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Title changes in area hit an all-time high

By Joe Napolitan
Staff Writer

Utility companies are reporting record high title changes in Pagosa Springs amidst a turbulent housing market and increasing interest in the area.

During a phone interview on July 6, Kim O'Donnell of AAA Propane told The SUN that 2021 has been its busiest year yet.

"There's more now than we've ever seen," O'Donnell said. "Last week I had 9 in one week, so it's just insane. That's just AAA. That's not including Selph's, and we're in the same building."

O'Donnell went on to explain that the vast majority of property purchases are coming from buyers in Texas, with only a few from Florida.

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Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

Mike Ray stands holding his Red Ryder Award belt buckle with his wife, Gwen, grandson Cordell Sell and daughters Re'ahna Ray and Raesha Sell during this year's Red Ryder Rodeo festivities.

Mike Ray receives 2021 Red Ryder Award

By Lisa Scott
Red Ryder Rodeo

Mike Ray — horseman, houndsman, outfitter, cowboy — is a lifetime resident of Pagosa Springs who embodies the Code of the West. From the rodeo arena to the high country, Ray "does what has to be done."

For more than 20 years, Ray has been a Red Ryder Rodeo volunteer and a Western Heritage Event Center board member and officer. All aspects of the

Red Ryder Rodeo mattered to Ray. His contributions have been longstanding. Most recently, he organized two auctions that raised seed money for the indoor arena — The Hughes Pavilion. The mutton bustin' sheep chutes, front and center in a portable trailer, were his vision.

For an entire summer, he voluntarily oversaw and welded this huge pipe arena with its majestic mountain backdrop. Over the years, he has

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CDOT offers options for restriping U.S. 160

By Joe Napolitan
Staff Writer

During a Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting on July 6, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 5 director Julie Constan and Andrew Raymond of Stolfus and Associates presented options for re-striping the lanes on U.S. 160 between 10th Street and Piedra Road.

"They're going to be resurfacing this stretch of Highway 160 in [2022]," Raymond said. "Every time they resurface, there's an opportunity to look at what pavement markings we want to put in place."

The re-striping considerations

came amidst concerns about the number of rear-end crashes that occur along the road each year. CDOT reported observing an average of 7.8 collisions per year between 2014 and 2019.

"Really, what we're trying to do is reduce the number of crashes that we get related to the turn maneuvers on and off of the side streets," Raymond said. "The more you have people that have to slow down and stop in one of the travel lanes ... the more likely it is that the person behind them isn't paying attention and plows into the back of them."

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Investigation continues into downtown death

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The investigation into a recent assault and death in downtown Pagosa Springs remains under investigation.

According to a Pagosa Springs Police Department press release, on Thursday, July 8, at approximately 10:54 a.m., Pagosa Springs police officers were dispatched to a fight in progress between two males in Town Park, located at 24 Hermosa St.

Upon arrival, the press release

explains, no disturbance was located, but within minutes officers were notified of an unresponsive male with CPR in progress in Mary Fisher Park, across the bridge from Town Park.

Officers and emergency medical personnel attempted lifesaving efforts, but the male was pronounced deceased at the scene, the press release explains.

The cause of death is under investigation and undetermined currently, the press release notes.

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Town planning commission approves trio of short-term rental recommendations

By Joe Napolitan
Staff Writer

During a meeting on July 13, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission voted unanimously to make the following recommendations to the Pagosa Springs Town Council:

- Institute required ownership for two years before a short-term rental (STR) license may be applied for in a residential district.

- Increase the STR license fee by

at least a factor of 12 for nonowner-occupied units, 100 percent of which will be dedicated to workforce housing projects.

- Reallocate revenue from lodgers' tax to the maximum extent possible toward workforce housing projects.

The decisions were made after weeks of discussing possible solutions to workforce housing issues

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PLPOA board votes to increase assessment on short-term rentals

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

During its monthly board meeting on July 8, the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Board of Directors voted in favor of a pair of resolutions relating to short-term, or vacation, rentals within the association's boundaries.

The decisions at last week's meeting — that, among other things, increase the assessment on properties used as short-term rental

als to three times the regular rate and update PLPOA's enforcement policy — were the culmination of a series of meetings held by the association board to determine what action should be taken to help manage short-term rentals within its boundaries.

The resolution increasing the assessment rate for short-term rentals passed with a 4-3 vote, with board directors Bruce Jones Jr., Patrick Donovan, Dan Mayer and

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Photos courtesy Dan and Lisl Keuning

Prior to leaving at the end of June, Dan and Lisl Keuning lived in Pagosa Springs for 27 years, raising their three kids here. Left: Dan Keuning carries Lisl Keuning over the threshold after moving to Pagosa Springs as newlyweds in 1994.

Choosing joy Family moves following life-changing diagnosis

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

When Dan and Lisl Keuning left Pagosa Springs on June 25, honored with an escort by local law enforcement, it was to begin a new chapter of their lives together in Michigan — one involving more specialized support for the couple as they navigate a diagnosis that has drastically changed their lives.

That diagnosis — that Dan has behavioral variant frontotemporal dementia, also known as FTD — has affected not only Dan's health, but also the

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OUR VIEW

Citizens asked to complete housing survey

Tonight, as many of us crawl into our comfy beds, others in Pagosa Country will be crawling into tents and sleeping on the hard ground. Some will be sleeping in their vehicle.

Neither of these options are because they like to sleep in cars or prefer camping on the hard ground to sleeping on a comfortable Sealy mattress, but because our community is faced with a housing crisis and our friends, neighbors and co-workers have found themselves homeless.

People are sleeping in sheds, on friend's couches and just about anywhere they can find to rest with the lack of housing available.

One group in town is compiling a survey to help define the problem.

Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP) is conducting a survey of area citizens, whether or not you have a housing issue. The group hopes to get a sense of how many Pagosans are without permanent housing, and also how many are paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing.

A similar survey was done a few years ago by PHP. Hopefully, this year's survey data won't just sit in a drawer or live on some newly designed website, but will actually generate action to solve our local housing crisis.

You can find the survey at: www.survey-monkey.com/r/D9ZKC6.

The survey consists of 23 questions including your age, gender, where you live, how long you've lived in the area and the geographical area where you work. You will need to know how far you commute to work. You will identify what your current housing situation is: single-family home, condo/townhouse, apartment, mobile

home, RV or tiny home, car, tent or other. Next, you will describe the makeup of your household. How many kids? Roommates? Other relatives?

You are then asked to provide the total number of people in your household and describe your residential arrangement. Do you own your home? Do you have a one-year lease or longer? Are you renting month-to-month?

The next question asks what your monthly housing costs are, including utilities.

Then you will be asked to provide information about your monthly income range. You are also asked about your employment situation.

Next, the survey focus turns to satisfaction regarding your living situation. Are you very dissatisfied, neutral or very satisfied?

If you are not satisfied with your current living situation, they want to know why. Is your housing too small? Too large? Too expensive? Landlord neglecting repairs? Neighborhood conflicts? Does your housing need repairs that you cannot afford? Do you have transportation issues? Is your housing overcrowded? Do you have roommate conflicts or inconsistent housing?

Question 16 focuses on the cost of various housing options and you will rank your preferences pertaining to the following: single-family home, condo/townhouse, apartment, sharing with roommates, a place to park your RV/tiny house, dormitory or shipping container home.

The next question focuses on ranking payment options. Do you prefer making month-to-month payments? One year or longer lease or ownership?

Question 18 focuses on challenges you may be facing:

- Can't find a place I can afford
 - Place I rent being sold or on the market
 - Rent increase
 - Place I rent being converted to vacation rental
 - High utility bills or increased property taxes
 - Poor Internet service
- The survey then asks if you are considering moving away from Archuleta County. If you are considering moving, and your reasons are related to housing choices and/or affordability, you are then asked to rank those reasons. They include:
- Lack of housing
 - Lack of job opportunities
 - Low wages
 - Lack of transportation options
 - Lack of housing that suits my lifestyle
 - Downsizing/upsizing
 - Poor Internet service
 - Pets not allowed

At this point, you are nearly done with the survey.

You will then answer whether or not you are aware of the HomesFund.org mortgage assistance and homebuyer education program or the RoomConnect room-sharing program at PagosaHousingPartners.org.

You can provide any comments you might have and that's it. You are finished. Next it is up to PHP to crunch the data and make that data available to organizations working to solve the current housing crisis in our community so that others can also sleep in a comfortable bed with a roof over their head.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 15, 1921

The new gas pump at the Hatcher Hdw. Co.'s old stand is a substantial addition to the town's auto supplies. It is in operation now and they will be glad to serve you with a pump that cannot make a mistake. The gas and measure are perfectly visible.

A team belonging to Ed. Speelman created considerable excitement Monday morning when they became frightened and ran away. They started from the J.C. Speelman home, where they were tied, ran down Fourth street to the corner, where the wagon was turned over, and continued running down Pagosa street until stopped on the San Juan street bridge. No one was in the wagon, the horses were uninjured, but the wagon was badly damaged.

For the work we do we charge a fair, just, moderate rate. The price for a haircut and a shave is pretty well standardized throughout the country. Visit US — we must either please you or go out of business, and I've been here 15 years. Frank Matthews, in the basement.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 19, 1946

Felix E. Ortega of Pagosa Springs was recently honorably discharged from the U.S. Army at Camp Beale Calif. the local Selective Service office announced this week. He served almost two years in the army.

The proposal for an airport here, presented at a meeting of the Lions Club last Thursday, has been held in abeyance pending the receipt of additional information on the subject. A representative of the Bureau of Business Research for the state university, studying the situation for the state Civil Aeronautics Administration, was in Pagosa recently and will include his findings in a report.

Comparatively few Archuleta County taxpayers have appeared before the Board of Equalization which has been sitting this week in the court house, according to Dailey Hott, chairman of the board. Taxpayers may appear to protest valuations on their property during the board's session.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 15, 1971

Torrid temperatures hit this area this week and the U.S. Weather Observation Station on Mesa Heights recorded a very hot 94 degrees Tuesday of the week. The day before it was 91 degrees for the maximum and this type of heat has local residents looking for a cool spot.

The intense heat has created even greater fire danger. The danger is classed as extreme, every possible precaution against fire is urged by the County Fire Marshal and Forest Service officials. Any kind of fire could very quickly gain headway in the extremely dry conditions.

Pastures and forage are very much in need of moisture. In a few high mountain valleys there has been no damage to grasses as yet, but lower altitude grasses have suffered. Old timers say that this is one of the driest years they can remember.

Mrs. Mamie Lynch was hired at a monthly salary of \$700 as secretary and business manager for the [school] district. She will assume her new duties the first of August.

