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Town council unanimously approves zoning sketch application for 80-acre Pagosa Views subdivision

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

With a unanimous vote, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a sketch planned development overlay district zoning application for a development that proposes a major subdivision with a variety of housing and lodging options, informally being called Pagosa Views, at its July 21 meeting.

The approval comes after a contentious debate over the development by the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, which after two discussions over the application ultimately approved it in a narrow 3-2 vote at its June 28 meeting.

The proposed development is located at 500 and 600 West U.S. 160, next to Pagosa Springs Elementary School, and is being proposed by Village Care Partners LLC.

In its latest iteration, the application proposes 675 residential units on a parcel that spans about 80 acres. This includes 252 apartment units, 133 condominium units, 60 single-family homes, 98 cabin homes and 132 Euro-mini cabins. It also in-

cludes 144 lodging units and several amenities, some of which will be open to the public.

These units would be added in phases over a 10-year period, according to one of the developers, Carl Bommarito.

The units are eligible for either rental or ownership, and the developer stated that the rental units will be owned, operated, leased, managed and maintained by the developer. Exactly how many units will be for rent versus to own has yet to be determined, according to Community Development Director James Dickhoff.

None of the units will be allowed to be short-term rentals, according to the application.

Additionally, 10 percent of the proposed residential units will be allocated for workforce housing, through deed restrictions, for income levels between 40 to 120 percent of the area median income, according to Bommarito.

The workforce housing will be available for ownership and renters, Bommarito stated.

The exact offerings for each

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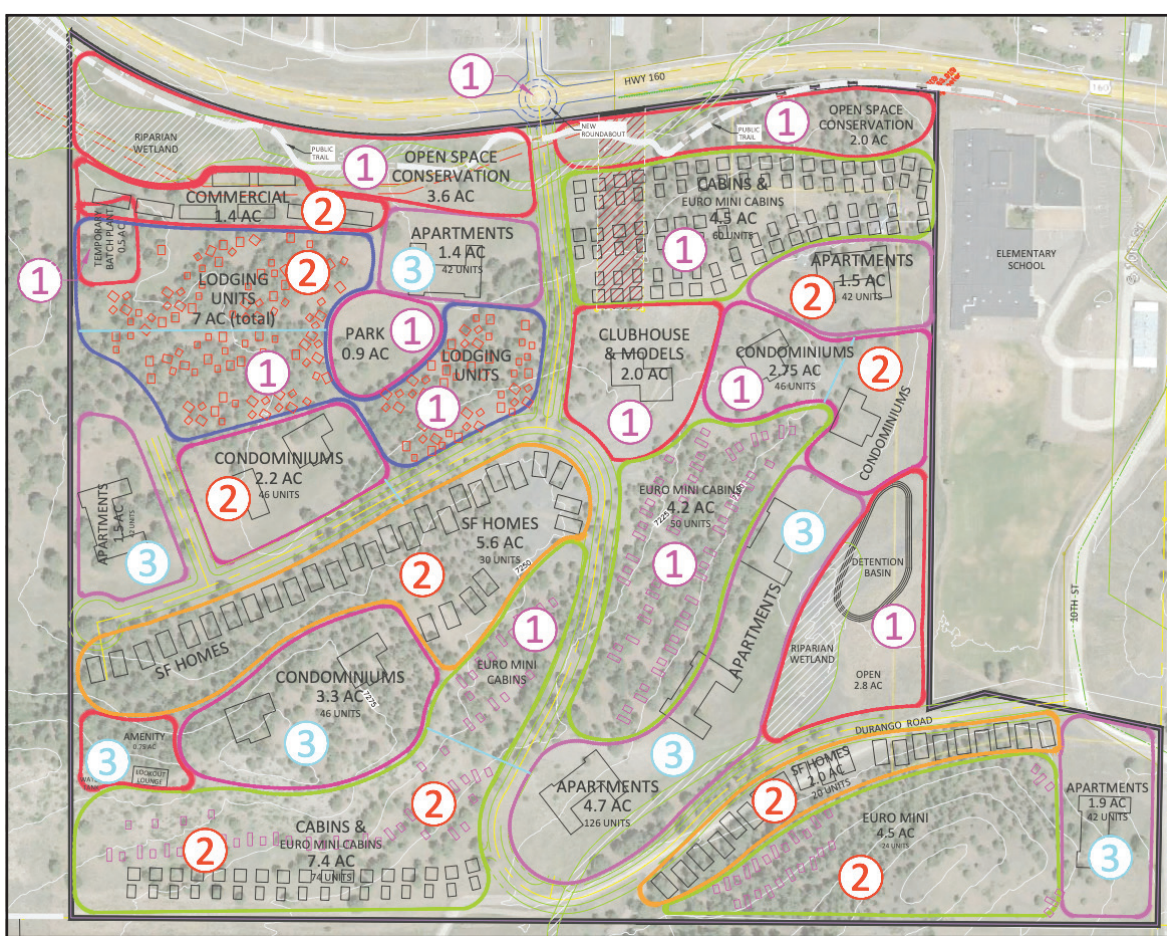


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The proposed phases of the Pagosa Views development. The phases will take place over 10 years, according to one of the developers, Carl Bommarito.

County updating hazard mitigation plan

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Archuleta County is currently in the process of updating the multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and is soliciting public feedback through an online survey.

The survey can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/3zrzbgf> and closes tomorrow, July 29.

Undersheriff Mike Le Roux explained that the hazard mitigation plan is required by the state and federal government for the county to leverage emergency funding and is updated every five years, with the last version being completed in 2018.

He added that the primary entities involved in the plan are Archuleta County, the Town of Pagosa Springs, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and the Pagosa Fire Protection District, although the plan also considers Chromo and Arboles as satellite communities and identifies hazards in the portions of Hinsdale

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Folklorico dancers perform at the FSFE — Food Coalition's July 23 community meal in the athletic field across from Town Park.

San Juan Water Conservancy District sees draft of San Juan water supply and demand analysis

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors saw the first draft of an Upper San Juan River Basin water supply and demand analysis at its July 25 meeting.

The analysis, conducted by Lakewood-based consultant Wilson Water Group (WWG), studied the supply and demand through 2050 in the Upper San Juan River Basin and was commissioned by the SJWCD.

Presenting the results, Erin Wilson, principal at WWG, noted that the results are still a draft and that its findings could be revised or expanded depending on feedback from the board.

"We can't predict the future," Wilson said at the beginning of her presentation. "What we're trying to

do is look at a range: all municipalities, all agriculture folks, all environmental. You just try to predict what they're going to need in the future, and no one gets it right, but that doesn't keep us from trying."

The goals of the analysis were to document "current and potential future demands for water from municipal, agricultural, and environmental and recreational users" in the region, as well as "identify options for meeting any potential shortages in water supply in the future," Wilson stated.

The "unprecedented growth" of the Town of Pagosa Springs and ongoing drought conditions of the San Juan region emphasize the importance of this study, Wilson explained.

The study's first task was to identify municipal and indus-

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Town council approves first reading of ordinance to purchase land for workforce housing project

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Town of
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The location of the land proposed in Ordinance 986, "Approval to Purchase Parcel Described as Enclave PUD Aspen Village 1 X US Hwy 160," which the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the first reading of at its July 21 meeting. It will potentially add land to the town's workforce housing project, should the second reading be approved.



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At its July 21 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council passed the first reading of Ordinance 986, "Approval to Purchase Parcel Described as Enclave PUD Aspen Village 1 X US Hwy 160," which will provide the town with new land for its workforce housing project.

The 3.16-acre parcel of land is in the Aspen Village subdivision, across the street from Walmart. It is being sold by Rockchalk Properties LLC, according to the agenda brief for the ordinance.

Town council members were in discussion about acquiring new land for its workforce housing project following the informal decision to not develop on part of South Pagosa Park for this phase of its workforce

housing efforts.

Originally, the South Pagosa Park location was meant to be one of three locations for the town's endeavor into workforce housing, but the location was met with opposition from community members for its invasion of public open space.

Ultimately, that decision delayed the town on its project, which was originally supposed to break ground this summer. Now, Town Manager Andrea Phillips has repeatedly explained that the project likely won't start construction until next year.

According to the contract presented to council, the parcel is selling for \$550,000, which is above the \$500,000 limit members set in their initial criteria. However, members did express that they'd be willing to

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OUR VIEW

Important water meetings coming up

Some local well owners have found their wells unusable this summer due to drought conditions.

Ditches dried up early, too. River flows are down. Seasonal ponds had a very short life.

Fishing in the San Juan River through town is currently discouraged in the afternoon due to increased water temperatures and low water flows.

While the recent rains have been a blessing, it has not been enough to reverse the damage.

With numerous housing projects proposed in the area, the demand for water will only be increasing.

Will there be enough water to meet that need?

An analysis of current and future water supply and demand in the Upper San Juan River Basin through the year 2050 will be presented Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

The San Juan Water Supply and Demand Analysis will be presented by Wilson Water Group. The study documents current and future demands for water from municipal, agricultural, and environmental and recreational users, and proposes solutions for meeting any potential shortages in water supply in the future.

The program will be hosted by the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), which is responsible for commissioning the study.

The evening will also include a roundtable discussion on water issues facing our region.

The event description notes: "With changing climate conditions, drought, and an uptick in regional growth, the SJWCD is embarking on an outreach initiative to work collaboratively with our stakeholders to bring awareness to these issues. We can't do this alone, join us and share your ideas, thoughts, and comments at our outreach event."

The study considers the need for the highly debated Dry Gulch Reservoir.

"WWG did a water availability analysis to determine the potential range of reservoir sizes that would be needed to meet the range of projected shortages shown ... The goals of the reservoir analysis were to meet municipal demands all years and to meet other shortages except in dry years," reads the report.

A draft version of the water study will be posted at pagosasun.com under the opinion section. Take a look at the study and bring your concerns to this very important meeting. It is asked that you RSVP for planning purposes: mavis@prstudioco.com.

Snowball Water Treatment Plant

Another opportunity to give input on future water projects is planned for next month when the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD)

holds a public hearing concerning proposed upgrades to the Snowball Water Treatment Plant on Aug. 18.

This meeting was originally set for June 9; however, the cost of the project jumped from an estimated \$25 million to a whopping approximately \$40 million, causing the meeting to be rescheduled.

Due to an increase in the cost of the project, PAWSD had to reapply for a larger loan. The public hearing is a requirement of the Colorado State Revolving Fund loan that PAWSD is pursuing for the project.

It is currently unknown how that \$40 million proposal will trickle down to our water bills. There is no doubt we will be paying more to fund this plant.

Proposed treatment plant alternative designs, preferred design, proposed rate increases due to the project and environmental impacts of the project will be presented at the meeting.

The meeting will include opportunities for public comment and the engineers for the project will be present to explain the designs.

The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. at the PAWSD administrative office at 100 Lyn Ave.

These public meetings will provide an opportunity to explore options.

Water projects come with a cost, but the price to pay for no water would be even greater.

Terri Lynn Oldham House



LOOKING BACK

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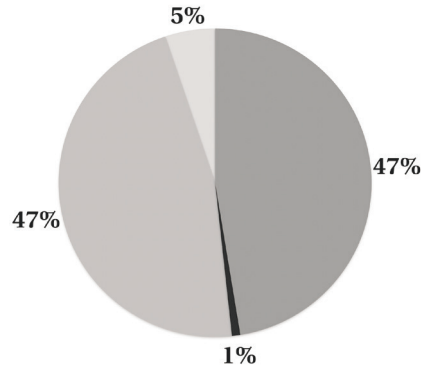
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The meandering San Juan River, framed by a pair of pine trees atop Reservoir Hill, appears from that height to be running much higher than it actually is. Many experts fear the river will go dry this summer.

WHADDYA THINK?

Where do you find inflation the most noticeable?

Poll results (116 votes)
At the grocery store — 47 percent
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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 28, 1922

J. Jacobson Sr. has charge of the construction of a cement and brick ground cellar for the Hersch Merc. Co. across the alley from the company store. Same will be used for housing potatoes and will be composed of 32-inch double wall, the dimensions of the cellar proper being 30x42 feet and 8 feet high.

The county five-ton caterpillar tractor and truck are now engaged in repairing the Blanco basin road.

Asen was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Martinez. This completes Joe's baseball nine — six boys and three girls.

Plans of Federal Aid Project No. 215, for the construction of a new steel truss bridge across the San Juan river at the east end of Pagosa street, are still being prepared, according to the Colorado Highways publication.

State highway engineers are now engaged in preparing plans and specifications preparatory to advertising for bids to straighten the road in the vicinity of the Mark Todd ranch across what is known as Dry gulch. An extensive fill is being contemplated.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 1, 1947

The first step toward a statewide revaluation of real estate for taxing purposes is to be taken in this area this week when assessors from five counties meet in Durango with members of the state tax commission. County commissioners and Earl Lattin, Archuleta County assessor, will represent this county at the meeting. He explained that every piece of property in the county will be photographed and a file on the listed properties made as a basis for starting the revaluation. State officials indicate that the valuation will clearly be upward in most communities. The counties of Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, Dolores and Montezuma will be represented at the meeting.

Mrs. Ben Lynch and children Larry, Jack and Maureen, spent Sunday at the Rio Blanco Ranch.

Guests at the Red Ryder Ranch this week are Miss Blanche Dobson, Miss Bernice Conklin and Miss Joan Cuomo all of New York, and Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Andrews of Long Beach, Calif.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 27, 1972

A museum building has been obtained for the county by the San Juan Historical Society. Relics, artifacts, historical documents and photos, as well as items of historical interest may now be displayed in complete safety. Such material is not only historically valuable but extremely interesting to almost everyone. Donations of money and labor are needed to complete moving the building, preparing it, and for installation of floor and utilities. Donations may be made either to Mrs. Virginia Decker or Mrs. Lucille Plumb.

Weather records indicate that a severe water shortage is being experienced here. Not only do the records verify this but the appearance of the country and very low stream flows are also indicative of the drought conditions prevailing. July is the only month this year when precipitation has been near normal. Total precipitation to date in 1972 is just about half of the average.

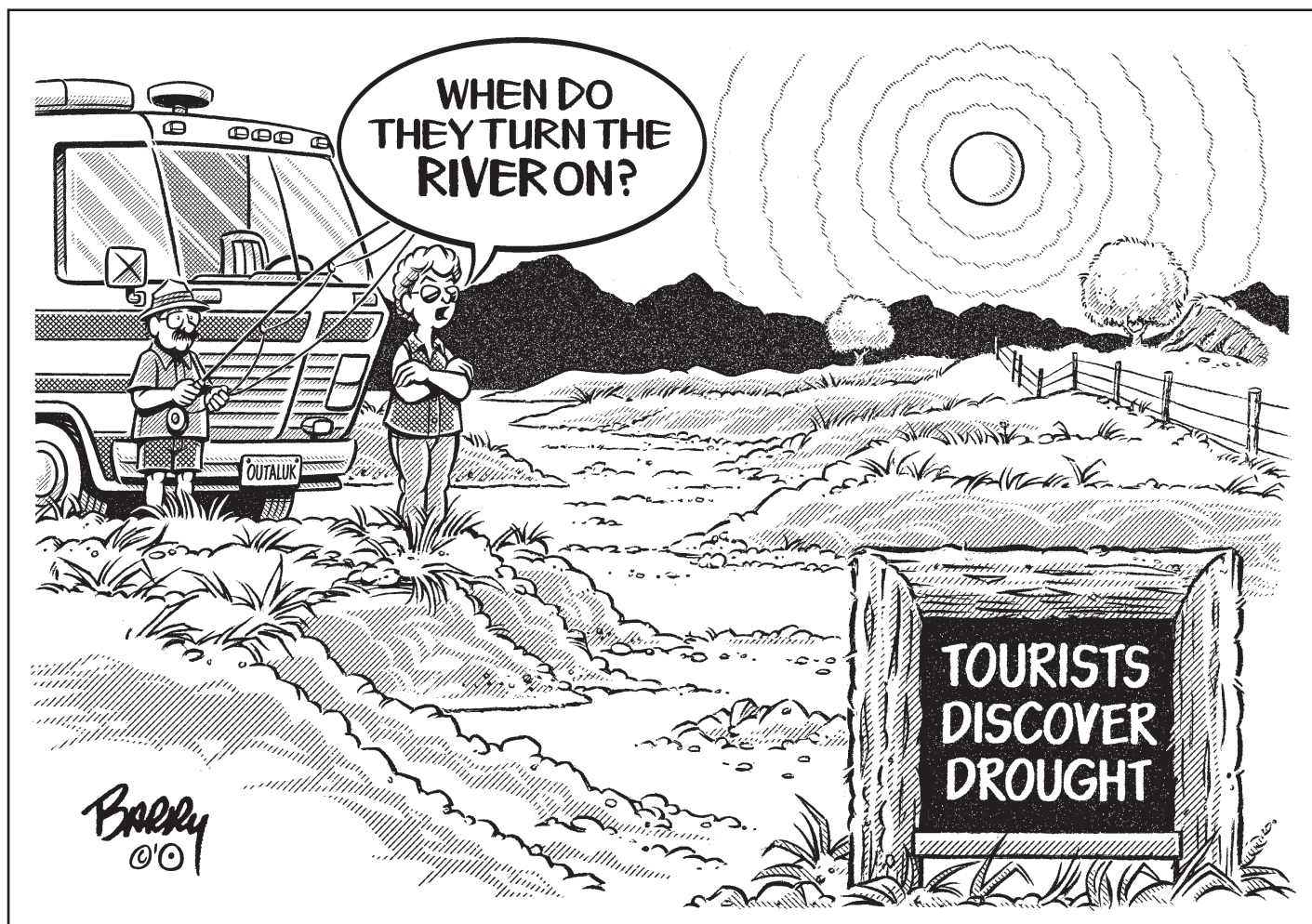
25 years ago

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July 31, 1997

The 46th edition of the Archuleta County Fair will provide visitors and participants with an expanded schedule of events, July 31 through Aug. 3, at the fairgrounds located on U.S. 84 just south of the junction with U.S. 160. The theme of the fair this year is "Saluting Our Heritage."

Pagosa Springs will be featured on the "Colorado Getaway" segment of Denver's KCNC Channel 4 news this weekend. The spot, hosted by Jerry Curran, will focus on Dick and Vimmie Ray's Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park and on the Williams Creek Reservoir.

A monsoon situation drew heavy clouds and significant moisture into Archuleta County during the past week as the area received much-needed rain and experienced cooler temperatures than are usually recorded in late July. The heaviest rainfall for the week occurred on July 23 when .36 inches of moisture fell during a 24-hour period. The high temperature on July 23 was 76 degrees.



