues hit record: 2021 marijuana state sales tax revenue totaled \$423.5 million, a 9.3 percent increase over 2020.

The dashboard uses data collected from the state's marijuana inventory tracking system (Metrc) and other publicly available data. The data dashboard will be accompanied by a quarterly report, which can be found on the MED website: https://sbg.colorado.gov/ med/updates.

To view the new marijuana market updates, please visit the new dashboard at https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/cu.business. research.division/viz/ColoradoMEDDashboard/Overview. To view the fourth-quarter 2021 report and all previous reports, please visit the MED Mid-Year and Annual Updates page at https://sbg.colorado. gov/med/updates.





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The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, July 21 Dispatch Executive Management Board meeting. 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County Sheriff's Office conference room, 85 Harman Park Drive, or via

718-671-3647. Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.

us/j/7186713647, meeting ID:

Springs Blvd. Monday, July 25

San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5. Find Zoom link at www.sjwcd.org.

Tuesday, July 26

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

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/.

**Upper San Juan Health Service** District Board of Directors regular meeting. 4:30 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.

Wednesday, July 27 Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and via Zoom. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter.

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

Thursday, July 28

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

Monday, Aug. 1

County Board of Equalization petition hearings. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter.

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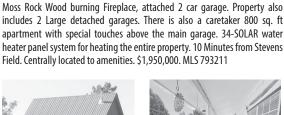
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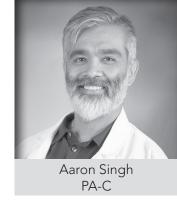
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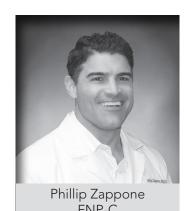


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# Market

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A report to the Colorado Association of Realtors (CAR) by real estate agent Wen Saunders added, "The average sale price jumped from \$553,472 (June 2021) to \$660,285 (June 2022), almost 20% higher than last year."

#### The changing market

Several real estate agents broadly agreed that, at present, the market is changing and shifting from a seller's market to a buyer's market.

Riley highlighted that increases in interest rates and general economic uncertainty have slowed the pace of sales, with buyers finding it difficult to afford the monthly cost of a mortgage with the increased

While he suggested the current 6 percent mortgage rates are not historically high, he commented that they are a significant increase from early in the year, when rates were at 3 percent.

Riley added that he feels much of the market is overpriced currently and that sellers wanting to sell their house quickly should price it below market rate.

Real estate agent Deb Loewen concurred that interest rates are slowing sales, adding that this has led to significant price drops as sellers attempt to attract buyers for their properties.

She also commented that many of the properties that came on the market recently were overpriced, with homes entering the market at prices that would have been viable in March, but are not currently.

Christians highlighted that prices are currently falling and that price drops were larger with sellers who either needed to sell their houses quickly or who had initially priced their property above the

Real estate agent Mike Heraty highlighted inflation, causing both increases in mortgage interest rates and cost of living, and the poor performance of the stock market as key factors in the slowing sales.

He explained that the pressures of inflation have forced many home buyers out of the market in the center of the price range and have compelled them to either not buy or seek less-expensive properties where there is little inventory due to the current costs of building.

He added that, on the higher end of the market, buyers typically paid cash and thus were not impacted by mortgage rates.

However, he explained that such buyers were experiencing losses from the stock market and are also

slowing their purchasing activity. expected appreciation rates the rate of increase in value for a property — to decrease, potentially pushing down the prices of properties that were priced based on the assumption that appreciation rates would remain at the prior high levels.

However, he expected this drop erties, such as mountain views,

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in prices to be mitigated by the still high costs of construction, which would buffer the decreases in price since new homes cannot be built at significantly lower costs.

#### Inventory and sales

Inventory has increased significantly from the low levels seen earlier in the year, the real estate agents reported.

Saunder's report states, on the subject of prices and inventory, "Continued interest rate gains have forced buyers desiring to stay under the median and average sales prices to consider other options such as condo, manufactured or land purchases or were simply priced out of their price points, which together with low inventory, created sold listings down at 17.6% (284 units-2021 and 234 units-2022). Months supply of inventory is up 65.4% (from 2.6 to 4.3 months). Listings are continuing to enter the market, as sellers are cashing out their real estate wealth before their window completely

This assessment was supported by reports from Riley and Galles Properties.

Riley's report notes that, for May, there were 142 homes and 15 condos available for sale, compared to 94 and five respectively for May of 2021. Meanwhile, the number of vacant lots available declined from 305 in May of 2021 to 253 in 2022.

The Galles report states that there were 201 active residential property listings in June 2022, compared to 152 in June 2021. It also stated that there were 107 new residential listings in June 2022 compared to 102 in June 2021, 42 residential properties under contract in June 2022 compared to 81 in June 2021 and 54 sold units in June 2022 compared to 46 in June

Real estate agent Jim Smith, in a July 12 email to The SUN, added, "Active residential listings have gone from about 30 Active residential listings to over 190 now on

These figures broadly align with Loewen's assessment that, while there were a large number of sales earlier in the year that were still being completed in the summer, the number of new sales has been

Archuleta credited the increased inventory to a combination of slowing purchases and an increase in the number of short-term rentals (STRs) entering the market.

Christians concurred with Aring the market, adding that many Heraty also commented that he other sellers are older residents moving to other areas for reasons such as a desire for closer proximity to their families, health problems or difficulties handling the winter conditions in the area.

Riley highlighted that the increased inventory has made the desirable characteristics of propproximity to Pagosa Springs and national forest, and bedrooms on the ground floor more important to the salability of a property.

Loewen and Heraty also emphasized the importance of water access to salability.

Christians added that a "Colorado feel," with features such a log exteriors or tongue-and-groove ceilings, is a selling point.

Riley explained that presentation has become more critical, with the tidiness and aesthetics of the property becoming more important compared to several months ago, when houses would sell no matter their condition.

Archuleta highlighted that there is a high demand and low inventory for affordable housing at prices be-

low approximately \$350,000. She added that the inventory of housing in this price range is further reduced by the difficulties in securing loans on many low-cost properties due to structural damage to mobile homes or a lack of proper permitting.

Christians commented that there is high demand for homes under \$550,000 and an oversupply of properties above \$1 million.

Riley added that sales and inventory of vacant land had fallen steeply as much of the available vacant land had been brought up in previous years when housing stock was limited and buyers would purchase vacant land and build new dwellings.

Many of the vacant lots that remain are those that lack desirable views or are so-called "orphan lots" that are disconnected from utilities, Riley explained.

Loewen commented that her buyers came from a wide variety of locations, with many of them being residents from the Interstate 70 corridor in Colorado moving out of the urban congestion in that area.

#### The short-term rental industry

The interviewed real estate agents generally suggested that the STR market is in a downturn for a variety of reasons.

Loewen commented that many STRs have entered the market recently as the owners sell their rentals and exit the industry due to increases in fees and regulations.

She and Christians both highlighted that many homeowners' associations have banned STRs or increased fees, such as the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association and Loma Linda.

Loewen added that she informed her clients for years that STRs typically only break even financially considering the costs and fees involved and that the recent changes to regulations and fees have shifted the balance toward many STRs losing money.

Heraty commented that the STR market is undergoing a correction driven by the increased costs of tourism and the related decline in the number of tourists.

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He added that this would be particularly true for STR owners who borrowed money on the assumption that returns on STRs would remain at the high levels they had reached during the CO-VID pandemic.

Smith concurred with this opinion, stating that those who planned to rely on STR profits to fund their mortgages "may find themselves in financial trouble."

#### The future of the market

Overall, the real estate agents expected prices to continue to drop and the market to continue to transition to a buyer's market in the future.

Loewen predicted that, as long as interest rates remain high, the market will continue to slow and prices will continue to fall.

Smith concurred, stating, "My gut says the market will continue to soften until the national economy perks back up and mortgage rates start falling and gas prices fall."

Archuleta also predicted that the market will continue to experience a downturn due to the pressures of high mortgage rates and high

Christians predicted that the area will reach a balanced market later in the year and will reach a buyer's market next year, with prices adjusting downward.

However, both he and Heraty highlighted that they do not expect the market to deteriorate to the degree seen in the 2008 recession.

As Saunders states in her report, "This market has evolved into a rodeo. At the end of the ride, you know the result – favorable or substandard. And then there is the

# Moratorium

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board heard a report on the results of a public survey and two public forums run by Development Director Pamela Flowers at the request of the BoCC to gather feedback on proposed regulation options.

At that work session, the board decided to extend the survey until Aug. 15 and work to gather more data on the impacts of STRs to the community before moving forward

with approving regulations. The moratorium initially presented to the BoCC on July 19 would have taken effect immediately upon being approved.

As Weaver explained at the meeting, it also included a clause allowing property owners that were under contract or in the process of construction, defined as having applied for a building permit and passed a foundation inspection, at the time the moratorium went into effect to file a special exception petition, which, if approved by the Building Department, would allow the property owner to apply for an STR permit after the moratorium went into effect.

The window for submitting such a petition was stipulated as 30 days after the beginning of the

moratorium. On the agenda for the meeting, Flowers was indicated as the pre-

senter of the proposed moratorium. However, at the meeting, she indicated she was not aware that she was expected to present it and thus would not be able to. Weaver then presented the item

to the board, highlighting that the moratorium would be in place while the county researches options for STR regulations, that it would only impact new permit applications—not renewals—and that it could be extended or ended early by the board.

Following this presentation, the BoCC heard public comment on the issue. These comments highlighted the benefits of STRs, commented that the market is correcting the problems with STRs by itself, expressed concerns about the language of the moratorium being prejudiced against STRs, requested the BoCC make its decisions on regulations based on factual data, and questioned the commissioners' fidelity to their oaths to protect the property owners of the county.

Commenters also generally expressed appreciation for the slower pace of the county's current plans to develop STR regulations.

Following public comment, Commissioner Warren Brown responded that he is "concerned about the needs of our county" and highlighted that few other people in the room had sworn an oath to people they do not know.

He continued, responding to a public commenter, "I've received a lot of input from people on both sides and in the middle. And I agree with you, I think we should make this decision with all the information that we can get.

"And, in fact, I sat in this very chair last year and I asked all people that were ... in attendance that day, 'Please get together. Form a committee. Bring a resolution.' And I didn't get one. So, here we are and I feel like I'm back in the same place and I'm asking again, and if we approve this moratorium now it's, no, I really mean it, I want some solutions. I want some data that's local that shows us what the best decision is to make. ... I think that, in general, many of us are talking the same language but we're coming at this from a different ... position, a different perspective, a different profession, if you will.

"And I'm trying to be very considerate of the opinions that I hear. And, that's from the person that is packed up and moved because they cannot stand living in the neighborhood where they invested their life savings to live. That's also

from the person that said, 'Y'know, I was drawn here, I've been coming here since I was a kid. I bought some property and I was finally able to move to Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. I have an STR and I'm happy and it's worrying me what is coming up to the county commissioners.

"So, I really am trying to consider all of the input that I'm getting and I certainly don't mean to speak on behalf of the other commissioners at all, but this is very important to me that we make this decision and we make it right.

"This is not additional, this is continuation from last year's discussion in the hopes that there would be people who ... brought forward some solutions and suggestions. But, when we didn't get it, I still want that same information. So, this is where I'm looking at this from, because I want it to be Archuleta County-specific and what's the best decision we can make for us, all of us. Not just some of us, but those on either end of the extreme. So, I just think it's important that you know that this is ... how I'm looking at it and this is my position."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez then spoke, agreeing with a commenter that "the economy has always set the standard here" and outlining the market fluctuations he had observed. He added, "But, I think, to what

Warren is sayin', it's time for all the parties that are involved to get involved now. Let's come to the table. Mike and Lauri [Heraty] have been at the table, but we haven't heard from a lot of the others. We just heard side comments or other roundabout comments through the Facebook or all that. But, we need solutions. And ... we are going to be having a lot more of these discussions we need to have. Because ground where everybody is going to have to take a hit and everybody is going to have to give a hit. But we need to find the middle ground on this, get as close as we can to this."

He added that he is willing to omit sections 4 and 5 of the resolution, which stated in part that the resolution was necessary to preserve the safety, health and prosperity of county residents and that the moratorium would give the county the opportunity to determine what regulations might be needed on STRs, thus potentially preventing further damage to the long-term housing situation in the county and the quality of life of county residents.

Public comments cited these sections as inflammatory.

He then concluded that STRs are part of a "new economy" for the county and that the county needs to come together to create a "reasonable solution."

Brown commented that, while he does not think that STRs are "the cause of all issues," they do have an effect.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf then commented that while he does not think STRs are "the devil" or that the county needs to get rid of them, the county needs to find a "happy medium."

He continued, "Who's protecting the rights of the people who bought here to retire and want a community? When they moved here, that's what they had. Now the rules have changed and where are the rules that are protecting their rights as property owners? So, I agree ... that short-term rentals have property rights just as well, but the other people moved here to retire, to raise your family here; they have those rights too. So, that's all I'm trying to get out of this, is protection from all sides and I haven't seen it so far ...'

There was then an interjection from the audience requesting that the commissioners implement the

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moratorium in November, as this individual had previously proposed in their public comment.

Weaver interrupted, stating that the board was not taking additional public comments and that the audience member should "contain your outbursts" or they could be removed from the room.

Brown then motioned to accept the moratorium with a start date of Sept. 1.

Maez inquired about sections 4 and 5 that he had indicated an interest in removing.

Brown responded that, while he was not in favor of the "inflammatory" language that had been highlighted by commenters, the language might be important for legally defending the resolution and requested Weaver's input.

Weaver responded that the resolution would not be as defensible if those sections were removed.

He also highlighted that, while it was the commissioners' decision on delaying the moratorium, the intention of having the moratorium take effect immediately upon passage was to prevent a rush of applications on the Planning Department and ensure that department has time to draft new regulations.

Brown inquired if Weaver's response had answered Maez's question, to which Maez responded, "I don't like it, but it does.'

Brown added that he was concerned about the impact of the moratorium taking effect immediately on business transactions, although he did understand that a delay would make it more likely that the Planning Department would be "bum rushed."

Flowers then proposed that the BoCC could make the moratorium take effect immediately but move the date for the special exceptions back, allowing properties that are under contract or under construction on Sept. 1 to apply for an

Brown then amended his motion following this suggestion.

An audience member then inquired what would happen to properties that are closed on before Sept. 1 but after the deadline.

Maez commented, "You know, what I really don't like ... I really don't like the fact that we're making sausage in public. ... And the other part is, we're trying to help you guys out, too. But, you know, on game day, that's when everybody wants to help. But prior to this, we had a year ... And now we're just beating this, beatin' the hell out of it."

The board then unanimously approved Brown's motion.

However, after additional concerns were raised about what would happen to properties that are closed upon between the beginning of the moratorium and Sept. 1, Weaver recommended that the board needed an amended motion to clarify the policy to include deals that closed between the start of the moratorium and Sept. 1.

Brown asked if the problem could be resolved by making the moratorium take effect Sept. 1.

Upon receiving confirmation that this would resolve the problem, Brown then made and the board passed the final motion passing the resolution with a start date of Sept. 1 for the moratorium.

Following passing the resolution, Brown commented that he would like to see a committee formed containing no more than 15 people, including a county staff member, an STR user, an STR neighbor, an STR owner, a commercial lodging owner, a real estate agent, an STR property manager, a tourism board member, a workforce or low-income housing representative and a potential atlarge member.

people's hind ends in a chair and have these conversations. We have six months. Ready, go."

He concluded, "We need to get

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the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, an average family of four spends approximately \$800 monthly on groceries, with roughly \$55 of this being taxes.

A 1-cent increase in sales tax would result in an increase in costs of \$8 a month for an average family, he explained.

Woodman also explained that the current 6.9 percent sales tax rate is on the "lower side" of sales tax rates in the region.

He added that a 1 percent increase in sales tax would result in approximately \$4.3 million of additional revenue for the town and county, which would be split evenly, resulting in revenues of approximately \$2.1 million for each.

He then presented information from the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board that between 60 and 70 percent of food services transactions done with credit cards are done by persons outside of the 81147 zip

He added that estimating that 50 percent of total food service transactions were from visitors would be a conservative assumption.

He continued by explaining that Jennifer Green, tourism director, estimated that 32 percent of total sales tax revenue is likely from nonresidents.

Woodman also presented about food and utility tax rebate programs offered by Durango, although he noted that neither program is widely used in his understanding.

Woodman concluded by noting that July 29 would be the final date to place a placeholder for the sales tax question on the ballot.

He noted that this placeholder would not require any language for the initiative and that the date for increase the public would support, placing finalized language on the ballot would be Aug. 30.

Mayor Shari Pierce inquired whether the county commissioners had any opinions on moving forward would likely be possible.

with the initiative this year.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he felt that, whether the ballot measure moved forward this year or not, it would be valuable to begin investigating the issue and survey the public to determine their sentiments on the measure.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez agreed with Brown that moving forward is valuable and that the town and county could push back the measure and fine-tune it if they do not make the deadlines for this year's election.

Woodman indicated that Magellan, a survey company that the county recommended at the previous town/county work session on June 28, could complete the survey process in two weeks and it would cost \$10,000.

Town council member Gary Williams noted that council member Brooks Lindner had commented at the prior meeting that it took time to build support for such ballot measures and that Williams was unsure how to get the message out and build support while the governments are waiting for the survey.

Woodman responded that, if the survey shows broad support, then the measure could move ahead, but if it does not, then the ballot question could be delayed.

Pierce inquired what percentage of qualified electors the survey would reach, to which Woodman responded that it would be "pretty

He added that the survey would be primarily disseminated through text messages.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips added that part of the goal of the survey is to determine what level of while Pierce inquired whether the information could be broken down by income levels.

Williams then raised concerns about how many residents would respond to unsolicited text messages and that text messages might not be the ideal way to collect information.

The group then discussed this problem, with Brown recommending that the town and county publish public service announcements about the survey to improve participation.