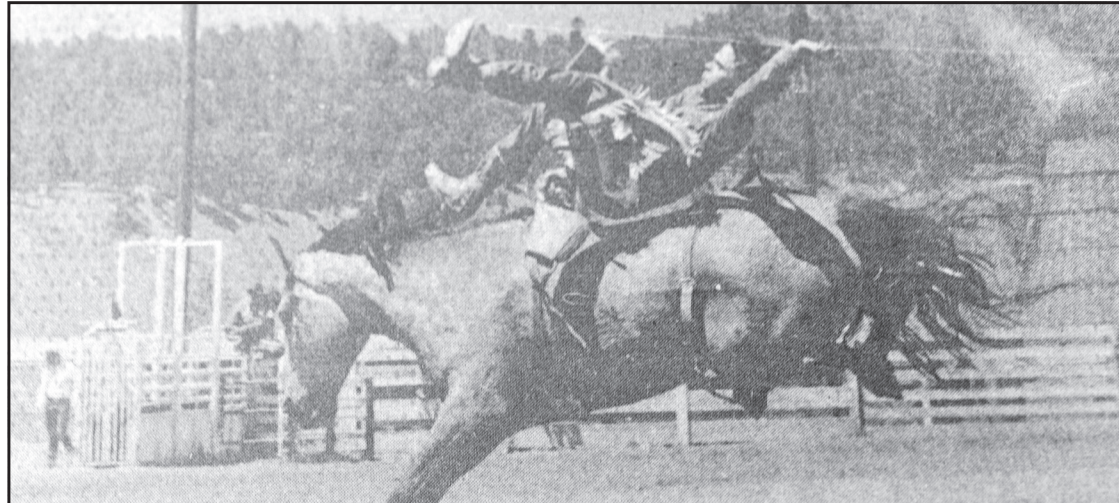
25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 17, 1996

Deputies from the Archuleta County Sheriff Department raided an array of plots in which marijuana plants were growing in the southern part of the county Monday, putting a dent in the grower's plans and confiscating approximately 130 plants. Captain Otis May said the action involved seven separate plots located near the Price Lakes Road, northeast of Chromo. All of the plots were on San Juan National forest land.

The San Juan River restoration project completed in Pagosa Springs in 1995 has won a third award in a year's time. Town officials were informed Tuesday the project was selected as the 1996 outstanding project in the category of "Sport Fish Development and Management" by the Fisheries Administrators Section, American Fisheries Society. The notification was sent to Town Administrator Jay Harrington by Ed. Dumph of the "Fishing is Fun" program — a program administered by the Colorado Division of Wildlife." (The project was funded in part by a "Fishing is Fun" grant.)

LOOKING BACK



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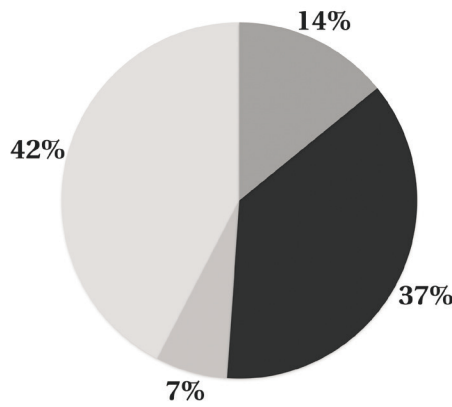
SAILING THROUGH THE AIR — A cowboy starts a long glide through the air that ended in a cloud of dust after this sunfishing brone gave him a rough ride. Bucking horses were exceptionally tough at the two-day rodeo this year and few cowboys made it to the final buzzer.

WHADDYA THINK?

What did you do before the Internet?

Poll results (93 votes)

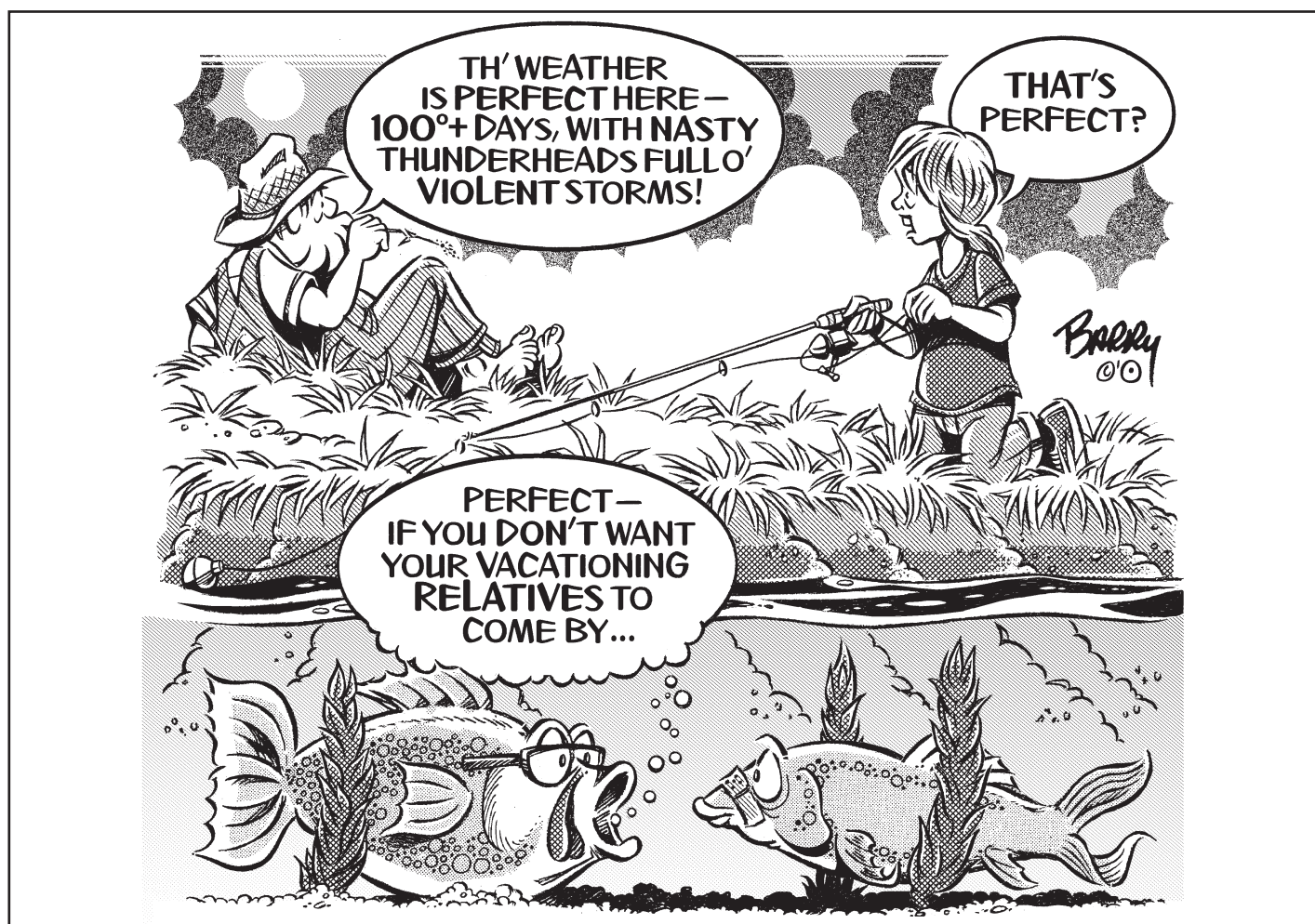
Is that a thing? — 14 percent
Had a lot more time. — 37 percent
Went fishing. — 7 percent
Other. — 42 percent



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Protesting valuations

Dear Editor:
Petition to County Board of Equalization,

In the past I have questioned the Archuleta County tax evaluations (protested) and they have been denied. But this time, not only has my protest been denied, but it increased by 30,000 dollars above the number I was protesting in the first place.

I am a Pagosa Springs senior, veteran, on a fixed income, and this increase is of great concern to me. I am sure in the past, there was a drive-by property inspection that was associated with my protest. In the 20 years since my home was completed, there have been no add-ons, no improvements, only general maintenance. Comes my question- what did they see on this latest drive-by inspection to spur another \$30,000 increase over and above their original value?

In short, their train-wreck evaluations have taken my home from 155,000 dollars four years ago, to 306,000 dollars today. Their evaluations have doubled over the last four years with no changes to the property and a year-long plus pandemic. To me this is ludicrous.

Scott Collignon

'False theism'

Dear Editor:
It seems that one cannot turn on a television newscast without encountering a discussion of "wokeness", Critical Race Theory, and/or Black Lives Matter. It also seems there is a general agreement that all three of them represent a form of Marxism that has public discourse.

Patrice Cullors, one of the founders of Black Lives Matter, candidly admits that her methodology is rooted in Marxist thought.

Karl Marx (1818-1883) was an avowed atheist who lived in Germany. He saw the social order of his day as being a constant war between the bourgeoisie, or middle to upper social class, and the proletariat, or working class. The same struggle, at times violent, would one day end in equality for all.

This viewpoint is in direct conflict with the anthropology of another great document, which states that "All men are created equal". The contrast between these two viewpoints can hardly be further apart. How did this atheist philosophy gain such prominence in a nation that has on its currency "In God We Trust"?

A few years ago, while doing post graduate studies in religion at Kansas University, I enrolled in an elective course entitled, "Future Reflections for Theology". It was here that I encountered my first Liberation Theologian, Dr. James Cone. Cone is the black liberation theologian that so influenced the thought of Jeremiah Wright, who was President Obama's pastor.

Liberation theologians saw the need to change the language and context of Marxism if it were to gain acceptance. The terms "bourgeoisie" and "proletariat" were changed to "oppressed" and "oppressor". Aware that Marxist atheism would not be tolerated in the Western world, they found in the Bible stories and verses they could use to give religious and theological overtones to their new social paradigm. The term Marxism was temporarily set aside and replaced by "liberation theology".

One of their favorite Bible stories is found in the book of Exodus. The children of Israel found themselves oppressed under the rule of Pharaoh. God came to their rescue and delivered them from their oppressor. Therefore, according to liberation theology, God is on the side of the oppressed and against the oppressor.

The problem with this analysis is that earlier in the narrative Moses had encountered the presence of God in the burning bush. When he inquired as to whom he was encountering, the voice came, "I am the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob", hardly good representatives of the oppressed of that day. God then tells Moses he will deliver the children of Israel from oppression to fulfill promises made to the patriarchs, not strictly because they were oppressed.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his book "Strength to Love," sounded a prophetic warning to today's world when he observed that Marxism is "a cold atheism, wrapped in the garment of materialism. Communism provides no place for God or Christ". Call it Marxism or liberation theology, it is a false theism wrapped in hijacked scripture verses.