Letters

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STRs and taxation

Thoughts on STRs & taxation... Some people have suggested that STRs should be taxed at the "commercial" property tax rate of 29%, instead of the "residential" property tax rate of 7%. Never mind that STRs are not a "commercial business" but are classified by the State of Colorado as a "public accommodation", and as such are already taxed an additional 9% or so in "lodging taxes".

But there are other hidden "taxes & fees" that have been imposed in recent years that easily drive our "tax" contribution up to and beyond the 29% rate that has been thrown around. That 29% rate would equate to about \$6k/year on our STR whose taxable value is around \$295K.

We already pay about \$1500/year in property taxes, plus \$700/year for County STR Permit fees and an additional PLPOA STR fee of \$875, totaling about \$3000. On

top of those property taxes and permit fees, we pay an additional \$2k-\$4k in lodging tax payments annually depending on bookings and then sales tax on all the purchases that we and our guests make in the county. So, you can see that we have blown well past that 29% estimate of \$6k every year.

On the other side of the equation, STRs create a significant number of jobs in Archuleta County. We pay between \$5k-7500 every year in housekeeping and local property management wages on our single STR. Every 10 STRs generate a job earning \$50k-75k/yr. The 1100 STRs in the county generate well over 100 decent middle class income jobs in the county. Do you really want to eliminate that many jobs?

Don't continue to overtax the STR owners, as many are barely breaking even... but evaluate increasing the lodging taxes that are truly passed on to the visitors and guests or better yet move forward to implement countywide sales tax increase of 1 cent so everyone has "skin in the game" to help mitigate the affordable housing challenge, which is truly a global issue and not the responsibility of STRs.

According to County Manager Derek Woodman, Pagosa Springs Tourism Director Jennifer Green quotes in the Sun:

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

- 6.9% sales tax is on the low end of sales tax rates in the region.

- 1 cent increase in sales tax would result in approximately \$4.3 M of additional revenue for the town and county.

- 60-70% of food service transactions done with credit cards are by persons outside of the 81147 zip code... so 2/3 of the cost would be borne by visitors and guests to the community (many of which will stay in STRs).

- 32% of total sales tax revenue is likely from non-residents.

The county/city could fund over \$40M in revenue bonds to build a lot of "affordable housing" to be financed through that 1 cent sales tax increase without damaging the tourism based economy.

Lisa Cox
Missouri City, Texas

'Assault' on STRs

I wish someone could explain to me why there is an assault on short term rentals in Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. What precipitated the moves to limit STRs and increase fees on them? As has been written many times in this paper, Pagosa Springs derives a great deal of tax revenue from the spending habits of visitors and tourists, many of whom stay for several days, weeks, or even a month at a time. This week's Sun reported that Pagosa Springs has 128 fewer hotel units because of conversions to housing, a situation which can only increase the demand for lodging

for visitors. If the city is going to remain a destination for tourists and their dollars, reducing the number of places where they can stay seems counterproductive and short-sighted. If people can't find accommodations in or near town, other communities will likely benefit from their vacation spending.

Paul Groh
Santa Fe, N.M.

Pagosa and its future

I sent a letter to the town planning commission on how I feel about the future of our small towns growth. I will share the points with everyone hoping that fellow citizens share their opinions in the media and with our town officials. Now is the time to let them know how you feel. Here are my concerns:

1. The water supply in our area and our region is becoming more stressed from a long term drought, higher temperatures, increased winds and greater rates of transpiration. Jim Smith with PAWS and I agree that we have no assurances of the future supply. Building more water storage is very expensive and the amount of rainfall/snow cover is unknown. Snowball plant estimates for upgrades are up to 15 Million from the last contractor estimate and there is still expenses for a dam and the Dry Creek Reservoir to increase storage.

2. Keep in mind our forests are already water stressed. Look at the Ponderosa trees especially in the areas around town and notice the premature browning of the needles. The moisture content is low. This creates great potential for more big burns as seen throughout the west.

3. I have no interest as a citizen in paying big increases in our water bills for the benefits of all the new development. Let the new developments pay for these improvements and require workforce housing in as many as possible.

4. Visit some of our local mountain towns like Breckenridge, Dillon and Steamboat to project what Pagosa will be like if we don't take it slower and more careful with phasing in these new developments so they fit into Pagosa long

range plans for growth. Thanks for the chance to express my concerns. Time is of the essence for input.

Bob LeCour

'Marxists'

I sure would like to meet these so-called "American Marxists" with whom Richard Bolland has had "extensive conversations". I suspect they are Democrats but Mr. Bolland cannot muster enough respect to call them by their preferred title. He makes it sound like there are Marxists under every bed but I'm wondering: how many (self-identifying) Marxists do YOU know? I'm actually wondering how many Democrats Mr. Bolland knows.

He goes on with his usual litany of things that are so evil about the Democratic platform, i.e., a woman's right to have control over her own body or respect for individuals regardless of the color of their skin or their sexual preference. He thinks that there is a dearth of spirituality amongst those he refers to as Marxists and he bewails what he thinks of as anti-Christian sentiment. He goes straight from spirituality to the importance of Christianity, apparently unaware that spirituality is possible without the imposition of a religion. Indeed, our Founders made sure that the imposition of any religion on citizens was forbidden in our Constitution.

Mr. Bolland believes that people cannot be good without a god. Does that imply that simply believing in God makes one good? It really doesn't appear that this is true. If there is a rise in anti-Christian sentiment, perhaps it is due to the well-documented support of Evangelicals in supporting the goals of the extreme right wing of the Republican Party. They were instrumental in electing a president who is a traitor to our country, encouraging violence and orchestrating a failed coup d'etat, and who continues to be a disruptive and extremely negative influence. Does Mr. Bolland believe that God is guiding Donald Trump and his quisling enablers?

Mr. Bolland apparently believes that the Democratic party is de-

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Obituary

Frederick W. Sorenson Jr.

Frederick W. Sorenson Jr., age 85, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away suddenly on July 20.

Junior, also affectionately known as "Pa," was born on Sept. 2, 1936, to Frederick W. Sorenson (Billy) and Gertrude Kingsley in Pagosa Springs, Colo. The Sorenson family came to Pagosa Springs in 1902 from Kankakee, Ill., settling near Chimney Rock. Junior was an avid outdoorsman and participated in all high school sports. After graduating from Pagosa Springs High School in 1954, he studied business administration at Adams State College, earning a BA degree and a Colorado teaching certificate



in 1958.

Junior then joined the United States Army and was stationed in Fort Riley, Manhattan, Kan., as a communications specialist with top-secret clearance. This is where his first child, Randy, was born in 1960.

After his honorable discharge from the Army, he landed a job as a manager/chef at Jan's Cafe. He then became a bank officer for Citizens Bank, kicking off a long career in the banking field. His second child, Jo Jo, was born in 1964. Junior transitioned from banking to the construction and hardware business. He was an icon at such establishments as Ray's, Red Barn, Circle T and Terry's Ace Lumber and Hardware.

In 1984, Junior married the love of his life, Janet Armstrong, at the Thunderbird Lodge. Jon, Jace and JaNae joined Randy and Jo Jo, and a blended family of seven was created.

Junior loved serving his com-

munity and was very active in the local Lion's Club, Odd Fellows Lodge and a deacon of CrossRoads Church. Junior was the treasurer for the Red Ryder Committee for 12 years. During his tenure, the committee was not only in charge of the rodeo, but also the parade and the dance. It was a common sight to see him at all activities from sun up to sun down. Under Junior's leadership and a sharp pencil, the Red Ryder Roundup prospered. He was given the Red Ryder Award in 2004. He was a devoted sports fan, especially involving his children and grandchildren, who were the apple of his eye.

Junior was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, George Yamaguchi. He is survived by his wife, Janet; son Randy; daughter Jo Jo (Charles); stepsons Jon and Jace Johnson; stepdaughter JaNae (Christians); and his 10 grandchildren, Brandon, Ryann, Tiana, Tyler, Abbey, Mitch, Kylie, Kaylor, Kelton, Faith and three great-

grandchildren.

Services will be held at Centerpoint Church in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on July 30 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Pagosa Springs Athletic Booster Club, P.O. Box 5103, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Services

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Please join us in celebrating the life of Gentry M. Roth on Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. at the home of Greg and Sharon Roth, 38280 U.S. 160, Bayfield, Colo.



County passes new personal utility regulations

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its July 19 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved new land use regulations on utilities while striking proposed regulations on swimming pools and hot tubs.

The utility rules indicate that all personal utility structures, including solar panels, propane tanks, on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) and cisterns must not encroach on utility, ditch, right of way or access easements.

The regulations also note that permanent aboveground portions of personal utility structures must meet property setback standards, while underground portions of such structures may cross into them and temporary utility struc-

tures are exempt from setbacks.

The rules state that OWTS must meet setbacks from river and wetlands, while propane tanks must be placed according to National Fire Protection Association and Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Oil and Public Safety rules.

The swimming pool rules would have required that private swimming pools, including hot tubs, be secured by a 6-foot-high fence, an 18-inch-high fence on an above-ground pool with a removable ladder or a safety cover compliant with ASTM International Standard F1346-91.

At the meeting, Development Director Pamela Flowers explained that the previous regulations on pools had only provided the option of placing a 6-foot fence around the pool and had been unclear in

defining pools.

She added that the new rules on utilities were proposed due to difficulties with residents placing solar panels and other private utilities inside public utility easements.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez inquired whether state statute made private pools exempt from regulations, to which Flowers responded that they were exempt from certain rules concerning water quality and pumping, but not from rules the county might enact concerning security measures like fencing intended to prevent accidental drowning.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he was not aware of any incidents involving drowning in pools in the area and raised concerns about whether the county was enacting unnecessary regulations.

Flowers commented that the county could also delete the regulations on the pools.

Commissioner Alvin Schaff inquired how many pools there are in the county.

Flowers responded that there is one and that the owner had complained when Flowers had informed them that they needed to have a 6-foot fence around the pool, thus initiating the interest in changing the regulations.

Brown and Maez both commented that they felt the pool regulations are unnecessary and were not in favor of passing it.

The board then unanimously passed Resolution 2022-70 adopting the utility regulations while eliminating the Land Use Regulations section concerning swimming pools from the code.

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Letters

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stroying our country because they want to be more inclusive and respectful of people who are not straight, white and male — altering the traditional patriarchal order can be painful for those who have benefited from it for so long. He goes on to say that being inclusive is what Christian teaching demands. And I agree that Christ's teachings included compassion and acceptance of others. In fact, Christ said we should feed and clothe those in need, visit the prisoner and welcome the stranger. What part of this is reflected in the current GOP platform? Here, I am assuming that Mr. Bolland is a Republican and supports their policies. If I am wrong about that, I ask for his forgiveness. I can understand why he would not want to be associated with that bunch. And again, I am talking about the GOP leadership, who have gone right off the deep end in their desire to remain in power at any cost and impose their illiberal beliefs on the entire country. I fervently hope that citizens who identify as conservative will help depose these radical, authoritarian, right wing leaders and elect leaders who will represent all Americans, even those without a god.

Lee Stopher

'Not a new problem here'

Dear Editor:

As long time owners of a home in the place we call "Paradise", we have closely followed the discussions, articles, meetings and letters

discussing the matter of "short term rentals" in Pagosa. As this was how we were introduced to Pagosa over 25 years ago, the current state of the back and forth on this issue has brought us to reflect on the issue. As the Town and County continue to refer to the problem being a "workforce housing" issue, which is indeed part of the problem, this is nothing new to our community, nor most communities. In fact, we would refer everyone to one of our favorite parts of the Sun ("years ago column") of June 9. That issue reflects an article from 50 years ago (June 8, 1972): "The housing shortage in town and surrounding area seems to be at an all-time high. There are large numbers of construction workers...looking for places to live and very few houses, if any, are available for rental. There are plans to provide low cost rental homes...but no rental homes are in sight at present..." I had a discussion with a close friend yesterday who revealed that they have adjusted their annual Summer rental this year from Crested Butte to Breckenridge, as a result of the former imposing an additional 20% fee on the STR they have enjoyed for the past 12 Summers.

Obviously clean, safe and affordable housing is needed in our community. The question of who should bear the cost of the housing is the tricky part. As pointed out in the Sun, this is not a new problem here in "Paradise" and one that needs much thought, consideration, fairness and discussion in finding the right solution(s). As

one of our community's wise voices (Patty Tillerson) has expressed in some many of her wonderful letters of the past, we move forward as family, friends and neighbors. It is acting together that we will find a way to keep Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County the "Paradise" we have all come to love.

Bill and Devon Wiggins
OKC, Okla.

'Elect democracy defenders'

Dear Editor:

During the January 6th hearings, we've heard from former members of the Trump administration and Republican state officials about how Trump and his allies worked together to try and overthrow our democracy because the 2020 presidential election didn't go their way. Now, they're working to make sure all of our elections go their way in the future, whether we vote for them or not.

Already, Trumpers in office have changed state laws to weaken our freedom to vote and threatened Republican election administrators who won't go along with them. Now, they're running candidates for key election administration offices, from secretary of state to county clerk. Should they win their elections this fall, these officials won't hesitate to overturn future elections if they or their MAGA allies lose.

This completely undermines the tenets of our democracy. The only way we're going to protect our elections is to fight back and make our

voices heard.

We have to cast our ballots in the upcoming midterm elections. It's up to us to hold election deniers accountable at the polls and elect democracy defenders up and down the ballot on November 8th.

Donald Wiseman

Gas prices and more

Dear Editor:

Having an appointment in Durango I noticed that the price of gasoline was 20-40cents less than here in Pagosa. How can we get those prices?

Also, there was an article in one of their newspapers about how plastic is now found on the snow of the San Juans. Not only are we breathing plastic particles because plastic does not biodegrade, it only breaks down into smaller particles, so it is also causing the snowpack to melt sooner than normal.

Wal-Mart in New Jersey so long provides plastic bags. Maybe we could take the responsibility of not using any plastic bags and not buying food/drink in plastic. Cloth bags would greatly help us.

When I was young and traveled to England I wanted to try the fish and chips that was being sold by street vendors. I was shocked that they made a cone out of newspaper to serve the oily food in. I am not suggesting this, but the paper that the Vitamin Cottage offers, as well as their cardboard boxes...go a long way to help our ecology.

Let's be creative.

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Sales tax revenue rises again in May

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Increases in sales tax revenue for Archuleta County in May rose slightly compared to April, according to a report released by Archuleta County Finance Director Louise Woods.

The rise in revenue growth changes the trend from earlier in the year, when revenues that were 9.4 percent higher than a year before in February dropped to 1.8 percent higher in April.

Woods notes in her report that the town and the county jointly received \$1,428,490.56 in sales tax revenue for the month of May, with \$712,585.01 going to the town and \$715,905.55 going to the county.

May sales tax revenues are 3.3 percent, or \$45,946, higher than May 2021, according to the report.

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

- Manufacturing at 4 percent, or \$2,074.
 - Retail Trade at 0.002 percent, or \$1,752.
 - Information at 19 percent, or \$4,250.
 - Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 21 percent, or \$6,070.
 - Accommodation and Food Services at 3 percent, or \$7,870.
 - Miscellaneous at 26 percent, or \$45,667.
- Categories that were down for May in the month-to-month comparison include:
- Construction at 17 percent, or \$6,705.
 - Finance and Insurance at 18 percent, or \$239.
 - Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 58 percent, or \$8,191.
 - Other Services (except public administration) at 23 percent, or \$6,604.
- Woods notes that on the year-to-date comparison, sales tax revenues for January through May of this year are 4.1 percent, or \$263,327.68, higher than January through April 2022.

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

- Retail Trade at 2.4 percent, or \$86,481.
 - Accommodation and Food Services at 2.0 percent, or \$22,621.
 - Miscellaneous at 15.9 percent, or \$138,870.
 - Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 9.1 percent, or \$12,091.
 - Construction at 28.1 percent, or \$35,032.
 - Information at 19 percent, or \$20,708.
- The categories down in the year-to-date comparison include:
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 55 percent, or \$43,147.
 - Finance and Insurance at 22.2 percent, or \$1,213.
 - Manufacturing at 3 percent, or \$7,810.
 - Other Services (except public administration) at 0.3 percent, or \$304.
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Volunteer opportunities open for Archuleta County Fair

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

The Archuleta County Fair is celebrating its 71st birthday. What a milestone for our community. This is one of the traditional events that tries to engage the whole community, especially through our youth.

The fair begins this year on Thursday, Aug. 4, and ends Sunday, Aug. 7. Throughout the weekend, there are contests, rodeos, a petting zoo, livestock shows, games and surprises for the kids, informational booths, exhibitions and, of course, the 4-H Chuckwagon dinner, Jr. Livestock Auction and fair dance on Saturday evening.

A major component of the fair is Archuleta County's heritage of livestock and agricultural. The 4-H organization focuses on a variety of engagement opportunities for our youth that includes not just livestock but sewing,

mechanics, entomology, animal showmanship and so much more. Our youth work hard to complete their record books and work on their projects.

However, our adult population can also compete for showmanship awards in many categories including food and floral growth, photography, craft beers, quilting, art, baking and other entries.

There is still time to get your project entered. Visit the fair website listed below and register using the fair's online system. You have until Aug. 2. Viewing these entries in the Exhibit Hall gives others of us incentive to branch out and try our hand at some of these traditional hobbies.

The rodeo component of the fair is expanded this year to include junior and senior barrel racing on Thursday evening; bares, broncs and bulls on Friday evening; an open rodeo on Saturday at noon; and then the kid's rodeo on Sun-

day morning. Whether a spectator or participant, there are plenty of rodeos for every taste.

For those who like to get out and scoot their boots, multiple concerts are also offered throughout the weekend. Los Mitotitos will play Thursday evening, Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release plays Friday evening, Tim Sullivan hits the stage on Friday night after the rodeo, the San Juan Mountain Boys will entertain during the Chuckwagon dinner, and the Tylor Brandon Band will be the major performer at the dance Saturday night. If karaoke is your thing, then your turn to perform will be Sunday at noon.

The fair is Archuleta County's time to shine on our traditions and heritage while promoting youth education and engagement. It is often a time when friends can gather and catch up on their lives, especially with so much distancing these past few years. It is a time to meet new families that have moved

to Pagosa and are getting involved, and legacy families that have contributed so much to the fabric of our community.


We thank our business community for their many sponsorship contributions, for this event does not happen without community support.

