



# Town, county move forward with sales tax ballot question

## ■ Discuss forming special district

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At a joint work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Aug. 16, the boards discussed the results of a recent survey concerning a proposed sales tax increase and the possibility of forming a special improvement district.

County Manager Derek Woodman opened the meeting by relating the preliminary results of the survey, performed by Magellan Strategies and intended to assess

voter support for a potential sales tax increase.

Woodman explained that the survey had been completed by approximately 1,100 citizens and that it closed later that evening, making it possible to discuss the survey results without biasing potential respondents.

According to Woodman, 11 percent of respondents are Pagosa Springs residents, with 88 percent being Archuleta County residents who live outside of the town limits.

Woodman then explained that, in a question concerning what services the county should provide to residents, road maintenance and repairs garnered 59 percent of the votes, infrastructure 19 percent, landfill and recycling 7 percent, parks and recreation 2 percent, trails and open space 2 percent and other services not mentioned 11 percent.

He characterized these results as “no big surprise,” although he

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# Mountain lion sightings up



SUN photo/Terri House

This curious kitty stopped by a home north of Pagosa Springs on Aug. 10. Reports of mountain lion sightings are up so far this year, according to Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

More mountain lion sightings have been reported in Archuleta County this year than by the same point in 2020 and 2021, according to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).

According to Southwest Region Public Information Officer John Livingston, 17 sightings had been reported to CPW’s Southwest Region Office as of Tuesday, Aug. 16, up from 10 at the same date in 2020 and 2021.

Livingston notes in an email to The SUN that not everyone calls in their sightings, so the actual number is likely higher.

“Statewide, we have noticed an uptick in people seeing mountain lions,” Livingston wrote. “A lot of this can be attributed to doorbell/security cameras. Critters that move around in the night that used to go unseen are now being picked up by this advance in

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Photo courtesy Ann Marie Bubb

The parking lot construction at Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County, located off Vista Boulevard near U.S. 160, as seen from the air. Following challenges that include price increases, the board steering development of the park is seeking an additional \$40,000 to make the parking lot usable.

# Plumtaw Fire declared out

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Plumtaw Fire was declared out on Aug. 10, nearly three months after it began.

The Plumtaw Fire began on May 17 in an area 7 miles north of Pagosa Springs, 2 miles west of the intersections of Plumtaw and Fourmile roads.

By the end of the day on May 17, the fire was estimated to have grown to more than 600 acres, with evacuation notices issued for residents of the Lost Valley of the San Juans subdivision in Mineral County.

According to an email from Public Affairs Officer Scott Owen of the San Juan National Forest, the fire threatened 33 homes while it was burning, with no homes destroyed.

It was declared contained on June 6, he wrote, and out on Aug. 10.

The final size of the fire, he notes, is 735 acres.

He explains, “Out means that there is no heat identified within the fire perimeter and contained means that we’re confident that the fire won’t escape the established containment lines.”

The cause of the fire, he wrote, is still under investigation.

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# Town’s workforce housing project gets OK from planning commission

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

At its Aug. 9 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission unanimously approved a planned unit development (PUD) amendment application and, acting as the Design Review Board, the sketch design application for a parcel of land in the

Aspen Village area that will serve as part of the town’s 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 design application.

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# Veterans Memorial Park seeking additional funds to finish parking lot construction

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The board of directors for the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County, located off Vista Boulevard near U.S. 160, is seeking additional funding to complete construction of a parking lot at the park.

A group of representatives for the park,

including board president Karin Daniels, approached the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners at the board’s Aug. 9 work session to update the commissioners on the project and to ask for additional funding to help reach completion.

“We have done a lot,” Daniels told the board, explaining they have embarked on phase 1, which is the parking lot completion

project, with the park closing on May 23 for work to begin.

“After an intense fundraising campaign in the spring, we accomplished our goal to raise the funds necessary to meet the criteria to get on Common Ground’s schedule to advance construction on the remaining two-thirds of the parking lot. That was \$144,000 to get

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## Archuleta County Fair

Dear Editor:  
On behalf of the horseshoe pitchers, I'd like to thank the fair board and all the many volunteers who worked so hard to make this year's county fair so enjoyable. The variety of activities offered the op-

portunity to bring people together to have fun, exhibit their talents, strengthen families and renew friendships. We appreciate your time and effort in making the fair so successful.

Mark Bergon

## Classified documents

Dear Editor:

Mankind's original sin was choice or freedom...remember... Adam & Eve choosing to eat the apple? Think of any strict religious, political or militia order...foaming-at-mouth demanding freedom but not for their group members or for that matter anybody else to have any choices.

Well, there are consequences to actions. Trump chooses to steal boxes of Top Secret, classified nuclear documents on National Security issues. Why, give'm to his bud Putin/Russia...or it's exciting to just have these kind of doc's...who knows. Here's the basic nat'l security problem...political views are just opinions and are not a reason or excuse to kill those that disagree or attack the FBI or destroy the nation. The law applies to everybody.

Put simply, progressives are optimists, seeking to help others while they may never benefit... Conservatives, by contrast, believe that moving too quickly risks breaking the fragile machinery of society both of these philosophical positions are logically coherent and defensible. Either position taken to an extreme threatens the nation.

Today's populism (MAGA) is being...absolutely...sure you're right about elections or whatever but usually the threat of those who see the world more in facts or gray. Problem, this extreme position totally refuses to see/understand/accept when they're wrong. Result, talking or pandering to these folks is a complete waste of time.

So...what's the answer?

Dave Blake

## Upper Piedra gravel pit opposition

Dear Editor:

The Sun Opinion on Growth or no Growth in the August 11 edition reported that it had few complaints

about the proposed gravel pit on the Upper Piedra. Add mine to the complaints and count mine as a proxy for many others. Yesterday, Sunday, I was at two social occasions in the Hatcher Reservoir neighborhood along Piedra Road. I discussed the proposed gravel pit with many of those present. The responses were uniformly in opposition. I will summarize the reasons stated for opposition.

Noise. In 2021, the gravel portion of County Road 600 from Coyote Hill to the Hinsdale County line was improved with gravel and grading. Dozens of gravel trucks passed Hatcher Reservoir daily. As the trucks descended the steep hill past Hatcher, the sound of the engines could be heard at residences a half-mile away. Of course, the residences on Piedra road were most affected.

Dust. During the summertime, when most of the work was going on, the dust on the gravel section of County Road 600 was constant. Efforts to keep the road watered were appreciated but were largely ineffective.

Narrow Road. County Road 600 is a narrow, paved road from Coyote Hill south to Hwy 160. Especially on the hill section in the vicinity of Woodland, Mission and Pagosa Lake, sharing the roadway with large gravel trucks is a constant danger to other vehicles, frequent bicyclers, and an occasional pedestrian.

Road Damage. The paved road between Pagosa Lake and the top of the hill to the north is in disrepair. Only slight imagination is required to see the future of Piedra Road

with heavy gravel truck traffic from the proposed gravel pit in Hinsdale County.

Piedra River. The hike along the Piedra River is a favorite. Anything that jeopardizes that fabulous river should be avoided at all costs.

Alternate Routes. Piedra Road is the only way out of the proposed gravel pit until it intersects with North Pagosa Blvd. Some of the gravel truck traffic could be diverted onto North Pagosa Blvd. That is a bad idea. North Pagosa Blvd. is narrow, passes the front doors and driveways of many lovely residences, and has many curves and hills. It is no better than Piedra Road for gravel trucks.

We recognize the need for aggregate materials for roadways and other construction. I will let others make those arguments. None that I have heard yet justifies the danger and damage that is sure to result from a gravel pit in the Upper Piedra of Hinsdale County.

I plan to present these same comments to the commissioners of Hinsdale County.

Larry Parks

## Gravel pit

Dear Editor:

In your opinion article, "Growth or no growth" (8/11/2022) you wrote, "We haven't heard many complaints about the newly proposed gravel pit planned for the Upper Piedra". I can't speak for others, but I didn't know there was "newly proposed gravel pit" until I saw it on your front page two weeks ago (August 4, 2022): "Hinsdale

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# Obituaries

## Donna Lou Elliott

Donna Lou Elliott passed away on Aug. 12. She was born to Carl and Hattie Thoreson on June 20, 1926, in Town-er, N.D. Donna graduated from Towner High School in 1944.



After graduation, Donna headed out for sun, sand and warmer weather to the beaches of Florida, where she worked with the military. She continued her adventures, moving to California and exploring the West Coast. In 1949, she moved to Plentywood, Mont., where she met her future husband and they were united in marriage June of that year. The newlyweds moved back to Towner and began ranching on the Thoreson Farm. In 1952, the couple headed to South Dakota with their two young children and their family continued to grow. Eventually, the family of eight settled in Colorado in the late 1960s and remained in Colorado for the rest of their lives.

Donna had a creative, loving and passionate soul. A devout Lutheran, Donna enjoyed growing in her faith every day. She had many interests including painting, photography, gardening, sewing, knitting/crocheting, reading and so much more. Her passion for roses was evident by the beautiful flowers she grew. She enjoyed watching the birds that flocked to her feeders and bird baths. But what she will be most remembered for is the love that she had for her family.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Elliott; her parents, Carl and Hattie Thoreson; her sister, Phyllis Senechel; her brother, Carl Thoreson; and her son-in-law, Rusty McKee. She is survived by her sons, Kalen (Kathy)

Elliott and Jeffrey Elliott; daughters Lori (Terry) Carter, Kathy (Bill) Clark, Suzanne (Grant) Riddick and Jill McKee; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and three step-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held this fall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church/ School in Pagosa Springs.

## Robert Smith

The last day in the field.

Robert Smith passed quietly at home with his beloved wife, Thelma, at his side at their ranch in the Upper Blanco Basin on Aug. 7. Robert was born in 1938 in South Saint Louis, Mo., at the end of the Great Depression and the start of WWII. It was a different generation, one that only knew self-sufficiency and the constant struggle to make ends meet. Like putting cardboard in your shoe when the sole grew too thin or eating a lettuce sandwich because there was nothing else.



Robert met his wife, Thelma, in grade school and the two were forever inseparable. After marriage, they began the long walk together. Their teacher, David Gartner, urged both of them to finish high school and gave them the confidence to extend through college where they both attained their teaching degrees and moved to Pagosa Springs in the early '60s. Robert was a teacher and counselor in the Pagosa Springs school district, the town magistrate and a counselor within the New Mexico State Prison System.

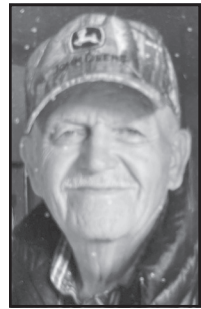
During those years, Thelma and Robert were steadily improving upon their property in the Upper

Blanco Basin. Thelma provided the inspiration and the manpower to carve out their home from what was then still raw wilderness and her husband learned by doing. Everyone agrees that Robert was the basis of the children's book "My Dad Can Fix Anything." There was never a carpenter, plumber, electrician or mechanic on the property. His one passion was the vehicles from his youth that he bought, repaired and restored including his '29 Ford Phaeton, '32 Ford Roadster and a long list of sleek lacquered Jaguars which only Thelma drove. He was a founding member of the "Skunks" hot rod club, wore white T-shirts and a pack of Camel Humps rolled up in the shirtsleeve and a mint called Sen Sen in his pocket.

No services are planned at this time, and the family hopes that this litany brought a smile to your face. True, it is the end of something, but, moreover, it is the start of life's next chapter in the book written by a man of the greatest generation and that of his wife beside him.

## Carl Elmer Strohecker

Carl Elmer Strohecker went to live with his Savior in the early morning of Aug. 2. He was born on Feb. 25, 1936, in Halifax, Pa., to Elmer and Dorothy Strohecker. He was the second of four children; he has an older sister and a younger brother and sister.



He was a proud veteran, having served in the Air Force from 1954 through 1958. During this time, he met and married the love of his life, Elgin Hatch, while stationed in Albuquerque, N.M., at Kirtland Air Force

Base. They were married on Nov. 16, 1957, and were blessed with three children, Monica, Melannie and Kip.

In 1969, they established their home in Bayfield, where he lived out his life as a husband, father and entrepreneur. Carl started his business, Strohecker Excavation, in 1970. Later the business became Strohecker Asphalt and Paving and moved to Pagosa Springs, where his son Kip has taken over operations. It truly became a family business as in addition to Kip, many of his family have worked or are working for the company as well.

His loves have always been God, family and country. He was affectionately known as "happy Pappy" to his grandkids and great-grandkids. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was sealed to his wife, Elgin, on July 15, 1970, in the Mesa, Ariz., temple.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Dorothy Strohecker, his brother, Larry Strohecker, his sister, Darlene Lehr and three grandchildren, Stryker, Slate and Taleena.

He is survived by his honey, Elgin Strohecker, daughter Monica (Carlyle) Christensen, of Bayfield; daughter Melannie (Monty) Cundiff, of Bayfield; son Kip (Kathy) Strohecker, of Pagosa Springs; 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; and sister Romaine Grosser, of Halifax, Pa.

There will be a viewing at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1690 Bayfield Parkway, Bayfield, Colo. on Friday, Aug. 12, at 1 p.m. Celebration of life will follow at 2 p.m. Graveside service will be at the Pine River Cemetery, Bayfield, immediately following.

The family would like to thank the Mercy Hospice staff, especially his nurse, Teri, for the loving care he received and in lieu of flowers would like donations made to Mercy Hospice. Also, a thank you to the staff at Hood Mortuary.

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# Letters

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planning commission votes to not recommend proposed gravel pit." My bad.

I should have read your article with more attention. I assumed the "proposed gravel pit" on Piedra Road you mention was abandoned a few months ago.

The "Upper Piedra" pit you refer to is in Hinsdale County only a few yards outside Archuleta's northern border. But since Piedra Road serves as the "upper" gravel pit's access motorway, the "newly proposed gravel pit" might as well be in Archuleta County. Nevertheless, the decision rests with the Hinsdale County Commissioners.

But do Archuleta County residents actually have any say in what the Hinsdale commissioners decide? Apparently, they do, since they care enough to come to Archuleta County August 24 to speak and listen to our gravel pit concerns. And I believe we have lots of them.

For example, how does this industrial use fit into a residential, recreational, and agricultural area? What reformations must take place to provide adequate mitigation of the environmental impacts the mine will have on wildlife and residents - not to mention the aesthetic degradation to our pristine mountain views?

Pits and quarries disrupt the existing movement of surface water and groundwater; they interrupt natural water recharge and can lead to reduced quantity and quality of drinking water for residents and wildlife near or downstream from a quarry site.

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

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

Moreover, I believe the mining operation will permanently alter the community for the worst, negatively impacting recreation along the river, air and water quality issues, traffic, night lighting and damage to scenic corridors.

Hank Slikker

## 'Break new ground'

Dear Editor:

During our working years, we dream of the day when we can live by our own schedule. However, we are surprised how boring that lifestyle becomes. So, living in Pagosa, there is no reason for anyone to be bored. There are scads of voluntary activities available: Senior Center, Medical Center, Forest Service, Veterans Group, Scouting, 4-H and more. Getting involved will lead you to meet some of the most interesting people you have ever known. My husband and I felt blessed to spend our final years in our chosen community of Pagosa and getting to know many great folks whose life stories were awesome. Of course, we enjoyed being with those wonderful folks for an

in-person church service every Sunday. TV church services do not provide real hugs and fellowship so badly needed today.

We never felt "old", staying involved kept us young at heart and healthy. So, if you are a "newbie" in the community and your health is good, get busy and build yourself an entirely new future, different from the one of your past. It's such a blessing to "break new ground" with love and goodness.

Some couples seem to believe that the two must do the same things — togetherness. Well, my husband and I gave each total freedom to get involved in whatever made our hearts sing. We supported each other, were proud of each other, and our circle of friends became quite broad. When two limit themselves to just one interest, I often wonder what new experience do they have to share at the dinner table every evening. Yes, after years of work and sacrifice, my dear husband and I allowed ourselves to be kids again.

See you in church, OK?  
Patty Tillerson

## Lack of groceries

Dear Editor:

After my last few trips to the uptown grocery store, I just have to wonder:

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## Community news.

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what's going to happen when the poorly thought-out proposed new developments bring in even more humans looking to fill their fridges and pantries? Can't blame this one on the tourists, folks, because our "seasonal" busy season has become year round.

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# High precipitation reported in July, drought level decreases

**By Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

July was the fifth wettest July in the past 128 years, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), with 3.05 inches more precipitation than average.

2022 to date is the 55th wettest year in the past 128 years according to the NIDIS, with 0.1 inches more precipitation than average.

The NIDIS also indicates that the levels of drought in the county have declined significantly from July and early August, with 36.2 percent of the county being affected by drought, down 1 percent from last week and 64 percent from last month.

The NIDIS also reports that 4,379 persons in the county are currently affected by drought, down 1.7 percent from last week and 63.8 percent from last month.