Pierce then inquired about the county's goals, asking if the county's intention is to put out the survey and, if the results are favorable, move forward with the initiative this year.

The county representatives affirmed that this is their plan.

The group then discussed the possibility of including a question about whether residents would prefer a sales or property tax increase on the survey.

However, both Pierce and Maez indicated opposition to this, with Pierce stating that a property tax increase would not help the town since it receives little revenue from property taxes and Maez questioning whether residents would approve a property tax increase.

Lindner commented that he felt the town and county might be getting "ahead of ourselves" by not having any public outreach completed before doing the survey.

He added that a survey before any engagement would only collect citizen's immediate reactions to a sales tax increase, while a survey after engagement would allow the governments to shape public perceptions of the increase and potentially obtain more favorable results.

Maez agreed that Lindner raised a valid point and that the survey might be a good time to start educating the public on the initiative.

Brown then raised concerns about the possibility of another public entity placing another tax increase on the ballot in 2024. He added that

Lindner commented that while he thought there is likely not enough time to successfully promote the increase for the 2022 ballot, he would support moving forward if the survey results suggested strong positive support.

Pierce added that she agreed with Lindner that it is likely too soon, although she wanted to support the county if it planned on moving forward with the survey.

Maez and Brown commented that the increase needs to be done together with the town and that they are planning on moving forward with the survey.

The group then discussed that the survey could provide valuable baseline data on public opinion on a sales tax increase even if the initiative does not move forward this year.

Williams then commented that he agreed with Pierce that it would be better to wait on the initiative and raised the question of whether the greater political participation in the 2024 election would harm or benefit the measure.

Maez reiterated his concerns about possible additional tax increases on the 2024 ballot, including potential increases from the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and the county, and an initiative to continue a previous temporary property tax increase for the Archuleta School District.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf indicated his support for moving forward with the survey and agreed with Maez's comments about the potential difficulties of passing the measure if other tax increases are

Phillips explained that she would work with Woodman to craft questions for the survey, to which Woodman agreed, and Pierce indicated that the town and county would submit the placeholder for the ballot, which the county representatives agreed with.

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#### Woodman commented that this he is unaware of any increases for

Reduction of fees to \$1 for filings required to open a new business announced Secretary of State Jena Griswold's office

Recently, Secretary of State Jena Griswold announced the implementation of HB22-1001, the "Colorado Business Fee Relief Act."

As of July 1, business owners and entrepreneurs across the state will only pay \$1 for the new formation of an LLC and the new registration of a trade name for business entities.

"I will always work to cut costs and red tape for Colorado businesses that are the backbone of our communities," said Griswold. "This fee relief will keep money in the pockets of small business owners, many of whom have faced adversity and uncertainty over the last few years."

Filers will only pay \$1 for initial LLC formations and initial trade name registrations which are normally \$50 and \$20, respectively. Filers will see a \$49 credit on the fee for LLC formation and a \$19 credit for the fee on the tradename registration. The reduction in filing fees under this fee relief program will remain in place during fiscal year 2022-2023 or until the amount of the general fund transfer is exhausted. The department estimates this fee relief will last until June 30, 2023.

HB22-1001, will save Colorado businesses and entrepreneurs more than \$8.4 million in business fees for filing documents with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office during the fiscal year beginning on July 1.

The more than \$8.4 million in business fees that the secretary of state seeks to reduce in fiscal year 2022-2023 is part of a cross-government fee reduction effort with the governor's office and the majority leadership in the leg-

The full text of the bill can be found at https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1001.

# Fires

## **■** Continued from front

of Pagosa, was called out at .1 acres,

Owen explained. Owen noted the fires were spread throughout the Pagosa Ranger Dis-

And more fires are expected. Owen indicated there were a "ton"

of lightning strikes in the area Saturday and Sunday. Tuesday evening's lightning, he added, was primarily located east

of Pagosa Springs, in the area of the Continental Divide. "When a lightning strike hits, it doesn't necessarily mean that the tree or the ground's going to start on fire right away," he explained. "Sometimes they sit there and smolder while the rain kinda goes over,

and then when it dries out and the

wind picks up, then it can kind of catch on fire.'

The Durango Interagency Fire Dispatch notes on its Facebook page that lightning can "smolder for days or weeks before finding a receptive fuel and breaking out."

Owen explained the Forest Service is flying daily reconnaissance flights over the forest to check for heat in areas where there was light-

If they are unable to fly over an area, he added, they will try to check

If they think there is a fire, Owen explained, resources are sent in to

If you see smoke that is concerning and you think hasn't been reported, Owen suggested, call 911 or

Archuleta County Combined Dispatch can be reached at 911 for emergencies or (970) 731-2160 for nonemergencies.

Owen added that the Durango Interagency Fire Dispatch is typically really busy.

He also noted that people will call in things such as asphalt plants, taking up resources.

"Make sure that it looks like it's reasonable," he said. "If you think it is a fire, call it in and we'll come out and investigate it."

Owen also pointed out the fire danger ratings on the San Juan National Forest rose this week.

As of Wednesday, the San Juan National Forest listed fire danger for the Upper Fire Danger Area

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(which Owen noted includes Pagosa Springs) as moderate and the Lower Fire Danger Area (south of Pagosa Springs) as high.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office also reported that local resources were fighting a structure fire in the Aspen Springs area Sunday evening.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District has not released any information regarding the fire.

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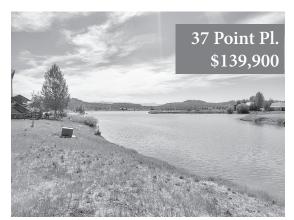
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# Law enforcement seeking help with stolen items cases

**Bv Randi Pierce** Staff Writer

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) personnel are on the lookout for several stolen items, including vehicles, firearms, furniture, vehicle parts and more.

Operations Commander Roxanne Lattin indicated the office hopes the public can help close

Anyone with information relating to the following stolen items is asked to call Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at (970) 731-2160.

The following information was provided by the ACSO.

#### Stolen vehicles

According to the ACSO, a Keystone RV was stolen from a home

on Stevens Lake Road on March 31. On June 3, jet skis on a trailer were stolen from a home on Eight Mile Loop.

On June 5, a 1996 Astro Van was reported as stolen from a location on River Forest Drive.

The ACSO indicated an arrest warrant has been issued for a suspect in another pair of cases involving stolen vehicles, including a gooseneck trailer that was stolen from Pine Valley Rental on June 8 and a trailer stolen from a location on Meadows Drive on June 15.

#### **Burglaries**

According to information provided by Lattin, firearms were reported as stolen from a house on Loma Linda Drive on March 31.

On May 28, household items and electronics were reported as stolen from a location on County Road 200 (Snowball Road).

On June 5, furniture, a TV and other electronics were reported as being stolen from Renner's Mini Storage.

On June 25, money was reported as stolen from the Piedra Peak General Store in Arboles, located on County Road 982.

#### **Thefts**

The ACSO is also seeking information on a pair of cases involving



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

On June 5, a 1996 Astro Van was reported as stolen from a location on River Forest Drive. The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office is seeking information to help solve cases involving a number of stolen items.

catalytic converters stolen from vehicles.

The first was reported on March 25, with the catalytic converter stolen from a Zito fleet vehicle on County Road 600 (Piedra Road).

On June 3, another was reported stolen from a vehicle at Let's Store It, located on Turkey Lane.

#### **Preventative steps**

- Lattin also provided tips to help prevent theft and stolen vehicles:
- Secure/lock your vehicles. • Put locks on trailers or store them in a secure area.
- Take an inventory of the items with significant value in your house, such as TVs, computers, firearms and more, and document serial numbers.
- · Check your storage units regu-
- Have a home security system in place.

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Photo courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

The above jet skis and trailer were stolen from a location on Eight Mile Loop on June 3. Anyone with information is asked to call Archuleta **County Combined Dispatch.** 

# The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Of-

Calls for service for three weeks:

June 25 — Violation of restraining order, Monument Avenue.

June 27 — Dog at large (first offense), vicious dog without injury (first offense), Circle Drive.

June 27 — Found property, Talisman Drive. June 28 - Agency assist Hins-

dale County, Forest Service Road June 29 - Death investigation,

West U.S. 160.

June 29 - Found property, Oakridge Drive/West U.S. 160.

June 29 — Improper registration, Park Avenue/Cloud Cap Avenue.

June 29 - Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, Bastille Drive. June 29 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.

June 29 — Warrant arrest, Pineridge Trail.

June 29 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Glen Eaton Drive.

June 30 — Trespass warning,

County Road 600. June 30 - Cruelty to animalsabandonment, County Road 500.

July 1 — All other thefts, Mossy Lane. July 1 — Criminal mischief, Eight

Mile Loop. July 1 — Menacing-felony-aggra-

vated-weapon, Hurt Drive.

July 2 — Information only, U.S. July 2 — Domestic violence,

criminal mischief, illegal possession or consumption of ethyl alcohol, Pacifico Drive. July 2 - Disorderly conduct-

misdemeanor, Driftwood Drive. July 3 — Information only, Har-

man Park Drive.

July 4 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.

July 4 - Harassment-insults/ taunts/challenges, second-degree assault-caused intended bodily injury, third-degree assault-simple assault, second-degree assaultcaused intended bodily injury, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, third-degree assault-simple assault, Harman Park Drive.

July 4 — Search and rescue, County Road 600.

July 4 — Off-highway vehicle operation prohibited, Backswing Drive/County Road 600.

July 4 — County warrant, county warrant, county warrant, drove vehicle when license suspended, North Pagosa Boulevard.

July 4 - Dog at large (first offense), Morro Circle.

July 4 - Third-degree assaultsimple assault, third-degree assaultsimple assault, West U.S. 160.

July 4 - Dog at large (first offense), Coyote Drive.

July 4 — All other thefts, South Birdie Court.

July 5 — Duty to report use of force, Harman Park Drive. July 5 — Information only, County

Road 600.

July 5 - Criminal mischief, Susan's Place/Crooked Road. July 6 - Agency assist, South

2nd Street. July 6 — Agency assist, North 5th

Street. July 7 — County warrant, County

Road 600. July 7 — Warrant arrest, Harman

Park Drive. July 7 — Cruelty to animals failed to provide, North Pagosa Boulevard. July 7 - All other thefts, Robin

July 8 - Failed to display valid registration, driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, U.S.

160/Alpha Drive. July 8 - Agency assist, Steep Place/Evergreen Drive.

July 9 — Criminal mischief, July 3 — All other thefts, Park second-degree burglary, Cactus

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July 9 - Information only, Harman Park Drive.

July 10 - Death investigation, Brave Court. July 10 — Theft, Aspenglow Bou-

July 10 - Obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, narass ment-strikes/shoves/kicks, seconddegree kidnapping, domestic vio-

lence, County Road 500. July 10 — Violation of custody, Eight Mile Loop.

July 10 — Information only, USFS 663/U.S. 84.

July 11 — Death investigation, Hills Circle.

July 11 - Resisting arrest, domestic violence, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, criminal mischief, Canyon Circle.

July 11 - Domestic violence, violation of restraining order, harassment-repeated communications, Nutria Circle.

July 11 — All other thefts, criminal mischief, Cactus Drive.

July 12 - Domestic violence, harassment by phone or computer, violation of restraining order, Echo Lane

July 12 - Harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, domestic violence, child abuse, Park Avenue.

July 12 - Harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, violation of restraining order, child abuse knowingly or recklessly acts, violation of restraining order, domestic violence, Aspenglow Boulevard.

July 12 - All other thefts, Beucler Lane

July 13 — Information only, South 8th Street.

July 13 - Information only, Seminole Drive. July 13 - Dog at large (first of-

fense), Oakwood Circle. July 13 - Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, Cottonwood Drive.

July 14 — Information only, Valley View Drive/Park Avenue. July 15 - Harassment-insults/

taunts/challenges, domestic violence, false reporting to authorities, Juniper Court.

July 15 - Restricted license, no interlock device, drove motorized vehicle without valid license, speeding mph over limit not listed, U.S. 160/ Parelli Institute Drive.

July 16 — Found property, Grenadier Place.

July 16 - Drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, drove vehicle while under the influence, driving under restraint, passed on left when prohibited by sign, West U.S. 160.

July 17 - Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Paradise

July 17 - Fourth-degree arsonfelony, Fred's Court/Crooked Road. July 17 - Information only, Cloman Boulevard.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police** Department

Calls for service for three weeks:

June 27 - Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard. June 27 — Trespass warning, San Juan Street.

June 27 - Trespass warning, Country Center Drive.

June 27 - Criminal mischief, North 8th Street. ■ See Blotter A11

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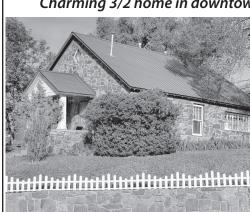
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July 14 - Robert A. Ochoa,

driving under the influence, 10

days jail suspended imposition, 12

months probation alcohol evalu-

ation and supervision, 48 hours

community service, fines and costs

July 14 - Dylan Sanchez, theft-

July 14 — Asa James Valentine,

July 14 - David R. Cram, speed-

July 14 - Jose Martinez, weap-

July 14 — Glen M. Bates, driving

driving under the influence, five days

ing 10-19 over limit, fines and costs

on-prohibited use-drunk with gun,

under the influence-with prior convic-

tion, 10 days jail, 48 hours commu-

nity service, 365 days jail suspended

imposition, two years probation, fines

July 14 - Kysa Rebecca Mo-

July 15 - Joshua Ray Price,

July 15 — Warren D. Goodman,

6th Judicial District Court:

July 6 — Antonio Herrera, assault

July 6 - Jonathan Alexander

July 6 - Keynan Reynal Davis.

6th Judicial District Court:

July 12 - Trevor Donovan Be-

gay, criminal possession financial

device-one device, trespass 1-auto-

with intent to commit crime, two

years probation, fines and costs

erson, forgery-money/stamps/gov-

ernment security, 18 months proba-

tion, fines and costs - \$1,363.50.

July 18 - Bailey Wessels Halv-

Powell, assault 3-know/reckless

cause injury, 18 months probation,

assault 3-know/reckless cause in-

jury, 12 months probation, fines and

fines and costs - \$1,203.50.

Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

3-know/reckless cause injury, 18

months probation, fines and costs

raine, violation p/o-criminal, 12

months probation, fines and costs

registration-unregistered vehicle,

driving under restraint, driving too

slowly, seat belt not used, fines and

fines and costs — \$126.50.

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and costs — \$2,550.82.

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# The Blotter

#### ■ Continued from A10

June 28 — Violation of restraining order, Hot Springs Boulevard.

June 28 - Found property, Hermosa Street. June 28 — DUI, possession while

under the influence, weaving, U.S.

June 28 — Theft from vehicle, Rob Snow Road.

June 29 — Disorderly conduct, North 8th Street.

June 30 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

June 30 - No turn signal, sus-

pended license, Pagosa Street. June 30 — Violation of restraining order, unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, North 8th Street.

man Drive. July 2 — Trespass warning, Hot

July 1 — Found property, Talis-

Springs Boulevard. July 2 — Shoplifting, trespass

warning, Aspen Village Drive. July 2 — Criminal mischief, Hermosa Street.

July 2 — Weaving, DUI, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 3 — Warrant arrest, South

9th Street. July 3 — Information only, Village Drive.

July 4 — Open container of alcohol in public, Pagosa Street.

July 4 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 4 — Agency assist, Majestic

July 4 — Found property, Pagosa Street

July 4 — Violation of restraining order, North 6th Street.

July 4 - Weaving, DUI, County Road 600.

July 5 — Animal at large, Eagle Drive.

July 5 - Harassment, Eagle Drive. July 6 - Criminal mischief, North

July 6 — Violation of restraining

order, second-degree criminal trespass, South 2nd Street.

July 6 - Harassment, North 5th

July 6 — Violation of restraining order, North 5th Street.

July 7 — Obstructing peace of-

ficer, theft, San Juan Street. July 8 — Indecent exposure, San Juan Street.

July 8 - Trespass warning, Pagosa Street.

July 8 - Careless driving, East

Pagosa Street. July 8 — Violation of restraining

order, Aspen Village Drive.

July 8 — Harassment, obstruction of telephone service, Hot Springs

July 8 — Violation of restraining order, Aspen Village Drive.

July 8 — Harassment, obstruction of telephone service, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 9 — Violation of restraining order, South 9th Street.

July 9 — Found property, South

July 10 - Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

July 10 — Trespass warning,

Aspen Village Drive. July 10 - Criminal mischief, As-

pen Village Drive. July 11 - Warrant arrest, resist-

ing arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia, San Juan Street. July 11 — Found property, Hot

Springs. July 11 - Trespass warning,

Aspen Village Drive. July 12 - Information only, Coun-

try Center Drive.

July 12 — Theft, U.S. 160. July 12 - Animal at large, Her-

mosa Street.

July 12 - Animal at large, Hermosa Street.

July 12 - Criminal trespass, South 9th Street.

July 12 - Assault, South 7th Street

July 13 — Shoplifting, San Juan Street

July 13 - Shoplifting, San Juan Street.

July 14 — Violation of restraining order. North 5th Street.

July 14 — Information only, Aspen Village Drive.

July 15 - Burglary/theft, Lewis Street.

July 15 - Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 15 — Information only, South

8th Street. July 15 - DUI, weaving, possession of controlled substance, South

10th Street. July 16 - Found property, Hot

Springs Boulevard. Pagosa Springs Municipal

Court: Judge Justin P. Fay July 11 - Samuel Castaneda, following too closely, four points off,

fine, costs and fees — \$146. July 11 — Gilbert Ulibarri, following too closely, four points off, fine,

costs and fees — \$146. July 11 — Tibor Horvath, following too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees - \$146.