Finally, if you would like to volunteer at the fair, now is your time to contribute, even a few hours. Parking, ticket taking, driving vehicles, monitoring events or contests are just some of the ways you can get involved. Think about taking time to volunteer and then take some time to enjoy yourself at the 71st annual Archuleta County Fair.

A full schedule of events can be found at www.archuletacountyfair.com. Remember, the fair is free to attend this year, so don't miss out on your chance to get engaged in traditions of Archuleta County. And, it is fair time, so bring an umbrella or rain gear.

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County unemployment rises slightly in June

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

According to a July 22 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate for the month of June rose to 3.1 percent from 2.9 percent for the month of May.

This slight rise in unemployment is a reversal of the trend through 2021 and early 2022 where unemployment consistently fell, most recently dropping from 3.1 percent in April to 2.9 percent in May.

From May to June, Archuleta County's labor force grew from 7,380 to 7,584.

For the month of June, there were 7,347 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is up from May's report of 7,164 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for June was Huerfano County at 5.7 percent, followed by Pueblo County at 5

percent. Next is Las Animas County at 4.8 percent, Fremont County at 4.6 percent, then Otero County and Rio Grande County, both at 4.1 percent.

The state's unemployment rate dropped from 3.5 percent in May to 3.4 percent for June.

The state's labor force grew from 3,240,600 in May to 3,248,800 in June.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell one-tenth of a percentage point in June to 3.4 percent. This marks the lowest rate since February 2020, when it was 2.8 percent. The national unemployment rate was 3.6 percent in June, unchanged from the prior three months."

Employers in Colorado added 4,500 nonfarm payroll jobs from May to June, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,857,400.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

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

The press release notes that, over the past 26 months, Colorado has recovered 412,300 jobs compared to the 374,500 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April of 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 110.1 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 97.6 percent.

The press release also states that, "Since May 2020, Colorado's private sector has grown by 413,400 jobs, compared to declines of 358,800 in early 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 115.2 percent and outpaces the U.S. rate of 100.7 percent. With June gains, the U.S. has fully recovered the private sector jobs lost in March and April 2020."

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

- Leisure and hospitality at about 2,300.
- Information at about 1,000.
- Educational and health services at about 1,000.

Private-industry sectors with significant job losses in June included:

- Financial activities at about 1,900.
- Professional and business

services at about 1,800.

"Since June 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 111,700, with the private sector growing by 108,500 and government adding 3,200 jobs," the press release notes.

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

- Leisure and hospitality at about 32,400.
- Professional and business services at about 28,400.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 16,200.

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

The press release explains that Colorado's rate of job growth over the past year is 4.1 percent, which slightly lags behind the U.S. rate of 4.3 percent.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.8 to 33.2 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$31.60 to \$34.21, two dollars and thirteen cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$32.08."

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Firefighter's pension fund board approves new trust agreement

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At a July 19 special meeting, the Pagosa Fire Protection District's Volunteer Firefighter's Pension Fund Board of Trustees approved a trust agreement with Comerica Bank and Trust for management of the pension fund.

This agreement follows a May 10 board of trustees meeting where Executive Administrative Assistant Shirley Brinkmann highlighted technical and communications difficulties with Principal, the company previously managing the fund.

According to Brinkmann, these difficulties included challenges with adjusting pension amounts, late distribution of pensions and a lack of communication and responsiveness from Principal's staff.

At the May meeting, the board heard a presentation from Mark Aizenberg, the board's financial advisor at Wells Fargo, and Ralph Johnston at Comerica, which outlined how the fund would be managed at Comerica and the potential

financial benefits that Comerica's investment approach would have over Principal's.

At that meeting, the board motioned to move forward with Comerica.

At the July meeting, the board passed Resolution No. 220719 approving the trust agreement with Comerica.

Prior to the vote, Brinkmann highlighted that she intended to soon have monies received from property taxes transferred into the fund so that state matching funds, which Brinkmann estimated to be approximately \$36,000, could be secured.

Brinkmann also explained that the need to transfer these funds was one of the primary reasons for holding the special meeting to approve the trust agreement with Comerica, as she wished to have this completed before transferring additional funds.

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County hears property valuation report, approves treasurer's deeds

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its July 19 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a report on property valuations for 2022 from Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott and approved applications for 11 treasurer's deeds.

Elliott reported that the valuation for all real property in the county assessed in 2022 is \$378,843,700, while the value for all personal property is \$19,931,090.

She added that the total value is \$398,765,790.

In a later email to The SUN, Elliott explained that, since 2022 was

not a reappraisal year, the appraisal time frame used to set values was between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2020.

She added that the appraisal date was June 30.

At the meeting, Elliott also explained that her office received 24 real property protests, 18 of which were approved, and one personal property protest, which was approved.

She also commented that, due to decreases in the assessment rates for several types of properties, including residential and agricultural properties, the assessed values had decreased, although she added that increases in the value

of oil and gas industry properties helped recuperate the losses in assessed value.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez concluded the discussion by commending Elliott's work given the difficulty of her job.

Later in the meeting, the BoCC approved applications for 11 treasurer's deeds on properties with county-held liens.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that this is phase four of the plan he had presented to the county at the BoCC's April 5 work session to process properties with county-held liens.

He added that the properties in this phase are primarily in the Trails

area and that, after the treasurer's deeds were acquired, he would take the properties through the quiet title process before they are auctioned off.

He also indicated, in response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, that the properties were phased in roughly in terms of attractiveness and readiness for sale and that there would likely be two more phases after the present one.

Maez inquired whether the properties would be deed restricted, to which Weaver replied that this would be decided when the properties are ready to be auctioned.

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Broadband, veterans services updates presented to BoCC

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard updates from the Broadband Services Management Office (BSMO) and the Veterans Services Office at its July 19 meeting.

The BSMO update was delivered by BSMO Director Eric Hittle and Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke.

Hittle began the update by highlighting that the BSMO had recently completed implementation, in partnership with Visionary Wireless, of a grant from the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies for the construction of seven new wireless towers in the region, with the final tower in Hinsdale County in the Upper Piedra being finished in the spring of 2022.

Hittle explained that the county and the BSMO had recently secured a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant for a value of \$2 million that will work to address gaps in the local broadband network and create a redundant loop in the county.

He then mentioned the four-way partnership between Archuleta County, La Plata County, La Plata Electric Association and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to extend fiber from Pagosa Springs to Ignacio.

Hittle stated that the grant application to DOLA was in review and that the overall value of the project would be \$4 million with a \$500,000 contribution by the county.

Lashbrooke commended the level of participation that the partners in that project displayed.

Hittle also updated the board on the situation with the Colorado Department of Transportation fiber installation project over Wolf Creek Pass, which he explained was near reaching Treasure Falls and that the contractor had indicated that the construction portion of the project,

not including the installation of fiber cable and electronics, could be completed this year.

Hittle also indicated that the BSMO approved a five-year strategic plan in January of 2022 and feels that the funding and implementation timelines for the proposed projects are promising.

Visionary's project to install fiber in downtown Pagosa is currently in progress, according to Hittle, with the downtown zone of the project being complete and the next zone, going from downtown to the River Center, soon to begin construction.

Hittle also highlighted the BSMO's ongoing collaborations with various regional organizations, including Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

He also discussed that the BSMO has been involved in regional meetings to identify broadband development priorities in the counties and communicate these priorities to the state.

Within Archuleta County, Hittle explained the BSMO identified three key projects, including a loop of fiber up Piedra Road to the area of Hatcher Lake, which would then continue down North Pagosa Boulevard to the PAWSD headquarters, expanding the main backbone of broadband cable through Pagosa Springs on U.S. 160 from U.S. 84 to PSMC, and expanding fiber down U.S. 84 down toward Chromo and the New Mexico border.

Hittle concluded by highlighting the governor's Executive Order B 2022 009, which set the goal of providing 99 percent of Colorado with Internet at a speed of 100 megabytes per second (mbps) down and 20 mbps up by 2027.

Hittle described this goal as "ambitious," although he added that the county and the region are further toward that goal than many other areas.

Lashbrooke added that the

county is submitting a letter of intent to apply for broadband funding to the state, which was approved at the July 19 BoCC meeting, as part of a regional initiative to secure broadband funding.

She also mentioned that the Colorado Broadband Office is working on developing a mechanism to assist counties with providing matching funds for grants, which she noted she believes will be a useful resource for Archuleta County once it is available.

The BoCC then heard an update from Veterans Services Officer Raymond Taylor.

Taylor highlighted the expansion of the Wreaths Across America program, as well as the grants for mental health, emergency assistance and dental health for veterans that are active in the county and being administered through the Veterans for Veterans organization.

Taylor also explained that, although the number of veterans in Archuleta County had declined slightly, going from 1,291 veterans in 2020 to 1,286 veterans in 2021, the funding received by veterans increased from \$12,161,000 in 2020 to just over \$12.2 million in 2021,

a \$65,000 increase in total and an increase of \$341 for each individual veteran.

Taylor added that his goals include continuing expanding Wreaths Across America outreach, gathering feedback on the implementation and usage of grants for veterans in the area, and expanding outreach to the schools.

Taylor also mentioned that the office oversees a program which uses vehicles provided by the county to help transport veterans to court and medical appointments and family emergencies, which he suggested provides veterans with increased flexibility in scheduling appointments.

He added, in response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, that the veterans pay for the gasoline for these trips, although financial assistance is available through Veterans for Veterans.

He concluded by highlighting the high proportion of veterans in the county that are enrolled in U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs health care, which he suggested is a benefit to the county, ensuring that those individuals are not straining the local health system.

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Cause of July 17 fire under investigation

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A July 17 structure fire in the Aspen Springs subdivision involved a single-story residential structure, three passenger vehicles, a camper and adjacent vegetation, according to the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PPFD).

The origin and cause of the fire is under investigation, according to the agency.

The incident on Fred's Court, in Aspen Springs Unit 6, was reported via 911 to the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center at approximately 6:26 p.m., according to a July 20 PFPD press release.

While fire personnel were en route, the press release notes, an update was given that an explosion had been reported after the initial page, with the responding fire officer requesting a second alarm for addition personnel and apparatus to respond.

Upon arrival, the press release reads, the "first due engine company noted a single-story residential structure with heavy smoke and fire showing from all sides. In addition to structure, three passenger vehicles and one camper trailer were actively burning. Fire had also spread to adjacent oak brush surrounded by dry grass and pin [sic] needle cast off."

The agency notes that the first

arriving engine initiated a defensive attack, applying water to the structure, vehicles and camper.

"The purpose of the defensive attack was to protect additional exposures and slow fire growth in the surrounding fuel bed," the press release explains.

Additional fire units built handline around the wildland fire area to prevent further spread, the press release indicates, and suppression crews used chain saws to "brush out area surrounding exposures."

The PFPD notes the fire occurred in an area without hydrant water, with water tenders used to shuttle water to on-scene engines.

"Structure was unoccupied at

the time of incident," the press release notes, and the PFPD was on scene for approximately 2.5 hours.

According to the press release, the PFPD responded with two engines, three tenders, one chief vehicle, two support vehicles, nine paid staff members, and seven volunteers. Archuleta County Emergency Operations Center assisted with one wildland brush truck.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center responded with an ambulance to provide medical care if necessary, the press release indicates, and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office deputies assisted with the road closure and investigation.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 257.

July 15 — Under investigation, no location listed.

July 18 — All other thefts, Lodge Pole Drive.

July 18 — Defrauding a secured creditor-\$100, Great West Avenue.

July 18 — Information only, Rainbow Hot Springs Trailhead.

July 19 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Bastille Drive.

July 20 — Third-degree criminal trespass, resisting arrest, attempt to escape-petty offense, East Golf Place.

July 21 — Identity theft-uses identity, fraud by check opening account under false name, criminal impersonation, Park Avenue.

July 21 — Information only, West U.S. 160/Hurt Drive.

July 22 — Information only, Cloud Cap Avenue/County Road 600.

July 22 — Possession while under the influence, marijuana sale or transfer and cultivation, disorderly conduct-petty, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Dutton Drive.

July 23 — Trespass warning, Navajo Trail Drive.

July 24 — Drove vehicle while under the influence, speeding mph over limit not listed, failure to notify authorities of new address, West U.S. 160/Boulder Drive.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for week: 75.

July 17 — Criminal trespass, Pagosa Street.

July 17 — Information only, Aspen Village Drive.

July 18 — Criminal mischief, South 5th Street.

July 18 — Criminal mischief, Eagle Drive.

July 18 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

July 18 — Trespass warning, West U.S. 160.

July 18 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

July 18 — Trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.

July 19 — Information only, Pagosa Street.

July 19 — Forgery, Country Center Drive.

July 19 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 19 — Information only, Aspen Village Drive.

July 20 — Following too closely, no insurance, Pagosa Street.

July 20 — Found property, San Juan Street.

July 21 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

July 22 — Improper registration, suspended license, 14th Street.

July 22 — Information only, Country Center Drive.

July 22 — Information only, South 8th Street.

July 23 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

July 23 — Criminal mischief, San Juan Street.

July 23 — Animal at large, Country Center Drive.

July 23 — Shoplifting/criminal trespass, Aspen Village Drive.

July 23 — Motor vehicle theft, reckless driving, hit and run, Aspen Village Drive.

July 23 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

July 20 — Phlanico Robert Deontay Rogers, weaving from traffic lane, fines and costs — \$170.

July 20 — Daniel Reichman, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 87 days jail, fines and costs — \$247.50.

July 20 — Marla Lynn Lewis, driving under the influence-with prior conviction, 375 days jail, 265 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,597.50.

July 20 — Daniel Thomas Reichman, violation-p/o-criminal, 60 days jail, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,099.50.

July 20 — Brendan Lynch, speeding 10-19 over limit, mov-

ing violation in construction zone sentence enhancer, fines and costs — \$368.50.

July 20 — Isaac Colburn, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

July 20 — Timothy S. Cochran, seat belt not used, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$227.50.

July 20 — Renee M. Rapee, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

July 20 — Jose P. Lozano Dominguez, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$297.50.

July 20 — Darrion L. Ellis, failure to display proof of insurance, careless driving, fines and costs — \$781.50.

July 20 — Darrion L. Ellis, alcohol-under 21-possess/consumption, fines and costs — \$81.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

July 25 — Carl W. Matthews III, criminal mischief-under \$300, 103 days jail, fines and costs — \$258.50.

July 25 — Donald A. Clark, Trespass 1-dwelling, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,401.50.

July 25 — Donald Clark, weapon-possession/previous offender-burglary/arson, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,373.50.



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Our Savior Lutheran School has added three new faculty members for the upcoming school year: Susan Beard (first grade), Aaron Longmire (fourth, fifth and sixth grade) and Kristina Odom (second and third grade).

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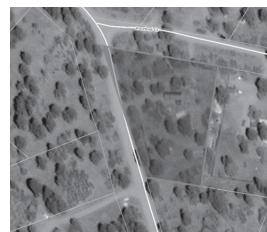
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★ 487 Evergreen Drive. 1.5 acres, drive cut in, good building spot, backs to BLM. \$49,000. MLS 792277

Views

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range of income level could be determined in the final development overlay agreement, Dickhoff explained.

The approval by the council means that the applicant is a step closer to achieving its desired planned development overlay zoning with a mixed-use corridor (MU-C) base zoning designation. MU-C allows for 16 dwelling units per acre, according to the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

Much of the planning commission's original concerns with the application were echoed by public commenters during the council's meeting. Infrastructure capabilities, specifically water availability and the sanitation capacity of the town, dominated these concerns.

Concerns about dwindling landfill space, lack of food availability in grocery stores and environmental impact, given the new residents this development might bring in, were also concerns. There was also

a mistrust of the developers, who are out-of-towners, expressed in the comments.

Yet, some commenters defended the project. They pointed out the lack of long-term rentals in the community that this development would bring, new trails, its contribution to the workforce housing shortage and its willingness to work with the sanitation district to contribute to its ongoing issues.

Emily Lashbrooke, director of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, pointed out that "675 units over 10 years is behind the national average" for development and growth.

The area of focus for the town council members' discussion was largely one of development, and the repercussions of approving or disapproving the application.

Council member Jeff Posey wanted to know what the developers could build by right, or within the current zoning of the parcel.

After learning that they could build one-half to two dwelling units

per acre (depending on how much open space the development preserves) given its current rural-transition (R-T) zoning, Posey reasoned that if the developers were forced to take that route, they would likely build "multimillion-dollar homes."

This development as it's proposed, Posey reasoned, is a better alternative considering the town's needs.

He later expressed an allegiance to the town's comprehensive plan, noting that there is a duty to follow it and this applicant has been working with the plan.

Council member Madeline Bergon, who grew up in Pagosa Springs, explained that she noticed a sense of encouragement to be "anti-developer" growing up, with the reasoning that developers were "big and scary" and that the town "should shut them down."

"Through my years of living here, I think that we have missed out on a number of different opportunities to see improvements to our infrastructure and other

public amenities," Bergon said. "As scary as it is, I would like to continue discussions to see how this project could shake out to benefit not just us who currently live in the community, but those that we would like to see move to the community."

Council member Matt DeGuise stated that while he has reservations about the project and is curious to see how the developers react to infrastructure-related costs and needs, he sees advantages in the way that the project caters to the "missing middle" or those who make too much money to qualify for workforce housing but do not have the income to buy a house in the current market.

Mayor Shari Pierce told mem-

bers of the audience opposed to the project that "we hear you," and reminded everyone that this is an initial step in a long process.

"These developers are going to have to do modeling for sewer and water, and that's going to show us if this can even go forward," Pierce said. "If those models don't pan out, then this doesn't happen, but if we tell them no, then they just drop it and we never know what we could have had."

Posey put forward a motion to approve the sketch application, with several stipulations that the developers will need to follow for the approval of the final agreement.

Posey read the stipulations as staff recommended, with the addition that the developer work

with town staff on the impacts to town roads.

The motion passed unanimously. The developers are now in the process of initiating their traffic study, applications for inclusion into the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District, and discussions with other utility providers, according to Dickhoff.

"I'd expect their Final Planned Development Application to be submitted within the next month," he wrote in an email.

To view the proposed development, stipulations and find updates, readers can visit <https://mypagosa.org/600-w-us-hwy-160.dorothy@pagosasun.com>

Housing

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pay slightly higher than their limit if all of their other criteria were met.

The other criteria were that the site is immediately buildable (topography, soils, etc.), has infrastructure close by (utilities, road network, etc.), is inside town limits or easy to annex, and allows density of units as desired.

When Community Development Director James Dickhoff originally presented the site to the town council at its July 5 meeting, he indicated that all of the other criteria were met.