The NIDIS indicates the entire county is experiencing abnormally dry conditions, which the website notes may cause decreases in hay production, dry rangelands and

irrigation to begin sooner.

The NIDIS also places 36.2 percent of the 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 wild-fires to increase.

The NIDIS provides an evaporative demand 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, most of Archuleta County will be experiencing a mix of extreme wet and exceptional wet conditions while the four-week forecast shows the majority of the county will be experiencing extreme wet conditions with much of the rest experiencing exceptional wet conditions.

## Weather

According to the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network website, sites in Archuleta County received between 0.46 and 1.42 inches of rain between Aug. 3 and Aug. 17.

Higher precipitation totals were concentrated in the southern and northern edges of the county, with the highest reported precipitation amount located in the San Juan River Village northeast of Pagosa Springs.

According to the National Weather Service, partly sunny skies and showers and thunderstorms, mainly between noon and 3 p.m., are expected in Archuleta County on Thursday, Aug. 18, with a high of 72 and 5-10 mph winds.

Mostly cloudy skies and a chance of showers and thunderstorms are expected Thursday night with 5 mph winds early in the evening and a low of 54.

For Friday, Aug. 19, the forecasted high is 65 degrees with chances of mixed showers and thunderstorms throughout the day and 5 mph winds in the morning. The forecasted low is 54 degrees with chances of mixed showers and thunderstorms overnight.

For Saturday, Aug. 20, showers and thunderstorms are likely along with a high of 59 degrees. The forecasted low is 55 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and showers and thunderstorms likely before midnight and a chance of showers after midnight.

For Sunday, Aug. 21, the forecasted high is 65 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and chances of mixed showers and thunderstorms throughout the day. The forecasted low is 51 degrees with mostly cloudy skies and chances of mixed showers and thunderstorms

overnight.

## River and water report

Stream flow for the San Juan River on Aug. 17 at approximately noon was 134 cubic feet per second (cfs), according to the U.S. Geological Service National Water Dashboard.

This is down from a nighttime peak of 168 cfs at 7:45 p.m. on Aug. 16.

These numbers are down from last week's reading of 237 cfs at noon on Aug. 10.

According to a Aug. 15 press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey, Village Lake and Lake Pagosa are both full.

Lake Forest is 2 inches from full. Stevens Lake is 27 inches from full.

Lake Hatcher is currently 5 inches from full.

Total diversion flows for the district are listed at 8.0 cfs.

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 3.0 cfs, the San Juan diversion flow is listed at 3.0 cfs and the Four Mile diversion flow is listed at 2 cfs.

Water production from Aug. 4 through Aug. 10 was listed at a total of 14.52 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 4.02 million gallons, the Hatcher plant contributed 5.22 million gallons and the San Juan plant contributed 5.28 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 17.11 million gallons for those dates.

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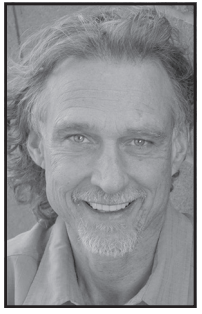
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# Obituary

## Scott Vander Wall

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Scott Vander Wall was a Chiropractor in Pagosa Springs for the past three years. He so loved Pagosa, the surrounding countryside, small town atmosphere, and friends and patients alike. He was diagnosed in April with bone cancer and suffered extreme pain over the past six months. How ironic that Dr. Scott passed of the very thing he so loved to align and correct through his profession.



Dr. Scott was healthy and young by today's standards and he put up

a valiant fight. What I admired most was his positive, hopeful attitude, dry sense of humor and he was never the victim.

Dr. Scott is survived by his son, Dane, of Oregon, mother Carol and brother Mitch, of Colorado, and sister Lynn, of Texas.

Dr. Scott, may you now rest in heavenly peace. And to quote you for the last time: "Love you, miss you, bye."

## Services

### Kenneth 'Spanky' Warren

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., for Kenneth 'Spanky' Warren. All are welcome.

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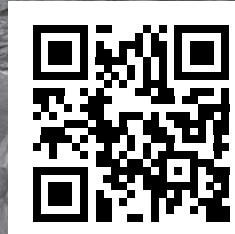
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# Business

## Sales tax revenues drop slightly in June, still up for year

By **Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for Archuleta County in June dropped slightly compared to June 2021, according to a report released by Archuleta County Finance Director Louise Woods.

The decline compared to 2021 reverses the pattern of higher revenues than 2021, which has held so far this year.

Woods notes in her report that the town and the county jointly received \$1,716,236.95 in sales tax revenue for the month of June, with \$865,555.08 going to the town and \$850,681.87 going to the county.

June sales tax revenues are 0.04 percent, or \$6,700, lower than June 2021.

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

- Construction at 21 percent, or \$12,455.
- Manufacturing at 20 percent, or \$6,288.
- Information at 31 percent, or \$6,955.
- Finance and Insurance at 32 percent, or \$572.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 7 percent, or \$3,011.

- Other Services (except public administration) at 5 percent, or \$1,312.
- Miscellaneous at 10 percent, or \$20,627.

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

- Retail Trade at 4 percent, or \$39,595.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 5 percent, or \$17,650.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 6 percent, or \$674.

Woods notes that on the year-to-date comparison, sales tax revenues for January through June of this year are 3.2 percent, or \$256,627.65, higher than January through June 2021.

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

- Retail Trade at 1 percent, or \$46,866.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 0.3 percent, or \$4,971.
- Miscellaneous at 14.7 percent, or \$159,497.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 8.5 percent, or \$15,101.
- Construction at 26.8 percent, or \$41,320.
- Information at 21.1 percent, or \$27,662.

- Manufacturing at 1.4 percent, or \$4,645.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 0.8 percent, or \$1,008.

The categories down in the year-

to-date comparison include:

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 48.6 percent, or \$43,821.
- Finance and Insurance at 8.8 percent, or \$640.

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## State sales tax deduction available for local restaurants

By **Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

Colorado State House Bill 22-1406 will grant a limited special deduction from state taxable sales for certain business in July, August and September of this year.

The Colorado Department of Revenue (CDOR) website explains that this deduction will apply to restaurants, bars, food service contractors, mobile food service vendors and caterers.

CDOR adds that the deduction only applies to state taxes and that qualifying businesses must still collect all state sales

taxes and pay the amount in excess of the special deduction.

The deduction can be claimed on tax filings for July, August and September, submitted in August, September and October, respectively.

If a qualifying business has already filed a sales tax return for a portion of that period, the business can request a refund from CDOR either through the Revenue Online platform or through a paper form.

Further information on the specifics of the deduction and the filing process can be found at <https://tax.colorado.gov/sales-tax-relief>.

## Region 9 promotes Terry Blair-Burton to Southwest Enterprise Zone administrator

By **Stephani Burditt**  
Region 9

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado is pleased to announce that Terry Blair-Burton has been promoted to the Southwest Colorado Enterprise Zone administrator.

The Colorado Legislature created the Enterprise Zone Program to encourage development in economically distressed areas of the state. There are 16 designated enterprise zones determined by un-

employment rates, per capita income and population growth. Local enterprise zone administrators manage their respective zones.

"Terry has taken on more and more responsibilities with the Enterprise



Blair-Burton

Zone program during her tenure at Region 9 resulting in this promotion," said Laura Lewis Marchion, executive director of Region 9.

She has built strong relationships with the local businesses, accountants and nonprofit projects that utilize Enterprise Zone Tax Credits in our region."

All of Dolores, Montezuma, and San Juan, as well as most of Archuleta and parts of La Plata counties, currently lie within the Southwest Enterprise Zone. Tax credits include capital investment,

job tax credits, job training, research and development, and other credits and incentives. Enterprise Zone contribution projects allow donors to approved projects a 25 percent state tax credit for cash donation and 12.5 percent state tax credit for in-kind donations.

Blair-Burton joined Region 9 in July of 2010, is a long-time resident of La Plata County and resides in Hesperus. For more information on the Enterprise Zone state tax credits, call (970) 247-9621 or email [terry@region9edd.org](mailto:terry@region9edd.org).

## Broadband assistance available through Affordable Connectivity program

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**  
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

As school is gearing up to reopen, as more people work from home full or part time and as we become more dependent on the Internet for just daily usage, families are finding that having access to the Internet is critical.

The Colorado Broadband office through the Federal Communications Commission is offering a broadband assistance program to help connect families and households struggling to afford Internet service. How can you sign up for the program and who is eligible?

First off, what are the benefits? The program allows a \$30/month discount for Internet service or \$75/month discount for households on qualifying tribal lands. There is also a onetime discount of up to \$100 for a laptop or desktop computer or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

Participants are eligible for the program if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Their household income is at or below 200 percent of the federal

poverty guidelines.

- They are participating in an assistance program such as SNAP, Medicaid, Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension, WIC, or SSI, the free or reduced-price school lunch program or school breakfast program, or they have received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year. Tribal members should participate in one of the tribe's programs such as TANE, BIA General Assistance, Food Distribution or Tribal Head Start.

Interested parties should go to [www.affordableconnectivity.gov](http://www.affordableconnectivity.gov) and submit an application. Then, they also need to contact their preferred provider to make sure the provider participates in the program and select and eligible plan so the discount may be applied to their bill. Some providers may also have an alternative application that will need to be completed. Eligible households must apply for both the program and contact the Internet provider. As an employer, please pass this information to your staff members.

We ask that you post this information in a break room or bulletin board for your staff to take advan-

tage of. If employees can access this benefit, communication as an employer may also become easier for you. Questions about the program can be directed to [www.fcc.gov/acp](http://www.fcc.gov/acp) or (877) 384-2575.

### Adventure Package Raffle

With only a month until ColorFest, have you purchased your Passport to Pagosa ticket, your Bands and Brews ticket or your Adventure Package raffle ticket? Passport tickets are going quickly and the reserved seating is almost sold out.

We have some new and returning breweries this year highlighting their special quaffs at the Bands and Brews Festival. The live music for this event will see Lisa Saunders and the Caborado Band and Felix Peralta as the musical artists. Bob Hemenger will be the Friday night performer for the Passport to Pagosa.

The Adventure Package Raffle is offering three great prizes this year: a Kona Lava mountain bike and a Red Paddle Co. stand-up paddle board complete with pump, carrying case and paddles will be the alternate prizes. The grand prize is a 2021 Polaris RZR and the towing trailer.

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# Tax

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did mention being slightly surprised about the lack of interest in parks and open space.

In results for a similar question concerning town services, Woodman explained that increased road maintenance and paving took 36 percent of votes, updating sanitation infrastructure 20 percent, workforce housing 21 percent, parks maintenance, trails and recreational amenities 9 percent, and others services not mentioned 14 percent.

Woodman then moved on to describe the results of questions relating to the sales tax.

Woodman first described a question concerning whether citizens would prefer a sales tax or property tax increase, with 76 percent of respondents indicating a preference for a sales tax increase, 9 percent a property tax increase and 15 percent no preference.

The next question asked whether respondents would vote for or against a 1.5 percent sales tax increase, which would generate approximately \$3.263 million of new revenue for the town and county each.

According to Woodman, 52 percent of respondents indicated they would vote yes to this increase while 41 percent indicated they would vote no — a result he described as “very promising.”

The next question related that town and county budgets have been stretched by the increasing costs of providing services and explained that it has been more than 30 years since there was a sales tax increase and asked if this information made respondents more or less likely to vote for the ballot measure.

Woodman explained that 64 percent of respondents indicated that this made them more likely to vote for the increase.

The next question asked whether the fact that area sales taxes were currently lower than most others in the region and that this increase would place the area in the middle compared to other communities, at a rate of 8.4 percent, made voters more or less likely to approve the measure.

Woodman stated that 63 percent of respondents indicated this information would make them more likely to vote yes.

Another question explained that sales tax revenues are required to be split evenly between the town and county due to the town not having its own sales tax and asked if this would make voters more likely to approve an increase.

A total of 51 percent indicated this would make them more likely to approve the measure, Woodman stated.

The following question explained that sales tax would partially be paid by persons from outside the county and reported that 60 to 70 percent of credit card transactions at restaurants involved cards from zip codes outside the county, as did 30 percent of retail store transactions and asked if this would make voters more likely to approve the increase.

A total of 74 percent of respondents stated this would make them more likely to vote for the measure, Woodman stated.

The next question explained that the revenue from the increase could be used to fund road maintenance, parks and recreation, county and town facilities, and staffing and asked if this information would make voters more likely to approve the measure.

Woodman stated that 69 percent of respondents stated this would make them more likely to approve the measure.

A final question asked whether respondents would approve the sales tax increase if the election were being held today, to which 63 percent said yes, according to Woodman.

Woodman explained that the town and county had previously discussed polling citizens about 1 percent, 1.5 percent and 2 percent sales tax increase, although staff had decided to only move forward with polling concerning the 1 percent and 1.5 percent options.

According to Woodman, results from a question concerning whether respondents would vote for a 1 percent sales tax increase

indicated that 62 percent of respondents would vote for the increase, a result Woodman highlighted as being “hand in hand” with the results for the 1.5 percent increase.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips also mentioned that the survey contained questions surrounding whether the respondents approved of the town's and county's spending of money, which had garnered “marginal” responses.

Woodman then explained that the final results of the survey would be available on Aug. 17 and that the BoCC would hear a presentation by Magellan at its Aug. 23 work session.

In terms of the ballot timeline, the next deadline would be Aug. 30 to physically reserve a space on the ballot through an inter-governmental agreement between the county and the county clerk's office, according to Woodman.

The next deadline, Woodman explained, is Sept. 9, where, to his reading, the language for the ballot question would need to be completed and submitted.

Woodman then moved on to discussing the “bad news,” which was that, statutorily, county government could only have a maximum sales tax of 4.2 percent, a restriction rendering the sales tax increase as proposed impossible.

However, Woodman indicated that this restriction could be circumvented by creating a special improvement district that would receive and earmark the increased sales tax revenue, which would then be split evenly between the town and county and used by each government depending on its needs.

The group then discussed that this process would require two ballot measures, one to form the improvement district and one to fund it, with the failure of one to pass nullifying the other.

Council member Maddie Bergon commented that the district would be helpful for clearly explaining to the voters how the additional funding would be spent, as well as potentially simplifying the budgeting process.

Phillips, Woodman and County

Commissioner Ronnie Maez expressed agreement that the district could be helpful for budgeting.

Woodman, Phillips and Bergon also highlighted that the district should be created in such a way as to provide maximum flexibility in spending the funds generated to ensure the funds could address changing needs and policy directions.

The group then discussed that the district would likely cover a subset of the county and a subset of the town, although the funds accumulated could be spent across the entirety of both jurisdictions as needed.

Phillips mentioned that another option would be a town-only sales tax increase, although she questioned how likely this measure would be to pass and highlighted that this would create a differentiation in sales tax between town and county.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that such a measure might result in the language requesting that the sales tax paid to the town by the county be reduced given the additional town revenue.

Maez indicated that he feels that the town and county need to stay together on the measure, while Mayor Shari Pierce questioned whether such a change to the county's distribution of sales tax would be possible and suggested that such a change would likely require another ballot measure.

Brown agreed that the town and county need to present a “united front” on the issue.

The group then discussed next steps in drafting the ballot measures, with Maez proposing that County Attorney Todd Weaver work on determining the viability and specifics of a special district while the ballot language is being drafted.

Woodman mentioned that Magellan could assist in drafting the ballot language, although this would likely require paying the company an additional amount.

Pierce commented that the governments would be “better off” to work on drafting ballot language

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Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) staff was joined on Friday, Aug. 12, by local public officials for the rolling out of DMV2GO, which brings services back to Pagosa Springs through scheduled pop-up offices. DMV2GO offers Coloradans the same services as a standard driver's license office, with driving knowledge tests and endorsement exams being the only exceptions. DMV2GO also offers access to online vehicle registration and driver record services as well.

## Tourism board recommends new board member, discusses budget

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board selected a candidate for its open, at-large seat and discussed budget priorities at its Aug. 9 meeting.

The board unanimously approved recommending Shane Lucero for the board's open seat to both the Pagosa Springs Town Council and the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), both of which must approve the recommendation before Lucero can officially join the board.

Lucero explained that he is a "Pagosa native" who previously served on the board.

He noted that his interest in re-joining the board relates to his ties to the restaurant industry and his role as an event organizer in town.

It was Lucero's ties to the food industry — a missing voice among the board's current members — and his previous experience that earned him his recommendation, many board members agreed.

However, other promising applicants and a lot of interest in the position made the board reconsider the number of at-large seats available to the public, and Tourism Director Jennifer Green stated that she'd look over the process for changing the bylaws to create two additional at-large seats, which the board members unanimously supported.

At the Aug. 16 combined Pagosa Springs Town Council and BoCC work session, Green presented the idea of adding extra seats to the

board, which was largely supported by both entities. Green will now begin the formal process of amending the bylaws.

### Budget

The tourism board also considered its budget for the upcoming year, which is in its preliminary stage.