The Rev. Phil Janowsky, MA, MDiv

Wolves: Good idea?

Dear Editor:
The re-introduction, or more accurately, introduction of Northern Timber wolves into this area is a topic of unusual complexity. It's a non-starter for the majority of locals who have a vested interest in the hunting and ranching communities and many others who have direct or indirect connections to them. Unfortunately, the urban Front-Range voters, as well as, some newer members of the population of increasingly liberal mindset or ignorance, think it's a good concept for those of us who live in the proposed wolf habitat areas to accept the mandate that wolves are a good idea.

The Division of Parks and Wildlife (DPW) don't have a choice in the matter, the voters have spoken. Being mandated to administrate a bad notion doesn't make it right or beneficial. The impact of wolf introduction isn't as simple as releasing a few wolves into the area and allowing nature to take its course. The ecosystems of Southwest Colorado are as complex as the problems with wolves. The area biomes range from sub-alpine to semi-desert. The larger ungulates and many smaller animal populations make use of these habitats by migrating back and forth (or up and down elevation) for the most favorable living conditions and food sources. Wolves will follow these animals as their primary food source. So, wolves in the summer

high country with deer and elk-Oh Boy- summer viewing opportunities for wildlife lovers. Nightmares for cattle and sheep grazers who share and help manage the range. Wolves following the herds into winter habitat-now we have bigger problems. Winter habitat also equates to sub-divisions and homes with pets and small children. Winter habitat also means cattle and calving, horse pastures and colts, and stressed wildlife from harassment and constant movement who share these habitats during critical low food and energy times of year.

The wolves won't stay in the wilderness areas. If they do stay up high, forget those big horn sheep and mountain goat herds and expensively re-introduced lynx and moose, and any other critters who manage to survive up high in winter. Historically the major predators in the area are the bear, including grizzly, mountain lion, and smaller coyotes and bobcats. All individual hunters. The large norther timber wolves/ packs were never here in any numbers but then neither were the elk herds. Elk were re-introduced into the area by the DPW and adapted to the local area in the mid-1900's. The "good ol' days" of extensive elk herds and hunting passed by in the 80's, primarily due to DPW population management reductions. Our deer herds have recently cycled back in numbers and quality. Introduce wolves and the herds as we know them are gone and so is the local economy that is supported by the hunters who pursue them. Monetary reimbursement for lost livestock does not replace the individual nature of a rancher's relationship with those animals, stress on the animals, or the horse lover's favorite pet.

So wolves are a good idea--not so much.

Mike Kraetsch

Airport activity

Dear Editor:
Well, it must be summer as Mr. Hardin has once again sent a letter to the Editor ranting about his discontent with Stevens Field and our local pilots. I am always baffled by his almost annual bashing. We live smack dab in the middle of

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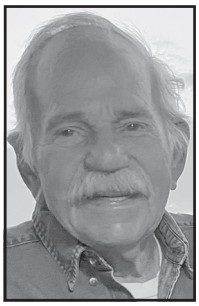
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Obituaries

Ray Lucas

A longtime resident of southern Colorado passed away on April 24 at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver due to complications from heart disease.



Ray was born in Cuero, Texas, in 1937 and lived in Harlingen and La Feria, Texas, until 1972, when he moved with his family to Liberal, Kan., and then on to Brush, Colo., two years later. In 1977, they settled in Durango, Colo.

Ray attended Harlingen High School and Texas A&M.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Verna Lucas, of Pagosa Springs; his daughter, Jeanene Pierce, of Santa Barbara, Calif.;

son-in-law Kent Pierce, and their two sons, Lucas and Matthew; his son, Chad Milby, of Murrieta, Calif.; daughter-in-law Danielle Milby and their two daughters, Madeline and Meredith; his brother, Larry Lucas, and Cheryl; and nieces Kimberly Whitney and Kristina Lucas of Dallas, Texas.

Ray was preceded in death by his beloved son, Kyle, and his ever faithful chihuahua, Toby.

Ray had several businesses in Durango, including Durango Liquors and a Saab auto dealership. His most recent endeavor was Mountain Tire in Pagosa Springs until his retirement.

Ray had many friends and was considered honest, funny, happy, kind and truthful and will be missed by all, especially his dogs Lulabelle, Molly and Jojo.

He was cremated and requested no service.

Joe W. Shahan

Joe W. Shahan passed away Monday, Jan. 25, at home in Bartlesville, Okla.



Joe was born in Chromo, Colo., to George and Lola (Crowley) Shahan on Aug. 31, 1938. He attended the one-room schoolhouse in Chromo until he moved into the high school in Pagosa Springs, where he graduated in 1956.

He attended Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., for one year and then attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., for one year. He then served two years in the U.S. Army at Ft. Carson, Colo., Jan. 4, 1962, to Dec. 5, 1963, where he was in the Heavy Weapons Infantry. He was honorably discharged with the rank of FP4 (E4) and served in the Active Reserves after discharge. On March 9, 1967, Joe married Aggie M. Crowder in Miami, Okla. They made their home on the Bigbee Ranch in Chromo, Colo., where they lived for several years until Joe went to work managing the Hershey Ranch in Pagosa Springs, Colo., for Jake and Terry Hershey. Joe worked the winter months helping to build the tunnel from Chromo to Chama, N.M., while he worked on the Bigbee Ranch. Joe was very active in 4-H growing up and later as his children were involved. He also was involved with the Red Ryder Roundup Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Joe grew up rodeoing with his brothers and cousins. Summers were spent going around the area competing in roping and team roping. It was always a family affair and he enjoyed it very much. Joe was known for his dry sense of humor and was always easy to make friends, and he loved keeping in contact with those friends, they were just a phone call away, up until the time he passed. He was always willing to help those in need and was there whenever asked. He left quite a legacy.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lola Shahan; his brothers, Bob Shahan, Ronnie Shahan and Donnie Shahan; and son Rick Shahan. He is survived by his wife, Aggie, of the home in Bartlesville, Okla.; daughter Kathy (Scott) Roby, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; son Jody (Dawn) Shahan, of Bartlesville, Okla.; daughter-in-law, Teresina Shahan, of Plano, Texas; grandchildren Kandis Roby, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Kaylan Roby, Tulsa, Okla.; Ryan Shahan, Plano, Texas; and Chloe and Carter Shahan, of Bartlesville, Okla.; sisters-in-law Fern Shahan and Betty Shahan, of Chromo, Colo.; and brother-in-law Archie Dodd, of McKinney, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be a graveside memorial service at the family plot at Hilltop Cemetery, Pagosa Springs, Colo., on July 27 at 1 p.m.

Cremation was performed by Stumpf Funeral Home in Bartlesville, Okla.

Douglas James Saley

1958-2021
It is with great sadness that the family of Douglas (Doug) J. Saley announces his passing on Feb. 19, 2021, in Crystal River, Fla.



Doug moved from Colorado to Florida to be closer to his mother and to pursue his lifetime dream of being a bass fishing guide. Doug was born in Pasadena, Calif., but spent most of his childhood in Rhode Island, Boston and Connecticut. With his passion for sports and competing, it is no surprise that he proved himself a formidable opponent as early as junior high school. Competing in multiple sports throughout his youth, he was named the tri-captain of the Enrico Fermi High School baseball, basketball and football teams. His competitive spirit and leadership followed him through his life in his pursuit of many other sports including fishing, pool and golf. Along with his passion for competition, he also had a desire for greater understanding, which led him to

pursue and secure a philosophy degree from Hartwick College.

Doug met the love of his life, Kathy Frey, in 1999 and in 2001 they were married. They moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., with Kathy's children, Jordin and Liam Frey, where they found a home and a community they loved. They started PRECO Plumbing and enjoyed serving the community. A proud stepdad, Doug was able to share his love of the outdoors, sports and shared a deeper understanding "of what it is like to be human" with his family that will forever live in their spirits.

Doug, a friend to all, accepted people for who they were without judgment. He lived his life with a humble and open heart. He cared for others deeply and was a ray of sunshine to everyone he met.

Doug is survived by his parent's mother, Barbara Brennan; (partner) Trevor Ledger-Thomas; father Richard J. Saley; (partner) Alice Wallace Moore; and his much-adored little sister, Shauna Saley (Miller), and brother-in-law Dan Miller.

Doug's celebration of life will be on July 24 at Navajo State Park at 1 p.m. at the pavilion located near the visitor's center.

Obituaries

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Letters

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West Golf Place, our backyard facing the airport, with the runway so perfectly aligned the planes, big and small, almost always fly right over our roof. I don't know where Gary lives but it can't get any closer than that. But, we are not complaining and in fact it is really one of the reasons we bought our home 20 years ago. While it is not for everyone, there are things one can do if your don't like it. As Gary has said in his letter, all his complaining is going nowhere. Why, you wonder? Because what's going on is legal. I know when we bought our house we had to sign an easement waiver, which we did and I am sure he did as well.

So I have a few suggestions for Gary as he is obviously very frustrated with the airport activity.

1. Move if you don't like the airport activity. For the time being, we still live in a free country and can live where we choose. In case you haven't noticed there are lots more hangers being built so look out.

2. Either turn down your hearing aides or use ear plugs.

3. Grab a cup of coffee — or something else, go outside and

actually enjoy the activity. Its a free airshow and these guys are really good.

4. If you can't beat them, join them. Take flying lessons and share the joy.

Dorothy Matthews — not a pilot

Treat employees with respect

Dear Editor:

I am continually shocked and saddened by the deplorable behavior of people shopping at City Market recently. I don't understand how trashing the store or being rude to the employees is productive. We are all dealing with the shortages, but the majority of us

have consideration and compassion for the employees providing a service for us.

Leaving items around the store, or leaving a cart full of items abandoned is counter productive as the employees have to spend time cleaning up your mess instead of stocking the shelves. Put yourself in their position - would you want to be treated with such disrespect?
Patricia McMahon

Airport noise

Dear Editor:

Question for Gary Hardin: Did you not realize there might be aircraft noise when you purchased a home near the airport?

Nan Serkes



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Business

More than \$366 million in total real estate valuation reported for 2021

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, July 6, Assessor Appointee Johanna Tully-Elliott provided a report on the total assessed value of all taxable real property in Archuleta County as of July 1.

According to the report, the total real estate valuation by the assessor is listed at \$366,396,580.

This is an increase of \$35,118,757 from the 2020 report, which had a total of \$331,277,823 in assessed value, Tully-Elliott later reported to

The SUN.

The BoCC recessed the regular meeting and called to order the County Board of Equalization (CBOE) for Tully-Elliott to present the report.