According to the ordinance's brief, town council directed staff to pursue a letter of interest to purchase the site "as an alternative site for constructing the Town's workforce housing project" at its July 5 meeting.

That letter was accepted, Phillips relayed at the meeting.

Of the cost, \$343,000 will come from the town's lodging tax/tourism fund, which was previously approved to go toward the town's workforce housing project. The additional funds, both for the purchasing price and any due diligence costs, will come from the town's General Fund.

The ordinance was approved by every town council member except Jeff Posey.

"I oppose this for a number of reasons. One, we're buying at or near the top of the market, which means that we're wasting taxpayer dollars," Posey said.

He continued by calling the decision a "solution to a 100 percent self-imposed problem" saying that "this council sold out the greater good because of objections of perhaps 20 citizens, which is 1 percent of our popula-

tion," referring to the decision to not move forward with the already town-owned South Pagosa Park location.

"Your comments are not taken lightly; I agree very much with a lot of what you had to say," Mayor Shari Pierce replied to Posey. "But, I also feel it's the responsibility of this council to move forward with this project and do it in the best way that we can at this time."

The second reading of the ordinance will take place at the council's Aug. 2 meeting.

Additionally, there is a public hearing scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 9 during the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting, where members of the commission, acting as the Design Review Board, will consider the sketch major design review application for this project.

Other business

In other business at the meeting: •The town council approved the appointment of 10 members to the emerging Main Street Advisory Board.

These new board members are council member Jeff Posey and Planning Manager Cindy Schultz, serving on behalf of the town; Rosanna Dufour, serving on behalf of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation; and Robert Melun, Barbara Swindlehurst, Jeremy Martin, Rose Chavez, Haz Said, Rick Holter and Anne-Marie Sukcik, serving as general members.

Kat McFadden, Main Street coordinator, explained that these new board members bring ideal representation, as they include business owners, property owners and a prospective business owner

from main street.

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

•The town council heard an update from Phillips on the town's and county's sales tax collections in the month of May.

Total town and county sales tax receipts for the month of May were \$1,428,491.

At this time, the data shows an increase of 3.3 percent in total sales tax compared to May 2021, Phillips reported.

Looking at just the Town of Pagosa Springs, the total collection was \$712,585, which is \$22,170 more than the collections in May of 2021, Phillips stated.

That revenue will be divided equally between the town's General Fund and its Capital Improvement Fund, according to the sales tax brief.

According to the brief, "The sales tax projection for the adopted 2022 Town budget is a total of \$8,801,275 or \$4,400,638 each for the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund. Premised upon the 10 year monthly average in the original budget, the expectation is the Town should receive in May about \$331,236 for each fund based on the adopted budget. The variance for May 2022 is \$25,057 or 7.6% more than the estimated 10 year average collections for the month for each fund. Year to date, receipts are \$133,572 or 8.8% above projections in the General Fund with five months of data in so far."

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Water

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trial demand and, in doing so, the analysis provided population projection ranges for Archuleta County.

To do so, WWG studied population growth estimates from the demographer's office, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), the Growing Water Smart Workgroup and the Technical Update to the Colorado Water Plan.

The data's base calculation was Archuleta County's current population reduced by 25 percent to represent PAWSD's service area, which came out to 10,025 people with a total demand of 2,536 acre-feet of water.

The ranges project that in 2050, the population could be at 16,623 (low), 21,652 (medium) or 24,979 (high).

In 2050, these ranges put municipal water demand at 4,208 acre feet (low), 5,481 acre-feet (medium) or 6,323 acre-feet (high), calculated using a constant of 226 gallons per capita per day, which reflects the current demand.

Board president Al Pfister asked if the development informally being called Pagosa Views — an 80-acre subdivision that proposes 675 new residential units that is currently being considered by the town's government and PAWSD — was calculated in these projections.

Wilson confirmed that the new potential residents that the development could bring fit within the analysis' range of future projections.

Wilson explained that it is important to note that the calculations are based off of PAWSD's overall demand, which includes industrial users — a fact that had to be clarified following questions from the SJWCD board at its meeting.

WWG also calculated needs in agriculture, environmental and recreational categories, according to the report.

WWG then combined municipal, agricultural, and environmental and recreational demand to create shortage estimates in 2050. These shortages are based on a

range of demands; low demand signifies low municipal growth, minimum environmental and recreational demands, and historical agricultural shortages; mid-range demand signifies medium municipal growth, mid-range environmental and recreational demands, and historical agricultural shortages; and high demand signifies high municipal growth, high environmental and recreational demands, and historical agricultural shortages.

These demands showed an average annual future shortage that ranges from around 4,100 acre-feet to 73,000 acre-feet in the analysis.

Wilson clarified that the shortages incorporate the area's current water storage capabilities.

From these numbers, the analysis suggests potential Dry Gulch reservoir sizes that could meet the needs of the demand projections.

The limiting factors in reservoir sizing are the legally and physically available water to fill the reservoir, the 50 cubic feet per second (cfs) filling constraint, and the demands driving reservoir releases, the analysis explains. The 50 cfs limit is based on the Dry Gulch Reservoir water right, and the Dry Gulch environmental flow stipulations have to be met when the reservoir is filling, Wilson explained.

"Note that because the annual high demand shortages are greater than water available for filling (limited by 50 cfs), the reservoir inflow cannot keep up with the reservoir releases; therefore, a reservoir cannot meet the high demand shortages regardless of size," the report reads.

The recommendations for the reservoir size are 1,600 acre-feet to meet low demand and 10,000 acre-feet to meet mid-range demand. Wilson clarified these calculations are usable volume numbers, not the total volume of the reservoir.

The report also offers alternatives to the construction of a reservoir that could potentially lessen shortages and meet demand projections. These include stream restoration, agricultural fallowing and improved forest health, although

many of these potential solutions are experimental at this point, and the report suggests that SJWCD "continue to monitor on-going projects to see how the results could be applicable in the Upper San Juan basin."

Overall, board members brought forward many suggestions to strengthen the report. This included a deeper analysis of wildfire resiliency, leaking issues with PAWSD and a more in-depth look at the need for a reservoir.

There was also a dispute over the 226 gallons per capita per day metric, which board member Joe Tedder thought sounded too high based on Colorado averages.

Wilson clarified the number is the region's entire demand — commercial included — and not just household use.

Some public comments revolved around specific questions about water availability, like the future capabilities of wells, which in the commenter's case, are drying up.

Wilson reminded board members of the cost of the study and what her company was asked to do, noting that larger analysis comes with a larger price tag.

Board member Rod Proffitt wrote in the Zoom meeting's chat log that "there definitely needs to be a disclaimer on what this study is not intended to do."

The study is still in draft form and will remain so until a stakeholder meeting and a public comment period have been conducted.

Tentatively, the board will open a public comment opportunity, in written form, from Aug. 4 to Aug. 31. Additional information about the tentative public comment period was not available by press time Wednesday.

The SJWCD is also holding an outreach event to preview the study, where members of the public and stakeholders are welcome to hear from Wilson and the board about the study. That will take place on Aug. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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Pagosa Springs Area Tourism board looking to fill at-large seat

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board is looking to fill one at-large seat following the end-of-term resignation of a board member.

The tourism board is a volunteer advisory committee of the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

"The Tourism Board's role is to make specific recommendations

relative to expenditures of the 4.9% Lodging Tax in Town and the 1.9% Lodging Tax in the County," a notice from Tourism Director Jennifer Green reads. "Board members are required to attend monthly meetings, as well as actively participate in subcommittees and special projects."

The application period is now open and applications can be downloaded at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P2mQn07bcCsXd8K34-YV-za6NToGkhNJV/view?usp=sharing>.

Applications should be received by Town Clerk April Hessman no later than Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 5 p.m., according to the notice from Green.

Background information, meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the town's website at: <https://www.pagosasprings.co.gov/pagosa-springs-area-tourism-board>.

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Plan

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and Mineral counties that are south and west of the Continental Divide. Le Roux explained that the plan identifies hazards within the county and allows various jurisdictions in the county to focus efforts to mitigate them.

As an example of this process, Le Roux mentioned accidents involving deer and elk on U.S. 160 west of Pagosa Springs, which was identified as a hazard in the 2018 plan and is being mitigated through the Colorado Department of Transportation wildlife overpass

located near the junction of U.S. 160 and Colo. 151.

He also mentioned that the plan had previously identified fire risks above Plumtaw Road as a hazard, which has been mitigated by the U.S. Forest Service.

However, Le Roux indicated that this would likely continue to be identified as an area of concern given the Plumtaw Fire in the area this summer.

He added that the survey helps the jurisdictions identify and rank the hazards in the area, although he noted that the survey is limited

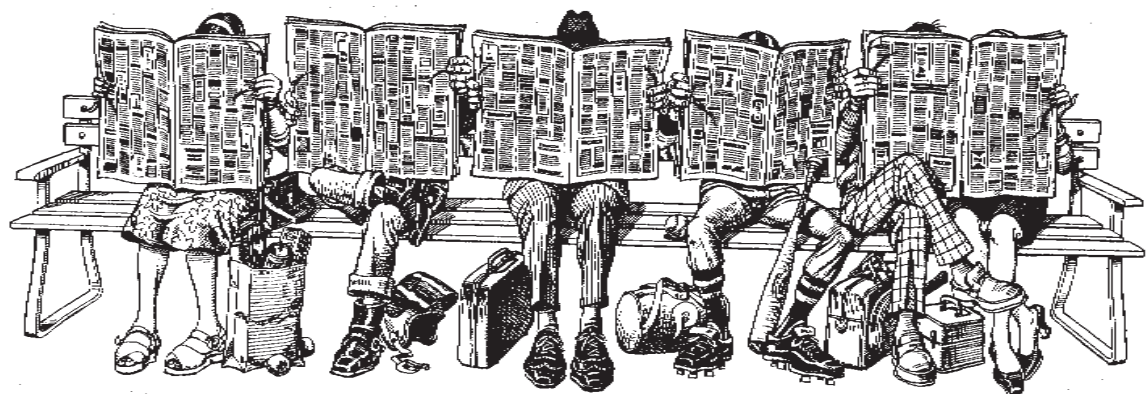
by the "public participation or lack thereof."

Le Roux commented that the hazard mitigation plan process is approximately halfway complete, with the county having hired a consultant to oversee the process last year and hoping to complete and submit the plan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency by January or February of 2023.

He also mentioned that there will be further meetings to gather public feedback on the plan in the upcoming months.

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Dispatch board approves 2023 budget

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its July 21 meeting, the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board discussed and approved the dispatch center's budget for 2023.

The budget was presented to the board by Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr.

Harr requested an operating budget of \$1,233,000, which she noted was little changed.

She also noted that the standard operating budget included contingencies that would allow for the center to either stay with its current computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system or, as the center has been considering, a switch to a new CAD provider.

The only requests Harr made concerned personnel, which included converting one dispatch position to part time, starting wage and retention increases for dispatch staff, and converting one dispatcher position to a full-time operations manager position.

In explaining the part-time dispatcher request, Harr explained that, while she had been "a bit of naysayer" about part-time dispatch positions in the past, she felt that the

change aligns both with the center's new training program and the current workforce climate.

Harr's presentation indicated that this change would save the center \$28,000.

The next request concerned increasing starting wages from \$19.80 per hour to \$22.28 per hour.

Harr explained that this number comes from a comparative wage study and would be accompanied by an increase in the salary range for dispatchers and increases for current staff to avoid wage compression.

She also suggested that this would make the center more competitive in terms of hiring employees and that part of the cost would be offset by the changes in the county leave policy reducing the amount of leave hours available to employees.

Additionally, in response to a question from Town Manager Andrea Phillips, Harr explained that this wage increase is in alignment with the recent county wage study and increases.

Harr added that these increases will cost \$20,500 with shifting one dispatcher position to part time factored in.

The final request was to shift one dispatch position to being an op-

erations manager, who would serve as the second in command for the center.

Harr highlighted that most public safety agencies have a second in command and that she is having difficulty attending to administrative tasks due to the amount of time she is spending overseeing and assisting operations at the center.

The operations manager, she explained, would oversee day-to-day operations at the center and provide additional coverage for dispatch hours to help support staffing, better allowing Harr to focus on administrative duties and projects.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO and board member Dr. Rhonda Webb commented that she appreciated how this arrangement would set up the center to successfully expand in the future.

Harr indicated that this change would cost approximately \$20,000.

Overall, these requests were expected to result in an additional cost of approximately \$14,000.

Harr then presented several budget scenarios with varying arrangements of the requests she had presented, with the total cost of all the requests she had made plus the operating budget totaling \$1,269,813.

She stated that the center is projected to collect \$400,000 in 911 surcharge revenues in 2023, lowering the cost to the user agencies — the Pagosa Springs Police Department, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Pagosa Springs Medical Center Emergency Medical Services and the Pagosa Fire Protection District — to \$869,813.

She also, following a suggestion from County Manager Derek Woodman, calculated the cost of her requests if the dispatch position she had proposed shifting to part time was instead divided into two part-time positions.

According to Harr, this change would cost approximately \$18,000, raising the total cost to user agencies of all requests to approximately \$887,000.

Webb commented that, due to the increases in call volume for the center, having an extra part-time staff member could be useful.

The board then unanimously approved the budget including all personnel requests made by Harr and the additional part-time dispatcher position.

Harr concluded, "I appreciate that support. I'm really excited for where our center is headed."

COVID-19: Region sees increased hospitalizations

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

COVID-19 continues to circulate at "significant" levels in the region, with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reporting Wednesday that Mercy Regional Medical Center has nine hospitalized COVID patients — the highest number seen since February.

"Clearly, there is a significant amount of COVID circulating in our community," said Megan Graham, SJBPH communications director and COVID-19 public information officer.

The Omicron subvariant BA.4 is believed to be the most prevalent strain of the virus nationwide right now, Graham reported, with public health officials seeing "a lot" of it in wastewater.

She noted that it is "unsurprising" that so much of the virus is being seen because the subvariant "seems to be more evasive of immune responses than some we've seen in the past."

Wastewater surveillance data shows varying levels of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID) in wastewater treated by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

For July 7, 167,000 copies of SARS-CoV-2 were detected per liter. By July 11, that figure had jumped to 525,000 copies per liter. Data for July 14 shows it dropped to 82,700 copies per liter before jumping back up to 407,000 on July 18.

Data for July 21, the most recent available by press time Wednesday, showed 331,000 copies per liter.

PAWSD began submitting wastewater samples to the state for the wastewater monitoring program in late March, with the lowest amount detected being zero in mid-April and the highest being on July 11.

On Tuesday evening, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb explained that while PSMC is seeing COVID patients, it is not seeing "a lot of real sick people with COVID."

She noted it is "nothing like the early numbers, the early days of this disease."

Webb also reported that PSMC's hospital bed capacity has again been lowered.

She explained that, due to staffing shortages, PSMC has decreased from 11 available beds to five.

As of July 21, Archuleta County remained in level medium on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Community Levels, with La Plata County also sitting in medium.

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

As of July 21, the CDC reported 13.5 new COVID admissions per 100,000 people and 5.6 percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients for Archuleta County.

Hospital data is determined regionally. The CDC lists Archuleta County

as having 185.33 new cases per 100,000 population over the past seven days.

As of Monday, SJBPH listed Archuleta County as having a one-week rate of 127.2 new cases per 100,000 population and a one-week positivity rate of 11 percent.

Graham noted SJBPH continues to encourage people to get vaccinated and receive booster doses as appropriate, especially with the start of school nearing, and do as much as they can to avoid contracting COVID.

Protein-based Novavax vaccine now available

On July 19, the CDC gave final approval for use of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine in adults aged 18 and older.

The Novavax vaccine was approved as a two-dose primary COVID-19 vaccine series with the two doses separated by three weeks.

This announcement, a press release from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) explains, followed the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' unanimous recommendation and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of emergency use authorization for the vaccine.

The press release explains that late-stage trials found that Novavax had a 90.4 percent efficacy against mild, moderate and severe disease.

"While these trials were conducted prior to Omicron the vaccine reportedly shows a 'broad' immune response to Omicron including its sub variants BA.4 and BA.5," the press release states.

The vaccine is also the first protein-based COVID vaccine approved for use.

"Novavax's vaccine is protein-based like other familiar vaccines

such as hepatitis B, HPV, pertussis and tetanus," the press release reads.

"It contains a very small amount of spike protein taken directly from the COVID-19 virus. It also contains an ingredient called an adjuvant, which boosts the immune system. The protein and the adjuvant work together to teach your immune system how to recognize and fight COVID-19. Novavax may be preferable for some people who would rather receive a vaccine other than an mRNA-based vaccine. It may also be clinically recommended for people who can't get either Pfizer or Moderna. Novavax has not been authorized for a third dose (booster)."

"Getting vaccinated continues to be the easiest, most effective protection against serious illness, hospitalization or death from COVID-19, and we are thrilled that Coloradans now have another vaccination option," said Dr. Eric France, the CDPHE's chief medical officer, via the press release. "Some Coloradans have not yet had a single dose of the vaccine and we are hopeful that Novavax will appeal to many of them."

"Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19 and its variants and help avoid the worst outcomes (severe illness, hospitalization, and death) among those who do become infected. Staying up to date with all recommended doses is the best way to keep up protection for you, your loved ones, and the community," the press release notes.

For more on the vaccines, eligibility and local providers, visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>. More information about COVID-19 vaccines, as well as assistance scheduling an appointment, is available at covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine. The public can also call SJBPH at (970) 247-5702 or Colorado's Vac-

cine Hotline at (877) 268-2926 to get help finding a vaccine.

At-home tests and masks available

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

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Outdoors

August special events set at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Jeanette Hill
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

There is so much to learn and experience at Chimney Rock National Monument. You'll walk in the footsteps of the fascinating and enigmatic Ancestral Puebloans of the Chaco Canyon culture, following primitive pathways that haven't changed for 1,000 years. Archaeological structures and artifacts, abundant wildlife and its setting in the breathtaking San Juan National Forest make Chimney Rock a must-see.

August special events:

- Night Sky: Our Solar System: Aug. 5, 7:15-10 p.m.
- Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies: Aug. 26, 7:15-10 p.m.
- Sketching at the Pinnacles: Aug. 2, 5-7:30 p.m.
- Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour: Aug. 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29. (Mondays 5-7:30 p.m., Thursdays 7-9:30 a.m.)
- Geology Tour: Aug. 3, 8, 10, 17, 22 and 31, 7-8:30 a.m.
- Moonlight Melody: Aug. 13, 6:45-9:30 p.m.
- Full Moon Program: Aug. 11, 6:15-9 p.m.; Early Tour/Full Moon package at 5:30 p.m.