Priorities within the marketing line item have slightly shifted, with more emphasis on advertising, with the goal of re-entering the international market in light of the diminishing restrictions on international travel that came with the pandemic, Green explained.

Green also noted that she's planning on going out to bid on new data and content analytic tools, which might help boost Pagosa Springs' tourism and enhance information on its tourists.

"There are some data questions I would love answers to that I'm just not getting traction on," Green said.

She also proposed that the board allocate half of its lodging tax collections to the town's infrastructure, noting that it would be a good idea for the board to meet with the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, BoCC and the town council to discuss priorities for the upcoming year.

With this, she suggested that the board allocate more funding to the Parks and Recreation Department for the management of the event stage, pending discussions with its board at the upcoming work session between the two entities on Sept. 13.

Other notable budget changes

are a decrease in funding for fish stocking due to two other organizations also funding the effort, an increase in capital expenditures for the installation of air conditioning in the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center and the return of funding for board "field trips" to other towns in which the goal will be to observe strengths and weaknesses in tourism efforts in other communities, Green stated.

The board was largely supportive of the budget, and the preliminary version is due by the end of the day on Aug. 19, Green stated.

### Other business

In other business at the Aug. 9 meeting, the board discussed potential fireworks show dates following the cancellation of the town's Fourth of July show.

The board agreed that Oct. 29, around the town's Halloween and fall-time festivities would be ideal, in light of potential complications if snowfall occurs around the show's time. They also agreed that the county fairgrounds would be an ideal location.

Additionally, they selected a back-up date, which is Dec. 17, during the town's Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration. The recommendations will be heard by the town council and BoCC.

The board also approved the funding for two events for their full requested amount out of its 2022 event funding budget. These events are the Sundown Fest, a concert on Aug. 20, and OktoberFest Pagosa, an Oct. 16 festival.

The board also chose to cover

stage rental fees for the Mountain Chile Cha Cha, Art! Pagosa, Oktoberfest, Sundown Fest, and Skis and Saddles.

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# Sports

## GOLF



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Johnathon Smith tees off across the water during the Pirates' Aug. 10 dual with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. Smith finished second on the day with a 78 and helped the Pirates beat the Panthers by three strokes.

### Pirates best Panthers, Smith takes first at Cortez tourney

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team continues to be challenged by weather this season, but also continues to show improvement.

Coach Mark Faber noted Tuesday the team continues to deal with practices canceled by lightning, noting he's never had so many practices canceled.

But, despite the weather, he suggested the team is headed in the right direction.

On Aug. 10, the Pirates welcomed the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers to Pagosa Springs Golf Club for a dual, with the Pirates besting the Panthers by three strokes.

Pagosa logged a team score of 254 on the day, with the Panthers logging a 257.

"They actually, as a group, they played good," Faber said. "They played pretty well."

The Panthers' Thayer Plewe took first on the day by shooting a 71 on the par-72 course.

Pagosa's Johnathon Smith took second with a 78, with that effort including birdies on two holes and

par on 11 holes.

Pirate Braylon Cotts took third with an 84. His day included shooting a birdie on one hole and par on seven holes.

Pirates Keaton Robel and Kaison Clifford tied for fifth by shooting 92. Robel shot par on six holes, and Clifford logged two birdies and shot par on five holes.

Robel, the coach indicated, played as well on the day as he's played in his high school career.

Cedar Liverett and Isabel Galloway finished tied for 10th with scores of 124.

On Friday, the Pirates returned to Cortez for the Panthers' tournament at Conquistador Golf Course.

Pagosa tied for fifth with the 4A Durango Demons at the tournament with a team score of 247 strokes, behind Colorado Academy (222), 4A Montrose (236), the Panthers (236) and Gunnison (241). There were nine teams present.

Smith finished first on the day, shooting a 70 on the par-72 course. His day included shooting birdies on two holes, an eagle on one, and par on 13 holes.

Faber noted Smith "finally played the kind of golf he can play." He added, "I guess that's the best

I've ever had a young guy play. He did an awesome job."

Robel tied for 27th at the tournament with an 87, which included a birdie on one hole and par on six holes.

Faber again highlighted Robel's effort, stating he keeps improving.

Cotts shot a 90 on the day to tie for 32nd. His day included shooting par on three holes.

Clifford logged a 96 to finish 38th, logging two birdies and shooting par on three holes.

Faber noted that, while their scores "haven't quite shown it yet," he's seeing improvement in Cotts and Clifford.

On Friday, the Pirates will travel to Cattails Golf Course in Alamosa for a tournament that is scheduled to kick off at 9 a.m.

Faber indicated Cattails is a different kind of golf course that requires different strategy.

"You have to use different clubs and stuff," he said, adding later, "You have to pay attention, and you have to think your way around it a little more."

Then, on Wednesday, the Pirates will host a tournament that is set to kick off at 11:30 a.m.

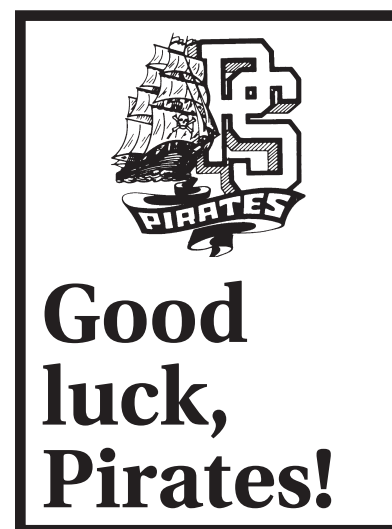
According to Faber, the Pirates

are set to welcome Monte Vista, Alamosa, Montezuma-Cortez, Durango and Del Norte.

Over the course of the upcoming tournaments, Faber indicated he wants to see more improvement out of each golfer on the aspects of the game they're working on.

"They're all working on something different," he said, adding they each have a good idea what it is they're trying to accomplish.

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Pirate golfers take to the courses at Pagosa Springs Golf Club in an Aug. 10 dual with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. From left, Keaton Robel lines up his shot, Isabel Galloway sends a put toward the hole and Kaison Clifford sinks a put. The Pirates beat the Panthers 254-257 in the dual.

## SOCCER

### Coach expresses optimism about upcoming soccer season

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team is starting the season "ahead of schedule," according to coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason.

He added that, compared to last year, the team is ahead on developing cohesiveness, passing and fitness, and that the team is "looking pretty good" — an assessment partially formed at a set of scrimmages in Montrose where the team competed against Delta, Basalt and Montrose.

The team contains 13 seniors, one junior, one sophomore and five freshmen this year, Kurt-Mason explained, commenting that the seniors are the "crux of our team" and that it is rare in his experience

to have a team this heavily composed of seniors.

He explained team members practiced and trained extensively over the summer, which has helped the team quickly reach a high level of performance early in the season.

Kurt-Mason explained the team is working on supplementing this preparation with practices focused on fundamental skills and improving fitness.

He described the team's culture as "positive," something which he noted he feels is key to making the team easy to coach and effective at learning and improving.

The coach also commented that he feels the team's passing game and team shape are strengths of the team.

"We've got a few good strikers,

and we've got a great midfield. We got some awesome defenders and a pretty incredible goalie and ... we're looking forward to a great season," he said.

#### Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Wednesday Aug. 17 but is subject to change.

The team's season of games will begin with a match against the Lake County Panthers at Crested Butte High School on Friday, Aug. 19, followed by a match against the Gunnison Cowboys in Gunnison on Saturday, Aug. 20.

A game against the Lamar Thunder follows on Aug. 27 in Pagosa Springs.

The next two games will also occur in Pagosa, being a match against the Mead Mavericks on

Sept. 3 and a game with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Sept. 8.

The Pirates then go away for several games, including a Sept. 10 match with the Aztec Tigers in Aztec, N.M., a game with the Alamosa Mean Moose on Sept. 13 in Alamosa and a Sept. 17 match with the Manitou Springs Mustangs in Manitou Springs.

The series of away games concludes with matches against the Taos Tigers in Taos, N.M., on Sept. 20, the Bayfield Wolverines in Bayfield on Sept. 23 and the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Sept. 24.

The season ends with four home games, including with the 4A Durango Demons on Sept. 27, the Alamosa Mean Moose on Sept. 30, the Salida Spartans on Oct. 4 and the Bayfield Wolverines on Oct. 14. [josh@pagosasun.com](mailto:josh@pagosasun.com)

## CROSS-COUNTRY

### Pirates prepare for first race of the season

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School cross-country team is gearing up for their first race of the season, which will take place this Saturday in Dolores.

"This year our team, while a bit smaller, is full of some very strong runners," coach Rachael Christiansen wrote in an email. "Us coaches are excited to see the growth from the team over the past year. During our summer practices we have already seen every athlete improve in their form, mindset, and speed since last season."

Christiansen states that some athletes have already seen unofficial personal records during summer practices, noting how exciting it is to already see consistency pay off for some of the athletes.

In terms of goals, Christiansen notes that staying healthy throughout the season is always a long-term goal for the team.

This year, in hope of keeping injuries minimal across the team, she is incorporating a day of cross-training instead of running.

"On Wednesdays we will either be swimming against the current in the San Juan River, or riding bikes along our gravel roads," Christiansen wrote. "These days provide both a mental and physical break from the intense training and allow us the ability to come back stronger on those hard workout days."

Another goal is to qualify for the state meet this season. The coach notes that the team is now in Re-

gion 2, a change from last year, which she believes will provide for a great opportunity to achieve that goal.

On the girls' side, Christiansen calls the group strong. That team includes returners Sienna Rose, Lucy Taylor, Marie Smith, Abby Packer and Jo Beard, and newcomers Reece Peterson, Kyla Coiner and Hailey Sams.

**"This race will allow them the opportunity to shake the rust off, release those nerves that always come with the first race, and test their limits. It should be a fun, yet challenging time."**

coach Rachael Christiansen

"We feel that these girls are going to push each other both in practices and in meets and grow collectively throughout the next couple months," she wrote.

The boys' side is facing some challenges, with too few runners to make a full team, which Christiansen is hoping will change at the start of the school year. For now, she is hoping to have three of the top boys qualify for state as individuals.

Returning runners Andrew Bowles, Levi Hinger and Jesse Beck all have the ability to break into the top 15 in October, and that is what they will be working toward all season long, Christiansen states.

She notes she is also excited to see what returner Kyle Marotta and newcomer JC Allen are able to accomplish.

For the upcoming meet this Saturday, Christiansen reports that the Pirates will not have a full team on either side due to Colorado High School Activities Association restrictions and family vacations.

"However, for those who are running, we are looking for those athletes to simply get a race under their belt," she wrote. "This race will allow them the opportunity to shake the rust off, release those nerves that always come with the first race, and test their limits. It should be a fun, yet challenging time."

After Saturday, the team will not race until Sept. 10 at the Joe Vigil Meet in Alamosa.

Instead, the team will shift focus to running in the high country, doing a few hard training runs at high elevation to prepare the teams' lungs to run fast.

"We will be living the saying 'Do hard things' all season long," Christiansen wrote.

#### Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of Wednesday, but is subject to change.

Saturday, the Pirates will head to Dolores for a race which will begin at 10 a.m.

## RECREATION NEWS

### Recreation basketball now registering ages 7-8

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

The Recreation Department is now accepting basketball registrations for ages 7-8 years.

The registration fee will be \$40 for the first child and \$20 for a second child. The deadline to register will be Sept. 23.

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# Outdoors

## Remain bear aware during hyperphagia — a bear's time to pack on pounds

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Black bears in Colorado are entering hyperphagia and will spend up to 20 hours a day trying to eat more than 20,000 calories to fatten up for winter. As bears start to prepare for hibernation and hunt for food, Coloradans may see more bear activity in urban areas.

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

Significant portions of Colorado experienced a hard freeze in May, resulting in the loss of a majority of food sources above 7,000 feet in elevation. Because of this, coupled with the continued drought across Colorado, bears will be on the move looking for much-needed calories to survive through the year and prepare for the winter.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) most-reported conflicts are from attractants such as trash, bird seed, pet food and barbecue grills. Removing attractants can help eliminate conflicts and encounters with black bears. It is especially critical that people are extra vigilant and proactive in removing all attractants from outside homes and campsites.

A black bear's natural diet consists of berries, fruits, nuts, plants and grasses that grow naturally in the foothills and forests. Drought conditions have impacted the prevalence of food sources for black bears; however, natural food sources are still available.

"Research shows that bears prefer natural sources of food. But they will find sources of human-provided food if it's available, when natural food sources are limited, which can become dangerous to humans," said CPW Northwest Region Senior Wildlife Biologist Brad Banulis. "Preventing bears from relying on human food sources takes a community effort, and it's important that we all take proactive steps to limit human food sources in order to avoid any possible conflicts with bears and bearproof our homes."

CPW offers these tips and precautions to help you prevent human/wildlife conflicts that can also save a bear's life.

### Bearproofing your home

- Keep garbage in a well-secured location.
- Only put out garbage on the morning of pickup.
- Clean garbage cans regularly to keep them free of food odors: ammonia is effective.
- Use a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster.
- Don't leave pet food or stock feed outside.
- Bird feeders are a major source of bear/human conflicts. Attract birds naturally with flowers and water baths. Do not hang bird feeders from April 15 to Nov. 15.
- Do not attract other wildlife by feeding them, such as deer, turkeys or small mammals.
- Don't allow bears to become



Photo courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife/DJ Hannigan

As fall approaches hyperphagia begins, bear activity increases in preparation for winter. Remember to keep food away from bears for your safety and theirs.

comfortable around your house. If you see one, yell at it, throw things at it, make noise to scare it off.

- Secure compost piles. Bears are attracted to the scent of rotting food.
- Clean the grill after each use.

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**Brad Banulis**  
CPW Northwest Region Senior Wildlife Biologist

- Clean-up thoroughly after picnics in the yard or on the deck.
- If you have fruit trees, don't allow the fruit to rot on the ground.
- If you keep small livestock, keep animals in a fully covered enclosure. Construct electric fencing if possible. Don't store livestock food outside, keep enclosures clean to minimize odors, hang rags soaked in ammonia and/or Pine-

Sol around the enclosure.

- If you have beehives, install electric fencing where allowed.
- Talk to your neighbors and kids about being bear aware.
- Keep garage doors closed.

### Cars, traveling and campsites

- Lock your doors when you're away from home and at night.
- Keep the bottom floor windows of your house closed when you're not at home.
- Do not keep food in your vehicle; roll up windows and lock the doors of your vehicles.
- When car camping, secure all food and coolers in a locked vehicle.
- Keep a clean camp, whether you're in a campground or in the backcountry.
- When camping in the backcountry, hang food 100 feet or more from the campsite; don't bring any food into your tent.
- Cook food well away from your tent; wash dishes thoroughly.

CPW asks all residents and visitors to help save Colorado's bears by being actively bear aware throughout the late summer and fall seasons. Bear conflicts and, unfortunately, bear euthanization is most often traced back to human behavior. It is all of our responsibility to help minimize risks to humans and bears alike by being mindful of our impacts.

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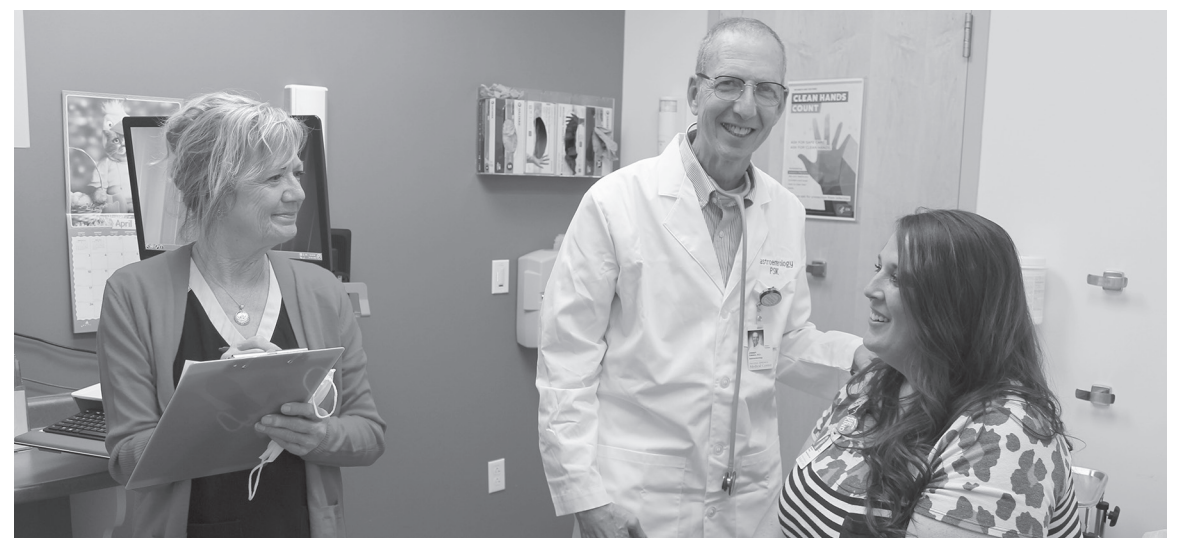
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WRITERS ON THE RANGE

# Never hike without this perfect accompaniment

By Marjorie 'Slim' Woodruff  
SUN Columnist

I have long been known to have pet peeves about the debris hikers drop along trails, but one piece of litter has become more annoying: the ubiquitous facial tissue.