July 11 - Margaret McClure, speeding 10-19 mph over prima facie limit in construction zone, four points

off, fine, costs and fees — \$348. July 11 — Samuel Mareck-Loftus, following too closely, four points off,

fine, costs and fees - \$146. July 11 — Juvenile, truancy, six months supervised probation, costs and fees - \$85.

July 12 — Julia Johnson, careless driving, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$52

July 12 - Michael Reiss, failed to notify police of accident, driver operated vehicle without insurance, 12 points off, four points off, fines, — \$450.

July 12 — Roger Vizcaino-Zubia, failed to notify police of accident, 12 points off, fine, costs and fees

July 12 - Trevor Begay, prohibited acts in town parks, fine and

**Archuleta County Court: Judge** Justin P. Fay

June 29 - Anthony G. Duran, seat belt not used, fines and costs

June 29 - Robert R. Rich, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$314.50.

June 29 - Ryan K. Lewis, seat belt not used, fines and costs -\$98.50. June 29 - Fabian Abeita, crimi-

nal mischief-under \$300, fines and costs - \$66. June 29 - Michael D. Andring,

driving under restraint, fines and costs - \$142.50. July 5 — Ky T. Brint, driver's license-expired one year/less, fail

obey traffic control device, fines and costs - \$159.50. July 6 — Wendy L. Theys, license

plates-expired, fines and costs -\$155.50. July 6 — Lelah Mendoza, driver's

license-driving without, fines and costs - \$27.50. July 6 - Shelven Marshall,

driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$107.50. July 6 - Ezra Rae Hopkins,

registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50. July 6 - Brian E. Harvey, speed-

ing 20-24 over limit, fines and costs - \$314.50. July 6 - Marti Etcheguyhen, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and

costs - \$314.50. July 6 — Jeanine M. Mann, lane usage violation, fines and costs -

July 6 - Badi Reddy, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs -

July 6 — Kimberly Levi, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 45 days jail, fines and costs -\$219.50.

July 6 — Jasper Hardy, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs -

July 6 - Nichole S. Thames, careless driving, fines and costs -

July 6 — Adriana Pina Medina, vicious dog without injury, fines and costs — \$136.

July 6 - Charity R. Valencic, improper mountain driving, fines and costs — \$149.50.

July 14 — Joshua Duane Haves.

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Though usually not fatal for a healthy adult, a bite is nevertheless very painful and it should always be taken seriously.

Rattlesnake venom is hemotoxic and results in the destruction of muscle and soft tissue around the site of the bite. In prey animals, the venom acts not only to subdue, but also begins the process of digestion even before the snake swallows its prey. The same process is in effect when humans are bitten, and tissue damage can be extensive. In extreme cases, reconstructive surgery or even amputation of a finger or limb may be necessary depending on the location of the bite and the immediacy of treatment.

Public agencies as well as members of the public should be well prepared for such an emergency. Preparation should involve both familiarization with the proper procedures for treating snakebite and, just as important, knowledge of what not to do.

The following is a step-by-step description of how to properly treat someone bitten by a venomous snake beginning immediately after the bite. This information was taken from the following sources: the HerpMed website, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the American Red Cross and the Rocky Mountain Poison Control Center.

### **Snakebite emergency** first-aid information

**Human victims:** 

1. If the snake is still in the vicinity, move carefully away to a safe location. Find a place where the victim can lie flat and rest comfortably.

2. Encourage the victim to remain calm and offer reassurance. Encourage others in the group and yourself to remain calm as well.

3.If in a group, send one member to notify local emergency staff and the nearest hospital. Do not leave the victim alone in order to get help. Carry a cellphone with you while you recreate.

4. Allow the bite to bleed freely for about 30 seconds.

5. Cleanse and disinfect the bite area with Betadine (iodine). If unavailable or if the victim is allergic to iodine, use soap and water.

6. If hospital treatment is more than 30 minutes away and the bite is on a hand, finger, foot or lower arm or leg, an ACE or other wide elastic bandage can be used as a pressure dressing. The bandage should be wrapped quickly from an area just above the bite past the knee or elbow joint, immobilizing it. Wrap no tighter than for a sprain. The goal is to restrict the movement of venom into the bloodstream without cutting off circulation to the affected limb. Check for pulse above and below bandage and rewrap if too tight.

7. If available, apply a Sawyer Extractor to the bite until there is no more drainage. This device is often able to remove some venom from the wound and creates a negative pressure gradient that slows the spread of venom into the body. (This is a very beneficial device recommended by the Rocky Mountain Poison Control Center and experts in medical herpetology.)

8. If an extractor is not available, apply direct pressure to the bite using a 4-by-4 gauze pad folded in half twice. Soak the pad in Betadine and tape it in place.

9. Remove all rings, watches, jewelry and tight-fitting clothing. The bite area and most of the bitten appendage will swell.

10. Immobilize the bitten extremity as much as possible, using

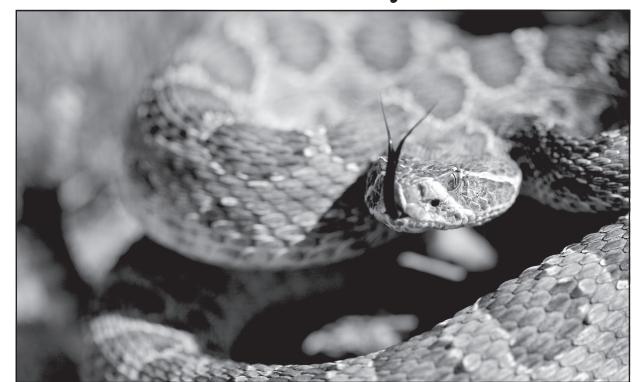


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splints if necessary.

11. Try to keep the bite location even with the heart. Raising it above the heart will increase the spread of venom into the body. Swelling will increase if kept below heart level.

12. After administering first aid, take the victim to the nearest hospital or medical facility. Move slowly and deliberately, offer encouragement and avoid any unnecessary excitement or stress.

13. If not done previously, get someone to call ahead to the nearest hospital so that it will be prepared for the victim's arrival.

What not to do if bitten by a rattlesnake:

1. Do not assume that a bite is not serious or that treatment can be delayed.

2. Do not leave the victim alone in order to get help.

3. Do not apply oral (mouth) suction to the bite. Such action has the potential to introduce harmful bacteria into the wound that could cause sepsis. Also, venom will pass into the would-be rescuer's system through any cuts or sores in the

4. Do not make any sort of incision into or around the bite marks. This will only increase trauma to the bite location and further agitate a victim who needs to remain as calm as possible.

5. Do not apply a narrow, constrictive tourniquet such as a belt, shoelace or cord. Restricting blood flow in this manner puts the bitten extremity at a high risk for amputation.

6. Do not engage in strenuous physical activity. This will only speed the spread of venom to vital

7. Do not apply ice, hot or cold packs to the bite. These have no proven beneficial effects and may compound tissue damage through burns or frostbite.

8. Do not use a stun gun or electric shock treatment of any kind. Electric shock also has no proven beneficial effect and increases victim stress and trauma.

9. Do not allow the victim to drink alcohol, take aspirin or use any medication.

10. Do not give the victim anything to eat or drink unless approved by the attending physician.

11. Do not remove pressure dressings until antivenom is avail-

12. Do not waste time or take any additional risks attempting to kill or capture the offending snake. The only wild venomous snakes in Colorado are rattlesnakes, and treatment is the same for all three species (prairie rattlesnake, the Western rattlesnake that is also known as the midget-faded rattlesnake and the massasauga rattlesnake)

Canine victims (i.e. pet dogs)

1. Move a safe distance away

from the snake and calm the dog. 2. Clean the wound with soap and water and treat with antibiotic ointment if available.

3. A Sawyer or other venom extractor should not be used because the dog's hair will prevent a good seal from forming.

4. Limit physical exertion and get the animal to veterinary care immediately, calling ahead if pos-

5. Keep your dog on a leash

while out recreating and help to mitigate or prevent interactions your dog may have with a rattlesnake.

If a snake is encountered:

1. Freeze in place. Snakes are often heard before they are seen. If you hear a rattlesnake, freeze in place until you or a companion can locate the animal. Attempting to move away from a snake you can't see may lead you closer to it. Even if the snake is in plain view, freezing movement will reduce the threat you pose to the snake and help you calmly assess the situation.

2. Seek to establish a safe distance. Rattlesnakes can strike to a distance of half their body length and a good rule of thumb is to put at least 5 feet between yourself and the snake. If possible, move slowly back the way you came.

3. Leave the snake alone. Never, under any circumstances, should you try and catch, kill, provoke or move a rattlesnake. Fully one-third of people who suffer snakebites were bitten as a result of trying to handle or kill the snake. Move around the rattlesnake at a safe distance out of its way.

### How can I avoid rattlesnakes?

Understanding the biology and behavior of rattlesnakes can go a long way in reducing unwanted encounters. Rattlesnakes are basically creatures of habit and often bask, hunt, migrate and den in the same areas year after year.

Action: Be prepared. Hikers in rattlesnake country should be knowledgeable and prepared in order to minimize the chances of a snake encounter, and also know what to do in the event a snake is encountered.

Action: Snakebite protection. Sturdy leather boots should be the first line of defense. These afford good protection for the feet and ankles that are usually in the closest proximity to rattlesnakes.

Action: Hike smart. Hikers should watch where they place feet and hands at all times, being careful to avoid stepping over rocks and logs or reaching into holes that could shelter a resting rattlesnake. Do not hike with headphones or ear buds in; be aware of your sur-

Action: Limit evening activity. Extra caution is needed around dusk when the snakes become active and human visibility drops. Gathering firewood (if allowed), using the toilet, etc. should be done before dusk if possible. If late activity is unavoidable, use a light and be sure to wear boots, even in

## **Ecology and behavior**

Unlike many of their relatives, rattlesnakes are not built for speed. They are predators which lie in wait for their prey and may spend hours or even days in the same location waiting for a prey animal to pass by. Their large bodies are designed to help them conserve and store energy for what could be a very long wait for their next meal. This behavior can also aid in identification of the species. Most nonvenomous snakes prefer to flee perceived danger and usually have the speed to do so. Rattlesnakes, because of how they are built, often have no choice but to stand their

camouflage as their first line of deinteract with humans or other animals. Because of their coloration, most rattlesnakes blend in with their surroundings exceptionally well. In most cases, they will simtoo close and should move away slowly. Stepping back just a few the snake that you are not a threat. Most rattlesnakes will not strike at or are deliberately provoked.

ground when threatened.

Rattlesnakes are cryptic and use fense. They would rather hide than ply ignore you, thinking that you cannot see them. However, if the snake coils up and rattles, you are feet can be enough to convince people unless they feel threatened

#### When are rattlesnakes active?

Rattlesnakes have a fairly predictable pattern of activity. During the coldest months of the year, they shelter in winter dens and usually resume activity in April or early May. Once active, adult snakes may migrate several kilometers from their dens in search of food. In the spring and fall, cool temperatures require the snakes to bask in the sun or on warm surfaces for much of the day. Pavement and other hard surfaces such as trails are often sought out for basking and many times this leads to negative encounters with people and automobiles. Hunting usually occurs in the late afternoon and evening

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# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service initiates process for state-led reintroduction of the gray wolf in Colorado

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

To assist the state of Colorado in its reintroduction of gray wolves into the state, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is initiating the process to develop an experimental population rule to provide the authority and flexibility needed to manage the reintroduced wolves under the Endangered Species Act

While evaluating the state's request to provide for management of reintroduced wolves as an experimental population under the ESA, the Service must complete an environmental review of the potential impacts under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) framework through the development of an environmental impact statement (EIS). This announcement is inviting the public to help inform the scope of the EIS at this early stage in the process.

As the result of a statewide voter-led initiative passed in November 2020, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is responsible for reintroducing the gray wolf in a portion of the species' historical range in Colorado no later than Dec. 31, 2023. Since the gray wolf was relisted as an endangered species in February 2022, CPW



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Gray wolf (canis lupus).

has requested the designation of an experimental population under section 10(j) of the ESA to provide increased management flexibility.

The Service uses a range of partnerships and conservation tools to recover endangered and threatened species. Section 10(j) allows the Service to designate a population of a listed species as experimental if it will be released into habitat outside the species' current range. A 10(j) rule would ronmental and socioeconomic

help CPW manage the potential impacts of gray wolf reintroduction to stakeholders while ensuring that reintroduction and management of wolves is likely to be successful and contribute to conservation of the species. Learn more about section 10(j) rules at https://www.fws.gov/ sites/default/files/documents/ ESA-section10%28j%29-fact-sheet.

The EIS will consider the envi-

impacts of the potential 10(j) rule and associated management flexibility. The Service is opening a 30-day public comment period for input about the scope of the EIS beginning July 21; comments can be submitted through regulations.gov. Additionally, the Service is hosting the following public meetings during which the public can provide

• Aug. 2 — Gunnison County Fairgrounds, Gunnison, Colo., 6-8

• Aug. 3 — Silverthorne Pavilion, Silverthorne, Colo., 6-8 p.m.

• Aug. 4 — Moffat County High

School, Craig, Colo., 6-8 p.m. • Aug. 10 — Virtual meeting, 6-8

The next steps will be for the Service to consider the comments in developing the EIS and alternatives and to draft a 10(j) rule. Once the draft EIS and draft 10(j)

rule are complete there will be a

separate public notice and comment period. For more information about the management of gray wolves in Colorado, please visit the Colorado Ecological Services Field Office Web page: https://www.fws.gov/office/

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# The 'Keystone Pipeline' won't make gas any cheaper

SUN Columnist

"A report that the Biden administration is weighing greater imports of Canadian oil is putting a renewed focus on the canceled Keystone XL pipeline and whether it would have made any difference with today's tight oil supply." — Energywire.

Ever since boycotts started blocking Russian petroleum products, social media has been rife with memes that blame rising gasoline prices on "the cancellation of the Keystone Pipeline."

Example: "Sooo, if shutting down Russia's pipeline(s) will hurt their economy, wouldn't shutting down ours hurt our economy? Asking for a buddy."

Most of the criticism comes from people who recycle truthiness. Former vice president Mike Pence: "Gas prices have risen across the country because of this administration's war on energy — shutting down the Keystone Pipeline." Republican Rep. Jim Jordan: "Biden shut off the Keystone Pipeline."

Here's what really happened: No one shut down, canceled or shut off

# Rattlesnakes \_

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once the snakes have become warm enough for such activity. When temperatures allow, rattlesnakes may also prowl for food in the early afternoon or at night.

## **Podcast**

To learn all about rattlesnakes, please listen to our informative podcast episode discussing them by visiting https://art19. com/shows/colorado-outdoors/ episodes/97704df7-4f7f-48d2-

bf94-b31b50540cc7. CPW species conservation coordinator Tina Jackson has spent the last 20 years learning about snakes and she shared her knowledge of rattlesnakes in this episode.

#### the Keystone Pipeline. It is fully operational, daily delivering 590,000 barrels of tar-sands oil in Canada

think is the "Keystone Pipeline" is a 1,700-mile "shortcut" called Keystone XL, or KXL. It would have sliced through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma to the Texas Gulf Coast, delivering 830,000 barrels of tar sands oil per day. Many residents of those

to U.S. refineries. What some pipeline advocates states fought fiercely against the pipeline cutting through their land. Now, "Build the Keystone Pipe-

line" has become a social -media mantra, as if the United States could so decree. It is the Canadian firm, TC Energy, formerly Trans-Canada, that officially terminated the project once Biden withdrew its permits.

Even if construction on the pipeline began tomorrow, KXL could not be up and running in less than five years. The KXL pipe-■ See Gas A14



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# Public comments sought on definitions, other aspects of old-growth, mature forests

The Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, on behalf of the departments of Agriculture and the Interior, are seeking public comments on the development of a definition framework for old-growth and mature forests on federally managed lands. This work will help inform how the departments respond to President Joe Biden's Executive Order 14072, Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities and Local Economies.

"The Forest Service looks forward to playing a role in convening the public, private and government land managers, the natural resources science community, and people and organizations across a broad spectrum with a focused interest on this important issue," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "Old-growth and mature forests are a key component to healthy ecosystems. Synthesizing old-growth forest information on a national scale is a critical first step to informing further science questions and future management actions.

"Old-growth and mature forests are critical to ensuring resilience in our forests in the face of climate change and they play a key role in storing carbon," said Bureau of Land Management Director Tracy Stone-Manning. "We look forward to hearing from the public on how best to define and inventory them."

Specifically, the Federal Register Notice seeks comments on the following questions:

• What criteria are needed for a universal definition framework

that motivates mature and oldgrowth forest conservation and can be used for planning and adaptive management?

• What are the overarching oldgrowth and mature forest characteristics that belong in a definition framework?

• How can a definition reflect changes based on disturbance and variation in forest type/composition, climate, site productivity and geographic region?

• How can a definition be durable but also accommodate and reflect changes in climate and forest composition?

· What, if any, forest characteristics should a definition exclude?

The agency will offer a live informational session that will be recorded and posted on the agency's website: https://www.fs.usda. gov/managing-land/old-growth-

Executive Order 14072, issued in April, tasks the secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to jointly define, identify and complete an inventory within one year of oldgrowth and mature forests on lands managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The order also calls for the publication of an inventory of old-growth and mature forests on these lands, accounting for regional and ecological variations, as appropriate.

This and subsequent work on old-growth and mature forests also supports the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 10-year strategy, Confronting the Wildfire Crisis: A New Strategy for Protecting Communities and Improving Resilience in America's Forests.

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line was a project developed by a foreign company that would have delivered foreign oil products to mostly foreign markets.

When President Donald Trump re-permitted KXL in 2017, his own state department reported that it would not lower gasoline prices. The price of oil is set by the global market and certainly not by U.S. presidents. What's more, the project was just about dead for a number of reasons, including litigation from aggrieved property owners whose land TC Energy seized by eminent domain.