Night sky programs

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) offers two different night sky archaeoastronomy programs: Our Solar System on Friday, Aug. 5, and Stars and Galaxies on Aug. 26. Each program focuses on different elements of the night sky.

Tickets are \$16 (adults) and \$8 (children 5-12) plus booking fee, and are nonrefundable. Check our website for program times and bring your questions.

Sketching at the Pinnacles Program

The Sketching at the Pinnacles Program will take place on Aug. 2. This class is part art, part reflection, part nature study, and a little visit to Chimney Rock National Monument — all rolled into one.

Guests gather at the head of the Mesa Village Trail and proceed to the Great Kiva to sit on blankets or chairs (bring your own). The goal is to become centered with the site and focus in on a specific item of nature.

Using sketchbooks and drawing materials provided, you'll examine the item of nature selected and watch how it magically appears on a page in your sketchbook.

Afterward, there will be a sharing with each other of what we have learned. No art talent is required,

just a desire to be open to suggestions and willingness to try a hand at self-expression.

These are reservations-only programs, not suitable for children under 10. The fee of \$20 (age 10 and up) includes all materials and is considered a nonrefundable donation.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour

The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour is offered every Monday and Thursday in August. The Monday tour is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and the Thursday tour is from 7 to 9:30 a.m.

This engaging two-hour tour is led by a trained CRIA tour guide, and will focus on the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. You will walk both the Mesa Village and Great House Pueblo Trails, learning about the structures along each trail, including their significance and uses.

The tours are conducted in the quiet off-hours of the monument. Bring your curiosity, camera, sturdy shoes and water.

Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12).

Geology tours

This month's geology tours (Aug. 3, 8, 10, 17, 22 and 31) are 2.5-hour guided tours that explore local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock.

Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and learn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area. Guests must arrive for check-in at 7 a.m.

Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12).

Moonlight Melody Program

This month's Moonlight Melody Program, on Aug. 13, will begin at the amphitheater with a relaxing walk up the 1/4-mile nature trail, providing an experience of the natural environment along with beautiful views of the pinnacles.

Upon returning to the amphitheater, the program resumes with an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site such as Ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories, the major lunar standstill, area geology, etc. As the moonlight increases and evening falls, you will be treated to the haunting melodies of a Native American flute played by our own Charles Martinez. This



Photo courtesy Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Archaeological structures and artifacts, abundant wildlife and its setting in the breathtaking San Juan National Forest make Chimney Rock National Monument a must-see.

program lasts approximately 2.5 hours including check-in, trail walk, lecture and moonrise musical performance, and is recommended for ages 4 and up.

Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up) and \$8 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee and are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

Full Moon Program

This month's Full Moon Program will take place on Aug. 11, against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site. Guests will then watch the full moon rise to the music of Charles Martinez' Native American flute.

The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top and hiking to the Great House Pueblo. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. The fee is \$20 for the Full Moon program alone, or \$25 to attend the Full Moon Program with pre-program tour of the Mesa Village Trail. Guests who plan to attend the early

tour, please check in at the gate at 5:30 p.m. Guests who plan to attend the full program only, please check in at the gate at 6:15 p.m.

For tickets for any of these special programs, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing

your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for these programs.

Include Chimney Rock in your plans this summer. This Ancestral Puebloan cultural site is located 17 miles west of Pagosa and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. To view CRIA's 2022 schedule of interpretive events, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

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

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Final summer plant walk planned along Falls Creek Road

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

The final summer plant walk with certified herbalist Lake McCullough will be held on Aug. 13.

Two tour times are available, one from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. and another from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Walks are about 1.5 miles round trip in length and at a slow pace. Please be prepared for unpredictable weather and uneven ground, and leave dogs at home.

The August tour will focus on

medicinal plants of the subalpine forest and explore late summer roots and herbs in the high country. This is an opportunity to learn some of the traditional and current uses of wild plants in our area.

This walk will take you to Falls Creek Road (Forest Service Road 39), about 19 miles east of town off U.S. 160.

Space is limited and advance

registration is required for these free tours sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies. We look forward to these incredible opportunities to learn about the ecology of our area each summer.

Call McCullough at (970) 398-0923 to reserve your spot on one of the tours and to obtain directions to the meeting place.

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Through use of voluntary closures, CPW asks anglers not to fish after noon on San Juan River

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

With low water levels and water temperatures consistently rising above 71 degrees, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) enacted a voluntary afternoon fishing closure beginning July 21 for the San Juan River through Pagosa Springs, the Animas River through Durango and the Dolores River below McPhee Reservoir.

Temperatures in these rivers have regularly risen above 71 degrees recently and stream flows are below 50 percent of daily average. This puts extra stress on fish and anglers may find it difficult to safely release fish that are caught.

These voluntary fishing closures are in place daily from noon to midnight.

"I liken it to how nobody wants to be exercising outdoors when it's over 100 degrees outside," said CPW aquatic biologist Jim White. "That's kind of the same thing we're imposing on these fish when folks are fishing when the water temperatures are that hot. When you're yanking them out, it's hot and stressful. Alleviating that stress on the fish population is good practice."

White said conditions on the lower Dolores River below McPhee Reservoir are especially hard on fish with water levels only an estimated 33 percent of normal. The Animas River has hit 72 degrees at times and has remained above 65 degrees even late at night.

Like the Animas River in Durango, fish in the San Juan River through Pagosa Springs also receive the additional stress of recreational river tubing added to higher temperatures and low levels.



Photo courtesy John Livingston/Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Low water levels are shown recently on the San Juan River through downtown Pagosa Springs. Colorado Parks and Wildlife enacted a voluntary afternoon fishing closure for the San Juan River through Pagosa Springs due to low water levels and water temperatures rising above 71 degrees.

White thanked the fishing community in southwest Colorado, as many anglers have already started to self-impose these closures in recent days.

"We certainly have an educated angling community," White said. "Most people are willing to refrain from angling in the hot afternoons. It's a matter of educating some more

people and our out-of-town visitors to also help these fisheries out."

White said anglers should fish early to avoid the higher water temperatures commonly seen in the afternoon and seek out high-elevation trout lakes and streams where water temperatures are more suitable.

CPW aquatic biologists will regularly monitor temperatures on the

river in the coming weeks to let anglers know when conditions have improved.

Anglers should be aware of changing conditions at Colorado's rivers and streams. For the latest conditions related to mandatory and voluntary fishing closures, go to <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/StatewideFishingConditions.aspx>.

Celebrate Colorado Day: Free state park admission on Aug. 1

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

In celebration of Colorado Day, and the 146th birthday of the state, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is offering free entry to all Colorado state parks on Monday, Aug. 1.

Colorado Day was created by the Colorado Legislature to mark the anniversary of statehood, granted in 1876 by President Ulysses S. Grant. The state recognizes this annual holiday on the first of the month and state parks celebrate the occasion with free entrance on the first Monday of August.

This free entry day provides a chance to experience Colorado's

state parks and the diverse landscapes they showcase. All other park fees remain in effect, including camping reservations, boat and off-highway vehicle registrations, and hunting and fishing licenses.

"Colorado Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the natural beauty of our state and spend time outside," said Statewide Public Information Officer Bridget O'Rourke Kochel. "Coloradans have a rich tradition of embracing an outdoor lifestyle, and our state parks offer a variety of outdoor activities that people of all ages and skill levels can enjoy."

To begin planning a Colorado

outdoor adventure, visit the CPW park finder at <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/ParkMap.aspx>.

State park outdoor recreation activities include:

- Water sports — boating, kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming.
- Wildlife and wildflower viewing, birdwatching and tours with naturalists.
- Hiking, horseback riding, biking and rock climbing.
- Stargazing and geocaching.
- Accessibility programs are available to people with disabilities.

Nature belongs to all of us and recreating responsibly is important to keeping our landscapes healthy and wildlife thriving. Park visitors are encouraged to follow outdoor safety tips and Leave No Trace principles when spending time in Colorado's great outdoors, such as:

- Know before you go. Be aware of weather conditions, water temperatures and trail closures where you plan to visit.
- Wear a life jacket. Enjoy the water, but always do so with a life jacket on — they save lives. Regardless of your age or experience level, cold water can quickly create a drowning emergency.
- Be careful with fire. Check fire

restrictions or bans before you go. Visit www.coemergency.com to find county fire information. Avoid driving on dry grass and check exposed metal dragging from your vehicle that may create sparks.

• Be bear aware. Staying bear aware while on trails and when camping helps keep bears wild and reduces human-bear conflicts. Stay alert and respect forage areas like berry patches and oak brush. Keep dogs leashed at all times and never feed or approach a bear. For more resources and information on how to be "bear aware," visit cpw.state.co.us.

• Dispose of waste properly. Help protect our land, wildlife and water. Pick up all your trash, dog waste bags and food waste and throw it away in a trash can. Please pack it out of the park all the way if a trash can is full or not available.

For more information about Colorado's state parks and outdoor recreation, visit cpw.state.co.us.

RECREATION NEWS

Register now for recreation soccer ages 5-12

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

The Recreation Department is now accepting soccer registrations for ages 5-12 years.

The registration fee will be \$40 for the first child and \$20 for the second child. The deadline to register will be Aug. 12.

Play will begin in August and run until September.

Online registration is available at pagosasprings.co.gov/recreation-division, or stop by the Ross Aragon Community Center to fill out a form.

Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233.

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Aspiring drivers can now take DMV's Driving Knowledge Test online

By **Derek Kuhn**
Colorado Department of Revenue

The first step in obtaining an instruction permit in Colorado just got much more convenient.

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is pleased to announce its newest service, online Driving Knowledge testing, which gives Coloradans the ability to test for an instruction permit online at any time, anywhere, no appointment needed as long as they have Internet access and a working webcam. Driving Knowledge Tests are often called written or permit tests colloquially.

Previously, aspiring drivers had to schedule a visit to a state driver's license office to take a Driving Knowledge Test or do so through a driving school, but that's no longer the case with the @Home Driving Knowledge testing application as long as they have an Internet-connected computer and a webcam. Colorado will continue to offer the in-office service as well.

Any Coloradan old enough to test for an instruction permit can take an @Home Driving Knowledge Test by completing preregistration at myDMV.Colorado.gov.

Except for a \$5 testing fee and a \$1.50 credit card processing fee, @Home Driving Knowledge Tests have the same fees as current, in-office Driving Knowledge Tests, which are free for the first attempt.

This means the first attempt with the @Home Driving Knowledge Tests platform is free of state fees. Subsequent attempts will cost \$17.65 each, with the state collecting \$11.15 of the total when visiting the DMV to get an instruction permit.

It's important to note the testing and credit card processing fees, totaling \$6.50, are not paid to the state and are a convenience fee from the hosted-service vendor. Additionally, Coloradans can al-

ways test at a state driver's license office, which offers the first two attempts for free.

After completing and passing an @Home Driving Knowledge Test, aspiring drivers will need to schedule a visit to a state driver's license office to get an instruction permit. Coloradans can schedule an appointment after completing their exam at [DMV.Colorado.gov/AppointmentScheduling](https://dmv.colorado.gov/AppointmentScheduling).

Aspiring drivers younger than 19 will need someone 19 years old or older to register as a proxy for the exam. The proxy, in addition to the test taker, will receive the results of the test and as well as other notifications. The @Home Driving Knowledge testing application also has measures in place to ensure the integrity of each exam's results, such as active cursor and video monitoring.

@Home Driving Knowledge Test questions are available in English and Spanish like the exam currently offered in state driver's license offices and, if you have speakers connected to your computer, it can be read aloud in either language by the testing application.

More information on @Home Driving Knowledge Tests can be found at coathometesting.com or by visiting dmv.colorado.gov/home-driving-knowledge-tests.

The addition of @Home Driving Knowledge Tests is part of the DMV's sweeping efforts to better serve Coloradans and provide a 21st century customer experience.

Coloradans can DMV anywhere. Yes, anywhere. Online, in office or on the go, Coloradans have more options than ever before. Discover all the ways to DMV at [DMV.Colorado.gov/Anywhere](https://dmv.colorado.gov/Anywhere).

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Public Notices

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT 50 JT.
Surplus Vehicle Sealed Bids
Archuleta County School District 50 JT will be accepting sealed bids until 12pm on August 5, 2022 for three (3) school buses and two (2) passenger vehicles described below.

Bids must include: name, phone number, the vehicle number for a bid, and the bid amount.
To place a bid on multiple vehicles, please use a separate sheet of paper for each bid. The highest bidder for each vehicle will be notified no later than Monday, August 8, 2022, and vehicles removed from school district property by 3pm on Friday, August 12. All payments must be in cash or certified check.

- Bus #14 is a 2003 International diesel 77-passenger bus, mileage 226,666, VIN#4DRBRAAN73A956908
- Bus #15 is a 2003 International diesel 77-passenger bus, mileage 180,874, VIN#4DRBAAN9A956909
- Bus #20 is a 2002 International diesel 72-passenger bus, mileage 219,895, VIN#1HVBRAAN72B944619
- Vehicle #33 is a 2004 Buick sedan, mileage 144,105, VIN#2G4W5S2J241221547
- Vehicle #36 is a 2002 Buick sedan, mileage 127,776, VIN#2G4W5S2JX21290354

For additional information or to view the vehicles, please contact Lori Manzaneras, Transportation Director, at (970) 749-1904.

Bids should be dropped off at the District Administration office at 309 Lewis Street, or mailed to:
Archuleta School District 50 JT
Attn: Eric Burt - Vehicle Bids
PO Box 1498
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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The Town of Pagosa Springs is processing an application to vacate or amend the Planned Development agreement and Planned Development overlay zoning for the 3.16 acre parcel located along south side of Aspen Village Drive, east of Timberline Drive, with the parcel number 569921133012.

The Town of Pagosa Springs is also processing an application for SKETCH Major Design Review for the same parcel for 60-70 multifamily residential housing units.

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing/meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 5:30 pm to consider a recommendation to Town Council on the vacation or amendment of the Planned Development Agreement and Planned Development overlay zoning.

The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 5:30 pm to consider the SKETCH Major Design Review Application.

The Town Council will then consider the Planning Commission's recommendation on the Planned Development vacation or amendment at their first meeting on August 18, 2022, at 5 pm and again on September 6, 2022, at 5 pm.

Public Hearings and Meetings will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round Minutes and Agendas tab located along the bottom of the photo on the Town's website home page at pagosaprings.co.gov. For more information, questions or to provide comments, please contact the Town Planning Division at cschultz@pagosaprings.co.gov or at 970-264-4151 x221. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearings/meetings, or you may provide written comments 7 days prior to the meeting or public hearing for the respective board's consideration. Please feel free to call with any questions.

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The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "Final Major Design Review" at 2911 Cornerstone Drive, for a proposed 5,200 square foot retail fuel station convenience store with a gas canopy.

The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 5:30 pm to consider the FINAL Major Design Review Application.

Public Hearings and Meetings will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round Minutes and Agendas tab located along the bottom of the photo on the Town's website home page at pagosaprings.co.gov. You may also view the application at mypsago.gov/proposed-development-projects.

We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Division prior to the public hearing dates, and with any questions via phone at 970-264-4151 x221 or email at cschultz@pagosaprings.co.gov. Written comments received 7 days prior to the meeting or public hearing will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearings/meetings.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Melvin Bernard Ocker, Jr. aka Melvin Bernard

Ocker, aka Mel Ocker, Deceased
Case No. 2022 PR 30044
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before November 28, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
190 Tallisman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association & Archuleta County
2021 Pagosa Boulevard Trail Project
Archuleta County, Colorado

The Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association & Archuleta County in Pagosa Springs, Colorado is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by UCAL, Inc. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project engineering firm of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. at 188 S. 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. All claims shall be delivered prior to August 5, 2022. Any claims received on or after August 5, 2022, shall not be considered. Claim forms can be obtained from Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (Phone 970-264-6058).

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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
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Platirnam Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

Barry Wayne Cornell, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30025
Attorney for Plaintiff:
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Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):
PATRICIA ANN HALL
PATRICIA A HELLER
KATHLEEN K SEMRAU
THOMAS F ELA, TRUSTEE OF THE ELA FAMILY TRUST
BETTY R ELA, TRUSTEE OF THE ELA FAMILY TRUST
BECKY RODRIGUEZ
ANTHONY R PHILLIPS

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

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Platirnam Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Platirnam Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: June 30, 2022 Last Publication: July 28, 2022 /s/ Christopher B. Conley
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
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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
Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

v. **Chal M Rascoe, Sr, et al**
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30027
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Tel. 479.242.5906
Email: ir@hjclegal.com
Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):
DIANNE A RASCOE
LEONARD D SHOCKEY
MAVIS E SHOCKEY
DONNETTE L THOMAS
WILLIAM D THOMAS

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

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Teal Landing Condominiums for failure to pay assessments to Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: June 30, 2022 Last Publication: July 28, 2022 /s/ Christopher B. Conley
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Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
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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

Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

Sherry Williamson, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30026
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Tel. 479.242.8814
Email: 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
CELIA M GONZALEZ
CORINNE F MCCRAY
ARNOLD DUDLEY JOLLEY
GILBERT S JOHNSON

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

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Masters Place Condominiums 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. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: June 30, 2022 Last Publication: July 28, 2022 /s/ Christopher B. Conley
Christopher B. Conley
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DISTRICT COURT,
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Plaintiff:
GUILLERMO ZUBIA v.

Defendants:
DANIEL J. FITZPATRICK and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney:
Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2022CV30034

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF GUILLERMO ZUBIA
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
DANIEL J. FITZPATRICK AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

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

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 11 of Block 11 in PAGOSA IN 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 the 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
Published June July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and to Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

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
Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 484-485, 486-487, 488-489, 490-491 PT Sec: 19 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 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 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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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 public tax lien sale to

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 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 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 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 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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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

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 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W
Account Number: R010028
Schedule Number: 569919340011
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00915
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 2016
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of DELDEV INC for said year 2016.
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 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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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: 220 TRAVELERS CIR
Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 444-445, 446-447, 448, 449 PT Sec: 24 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2SW
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 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 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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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: 584 TRAILS BLVD
Legal:Subdivision: PAGOSA TRAILS Lot: 419-420-421 PT Sec: 24 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2SW
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
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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 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
Published July 14, 21 and 28, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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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

Precipitation to continue through the weekend

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Stormy weather is predicted to continue in Archuleta County over the weekend.

According to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) website, sites in Archuleta County received between 0.39 and 2.06 inches of rain between July 13 and July 27.