A used tissue lying boldly in the middle of the path could indicate a person who does not know better. But a tissue stashed under a rock demonstrates that somebody knows it should be carried out and is attempting to hide the evidence.

While wearily picking up the umpteenth piece of used paper along a trail recently, I had to wonder why hikers don't use handkerchiefs, or that incredibly versatile outdoor equivalent, the bandanna.

Westerners know bandannas as a square of imprinted cotton material used as neckwear or a hatband; a friend says they're also great dinner napkins because they never need ironing.

Bandannas are used to blow one's nose or wipe the sweat off one's face. Sometimes the same bandanna is employed for both purposes, though for some reason that seems to freak people out. We are, after all, talking about hiking, an activity in which one can go days without a change of underwear or a bath. Also, ladies — the lowly bandanna can be used as a pee rag to avoid leaving unsightly wads of toilet paper along the trail. Dangling one's pee rag on the back of a pack allows ultraviolet light to kill the nasties.

A bandanna is usually cotton but can also be nylon, wool, microfiber, silk or fleece. It can be red, navy blue, yellow, magenta or puce — you name it. Bandannas can boast maps of the area, cattle brands, illustrations of edible plants, flowers or cloud formations.

Some people may aspire to carry a bandana sporting lavender paisley delicately embroidered onto a chartreuse background — why not?

A bandanna can be used as a muffler to keep your neck warm, a scarf to keep your head cool, a hat to keep the part in your hair from being sunburned, or two tied into a belt keeps your pants up. It can be turned into a snare to catch small animals, a fishing line, a ham-

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mock for squirrels, a filter for drinking water or a necktie for your next formal party.

Bandannas can be used to tie down your hat so it won't fly away in the wind. They can secure your bottle of milk or wine cooling in the river so it won't get washed down into the rapids, or your hiking

buddy so he can't interfere while you ransack his pack for chocolate (which, incidentally, was tied to a tree with a bandanna so it wouldn't fall over).

They may be used as an arm sling for a broken clavicle, a tourniquet in case of bleeding, padding for splints when resetting a bone, or a gag to muffle the screams as one resets the bone.

Several bandannas can be tied together to make a tarp, a ground cloth, an air mattress to be used with extreme haste or maybe an impromptu prom dress. They can be cut into pieces and used to play checkers. They can be folded up and used to patch your jeans. They can be unraveled (or raveled) and woven into a macramé belt. They can be lined with foil and used to boil water.

Two can be tied together and used as a bikini bottom while one's pants dry. They can be used to hold your hair back while you hike, to hold your food while you day hike, or to hold over your face while you hold up a train.

If soaked with water, bandannas



Buster with a bandanna collar.

Photo courtesy Writers on the Range

can be used to lower the body temperature of a heat-exhaustion victim, or twisted into a "rat tail" and used to painfully snap someone who is stashing their used facial tissue under a rock.

All in all, a bandanna is something no hiker should ever be without. A bandanna is truth, beauty and a little bit of Rit dye. And once you join the ranks of bandanna lovers, you, too, can sing the Chiquita

bandanna anthem: "bandanna, bandanna, bandanna is good enough for me."

Marjorie 'Slim' Woodruff is a contributor to Writers on the Range, [writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org), an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. She is a Grand Canyon educator who also cleans up trails. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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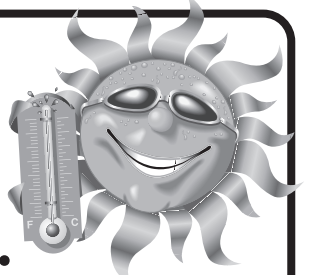
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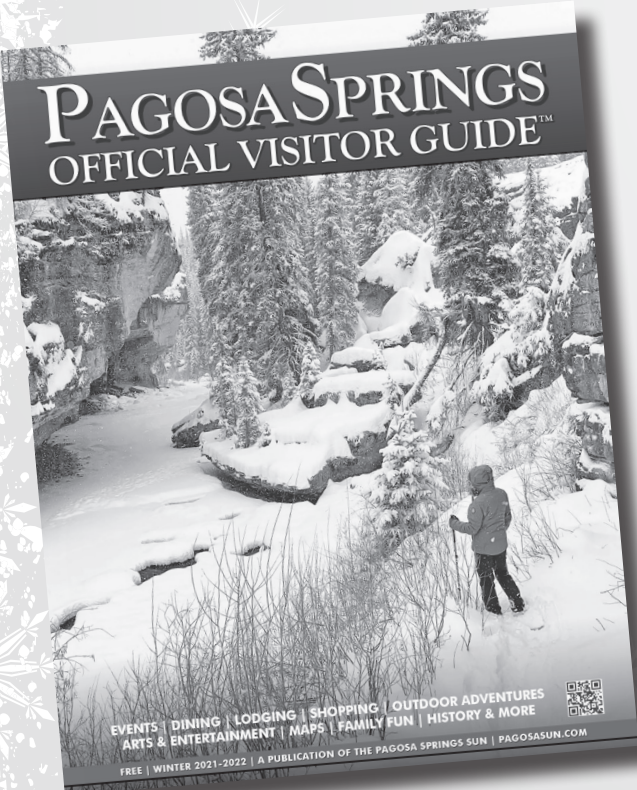
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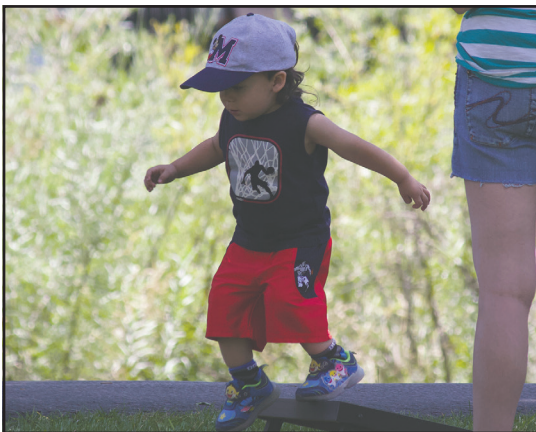




## Annual duck race

SUN photos/Dorothy Elder

The Knights of Columbus held its most successful duck race in its history Saturday. The organization sold 2,000 ducks, which topped its previous highest sales of 1,350. The fastest duck floating down the San Juan River won its buyer \$2,000, with the second-place duck buyer taking home \$500. The top 10 ducks took home cash prizes. Sales from the event go back into the community and local Catholic churches.



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## ARTS & LIFE

# Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

Saturday, Aug. 20



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

August 18, 2022

# Get ready for a night of fun with Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Danyelle Leentjes  
Seeds of Learning

The lights are set, the cameras are in place, and the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars crew is ready for action on the dance floor this Saturday evening, Aug. 20.

After a summer of practicing, planning and pinning for the Mirror Ball Trophy, our stars, coaches, emcees, volunteers and producers are ready to put on Pagosa's virtual dance show of the year, Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.

This show will not only provide for an exciting Saturday night, but will also raise money for Seeds of Learning, a local early childhood education center.

Our stars, Chantelle Jordan, Sarah Mashue, Stewart Bellina, Brooks Lindner, Mike Gardin, and Dan Englund have been working hard to perfect their dance moves and rack up the votes for themselves and, most importantly, the children at Seeds of Learning.

Each \$1 vote goes directly to the school to help pay for critical costs like a reduced tuition fee for the families that qualify, school supplies, teachers' salaries, providing a hot meal to each child and much more. The star with the most votes at the end of the night will win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy.

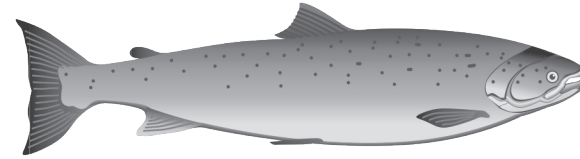
It is still an extremely close race, so vote for your favorite star to help them win. Voting is open until 5 p.m. on Aug. 20. Enter vote.dwtps.org into your browser to go directly to the voting ballot. If you don't know who to vote for, visit dwtps.org to read their bios and vote for your favorites.

While your votes will help one lucky star win the Mirror Ball Trophy, a judging panel will determine the winners of the other five awards. The other awards include Best Showmanship, Best Male Dancer, Best Female Dancer, Best Costume and Best Paramount Video. Our judging panel will consist of volunteers from the Pagosa community who are passionate about Seeds of Learning. While the in-person show is sold out, virtual tickets are available for purchase at register.dwtps.org.

After a summer of hard work, we can't wait to host a night of fun, dancing, and fundraising starting at 5:45 p.m. Saturday when the doors of the Ross Aragon Community Center open.

Whether or not your star wins the Mirror Ball Trophy, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you too are a "star" for changing the future for an at-risk child. From all of us at Seeds of Learning and Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, thank you for believing in our school and children.

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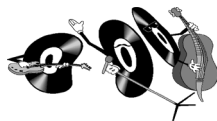
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**East Side Market:** Open mic, 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**East Side Market:** Emily Tholberg, 11 a.m.

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# Pagosa Community Initiative forms, announces fundraiser

By **Rebecca Tenpenny**  
Pagosa Community Initiative

We are excited to announce the Pagosa Community Initiative, a new nonprofit in Pagosa Springs.

This nonprofit has grown out of the needs of Archuleta County youth and families. The mission of this new nonprofit is to create interactive opportunities that honor culture and diversity to provide Archuleta residents with services that increase wellness and engagement for a better quality of life. We will do this through out-of-school-time programming for youth in our community, adult education and family services.

This last year the Pagosa Arts Initiative operated a successful after-school program for students K-12. The After School Camp was implemented by the Pagosa Arts Initiative in 2021. This summer, it was moved to the Pagosa Community Initiative so that it can become more community-focused and continue to grow into an organization that can truly fulfill community needs. This program has provided the following to over 150 K-12 students: after-school programming, job training, internship creation, community-based arts programs/projects, family art nights and public art projects.

Through this program, we also provide academic support through project-based learning and opportunities for students of all ages to build professional skills. We work with the students to build social-emotional skills, develop creative thinking skills, interact with the community in multiple ways, and create a lasting mark on the community through community projects.

Because of the After School Camp, students in our community are provided with a safe space after school and during the summer that gives them a sense of belonging. Approximately 80 percent of the students that we serve are considered to be at risk. By providing this programming, we have been able to help a number of local families that have very few natural supports for child care and/ or financial resources.

Students in grades 5-12 participate in the program as mentors and job-training interns. These students mentor younger participants in the after-school program through positive character building, leading by example and helping them through problem-solving endeavors. They participate in leadership and mentorship training on an ongoing basis while also using 21st century skills, practicing communication, presentation and

the building of networks within a community.

In the coming year, we are hoping to add more youth to programming, add parenting classes, adult education opportunities and build on our family services.

We will be holding a fundraising concert at Motel Soco on Aug.

27 from 5 to 8 p.m. At this concert, Master D's and the Big Mistakes will be playing, and there will be a variety of fun activities to help us raise funds. Prizes will be given away from a variety of local businesses. Come out, support a great cause and have some fun as a community.



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# Veterans for Veterans to host 9/11 fly-in

By Frank Wiley  
Veterans for Veterans

Your Veterans for Veterans Pagosa Springs/Archuleta County Chapter is hosting a 9/11 weekend fly-in on Sept. 10 and 11 to honor all those who served in the military in the war on terror and the victims of 9/11 at the Archuleta County airport.

There will be a patriotic flyover each day, Saturday at noon and Sunday at 9:59 by our own San Juan Squadron (the unit we see at the Independence Day parade) led by Craig Taylor, who I call “the Red Baron.”

We will have complimentary “eagle flights” each day, which are flights for youth ages 8-18 on a first-come, first-served basis. The youth must be accompanied by their parents, and parents must sign a release form. While the flights are free, donations to vets for vets are encouraged.

We will have a complimentary pancake breakfast each morning starting at 9 a.m. until the pancakes run out. And while it’s complimentary, donations to Vets for Vets are encouraged.

We love animals, but for safety reasons there will be no dogs, or other animals, allowed, not even service animals, because of Federal Aviation Administration restrictions.

We will have bottled water available at a cost, but you can bring your own drinks. No alcohol, please.

There will be vendor and booth space available. If you are a vendor and would like to be there, contact Andy Byra at pilotpe@gmail.com.

## Lodging needed

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Photos courtesy Veterans for Veterans

Veterans for Veterans will host a 9/11 fly-in on Sept. 10 and 11, with the event set to include flyovers and flights for kids.

is tax deductible and we will give you a receipt for your donation. If you can help us help others, please contact Byra at pilotpe@gmail.com.

## Tentative schedule of events

**Saturday:**  
• 9 a.m.: pancake breakfast (donations encouraged).

• 9 a.m.: vendors and booths open.

• Noon: flyover.

### Sunday:

• 8:30 a.m.: booths and vendors open.

• 9 a.m.: pancake breakfast (donations encouraged).

• 9:59 a.m.: flyover

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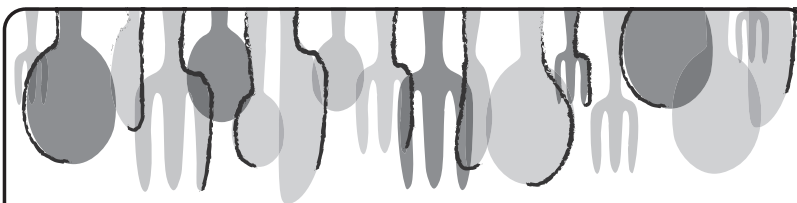
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## Save the date for Navigating the World with Stories on Sept. 10

**By Cindi Galabota**  
 Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation is pleased to welcome professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro for an evening of storytelling, with music provided by the talented Sally Neel. Save the date for Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.

Santopietro will unpack a bundle of stories as she takes us on a journey around the world. Pianist Sally Neel will accompany the stories with familiar and global tunes. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and entertainment. Stories begin at 7 p.m. Lite hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar to follow.

Storytelling happened to Santopietro along her journey as an award-winning adult educator. She has shared traditional stories in a variety of adult venues for over 28 years and enjoys crafting stories that meet audience needs. Santopietro has developed storytelling coursework accredited by the National Storytelling Network (NSN) and serves as chair for the NSN Accreditation Committee.

Navigating the World with Stories will take place on Sept. 10. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and entertainment. Stories will

begin at 7 p.m. Lite hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will follow. The event will take place at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse at 230 Port Ave. This event is for ages 16 and older.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased online at <https://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/navigating-the-world-with-stories/> with a credit card. You may also purchase tickets at the library using cash or check. Tickets at the door on the night of the event will be \$45.

Though this event is for adults, Ms. Josie has planned two separate free storytelling programs at the Ruby Sisson Library, running concurrently, on Sept. 10 from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Santopietro will offer a program for older kids, grade four and older, while Josie will run a program for younger children. Enjoy these programs with your children, then get a babysitter and enjoy the evening storytelling event starting at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the evening event will support our Mountains of Opportunity campaign to expand and renovate your Ruby Sisson Library. To learn more, please contact Cindi Galabota at (970) 264-2209 or [cindi@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:cindi@pagosalibrary.org). We hope to see you on Sept. 10.

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# Walk to End Alzheimer's coming to Durango Sept. 10

By Jim Herlihy  
Alzheimer's Association

Hundreds of loved ones, caregivers and supporters of Coloradans living with Alzheimer's disease will come together Sept. 10 for the Southwest Colorado Walk to End Alzheimer's in Durango.

One of 13 Alzheimer's Association of Colorado Walks to End Alzheimer's in 2022, the walk in Durango will raise funds to provide essential services to families and support research to find a cure. The walk has a fundraising goal of \$39,500. Collectively, the 13 walks have a target of \$2.42 million.

More than 6.5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, the seventh-leading cause of death and the only leading disease without a prevention or cure.

"Georgiana and I participate in Walk to End Alzheimer's because we've both lost loved ones to the disease," said Teresa Valko, member of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado board, who co-chairs the Durango walk with fellow volunteer Georgiana Hallock. "Walk to End Alzheimer's gives us an opportunity to honor the memory of those we've lost, as well as be a part of bringing an end to this terrible disease. We know that one day, there will be that first survivor of Alzheimer's and we want to help make that happen."

The proceeds from the walks are the primary sources of funds for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado, enabling it to continue to provide the information, programs and services for those who receive an Alzheimer's diagnosis, as well as services for their family and caregivers. All of those services are provided at no charge.

## Research to find a cure

Walks also support research to find a cure. The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research. Currently, it is funding 920 projects with over \$300 million in 45 countries around the world.