The agenda explains the "Assessor reports to the CBOE the total assessed value of all taxable property and submits a list of all real and personal property protests, the status/outcome of each protest, a list of movable equipment apportionments and a list of owners who fail to return a Personal Property Declaration Schedule."

The report was prepared by As-

essor Natalie Woodruff, who recently submitted her resignation, which is effective Sept. 4.

As noted in the report, "Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-8-105(1), the Assessor shall report to the County Board of Equalization: 1) Valuations for assessment of all taxable real property, and 2) A list of persons who have appeared before the Assessor to present objections or protests of real property and the determination in each case."

A total of 408 real property protests were received in 2021, according to the report.

Of that total, 191 protests were

approved, 208 were denied, five were voided, three were withdrawn and one was satisfied.

In 2020, the assessor's office received 23 real property protests. Of that total, 16 were approved, six were denied and one was satisfied.

None of the commissioners offered any comments or questions in regard to the report and the CBOE was adjourned.

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\$1.5 million in capital credits heading to LPEA members in July and August

By Hillary Knox
La Plata Electric Association

Over the coming weeks, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will disburse \$1.5 million in capital credits to its members. This special retirement passes the benefit of Tri-State's proposed 2 percent rate reduction directly to members as quickly as possible. LPEA's power costs are budgeted at roughly \$70 million annually, so \$1.5 million represents more than 2 percent of that total.

The amount members receive is relative to their energy use. The funds will be remitted as an LPEA bill credit (if less than \$100) or as a check (if more than \$100). Members should expect to see their check or bill credit in July or early August. This special retirement is in addition to LPEA's typical capital credit retirement, which usually takes place in November.

Thanks to legal efforts led by LPEA, the Tri-State Board of Directors approved a rate settlement to reduce wholesale power rates to its members by 2 percent immediately with an additional 2 percent reduction in March of 2022. The final decision is still pending Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval. To pass along this rate decrease to LPEA members, the LPEA Board of Directors approved the special retirement of \$1.5 million in capital credits in May, pending approval by FERC. In June, the board voted to move ahead with the retirement even without final approval by FERC.

"In evaluating options to pass on the potential Tri-State rate decrease, our first priority was to find the quickest and most effective way to get this money into our members' pockets now," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "It's been a difficult year plus for our community, and

we want to continue to do what we can to ease that strain."

LPEA will analyze the combined benefits of lower power supply expenses with a third-party consultant who will conduct a cost-of-service study this summer. This will ensure that LPEA's rates are tied accurately to the cost of providing power. Based on the results of that study, the LPEA board will consider how best to continue passing on the benefits of Tri-State's rate reductions to LPEA members into the future.

LPEA also continues to explore the feasibility of securing at least part of its power supply from vendors other than Tri-State, which has the potential to decrease power costs even more. LPEA released a request for proposals and is now evaluating proposals received.

For more details on LPEA's future power supply, visit lpea.coop/power-supply.

Foundation rolls out recovery funding and live music

By Briggen Wrinkle
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

Summer is heating up at the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado.

We are activating the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) to provide \$150,000+ in recovery grants to nonprofits across southwest Colorado.

Live music is back. Join us at our summer concerts benefiting local nonprofits.

COVID has left its mark on our community, on us and on the people we serve. While we are re-entering life by gathering with friends, attending meetings (inside) and getting back to the office (maybe), we are still seeing the effect of COVID on our lives.

At the Community Foundation, we have been watching trends, listening to what nonprofits need and thinking of ways we can help the nonprofit sector recover.

And now we are ready to unveil our COVID Recovery Toolkit.

This toolkit is designed to support the nonprofit sector, as well as local businesses. We want these dollars to boost our local economy and support the people who live, work and play in southwest Colorado.

Nonprofits can apply for one of these three opportunities, beginning July 15:

ning July 15:

- Pivot to Pirouette Grant: Up to \$5,000 (unrestricted) to reward an innovative, creative, or out-of-the-box solution your nonprofit implemented during COVID.

- COVID Consequence Grant: Grants up to \$5,000 (restricted) to provide a specific capacity-building opportunity that will help your organization move forward.

- Program Boost: Program Related Investment, which includes a loan up to \$10,000 at 2.5 percent, with a \$2,500 grant as a bonus.

Grants will be available on a rolling basis through November, until CERF Recovery funds are depleted.

We have listened deeply and nonprofits have shared openly. We designed our COVID Recovery Funding Toolkit around what we heard and hope it helps jumpstart recovery and gives nonprofits the space to think about how their business model may need to evolve.

Help us make a bigger impact

Please consider donating now to expand our CERF Recovery Toolkit. Donate to CERF at: <https://www.coloradogives.org/cerf>.

19th Hole Concerts

We welcomed one of our largest crowds ever to last week's kick-off concert at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The \$10 cash cover charge supports four Archuleta County nonprofits. Proceeds from the cover charges will be divided evenly and granted to: Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Thingamajig Theatre, Pagosa Pickleball Club and Archuleta Housing.

We have already raised more than \$1,000 per organization with our June online ticket sales and our first concert donations.

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Residential housing survey available

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area
Chamber of Commerce

There is no secret to the housing market being on fire right now. Not only in Pagosa Springs, but all over the state. There is also no secret to the concern for long-term housing alternatives, again, not only in Pagosa Springs, but all over the state. This doesn't mean just "affordable" housing, but attainable/more moderate-priced housing. Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs are looking at this issue to try and ascertain if there are ways that housing options can be developed.

Pagosa Housing Partners, an organization formed several years ago to try and address some of the housing issues in Pagosa Springs, is conducting a survey to try and determine the real need in the community and, from that need, determine the types of housing units that

might be developed. The survey is an easy four-page questionnaire. It asks questions such as your current housing condition, monthly housing costs, industry that you work in, housing challenges you might be facing and more. The survey also requests information if you are not satisfied with your current housing condition, why not. Finally, if you are considering moving away from Pagosa, why are you doing so: lack of housing, wages, lack of job opportunities, poor Internet, etc.?

The survey is being distributed primarily through the business community by volunteers issuing the surveys door to business door. The easiest way to take the survey is through a QR code that you can use with your phone or by accessing it through www.pagosahousingpartners.com. The request is to fill the survey out only once, but please fill it out. If you do not have Internet or your phone cannot manage the

QR code, hard copies are available at the following locations: Pagosa Springs Town Hall, the Chamber of Commerce — both on Hot Springs Boulevard near the post office. Other locations include the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, Higher Grounds and Turkey Springs Trading Post. You can obtain hard copies of the survey and fill the survey out at the location and turn them in or take them home and return them to any of the aforementioned locations. All surveys are confidential. The deadline to complete the survey is July 31.

Upcoming events

There are a number of events that are on the Pagosa scene this summer. Of special note is the upcoming 19th Hole Concert Series which started last Thursday and will run throughout the month of July. Benefiting four Pagosa nonprofits, the concerts are held on Thursday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the

Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The cover is \$10, and food and drink may be purchased at the venue.

The Town of Pagosa Springs will continue to hold its free concert in the park on the third Friday of July and August. A beer garden and food trucks are available at the park.

The Archuleta County Fair will return with all the favorite activities and displays Aug. 4-8. There are so many activities, including craft and food judging, kid's activities and the popular 4-H BBQ and Livestock Show. Visit its website at www.archuletacountyfair.com for the latest information.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church also brings back its Sunday night bingo games the first and third Sundays of the month from 6 p.m. to approximately 8 p.m. The games are held at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street. Doors open at 5 p.m. with early-bird games beginning at 5:45 p.m.



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BoCC hears more American Rescue Plan funding requests

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, July 6, the board heard two more funding requests, one from the Archuleta County Food System and one from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

The county has heard multiple funding requests over the past two months, including requests from the Archuleta Housing Corporation and the Archuleta County Housing Authority.

The funds are being requested from the approximately \$2.7 million that the county was awarded from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The funds must be used to help mitigate or recover from the effects felt from the COVID-19 pandemic.

County Attorney Todd Weaver previously explained in an interview that the funds can be used for projects that support public health expenditures; address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency; replace lost public-sector revenue; provide premium pay for essential workers; and invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

The first request heard at the work session was from the ACSO.

Sheriff Rich Valdez explained to the board the need to have a secure walkway installed at the new Harman Park justice facility.

Valdez explained that the walkway is necessary for transporting prisoners from the courthouse to the jail.

Valdez also noted the importance of keeping everyone safe during the pandemic.

"We're doing everything we can in order to maintain a healthy and safe environment," Valdez said.

He explained that inmates are continuously monitored and given rapid COVID tests before being put into the general population at the jail.

"Once the pandemic hit, we have done everything we can to make sure that the health and the safety of the inmates is of our utmost importance," Valdez added.

He noted that there have not been any positive COVID cases amongst the inmates since the start of the pandemic.

"We've worked extremely hard in order to keep the inmates safe," Valdez said.

He noted that inmates and staff are tested once a week.

Valdez explained that a secure walkway between the jail and the court facility is necessary in order to prevent inmates from being exposed to the virus.

He added that if inmates are exposed to the outside after already being screened and tested, then they would have to go through that process again before putting them back into the general population at the jail.

"Having that walkway, we really feel like that would be a secured walkway that can be sanitized on

a regular basis," he said.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented during the work session that transferring inmates between the court facility and the jail could expose staff and inmates on a daily basis, possibly infecting people in the facilities.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez also commented, noting the ARPA funds could be used to update the infrastructure because of COVID.

"So, we really feel this is an opportunity for us, for the walkway between the courts and the jails, for that specific funding," Valdez said.

An exact amount of funds requested was not specified at the work session.

Next, the board heard from Pauline Benetti with the Archuleta County Food System and Food Coalition.

Benetti spoke about two overarching needs in the community that the coalition has identified.

She noted that these two needs are to improve the outcomes for community health and to continue to build and maintain infrastructure needed for future health emergencies.

"If we've learned one thing from COVID-19, it's the need to be prepared," Benetti said.

The coalition requested a total of \$143,000 per year for the next two years.

Benetti explained that \$120,000 of that would go toward food purchasing; \$18,000 would go toward maintaining the food distribution center through rent payments, utilities and management; and

\$5,000 would go toward transportation.

In a letter that Benetti referenced during the work session, it is noted that the coalition serves approximately 920 households a month through its food pantries.

Benetti also explained there has been a shift from the idea of food security to nutrition security.

"It's about providing nutrient-dense food," she said. "We are making a conscious change from tradition, with an eye toward the future, and reducing negative health outcomes related to poor diet."

Benetti also spoke about the importance of preparing for the future.