Higher precipitation totals were concentrated in and north of Pagosa Springs, with the highest total being reported near Hidden Valley Lake up Fourmile Road north of Pagosa Springs.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), mixed showers and thunderstorms after 9 a.m. are expected in Pagosa Country Thursday, July 28, with a high of 76 and winds at 5-10 mph in the afternoon.

Showers and thunderstorms before 9 p.m. and possible thunderstorms after 9 p.m. are expected Thursday night with 5 mph winds and a low of 51.

For Friday, July 29, the forecasted high is 70 degrees with mixed showers and thunderstorms likely after 9 a.m. and 5-10 mph winds. The forecasted low is 50 degrees with mixed showers and thunderstorms likely overnight.

For Saturday, July 30, showers and

thunderstorms are expected, mainly after noon, along with a high of 73 degrees. The forecasted low is 49 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and chances of showers and thunderstorms overnight.

For Sunday, July 31, the forecasted high is 79 degrees with mostly sunny skies, a chance of thunderstorms before noon, and showers and thunderstorms likely after noon. The forecasted low is 50 degrees with partly cloudy skies and a chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight.

Rivers and drought

Stream flow for the San Juan River on July 27 at approximately 9 a.m. was 148 cubic feet per second (cfs), according to the U.S. Geological Service (USGS) National Water Dashboard.

This is down from a nighttime peak of 191 cfs at 12:30 a.m. on July 27.

These numbers are down from a recent peak flow of 328 cfs at 8:45 p.m. on July 25.

However, flows are up from last week's reading of 113 cfs that occurred at 9 a.m. on July 20.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) reports that 100 percent of the county is experiencing

drought.

Although June 2022 was the second wettest June in 128 years, with 2.48 more inches of precipitation than normal, 2022 to date is the 33rd driest year in the last 128 years, with 2.84 fewer inches of precipitation than normal, according to the NIDIS.

The NIDIS places the entire county in a moderate drought, which the website notes may cause rangeland growth to be stunted, little hay to be available, dryland crops to suffer and wildfires to increase.

The NIDIS also places 46 percent of the county, primarily the southern and western portions, in a severe drought, which the website notes may cause farmers to reduce planting, producers to sell cattle and the wildfire season to be extended, among other impacts. The NIDIS also notes that a severe drought is associated with low surface water levels and reduced river flows.

The NIDIS provides an evaporative demand (EDDI) forecast, an experimental tool for predicting drought conditions through measuring atmospheric evaporative demand or the "thirst of the atmosphere."

The forecast for the area indicates that in the next two weeks, the majority of Archuleta County will be experiencing a mix of moderate wet and severe wet conditions, while the

four-week forecast shows the county will be experiencing a mix of severe wet and extreme wet conditions.

Water report

According to a July 25 press release from Justin Ramsey, district manager of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Village Lake is full.

Lake Pagosa and Lake Forest are both 2 inches from full, staying even with last week.

Stevens Lake is 21 inches from full, down 2 inches from last week.

Hatcher Lake is currently 16 inches from full, down 13 inches from last week.

Total diversion flows for the district are listed at 6.0 cfs.

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 3.0 cfs and the San Juan diversion flow is listed at 3.0 cfs.

The report notes that the Four Mile diversion was put back into administration on July 14.

Water production from July 14 through July 20 was listed at a total of 19.68 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 4.76 million gallons, the Hatcher plant contributed 8.66 million gallons and the San Juan plant contributed 6.26 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 17.41 million gallons for those dates.

Updates on solid waste, buildings, airport given to commissioners

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a solid waste and buildings and grounds update from Public Works Director Kevin Pogue and an airport update from Airport Manager Chris Torres at its July 26 work session.

Pogue began his update by mentioning that the county ordered a scale for the landfill and that he was waiting on an update from the supplier on when it might be delivered.

He added that staff completed building eight windscreens at the landfill and relocated the landfill office and that he had ordered a cistern to provide water for the landfill staff.

He also mentioned that the grinder the county rented had been used to grind all the brush and vegetation on the site and had begun working on tires.

He stated that the engineers for the landfill are in the process of

getting approval from the state to use these ground materials as daily cover for the landfill.

Pogue explained that the department is close to purchasing a new compactor for the landfill, which he noted he believes will be highly effective, although County Manager Derek Woodman commented that its cost would be "staggering."

Pogue concluded the landfill portion of his update by noting that he is beginning to implement a training plan for the landfill to move the landfill back into compliance with state regulations.

Commissioner Warren Brown inquired whether Pogue had further considered the possibility of using an incinerator at the landfill to reduce the problems with space.

Pogue responded that he had not pursued the idea, although he is working on separating construction debris and trash at the landfill to help reduce the rate at which space is consumed.

In his buildings and grounds update, Pogue mentioned that

the department erected a flagpole outside of the county building as well as completing various routine maintenance and repairs.

He added the department hired an additional staff member and is working on resolving issues at the Colorado State University Extension building that had arisen during a recent fire inspection.

He also commented that road maintenance is continuing in the county and that he had recently ordered several new road signs to replace missing or damaged ones across the county.

The BoCC then heard an update from Torres, which he began by mentioning that an FAA grant for pavement maintenance has been signed.

He also mentioned that he is working to coordinate the closures that this process would require with the Durango airport, which is performing paving maintenance in September, to ensure that the airports would not be closed at the

same time.

Torres suggested that simultaneous closures would result in a loss of fuel sales as the Pagosa airport would attract many planes that would otherwise land in Durango when the Durango airport is closed.

He added that he recently ordered three signs to encourage planes to keep their lights on on the runway since humps in the runway can inhibit radio communication by smaller planes that have their radio antenna on the bottom of the craft and make it difficult to detect planes that might be departing in opposite directions.

Torres also stated that, up to June 2021, the airport sold 12,237 gallons of fuel, while up to this June the airport sold 11,466.

He added that while this number is down, he expects it to pick up with the closure of the Durango airport in September and that he believes this decline is tied to high fuel prices.

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Remaining big game hunting licenses go on sale Aug. 2 at 9 a.m.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

The big (game) day is almost here. Hunters mark their calendars for the first Tuesday in August each year to take a shot at any big game hunting licenses remaining after the primary and secondary draws.

Remaining licenses for 2022 are placed on the leftover list and will become available for purchase on Aug. 2 at 9 a.m. Over-the-counter (OTC) licenses for elk, bear, archery pronghorn and whitetail deer will go on sale at the same time.

Licenses go on sale online, over the phone and in person at Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) offices and sales locations all at once. If you're on a computer or mobile device at home, you have the same shot as someone first in line at a sales location. Limited licenses are first-come, first-served and this is the first opportunity to get a big

game hunting license outside of the draw process.

Licenses that will become available include:

- Limited licenses leftover after the primary and secondary draws for elk, deer, pronghorn and bear.

- Limited elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses that someone drew but did not pay for during the secondary draw and took fewer than five resident preference points.

- Limited licenses that were returned for refund/preference point restoration since the opening of the secondary draw but prior to July 25 and took fewer than five resident preference points to draw.
- OTC licenses for elk, archery pronghorn, whitetail deer and bear.

Preparing for sales day

CPW locations and sales agents will be very busy that morning, so

try to get prepared ahead of time.

Log into the online system a few days prior to sales day to ensure your information, such as email and mailing address, is up to date. If you have any problems getting into your account, contact CPW ahead of time for assistance.

Have your hunt codes and credit/debit card number ready. Check the leftover list, write down all hunt codes you are interested in and list them, with your most coveted licenses first.

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Community meal

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Community members gather for a three-hour community meal put on by Healthy Archuleta, which operates as the FSFE — Food Coalition, on Saturday, July 23. Attendees were welcomed with a free meal ticket, dancing, a performance by Los Mitotitos, and fun and friends. The event was held to celebrate the work of Healthy Archuleta, which 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 County.



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July 28, 2022

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 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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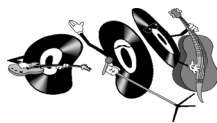


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Archuleta County Fair to feature variety of entertainment

By Sharon Jennings
Archuleta County Fair

The Archuleta County Fair invites you to come by the fairgrounds 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 present a free demo of some of its programs.

Daily rodeo events will thrill everyone who attends. There will be Junior/Senior Barrel Races, the Bares/Broncs/Bulls event, the Open Rodeo and the Sunday Kids Rodeo. Gate entrance fees are charged for all rodeos except the Kids Rodeo.

The exhibit halls will be filled with 4-H projects and Open Class entries including quilts, home-canned 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 dis-

playing 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.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer season of Broadway in the Mountains continues

By Amy Wolfe

Thingamajig Theatre Company

The next week at Thingamajig Theatre Company, beginning this evening, will include three performances of "Bright Star," two of "Guys and Dolls" and one matinee performance of "The SpongeBob Musical." It is time to reserve your tickets for these wonderful, Broadway-quality musicals before the season closes on Aug. 24.

"Bright Star" was nominated for five Tony Awards in 2016 — the year dominated by the musical "Hamilton." The beautifully crafted musical by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell will move you from beginning to end with the life story of Alice Murphy.

Andrew Barrett Lewis, director, masterfully crafted Thingamajig's production of "Bright Star" starring Allie Tamburello in one of her dream roles. "Bright Star" may become your new favorite dramatic musical. "Bright Star" will be performed at 7 p.m. tonight, July 28, Saturday, July 30, and Thursday, Aug. 4.

"Guys and Dolls" will have two performances in the week ahead, on Friday, July 29, and Wednesday, Aug. 3. Both performances will be at 7 p.m. for the romantic comedy musical that's a Broadway classic. The upbeat and energetic production is filled with breathtaking dance numbers choreographed by director Pia Wyatt. The terrific voices of the summer company, under the musical direction of Thingamajig's veteran voice master, Boni McIntyre, will delight.

"The SpongeBob Musical" will be the matinee on Sunday, July 31, to close out the month of 25 performances of the rotating summer musicals. Entertaining for all ages, "The SpongeBob Musical" is an uplifting show with a positive message. Opening in 2017 on Broadway, "SpongeBob SquarePants, The Broadway Musical" was nominated for 12 Tony Awards in 2018. Popular artists contributed songs to the

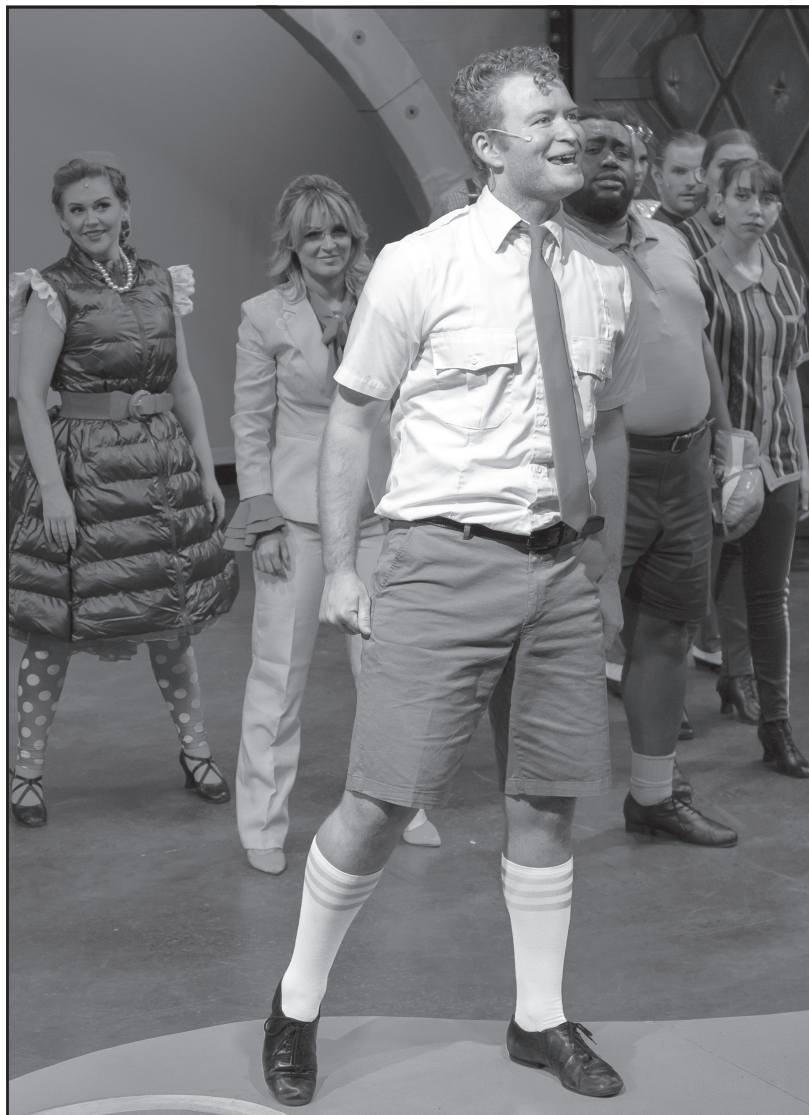


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Ethan Hardy Benson as SpongeBob in Thingamajig Theatre Company's "The SpongeBob Musical." The musical is one of three being performed as part of Thingamajig's Broadway in the Mountains summer season.

musical produced by Nickelodeon. Ethan Hardy Benson, starring as SpongeBob, brings joy, hope and an amazing voice to his character.

The August schedule for Broadway in the Mountains will have shows Wednesday through Sunday until Aug. 24. Call the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469) or visit pagosacenter.org to purchase tickets online.

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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Promotion for Josie plus mermaid parade celebrates end of Summer Reading Program

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We are delighted to announce that Josie Snow, a hometown Pagosan, has been promoted to assistant director, effective this week. She also will continue in her current position of early literacy librarian that she has held since being hired in June 2019.

In her new role, Snow will be in charge when Library Director Meg Wempe is away. She also will be working more closely with volunteers and will create a calendar that includes a full picture of events and activities that occur throughout the year.

"I am honored to have been selected for this position and excited for further opportunities to learn and grow at the library," Snow said.

"Josie was chosen because of her demonstrated leadership as well as her desire to serve our community further," said Wempe. "Please stop by your library to congratulate her."

Mermaid parade and costume creation

We will be celebrating the end of our highly successful Summer Reading Program with a fun, free all-ages mermaid parade and small party on Friday, Aug. 5, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the library for everyone from children to adults.

Every year since 1983, Coney Island in New York has put on the largest art parade in the U.S. to welcome summer. Artists come dressed in ocean-themed costumes that show off their skill and creativity.



tumes that show off their skill and creativity.

Your library will be hosting our own version of this parade — and if you don't have a costume to wear, you are invited to join us on Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at a free session when we will provide a variety of beautiful materials you can use to make an ocean-themed costume for yourself.

Free early literacy program starts soon

If you want to participate in a new round of an exciting free 10-week literacy program that helps families and caregivers build their babies' vocabulary, come to your library on Aug. 3 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. for an information session, or attend Aug. 4 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. on Zoom, using passcode 895 4571 2561 to join.

Called LENA, the program comes from a partnership involving your library, AmeriCorps and the San Juan BOCES.

When you enroll in the workshops, you will get personalized information and ideas to help your child. Please contact Michelle Salmeron-Ramirez at (970) 585-4293 or michellesr@unitedway-swco.org. The program is available

in English and Spanish. It was created for babies from new-born to age 3 and will help you use talking to build your child's brain.

Public health talks continue

Your library has been hosting public health and resource professionals from San Juan Basin Public Health for free in-person sessions on Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. The final talk on Aug. 1 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 presentation are available on a flyer you can pick up at your library.

Library Speakers Consortium continues

On Wednesday, Aug. 3, you are invited to the third in our new free Library Speakers Consortium series featuring New York Times bestselling fiction and nonfiction authors giving live, professionally moderated book discussions you can view on your computer, tablet or smartphone with Internet access. You also will have an opportunity to ask questions.

The Aug. 3 session at noon features 2021 Pulitzer Prize-winner Dr. Marcia Chatelain, author of "Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America."

The next talk on Tuesday, Aug. 9, will feature Liz Moore, author of "Long Bright River," named the

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Children's Spanish class debuts

Join us next Thursday, Aug. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon for a new Spanish class for kids aged 6 to 11. Miss Josie and Miss Ruby will help you learn and improve your Spanish.

Tech Time resumes

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices. You do not need an appointment.

Mini Dungeons and Dragons debuts

A new Dungeons and Dragons minigame for fourth- through eighth-graders starts next Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Phone (970) 264-2209 to join.

More Dungeons and Dragons virtually and in person

Next Thursday, Aug. 4, 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, Aug. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. for our last in-person Dungeons and Dragons game.

Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join either or both games.

PALS adult education expands

In response to popular demand, Mark has doubled 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.

Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, July 29, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on

Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the sixth through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted July 25 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

StoryWalk downtown

Our very popular StoryWalk now takes place at a new location. We are pleased to partner with the Town of Pagosa Springs to bring the StoryWalk to the Riverwalk downtown. It starts at the Ross Aragon Community Center and heads north toward the growing domes. Aug. 1-14 features the book "A Butterfly is Patient," a beautiful book about butterflies that is full of wings.

Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

Library hours

Most of our programs happen in person and curbside service continues. Also, our hours are back to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

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Mysteries and thrillers

"Red on the River" by Christine Freehan is a romantic thriller set in Nevada. "Hatchet Island" by Paul Doiron features Maine game warden Mike Bowditch in a research station far off the coast. "The Girl Who Survived" by Lisa Jackson follows the survivors of a brutal family massacre. "Suspects" by Danielle Steel features a CIA agent helping a fashion icon after her family is kidnapped. "One of the Girls" by Lucy Clarke takes place at a bachelorette party on a Greek island. "The Maker of Swans" by Paraic O'Donnell follows the master of an

English estate and his butler after a shooting.

Other novels

"Project Namahana" explores the issues of wartime trauma and historical injustice on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. "Elsewhere" by Alexis Schaikin is a fantasy that reveals a community where girls become wives, wives become mothers and some of them disappear. "Shadow of the Sith" by Adam Christopher is a Star Wars story. "My Brother's Husband" by Gengoroh Tagame is a two-volume story about a work-at-home dad in Tokyo faced with the widower of his twin. "Woman of Light" by Kali Fajardo-Anstine is an epic of betrayal, love and fate spanning five generations of an indigenous Chicano family in the American West.

Short stories

"The Angel of Rome and Other Stories" by National Book Award finalist Jess Walter is a collection of stories about the moments life changes you — for better, for worse, for the outrageous.

Books on CD

"The Island" by Adriana McKinty features a family on a working vacation overseas involved in a kidnapping. "Resolute" by Jack Campbell is the second book in the Lost Fleet: Outlands military sci-fi series. "Suspects" by Danielle Steel features a CIA agent helping a fashion icon after her family is kidnapped.