## Walk in Durango

The Southwest Colorado Walk to End Alzheimer's will kick off at 8 a.m. on Sept. 10 at Rotary Park, 1565 E. 2nd Ave., Durango.

To register, volunteer or make a donation to any of the 13 Colorado Walks to End Alzheimer's,



Photo courtesy Alzheimer's Association

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go to [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk). For more information, call the free 24/7 Alzheimer's Association helpline at (800) 272-3900.

## Key facts about Alzheimer's disease

Key facts about Alzheimer's disease include:

- 76,000 Coloradans are among 6.5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease.
- Alzheimer's kills more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.
- Since 2000, deaths from Alzheimer's have increased 145 percent, while deaths from heart disease have declined 7 percent.
- Women make up two-thirds of those diagnosed with Alzheimer's — and two-thirds of the family caregivers.
- In Colorado alone, more than

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Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County will be hosting its annual fundraiser, the Hats off to Habitat ladies' luncheon, on Sept. 24.

## Hats off to Habitat ladies' luncheon announced

By Leah Ballard

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Join us Sept. 24 for Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County's annual fundraiser, Hats off to

Habitat.

The event is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse on Port Avenue. Tickets are sold in advance only. For \$350, purchase a

table of eight for you and your gal pals or purchase individual seats for \$50 apiece.

The event is Western themed, so wear your big bucket cowboy hat ■ See Habitat on next page



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# Calculators and a changing world

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

My students were fascinated to learn that I had never used a calculator until just before going to college. I promised them I would tell them about what the change was like before class started the next time. Most of the students were in class early, eager to hear.

"It may seem really strange," I said, "but one of the biggest challenges came with determining which classes should have calculators and which should not."

"Didn't they just allow them in all classes once they were available?" a boy asked.

"Not at all," I replied. "In most of my college classes, calculators were banned. The teachers felt that a calculator was a crutch and made it so the student didn't have to think. I had teachers who, besides paper and a pencil, only allowed an abacus and a slide rule. I was not efficient at either and usually got faster answers using just the pencil, paper, and approximations."

"The debate about whether calculators should be allowed raged in math circles and math conferences I attended for over a decade after I first used one. Some felt calculators should be banned entirely from the campus environment. At the other end of the spectrum were those who felt the calculator would take away the drudgery of calculating, making it possible to teach more profound and more important subject matter."

"I must admit that I was some-

where in between. I often felt the energy spent on calculation was a useless waste of time, but was required so a student could show they could follow a problem through to the end. On the other hand, having learned how to do math mentally, I felt that there was a certain amount of deep thinking that went into those calculations.

"As time went on, many of us, myself included, felt that the problem wasn't the calculator but the need to change our method of teaching. I had experienced this in my computer classes. Some schools wanted to stay with older, dying languages, such as Fortran and Pascal, while most of the world was changing to more modern programming languages like C and C++. I could see that it was good for students to understand Fortran, but they needed to be prepared in C and C++. But, some teachers didn't want to make that change just because they felt it was too much work."

"One spring, I went to a big math conference. The main event was a roundtable discussion on the calculator issue by some of the greatest experts of math education. They were split equally on both sides of the issue. It ended up being more like a debate with a few heated exchanges, some from audience members with those on the stage. At the end of the discussion, a man rose and asked if he could read a quote. The moderator gave permission, and the man started to read.

"I can't remember it exactly, but

the educator in the quote said that if we allowed everyone access to this new technology, the nonthinker would appear to be brilliant, while those who thought deeply might appear as fools. Everyone could appear intelligent, whether they had anything of intellectual value to share or not. Therefore, he said the invention should be banned.

"As he finished reading the quote, some of those who favored banning calculators clapped. When they finished, the person reading the quote announced that the person who had given the quote was an educator from the 1600s and was referencing the invention of the pencil."

At this point, my students laughed. A girl asked, "Did they really have a similar debate over the invention of the pencil?"

I nodded. "Apparently so. They felt that making it possible for anyone to write, not just those who had lots of money, would open the gates to many idiotic ideas. But that discussion was the beginning of the end of the fight against students having calculators."

"Today, we have changed how we teach, spending more time helping students learn concepts and less time struggling through the calculations."

A student nodded and said, "How grateful I am that you do."

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## Habitat

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Friends of Habitat Archuleta Mary Tighe and Nancy Ford are touring our downtown and uptown store fronts in search of donations for the silent auction at the event.

Other rogue members of our community are finishing up original art works to donate to the auction. We're anticipating framed paintings, tangle pattern works, handmade quilts and even a piece from our favorite local muralist (though we're hoping it'll fit through the door frame) to be available for purchase at the event next month.

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Keep an eye out for our banner on main street mid-September, and the flyers soon to be posted around town. Both are the work of our Community Development Corporation-funded apprentice, Libby Girardin.

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# The heart of Pagosa

Sometimes when I look around Pagosa Springs, I don't recognize it. It saddens me to think we are changing. All the building, traffic and new people have redefined our sleepy little town. I loved the way we used to be, but change is certain to happen.

Years ago, a writer from The Durango Herald newspaper wrote an article about Pagosa. That writer described Pagosa as an old sick man, bent over, wearing a tattered coat, pushing against the wind, trying to survive, going downhill and going nowhere.

True. Those words were hard to hear. With faded and torn awnings on rundown store fronts, no money in our pockets, Pagosa has had some hard days, but it was our town; it was us. One stoplight and a telephone booth were sufficient.

We all struggled. A good winter coat, pair of overalls, work boots, a lot of grit and hard work, we made a life for ourselves. We were not fashionable like the city folk who came to visit, but we didn't need to be. We had work to do. No time to sit around and be on vacation.

We gave all the gusto we had and put another log on the fire. A pair of vice grips turned the handle on the car door. We drove those old cars for another year. Duct tape and a sheet of clear plastic over a broken window kept out the cold.

I attended the funeral of Frederick W. Sorenson Jr., fondly known as Junior to all of us. I realized we haven't lost what we thought we had. There was so much love toward this family, I don't think I've ever felt this much love for one family in my lifetime. The true heart of Pagosa was sitting in the church seats. The music from old-timey hymns was sweet to our ears. The family told ancient stories about Jan's Café, the Red Barn Lumber Company and many other places long gone that we used to frequent.

As I sat among people whom I've known since 1965, I was comforted to see, under the surface,

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



you always used. Put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity of sorrow ... Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near;

■ See Lane on next page

Pagosa is still filled with hardworking, good and caring people. These are people who have helped us and others out of the ditch many times, lent a hand, jumped-started our cars and brought wood for our stoves. They were there for us.

Friends came and cut down a tree leaning over our house when we feared to sleep in our bedroom. The town people cheered on our kids and grandkids at football and softball games. We traveled out of town to all the games together. We laughed during fun times and we cried when tragedy came to our friends.

At the funeral, an overflowing crowd honored and supported the Sorensons, Johnsons, Charles and Christians during their time of loss. Junior Sorenson was the epitome of the heart of Pagosa. Even the lumber company where he worked closed for the day to honor him. He was the essential nature of what it means to live in Pagosa. Story after story about this man's life were told. Everyone at one time or another was helped by his expertise and generous heart.

Junior's family settled in this area in the 1900s. Junior was born in Pagosa Springs in 1936. I remember meeting the Johnson family in 1976 in the tallest house in Mesa Heights. Our kids went to school with each other and they are still a big part of our lives today.

The legacy of Junior Sorenson will continue. Words in his service brochure written by Henry Scott Holland says it all: "Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped into the next room. I am I, and you are you. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way

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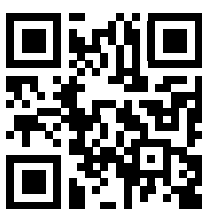
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# New Thought topic: ‘Celebrating Trees’

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

Sunday service at 10 a.m. at Xanadu will be “Celebrating Trees” with Rhonda Sande.

Join in a worldwide ceremony with the Damanhur, Italy community.

“Trees are recordkeepers and observers of life containing the wisdom of the ages. They are awaiting your awakening.” — Shayla White Eagle McClure.

## 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.

Aug. 18, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Courtyard Concert Benefit for Habitat for Humanity with Bob Hemenger at the Pagosa Lodge. Tickets are \$10. Rain or shine.

Aug. 19, 6 p.m.: Reception for Deborah Steddum and book signing at the New Thought Center.

Aug. 20, Saturday: Playshop with Steddum at Xanadu, (970) 510-0309.

Aug. 21, 10 a.m.: service at Xanadu — Tree-honoring ceremony and potluck.

Aug. 25, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Courtyard Concert Benefit for Vets4Vets with The Retrocats.

Sept. 8, 5 to 7:30 p.m.: Courtyard Concert Benefit for WHIPS — Women Helping in Pagosa Springs — Chocolate strawberry dip and wine pairing with The Retrocats.

## Library

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

## About us

The New Thought Center promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision

of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members’ life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the “Good Vibe Tribe” that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

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New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.

# Lane

■ continued from previous page just around the corner. All is well.”

As we bid farewell to a sweet giant of a man in our community, remember he just slipped into the next room. He is still with us. He has left strong men in his family to carry his principles forward. He left a wonderful family who calls him Pa and they will be around to play football and softball just like he did those many years ago. He was a pillar in his church, and he

loved Jesus. He left behind a town not forgotten.

Final brushstroke: As we look at the sleepy little town we once knew, remember, “I am I. You are you, we are still here. Call Pagosa by its old familiar name, speak about us as you used to. Embrace the old-timers, they are still with us, they are who made Pagosa what it is. All is well.”

## Readers’ comments

To the old-timers who never knew entitlement. They worked hard to provide for their families and supported their community by showing up to help others. We need you to stick around. You are the heart of Pagosa. Send your stories to me and I’ll make sure they are heard.

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# UUs to hear about healing benefits of sound

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's program is about sound and its effect on us.

The positive physical and psychological effects of meditation are well-documented. Less well-known is the evidence that listening to the high-intensity, low-frequency combination of singing bowls, gongs and bells can produce the same effect — a sound meditation inducing a deep relaxation response that positively affecting mood and sense of spiritual well-being. And why not? It is time for modern science to come around

to understanding the potential of sound therapy — a practice that for millennia has been practiced by peoples in all parts of the planet, from high in the Himalayan Mountains to way down under.

Service this Sunday will present a brief introduction to the hour-long programs created by Linda and Tom Bonde as they convey the healing benefits of harmonic vibrations from sound instruments made out of new and ancient metals, clay and wood in their 1,300-square-foot acoustical sound space. Come prepared for an experience and a discussion of how that experience might be connected to you.

Depending on the current COVID recommendations, 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](http://www.pagosauu.org).



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# Centerpoint Church to host fall session of GriefShare

By **Marie Rascoe**  
Special to The PREVIEW

GriefShare is a network of over 15,000 churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support for the people in their communities.

This is a 13-week nondenominational program providing biblical concepts for healing from your grief. GriefShare offers help and encouragement for those grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent

or other family member or friend.

Centerpoint Church offers this program to our community. The fall session will meet on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Session dates are Sept. 3 through Dec. 3 (no meeting on Nov. 26).

Some of the topics addressed are:

- "Is this Normal?"
- "Dealing with Guilt and Anger."
- "Stuck."

• "Challenges of Grief."

You are welcome to begin attending at any point. Each lesson is self-contained, so you do not have to attend in sequence.

Centerpoint Church is located at 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Jon Duncan is the pastor. There is no cost. For more information, call (970) 946-9379 or (970) 731-2205. You may also learn more about GriefShare by visiting its website: [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).



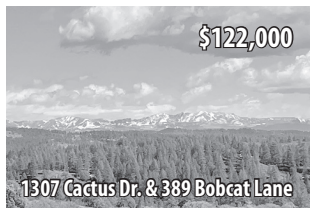
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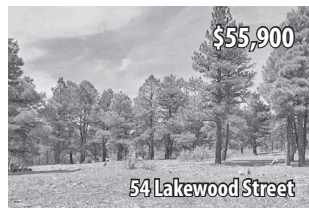
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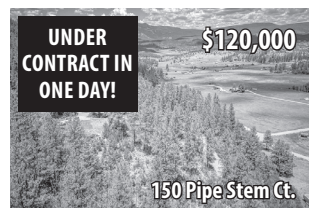
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# Revelation: A big picture

By Jeff Smith  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Christian church still has mysteries to solve and things to do before Jesus can return.

We did a puzzle on Thanksgiving once. That meant four of us sitting around a card table and putting the pieces together while we chatted. After the edges and corners, I took the sky pieces, someone else got the sandy beach, someone got the sunset and one did the ocean. I joined two blue pieces with a white stripe and there was the seagull. A dark piece with some red and white matched a brown one with the same and there was the tiny lighthouse on a hill.

The last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, is like that. Its bold pictures and puzzles launch from the first century. It rockets across the troubled story of mankind yet to come and lands with paradise on earth.

It baffles and intrigues, daring us to unlock its secrets. So, to explain an image like a throne, a bowl or a choir, we go find the same symbol in other parts of scripture and see if the pieces fit.

In one passage there are two “witnesses” (Revelation 11:3). They “prophesy,” devour their enemies with fire coming from their mouths, stop the rain and strike the earth with plagues as they choose. They are captured, killed and revive three days later. Then they stand up and go to heaven. Whoa.

So, let’s start with the number two. “Two” points to the major fault lines of mankind; Jew and gentile (culture and religion), slave and free (status) and male and female. Each group of two become “one” in Christ (Gal 3:28). Next the term “witnesses.” In the corrupt court of history, God keeps one or two to tell His side. Isaiah told the Jews they were His “witnesses” (Isaiah 43:10). Jesus told His disciples the same, just before sending them into “all the

## A Matter of Faith

*The picture is this: The great themes of scripture will one day come full circle.*

world” (Mark 16:15). Their goal was to create a people “out of every tribe, tongue and nation” (Revelation 7:9).

The fire burning up their enemies, stopping the rain and striking the earth with plagues comes from the stories of Elijah and Moses, the great prophets of Judaism. Both entered a battle of the gods; Yahweh (the Hebrew God) versus Baal (1 Kings 18) and Yahweh versus the gods of Egypt (Exodus 7:1-5). Yahweh wins both times. Then these “prophets” are killed like all prophets (Luke 13:34), but in the manner of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:1-12, Revelation 11:7 20:4). They arise like Christ three days later (Luke 24:2-9). They ascend, or are raptured, like Jesus on the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-11). Just as death no longer rules Christ (Romans 6:9), it now no

longer rules His people. So death, the last enemy, is destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:26).

The picture is this: The great themes of scripture will one day come full circle. The Gospel will be preached “in all the world.” The Christian church, drawn from all peoples, tongues, tribes and nations will be “one” (John 17:21). The rift between Jew and gentile Christian will be resolved (Romans 11:11-30). The two faiths will stand side by side with a great power they have yet to receive. They will arrest the gaze of mankind and say, like Elijah, “You see. Now choose.” So, no one will be able to say, “We did not know.” Wow.

Students and scholars still puzzle over these symbols as well as how any single verse lines up with the larger themes of scripture. No small task. Some see these “witnesses” as more of a vanguard and may not refer to all who believe at that time. Some say they are Enoch and Elijah. But putting these verses together in this manner points to a powerful, end-time Christian church that achieves goals worthy of her calling.

That call may not be to fly away at any moment, but to finish all the jobs He gave us.

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# Countywide Women's Bible Study working through Matthew 24

By Stan Counsell  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Countywide Women's Bible Study is now officially facilitating Matthew 24.

Last week, the ladies covered verses 1-8. And, as usual, all attendees receive a review of each previous class to bring refreshment. The study is nondenominational.

There are many good, decent and well-meaning Christians, and Christian organizations, that have settled on various opinions of Matthew 24. Still, other kind believers remain on the fence, feeling a bit lost by the many sincere opinions in circulation. Is there any clarity to be found in such differing views?

The disciples deeply admired, and were greatly influenced by, the beauty and grandeur of the Great Temple in Jerusalem and its buildings. They saw the Kingdom of God as being Jewish like themselves. Jesus, however, redirected their prideful admiration of profound buildings, wrought by men, to instead focusing humbly on the leadings of Almighty God, His mighty love, grace, blessings, warnings and judgments.

To hear of the temple's total destruction brought great fear, confusion, and tepid curiosity from His disciples. When would the temple be destroyed and by what means? And, what will be the signs of Jesus' coming and the end of the age? This study will make understanding the answers of Jesus no longer convoluted. Will numerous wars, famines, earthquakes, plagues, false messiahs and prophets be soon approaching or maybe in the very distant future? Jesus greatly emphasized that no one be deceived. Such is happening right now, but did they happen in Jesus'

time, too? Learning, from all the angles, is exciting and quite fun. Oh, to hear oneself saying, "Finally, I got this!"

Bert (Roberta) Counsell, is an ordained women's pastor and former chaplain. She felt said theological confusion for many, many years after her Christian conversion. Where did all of these interpretations come from and why did they have conclusions that differed with others? Was it a denominational sway, inadequately schooled pastors and teachers, well-intentioned friends? We've all been there.