We should also remember that rendering gasoline from tar-sands oil, the planet's dirtiest petroleum, is far more polluting and energyintensive than conventional refining. Some carbon content is burned off in a process that belches greenhouse gases and generates toxic waste called petcoke, which is dumped around the United States in piles six stories high. Petcoke billows through neighborhoods and infiltrates schools and houses even when windows are shut.

Bitumen, basically asphalt, continues to be strip-mined from what used to be Canada's boreal forests in Alberta. Too thick to be piped, it's spiked with volatile liquid condensate from natural gas and thus converted to a toxic tar-sands cocktail called "dilbit," short for diluted bitumen.

Dilbit, sent through the existing Keystone pipeline, contains chloride salts, sulfur, abrasive minerals and acids, and must be pumped under high pressure. It's murder on pipes.

In addition to greenhouse gases represent those of The SUN.

and petcoke, tar-sands waste products include lakes, rivers, fish, wildlife and people. Between 1995 and 2006, when tar-sands extraction was accelerating, Alberta's First Nations suffered a sudden 30 percent increase in cancer rates.

KXL, if built, also threatened the world's largest aquifer — the Ogallala. Anyone who thinks Nebraska lacks water should visit Green Valley Township, where I encountered Ogallala water so close to the surface it flowed along dirt roads and ditches. Pintails, mallards and widgeon billowed out of them. But parts of the aquifer are now depleted and a major dilbit spill could finish those parts off.

In 2011 a pipeline representative named Shawn Howard assured me that ramming a dilbit pipe through the Ogallala aquifer would be risk

"Why," he demanded, "would we invest \$13 billion in a pipeline and put a product in it that was going to destroy it like these activists are trotting out? It makes absolutely no business sense."

The existing Keystone pipeline has ruptured 22 times, including spills in 2017 and 2019 that fouled land and water with 404,000 gallons of dilbit. Business sense, as the oil industry consistently reminds us, is an attribute more often desired than possessed.

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Tel. 970.264.2400 asters Place Condo Owners Association, Inc.

Sherry Williamson, et al Case No.: 2022CV30026 Christopher B. Conley Haves, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 mail: chris@hjclegal.com

Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): SHERRY WILLIAMSON

RAMON GONZALEZ CORINNE F MCCRAY ARNOLD DUDLEY JOLLEY

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint led with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained

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 nplaint without further notice

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on our timeshare interest(s) located at Masters Place ndominiums for failure to pay assessments to Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

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ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

GUILLERMO ZUBIA

DANIEL J. FITZPATRICK and ALL LINKNOWN SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION. Submitting Attorney: Duke Eggleston, #24965

Durango, CO 81301 Phone Number: (970) 403-1580 E-mail: deagleston@e-klaw.com Case Number: 2022CV30034

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION PLAINTIFF GUILLERMO ZUBIA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: DANIEL J. FITZPATRICK AND ALL UKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to

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

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the implaint 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 mplaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows: Lot 11 of Block 11 in PAGOSAIN THE PINES, according to the plat thereof filed for record March 13, 1970 as Reception Nos. 73014 through 73027

Respectfully Submitted this 29th day of June, 2022 Published in Pagosa Sun First Publication: July 7, 2022 Last Publication: August 4, 2022 Eggleston Kosnik LLC s/ Duke Eggleston Duke Eggleston, #24965 160 E. 12th St., Ste 7 Durango, CO 81301 (970) 403-1580

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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:

DELDEV INC 1133 NORTH 18TH STREET **GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501** 

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: 145 TRAVELERS CIR al:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 484-485, 486-487, 488-489, 490-491 PT Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng:

2W Account Number: R010024 Schedule Number: 569919339025 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01084

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 nst said property for the year 2009 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in

the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2009.
That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of June 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 On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the same Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness mv hand this 30th day of June 2022

Account Number: R010019 Schedule Number: 569919339019 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2011-01819 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 2015 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of GREAT NEW HOMES II LLC for said

year 2015.
That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of June 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 On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the same Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

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time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX

FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 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

Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

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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

DELDEV INC

1133 NORTH 18TH STREET

GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

15th day of November 2008, the then County Treasurer

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address: 152 TRAVELERS CIR

Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 438-439

PT Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W

Account Number: R010025

Schedule Number: 569919340002

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-00582 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of

property(and special assessment) taxes assessed

against said property for the year 2007
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2007.

That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of

June 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

On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the same

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

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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:

DELDEY INC

1133 NORTH 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

Archuleta County

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address: 64 TRAVELERS CIR

Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 429 PT

Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W

Account Number: R010028

Schedule Number: 56991934001

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-0915

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent

property(and special assessment) taxes assessed

That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of

June 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who)

has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property

On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the same

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

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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

DELDEV INC

1133 NORTH 18TH STREET

GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

Archuleta County

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address:643 TRAILS BLVD

Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 419-420-

421 PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W

Account Number: R004240

Schedule Number: 569524405041

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01059

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2009.

That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of

June 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

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

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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

GREAT NEW HOMES II LLC

1133 NORTH 18TH STREET

GREAT NEW HOMES II LLC

3032 I-70 BUSINESS LOOP

GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81504

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2011, the then County Treasurer

of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

Archuleta County

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address:35 TRAVELERS CIR

Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 498-499

PT Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W

It May Concern, and more especially to

On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the

Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022

against said property for the year 2009

to ARCHULETA COUNTY

has been redeemed.

/s/ Elsa P White

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It May Concern, and more especially to

Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022

purchase therefore to Archuleta County

against said property for the year 2016 That said real estate was taxed or specially assest the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2016.

a deed to said property;

has been redeemed.

/s/ Elsa P White

to ARCHULETA COUNTY

Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinqu

purchase therefore to Archuleta County

to ARCHULETA COUNTY

/s/ Elsa P White

It May Concern, and more especially to:

public tax lien sale to

Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: DELDEV INC 1133 NORTH 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at Archuleta County

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: Situs Address: 169 TRAVELERS CIR

Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 478-479, 480-481, 482, 483 PT Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W Account Number: R010023 Schedule Number: 569919339024 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01083

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 DELDEV INC for said year 2009. That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of June 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 On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 14th day of July 2022 /s/ Elsa P White

Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 14, 21 and 28, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX 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: DELDEV INC 1133 NORTH 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

public tax lien sale to the following described property situate in the County of

Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
Situs Address:705 TRAILS BLVD Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 404 PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R004232 Schedule Number: 569524405018

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00842

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 2008 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2008. That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of June 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 On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the sa

has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 14, 21 and 28, 2022 in *The Pagosa* 

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: 1133 NORTH 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 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

Situs Address: 220 TRAVELERS CIR Legal: Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 444-445. 446-447, 448, 449 PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R004236 Schedule Number: 569524405037

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01057 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 DELDEV INC for said year 2009.
That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of June 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

On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the same Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022 Elsa P White Treasurer of Archuleta County Colorado

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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: DELDEV INC 1133 NORTH 18TH STREET

GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 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 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:45 ARROYO CT

Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 414,415,416, 436-437 PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R004239 Schedule Number: 569524405040

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00335 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of ourchase 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 2013 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in

the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2013.
That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of June 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

On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the same Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022

Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 14, 21 and 28, 2022 in The Pagosa

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: GREAT NEW HOMES II. LLC

1133 NORTH 18TH STREET GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501 GREAT NEW HOMES II, LLC 3032 I-70 BUSINESS LOOP

GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81504
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasure of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold a public tax lien sale to

Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

Situs Address:243 TRAVELERS CIR Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 470-471 PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Account Number: R004211 Schedule Number: 569524404011

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01054 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquen property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed

That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of June 2022, the present holder of said certificate (wh has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for

in the name(s) of GREAT NEW HOMES II, LLC for said

a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said proper to ARCHULETA COUNTY On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the

has been redeemed Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022 /s/ Elsa P White

Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 14, 21 and 28, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX

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:

GREAT NEW HOMES II, LLC 3032 I-70 BUSINESS LOOP

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2010, the then County Treasure of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold a

public tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of

Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: Situs Address: 307 TRAVELERS CIR Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 462-463 PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W

Account Number: R004215 Schedule Number: 569524404019 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2010-01055 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent

against said property for the year 2009 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of GREAT NEW HOMES II, LLC for said year 2009. That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of

property(and special assessment) taxes assessed

June 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 On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the same

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 14, 21 and 28, 2022 in The Pagosa

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 o 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:

**BOBBY JOE RAU** P O BOX 4354 DURANGO, CO 81302

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2009, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold a

Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: Situs Address:300 TRAVELERS CIR Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 452-453

PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W Schedule Number: 569524405013 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00841 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquen property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of BOBBY JOE RAU for said year 2008. That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of

June 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County fo a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ARCHULETA COUNTY

On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the san has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's

Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published July 14, 21 and 28, 2022 in The Pagosa

Springs SUN. PUBLIC NOTICE ARCHULETA COUNTY BOARD OF

The Archuleta County Board of Equalization (CBOE) will sit to review the assessment of all taxable property located in Archuleta County, as prepared by the Archuleta County Assessor, and to hear appeals from determinations of the Assessor on August 1, 3 and 4, 2022 (if needed). Hearings will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado Published July 14 and 21, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs

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FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of reinafter 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 Fitle of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

CANADIAN CRAFTS P O BOX 434 PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2008, the then County Treasure of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold a

public tax lien sale to Archuleta County the following described property situate in the County of

Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: 76 TRAVELERS CIR Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 430-431

PT Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W Account Number: R010027 Schedule Number: 569919340010

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2007-0583 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Archuleta County That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquen property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2007

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CANADIAN CRAFTS for said year 2007. That said ARCHULETA COUNTY on the 29th day of June 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for

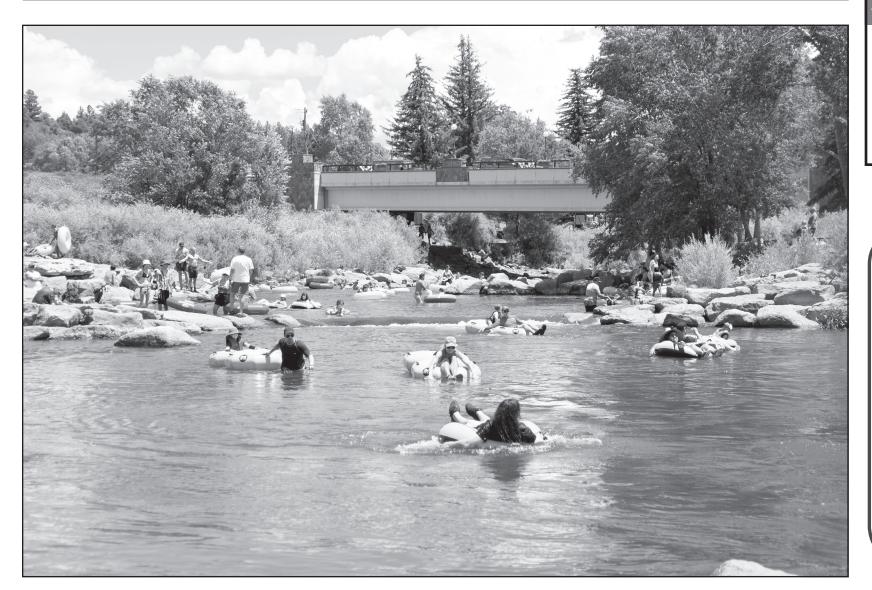
to ARCHULETA COUNTY On the 30th day of November 2022, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 30th day of June 2022

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

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a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property



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# River

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With temperatures stretching toward 90 degrees, the San Juan River was the place to be for several species on Saturday, with folks, dogs and chipmunks playing





# Prairie dog tests positive for plague in western La Plata County

By Megan Graham

San Juan Basin Public Health

A prairie dog in the Hesperus/ Breen area tested positive for yersinia pestis, which is the bacteria that causes plague, on Friday, July

Fleas from the prairie dog colony have been collected and sent to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for further testing, though results are not yet available. There is no known human exposure to the prairie dog, its colony or any fleas in the area. Signs will be posted in the area where the positive prairie dog was collected.

Plague is caused by bacteria that can be transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas or by direct contact with infected animals. Plague is frequently detected in rock squirrels, prairie dogs, wood rats, ground squirrels, chipmunks, mice, voles and rabbits.

San Juan Basin Public Health ings rodent-proof. (SJBPH) investigates prairie dog population die-offs for the presence of plague. If an active colony of prairie dogs suddenly disappears, please report this to SJBPH.

SJBPH reminds residents that the risk of contracting certain animal-borne diseases, while present year-round, increases during the summer when humans and animals are frequently in close contact. It is important to control the presence of wildlife and fleas around homes, as well as to wear repellent and appropriate clothing when heading outdoors.

Here are some tips for preventing contact with animal-borne

 Reduce rodent habitat around your home, work place and recreational areas. Remove brush, rock piles, junk, cluttered firewood and possible rodent food supplies, such as pet and wild animal food.

• Make your home and outbuild-

• Wear gloves if you are handling or skinning potentially infected animals to prevent contact between your skin and the plague bacteria. Contact your local health department if you have questions about disposal of dead animals.

• Use repellent if you think you could be exposed to rodent fleas during activities such as camping, hiking or working outdoors. Products containing DEET can be applied to the skin as well as clothing, and products containing permethrin can be applied to clothing.

• Keep fleas off of your pets by applying flea-control products. Animals that roam freely are more likely to come in contact with plagueinfected animals or fleas and could bring them into homes. If your pet becomes sick, seek care from a veterinarian as soon as possible.

• Do not allow dogs or cats that roam free in endemic areas to sleep on your bed.

• Be sure your children are aware of these precautions and know to tell an adult if they have had con-

tact with a wild animal. To learn more about the symptoms, treatments and other information for plague, visit sjbpublichealth.org/communicabledisease/. Information is also available from the CDPHE at cdphe.colorado.gov/animal-related-diseases/ plague or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at cdc.gov/ plague/.

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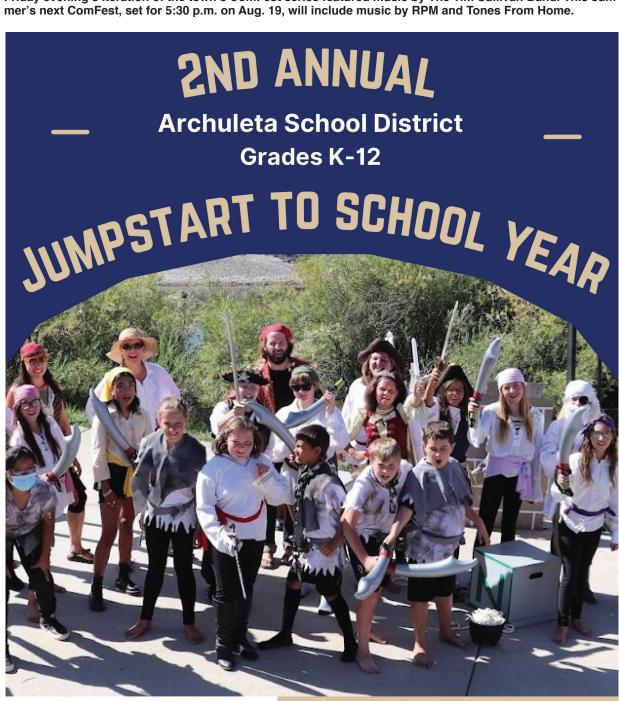






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# Community Celebration

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# Healthy Archuleta to host community meal and celebration Saturday

By Rose Chavez

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Community members are invited to join Healthy Archuleta, doing business as the FSFE Food Coalition, for a community meal and celebration on Saturday, July 23, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the athletic field across from Town Park on Hermosa Street.

Community members will enjoy the music of Los Mitotitos, folklorico performances, health booths, children's activities, food trucks, and will learn about and celebrate the work of Healthy Archuleta. Healthy Archuleta is dedicated to advancing food production, health and community wellness through food/nutrition resource assistance, educational programs, advocacy, systems work and promoting community-driven solutions that lead to a healthier Archuleta.

All are welcome to participate in the event and to join in the many

activities of the celebration. Please note that registration for reserving meals will be closed on July 20, however, we ask that you contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or call (401) 206-4579 to see if there are still meals available. Donations are welcome and will support the event and the many efforts of Healthy Archuleta.

For more information, visit https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/community.celebration.html

# Archuleta County Fair to feature variety of entertainment

By Sharon Jennings

Archuleta County Fair

The Archuleta County Fair invites you to come by the fair-grounds to take a break and enjoy some downtime during the fair Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 4-7. Fairgrounds general admission is free to all.

Musical entertainment includes the bands Los Mitotitos, Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release, The Tim Sullivan Band, San Juan Mountain Boys and the Tylor Brandon Band. Take a seat for some easy listening or enjoy dancing the night away.

A sampling of musicians from the Pagosa Springs High School's Americana Project will present two stage events, and the Pagosa Springs Dance Academy will also give a performance. All musical performances are free to fairgoers.

New this year is an exhibition from Shred BMX, a professional BMX stunt team. A small gate fee will be charged.

Forge Martial Arts Academy will

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#### Friday

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

**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** John Blackdog, 5 p.m.

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#### Saturday

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#### Sunday

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

### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Coyote Moon Bar and Grill: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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# 71st annual Archuleta County Fair set for Aug. 4-7

By Lisa Vail

Archuleta County Fair

You are invited to the 71st annual Archuleta County Fair, which will take place Aug. 4 to 7. It is always a party, so dust off your boots, break out your western wear and get ready to have a good time.

The gates open at 9 a.m. daily, closing around midnight on Friday and Saturday to ensure that you have the time to enjoy the festivities. The fair closes at 4 p.m. on Sunday for all exhibits.

The Archuleta County Fair is a longtime tradition, dating back to a meeting in 1951 of several local ranchers and the county extension agent at which the group decided to initiate a county fair. During the first meeting of the fair committee, Ray Macht was elected chairman and the fair was set for Sept. 28 and 29, 1951. The first fair schedule was geared toward providing a showplace for locally owned registered cattle and 4-H animals. The fair was deemed a competition and celebration of community, while offering a time to relax and share.