Nonfiction

"Freezing Order" by Bill Browder

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to explore the universe through the eyes of a poet

By Pauline Benetti

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in-person services are on the first and third Sundays of the month. This Sunday, join our fellowship and service leaders Michael Demchak and Pauline Benetti as we explore the universe through the lens of the James Webb Telescope and through the eyes of a poet.

The images that recently returned to earth from the James Webb Telescope have been blockbusters, among their revelations birth and death on an immense scale. Two of the images focus on nebulas, huge clouds of dust and

gas within which stars are sometimes born, and another analyzes a region known as Stephan's Quintet, a frightening corner of the cosmos where five galaxies are locked in an ultimately fatal dance. These must be seen to be believed.

Demchak will do just that with a slide show of images during the Sunday service of Aug. 7. But it's not enough to just look and be amazed. Pursuing our search for meaning, Benetti will represent the poet's interpretation of what we have seen through the work of Chet Raymo in his "The Soul of the Night — An Astronomical Pilgrimage."

Depending on the current recommendations concerning COVID, please be prepared to wear a

well-fitting mask if deemed necessary while in the building. Social distancing will be encouraged and, to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the mountains. Join us. For more information about the fellowship, please visit www.pagosauu.org.

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continued from previous page is the true story of money laundering, murder and surviving Putin's wrath by an American-British financier who is one of the largest foreign investors in Russia. "Genius Kitchen" by Max Lugavere contains 100 recipes to help make your brain sharp, body strong and taste buds happy.

Donations

We are grateful to Rebecca Battles 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

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time

for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance." — Confucius, Chinese philosopher.

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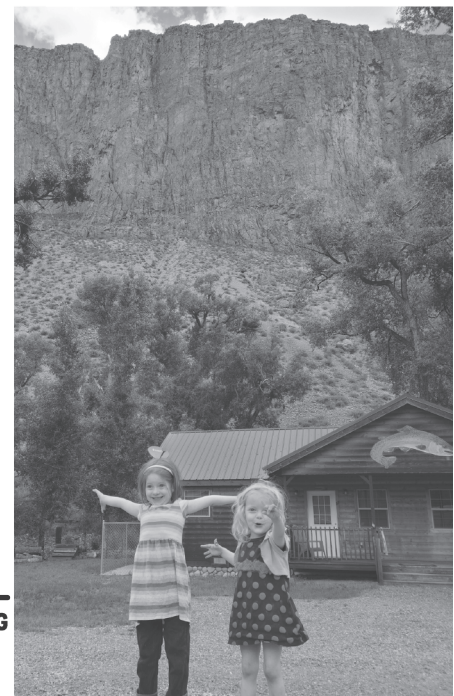
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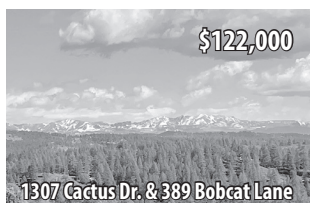
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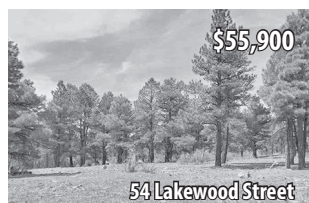
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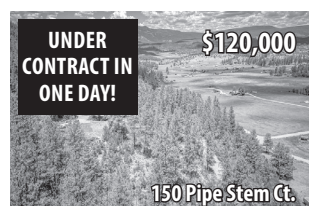
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Pagosa Springs Christian Women's retreat planned for Sept. 23-25

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 25.

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, integrity and character. She has 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.

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 into the vision God has planted in their hearts.

Jill Frances is a worship leader 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.

The verse chosen for this year's 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."

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.

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New Thought topic: 'The Buddhist Eightfold Path to Awakened Living'

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on Sunday, July 31, at 10 a.m. will be "The Buddhist Eightfold Path to Awakened Living" with Dr. Elaine Harding.

"We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves." — the Buddha.

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 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, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Body, Mind, Spirit Festival Benefit with SpiritHeart Band in the ballroom at Pagosa Lodge. Free lectures, classes, 9:30a.m.-6:30 p.m. Donations \$5.

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The Aspin Inspiration Memorial Library is a collection of spiritual books. We welcome you to sign out/view our books, by appointment.

About us

The New Thought Center promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance 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 pagosacomunitynewthought@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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The Methodists in Motion Outdoors hiking crew on the Opal Lake trail: Sarah, Bob, Tom, Kathy, Laura, Susy and Herb.

Community United Methodist Church launches new Creation Care Team

By Sarah L. Riehm
Community United Methodist Church

The Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) recently launched a new Creation Care Team to equip members and the community to be good stewards of our beautiful natural surroundings in Pagosa Springs.

The team will focus on four areas: facilities and grounds, education of members and the greater community, mission and outreach, and incorporating creation care topics into worship and Sunday school classes.

The team is already hard at work, incorporating native plants into landscaping beds and planning educational programs for the fall. Herb Grover delivered a stirring sermon on environmental stewardship in July.

The biggest new initiative is MIMO: Methodists in Motion Outdoors. Grover has been leading a series of easy to moderate nature hikes in the area. These are not your usual hikes. The focus isn't so much on fitness, step count or physical challenge, but rather to enjoy and appreciate our native surroundings. Grover takes time to identify native wildflowers and plants along the way. Hikees enjoy lunch and a

devotional along the way.

We are honored to have Grover as our hike leader. He is a semi-retired professor of biology, ecology and environmental science who has lived in Pagosa Springs for a little over seven years. He spent the last 25 years in teaching and administrative positions at faith-based universities in Texas and continues to teach environmental science online for Wayland Baptist University. Prior to returning to academia in the mid-1990s, Grover was a research professor at the University of New Mexico, worked for the New Mexico Environment Department and served as a project manager for a subcontractor to the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Our next MIMO Saturday hike will be on July 30 to the ice caves and various river overlooks on the Piedra River Trail. All are welcome. We will meet at the Piedra River Trailhead at 9 a.m. The trail is about 3 miles long with a 400-foot elevation gain. Bring plenty of water, snacks, rain gear, a hat, wear sunscreen and bring a lunch. If you'd like to join the MIMOs this Saturday, RSVP to Grover at hgroverco@gmail.com.

If you have questions about MIMO or the new Creation Care Team, contact Sarah Riehm at (469) 236-0017.

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A better way of thinking

By Jeff Smith
PREVIEW Columnist

In the modern world, faithful Christians and the gospel often compete with new, often dark, philosophies such as critical race theory, Marxism, socialism, liberalism and postmodernism. Scripture has a philosophy that shines brighter.

Philosophy is the “love” of being “wise,” from the Greek words “phileo,” or “love,” and “sophia” meaning “wisdom.” Philosophy is how we see the world, how we think it works and how to get a good life. Three thousand years ago, before Socrates, King Solomon’s Book of Proverbs gave us the idea when he pictured our gaining wisdom as a romance. We must “love” Lady Wisdom before she will bless our lives (Proverbs 4:5-9). Solomon was the “wisest” of all the thinkers who would come after him (1 Kings 3:11-15). His key to the good life was simple: know right from wrong.

Solomon’s lessons in reason, logic and right judgment are nothing new to Bible readers. Wealth is fine. Being wise is better (Prov 3:13). An angry outburst may be bad. A “devious” person who plans evil is worse (Prov 14:17). I take these insights. I judge better. I choose better. I don’t do evil to get what I want. My life is better.

However, there is a broader use to them. They are meant to be group ethics, helping not just “me” but “us.” This is what the Queen of Sheba found when she surveyed Solomon’s kingdom and all he accomplished (2 Chronicles 9:1-9).

Here are some other ways we can better use his proverbs.

Christian parents can teach proverbs to their children to prepare them for the hostile ideas in the classroom. Sunday school should include lessons in his logic. Proverbs can inspire robust debate with teens, having them grapple with complex issues so they can

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Philosophy is how we see the world, how we think it works and how to get a good life.

best the faulty logic they will face in college and the workplace.

Adults, trained in Bible wisdom, can offer good advice. Advice differs from asking someone to convert. To convert means to give all or nothing. Advice allows the hearer to take all, some or none with no harm done. It presents faith as being reasoned and helpful. It offers safe, common ground for those who believe to talk with those who don’t. It does much good even if it achieves less.

Teaching right judgment would make our churches better and safer. Proverbs 3:3 asks us to bal-

ance “mercy and truth,” so if a problem occurs, we default first to mercy. Assume the best, then get the whole story. Problems worsen when we assume the worst with only half the facts. This kind of thinking would lessen the all-too-frequent loss of church leaders who find the pressures of ministry and the poverty too great to bear. Teaching wisdom to us in the pew would help keep the man in the pulpit. Wise churches who differ on doctrine may find common ground based on these better ethics.

Solomon’s Book of Proverbs in the Bible may be one of the hardest books to teach, but it can be done. After that, the larger target for the teaching of proverbs would be the culture outside our church walls.

Western, left-wing thinking on marriage and raising children has done much to fray the fabric of our culture. Its valid concerns about racism, the environment and women’s rights are in danger of being tossed with its tragic views on gay marriage and abortion.

New and better ideas of how to have a good life and make sense of the world need to be ready to take its place.

Faithful students of scripture have a better way of thinking. This dark world needs to see it.

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Countywide Women's Bible Study to begin studying Matthew 24 soon

By Stan Counsell
Countywide Women's Bible Study

For more than 50 years, the Countywide Women's Bible Study has marched forward, teaching various topics and books of the Bible that bring honor to Jesus Christ and uplift His followers. The study of both Thessalonian books is nearly completed, with recently facilitated topics like what a believer is and what a Christian is. A new topic is soon forthcoming — Matthew 24. This Bible chapter has been a somewhat "hot button" for some in American Christendom, especially in the last century.

A common concern of many Christians is, "I simply don't understand parts of the Bible." And, who can blame them with numerous conflicting religious books, TV speakers and ministries that often cause brain cramps within the Body of Christ? But, when biblical confusion gives way to an understanding mindset, Christian growth excels beyond wild expectations. Fear is replaced by sound faith, world/national events no longer needlessly complicate lives. Growth and understanding creates a different person who breaks free of confusion and even fear. Christian ladies become just like a new butterfly, finally free of its cocoon. now fully prepared for flight and a new life.

John 8:32 records Jesus saying, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." This, and many other biblical quotes, lead Christians to want to understand the truth from the Savior who said in John 14:6, "I am (Greek: I AM) the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by Me." Don't believers long for the truth that leads them to the Father, gives them real life and freedom? From the Greek, the word "know" often means "to be resolved, be

sure, to understand." Or, as one professor taught, "You know the truth so well, it's as if it attached itself to you." It doesn't mean having our brain discombobulated with conflicting opinions. Understanding, like a cool Pagosa mountain breeze, is soothing to our mind and spirit.

With a profound love for God's Word, and unending research, the study's facilitator has tackled scriptures and Bible topics with complete fairness, free of hidden agendas. The discussions are open and joyful. Who says one can't laugh and still learn? It is never too late to attend as each study has a refreshing overview of the previous week's study. All interested ladies are openly encouraged to attend. Your background is not an issue: Protestant, Charismatic, Evangelical, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, or nondenominational. Even the curious are most welcome.

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

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

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

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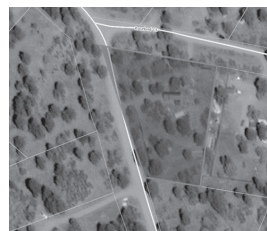
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Rose Chavez named Archuleta Seniors Inc. executive director

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

This week we welcome our new executive director, Rose D. Chavez, to Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI).

“I am a home-grown leader, growing up here in Pagosa Springs during the ‘80s and ‘90s and the daughter of Alice Archuleta-Chavez, a longtime native to Archuleta County. My training, education and experience is in nutrition/dietetics, population health and community planning. Growing up, I worked in food service continuing through my college years managing multiple natural foods cooperative kitchens, a few juice bars and delicatessens in Durango, Colo., Denver metro area and Albuquerque, N.M. Food, wellness and community are my passions,” she said.

Please stop by our offices when you come for a delicious meal in the Community Cafe and say hello, welcome Rose and share your ideas for the future of the Pagosa Senior Center.

Community Cafe open Mondays, Wednesdays

The Community Cafe is now open to the public every Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If dining in, please be prepared to show your vaccination cards. (If you have COVID-19, have been exposed or are exhibiting any symptoms, please stay home.) We always offer Grab-n-Go meals Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at our convenient drive-thru. Our meals are available to all ages by reservation; call or text us at (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m.

We would also like to give a shout out to Cynthia Sperry, our new lead chef who oversees the Community Cafe.

She moved to Pagosa Country in 2016 from southern California. She has a background in film-making, and hotel/restaurant management. Cynthia strives to cook with the most natural and local ingredients that are available. She is committed to great flavors using different mineral-rich salts from around the world and the best organic herbs and high quality spices.

She shares, “I love living in a small mountain town with beautiful scenery and experiencing the four seasons. I’m really enjoying cooking for the seniors (and children) of Pagosa Springs.”

Community Cafe now accepting texts

Text us at (970) 264-2167. The Community Cafe is now accepting text messaging for meal reserva-

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tions, cancellations and/or communication of any kind.

When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are calling to cancel a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel. Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair. Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. Proof of vaccination is required.

Medicare call by appointment

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Zentangle

Zentangle is a form of relaxation and using easy-to-learn patterns, drawn by focusing on single lines one at a time. The method focuses on simple elemental strokes that anyone can draw, regardless of creative ability, and allows the mind and body to release stress while creating beautiful images.

The instructor is Roberta Strickland, CZT. Call (970) 946-4582 or text us at (970) 264-2167. Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. For the safety of our participants, proof of vaccinations is required.

Bridge

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

Kitchen and desk volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with greeting customers. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

ASI board vacancy

The ASI Board of Directors has one vacant position open for financial oversight and policy implementation for the organization and senior center staff. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term. Potential candidates should be at least 55 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, Aug. 4 — Salmon with dill sauce, orzo pasta, broccoli, milk, garden salad and cookies.

Friday, Aug. 5 — Spaghetti Bolognese, broccoli with focaccia, bread, milk, garden salad and fruit.

Monday, Aug. 8 — Fish tacos with cabbage and Baja sauce, cilantro rice, milk, garden salad, fruit.

Tuesday, Aug. 9 — Pork kielbasa with sauteed cabbage and German potato salad, milk, garden salad, fruit and roll with butter.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 — Meatloaf with gravy, baked potatoes, roll and butter, milk and garden salad.

Thursday, Aug. 11 — Grilled cheese sandwich with tomato basil soup, milk, small chef salad and fruit.

■ See Senior on next page

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Beware of myrtle spurge when xeriscaping

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Xeriscaping is a popular option for a beautiful water-wise landscape in drought-stricken Colorado. The combination of rocks and plants can mimic our native plant communities in a beautiful way, but be aware of what you are planting.

Many noxious weeds are drought-hardy, which allows them to thrive in their invaded ranges. Plants like myrtle spurge are hailed as xeriscape champions, while, in reality, they are nasty invaders that will escape ornamentation and degrade our native habitats on top of causing you physical harm.

That's right, this plant can hurt you. Myrtle spurge contains a caustic latex sap that is capable of burning your skin. You can compound the damage by touching your face after handling this plant and spreading the blisters to more sensitive regions such as the eyes, nose or lips.

Myrtle spurge is currently an A list species in Colorado, meaning that its eradication is required by law. It is illegal to buy, sell or cultivate myrtle spurge. In New Mexico, it is listed as a Watch List species, where more information is needed before it is either dropped from the list or elevated to a higher classification. Myrtle spurge is available for sale in New Mexico, so when shopping for garden plants out of state, it is important to know which plants are designated as noxious here in Colorado.

Noxious weeds have a long

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history of being introduced as an ornamental before escaping and wreaking havoc. Oxeye daisy, yellow toadflax and dame's rocket are just a few others that join the ranks of myrtle spurge. When planning your garden, remember that you can be a part of the solution or a part of the problem. These species do not belong in our natural areas and are not suitable forage for wildlife, nectar sources for pollinators and crowd out our native plant species.

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

Archuleta County Fair

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

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

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 archuleta-countyfair@gmail.com.

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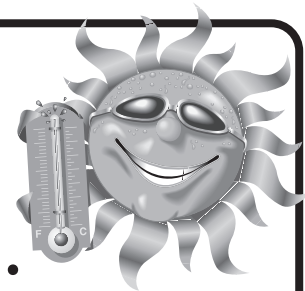
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ASI is proposing a \$2 million

request to purchase a new Senior Center, including the cost of renovations for a large dining room, food storage, offices, a large commercial kitchen and ample space for activities.

Please consider donating to ASI by calling or texting us at (970) 264-2167. You may also mail your donation to P.O. Box 344, Pagosa Springs CO 81147, or please visit our website, <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. in downtown Pagosa Springs. For more information about ASI, please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

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First annual Native Artist Market and Juried Show announced

By Lindsay Box
Southern Ute Indian Reservation

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is announcing its first annual Native Artist Market and Juried Show Sept. 9-11.

The Native Artist Market and Juried Show will be held at the SUCCM during this year's centennial Southern Ute Tribal Fair.

A host committee will serve as judges for the juried show. Submission categories are:

- Best of Show.
- Jewelry.
- Beadwork.
- Textiles and Basketry.
- Sculpture.
- Painting, Drawing and Photography.
- Pottery.
- Emerging Artist.

Award winners will share \$4,000 in cash prizes. The members of the host committee are Ute artists Oreland Joe Jr., Norman Lansing and Russell Box Sr.

Joe. was born in Shiprock, N.M., where he grew up on both the Navajo and Southern Ute reservations. His art is influenced by his roots in the Four Corners area of the U.S. southwest combined with classical influences he gained while studying in France, Italy and Japan. Joe works in a variety of media and is world-renowned for his stone and bronze sculpture.

Lansing, a Ute Mountain Ute, was born in Towaoc, Colo. Lansing works in all media and is best known for his sgraffito etchings on ceramic vases. He is also known for his acrylic paintings and pen-and-ink drawings. His art often explores the "relationship between man, animal, earth and the spirits of all living entities" that are all needed to form a balanced universe.

Box, a Southern Ute tribal member and veteran, was born and

raised on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The Native Artist Market and Juried Show will bring Native artists from all tribal nations together to showcase their art and provide networking and learning opportunities. Joe will lead a workshop for emerging artists that will focus on the business aspects of the art profession.