When studying for the ministry, Counsell was determined to put all the differing views to the test (Acts 17:11), to seek scriptural truth and unity of the brethren. She took diligent notes, immersed herself in conflicting theological books, sought to learn the biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek), and study biblical world history and ancient customs. Her goal was to not sustain or increase divisions or confusion.

To add greater understanding to Matthew 24, Counsell will also present Mark 13:1-13 and Luke 21:5-19 that reference the same questions by the disciples. She heartily welcomes all ladies of varying Christian beliefs, joyfully taking their questions and respecting their opinions. In short, Counsell shows that learning can be quite fun when there is freedom of expression within a joyful ambiance of Christian sisterhood.

The Countywide Women's Bible Study has been in existence for over 50 years. It meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 at the Grace in Pagosa (formerly Cross-Road Church) offices and spacious fellowship hall at 1044 Park Ave.,

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## Senior Center allows for reconnection after COVID closures

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

It has been great to see everyone who has ventured into the Pagosa Senior Center of late.

We have really enjoyed walking into the dining area and talking with folks to hear about what they have been doing for the last few years since we have been partially closed. The most common feedback we have received is a great big “thank you” for the continuous home-delivered meals and well check phone calls. The Grab-N-Go meals are just as popular as ever and we are glad.

While we are having a busy August and it's been hot as well, it's nice to see so many of you during the lunch period. Our numbers have been increasing in the dining room and we're glad more of you have taken the time to eat at the center. Please be patient with us as we attempt to offer more services and ramp up our in-house dining at the Community Cafe.

The Community Cafe continues to be 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.

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### Senior discounts: How to keep more cash in your pockets

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## Senior News

spending power.

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Your friendly Senior Center also offers a \$10 Senior Discount Club Card for members of the community who are 55 and older. You may contact Barbara Noriega at our office to obtain your membership card. Then simply present your 2022 membership card to obtain discounts around Archuleta County. We will provide a comprehensive list of discounts with your membership card. Cards are renewable beginning in January of each year. If you are a business or organization that would like to join our Senior Discount Club, please contact us to be included.

### Seeking Spanish-speaking/translation volunteers

The work of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) has engaged new community members over the past month as we have opened up to the community. As we continue to deepen

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# Senior

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our reach into the community we are looking to directly involve more Spanish speakers in our work.

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### Farmers market vouchers

Farmers market vouchers for seniors (age 60 and older) are now available. If you love to shop at the farmers market, are 60 or older, or if you are 200 percent of poverty, please call Debbie at (970) 403-2164 at the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to put your name on the list for \$25 in vouchers to redeem for local foods. Then, visit the Pagosa Farmers Market any Saturday during the growing season (June through September) to pick up your \$25 voucher to support the local food artisans and growers in southwest Colorado and northern New Mexico. The Pagosa Farmers Market is located on the third row of the East Side Market and is open only on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through September.

### Community Cafe now accepting texts

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

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, we help with Parts A, B and D. We can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicareline at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

### Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County 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. 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. 18 — Hawaiian pork with peppers over coconut rice with sauteed vegetables, milk, garden salad and mango salad.

Friday, Aug. 19 — Vegetable tamale pie, refried beans, milk, garden salad, strawberries.

Monday, Aug. 22 — Ginger lime shrimp with rice, Caribbean beans, milk, garden salad, tropical fruit and fortune cookies.

Tuesday, Aug. 23 — Spaghetti Bolognese, green beans, focaccia bread, milk, garden salad, fruit and scones.

Wednesday, Aug. 24 — Chicken piccata with vegetable gratin, focaccia bread, milk, garden salad, cottage cheese and mandarin oranges.

Thursday, Aug. 25 — Pork tenderloin with caramelized onions and apple chutney, cous cous milk, garden salad and blueberry cobbler.

Friday, Aug. 26 — Pasta primavera with marinara sauce, garlic bread, milk, garden salad, fruit and carrot cake.

### Grab-n-Go meals

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

### Monetary need

ASI has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County.

Please consider donating to ASI. You may mail your donation to PO Box 3444, 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. For more information about ASI, please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

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# Bird of the Week

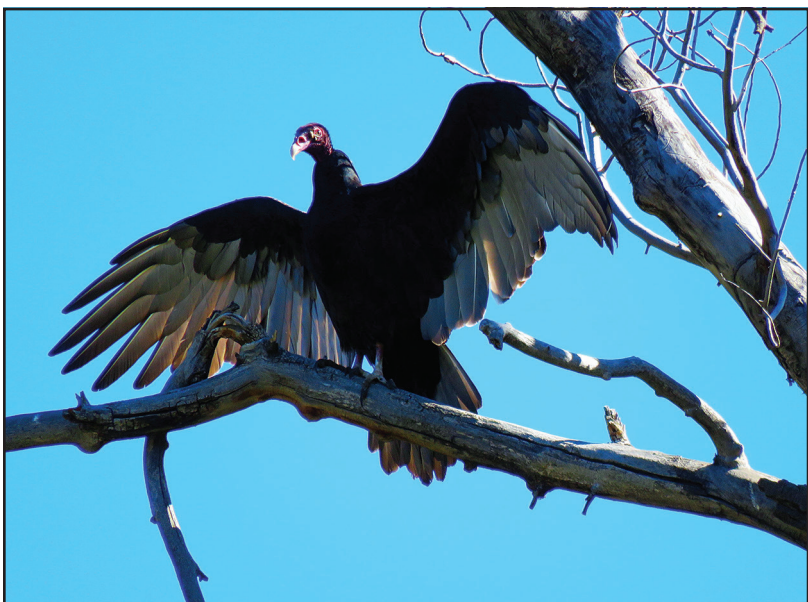


Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

The scientific name of this bird, *Cathartes aura*, which translates as golden purifier or purifying breeze, evokes a bird of beauty, but some of its habits make it seem less than regal to us.

Take for instance its habit of dining on decaying, smelly meat which we would certainly avoid. Unlike most birds which have a poor sense of smell, the area of the brain used for processing smells is large in this one. Turkey vultures use this heightened sense to locate their dead prey while soaring above the ground. Extremely acidic stomach acid allows them to digest just about anything. They provide an important service to us by taking care of carrion.

We might find a couple more of their habits socially unacceptable. It is not uncommon to see them on a high perch, wings spread to sunbathe and warm up or dry their wings, but when it is too hot, they may pee on their legs for evaporative cooling. The urine also serves to kill bacteria picked up on their feet while feeding. When another bird, animal or human gets too close, a turkey vulture may vomit on it as an act of defense.

The "turkey" in its name is a reference to its naked head like that of a wild turkey. With 6-foot wingspans, these large, dark birds soar on thermal air currents. Long pale "fingers" on their wingtips and bright red heads are distinguishing features. They are often seen soaring in groups and will follow each other to feeding sites. At night they roost together in trees or on other high secluded spots.

Like other scavengers, these birds can suffer from lead poisoning if they ingest shot in carcasses or gut piles left by hunters.

For information on events, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Join hands?
- 5 Belittle
- 10 Run-down car
- 14 Word after happy or rush
- 15 Major and private, e.g.
- 16 Word in a threat
- 17 Dictatorial
- 19 Check
- 20 Throat soother
- 21 Buzz Lightyear, for one
- 23 Alleviate
- 25 Sudden gush
- 26 Woven wall art
- 30 Keyless, in music
- 33 Skip a syllable
- 34 Map lines
- 36 Kind of party
- 37 Quite a while
- 38 66, famously
- 39 Bony fish
- 40 Fit to be tied
- 41 Pack carrier
- 42 Pratt or Pine
- 43 Ticket type
- 45 One on the payroll
- 47 Skimpy swimwear
- 49 Shower item
- 50 Apollo and others
- 53 Tariff target
- 57 Seniors' org.
- 58 Think twice about
- 60 Untainted
- 61 WWII predator
- 62 Forbidden thing
- 63 Winter toy
- 64 "American Girl" rocker
- 65 Poetic cave

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- 3 Pilot starter
- 4 Sale earnings
- 5 Make a collar
- 6 Barnyard bleat
- 7 Aardvark fare
- 8 Passes over
- 9 Mischievous adventure
- 10 Regarding this point
- 11 Word to Watson
- 12 "Heat of the Moment" band
- 13 Teller's partner
- 18 Action film staple
- 22 Lions and tigers
- 24 Mistake
- 26 Marlins and Mariners
- 27 Pool problem
- 28 Secondary residence
- 29 "Welcome" prelude
- 31 Lookout point
- 32 Pass by, as time
- 35 Small matter?
- 38 Second-place finisher
- 39 Kitchen activity
- 41 Trunk, to a Brit
- 42 Chowder morsels
- 44 Like topiary
- 46 Sharp
- 48 Diving bird
- 50 Bugle call
- 51 Burglar's booty
- 52 Kilt wearer
- 54 Bouquet
- 55 Gambling town
- 56 Pony's gait
- 59 Granola morsel

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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## CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to writing.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 2 = R)

**A. 8 2 15 17 24**

Clue: Language in original form

**B. 3 2 25 16 14 23 24**

Clue: Story in a newspaper

**C. 14 7 3 2 3 14 25 24 2**

Clue: Person in a book or story

**D. 3 20 25 7 15 2**

Clue: One who writes something

Answers: A. prose B. article C. character D. author

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The Pagosa Springs Community Choir will be starting rehearsals for its annual Christmas concerts on Sept. 13. The choir rehearses weekly from 7 to 8:30pm in the Pagosa Springs High School music room. This year's concerts will be presented on Dec. 9, 10 and 11. More detailed information will follow with registration details in future issues of The Preview. If you love to sing, plan to come sing with us and make joyous music for Christmas.

## Preview Calendar

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

### Thursday, Aug. 18

**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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (970) 731-7133.

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**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.

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving ham and cheesy potatoes, bread and dessert to go. 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.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**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.

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Discord. Ongoing game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join.

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

**Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Open Mic.** 4:30-7:30 p.m., GGP amphitheater, Centennial Park. For additional information, please contact [gpg@pagosagreen.org](mailto:gpg@pagosagreen.org).

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

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Bright Star.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Inspired by a real event told in the song "The Ballad of the Iron Mountain Baby." For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW.

**Friday, Aug. 19**

**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](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com).

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 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.

**Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club.** 11:30

a.m., Mountain Pizza outdoor patio. We will welcome new member Patty Brown. Please take this opportunity to pay your 2022-2023 dues. RSVP to Carole Howard.

**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.

**ComFest 2022 Free Outdoor Concert Series.** 5:30 p.m., Town Park. Featuring RPM and Tones From Home.

**Curtains Up Pagosa 'Addams Family Musical' Auditions.** 6-9 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. The show will take place over the Halloween weekend. There are roles for adults and children —10 leading roles, 10 supporting roles and 15 extra ensemble members. For your audition, please prepare a one-minute monologue, and a one-minute song selection. A short dance step will be taught at the audition. If you are unable to be at the auditions in person and would still like a chance to join the cast, please submit a video audition by Aug. 20 at 9 p.m. If you are interested in being in the upcoming production of the "Addams Family Musical," please contact Artistic Director Dale Scrivener for more information at [director.curtainsup@gmail.com](mailto:director.curtainsup@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW.

**Saturday, Aug. 20**

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**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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

**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.

**Pagosa Piecemakers Quilting Guild.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Dr. Join us for a presentation by Jenny Kae Parks called "Leave Quilts Not Fabric." Parks will talk about how to get over your dread of the half-finished project and offer practical ways to finish them and clean up your stash. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The talk will be followed by an optional \$7 soup and salad lunch.

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The SpongeBob Musical.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Based on the beloved Nickelodeon animated series "SpongeBob SquarePants." For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW.

**Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.** 5:45 p.m., Community Center. The fifth annual fundraiser for Seeds of Learning will pit six Pagosa Springs celebrities and

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their coaches against each other for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. The ever-popular open dancing will be back during voting, with The Tim Sullivan Band playing. To purchase tickets, visit: register.dwtps.org.

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**Geology Tour.** 7-8:30 a.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets

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**Library Speakers Consortium: Michele Harper.** 7-8 p.m. Live author discussion via computer link. The speaker will be Michele Harper, author of "The Beauty in Breaking." The Library Speakers Consortium is a partnership of public libraries working together to expand access to best-selling author talks. This will be a live, one-hour interview with a bestselling author and a professional moderator. Event recordings will be available after each event if you are unable to view the live presentation. To register for the consortium, click on the link on your library's home page at <https://pagosalibrary.org>. If you cannot view the presentations live, the recorded events will be available afterward at our website under the "Adult" tab. The full schedule is also posted there.

**Tuesday, Aug. 23**

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 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.

**Countywide Women's Bible Study.** 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Grace in Pagosa (formerly CrossRoad Church), 1044 Park Ave. Please call (970) 264-9931 with questions. Bring your favorite Bible and personality.

**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](mailto: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.

**Adult DIY: Crochet a Bookmark.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to crochet a personal bookmark using colorful yarn.

**Mahjong.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. Proof of vaccination is required.

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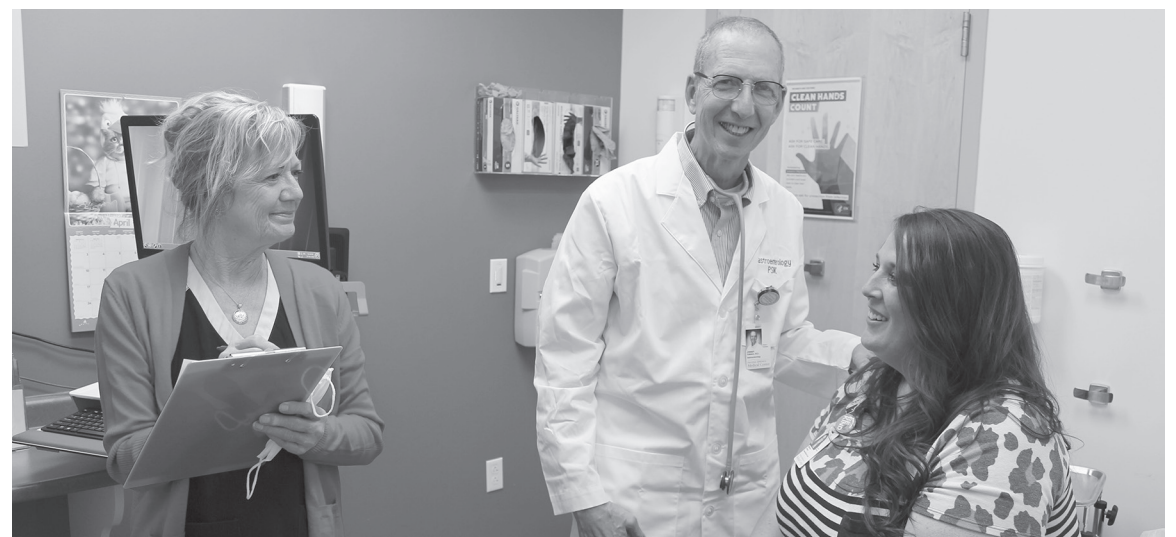


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**Game Night.** 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. We currently have cornhole and backgammon players. Bring your favorite game. For more information, contact Barbara at (602) 622-9053.

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## Wednesday, Aug. 24

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons 8:30-10:30 a.m. Loaner paddles are available.

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Silly Stories with Miss Lisa and her friend Fluffy Dog. Puppets, storytelling and lots of silly fun. Storytime is 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.

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**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Guys and Dolls.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A musical based on short stories by Damon Runyon and set in 1920s New York City. For more information and to purchase individual or season tickets, visit [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW.

## Thursday, Aug. 25

**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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (970) 731-7133.

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Library Speakers Consortium: Liz Wiseman.** 10-11 a.m. Live author discussion via computer link. The speaker will be Liz Wiseman, author of "Impact Players: How to Take the Lead, Play Bigger and Multiply Your Impact." The Library Speakers Consortium is a partnership of public libraries working together to expand access to best-selling author talks. This is 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 register for the consortium, click on the link on your library's home page at <https://pagosalibrary.org>. If you cannot view the presentations live, the recorded events will be available afterwards at our website under the "Adult" tab. The full schedule is also posted there.

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Community United Methodist Church. Note: Until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving Caesar chicken wraps and dessert to go. 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.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**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.

**Teen Writers.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in grades 4-12. Calling

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# EARLY DEADLINES

for the issue of

## Thursday, September 8

**Display Advertising**

Noon, Friday, Sept. 2

**Classified Advertising**

10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6

Too Late to Classify 3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6

**Legal Advertising, Articles and Letters**

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## Friday, Aug. 26

**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](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com).

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 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.