The mission of the Archuleta County Fair is to unite our community by preserving our history through building memories, encouraging cooperation, creating learning opportunities, providing entertainment, and developing healthy competition for Archuleta County 4-H exhibitors and Open Class competitors from anywhere in the world.

In addition to the 4-H competitions, the fair has grown through the years to include rodeos, live music, games, exhibits and demonstrations. Our 4-H members will show their animals including horses, dogs, rabbits, goats, steers, chickens, pigs and lambs during fair week. A petting farm for kids to enjoy will be open each day. During the fair, the exhibit hall will be filled with different projects created by 4-H youth and county residents including quilts, photographs, paintings, vegetables, flowers and baked goods. Vendors will sell

# **Next WHIPS** luncheon Tuesday, July 26

By Nancy Ford

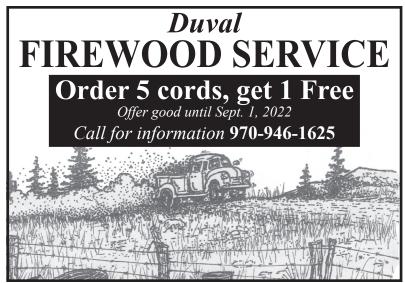
WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) will hold its monthly luncheon on Tuesday, July 26, at 11:30 a.m. at Tall Pines on Put Hill.

The luncheon will be \$15. All women are welcome. Please RSVP to (970) 946-1895.

delicious fair food throughout the weekend. A highlight of the fair is the 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner and Junior Livestock Auction Saturday evening.

The Archuleta County Fair is for the benefit of the entire community, townspeople, ranchers and visitors alike. Our theme of "Timeless Tradition" reflects the pattern of our growing county's changing history while keeping true to some of the very same values held dear over 70 years ago. We hope to see you at the fair.

The fair is held at the fairgrounds just east of town on U.S. 84. Everyone is invited and general admission is free. Please note that activities and schedule are subject to change. For a full schedule of events, exhibit entry information and more, visit www.archuletacountyfair.com. Questions may be emailed to archuletacountyfair@ gmail.com.



















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# Thingamajig summer actors to be auctioned off at Broadway Gala fundraiser

By Carole Howard

Thingamajig Theatre Company

You may already have seen this summer's brilliant actors, singers and dancers perform in one or more of Thingamajig Theatre Company's extraordinary summer musicals — "Bright Star," "Guys and Dolls" and "SpongeBob Musical."

Now, you can mingle with them and watch them perform in a different setting — this year's muchanticipated Broadway Gala sitdown dinner, cabaret show and fundraising event on Tuesday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. And you also can bid in a live auction for unique private events with them.

It's part of an elegant evening at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts to raise funds for Pagosa's only nonprofit professional live theater that will include a live auction for unique interactions with the actors, live music by the actors, backstage tours conducted by cast members and a sit-down dinner, hosted by the actors. There will be a cash bar with tips going to the actors.

Only about half of the costs of Thingamajig productions are covered by ticket sales. The remainder of the theater's funding comes from private donors, business sponsors, program advertising, grants and proceeds from this annual Broadway Gala fundraiser — the most important event of the year to keep the theater up and running.

Tickets are \$250 for this dressy evening and are on sale now on the theater's website at pagosacenter.

#### Unique auction items

The actors are working on their acts for the cabaret concert and their individual contributions to the auction — and keeping them a secret surprise until the gala evening.

A look at a few of past years' oneof-a-kind auction offerings gives



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

This summer's Thingamajig Theatre actors including (left to right) Cooper Clack, Emma Alteri, Ethan Hardy Benson and Erin Fallis will serve a sit-down dinner, perform in a cabaret-style concert and be auctioned off for private gatherings on Tuesday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. It's part of a gala evening to raise funds for Pagosa's sole nonprofit professional live theater. Only about half of the costs of Thingamajig productions are covered by ticket sales. Gala tickets are \$250 for this dressy evening and are on sale now on the theater's website at pagosacenter.org.

you a good idea of what very special fun will be available this year. They included actors' serenades at private parties, a brunch with several of the actors, a sunrise hike led by two actors and a personalized cocktail party featuring a drink created just for the winning bidder.

Some of the perennial favorites will be offered again this year.

One is a progressive dinner for 10 people, when actors chauffeur you and your friends to four incredible locations where you'll enjoy wine pairings, serenades and delicious food prepared by the cast. Cleanup is included. Another popular auction item is a photo shoot for four when the actors will do your hair

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# Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership hosting open mic night this evening

**By Rose Chavez** 

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) will host open mic night in the GGP amphitheater on the San Juan River this evening, Thursday, July 21, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The GGP invites the community to an open mic each third Thursday from June through September. The free event is in Centennial Park at

the GGP amphitheater at 80 S. 5th St.

All forms of family-friendly art and music are encouraged and welcome. A portion of the funds raised during these events will be used to jump-start the future heritage food gardens surrounding the grow domes that celebrate and provide educational opportunities about the traditional plants, foods and cuisines of our indigenous and Hispanic relatives and ancestors that have thrived

here for generations.

The GGP is excited to host these free community gatherings, to connect spaces in beautiful downtown Pagosa Springs along the San Juan River and to support GGP's mission of educating the community in sustainable agricultural practices by producing food year-round using local renewable energy. For additional information, please contact us at ggp@pagosagreen.org.

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and makeup as you enjoy champagne and chocolate, then provide costumes before you pose with the cast for a very special picture that could be your best Christmas card ever. A third is an evening campfire sing-along with the actors.

We know from previous galas that our guests have been surprised and delighted by the evening's festivities — and especially the clever and creative auction opportunities," said Laura Moore, executive director and co-founder of Thingamajig Theatre with her husband, Tim. "We are deeply grateful for everyone's support because the musicals that folks are seeing on stage this summer would not be possible without the funding raised at the gala."

#### The summer musicals

This summer's talented actors, singers, dancers, directors and designers are performing in a blockbuster summer season aptly titled "Broadway in the Mountains." Tickets for all the shows are available on the theater's website at pagosacenter.org — \$42 for adults and \$25 for kids 12 and under. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. and matinees are at 2 p.m.

The musicals are "Bright Star," with the bluegrass score composed by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, "Guys and Dolls," a romantic comedy involving a high-rolling gambler and a strait-laced missionary, and "SpongeBob the Musical," a family-friendly show based on the Nickelodeon animated TV series.

"As we begin our 11th year, we are super excited to be presenting these musicals, which represent the best of Broadway from classic to contemporary," Tim Moore said. "'Guys and Dolls' is the iconic romantic comedy that's on everyone's favorites list. 'Bright Star' is a powerful drama featuring bluegrass music that originated in

the Appalachian region of the U.S. 'SpongeBob' showcases the latest in technological innovation and spectacle in its staging.'

Moore pointed out that even the settings of the shows are remarkably diverse. "Bright Star" is set in North Carolina in the 1920s and '40s. "Guys and Dolls" is set in Damon Runyon's New York City, with a side trip to Havana, Cuba. "SpongeBob" takes place in the underwater world of Bikini Bottom.

These three musicals are being performed in rotation with five to six shows a week until Aug. 24. All the dates are on the theater's website.

#### More about Thingamajig

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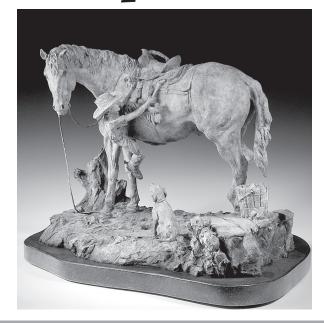
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# Fair

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The exhibit halls will be filled with 4-H projects and Open Class entries including quilts, homecanned goods, painting, photography, fresh flower arrangements, cake decorating, wood working,

fine arts and more.

Animals, raised by local 4-H members, will be on display in the Hughes Pavilion throughout the fair, culminating in a Junior Livestock Auction on Saturday evening. Tickets for the ever-popular Chuck Wagon Dinner, a major 4-H fundraiser, will soon be on sale.

Food trucks will be open to provide snack foods and meals during your visit. The Pagosa Mountain Rotary Club will have a fully stocked beer garden of adult drinks for purchase.

Vendors will be on site displaying goods for sale. Visit the

education booths, where local organizations will share information of interest; others will offer demonstrations on fire safety and natural resource management. Kids' activities will be staffed by local children's groups and offer free and/or low-cost activities. The free kids' train will take the youngsters on a quick ride around the grounds.

Whether you are a local or a welcomed visitor and whatever your interests, we invite you to stop by and enjoy a day or two at the fair. Visit our website, archuletacountyfair.com, for full details.

# Want to be a part of the annual Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration?

Special to The PREVIEW

Businesses, groups, nonprofits and others who are interested are invited to adopt a segment of the route for this year's annual Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration.

The deadline to sign up for a

segment is Oct. 14.

The Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration is a collaborative community event between the Town of Pagosa Springs and The Pagosa Springs SUN and will be held on Dec. 17 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. along the Riverwalk downtown.

Organizers are currently seeking area nonprofits, businesses, acoustic musicians and anyone else interested in helping the evening come together. There are opportunities for all levels of participation, including performances, volunteering, serving hot chocolate and adopting segments of the route.

#### Adopting a segment

Organizers are seeking interested businesses, groups, nonprofits, and others to "adopt" designated segments of the path.

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# Gala

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# Local food heroes: Lois and Allan Higgins

By Rose Chavez

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Healthy Archuleta, a local non-profit in Archuleta County also known as the FSFE — Food Coalition, continues to celebrate the local food heroes that make up the food system in Archuleta County and the surrounding southwest region.

These individuals uniquely contribute to the community's vision for a sustainable, health-promoting and equitable local food system so that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious foods.

The effort to capture the profiles of these integral community members was initiated as part of the Archuleta Food System Summit that took place April 9. Today, we would like to share the story of Lois and Allan Higgins, who shared this narrative with us:

"In the early 1980s, Allan and Lois Higgins started raising beef in Colorado using a conventional program. After learning how much healthier finishing animals on grass is for the animals themselves, for the consumer and for the environment, we became committed to providing grass finished beef to our family and friends. In 2003, we launched the GrassRoots label in an effort to supply our beef and lamb (and now chicken, pork and duck) on a larger scale throughout the country.

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Lois and Allan Higgins.

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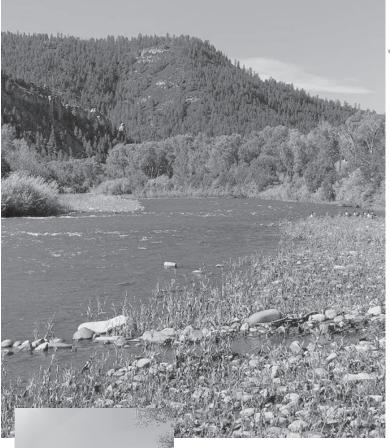
extra cost is well worth the price in terms of health benefits and the quality of the meat."

For more information about the local food heroes and Healthy Archuleta, please contact us at fs-fearchuleta@gmail.com, call (401) 206-4579 or visit https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/.



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# Celebration

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and low-impact decor for their section during the celebration. Musically-themed segments will only be allowed to be acoustical (non-amplified) to help create a more intimate setting and to limit their noise impact on the neighboring segments.

Organizers will work to space the adopted segments sufficiently throughout the course, and will also produce a map of stations to provide and publish well in advance of the event so that participants will receive exposure for their efforts.

Those that adopt segments are encouraged to be creative and have fun helping to create an old-fashioned Christmas experience. Additionally, those that adopt segments are encouraged to consider luminaries, candles in snow-ball pyramids or their own concept to creatively light "their" section of the pathway, without requiring power sources. Heating sources,

like propane fires, are also strongly encouraged.

The route will be along the Riverwalk (between Town Park and Centennial Park) and Mary Fisher Park and the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, with Hot Springs Blvd closed to traffic between Hermosa and San Juan streets.

Please contact Jennie Green at (970) 903-9728 or via email at sales@visitpagosasprings.com with any questions.

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# San Juan Stargazers to meet Thursday, July 28

By Joan Mieritz

San Juan Stargazers

Our regular club meeting for the San Juan Stargazers is on Thursday, July 28, in the Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 434 Lewis St. Please use the parking lot door as the front doors may remain locked.

At 6 p.m., there is a social time with coffee, tea, etc. This month's program on the Galilean moons of Jupiter will be interesting and very useful since they are sometimes visible to the naked eye and for sure with binoculars. Unfortunately, COVID is not over and we are encouraging our members to wear masks for our meeting. We all want to hang around to see all the Webb photos possible.

#### **Stargazer Rewards Program**

As of July 1, we are starting a Stargazer Rewards Program where members will receive coupons for attendance, speaking, special preparation, etc. at club meetings and activities. The more you participate, the more coupons you will receive. All members will receive a coupon for attending. And for example, Ann Marie Kemp will receive four coupons for preparing the lesson for the evening. People bringing a baked or purchased treat will get an additional coupon.

At our Night Sky Programs at Chimney Rock, members helping will get a coupon, but those speaking will get additional coupons for the amount of preparation it took. Then, at our 10th anniversary party in October, coupons will be drawn for really cool prizes. You will hear more about their coolness later.

#### **James Webb Space Telescope**

I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to see some of the first images from the James Webb Space Telescope, which will revolutionize our understanding of the cosmos. The first picture of a deep field is the deepest and highest resolution of galaxies as they appeared billions of years ago and was released by President Joe Biden with additional, later releases of more photos by NASA, the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency.

The San Juan Stargazers have been waiting for years for these photos. Bob Mitchel, who worked on the Webb and has a house in Pagosa, did his first presentation to us on the James Webb in 2013 and gave later updates. He will be speaking again this September and everyone will be invited.

#### **Hubble and the Webb**

The Stargazers are adding a new

night of amazing educational opportunities for all of Pagosa. Starting in August, we will be meeting once a month for a new program titled Hubble and the Webb. We are hoping that many students and their parents will attend this free and very exciting program. We are asking for community involvement. Anyone can download the Webb pictures and present them at this gathering. Then other people can add information and comments. We will all learn a great deal. Webb photos will have priority, but if there is time left, we will study Hubble's greatest hits. The date for the first session is Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. in the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (use the parking lot door).

#### Join the Stargazers

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, our new membership year begins July 1. You will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25/family. This year, there is a fabulous special gift for new and renewing members. It will help you become the astronomer you have always dreamed of being. You will love it. You can join the club at any of our events.

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





Saturday, August 6th **Livestock Auction** 

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# Repertory at Thingmajig Theatre Company continues

Thingamajig Theatre Company

Another busy week for Thingamajig Theatre Company brings two performances each of "Bright Star" and "Guys and Dolls." Beautiful and moving, "Bright Star" is on stage tonight, Thursday, July 21, and Saturday, July 23, at 7 p.m.

The high rolling, romantic comedy "Guys and Dolls" will be the Friday evening option at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. "The SpongeBob Musical," filled with zany characters, suspense and catchy tunes, will also have a matinee performance on Wednesday, July 27.

In between the matinees will be the annual fundraising gala presenting a cabaret-style show, catered meal before and an auction of unique items you can only find at Thingamajig. The talented summer company, in addition to their roles in the summer musicals, will be highlighting additional talents at the gala and through the auction items up for bid.

Reserve your seat for this wonderful event to show your love and support for live theater in Pagosa Springs.

Tickets for all the shows and the gala can be purchased online at pagosacenter.org or by calling the box



Photo courtesy Justin Treptow

The summer company of Thingamajig Theatre will perform at the annual gala on Tuesday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m.

office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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.

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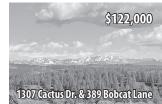


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All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

#### Thursday, July 21

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.

Summer Reading Club: Mysteries of the Deep. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For kids in K-5th grade. We'll explore mysteries of the deep, including mermaids and monsters. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

Dungeons and Dragons 4-6 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.

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

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

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

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Bright Star.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Inspired by a real event told in the song "The Ballad of the Iron Mountain Baby." For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW.

#### Friday, July 22

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.

Kids' Workshops. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. For grades K-3. Contact the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association office at (970) 731-7133 to register your child.

Pickleball. 9-11 a.m., South Pagosa

Park. Loaner paddles are available. **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 Chartresdesigned 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

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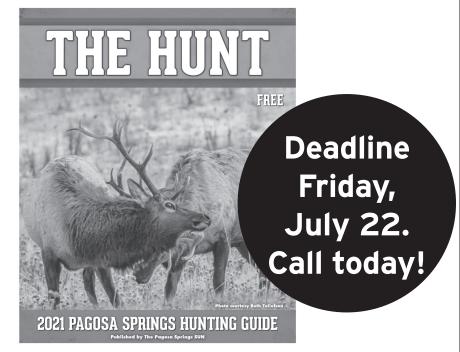


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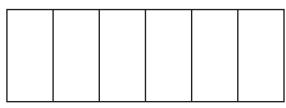
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# **WORD SCRAMBLE**

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Shark's Biology and Ecology with the Ocean First Institute. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Sharks are magnificent but misunderstood creatures that have an incredibly long history on our planet. Learn about the fascinating species diversity, amazing adaptations and issues facing sharks today. Experts from the Ocean First Institute, a research lab in Boulder, will present their shark research and the importance of conservation for these amazing species. Handson activities include shark anatomy. jaw and tooth morphology, and aspects of shark sensory biology.

Interactive 'Moana.' 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. We'll watch the Disney "Moana" movie while singing, moving and playing along with the screen. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Food Coalition Community Meal and Celebration. 12:30-3:30 p.m., athletic field across from Town Park. Community members are invited to join Healthy Archuleta, doing business as the FSFE - Food Coalition, to enjoy the music of Los Mitotitos, folklorico performances; health booths, children's activities, food trucks, and learn about and celebrate the work of Healthy Archuleta. There will be a limited number of free meal tickets. Please register for a free meal ticket online at: https:// forms.gle/swWfTeSKGAWv1GKd6. The deadline for registering for a meal ticket is Wednesday, July 20.