Artists are encouraged to participate in the early-bird registration of \$50 per booth. Early bird registration ends Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. The final registration deadline is Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. Registration information can be found on the SUCCM website at southernutemuseum.org

To RSVP, please contact SUCCM employee Waynoka Whiteskunk at (970) 563-2979 or via email at wwhiteskunk@southernute-nsn.gov.

"The Tribe looks forward to sharing our beautiful reservation and welcoming tribal community with the artists who will be participating in the show. This will provide an excellent opportunity for Native artisans to showcase their talent and skill," shared Chairman Melvin J. Baker.

The mission of the SUCCM is to foster understanding of and respect for the unique origin, culture, language, history and way of life of the Núuchiu (Ute people) and to advance people-to-people relations through inclusive and effective programming and services.

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ANSWER:

‘Dementia Conversations — Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning’ webinar announced

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer’s Association

When family members suspect a loved one may be facing Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia, among the toughest conversations to have with them is the need to visit the doctor for a diagnosis. Soon after that comes the equally challenging talk about driving — and when to stop.

The Alzheimer’s Association will offer a special webinar, “Dementia Conversations,” on Sept. 12 to help families navigate some of the difficult steps in the very earliest stages of dementia. This is one of a series of free webinars that will be offered virtually in the coming months.

The full schedule for free Alzheimer’s Association webinars for August and September includes:

- “Living with Alzheimer’s: For People with Early-Stage Alzheimer’s and Care Partners.” In the early stage of Alzheimer’s disease, families face new questions as they adjust. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help? Hear from those directly affected and learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis. This is a three-part series. Available in Spanish. — 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8; Wednesday, Aug. 10; and Aug. 15.

- “Living with Alzheimer’s: For Middle-Stage Caregivers” — In the middle stage of Alzheimer’s disease, those who were care partners now become hands-on caregivers. Join us and hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer’s disease. This is a three-part series. Available in Spanish. — 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 17, Aug. 22 and Aug. 24.

- “Living with Alzheimer’s: For Late-Stage Caregivers” — In the late stage of Alzheimer’s disease, caregiving typically involves new ways of connecting and interacting with the person with the disease. Join us and hear from caregivers and professionals about resources, monitoring care and providing meaningful connection for the person with late-stage Alzheimer’s and their families. Available in Spanish. — 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 29.

- “Living with Younger Onset Alzheimer’s” — When someone under 65 is diagnosed with younger-onset Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia, the first reaction is often shock or denial. This doesn’t happen to someone so young, does it? What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What about work? What resources are available? Hear from those directly affected and learn what you need to know, what you

need to plan for, and what you can do to ease the impact of the disease. — 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 9.

There are support groups designed specifically for caregivers for those living with younger-onset Alzheimer’s.

- Virtual group: meets at 6 p.m. via Zoom on the second Wednesday of the month. Call the Helpline at (800) 272-3900 to register.

- In person: meets at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Family Fun Plex, 1501 65th Ave., Greeley, CO.

- Adult children: meets at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom on the second Wednesday of the month. Call the Helpline (800-272-3900) to register.

- “Dementia Conversations — Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning” — When someone is showing signs of dementia, it’s time to talk. Often, conversations with family about changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable. This program provides tips for breaking the ice with your family so you can address some of the most common issues that are difficult to discuss: going to the doctor for a diagnosis or medical treatment, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care. — 10 to 11 a.m. on Sept. 12.

- “Effective Communication Strategies” — This workshop teaches caregivers to decode verbal and behavioral communication from someone with Alzheimer’s and other dementias. Develop strategies for having meaningful connection with people in differing stages of dementia. — 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 14.

- “Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors” — Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer’s disease. — 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 19.

- “Caregiver’s Guide to Managing Money” — If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer’s disease, dementia or another chronic illness, it’s never too early to put financial plans in place. Join us for “Managing Money.” This free Alzheimer’s Association education program will feature tips for managing someone else’s finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning. — 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 21.

Like all programs and services

of the Alzheimer’s Association, the webinars are offered at no charge, but registration is required. To register, call the free Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900. To learn more about Alzheimer’s Association programs and services, go to www.alz.org.

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Saddle Mountain Ditch near Crawford Colo., in May 2022.

Ditches are a vanishing paradise

By Dave Marston
PREVIEW Columnist

Annette Choszcyk lives in rural western Colorado these days, but when she was a kid, the Highline Canal in Denver was her summer paradise.

“To us, it was river and a playground, complete with rope swings, swimming holes, crawdads and a trail alongside it that adults and kids could walk on to the foothills or far out into the prairie.” They always called it a ditch, this 71-mile-long canal that carried water all over Denver.

Throughout the west, thousands of ditches that snake for miles through semi-arid country are nothing less than beloved. They add living green corridors to walk or bike along, impromptu wetlands frequented by birds and, always, a respite from summer heat.

But now a warming climate delivers less melted snow to rivers that supply these diversion ditches with water. Federal legislation also mandates piping many earthen ditches to cut salinity in the Colorado River water that’s sent to Mexico.

The result: Dry trails, disappearing wetlands and the end of a rural and urban amenity.

Many people mourn the loss. “With less water, we have to figure out how to try to retain the best of what we value the most,” said John Fleck, a water researcher at the University of New Mexico’s Uton Center.

He said the Griego Lateral, in Albuquerque, N.M., that he regularly bikes along, was built in 1708, and during the COVID lockdown,

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the ditch bank was mobbed with bikers and walkers desperate to get outdoors.

“There is incredible value in these ditches,” he said.

But Fleck pointed out that we’re confronted by difficult choices: “How much water do we keep in rivers and which ditches do we save?” Any loss can be painful, and in a blog post, Fleck wrote simply: “I love living near a ditch.”

You could say of Cary Denison, former project coordinator for Trout Unlimited and an irrigator, that he was born in irrigation boots.

“In western Colorado, my dad was the superintendent of the Fire Mountain Canal,” he said, “and my first job was irrigating.”

These days, though, Denison thinks rivers get shortchanged because too much water gets diverted into ditches.

“Then a river suffers,” he said. “We need to maintain enough water in the river for fish and plant life.”

Denison recalled a startling moment as he irrigated family property outside of Hotchkiss, Colo. The gated 12-inch pipe was clogged, so he and his brother began cleaning it out, expecting a mass of leaves and twigs. But the clog turned out to be the biggest brown trout — “and I fished almost daily,” he said — that he’d ever

seen. That fish had come a long way. Their property was 9 miles from the diversion where the river was sweeping almost entirely into the ditch.

These days, Dennison is an irrigator himself and lives in the town of Ridgway. But he recalls that giant brown trout as “a day where irrigators should have taken less.” The experience led Denison toward his work in conservation: “We need to take only the water from rivers we absolutely need.”

Fleck and other students of the Colorado River see a time coming soon when many water diversions will cease because of their lower priority dates. Some ditches are already dry, as the water gets left in the river for the Lower Basin states of Arizona, Nevada and California. These states share the river equally with the Upper Basin states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming, where the river begins and gathers strength.

Over centuries, said Fleck, “one of the things that we’ve done in all these western landscapes is to narrow the river itself with levees and dams and control it in a narrow channel. And we’ve distributed water across the floodplain through ditches. It’s this huge, rich, complex social and cultural ecosystem that we’ve all lived in for hundreds of years.”

But increasing aridity is already changing that pattern. Earlier this summer, Choszcyk, who now lives in western Colorado, mourned the loss of some of her local ditches as they got piped, ending the riparian ribbon that enhanced her neighborhood.

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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 chicken casserole and dessert go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

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

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

advanced students from 5-7 p.m.
PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

San Juan 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.

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.

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.

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Stewart Mesa Ditch near Paonia, Colo., in May 2020.

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 "Generations of children will have poorer childhoods because they will never have a 'wild' place along a ditch to explore," she said.

It's hard to love a semi-desert once you've come to appreciate

the wonders that a ditch can bring.
Dave Marston is publisher of Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent non-profit dedicated to lively discussion about the West. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.



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Methodists in Motion Outdoors Hike. 9 a.m., Piedra River Trailhead. The trail is about 3 miles long with a 400-foot elevation gain. Bring plenty of water, snacks, rain gear, a hat, wear sunscreen, and bring a lunch. If you'd like to join the MIMOs this Saturday, RSVP to Herb Grover at hgroverco@gmail.com.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A docent is available for a guided walk of the Chartres-designed labyrinth. The labyrinth is available dawn to dusk behind the parking lot at

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 the vision.

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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.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 5-7:30 p.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$16/adults and \$8/children 5-12. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

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.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We are happy to help you

resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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

Ocean Costume Creation. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Make your costume for the Mermaid Parade on Aug. 5. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Dungeons and Dragons Minigame. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Join in the adventure and learn to play with a short mini-campaign. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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264-2209 for more information.

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

Sketching at the Pinnacles. 5-7:30 p.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little visit to the monument all rolled into one. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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, Aug. 3

Geology Tour. 7-8:30 a.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$16/adults and \$8/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.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. 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. 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.

LENA Program Information Session. 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. Join the LENA program, a free 10-week parent group centered on language development and early literacy. Participants get free books each week

as well as personalized feedback on how to build literacy skills with their child. For families with children 0-3. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Library Speakers Consortium: Marcia Chatelain. Noon. Live author discussion via computer link. The speaker will be Marcia Chatelain, author of "Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America." The Library Speakers Consortium is a partnership of public libraries working together to expand access to best-selling author talks. A live, one-hour interview with a best-selling author and a professional moderator. Event recordings will be available after each event if you are unable to view the live presentation. To access these engaging book discussions, please visit <https://pagosalibrary.org> on your computer, tablet or smartphone on the day of the event.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 6th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

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.

Thursday, Aug. 4

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

Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. For more information, visit <https://www.archuletacountyfair.com/>.

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

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving sweet and sour pork, 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.

Children's Spanish Class. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Want to learn Spanish? Join Miss Josie and Miss Ruby for a chance to learn and improve your Spanish. This class is designed for children ages 6-11.

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

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions

related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Dungeons and Dragons. 3-5 p.m., Discord. Ongoing game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join.

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

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

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The presentation for our monthly meeting will be an overview of the Chimney Rock National Monument new site management and a preview of the 10-year anniversary event in September by Cody Cammack, lead ranger. Social time starts at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. The public is welcome. For more information, please email us at sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

LENA Program Information Session. 7-7:45 p.m. via Zoom. Join the LENA program, a free 10-week parent group centered on language development and early literacy. Participants get free books each week as well as personalized feedback on how to build literacy skills with their child. For families with children 0-3. Use passcode 895 4571 2561 to join.

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, Aug. 5

Riverwalk Naturalist Tours. 8 a.m. Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. The area is rich in natural history and ecological treasures. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and the Springs Resort. For more information, email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

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

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A docent is available for a guided walk of the Chartres-designed labyrinth. The labyrinth is available dawn to dusk behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

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

Paws to Read. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sisson Library. For those in K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Muppet, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Paws to Read is a great way for beginning

readers to build confidence. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Mermaid Parade/Summer Reading Party. 2:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Celebrate the end of Summer Reading. Come dressed in your ocean best. Every year since 1983, Coney Island has put on the largest art parade in the U.S. to welcome the summer. Artists come dressed in ocean-themed costumes that show off their skill and creativity. We will be hosting our own version of this, followed by a small party to celebrate the end of Summer Reading.

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Night Sky Our Solar System. 7:15-10 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$16/adults and \$8/children 5-12. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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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.

Makerspace. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For all ages. Come build, design and create at the library. We provide the material, you provide the vision.

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,

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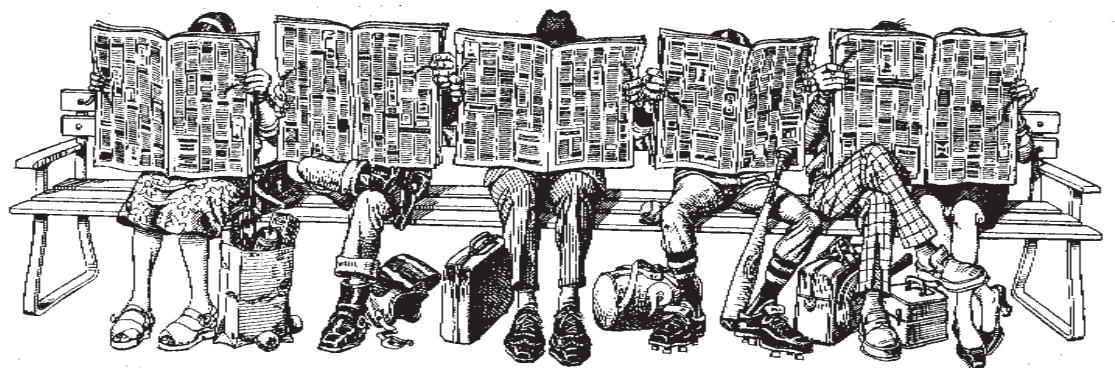
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Bird of the Week



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

Typically a wren is a small, brown bird, both active and secretive, traits that can make identification a challenge. Consideration of habitat type is an important key when deciding the correct species in this family of birds.

Rock wren is a fit name for this bird that inhabits dry, rocky, sparsely vegetated habitats of the West, even thriving in desert environments where few other birds survive. It is so well adapted to dry environments that it is not known to drink water, even when it is readily available.

A narrow head and long, thin bill allows the rock wren to search for insects and spiders in the rock crevices of its home. A gray-brown back speckled with white helps it to blend in as it hops among the rocks searching for food. Males sing their loud songs from a prominent perch among the rocks while bouncing up and down in a motion compared to knee bends.

Rocks are an important feature in this bird's nest, often hidden in a crevice or opening among them. Small, flat rocks are carefully laid on the floor of the nest area and in the entryway, creating a stone walkway to the nest. Some chambers have been found constructed with more than 1,500 small stones, each transported in the bill of this small bird. The function of this stonemasonry is not clearly understood.

In summer, rock wrens are found from southern British Columbia through the western states into Mexico and Central America. Northern birds move south for the winter and they are usually gone from our area by mid-September.

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Pulled up stakes
- 5 Squirrels' hang-outs
- 9 Trailer hookup
- 14 Mystical glow
- 15 Radar image
- 16 Farewell, in France
- 17 Gets one's goat
- 18 Female store clerk
- 20 "Easy ___ it!"
- 21 "Cinderella Man" star
- 22 In the event that
- 23 Truth ___
- 25 Rubs out
- 27 Stable worker
- 29 One of Santa's team
- 31 Bothersome bug
- 32 Show
- 37 Take the wrong way?
- 39 Umpire's call
- 40 "Stranger Things" star
- 41 View-Master, e.g.
- 44 One of Alcott's "Little Women"
- 45 Third planet
- 46 Lin-Manuel Miranda, for one
- 48 Fleet
- 51 Sonogram subject
- 52 Sprinter's event
- 53 Inventor Nikola
- 56 Website warning
- 59 Native
- 61 Awful
- 62 River by the Louvre
- 63 FDR's coin
- 64 Thunderous applause
- 65 Metal-shaping tool
- 66 Husky burden
- 67 Poker stake

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- 1 Put down, as tiles
- 2 Mark's successor
- 3 Swimming stroke
- 4 Mortarboard attachment
- 5 Relatively unknown
- 6 Eye-opener?
- 7 Narc's find, perhaps
- 8 Spit out
- 9 "Hee ___"
- 10 Image worship
- 11 Uses a stopwatch
- 12 "Cut it out!"
- 13 Seeks prey
- 19 Appears
- 24 Prince Harry, for one
- 26 Conference site
- 27 Takes out, mob-style
- 28 Narrow opening

- 29 Shrink's furniture
- 30 Not had by
- 33 Nearly all
- 34 Entry fee
- 35 Numerical suffix
- 36 For that reason
- 38 Bringing to life
- 42 Wax eloquent
- 43 Delighted
- 47 Siberian expanse

- 48 Not quite right
- 49 Extend, in a way
- 50 Radio or TV
- 51 Water chute
- 54 Concludes
- 55 Potting need
- 57 Campus house
- 58 "As you ___"
- 60 Word from the Beaver

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Clue: Flexible tube

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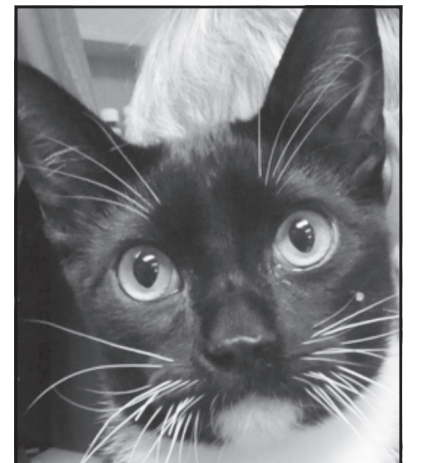
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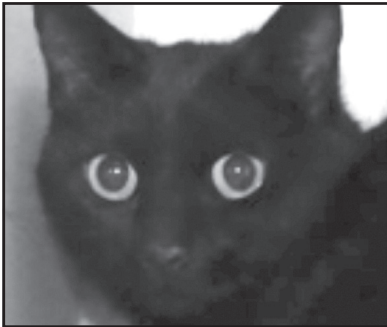
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THE PAGOSA SPRINGS AREA Tourism Board currently has one (1) open At-Large Seat and is seeking applications from individuals that would be interested in serving on the Tourism Board. The application can be downloaded from: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y3VK-dZdcsDaOVNBnLB2d-9TixU24rdo/view?usp=sharing>. Applications should be received no later than Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022 at 5p.m. Please contact Jennie Green at (970)903-9728 with any questions.

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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!

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- ➔ Ability to deliver creative content (text, image, video)
- ➔ Minimum 1-2 years of experience in social media content development
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- Child Welfare worker-JS 7A
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- IT Manger - JS 11A

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COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR. Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce seeks a Marketing Communications Coordinator. Qualified candidate will have experience in website maintenance, social media and digital marketing platforms, budgeting and sales. This person must possess strong marketing and organizational skills as well as be able to learn multiple computer programs. Position could be part time employee or contract position. Please send resume to Director@pagosachamber.com or drop off at 105 Hot Springs Blvd./P.O. Box 787, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 by COB, August 12, 2022. The Chamber of Commerce is an equal opportunity employer.

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ESTATE SALE, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 8a.m. sharp. 105 Waterfall Ct., off of Meadows and Paciente. Same location, completely different client than last week! Kitchen items, linens, clothing, furniture, homeschooling materials, etc. Half price Saturday. Sale by The Organizers.

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

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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.

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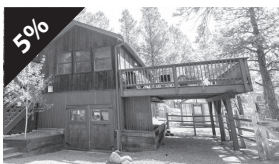
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