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

**Aspire Barn Bash: Celebrate Life, Love, Fellowship and Friends.** 5:30 p.m., Paradise Ranch, 11044 U.S. 84. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

There will be live entertainment by Three Way Street as well as dancing. It is an outside venue with tents and pavilion. Get updated on Aspire Medical Services and Education and our impact in Pagosa Springs. We will also have a raffle for some great prizes. These prizes include, but are not limited to, spa packages, a \$1,000 shopping spree at Ski and Bow Rack, adventure outings and date-night-all-year prizes and much more. You can purchase a table for \$500 (includes dinner for eight, designated seating and 10 drink tickets) or a single ticket for \$75. Raffle tickets are \$25 and on sale at: <https://aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events/>.

**Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies.** 7:15-10 p.m. Chimney Rock National Monument. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (970) 731-7133.

## Saturday, Aug. 27

**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

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**By Carole Howard**  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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Thanks to a partnership between Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado State Library, we have two backpacks for free checkout that contain a state park pass, binoculars, a wildlife guide, a trees and wildlife guide, a book about the 42 state parks and more. The backpacks can be checked out for a full week and renewed for an additional week. They cannot be placed on hold. Consider it a “Lucky Day” pickup item, meaning that if you come in and it’s available, you can check it out.

Also, we have a bike repair toolkit available for free checkout. This toolkit includes a handbook entitled “Essential Road Bike Maintenance Handbook” by Todd Downs and a toolbox filled with the essential tools needed for basic bicycle repairs. The handbook covers topics such as frame, pedals, brakes and more. We also offer a variety of other bicycle resources for people of all ages including maps, guidebooks and historical information.

## Children’s Spanish class today

Join us today, Thursday, Aug. 18,

## Library News

from 11 a.m. to noon for the second session of a new Spanish class for kids aged 6 to 11. Miss Josie and Miss Ruby will help you learn and improve your Spanish.

## Dungeons and Dragons today

Today, Thursday, Aug. 18, 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. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join.

## Gaming tomorrow

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 19 from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

## Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to noon, when we’ll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

## Library Speakers Consortium continues

You are invited to two more events this month in our free Li-

brary 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.

Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. features Mi-

chele Harper, author of “The Beauty in Breaking,” a memoir about what it means to be a doctor; and Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. showcases Liz Wiseman, author of “Impact Players: How to Take the Lead, Play Bigger and Multiply Your Impact,” a guide to leadership.

To register for the consortium, click on the link on your library’s

home page at <https://pagosalibrary.org>. If you cannot view the presentations live, the recorded events will be available afterward at our website.

## Adult DIY

Join us next Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 1-2 p.m. for this free session

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**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

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

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We have the LEGOs; just bring you imagination. Stop in and build with the library’s collection of LEGO pieces. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Riverwalk Naturalist Tours.** 7 p.m.

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## Sunday, Aug. 28

**Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., South Pagosa Park. Loaner paddles are available.

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.



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## Teen writers

Teen writers from fourth through 12th grade are invited to your library next Thursday, Aug. 25 from 4 to 5 p.m. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome.

## 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.

## Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted Aug. 22 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free activity.

## StoryWalk downtown

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. 15-31 features the classic fable "The Lion and the Mouse" that celebrates the power of kindness.

## Special family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Special guests Lisa Baker and her friend Fluffy Dog will provide puppets, storytelling and silly fun on Aug. 24.

## ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4-5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5-7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

## Local author

"Symbol & Synchronicity" by Julie Loar is a guide to learning the soul's language in dreams and waking life via ancient wisdom, modern science discoveries and practical instruction. We also have six other books in our collection by this local author.

## Large print mysteries and thrillers

"The Darling Dahlias and the Red Hot Poker" by Susan Wittig Albert is a Darling Dahlias mystery. "My Wife Is Missing" by D.J. Palmer begins when a wife and two children disappear from a New York City hotel room. "When She Dreams" by Amanda Quick focuses on a psychic advice columnist being blackmailed. "Nightwork" by Nora Roberts is the beginning of a new mystery series featuring a thief. "It All Comes Down To This" by Therese Anne Fowler tells of three sisters and an ex-con. "Hidden Pictures" by Jason Rekulak features a young child whose drawings become more sinister.

"Every Cloak Rolled in Blood" by James Lee Burke has its hero drawn into a network of villainy. "Cold, Cold Bones" by Kathy Reichs is a Temperance Brennan forensic anthropologist mystery. "The It Girl" by Ruth Ware starts with new evidence in a murder conviction. "The House Across the Lake" by Riley Sager is a murder mystery set in Vermont. "The Messy Lives of Book People" by Phaedra Patrick features a housekeeper asked to complete another's novel. "Point Last Seen" by Christina Dodd opens with a woman pulled from the California surf. "Death Under the Perseids" by Teresa Dovalpage is book three in the Havana, Cuba mystery series.

## Large print westerns

"Ralph Compton Counterfeit Lawman" by Jackson Lowry is part of the Gunfighter western series. "Perilous Frontier" edited by Hazel Rumney contains short stories by four western authors. "Dead River" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is book four of the Jackals series. "Bad River" by Ralph Cotton is a Ranger Sam Burrack western.

## Other large print

"Tom Clancy: Zero Hour" by Don Bentley is a Jack Ryan Jr. adventure set in Korea. "The Home-wreckers" by Mary Kay Andrews features a woman involved with a beach house renovation. "Clive Cussler's Dark Vector" by Graham Brown is a NUMA adventure involving cyberwar. "Tracy Flick Can't Win" by Tom Perrotta tells of an assistant principal hoping to be promoted to superintendent. "The Boardwalk Bookshop" by Susan Mallery is a romance story about three women who own a bookstore. "Meant to Be" by Emily

Giffin is inspired by John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette's ill-fated romance.

## DVDs

"Drive My Car" by Japanese director Ryusuke Hamaguchi won a 2022 Academy Award for best foreign language film. "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" is a Marvel Studios film. "Minamata," based on actual events, stars

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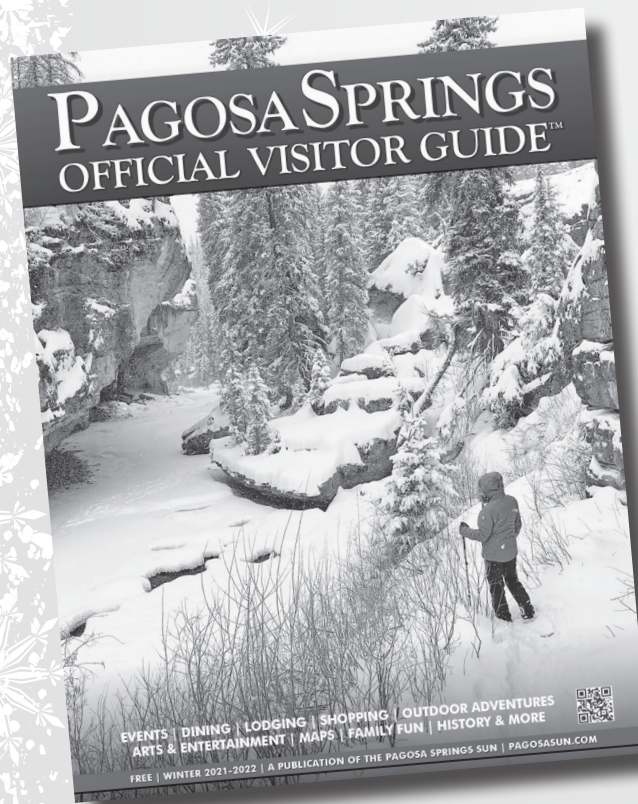
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# Noxious Weed of the Month: halogeton

By Ethan Proud  
PREVIEW Columnist

Halogeton is a List C noxious weed species, meaning that it is widespread in Colorado and the goal is to suppress its populations. It is common in Arboles as it thrives in arid and semi-arid areas. It is a member of the goosefoot family and has small green flowers that are not noticeable.

The seeds, however, are striking and have papery wings that catch the eye. Halogeton has red stems and fleshy, tube-like leaves. This plant can grow up to a foot and a half tall, but its taproot can extend just as far into the soil.

Halogeton is a problem in pasture and rangeland as it accumulates salt and is toxic to livestock. Dead plant material leaches the salt into the topsoil, which favors halogeton seed germination over that of native species. Halogeton is not typically selected by livestock as forage, which can lead to an increased population in heavily grazed situations. This is due to desirable forage being removed as a competitor while the halogeton is left to flourish.

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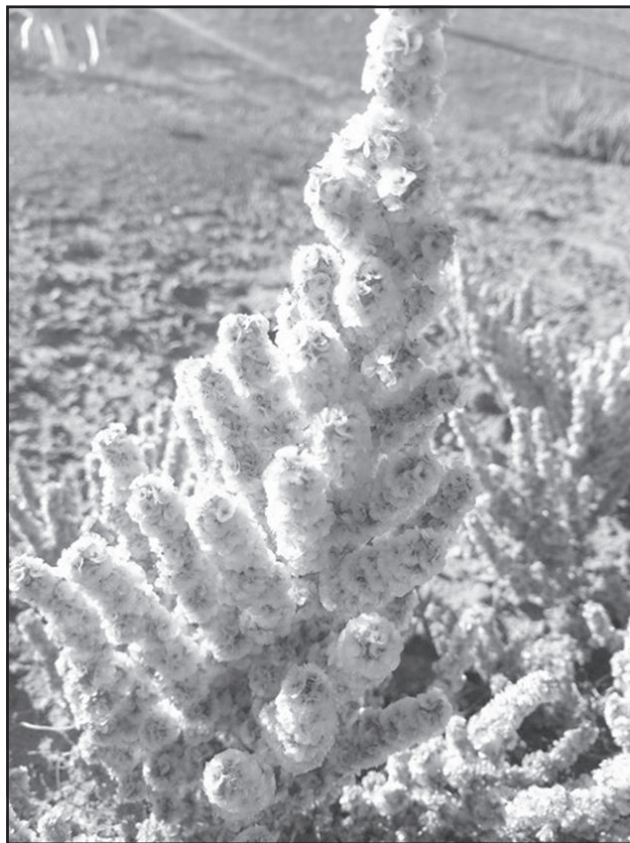


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teers give back 30 hours of service helping others practice safe food handling and preserve food successfully at home. Volunteers conduct demonstrations and assist with workshops, test pressure canner gauges, staff exhibits at county fairs and farmers markets, write articles, and answer phone calls and emails.

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Johnny Depp in a story about a war photographer investigating a chemical spill in Japan.

## Nonfiction

“21st Century Monetary Policy” by former Federal Reserve chair Ben S. Bernanke is an explanation of the bank’s economic policy decisions. “Battling The Big Lie” by Dan Pfeiffer discusses how to combat political disinformation and propaganda. “The Monster’s Bones” by paleontologist David R. Randall looks at the discovery of T. Rex and how it changed the world of paleontology. “Business As Mission In a Nutshell” by C. Neal Johnson offers a road map for Christian entrepreneurs starting or buying a business or owning a franchise.

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## Quotable quote

“I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.” — Chinese proverb.

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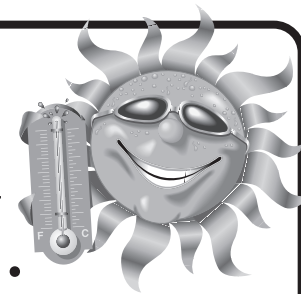
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**FRONT OFFICE RECEPTIONIST** needed at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Knowledge of Mac computers and Adobe InDesign is helpful. Newspaper experience not required. 30-34 hours per week. \$16-\$17 to start. Email resume to [helpwanted@pagosason.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosason.com). Successful applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please.

## HELP WANTED

## ADVERTISING CUSTOMER SERVICE

This is a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) position.

*Are you the right person? Are you willing to ...*

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Position offers salary (\$14/hour) plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

Submit your resume to [helpwanted@pagosason.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosason.com) or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.

The Pagosa Springs **SUN**  
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457 Lewis Street

**MASSAGE THERAPIST WANTED** at Overlook Hot Springs. Minimum pay- \$37.50/ hour, tips- 17-18%. Full-time, part-time or on call positions available. Apply in person.

**LANDSCAPE TEAM NEEDED.** Full season of work. Wilson Enterprises, 69 Park Avenue, (970)946-6651.

**LIKE GUNS? COME SELL** them for us. The San Juan Trading Post is looking for a gun sales person. Computer literacy and ability to lift 45 lbs. is required. Starting at \$15/ hour, part time or full time. Stop by in person at 635 San Juan St.

**MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING** customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer \$16 p/h to start, accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

**FENCERS NEEDED. NO EXPERIENCE** needed. For more questions and information, call (505)635-4788.

**NEW OPENING: ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?** If you are a self starter, with the ability to multi-task, The Pagosa Springs SUN has an opportunity for you with our multimedia organization. Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar, ability to use Adobe InDesign is a plus. We are currently taking applications for a part-time advertising position up to 30 hours per week. Position offers salary, plus commission. Reliable transportation is a must. If you like getting out in the community, meeting new business owners and developing relationships, this is the perfect job for you. We offer a fun and challenging, team-oriented work environment. This position requires that you work in our office. \$14 per hour plus commission. Email your resume to [helpwanted@pagosason.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosason.com). Qualified applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls, please.

**CALLING COOKS!** Earn more \$\$\$ here (!) with up to \$24/ hour in shared tips. If you enjoy preparing high-quality food, join us at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. Apply on Facebook, email: [info@pagosabrewing.com](mailto:info@pagosabrewing.com), or in-person at Pagosa Brewing. No phone calls. Cheers!

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY HELP WANTED ADS** — [tinyurl.com/d64deel9](http://tinyurl.com/d64deel9). The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** We need part-time bussers. \$12/ hour plus tips. Nights and weekend 5p.m.-9p.m. See Jeffers Wednesday- Sunday after 2:30p.m. or send interest to [Contact@alleyhousegrille.com](mailto:Contact@alleyhousegrille.com).

**LANDSCAPE LABORERS WANTED.** Must have own transportation. Call for an application. Good pay for good help. (970)946-2277.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED** for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. \$20 per hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to [mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com](mailto:mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com).

**DO YOU LOVE WORKING** with a high driven and fun team? 1st Southwest Bank has several opportunities with a high starting pay and strong benefits. 1stSouthwest Bank is looking for a Personal Banker and Teller. Offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. For more specific details visit <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/>. EOE.

**THE GEORGE T. SANDERS COMPANY** is looking for a dedicated and passionate Counter Associate to join our team. Do you have plumbing knowledge or previous plumbing experience? Do you have a passion for being a team player and willingness to do what it takes to succeed? Are you a go-getter looking for your next opportunity? Then come work for us. \$17-\$19/ hour. Go to <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/459799af-dd77-40f9-9c86-48c9bd7f2f1b/George-T-Sanders> to apply.

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

**HELP WANTED**

**NOW HIRING!**

**Tour Guides • Drivers**

for touring/transportation company

Weekends • Evenings • Days

**Part-time positions**

\$15/hour + tips + bonus

**1 full-time positions**

Salary + IRA match + vacation + bonus

Apply in person at

**WJP/PRO**

in the lobby of the Pagosa Lodge 3505 W. Hwy. 160



**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** We need host folks. \$16/hour. Nights 3p.m.-9p.m. Must be available weekends and holidays. Pay increase after 90 days. See Jeffers Wednesday- Sunday after 2:30p.m. or send interest to Contact@alley-housegrille.com.

**DENTAL FRONT DESK OR ASSISTANT** wanted. Willing to train. Do you enjoy hospitality and meeting new people? Pagosa Smiles exists to help people with their oral health and provide excellent customer service. Join a great team where everyone works hard! Professional environment, weekends and holidays off, great pay, 401K, and bonuses all in a beautiful facility. Email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

**ASSISTANT BREWER.** Opportunity of a lifetime! Will train. Must be 21+ years old. Applications on Facebook, email: info@pagosabrewing.com, or at Pagosa Brewing. No phone calls. Cheers!

**KITCHEN ASSISTANT.** Food preparation and packaging for the Pagosa Springs Senior Center Community Cafe. Join our team in a positive, professional commercial kitchen. 7a.m.-3 p.m., part time with weekends off. Competitive pay and daily meal provided. Call (970)264-2167 or stop by to pick up an application.

**SAWMILL HELP. GENERAL LABORER** needed for local sawmill. Please call (970)264-5000 for more information.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is hiring a janitor to clean the school for the 2022/2023 school year. If interested, please call Leah at (816)585-2892.

**FRAMERS, LABORERS, LANDSCAPERS** and painters needed. Pay based on experience. (970)403-2228.

**PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY** is seeking a full-time early morning baker/ cook, and a part-time pastry cook, and barista/ counter staff. Our great team is fast paced, fun and supportive. Call (970)264-9348 or print application at pagosabakingcompany.com/contact/opportunities/, drop off at 238 Pagosa Street.

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the following positions: **Bus Drivers** (Multiple Positions) with a starting hourly rate ranging from \$21.51- \$24.99/ hour. **Substitute Teachers** (Multiple Positions) with a daily rate of \$140/day; **Substitute Aides** (Multiple Positions). Benefits for all positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement. For more details and to apply for these positions see the following website: <https://www.applitrack.com/archuleta50/onlineapp/#>. E.O.E.