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#### Sunday, July 24

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

**Eckankar: Spiritual Experiences** of Health and Healing. 1 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. All are welcome. If you wish, go to Meetup.com, find Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, CO, click on the red attend button.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Guys and Dolls.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A musical based on short stories by Damon Runyon and set in 1920s New York City. For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, July 25 Medicare Mondays. For anyone

who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/ or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone

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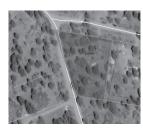


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**Pickleball.** 9-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Proof of COVID vaccination required. If you have not attended, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Live Children's Concert: Steve Weeks. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Professional musician Steve Weeks will perform in a fun children's concert sponsored by the Pagosa Pi Beta Phi alumnae club that will include dancing, singing and laughing.

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

Public Health Talk. Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Francilia Pena from San Juan Basin Public Health will cover cancer prevention and early detection of breast and cervical cancer. More details on the presentations are available in flyers you can pick up at your library. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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#### Tuesday, July 26

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

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. Open to all.

WHIPS Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Tall Pines. The luncheon will be \$15. All women are welcome. Please RSVP to (970) 946-1895.

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

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 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.

Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. Come to learn or play. For the safety of our participants, proof of vaccinations is 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.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens and young adults. Join us for our ongoing game. Contact claire@ pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Broadway Gala. 5 p.m., Pagosa Center for the Arts. An elegant evening to raise funds for Pagosa's only nonprofit professional live theater that also will include a live auction for unique interactions with the actors, live music by the actors, backstage tours conducted by cast members, and a catered, sit-down dinner hosted by the actors. There will be a cash bar with tips going to the actors. Tickets are \$250 and are on sale now at pagosacenter.org.

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.

Game Night. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. We currently have cornhole and backgammon players. Bring your favorite game. For more information, contact Barbara at (602) 622-9053.

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 Wetland Partners and the Springs Resort. For more information, email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

#### Wednesday, July 27

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

Kids' Workshops. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. For grades 4-6. Contact the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association office at (970) 731-7133 to register your child.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. All ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

Zentangle. 1 p.m., Senior Center. A form of relaxation using easy-to-

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Escape Room. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. 6th-12th graders are invited to participate in an escape room adventure where you will solve puzzles and find clues to allow you to find the treasure and save yourselves before the room sinks.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The SpongeBob Musical.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Based on the beloved Nickelodeon animated series "SpongeBob SquarePants." For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW.

#### Thursday, July 28

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. Summer Reading Club: Weather

with Mr. Kurz. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For kids in K-5th grade. We'll learn from guest expert Mr. Kurz about how the weather in oceans affects us here in the mountains. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community
Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall,
Lewis Street. Serving King Ranch
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at the front doors of the Parish
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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., intermed and

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education goals. Call (970) 2642209 for more information.

San Juan Stargazers Club Meeting. 6 p.m. social team, meeting to follow, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

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

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Bright Star.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Inspired by a real event told in the song "The Ballad of the Iron Mountain Baby." For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW.

#### Friday, July 29

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.

**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 Chartresdesigned 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. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Guys and Dolls.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A musical based on short stories by Damon Runyon and set in 1920s New York City. For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW.

Saturday, July 30 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.

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

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

Makerspace. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For all ages. Come build, design and create at the library. We provide the material, you provide

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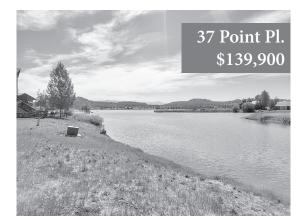
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#### Sunday, July 31

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

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The SpongeBob Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Based on the beloved Nickelodeon animated series "SpongeBob SquarePants." For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW.

#### Monday, Aug. 1

Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.

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

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

Public Health Talk. Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. San Juan Basin Public Health staff will explain health insurance enrollment and how to pick the best plan for you. Spanish interpretation will be available for this session. More details on the presentations are available in flyers you can pick up at your library. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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# Shark ecology talk, live children's concert and escape room fun

#### By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

In the next week, your library is hosting three very special free events:

- Tomorrow, Friday, July 22, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m., experts from the Ocean First Institute, a research lab in Boulder, will present their shark research and discuss the importance of conservation for these amazing creatures.
- Next Monday, July 25, from 10 to 11 a.m., professional musician Steve Weeks will perform in a fun children's concert sponsored by the Pagosa Pi Beta Phi alumnae club that will include dancing, singing and laughing.
- Next Wednesday, July 27, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., sixth-through 12th-graders are invited to participate in an escape room adventure where you will solve puzzles and find clues to allow you to find the treasure and save yourselves before the room sinks.

# Early closure next Wednesday

On Wednesday, July 27, your library will be closing at 4 p.m. because the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation is hosting this month's Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours gathering.

# Public health talks continue

Your library is hosting public health and resource professionals from San Juan Basin Public Health for four free in-person sessions on Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. from July 11 to Aug. 1 to talk about a wide variety of important health topics.

On July 25, Francilia Pena will cover cancer prevention and early detection of breast and cervical

The Aug. 1 session will explain health insurance enrollment and how to pick the best plan for you. Spanish interpretation will be available for this session.

More details on the presentations are available in flyers you can pick up at your library.

# PALS adult education expands

In response to popular demand, Mark is doubling the number of his free PALS sessions to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No registration is required. This service is in great demand and is used by many people, so we are very happy to make it more available.

#### No Tech Times in July

There will be no Tech Times

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in July. Tech Time will return at a future date to be announced later.

#### Summer Reading Program underway

It's not too late to 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

At our Summer Reading Club today, Thursday, July 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., we'll explore mysteries of the deep including mermaids and monsters. Next Thursday, July 28, we'll learn from guest expert Mr. Kurz about how the weather in oceans affects us here in the mountains. This free club is open to youngsters kindergarten through fifth grade.

# **Dungeons and Dragons** virtually and in person

Today, Thursday, July 21, from 3 to 5 p.m., is our ongoing virtual Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults, available every other Thursday on Discord. Then, join us on Tuesday, July 26, from 4 to 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 inperson sessions take place at your library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

# Interactive 'Moana' tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, July 22, from 4 to 6 p.m., we'll watch the Disney "Moana" movie while singing, moving and playing along with the screen.

#### **LEGO Club on Saturday**

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, July 23, 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.

#### Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted July 25 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

#### **StoryWalk**

Our very popular StoryWalk has resumed at a new location. We are pleased to partner with the Town of Pagosa Springs to bring the Story-Walk to the Riverwalk downtown. It starts at the Ross Aragon Community Center and heads north toward the growing domes. July 11-25 features "Woodsey's ABCs," when you will explore the outdoors with Woodsey the Owl, a national

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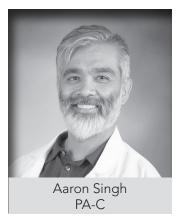


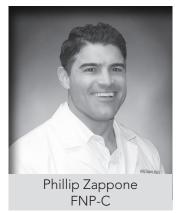
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# Noxious Weed of the Month: common burdock

#### **By Ethan Proud**

PREVIEW Columnist

Common burdock is the plant with the burrs. It is not to be mistaken for the other burr-bearing plants like cocklebur and wild licorice, both of which are native and their management is dependent on the landowners' preference.

The leaves of burdock closely resemble rhubarb or the ornamental elephant ear. Plants can grow between 3 and 10 feet tall and have spiny flowers that are either purple or white. Burdock produces as many as 15,000 seeds per plant. Both the flowers and burrs can trap nectar-seeking animals like bats and hummingbirds.

Controlling burdock follows the same management advice as musk thistle, a plant most of us know well. Either use mechanical or chemical control for best results. Removing the seed heads and bagging them will prevent future infestations and removing the plant 2 to 4 inches below the soil will sever the root crown. For the enterprising and determined burdock remover, the root is edible, though it is tough and chewy if not prepared right.

In Archuleta County, burdock is widespread, but there are not many major infestations. It can grow in rangeland settings, pastureland, roadsides and along streams, but I often see it growing beneath willows and other riparian trees and shrubs.

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

#### **Healthy Archuleta event**

Healthy Archuleta, also known

# Extension Viewpoints

as the FSFE — Food Coalition, is celebrating and honoring our community Saturday, July 23, from 12:30-3:30 p.m at the athletic field across from Town Park.

For more information on becoming a sponsor, helping with the event, participating or getting a paper registration form, please email fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or call (401) 371-3227.

#### **Archuleta County Fair**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Volunteers needed**

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



Photo courtesy Jamie Jones

The leaves of common burdock closely resemble rhubarb or the ornamental elephant ear. Burdock produces as many as 15,000 seeds per plant and is a noxious weed.

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

#### **CPR** and first aid classes

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

### Visit online

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#### Family storytime

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#### **ESL** classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

#### **Library hours**

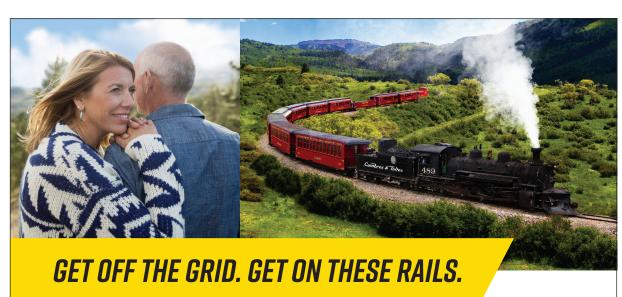
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"Native Peoples of North America" is a Smithsonian documentary. "Life in the World's Oceans" is a Smithsonian documentary. "Determined: Righting Alzheimer's" is a PBS documentary. "The Bad Guys" is a DreamWorks Animation action comedy based on the Scholastic book series. "Downton Abbey: A New Era" is the newest movie featuring the Crowley family and their staff.

#### Large print

"Easter Bonnet Murder" by Leslie Meier is a Lucy Stone mystery. "An Honest Lie" by Tarryn Fisher tells of a woman going missing during a girls' weekend in Las Vegas.

#### **Books on CD**

"Snowstorm in August" by Marshall Karp tells of a team of retired

cops going after the most powerful drug lord on the planet in New York City. "Tracy Flick Can't Win" by Tom Perrotta returns to the life of Tracy, now in her 40s and an assistant principal at a public high school. 'The Omega Factor" by Steve Berry is a mystery about the mysterious secrets of the Ghent altarpiece. "The Hotel Nantucket" by Elin Hilderbrand is about a summer of scandal at a historic hotel. "Local Gone Missing" by Fiona Barton is set in a seaside town where longtimers and newcomers are at odds. "A Face to Die For" by Iris Johansen is an Eve Duncan mystery. "Red on the River" by Christine Feehan is a romantic thriller.

#### Nonfiction

"His Name is George Floyd" by Washington Post reporters Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa is a portrait of the life and times of a black man whose murder set off the largest protest movement in U.S. history. "Battle for the American Mind" by Pete Hegseth and David Goodwin explores the fight to control the education of children in America. "How to Keep House While Drowning" by J.C. Davis is a guide to using creative shortcuts to transform your home from messy to functional. "Essential Home Skills" by Chris Peterson is a Black and Decker guide to com-

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# **Bird of the Week**



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

Birds in the group known as flycatchers typically feed by flying out from a perch in a short burst to catch an insect in midair, returning to the perch to eat it. These birds are agile in flight, able to make quick, acrobatic turns. As a verb, flycatching describes this feeding style when it is employed by any bird species.

Hammond's flycatchers shift their foraging height as the breeding season progresses. Early on, they primarily feed either from high in the canopy or from leaf surfaces close to the ground. Later in the season, they are more commonly found perched on lower levels of the tree.

This flycatcher breeds in western forests from Colorado north to Alaska. Here they are found in cool, coniferous forests, primarily those with Douglas fir and spruce mixed with aspens. This is the habitat where they were found raising young on Jackson Mountain during this season's Forest Bird Monitoring Project conducted by members of the Weminuche Audubon Society. This study compares bird species found in areas of the forest which have undergone different fire prevention treatments.

These small songbirds are colored greenish-olive above and have a yellow cast on the belly. They display a distinct white eye ring and two white wing bars on their dark wings.

Members of the empidonax genus of flycatchers, to which the Hammond's belongs, are very similar in appearance and best identified by differences in song. Recent advances in bird identification apps, which are able to record birdsong and match it to a species, make them a useful tool in distinguishing these tricky flycatcher species.

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# New Thought topic: 'The Path of the Spiritual Warrior'

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on July 24 at 10 a.m. will be "The Path of the Spiritual Warrior" with Shayla White Eagle.

"A Spiritual Warrior is Fearless who walks with Compassion, Kindness, Strength and Universal Wisdom." — White Eagle.

#### **Upcoming events**

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text McClure at (970) 510-0309 for band information.

July 21, 5-7:30 p.m.: Courtyard concert — Rise Above Violence benefit with Bruce Wayne Classic Rock and Country. Rain or shine.

July 24: Sunday Service at 10 a.m. with Shayla White Eagle.

July 28 and 29: New Thought Center Community "Body, Mind, Spirit Festival." SpiritHeart Band and Bruce Wayne Classic Rock and Country. Rain or shine.

July 29: Free lectures all day at the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living on the body, mind and spirit, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 30: Sacred Spirit Shield Playshop with Harmony Fire Eagle and White Eagle.

#### Library

The Aspin Inspiration Memorial Library is a collection of spiritual books. We welcome you to sign out/view our books, by appointment.

#### About us

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

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

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



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If you missed any of the 10 Health Secrets printed over the last several weeks, please go to pagosasda.org and select the "ministries" link. All 10 Health Secrets can be found there.

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### Mysteries and thrillers

"Local Gone Missing" by Fiona Barton is set in a seaside town where long-timers and newcomers are at odds. "The Island" by Adrian McKinty follows a woman and her two unhappy stepchildren in grave danger on a remote Australian island. "The Local" by Joey Hartstone is a legal thriller set in Texas. "Ashton Hall" by Lauren Belfer begins when a skeleton is found in a historic manor house in England. "The Gate Keeper" by James Byrne is about a conspiracy involving the kidnapping of the daughter of a multinational corporation CEO.

#### Other novels

"Boom Town" is a Lake Wobegon story by Garrison Keillor. "Horse" by Pulitzer Prize winner Geraldine Brooks, inspired by a true story, tells of an art historian and a Smithsonian scientist connected through their shared interest in a racehorse. "Flying Solo" by Linda Holmes follows a woman who returns home after her canceled wedding. "The Hotel Nantucket" by Elin Hilderbrand is a tale about a summer of scandal at a storied hotel. "The Catch" by Alison Fairbrother focuses on the aftermath of a will in which a father leaves a prized possession to someone the family has never heard of. "The Twilight World" by Werner Herzog imagines the life of Hiroo Onoda, the soldier who defended a Philippines island for decades after World War II.

#### **Donations**

We are grateful to Leslie Wustrack for a generous monetary donation.

With the Friends of the Library sale just concluded, we and the Friends are taking a break from materials donations until August.

#### Quotable quote

"Marriage is a 50-year conversation. Marry someone you want to talk with for the rest of your life." — David Brooks, Canadian-born conservative political and cultural reporter who writes opinion pieces for The New York Times and is a commentator on NPR and the PBS NewsHour.

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## Exercise caution with Alzheimer's and extreme heat

By Jim Herlihy

Alzheimer's Association

As temperatures rise, extreme heat can have a significant impact on everyone's safety, but these conditions can be especially stressful and confusing for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

"Alzheimer's disease causes a number of changes in the brain and body that may affect the individual's safety, including changes in sensitivity to temperatures," said Meg Donahue, director of Community Engagement for the Alzheimer's Association of Colo-

According to a study by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), people living with Alzheimer's were 6 percent more likely to die on an extremely hot day, with an added 6 percent increased risk for individuals with previous hospital admissions for atrial fibrillation.

There are more than 6.5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, including 76,000 Coloradans. Planning ahead for weather changes, including extreme heat, can prevent injuries and help a person feel more relaxed and less over-

"People living with Alzheimer's and other dementias can be more vulnerable than normal during extreme weather because their judgment may be impaired and they may be unable to communicate their discomfort," said Donahue. "It's important to take extra precautions with these individuals during periods of extreme heat or other severe weather conditions.

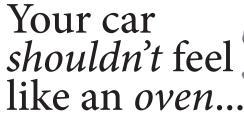
The Alzheimer's Association is offering important safety tips for caregivers and families dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias to prepare for the hot days ahead:

- · Make a plan. Family and friends should prepare accordingly and make plans to regularly check in on a person living with Alzheimer's during periods of extreme heat. Arrange alternative plans for cooler spaces if air conditioning is unavailable, and dress in loose-fitting, light clothing.
- Pay attention at night. Keep people living with Alzheimer's cool by using fans and keep the air conditioning on. At night, low temperatures can still exceed 75 degrees with little fluctuation in humidity levels, making for difficult sleeping conditions, heightened anxiety and increased agitation.
- Prepare for behavioral changes. Research shows that heat can increase agitation and confusion in people. Try to remove behavioral triggers by addressing the person's physical needs related to the heat, then tending to their emotional needs.
- Stay hydrated. Increased water intake is essential to maintaining good hydration and health during extreme heat. Know the signs of heat exhaustion to avoid heat stroke. Dehydration may be difficult to notice in a person living with Alzheimer's, as signs like increased fatigue, dry mouth and headache may be difficult to detect. People taking diuretics, sedatives or certain heart medications may not sweat as much as others, but this does not mean

they are not hot.

- Stay indoors out of the sun. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion may occur in extreme heat conditions, but symptoms may be difficult to detect in people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Keep individuals cool by using air conditioning at home or move to a public place, such as a senior center or shopping mall. If you must go outside, dress appropriately with loose-fitting, light clothing; wear a hat; and apply sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.
- Stay informed. Keep an eye on local weather forecasts. High temperatures are not the only cause for concern. Humidity and air pollution can cause breathing difficulties. The person should be monitored regularly and seek medical attention if symptoms arise of dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

The Alzheimer's Association is here to help families prepare for and cope for such extraordinary circumstances. For more information, visit www.alz.org or call the association's free helpline, staffed by trained professionals around the clock, at (800) 272-3900.