"The future is in our hands now ... planning ahead makes sense now," Benetti said.

The coalition has also approached the commissioners in regard to building a food hub facility on county property. She noted that a county-owned food hub could provide significant value for future health crisis or natural disasters, like wildfires.

"I think we need infrastructure in this community for emergency situations," she said.

The BoCC has not provided a timeline as to when or which ARPA fund requests will be approved or not.

The county is receiving the \$2.7 million in two payments over the next two years and will need to spend the funds before Dec. 31, 2024.

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SBA announces extension of Community Navigator Pilot Program proposals

By Stephen Collier
Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recently announced the extended application date for its new Community Navigator Pilot Program.

The SBA will now accept proposal submissions through July 23, and anticipates making award decisions by September.

This new initiative, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, will leverage a community navigator approach to reach our nation's smallest businesses, with a priority focus on those owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, as well as

women and veterans.

"As SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman reinforces, we have to meet small businesses where they are. This program is designed to empower a hyperlocal approach through a national network of community navigators who are on the ground truly connecting, empathizing and tailoring solutions for our small businesses during critical recovery," said Mark Madrid, SBA associate administrator for the Office for Entrepreneurial Development. "This bold effort underscores our agency's commitment to advance equity and bolster an ecosystem in which small businesses continue to apply for the diverse suite of SBA

resources, services and/or programs throughout various stages of business recovery, growth, scale and/or maturity."

The Community Navigator Program will have a significant impact in revitalizing small businesses through a "Hub and Spoke" "Navigator" featuring a lead "Hub" — at the center of a network of "Spoke" organizations that deploy trusted community advocates to work with small businesses during recovery. These networks leverage the business development expertise of the central hub organization and the community credibility of spoke organizations to better connect critical resources with small busi-

nesses, with the priority focus on those owned by women, veterans and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

Competitive grant awards will range from \$1 million to \$5 million for a two-year performance period. Applicants have until July 23 to submit their applications at grants.gov, Funding Opportunity Number CNP-2021-01. Performance periods are projected to commence in September. Those eligible to apply must meet and demonstrate abilities to support requirements of this funding opportunity.

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PAWSD board to vote on entering Drought Stage 1

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

According to a July 12 press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey, based on the Colorado Drought Monitor and San Juan River flows “we meet the criteria for a Drought Stage 1” per the district’s 2020 Drought Monitoring Plan.

Ramsey notes that entering Stage 1 requires board approval.

The board will have a special meeting on Monday, July 19, at 5 p.m. to vote on the matter.

That meeting can be attended in person at 100 Lyn Ave. or virtually via Zoom. The meeting ID is 876 4065 5011 and the password is 560059.

According to Ramsey’s press release, Hatcher Lake dropped another 3 inches from last week’s report and is now at 10 inches from full.

Stevens Lake dropped 2 inches from last week’s report and is now at 3 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa dropped 1 inch from last week’s report and is now 5 inches from full.

Village Lake’s water level remained consistent with last week’s report at 4 inches from full.

Lake Forest’s water level also remained consistent with last week’s report at 2 inches from full.

Total diversion flows are listed at 4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 1.5 cfs and the San Juan diversion flow is listed at 3 cfs.

Water production from July 1 through July 7 was listed at a total of 17.97 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 5.08 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 7.82 million gallons and the San Juan water plant contributed 5.07 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 19.41 million gallons for those dates.

Drought report

The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) shows 100 percent of Archuleta County is in moderate drought, with almost three-quarters of the county in severe drought and just over the half the county is in extreme drought.

The NIDIS website notes that under a moderate drought stage, dry-land crops may suffer, rangeland growth is stunted, very little hay is available and risk of wildfires may increase.

The NIDIS website also notes that 71.17 percent of the county is in a severe drought stage.

According to the NIDIS, under a severe drought stage, fire season is extended.

Additionally, the NIDIS website

notes that 51.04 percent of the county is in an extreme drought, mostly in the western portion of the county.

The NIDIS website notes that, under an extreme drought stage, large fires may develop and pasture conditions worsen.

According to the NIDIS, 6.24 percent of the county, in the south-western portion, is in an exceptional drought stage.

Under an exceptional drought stage, agricultural and recreational losses are large and dust storms and topsoil removal are widespread.

For more information and maps, visit: <https://www.drought.gov/states/Colorado/county/Archuleta>.

River report

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 92.2 cfs in Pagosa Springs as of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14.

Based on 85 years of water records at this site, the average flow rate for this date is 328 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 1995 at 1,550 cfs. The lowest recorded rate was 10.9 cfs, recorded in 2002.

As of 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, the Piedra River near Arboles was flowing at a rate of 62.3 cfs.

Based on 58 years of water re-

records at this site, the average flow rate for this date is 266 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was 1,160 cfs in 1979. The lowest recorded rate was 9.44 cfs in 2002.

Weather outlook

According to the National Weather Service, today, July 15, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 83 degrees and low of 49 degrees, with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms.

On Friday, July 16, the forecasted high is 86 degrees with a low of 50 degrees, with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms throughout the day.

On Saturday, July 17, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 87 degrees and a low of 50 degrees with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms.

On Sunday, July 18, the forecasted high is 88 degrees with sunny skies and a slight chance of thunderstorms. The forecasted low for this day is 51 degrees with partly cloudy skies.

On Saturday, July 10, Pagosa Weather reported a record high of 95 degrees at the airport at Stevens Field.

Additional detailed weather reports and forecasts can be found online at: <https://pagosaweather.org/>.

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Preserving community history: Raymond Taylor asks county to display photos, artifacts

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Pagosa Country is filled with history, from the earliest western settlers in the beginning of the 19th century all the way back to the first known native inhabitants of the area dating back thousands of years.

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, July 6, Archuleta County Veteran Services Officer Raymond Taylor spoke about the importance of preserving community history.

Taylor, who also belongs to the American Legion, explained that there are multiple artifacts and photographs that are currently housed in the American Legion Post that reflect the history of Archuleta County.

However, the Legion will most likely have to sell the building due to a lack of funding, as they are not able to financially maintain the building, Taylor explained.

He mentioned that the post has 60 members and that annual dues are \$45. Of that, he noted that only about \$6 per member is retained by the post as the rest of the funds

are disbursed at the national level.

He also mentioned that, due to COVID, the post has been unable to put on its fundraising events.

“We basically have come to the point of: We’re going to have to sell the building and sell the property that’s there because we cannot maintain,” Taylor said.

He explained that the post has photographs of community veterans from the Civil War, World War I and World War II, along with a 48-star U.S. flag.

“It’s history that goes through all of our generations,” Taylor said. “That history is interlaced all the

way through our history with the county.”

He also noted that the post has been in operation for over 100 years.

Taylor presented the idea of moving these artifacts to be displayed in the community room of the Harman Park courthouse.

Commissioner Warren Brown presented the idea having the artifacts displayed in multiple public buildings throughout the town and county.

Taylor explained in a later interview that it is important to have ■ See History A11

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Joy

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couple's jobs, relationships and focus.

Prior to moving late last month, the Keunings called Pagosa Springs home for 27 years, raising three children and contributing to their community in a variety of ways, including Dan working as a nurse practitioner and county coroner.

Dan was elected coroner in the fall of 2014 and announced his intention to run for a second term in February 2018.

In the following months, Dan took a medical leave of absence and, on June 21, 2018, announced his immediate resignation.

That was one of the first public indications of what Dan and Lisl are dealing with.

The end of 2017, Dan wrote for a panel discussion, "proved to be a frustration for me and everyone around me."

"I believe I was the first one to notice something was not right," he wrote. "My main job at work was sitting with families with a loved one near death or who just died. I considered myself a compassionate person. I started to forget to chart on patients or just not show up to visits that were scheduled. I would also forget the name of the deceased person with whom I was meeting with loved ones on coroner calls. It was more important for me to go gamble after work than care about what I missed that day. Being told by a Home Depot clerk that I needed a nap because I was so mean was new to me. A car accident that couldn't be explained, getting lost in my neighborhood, forgetting my friends' names.... Lots of concern."

At his first visit to the Mayo Clinic at age 47, Dan said he was told he was just too busy.

"The neurologist diagnosed mild cognitive inefficiency and I could continue to work with supervision," he wrote. "The most concerning thing for my family was the changes in my mood and behavior that were bizarre. My ability to screen my words and jokes was gone. The filter was broken."

In June of 2018, at age 48, Dan went to Scottsdale, Ariz., for a follow-up appointment at the Mayo Clinic while Lisl remained in Pagosa.

"I know, for me, I thought I was doing well," Dan said.

He went to see a neurologist, who did a cognitive test and an MRI.

"I was planning on flying home and going back to work on Monday," Dan said. "And he said, 'Your wife needs to come in to discuss these results, like now.'"

The following Monday, Dan and Lisl met with the doctor.

"And his first words were, 'You are no longer safe to practice. You are going on disability today,'" Dan recalled. "I'm like, 'Oh, for a little while, till I get better?' He's like, 'No, this is permanent. Send me all your paperwork and you're done

working.'"

Dan further questioned if he could continue to work as coroner, with the doctor reiterating Dan was done with work completely.

Lisl stated what followed that declaration was disbelief and devastation.

"Like all of a sudden everything I was doing that I thought was good and I was enjoying with life, all of a sudden it wasn't just a speed bump, it was a brick wall," Dan said.

"That was my last day of work and the first day of disability followed," he wrote. "The anger symptoms became worse along with denial of what was happening."

Dan explained that, shortly after that visit to the Mayo Clinic, he reported to the commissioners (after interrupting an executive session) that he didn't know what it was, but he had moderate cognitive impairment with short-term memory loss and could no longer serve as coroner.

"And I didn't know what that meant," Dan said. "You know, I didn't know if it was something that I did, if I'd had a head injury, and it wasn't all making sense."

Lisl pointed out they did know what it meant. They just didn't want to face what it meant.

"I mean, I knew that he had some things going on, but it just never seemed that bad," she said. "He didn't seem a danger to anybody... Yeah, he's got a little quirkiness. Well, who doesn't?"

There was a lot of disbelief, shock and anger, according to Lisl, but the couple didn't give up.

"At this point, it was, what can we do to fix this? What can we do to — I mean we were desperately trying to find solutions. We're fixers; we fix things," she said.

She added that the neurologist's plan of monitoring Dan's decline was unacceptable.

"We went through many months of just disbelief and desperately trying to find solutions," Lisl said. "But, even while they were researching potential solutions, Dan was becoming more affected and his decline in cognitive ability was becoming more apparent."

After being put on short-term disability, he explained, his brain clicked that he was on vacation.