**HELP WANTED**

**We Are Hiring**

**Floor Assistant**

\$14 per hour plus tips, 4-10 pm, greeting and welcoming customers, passing out samples, explaining how to order & use our beer tap wall, ability to gauge customer preferences, excellent communication skills

Stop in for your application

175 Pagosa Street



**PAGOSA SPRINGS GOLF CLUB** is accepting applications for Retail Pro Shop, Bar/Grill and Outside Cart Services. We seek energetic, dependable applicants with excellent customer service skills. Full- and part-time positions available. Training for all positions. Apply in person.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a customer oriented person for a full-time cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

**DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/ hour.** Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

**HIRING KITCHEN COOKS AND SERVERS.** Full- and part-time positions. Please apply within at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery.

**FULL-TIME RECEPTIONIST, LIGHT SECRETARIAL** duties. Some real estate knowledge a plus. Please send resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

**FULL-TIME POSITION NEEDED** for residential maintenance and groundskeeping. Must have general knowledge of household upkeep and repairs. Please send inquiries to jenny@keyahgrande.com.

**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!

**VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION IS LOOKING** for equipment operators and CDL drivers. Pay is based on experience. Please leave a message at (970)507-0078.

**THE UPPER RIO GRANDE School District** is accepting applications for the position of Community Liaison. Applicants need to have strong networking skills, be able to develop relationships with students, and partner with multiple agencies to support families in the school district. Please send a cover letter and resume to Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or mail to 950 French Street, Del Norte CO 81332. Please call (719)657-4040 if you have any questions.

**KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND** afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

**HELP WANTED**



**Rosie's is hiring!**

Come join one of the best crews in Pagosa!

**Looking for Kitchen Help. Cooks & Dishwashers.**

Great pay and tips! Full time hours. 5 day work week. Great work life balance.

Apply in person at 100 Country Center Dr. Suite C.

Or email your resume to Rosiespagosa@gmail.com

**PIEDRA AUTOMOTIVE IS ACCEPTING** applications for entry- level and certified technicians. Five day work week, paid holidays. Submit resume to Piedracar@centurytel.net for a private interview.

**PART-TIME HELP FOR LANDSCAPING WORK.** Must be experienced with mowing, weed eating, trimming. Must have transportation. Call Eric, (970)946-2061.

**NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON** is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday, 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN CONSTRUCTION:** framing, remodels, etc. Pay based on experience, but will train the right person. (970)844-4140.

**WOLF CREEK SKI AREA** is accepting applications for all departments: accounting (assistant), lifts, ski school, food and beverage, base operations, rental, retail, ticket office, ski patrol, vehicle maintenance, snow removal, snow reporting and a freelance photographer. To download an application and see job descriptions, please visit the employment page of WolfCreekSki.com. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. All jobs are winter seasonal (November-April) with competitive wages.

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is looking to hire outstanding individuals to fill three full-time positions to work with our students: **Elementary School Special Education Aide/Paraprofessional; Middle School Special Education Aide/Paraprofessional; Middle School Nurse Aide/Office Assistant.** Starting salaries range from \$24,336- \$28,162 for a 173-day schedule. Benefits include (but are not limited to): PERA State Retirement, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, and Paid Time off. For more details and to apply for these positions see the following website: <https://www.applitrack.com/archuleta50/onlineapp/#>. E.O.E.

**JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED** but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-3046.

**HELP WANTED**



**NOW HIRING:**

**Terry's Colorado Home Supply & Ace Hardware**

is currently making additions to our team in

**Management • Delivery • Electrical • Cashier • Paint**

We are looking for reliable, motivated, team-oriented applicants that enjoy a fast-paced environment.

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Please apply in person; applications available on [www.terrysace.com](http://www.terrysace.com).

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE SUPERVISOR-** Pagosa Springs. RG BANK is community bank that serves southern Colorado. If you are looking for an employer who: is committed to serving the communities in which we live and work; is customer focused; is growing and evolving to better meet the needs of our customers and the communities we serve. We have an opportunity for you! RG BANK currently has a full-time **Customer Service Representative Supervisor** opening in our Pagosa Springs Office location. Please visit: <https://www.rgbank.bank/contact-us/#employment> for an application and additional description.

**MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM** is a fast growing, successful Pizza Brand. Are you looking for a career opportunity and not just a job? We are looking for full- and part-time people, also shift leads needed. Amazing opportunity for career progression. Wonderful teams- ain't no Family like a Pizza Family. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa Street. Pagosa Springs, CO.

**IN NEED OF FACILITIES AND LAND** Manager, Housekeeping Manager and Maintenance. Room and board plus hourly pay. Apply at [taramandala.org/connect/employment-opportunities/](http://taramandala.org/connect/employment-opportunities/).

**HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE** full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

**ABBA EYE CARE** is looking for a friendly Optician to join our growing team! Experience in the optical industry is a plus, but not necessary. We will provide on-the-job training for the candidate willing to learn! As an Optician, you will be providing extraordinary customer service to our patients, including: Helping patients select eyeglass and lens treatments including tints and coatings; dispenses glasses by inspecting the product and checking for proper fit; repairing broken frames; educating patients on proper eyeglass and contact lens care; work with other staff members to maintain clean and safe office environment. If you are a fast learner with excellent interpersonal skills, come join us! You will love our fun work environment and people-first culture! Pay range and benefits: \$13-\$18, depending on experience. Medical, vision, dental, life, STD, LTD, basic life, voluntary 401K, PTO and holidays. Please contact our Practice Manager, Miquela Strait at (970)731-4300 or [mstrait@abbaeyecare.com](mailto:mstrait@abbaeyecare.com).

**PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE.** No experience necessary. Competitive pay/ benefits. Energetic. Dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT, 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

**HELP WANTED**

**Are you looking to join a growing company? Here's your opportunity!**

Pagosa Springs' newest beer & wine garden — Tall Pines Beer & Wine Garden — is looking for a Line Cook/Prep Cook, kitchen help & bartenders. Full Time & Part Time hours available.

We have some fun benefits such as membership to the springs, mini golf, etc. Join our fun atmosphere. Please email your resume to [tallpines02@hotmail.com](mailto:tallpines02@hotmail.com)

**3R RANCH IS HIRING** full time 40 hours, or part time 32 hours a week. Signing bonus after 30 day probation review. Must have own transportation. (970)264-5160, leave message for interview.

**POSTAL SUB NEEDED:** Wednesday, Saturday and every other Friday. Am flexible on some days. Must be reliable, honest, people person. Must have large enough 4 wheel drive vehicle to haul mail. Route is mostly businesses uptown. About 30-35 miles per day. (970)403-4614, Sandra.

**AGAPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY** is hiring 2-4 teachers or teacher aides, PT or FT Certification not required. Work hours 9a.m.-3p.m. Jessica (970)444-2111.

**WOLF CREEK SKI AREA** is in need of an Accounting Assistant/ Accounting Clerk. Duties include clerical tasks, processing reports, recording transactions and typical Accounts Payable and Payroll duties. Experience with Microsoft Office products is required. Attention to detail and organizational skills are important. Those with bookkeeping, human resources, or administrative assistance experience are encouraged to apply. Compensation is hourly and negotiable based on skill set. Reliable transportation and ability to commute to/from Wolf Creek Ski Area throughout the Winter is required. Year round position with longer hours during the ski season, and a shorter workweek in the off-season. Would report to Accounting Supervisor as well as CEO/ President. Please email resume to [AP@WOLFCREEKSKI.COM](mailto:AP@WOLFCREEKSKI.COM) or call (970)264-5487.

**CROSSFIRE AGGREGATE SERVICES LLC** is seeking Concrete Mixer Drivers. Must currently hold CDL with medical card. Must pass a pre-employment drug test. Please pick up an application at the batch plant located at 5739 E. Highway 160. Any questions please call (970)264-9006.

**OFFICE MANAGER.** Accounting firm has an immediate need for an Office Manager with QuickBooks experience to work Monday-Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. Responsibilities include directing and overseeing the bookkeeping department, ensuring sales tax reports are timely filed and other office duties. Some bookkeeping and sales tax reporting may be required as well. Competitive hourly rate dependent on experience. Submit resume to [jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com](mailto:jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com), by fax to (970)264-4451 or drop off at our offices by calling (970)264-5330 to get directions.

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# Classifieds

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

## HELP WANTED

**PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE** are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. **Primary responsibilities:** Greeting and checking in customers. Advising customers on the best product for their needs and preferences. Processing payments through a point-of-sale system and cash handling. Ensuring product security and compliance. Maintaining store appearance and organization. **Required qualifications:** Outstanding customer service and communication skills; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; reliable and professional; full-time availability and ability to work nights and weekends. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Previous retail, food service, and/or cannabis industry experience is preferred but not required. We provide an extensive training program on product knowledge and compliance requirements, with opportunities for continuing education. Benefits include paid sick leave, sales bonuses, and employee discounts. We are growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please e-mail your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

**SALES POSITION WITH AREA** solar company. Residential and commercial. Excellent opportunity, best training in the industry. Email your resume to mark@skyviewsolarllc.com or call (970)398-5212.

**CONSTRUCTION WORKER, PART TIME.** Make your own hours. (970)398-9136.

## YARD SALES

**ESTATE SALE AUGUST 25-27TH.** Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 8a.m. until 5p.m. Located at 101 Brave Ct. Chromo. Gate code: #0922. Chromo is 24 miles south on Hwy. 84, left on Navajo River Rd. then left on Running Horse Pl. Items included will be a Bobcat CT335B tractor (very low hours) with an enclosed cab and a front-end loader. A 1984 Nissan 300zx turbo garaged. A 2021 Polaris Ranger 1000 EPS FS ATV. Two 25hp riding mowers. Slightly used LG stainless steel refrigerator/ freezer with ice maker. Washer and dryer. Artic Cat 400 4WD 4-wheeler with attached pesticide spray tank. A Browning Medallion Prosteel gun safe. Furniture, antiques, western décor and many small kitchen appliances. Half price items after 2 on Saturday. Temporary gate code #0922.

**OUTSIDE SALE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 20,** 8a.m. 1p.m. Plants, pots, yard art, women's hats, inside pictures. 175 Canyon Circle.

**YARD SALE, 9A.M. TO NOON** on Saturday, August 20. 31 Harebell Drive in San Juan River Village, just six minutes up 160 heading towards Wolf Creek. No early birds. Beds, furniture, housewares, art... just a ton of stuff. It all must go!

**MOVING SALE.** Everything must go. Friday, Aug. 19, 8a.m.-4p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 8a.m.-1p.m. 23 Edgewater Dr., Pagosa. Office file cab, household, tools, elec. lawn mower, power washer.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**YARD SALE.** Friday, Aug. 19 and Saturday, Aug. 20, 8a.m. to noon both days. A little bit of everything. Come take a look. 80 Sumac Ct., Twin Creek Village. North Pagosa to Sweetwater, to Twin Creek Circle, to Sumac. We are near Martinez Canyon.

## YARD SALES

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES —** [tinyurl.com/d64deei9](http://tinyurl.com/d64deei9). The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**MOVING SALE, 31 HIGHLAND AVENUE,** Vista Subdivision. Solid oak wall units, 3 sets of china and more. Everything must go. Great prices. Saturday, August 20, and Sunday, August 21, starting at 8a.m.

**MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE!** Lots of things for sale. Household items, tools, golf clubs, skis, etc. Too much to list! Saturday 8/20 from 8a.m.-1 p.m. Please no early birds! 34 Corona Ct. off Morro Circle in Lake Hatcher Park.

## LOST & FOUND

**FOUND AUGUST 10 UPTOWN:** Ring. Call to identify. (970)946-3765.

## PERSONALS

**NO MAS! DEJA QUE TE AYUDEMOS.** 24-horas violencia domestica o/y asalto sexual Linea directa. Confidencial. (970)264-9075.

## PETS

**AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES** for sale. Twelve weeks old. Three blue merle with blue eyes. (808)330-2000.

**ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society.** Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. [www.humaneociety.biz](http://www.humaneociety.biz).

**NOW OPEN, PAWLISHED.** Pagosa Springs newest dog grooming salon. An intimate and calm environment with one on one grooming. Give your dogs the personal attention and pampering they deserve. Certified groomer with 18+ years experience. Located at 444 Lewis Street and open T-Sat 9:30a.m.-5p.m. by appointment only. Call (970)585-WAGS or visit [www.pawlISHEDpetsalon.com](http://www.pawlISHEDpetsalon.com).

**DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM.** Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa. Call (970)264-9111.

## LIVESTOCK

**HORSE BOARDING AVAILABLE,** up to 2 horses. Stall and running stream through 10 acre fenced pasture. \$100 per month. (970)883-2600, (970)812-8026. [wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com](mailto:wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com).

## WANTED

**BUYING ANY OLD LICENSE PLATES.** PREMIUM paid for blue 1936 Archuleta County plate (starts with 48). Call/ text Colin: (970)367-7594. Cash paid!

## FOR SALE

**Wrightnaturalbakery.com. LOCAL DELIVERY 2-3** times a week. Reduced sugar, same sweetness. Organic, unprocessed, Paleo, unrefined, gluten free ingredients. (970)812-8026, (970)883-2600, [wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com](mailto:wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com). Products available at Choke Cherry Tree.

## FOR SALE

*Enjoy the Health Benefits of*  
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*Gently raised on sunshine and high-altitude grass pastures on Ventana De Dios Ranch here in Pagosa Springs.*  
Customize a Beef Package to Meet the Needs of Your Family!!  
**Call 970-731-1103**  
or send email to [Ventanadiosranch@gmail.com](mailto:Ventanadiosranch@gmail.com) for pricing and delivery details.

**2017 THOR COMPASS 23TR** for sale due to my husband's passing. Only has 22K miles and gets great mileage! Almost perfect condition and new front tires. \$70,000. Please text (970)946-5477 if interested. Phone calls not accepted.

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**MISCELLANEOUS INDOOR/ OUTDOOR FURNITURE,** rugs from home sale. September 7, 1-4p.m. A-Affordable Storage, US 160, Unit 235.

**ULTIMATE ALAKNAK.** 12x12 tent, all poles, roof cover, floor cover, used 4 times, \$850. Call (970)946-2606.

**CULLIGAN WATER SOFTENER,** 3 years old. Cost \$3,200. Price \$975. Boxed, ready for pickup. September 7, 1-4. A-Affordable Storage, US 160, Unit 235.

**BRAND NEW 10" FOAM** queen mattress, never has been used; we ordered it for our motor home bed, but it did not fit into the space. We paid \$395 for this mattress, but will consider less. Our phone number is (970)731-2566.

**TWO 50-GALLON STEEL DRUMS** with lids. Used, great condition, \$45 each. Can be seen on Thursday or Friday at Pagosa Springs SUN, 457 Lewis Street.

**HUGE FRAME SALE CLOSEOUT BUSINESS.** Over 190 wooden frames, all sizes, largest 36"x46", some shadow boxes, mostly oak. \$300 for all. (970)749-4272.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE.** Split or in rounds. (970)585-4578.

**KUBOTA SHOP MANUALS. BOBCAT** shop manuals, JOHN DEERE shop manuals for sale. San Juan Tractor (970)903-7295.

**DO YOU BURN FIREWOOD?** I've got a Pine/Aspen mix. \$300 per cord or \$575 for a HUGE dump truck load! Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

**SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS.** We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. (970)731-PAWN (7296).

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

**WANTING TO BUY** a motor home in good condition under \$25,000. (405)833-1955 or [dennisreeves@baaokc.com](mailto:dennisreeves@baaokc.com).

## AUTOS

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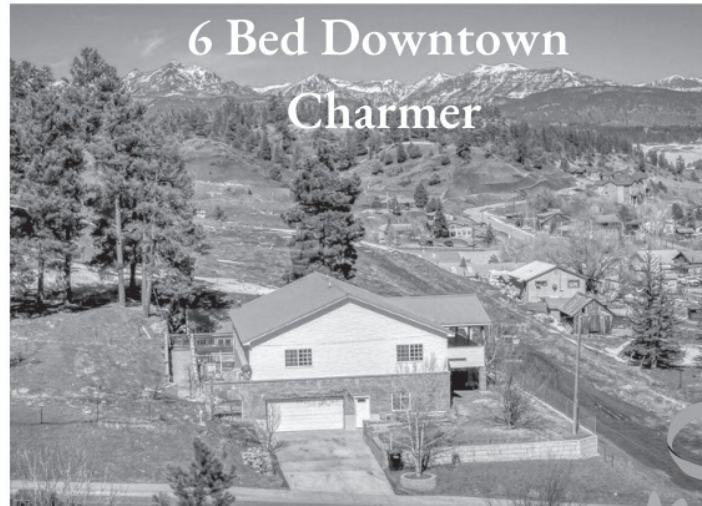
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