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# Pagosa Springs Christian Women's retreat planned for Sept. 23-25

By Rhonda Boughan McClure Pagosa Springs Christian Women

The Pagosa Springs Christian Women nondenominational retreat will once again be held at Sonlight Christian Camp on Sept. 23, 24 and

This year, the speakers are from The Feed Store Church in Monte Vista, Colo. Cindy Morgan and her husband, Pastor Bubby Morgan, are the founders of Morgan Ministries and the Feed Store Churches. Cindy is passionate about empowering women, young and old, to walk a life of virtue, value, honor,

a heart for family, placing great importance on raising kids on purpose for their purpose in Christ. Bubby and Cindy have been married for 34 years; they have two children and three grandchildren.

Shelby Honeycutt is a speaker, author and children's pastor equipping her generation to live intentional and uncompromised through a genuine relationship with Jesus. Honeycutt takes simple truths from the Word of God and helps them come to life in a very practical way. She is married to Orrin Honeycutt; together they serve in ministry, run

a small business, rodeo, ranch and love every minute of it.

into the vision God has planted in

and songwriter from Monte Vista, Colo., where she is one of the worship leaders at The Feed Store Church. Frances is a wife and mother of two. She works as a stay at-home mom homeschooling her children, coaches horse riding lessons and helps on the family farm.

We encourage all local women to attend for a weekend of encouragement, rest, fellowship and inspiration in a beautiful setting. It is a great time to build new relationships and strengthen old relationships.

please go to www.pcwretreat.com. If you have questions, please contact Janet Kubelka at (970) 382-1406.

Jessie Morgan is partner in crime

of eight years to her incredible husband, Brandon, as well as a mama of three; Dawson is 6 years old, sweet Sammie Jo is 4 (she stepped into her eternity at 13 months old and is living out her greatest adventure with her Jesus) and Britlie Jo is 2. She has a deep love for hunting, fishing and all adventures in the mountains. She is a true artist in every way, shape and form. Jessie is passionate about partnering with women and families to encourage, strengthen, and empower them to press forward

Jill Frances is a worship leader

The verse chosen for this years' retreat is Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

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# Group to discuss spiritual experiences of health and healing

By Lynnzie Sutton Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Around 1994, I had a car accident that landed me in the hospital for 10 days. This was a major turning point in my spiritual life before, during and after the accident. In that one experience, I learned many lessons. We can all learn from these health-challenging turning points when we look at them from a higher or spiritual point of view.

"All the help that comes to us is from the Holy Spirit, whether it comes in a dream or through the help of a friend or a doctor. The trick is the discrimination you need: to tell what's good for you and what's not good for you.

This comes by listening to your heart." — Harold Klemp, "ECK Wisdom on Health and Healing," page 3.

You are welcome to bring your personal insights and questions on health and healing to this discussion. We will be doing a spiritual exercise that will help you tap into the divine life force for unlimited creativity and inspiration.

The discussion will be based on the booklet by Klemp titled "ECK Wisdom on Health and Healing.' This booklet will be given as a gift to all attendees.

Please join us for this in-person discussion held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave. on Sunday, July 24, at 1 p.m. All are welcome. If you wish, you can RSVP through the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs: https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiencesgroup/events/. Click on the red attend button to RSVP.



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#### St. Patrick's labyrinth open to public daily

By Sandy Artzberger

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Pagosa Springs is unique in many ways. Part of the uniqueness is that we have a labyrinth and even more unique is who built it. The labyrinth is on the grounds of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (located next to the hospital).

A labyrinth is often mistaken for a maze where, when you enter, there are multiple paths to choose from, often resulting in becoming lost. A labyrinth has only one path in that leads to the center. However, the path takes a circuitous route which the mind can't anticipate and thus the mind relaxes often moving into calmness, serenity, a time of new awareness and direction, a time of healing, a time with God, a feeling of a higher presence, order emerging from chaos, etc.

The history of labyrinths goes back to 4500 BC Egypt, when they were built in front of tombs to keep evil spirits out due to their orderly design. Scandinavian fishermen would walk the labyrinth praying for a good catch and then run out of the center so the slow trolls bringing misfortune wouldn't join them. When no longer safe for Christian pilgrims to journey to Jerusalem, cathedrals such as Chartres Cathedral in France used labyrinth walks to symbolize a spiritual pilgrimage. In 1996, the Rev. Lauren Artress from Grace Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco, through a group called Veriditas, started a labyrinth revival movement.

The history of St. Patrick's labyrinth is unique because it was primarily built by children ranging in ages from primary school through high school over a period of 15 years — not adults doing all the work and giving credit to the children, but children doing most of the work helped by adults. From 1998 through 2003, when Anne Ryder was priest at St. Pat's, a far-sighted group of Sunday school teachers presented to the leadership team a plan to create an outdoor 12-lap Chartres labyrinth. This would be an ongoing Sunday school project open to the community.

At the time, there were at least 25 children involved who came from the Episcopal, Methodist, Catholic and Unitarian churches in Pagosa. The vision was to create a labyrinth that would be open to everyone in the community for perpetuity. Over the summers, Sunday school children and friends



Photo courtesy St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

The labyrinth on the grounds of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church was built over a period of 15 years as a Sunday school project. It is open to the public daily.

gathered rocks, cleared the space for the labyrinth and ended work sessions with a picnic. For three summers, teenagers came from Ascension Episcopal Church in Pueblo, Colo., and once teenagers from Church of the Annunciation in Lewisville, Texas. They came to work on the labyrinth for a week at a time as their "mission project." Now, the Venture Crew Scouts of Pagosa Springs clean the labyrinth annually and have made benches for it.

St. Pat's labyrinth, located across from the parking lot, is open daily. Look for a large wooden cross. On Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m., there are docents available to give in-depth details about the labyrinth and handouts for a self-guided walk.

Primarily, the labyrinth is a time for individual reflection and walking, but can be used for special occasions. Last year, we honored our interim priest who was leaving with a celebration at the labyrinth. It consisted of a prayerful walk, singing of meditational songs and a special meal. Special labyrinth events open to the community are being considered for this summer/fall





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## The gift of friends

I read, "Life has done its best with us." Have I ever thought about life as a gift, giving and doing the best for me? No. I thought I've been doing the best I could for life.

People have been dropped into my lap, good and bad. Did I see them as gifts? Maybe yes and maybe not. But they have taught me about life and myself.

Friends are subtle gifts. We may or may not see them that way, but they are the best of what life gives to us. These gifts come at each stage of our lives. They look different at certain times and places where we find ourselves and are what we need.

I was given a stack of printed "Artist's Lane" articles with a hand-written note on each one of them. They were from a person who took his time to delve into the depth of my words and shared the depth of his soul with me.

Paper-clipped to one of my articles, "When a man meets himself," this man wrote, "Betty, the depth of your writing and your growth in the wisdom you share is startling, encouraging and a mark of God's hand on you. He is using you in mighty ways to touch lives in profound ways."

I was blown away by the generosity of this man's words. I sat in the presence of God and sucked the sweet nectar from his fruitful words. He was giving me the best of his life.

My Sweet Al, bored with my musings as I read and pondered each word, got up and asked, "What are we having for breakfast?"

I said to him, "I can't move from this place. God's presence is so strong. I'll quench the Spirit. These words are gifts from God."

I wooed my Sweet Al back to his recliner and asked, "What gifts have you received in this stage of your life? Talk to me. Tell me your heart."

He sat down and reminded me, "Today is Tuesday, trash day, and I need to get everything to the road." My question bypassed him. Trash day is necessary. It's a good thing. But I was in an "aha" moment and

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### Artist's Lane

**Betty Slade** 



I said to him, "In these later years, we are losing our friends and I am beginning to learn how much I appreciate them. I don't want to do without them. They are gifts and I've taken them for granted."

My friend, Lin Harris, has walked every step with me in my writing career and now she is struggling to live. Every breath is a gift for her. My heart weighs heavy for my precious friend. I must thank her for what she means to me, as the man who made notes of my articles.

Lin needs to know how she has changed my life. Life did its best for me when she moved from Oklahoma to Chimney Rock 10 years ago and became my writing mentor. I needed her then, but I didn't know how much I need her now.

From the beginning, she has been there for me, offering her support and knowledge. She wanted me to succeed as a writer and even put her own writing aside to teach me.

When I came to her with my first manuscript and asked if I had something worth reading, she said, "Yes, but it needs a lot of work. Come by the house on Sunday and I'll tell you what you need to do."

I went by her house, thinking I would be there an hour. I was there six hours. She had read the whole manuscript. Now my words were bleeding with red ink and I didn't have an inkling how to fix them.

She said, "I will work with you as long as you want me to, but you must do everything I tell you." And I did. I drove to Chimney Rock every Monday morning for four years and stayed all day. My homework assignments were done to the best of my ability. She always had more to give me. The best of life was given to me through my dear friend.

We tore my manuscript apart word by word. My 110,000 words were whittled to 60,000, cutting, tightening and taking out redundant, fat and generic words. Chapters that didn't move the story along were deleted. I didn't argue. She knew more than I did.

In 2015, along with one other writer, we started the Wolf Creek Christian Writers' Network. Lin was all about honing the craft of writing. If not, she wasn't interested. I bounced a thousand ideas off of her and so did others.

I think of her legacy, her interaction and giving of herself and how it connected our past with our future. She is a gift to us. We have become better writers because of her. We are using her knowledge to write good books and good articles. Her legacy lives on through our words.

Final brushstroke: My whole writing career pivots from her foundational knowledge. Every article I write has Lin's fingerprints on them. When I sought for the right publisher, she helped me meet their requirements and brought my book to the finish line. She was still sharing her abundance of knowledge as they wheeled her into the hospital. She wanted me to succeed. Her life has done its best with me. Thank you to my friend Lin. I hope I have made you proud.

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## Oh, the glory of His love and grace

By Stan Counsell PREVIEW Columnist

Have you ever heard the phrase, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it?" Whoever coined that proverbial statement must have seen the neverending messes created by wellintentioned members of society.

It's quite natural for all of us to try and improve on a product, book or inanimate object that appears in want. We are continually schooled with unending buzz words like "new," "improved," "extra white," "long-lasting," "never kinks," "you deserve it," "it only costs ..."

Sometimes there are improvements that benefit us, but the usual 'same-o, same-o" still lurks about. All stains, wrinkles, fabric shrinkage and odors haven't disappeared, and colors still fade.

When it comes to our faith in Jesus Christ, we can experience spiritual variations of the above. **A** Matter of Faith

Godly ministers and teachers lov-

come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ but we often feel that we are lacking, well, something. Our heart cries, "Lord, I want to serve you, but I need some long-

■ See Faith on next page

#### **10** Difficult position **14** Pertaining to birds 15 Leave out 16 Apiece **17** Mercury in 33 ingly bring forth the Word of God, 19 Prefix with body but sometimes we don't fully hear or freeze what they are saying. Jesus said numerous times that those with **20** Deletion ears needed to hear Him (Mat-21 Bud holder? thew 11:15, 13:9; Mark 4:9). But, being spiritual sheep, we can get 23 Mother distracted and feel He isn't there to 24 Birthday buy love, lead and provide for us. 26 Official emissary We deeply want to see people 28 Arm waver's 60 shout 32 Now partner

33 Go to and fro

34 Type of tennis stroke

40 SNL network

Ugly"

group

46 Dinghy pair

caught

**51** "Get a

**38** Run off together

**41** Maria of "Coyote

**42** Representative

45 Take a breather

47 Bad way to be

49 They might be

**52** 52. in old Rome

55 Matt Dillon, e.g.

**60** Mark of a ruler

62 Dwelling in a park, often

64 Mr. Bridges

**66** Facial features

68 "Fiddlesticks!"

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"bowl" or "brim"

2 Word after

69 HS students

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65 Corn units

**53** Soaking spot

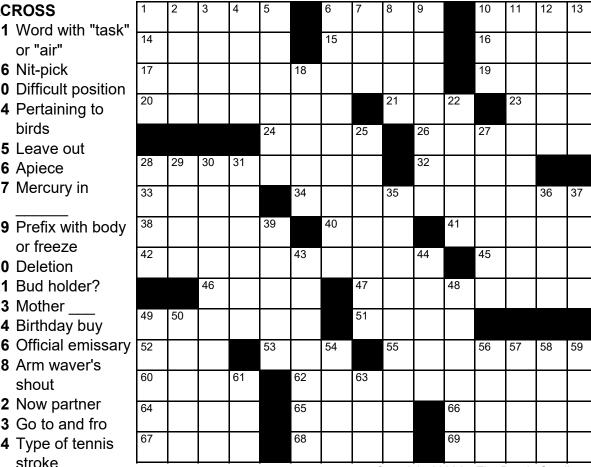
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The Weekly Crossword



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Clue: Bag





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3 Comic Rudner

4 Beniamin Orr vehicles?

5 Ample

6 Head position

7 Mia in "Pulp Fiction"

8 Potatoes, maybe

**9** Kind of US bomber

10 Coral or Caspian

11 Spare change seeker

**12** Duo quadrupled

13 Yours, in old days

**18** "Good

22 Detox locale

25 Element No. 65

**27** Biological classes

28 Newspaper piece

29 Low-lying area

30 Environmentrelated

31 Nullify, as a law

35 Janet Yellen,

**36** Ultimatum word **37** Morse code

symbols 39 Plumed wading

bird 43 Type of name

44 Part of USNA

48 "As if that enough...."

49 Suspect's out

**50** Dressed to the

by Margie E. Burke

54 Wild pig

56 Sneaker, e.g.

**57** Water carrier

58 Prayer ending

59 Amount to make do with

61 Old TV knob

63 Bikini part

#### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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#### **Faith**

continued from previous page lasting power, something new and improved that will keep me from shrinking when facing hardships. Is there something that I don't

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won't shrink. But, what we really need is already right there in our Bible, we just aren't seeing it or have forgotten its power — His love and grace. We never deserved our salvation then and even now. We simply weren't good enough, greatly flawed with "baggage" to deal with. When God calls us forth with an assignment, we can feel so unqualified. Our accuser, Satan and his minions, still are haranguing us about our weaknesses and failures. Or, he tells us how wonderful we are so we might boast when ministries are presented to us.

The Lord disdains our fleshly feelings of unworthiness or the urge to puff ourselves up, that He needs our talents. We forget that God's love and grace have washed us whiter than snow (Psalm 51:7). We have, in ourselves, absolutely no soap that can even remotely clean us. In short, He opposes the proud (Isaiah 2:11) but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6, 1 Peter

Do we realize that His grace is brought forth and fully bathed in His unlimited love? His very nature is love; we rely on it to serve Him

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with genuine gladness (1 John 4:8, 16). Our love, service, relationships and our forgiveness of ourselves and others is "fueled" only by His love that richly gives us His grace.

Because of His overwhelming love and grace, why would we doubt or forget Him? Or, why would we think we need our name noticed when everything is about Him? Almighty God knows our weaknesses and failures yet His grace abounds. Wow!

Knowing such, He has richly provided for the Body of Christ in order to grow, march forward, and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 4:11-13, His love and grace brought forth gifts to His church for the many things it will need. When it says Christ gave gifts to the church, the word "gave" also means "necessary for our advantage."

He doesn't want us to hold on, being short of breath, trying to fight the forces of darkness to a dreadful draw. His giving was to provide us with the needed advantage for ultimate victory.

He has, and is, doing it all for His glory and our unearned privilege of being His beloved children. Jesus and His church are the field hospital for the wounded in spirit and doctrine. He has a special mission tailored just for us and we now have the advantage over all nasty obstacles. Are we ready to march? He's leading the charge. Let's go.

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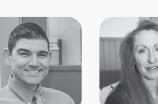




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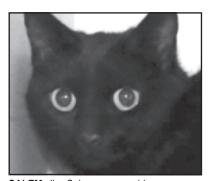
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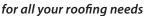
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RIVERSTONE CARPET CLEANING. 25 cents/ sq. ft. and \$3 per stair. No hidden charges. Owner/ operator 20 years experience. Professional, trustworthy and punctual. 100% eco-friendly. Call Mike at (970)403-9222. Credit cards accepted.

LAND/ HOME/ BODY ENERGY CLEARINGS. Blessings for couples, babies, wedding ceremonies, Shayla White Eagle. (970)309-6067.

SKIDSTEER SERVICE. Dirt, gravel, post holes. (970)903-7567.

ROOF REPAIR, INSPECTIONS, TIGHTENING. replacement and more. Contact Mint Roofing at (970)426-5255.

ASPENGLOW LANDSCAPING/ YARD MAIN-TENANCE/ YARD CLEANUP. Mowing, trimming, raking and tree trimming. Tractor available for planting and landscaping. (970)946-2061.

TREE REMOVAL. Licensed and insured up to \$2 million. Free estimates. No obligations. Call OR text (970)903 8068.

AFFORDABLE KITCHENS, proudly doing business in Pagosa Springs since 2000. Cabinets, counter tops and installation. Please call (970)749-4335. Mike Barr, owner-operator.

WE HAUL. WE WILL haul off anything but your marijuana or your mother- in- law. No job too big or too small. We also move buildings. We don't haul pigs. Dan Snow (719)849-8873.

METAL ROOF REPAIR, TIGHTENING or replacing. Chimney cleaning, chimney repair. Replacement or new chimney installs. Call (970)731-4585 office, or (970)946-1275.

**DIRTY WINDOWS? TORN SCREENS?** Call Pristine View, the professional window cleaners. Insured. Licensed. Free estimates. Alice (970)444-2602, Jon (970)235-0001. www. pristineviewcleaners.com.

#### **HEALTH SERVICES**

HOT SPRINGS HEALERS. Healing sessions in the hot springs! Chiropractic/ craniosacral and acupuncture. Serving Pagosa over 27years. Dr. Dean Sanna and Amanda. (970)844-0645.