"And that didn't bother me at all," he said, adding that Lisl was "devastated."

"We did a lot of bucket listing, which was good," Lisl said, adding, "And that was wonderful."

She noted that, in his mind, Dan was still making good money, though that was not the case.

"Depression followed along with anxiety," Dan wrote. "Gambling addiction and destruction of my family finances was next. The worst part was that really this didn't bother me much. Apathy of the situation was getting worse. I could no longer really figure out what was right or wrong."

Among other things that happened over time, Dan bought and

had a Jeep repossessed, and the couple finished building their new house and realized there was no way they could make the payments. The house was ultimately lost to foreclosure.

Lisl explained that when she began taking over more of the financial stuff, she discovered there was a lot more wrong with Dan's cognitive ability than they had realized.

"There was just a lot of really huge errors and misjudgment," she said.

Dan explained he repeatedly fell prey to spam emails from loan companies, with the couple explaining that Dan could not process what was going on and make good decisions or realize he was being scammed.

Things came to a head in October of 2018, Dan explained, when Lisl tried to buy something for \$10 and the credit card was declined. He was completely apathetic about the fact he'd maxed out all their credit cards.

"It was a very tumultuous time," she said, explaining there was no digging out of the hole and they filed for bankruptcy.

It was also around the same time Dan went to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, where a series of PET scans, an MRI, labs and spinal taps confirmed the diagnosis of behavioral variant FTD. Dan was told there was no treatment, the symptoms would get progressively worse and the disease would be fatal.

Dan was given five to seven years.

"I was becoming meaner, more reactive," he said. "The frontal lobe controls impulses, and my impulse control was gone."

"That led me to have to be his control, which he did not appreciate," Lisl added.

It also affected their family. The couple's three kids have been extremely supportive, Lisl noted, adding they are a close family.

"But it rocked their world," she said, explaining they sat down with their kids — Jake, Josh and Kylie, in 2018 and explained that there was something wrong with Dan that was affecting many parts of their world.

At the time, Jake was nearing the end of college and going into nursing and understood more medically, Lisl explained, while Josh offered his love and support.

The youngest of the couple's three children, Kylie, who graduated this year, was still living at home.

"Her world had to change," Dan said.

"Her world changed," Lisl echoed.

"She became my parent," Dan said, "because I wasn't her parent."

As Dan's condition progressed, the couple made more and more changes to keep him safe.

He quit driving in February of 2019 after driving on the wrong

side of the road despite oncoming traffic because, as he explained he argued to Lisl, it was the plowed lane.

Lisl also quit her job to provide a higher level of care for Dan.

The search for a 'magic solution'

Dan explained he started taking medications for anxiety, depression, anger and to help him sleep. He also began supplements to support various facets of his health.

There's no treatment for the disease, Lisl reiterated, only for the symptoms.

Dan noted that he would spend hours every day for six months looking for clinical trials.

He applied for a clinical trial with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and was accepted.

"This is the head research institution in the United States," he recalled thinking. "If anyone's going to be able to fix me, they are."

The couple flew to Maryland for five days in January 2020, where Dan was studied.

At the end, the NIH doctors confirmed the diagnosis and noted the progression was variable, but sent recommendations two months later that suggested regular daily exercise may help slow the progression and that they had noticed Dan had a slight movement disorder.

The NIH noted Dan might be progressing into Parkinson's or Lou Gehrig's.

That, Dan explained, was when Lisl told him to stop going to clinical trials. Instead, they would stick with going to the Mayo Clinic once a year to keep an eye on his progress.

"And try to live life," she said, adding it was hard to give up looking for the "magical solution" because they were not losing hope.

She explained the series of disappointments wasn't worth the emotional toll it was taking.

A shrinking world

"My world has gone from this big world into a very little world," Dan said. "My world is my home, my neighborhood, the people I know because they know me and they understand."

The times he's tried to go outside of his little world, Dan reported, were not very successful.

Once, while the couple was in San Diego, Calif., Dan went to the restaurant next door to the hotel to pick up food. On his way back, he explained, a homeless man began calling him vulgar names, which Dan responded to with a threat. Two ladies had to stop him from physically confronting the man.

"Anybody who knows him knows this is out of character," Lisl said, adding that those who know Dan know he's a jolly, friendly person.

Earlier in the interview, Lisl noted that many don't know the depth of what is going on with Dan.

"They see him, and he looks normal," Lisl said. "They don't see him at 6 o'clock at night, when nothing is normal."

"When the brain decides to stop working," Dan added, explaining that fatigue exacerbates his symptoms.

People don't see the lack of sleep or the hallucinations, he added. COVID made matters worse.

"And ... COVID was really hard, isolating," Dan said. "I mean, I used to ride my bike over, go to the hospital, go have a cup of coffee there, visit all my old people, and COVID shut that down. And then going and visiting people stopped. And people coming over stopped."

To cope, he explained, he started stealing money from Lisl or Kylie and sneaking alcohol after he hadn't drank in years.

He pointed out he would have no recollection of what he did after drinking, but was told he became not a nice person.

"But he didn't remember any of it, and that was his goal," Lisl said, adding that it got to the point Dan was told he could either choose his family or what he was doing.

He was lying, cheating and had no remorse, he reported. Now, he's back to drinking zero alcohol.

He added he's had great support from friends and former colleagues, and went to the liquor store and told the employees to not allow him to go there anymore.

After that, the liquor store employees cheered on his sobriety, he indicated.

Lisl suggested it's also been interesting to see how many people they thought were friends who didn't know what to do and disappeared.

"It makes me sad, 'cause these are people I thought were friends," she said, adding people they didn't know well have stepped up in "remarkable" ways, and people have been incredibly generous to Kylie also.

Dan noted that there are daily reminders of his "stupid disease," like his short-term memory woes, difficulty in finding words and trying to keep on track.

"His phone stopped ringing," Lisl said, noting that made Dan feel useless.

The disease, he explained, has taken aspects of his personality and blown them up in different ways.

Living in Pagosa Springs became

difficult on many levels, Lisl noted, indicating that pride was involved because the couple lived here so long, and resources are very limited and cost-prohibitive.

She added there are no people with the specialized knowledge Dan needs within 200 miles, but acknowledged Pagosa has also offered great care and has made it easy to choose joy.

"I can't emphasize enough how helpful everybody has been here," Lisl said, reiterating. "I mean, we really do have excellent care here."

Choosing joy

Throughout their journey, the couple has made a point of choosing joy.

"We came up with the phrase of choosing joy because there's so much negative, not only in our life, but in the world," Lisl said, adding, "And I think if we choose to focus on the negative, everything feels harder, and it is all hard enough. And we firmly believe God has a purpose in everything and he put us on this earth for a reason."

For all of their lives, they've felt the need to serve others in whatever way they can, Lisl continued, adding that maybe their purpose has shifted a little bit and they needed to take care of themselves.

"But we can still do joy in that," she said, adding they can find the things to laugh about. "We believe our life is about more than just us."

Dan noted that, in his online support groups, you can tell the people who don't choose joy, saying, "It's a miserable life. It is dark, it is unforgiving."

Lisl admitted it's not always easy to choose joy, but added later that, even through struggles, you can choose joy and get through.

She pointed out later that the person with a disease is still there, though maybe different, and is still valuable.

A new chapter

Kylie graduated high school in June, and the Keunings have relocated to Michigan.

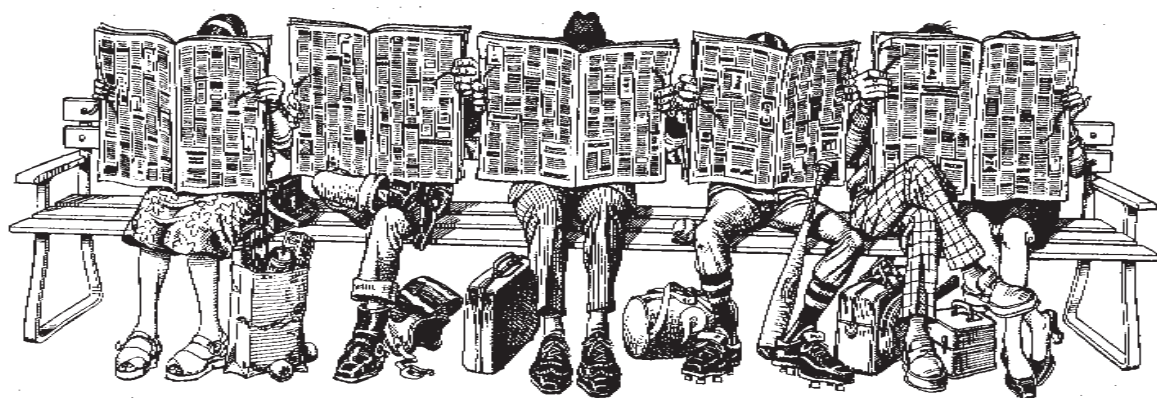
They now live in a new multi-generational community near to a specialized memory care center ("day care," Dan called it) and another facility with neurologists who specialize in memory care, psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, social workers and more.

There are also more supports available for Lisl near the couple's new home.

But, they indicated, Pagosa is still home and is a place they will miss.

"We love this place," Dan said. For more information about FTD, visit <https://www.theaftd.org>.

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A second male alleged to be in

the physical altercation, identified as James Patrick Grogan, was located and interviewed, reported PSPD Chief Bill Rockensock.

"It's a very interesting case," he

said.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact Archuleta County Combined Dispatch (970) 731-2160.

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Restriping

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CDOT staff offered two solutions that made use of existing payment to improve safety on the highway.

The first solution adds right turn lanes for westbound traffic onto Trinity Lane and Majestic Drive.

The second option removes access to Trinity Lane from the highway and adds an eastbound left-turn lane for and a southbound left-turn acceleration lane for Majestic Drive.

Models run by CDOT projected that both options would only increase travel time by two seconds while reducing the number of annual rear-end crashes per year to 3.7 with option one and 1.2 with option two.

"I think some of those turning lanes are going to solve some of the problems with the Eagle Drive/160 interface," said council member Nicole Pitcher. "My concern with removing Trinity Lane is that you're going to back up turning traffic further down Eagle Drive by not having multiple access points to the highway."

"Even at certain times of the day with two access points right now traffic can back up at those stop signs with people trying to get on the highway," added council member Matt DeGue. "My biggest concern is that the modeling that was projected from the data analysis from 2014 to 2019, is [whether or not] it's still realistic and viable," said council member Madeline Bergon. "Do we actually need to look at what traffic looks like nowadays before doing any type of further re-striping? Just making sure that we're coming up with the right plan for our future traffic needs?"