#### **HELP WANTED**

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

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.

#### HELP WANTED

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 pointof-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.

FRONT OFFICE RECEPTIONIST needed at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Knowledge of Mac computers and Adobe InDesign is helpful. Newspaper experience not required. 30-34 hours per week. \$16-\$17 to start. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosasun. com. Successful applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please

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

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a fulltime 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.

HELP WANTED: SUMMER YARD HELP. Apply in person at Day Lumber

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 SPIRITS IS SEEKING customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer \$16 p/h to start, accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has posted the following **TEACHING** positions: Elementary School Classroom Teacher (2); Middle School Math Teacher. Starting salaries range from \$45,050 to \$57,550. Benefits include PERA State Retirement, paid leave, and health/dental/ life insurance. For more details and to apply for these positions, see the following website: https:// www.applitrack.com/archuleta50/onlineapp/#.

#### **HELP WANTED**

**CLEANER FOR 1 BEDROOM** vacation rental apartment, located near City Market Center. Responsibilities include same-day cleaning and set up for guest turnover (1 hour), and one monthly deep-clean (2 hours). Some guest communication via email. 4-11 turnovers per month. Independent contractor with experience preferred. Emily (970)946-3006.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS** GROWING! OSLS is hoping to add an additional class for the coming academic year: either a standalone 1st grade or combined 2nd/3rd grade. OSLS is a classical Christian school with high academic and character standards. Résumés may be submitted to: pastor.odom@ protonmail.com. Please call (970)731-4668 for more information.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking qualified candidates to fill the position of Municipal Court Judge. Interested candidates must be licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado. Information on the position description, qualifications, and application deadlines can be obtained on the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov. All candidates must submit a Letter of Interest and Resume detailing their qualifications to the Town by Friday, August 5, 2022 at 5p.m.

SPA/ HOT TUB WATER CARE and Maintenance Person wanted. Need clean driving record. Maintain water chemistry, cleaning of spa/ filters/ covers, etc., chemical treatment, and more. Deliver and replace covers, install accessories, help Spa/ Hot Tub Delivery Crew on deliveries and moving display tubs in and out of showroom. Training is provided. Please call (970)946-4673 for more information or visit us at Homespun Comforts, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., B-6.

**LOGGING COMPANY NEEDED** to thin 20 acres of large pine within 3 miles of downtown Pagosa. Work to be done between July and October 2023 on a continuous basis until complete. No weekend only work. References required. Reply masonoms@aol.com.

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@pagosasun.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

PART-TIME SCREEN PRINTER WANTED. Flexible hours. Experience preferred, but willing to train. Pay based on experience/ability to learn. Call (970)749-1904 if interested.

OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED for established construction company. QuickBooks, multi-layered scheduling, sales. Please call (970)403-5119 and submit resumes to info@ fullertonworks.com.

## Classifieds

264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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#### **We Are Hiring**

#### Salaried Manager or **Assistant Manager** positions

Stop in and talk to Angela

#### Floor Assistant

\$14 per hour plus tips, 4-9 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 your application 175 Pagosa Street



#### PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a customer oriented person for a full-time cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building

materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

**DISHWASHING 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!

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY HELP WANTED ADS — tinyurl.com/d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

IN NEED OF RESIDENT COOK, Housekeeping Manager and Maintenance. Room and board plus hourly pay. Apply at taramandala.org/ connect/employment-opportunities/.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has posted the following SUPPORT STAFF positions: Bus Drivers with a starting hourly rate ranging from \$21.51- \$24.99/hour; Evening Custodian with a starting salary ranging from \$36,008- \$39,494. Benefits include PERA State Retirement, paid leave, paid driving training for bus drivers, and health/dental/life insurance for full-time staff. For more details and to apply for these positions, see the following web-site: https://www.applitrack.com/ archuleta50/onlineapp/#. E.O.E.

MEANDER IS LOOKING TO ADD to our back of the house staff. We are currently seeking to fill kitchen positions and a dishwasher position. Pay for each position will depend on experience. If you would like more information or have interest in joining our team, please inquire to info@ meandereatery.com.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Seeks experienced Line Cooks. 4-5 nights per week. \$18 to start, \$300 signing bonus\*. Must be available weekends and holidays. Health Insurance available after 6 months of employment. Submit resumes and inquires to Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.



#### **NOW HIRING:**

**Terry's Colorado Home Supply & Ace Hardware** is currently making additions to our team in

#### Management • Delivery • Electrical • Cashier • Paint

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.

525 Navajo Trail Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 • (970) 731-4022

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE SEEKS experienced Bartenders, 3-4 nights a week. Food and Drink Service. See Jeffers or Contact@Alleyhousegrille.com. Seeks Bus Persons, 3-4 nights a week, great pay and tips. See Jeffers or send an email to Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has posted the following PARAPROFESSIONAL and LIBRARY ASSISTANT positions: Elementary Special Education (Full-Time); Elementary Special Education (Half-Time); Élementary Library Assistant (Half-Time); Middle School Special Education (Full-Time); High School Special Education (Full-Time). Starting salaries range from \$24.336- \$26.778 for a full-time. 173-day schedule. Benefits include PERA State Retirement, paid leave, and health/dental/life insurance for full-time staff. For more details and to apply for these positions, see the following website: https://www.applitrack.com/archuleta50/onlineapp/#. E.O.E.

THE UPPER RIO GRANDE School District is accepting applications for a Head Custodian/ Maintenance position. Responsibilities include the supervision of custodial crew, scheduling daily cleaning routines, managing the day to day cleaning and maintenance operations of the school district, covering and/or scheduling coverage of school events, and availability to be on-call some weekends. Please find an application on the district website dncsd.org and send completed applications to Demo Trujillo at dtrujillo@urtigers.co. Please contact (719)657-4040 for questions.

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.

**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.

HIGH COUNTRY TITLE is looking for an office manager. Responsibilities include greeting clients, answering and directing calls, stocking, receiving/sending mail and maintaining proper records storage. The right candidate takes initiative and anticipates office needs, has excellent communication skills, is accessible, friendly and possesses the ability to learn and adapt. Salary varies with experience (30-40k) with benefits and opportunity to move up. High Country Title pays 100% of employee health insurance and has a 401k match up to 4%. Please submit resumes to Leo Hebert, chief operations officer: leo@

#### Seeking Office Help for busy Property Management and Real Estate Office.

No experience necessary, will train. This is a great opportunity to learn the industry.

Call Laura 970-946-9281 TEAM PAGOSA

REALTY GROUP

2839 Cornerstone Drive, Unit 4 North

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.

KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** is hiring 2 teacher aides for the 2022-2023 School Year. Early childhood experience is preferred for both positions. If interested, please call Leah for more information at (816)585-2892.

JOB OPENING FOR RANCH LABORER at Piedra Valley Ranch. Fencing, etc. Starting immediately. Call (970)946-4615 and leave a message if no answer.

FULL-TIME POSITION NEEDED for residential maintenance and groundskeeping. Must have general knowledge of household upkeep and repairs. Please send inquiries to jenny@ kevaharande.com.

BANK OF COLORADO is hiring for a Teller/ New Accounts. Provides quality customer service. Receives and pays money to bank customers and maintains accurate record keeping of deposits and withdrawals, negotiable instruments. and other bank transactions. Opens personal and business accounts. Answers phones and assists customers with all bank services. Must be willing to work rotating Saturdays. Full benefits package including health insurance, PTO, and 401K. Apply online at www.bankofcolorado.com.

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This is a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) position.

Are you the right person? Are you willing to ...

... learn various multimedia platforms? ... multitask and meet deadlines? ... provide customer service?

#### Do you have ...

... organizational skills? ... accurate spelling and grammar skills? ... computer experience? ... 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.



(970) 264-2100 • www.PagosaSUN.com 457 Lewis Street

**EXCITING PART-TIME OPPORTUNITY!** Cook for Loaves & Fishes. Must have high volume food preparation experience and good people/ communication skills. Must be available to work Wednesday mornings and Thursdays 'til 2p.m. Great pay for the right person! Contact: loavesandfishespagosa@centurytel.net.

DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/ hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

ASSISTANT BREWER. Opportunity of a lifetime! Will train. Must be 21+ years old. Applications on Facebook, email: info@pagosabrewing.com, or at Pagosa Brewing. No phone calls. Cheers!

PART-TIME HELP FOR LANDSCAPING WORK. Must be experienced with mowing, weed eating, trimming. Must have transportation. Call Eric, (970)946-2061.

**ESTABLISHED EXCAVATION COMPANY** seeking full-time laborers and equipment operators. Pay is competitive and DOE. Call (970)946-3966 for an interview

VOORMI IS CURRENTLY LOOKING to hire a part-time or full-time production sewer. Potential applicants should have experience sewing and an ability to sit for periods of time for production sewing. Experience with single needle, overlock, cover stitch and flatlock machines a plus. Attention to detail is a must. Please send cover letter and resume to hr@voormi.com.

HELP WANTED: COOKS, SERVERS, DISH-WASHERS. Peak Deli. Pay starts at \$15/hour plus tips. Call or stop by to apply. (201)878-1276.

MOUNTAIN MAMA MASSAGE is looking for a caring massage therapist ready to share your healing gifts! Fun, relaxed work environment where you are honored and appreciated. TOP PAY: \$45-\$50/ hour plus tip. Email racheldevloo@gmail.com.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN CON-**STRUCTION: framing, remodels, etc. Pay based on experience, but will train the right person. (970)844-4140.

3R RANCH IS HIRING full time 40 hours, or part time 32 hours a week. Signing bonus after 30 day probation review. Must have own transportation. (970)264-5160, leave message for interview.

SUBSTITUTE MAIL CARRIER. Local postal contractor seeks substitute mail carrier for mail route. Responsibilities include sorting mail and parcels at post office and delivery in Pagosa l akes area. Must have four wheel drive vehicle Call Steve at (970)946-5470 for information

LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME DISHWASHER. Apply within, City Hall Cafe.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Seeks dishwasher. \$16 to start, 4-5 days/ week. Must be available weekends and holidays. Health Insurance available after 6 months of employment. Submit resumes and inquires to Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.** Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is accepting applications for the CRIA Executive Director position. Approximately 30 hours/ week, \$35,000/ year. Must have fundraising experience and organizational and management skills. Please send your resume and letter of interest to admdir@ chimneyrockco.org. For a full job description, visit chimneyrock.org.

CALLING COOKS! Earn more \$\$\$ here (!) with up to \$24/ hour in shared tips. If you enjoy preparing high-quality food, join us at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. Apply on Facebook, email: info@ pagosabrewing.com, or in-person at Pagosa Brewing. No phone calls. Cheers!

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## THE JICARILLA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- Counselor II -JS 10A
- Child Welfare worker-JS 7A
- ICWA (Indian child welfare Act) Worker-JS 10A
- IT Manger JS 11A

Please contact the Jicarilla Apache Nation Human Resources Department at 575-759-4285 for a detailed listing of requirements and the application process or feel free to contact Mrs. Lonna Valdez or Teresa Cassador @ 575-759-7296. AS mandated by PL 93-638, absolutely preference will be given to qualified Indian applicants, requires knowledge of and sensitivity to cultural and Language differenced.

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.

SUBWAY IS HIRING- Enjoy working in a fun environment with a great team? Earn a strong hourly wage with tips while serving our wonderful community? Apply in person at either location or apply online at subway.com!

HELP WANTED PART-TIME OR full-time, at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

AGAPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is hiring 2-4 teachers or teacher aides, PT or FT Certification not required. Work hours 9a.m.-3p.m. Jessica (719)469-7132

**LOOKING FOR GIFT SHOP MANAGER.** Competitive wages, at upbeat ladies' boutique. Experience preferred but will train right applicant. (970)749-0208.

JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PRE-FERRED but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-

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.

**BWD CONSTRUCTION-** Positions open for skilled construction and remodel laborers. Competitive pay, great benefits (including health insurance, PTO and 401K) and a positive work environment. Come join our growing team! Apply today at: www.bwdconstruction.com/apply.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. \$20 per hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com.

**FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION** at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

LOCAL LANDSCAPING COMPANY is offering top pay to experienced landscape techs. Non-experienced are encouraged to apply. Perks and bonuses. Call Buck Frisbee Landscaping, ask for Buck (970)946-0096.

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la Apache Nation Human Resources

RG BANK is now accepting applications for the position of FULL-TIME TELLER. The job will be in our Pagosa Springs Office. RG BANK is growing and we are evolving to better meet the needs of our customers and the communities we serve. Pay range is \$15 to \$15.50 per hour, depending on skills and experience. PLUS, bonus opportunities, matching 401k contributions and health insurance! Come work with a great

**SAWMILL HELP. GENERAL LABORER** needed for local sawmill. Please call (970)264-5000 for more information.

team at RG BANK! Download an application

at: www.rgbank.bank/contact-us/#employment.

PART-TIME GROUNDS UPKEEP/ MAIN-TENANCE. Healing Waters Resort & Spa. Work includes cleaning and maintaining resort grounds, general maintenance to rooms, cabins, hot pools, and basic resort care. Duties also include snow/ice removal in winter, landscaping in summer, and continual upkeep of courtyard and grounds year-round. Positive, friendly attitude required! Evening and weekend hours may apply. Employment includes FREE hot springs admission for you and your immediate family! Download an application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or pick one up 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

MASSAGE THERAPIST WANTED at Overlook Hot Springs. Minimum pay- \$37.50/ hour, tips-17-18%. Full-time, part-time or on call positions available. Apply in person.

PAGOSA ROOTER IS HIRING a full-time sewer camera technician. Job consists of driving a remote controlled camera transporter through sewer lines to evaluate condition. Apply with Pagosa Rooter Inc., David Lucero, (970)946-3692.

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

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE, 8a.m.-2p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 22-23. 143 Midiron Avenue. Household items, wedding decorations, books and much more!

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES — tinyurl.com/d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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

#### YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE, 511 YARROW CIRCLE from 8a.m.- 2p.m. Saturday, July 23. Patio chairs, guitar and amp, quilts, books, compressor, bike rack, and more.

YARD SALE, 215 WILDERNESS DRIVE. Saturday, July 23, 8a.m.-12p.m. Outdoor gear, power tools, air compressor, hand tools, garden equipment, tool boxes, Graco play and pack and much more!

MOVING SALE, JULY 22ND AND 23RD, 8a.m. sharp to 2p.m. at 230 Woodsman Drive (with North Pagosa Blvd. closed, approach off of Hwy. 160 to Vista to Sandalwood to left on Woodsman): 6' wooden drafting table and chair; Christmas Spode dishes; books, books and books: large wooden rocking horse: BBQ: 3 piece iron patio set; large table and 4 chairs patio set; wheel barrow; 2) plug-in blow up beds; bird houses; miscellaneous glassware; pictures; decor; bookcases; microscope, Pentax camera set; Pentax binoculars; Husqvarna Scandinavia 200 Viking sewing machine; vacuum cleaner; ironing board with hanger; plastic stacking drawers; garden tools and more. July 29th, 8a.m. to 2p.m.: Many Christmas items; card making products; large garden train and small train; linens; tools and handyman items; potting bench: old Singer sewing machine in cabinet: wooden rolling shelves; tall metal filing cabinet; large metal shelving unit for garage; 2) tall plastic shelving units; 2) suitcases; 2) drying racks and more

MOVING, EVERYTHING GOES. Saturday 7/23, 8a.m.-noon, 1-3p.m. NE Mini Storage, 3961A E. US Hwy. 160, Unit 21. Furniture. (970)507-0011.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE, Saturday, 7/23, 9a.m.-1p.m., 138 Nocturn Drive on Pagosa Lake. Furniture, sports, tools, decor, furnishings, tons of stuff.

GARAGE SALE. 440 COYOTE DR. in Holiday Acres. Friday, July 22, 8a.m.-4p.m. Half price Saturday, July 23, from 8a.m.-noon. Camping items, table saw, queen size mattress, chairs, cabinets, household items, hunting blind, rod and reels, horse and barn items, much, much more.

**BLOWOUT ESTATE SALE.** 7/22 and 7/23, 9a.m.-3p.m. Everything must go. Priced to sell. 2097 Park Ave.

MOVING SALE, Friday 7/22 and Saturday 7/23, 8:30a.m. 266 Dutton Drive. Everything must go. Household items, tools, large air compressor, fishing, hunting, ammo, quilting, kayak rack, custom-made Adirondack chairs, camping and RV, electronics and more.

ESTATE SALE, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, July 22 and 23, 8a.m. sharp. Scaffolding, snow-blower, tools, bike, furniture, beds, decorative, craft supplies, mini fridge, kitchen items and much more. Hwy. 160 west, left on Meadows, left on Big Sky Place, left on N. Feather, house #58 Rain or shine. AFHPOS

EXTRA LARGE "MAN STUFF" SALE. Friday and Saturday, 8a.m.sharp. 105 Waterfall Court (Hwy. 160 to Meadows to Paciente to Waterfall Court). Hand tools, upholstery tools, antique tools, beds, dressers and miscellaneous. Half price Saturday. Sale by The Organizers.

#### **LOST & FOUND**

\$1,000 REWARD. 1 year old neutered American Bulldog, tan with blue eyes, orange collar, has microchip. Lost in Elk Park Ranches on the morning of Monday, July 18, at 8a.m. NEEDS MEDICATION. Any information, please call (806)670-1850 or (806)670-4160.

#### **LOST & FOUND**

**LOST KEYS, LINCOLN KEY FOB,** rope man, gray and pink. (970)382-1894.

#### **PERSONALS**

NO MAS! DEJA QUE TE AYUDEMOS. 24-horas violencia domestica o/y asalto sexual Linea directa. Confidencial. (970)264-9075.

#### **PETS**

FOR POOCH SAKES GROOMING. Appointments available with Kelly (303)819-2015. Mobile appointments with Barb (970)903-1290.

**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.

**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.

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.

#### **LIVESTOCK**

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