"I would just agree with Maddy," said council member Shari Pierce. "I'm concerned that our traffic levels have increased so much in the last year that we really should look at it, and then what they showed us was from January. We really should be looking at July and August."

"We did do traffic analysis with all of this," Raymond responded. "We were able to use previous years' data, pre-COVID, to bring that up to model more of a July-like condition. On top of that, we also used CDOT's growth projections to look at the highway and what it should look like 20 years in the future. We don't want to go out and re-stripe roads for what's going on now; we want to look ahead."

Raymond added that they did not make any off-highway considerations for their study but acknowledged its importance.

"That's why we want to bring it out here," he said. "If there's a general thought that closing or restricting access at Trinity is going to cause more problems, that's why we left that in there as an option because that's the type of feedback we wanted on this. It could be a discussion that the town might have with CDOT at this point of whether or not it's worth doing a little bit more investigation."

"If we would try and proceed with a closure there I think you've got a good point in making sure that we take a look at some of the impacts that it would make on those side streets," said Constan. "It's not in Andrew's scope necessarily, but it's something we would need to consider."

Community member Mark Weiler expressed concerns with crosswalk dangers along U.S. 160 in the downtown area — concerns that were reiterated by Motel SoCo owner Colin Gilbertson, who is a member of a downtown business group that meets to discuss such topics.

"Our focus is on human safety as opposed to fender benders more than anything," Gilbertson said. "I can say that 7.8 crashes isn't even close to what happens on Put Hill, especially what happens in front

of the motel. I see twice as many of that a year. We need to get more data ... We need to pull in some sort of consultant on our end to help the town make decisions in this matter."

"We have been approached by the downtown business group that Colin referenced and one of the big concerns with that downtown corridor plan is that the data was inadequate," Pitcher said. "I'm excited that you guys are looking to help us with our downtown corridor, but I wonder if we should redo a traffic study and make sure that all of those changes that are being proposed are still the best way forward."

"It would need to be a joint project," said Constan. "We need to get funding from the Town of Pagosa Springs to help fund that because it's not something that we necessarily have sitting in our plans right now. We can get an idea of how much it might cost and let Andrea know and see if it's something the city might want to participate in."

You can view the two options in greater detail and vote on which you prefer at: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/4c5a76b961ad470f8b39c65ad4a3cae8>.

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Changes

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"It's probably because people can get a lot for their houses right now, so everybody's selling," O'Donnell said.

During another phone conversation with The SUN, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Business Director Aaron Burns shared that some of the conversations he had with clients indicate that many individuals are moving to the community because they are learning to work remotely.

"A lot of the people we speak to on the phone about connections and so forth is that with COVID, a lot of our population around the country learned how to work remotely," Burns said. "If I were in their shoes, I would want to work remotely from the prettiest place I could find, and obviously Pagosa is one of those places. In my head some of the reasoning behind it is that people want to be where they want to be if they can do that and still work."

Burns also said several of PAWSD's clients simply wanted to get out of the cities after the previous year's unrest.

"There was a time not very long ago where there was quite a bit of unrest in some of these bigger cities and they wanted to get a little further away from that — that's a little bit of the feedback we're getting," Burns said. "I think primarily it's the remote work, people maybe paying a little more attention to their quality of life. With the scare of a pandemic, perhaps they've decided they want to have a little bit better quality of life than they had in the past."

Burns mentioned that with the high volume of people moving to Pagosa Springs, PAWSD is on track to see a 35 percent increase in the number of closings in 2021 compared to the year of 2020.

He went on to say that 2020 was also an elevated year, particularly during the latter part of the summer when PAWSD began to see more activity in the area of real estate sales.

"That affects us in two ways," Burns said. "When a property changes hands, we have to do quite a bit of paperwork behind the scenes in order to make that change in our system to know who the new owners are. It also affects us in the sense that people are building new homes. We have to schedule and go out and connect a lot of these new homes to the system."

Aubrey Gillespie of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) also sent The SUN figures that reflect statements reported by O'Donnell and Burns.

Between Jan. 20 and June 20, 2020, LPEA reported 544 service order transfers. During the same span of time in 2021, the company saw 632 transfers, an increase of 16.17 percent. The most dramatic variation was between the May of 2020 and May of 2021, when the number of transfers increased from 71 to 116.

Tracy Bunning of High Country Title told The SUN that in 2020 his business experienced the busiest year in its 33 year existence.

"We were running anywhere from 50 to 125 orders more during 2020 for a month for various months than we were the year before in 2019," he said. "So far this year

we're running considerably ahead of last year, which I did not expect. I expected to see somewhat of a leveling off, if you will, simply because of the low inventory of properties that are available. But, so far that hasn't happened."

Bunning went on to explain that working 10 to 12 hour days in addition to weekends is no longer uncommon — a problem that inflicts additional stress to his business on top of a struggle to find qualified candidates to fill two vacant job positions for over three months.

Like O'Donnell, Bunning reported that many of the buyers are people from out of town.

"[There are a] lot of second homes, they live somewhere else and they're buying homes here," he said. "There's a considerable amount of investing going on at the moment, people buying properties and then turning around and selling them 25 to 30 percent more than they paid for them ... a lot of people that are taking advantage of the increase in value."

Bunning explained that he had recently noticed an increase in commercial property exchanges, an indication he believes the residential market has nearly reached its limits.

"I hear stories all the time about bidding wars on residential properties," he explained. "I don't really have any way of confirming that any one way or the other, but in conversations with realtors, I'm hearing that things are going on the market and it's not uncommon for them to sell in a day or two and there'll be two or three offers at the asking price or above."

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PLPOA

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Chris Tanner voting in favor, and Lars Schneider, Steve Schwartz and Daniel Musgrove voting against it.

The resolution relating to enforcement passed with a 6-1 vote, with Schneider voting against it.

Short-term rentals are defined within the first of last week's approved resolutions as a lot rented out for periods of less than 30 days at a time.

In June, PLPOA General Manager Allen Roth told The SUN there are about 450 short-term rentals in PLPOA, which probably has a little more than 3,000 houses within its boundaries.

In addressing why change is necessary for PLPOA, a June 3 fact sheet on short-term rentals put out by PLPOA states, "Short term rentals generate a considerable amount of expense to PLPOA operations. They also generate a considerable number of complaints and rules violations."

Roth explained those complaints and violations "run the gamut," from swimming in the local lakes to fishing without a license, catching more fish than allowed, trespassing, parking, noise and lighting.

The fact sheet also noted that, from January through March, short-term rental properties generated 39 percent of the violations within PLPOA, but account for only about 5 percent of all PLPOA properties.

"That means short term rentals generate about 8 times as many complaints as other properties," it states.

The document also outlines the increased work associated with the renters using the PLPOA Recreation Center and requesting to purchase fishing or boating permits, as well as the increase in usage of parks and trails maintained by PLPOA.

"These costs are considerably more than typical costs of supporting the majority of PLPOA properties. The extra costs are currently borne by all owners, and unless changes are made, the escalating costs will show up as dues increases applied to all owners," the document reads.

The document also outlines that registration of short-term rentals is required by the county, which creates a "significant administrative burden" associated with PLPOA's compliance.

During the meeting, Jones, the board president, acknowledged the emotions associated with the issue of short-term rentals and that the decision in front of the board was a difficult one because the rentals have both positive and negative impacts.

The resolutions

The first of the approved resolutions, Resolution 2021-11, establishes a policy that owners applying to Archuleta County for a permit to use their lot(s) as a vacation rental must notify PLPOA of the application in writing within 15 days of submitting the application to the county.

Mayer introduced the proposed resolution at the meeting, outlining that it was the fifth board meeting where short-term rentals were discussed in detail, but that meetings were not well attended in April and May when the discussions began.

He added that the resolution was based on a motion made at the previous month's meeting.

Mayer later indicated that, after hearing a lot of comments against a cost-based approach to the issue, PLPOA moved to a benefits-based approach.

The increase, he noted, would total \$795 per lot, which is \$530 more than the assessment on a single-family residence.

Failure to notify the PLPOA, the document indicates, may result in a fine or fines against the lot.

"Notification of application will be treated the same as a permit having been issued, unless written evidence of the permit denial is provided to the Association," the resolution states.

The same resolution outlines that, beginning in 2022, on Jan. 1 of each calendar year, each lot within PLPOA that has previously been granted a vacation rental permit "shall, with exceptions ..., be assessed at an annual rate of three times (3X) the rate assessed to single family residence Lots within the Association."

The resolution further outlines that a lot granted a permit between Jan. 1 and June 30 will receive an additional assessment equal to three times the single-family assessment rate, while a lot granted a permit on or after July 1 each

calendar year will be assessed at two times the rate.

Each lot will be assessed at three times the single-family residence rate each year unless the owner cancels their permit with the county and provides a written statement of the cancellation from the county no later than Jan. 15.

The resolution notes that, under the 1983 Supplement Declaration of Restrictions, PLPOA is allowed to "set the level of assessment for each Lot in a manner which equitably shares the expenses of the Association's operations based on the benefit each Lot derives from the Association, its size, value and other pertinent factors determined by the Association."

The other resolution updates the association's enforcement policy to include a vacation rental fine schedule and establishing abbreviated rules and regulations for short-term rentals.

"The policy also established a more expedient process for the Association to have vacation rentals correct their violation and provides progressive fines for violating the Abbreviated Rules and Regulations for Vacation Rentals," an update on PLPOA's website explains.

More information, including the resolutions, can be found at PLPOA.com.

Public comment

Both votes followed numerous comments from property owners who attended the meeting in person and via phone, as well as a number of questions asked by those in attendance.

Comments were received during multiple public comment periods throughout the meeting.

Several spoke against short-term rentals in general.

"Pagosa has been found or dis-

covered," one audience member commented after noting that the density of short-term rentals is increasing.

The audience member noted "something has to be done" and suggested that if nothing changes, they would move.

In response, Jones, the PLPOA board president, clarified that the ability to declare density restrictions is outside the board's scope.

Another audience member explained that of the eight houses on their cul-de-sac, three are vacation rentals, with another two being built that will also become short-term rentals.

"There's something wrong with the system," the individual said, also commenting on the dust created by the numerous cars coming and going from the rentals.

Another individual suggested short-term rentals are not fair to the people who live here and the community needs to take care of its workers, citing that they could not afford to live here anymore and are living in a motor home.

Another called short-term rentals "a total blight" on the community and suggested a moratorium should be put in place.

"They're a disaster," the person said after commenting on the noise and disturbances.

Others suggested PLPOA's proposed actions would not solve the problem or were in other ways problematic.

Another audience member, who identified himself as a fifth-generation local who owns a short-term rental, indicated problems like this have been seen before here and suggested PLPOA was not solving anything.

He noted short-term rentals may be bringing in more money to PLPOA and that the issue needs

to be studied.

Another audience member, who stated they own two short-term rentals, called the proposed changes a "money grab" and suggested the increased assessment would create a second class of homeowners and specific problematic rentals should be addressed.

Jones commented that PLPOA's current enforcement policy doesn't allow the association to act quickly, and the proposed changes were not intended to be a money grab, but acknowledged that "money speaks."

The goal, Jones indicated, is to enforce the community in a way that makes it comfortable to live in.

Another audience member suggested that PLPOA is choosing to single out a specific class of owner and, while this year it's owners of vacation rentals, in the future it could be owners of long-term rentals or second home owners.

Another audience member suggested short-term rentals won't succeed if the quality of life decreases.

Another owner of a short-term rental suggested their renters don't use the Rec Center and PLPOA needed to find a way that works for everyone.

Another commenter suggested the fees could be construed as discriminatory and suggested the policy invites litigation.

"See you in court," one audience member commented later.

To one announcement of litigation, Mayer suggested the audience member ask their attorney what happens when they lose.

Others suggested PLPOA find a way to not hurt owners of short-term rentals who are "doing it the right way."

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dealt with and set the course for stock contractors, contestants, buckle makers, volunteers, sponsors and specialty acts, and recruited the best groundsman, Tim McRee, to keep livestock and contestants safe. His efforts mirrored his desire not only to maintain but to elevate rodeo cowboys and cowgirls and the western way of life.

Having won the Red Ryder Rodeo All-Around Cowboy title five times is a testament to his ability to "live each day with courage." Ray competed in every event: saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie down and team roping. He won his fifth

title at the ripe old age of 40. He was a member of the PRCA and competed in the Turquoise Circuit.

"Be tough but fair" was evident in how Ray raised his two daughters, Raesha and Re'ahna, who each started rodeo as sheep riders and went on to compete in all cowgirl events at the high school and collegiate levels. Each has a strong work ethic and can get the job done.

"When you make a promise, keep it" is evident as he has been married to his wife, Gwen, for 33 years.

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History

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these artifacts where people can go and see them, instead of stashing them away to collect dust.

“Why would you want something that means that much to our community to have them in a box stashed somewhere versus having them displayed so that people can see?”

Raymond Taylor

“Why would you want something that means that much to our community to have them in a box stashed somewhere versus having them displayed so that people can see?” Taylor asked.

During the work session, Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented, “Well, as we keep growing as a community, we’re losing what we are. We’re losing our history.”

In the later interview, Taylor also spoke about how the knowledge of original homesteads is fading.

“We’re losing a lot of our history, because when my father dies — he at least knows where all the homesteads are — and when he’s gone all that information of who lived in this homestead and why this ditch called this, things like that ... he’ll be gone and so will all of that history,” Taylor said.

He also explained he is worried about putting the artifacts in the museum downtown because it already has too much to display.

“It’s on the backs of our predecessors of what this county went through, how it evolved, what’s changed,” Taylor said.

He then spoke about how these artifacts help keep memories and knowledge alive and that people with the slightest of ties to the community could still be able to move back or visit and be reminded of their history.

He noted a “picture is worth a thousand words” and that it is important to have these artifacts publicly displayed so that people can view them at anytime and be reminded of the history in Archuleta County to see where they came from and how the community has evolved.

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office
Calls for service over week: 292.

July 5 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

July 5 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, distribution of amphetamines, Aspen Village Drive.

July 5 — Warrant arrest, Colo. 151.

July 5 — Information only, County Road 600 and Back Swing Drive.

July 6 — Criminal mischief, Meadows Drive.

July 6 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strike/shoves/kicks, U.S. 160.

July 6 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, U.S. 160.

July 6 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, Meadows Drive.

July 7 — Information only, Lakeside Drive.

July 7 — Warrant arrest, Sam Houston Avenue.

July 8 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, drove vehicle when license suspended, drove vehicle without valid driver’s license, driver failed to yield right of way at stop sign, open container in a motor vehicle, U.S. 160.

July 8 — Information only, Hermosa Street.

July 8 — Gathering identity information by deception, computer crime-misdemeanor, criminal impersonation, all other thefts, Stollsteimer Lane.

July 8 — County warrant, county warrant, county warrant, Country Center Drive.

July 9 — Agency assist (search and rescue), Lake City.

July 9 — Warrant arrest, County Road 631.

July 10 — Information only, Big Sky Place.

July 10 — Agency assist (search and rescue), Piedra Falls, Creede.

July 10 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, driving while ability impaired by alcohol, open container in motor vehicle, failed to display valid registration, failed to drive in a single lane (weaving), U.S. 160 and Colo. 151.

July 11 — Trespass warning, Seminole Drive.

July 11 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, Alcazar Place.

July 11 — Warrant arrest, East Golf Place.

July 11 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, County Road 335.

July 11 — Agency assist, Bonanza Avenue.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 110.

July 4 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, operated vehicle with defective headlamps, South 8th Street.

July 4 — Improper registration, drove vehicle when licenses suspended, operated vehicle without insurance, South 9th Street.

July 4 — Warrant arrest, South 9th Street.

July 4 — Information only, Eagle Drive.

July 4 — Unsafe backing, San Juan Street.

July 5 — Hit and run, unsafe backing, San Juan Street.

July 6 — Harassment, warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

July 7 — Drove vehicle without insurance, permitted vehicle to be operated without insurance, Village Drive.

July 7 — Harassment, Country Center Drive.

July 7 — Trespass warning, Country Center Drive.

July 9 — Animal at large, South 8th Street.

July 13 — Hit and run, U.S. 160.

July 10 — Warrant arrest, Majestic Drive.

July 10 — Expired license plates, drove vehicle when license suspended, Eagle Drive.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

July 7 — Landon Edward McNeil, felony menacing-real/simulated weapon, 15 months Department of Corrections, total fines and costs — \$531.50.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

July 7 — Savannah Dolores Gurule, failed to stop at stop sign, total fines and costs — \$105.

July 7 — Keely Dawn Rodriguez, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$842.83.

July 7 — Lori L. Ayers, speeding 20-24 over the limit, total fines and costs — \$544.50.

July 7 — Carlos F. Cardenas, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

July 7 — Luis A. Duarte, speeding 20-24 over the limit, total fines and costs — \$344.50.

July 7 — Yvonne M. Lucero, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

July 7 — Skylar David Powdermaker, license plates-expired — \$185.50.

July 7 — Merry C. Williams, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$154.50.

July 7 — Cameron Wilson, speeding 20-24 over the limit, total fines and costs — \$344.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

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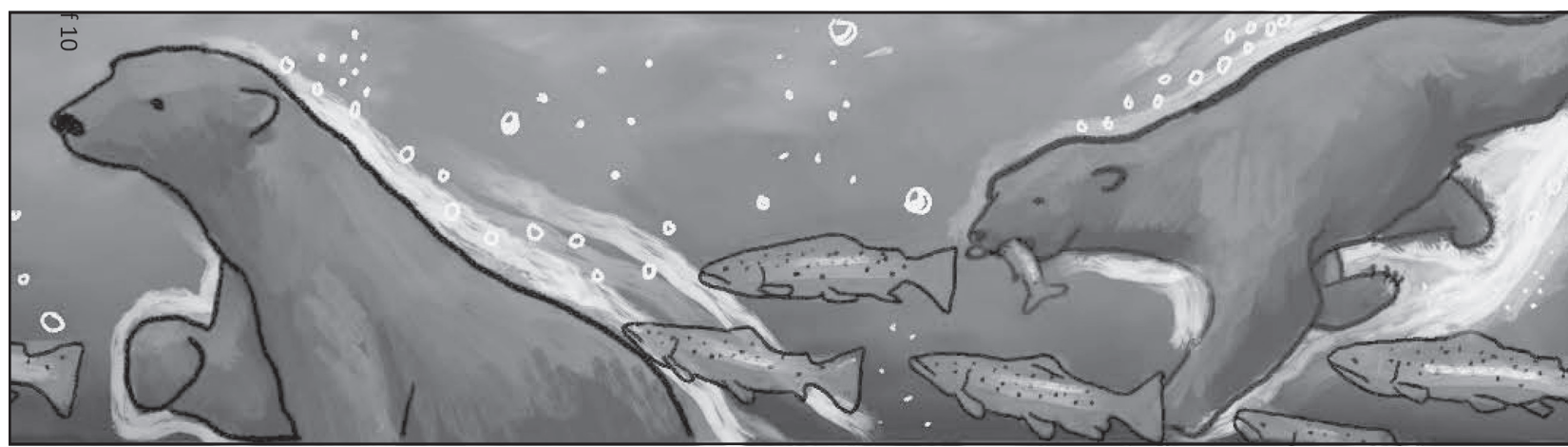


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Town council approved a public arts proposal for Kelly Lewis' "Swimming Bears" mural to be located on the concrete abutment under the Hot Springs Boulevard bridge. A total of three projects were approved by the council on July 6.

Town receives unmodified audit opinion, approves public art installations

By Joe Napolitan
Staff Writer

During a Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting on July 6, Dylan Garrison and Paul Neidermuller of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, the town's audit firm, presented their findings of the 2020 audited financial statements.

"I just wanted to point out the unmodified opinion as this is the main deliverable from the audit," Garrison said. "This is something to be proud of. This is testament to April and Andrea and the hard work that they put in to make sure that these financial statements are materially correct."

The town's overview and analysis of the financial activities includes several financial highlights:

- Total assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded total liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources (net position) by \$39,693,443 at close of the fiscal year.
- Total governmental and business-type net position increased by a combined total of \$2,750,724.
- The total cost of all town programs for 2020 was \$9,960,612.
- The General Fund unassigned fund balance at the end of 2020 was \$1,938,390 which is 80 percent of total General Fund expenditures.

The analysis states that "general fund revenues of \$4,940,901 were higher than budgeted revenues of \$4,292,113 by \$648,788. The most significant factor contributing to this excess amount is related to sales taxes which exceeded budget by \$723,434. Budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures by \$639,305."

"The high-level overview for 2020, the General Fund exceeded its budgeted revenues and expenditures by \$639,000," Garrison said. "So, we added to the reserves to the General Fund this year and we've had some bigger capital construction projects ... that is the town maintenance shop ... the Eagle-Pike extension, this was another significant project."

The analysis also shows that at year-end, the town had \$5,260,244 in governmental-type debt, and \$4,074,903 in proprietary debt. During the current fiscal year, the town's total debt decreased by \$736,079.

Additionally, the analysis states that the Capital Improvement Fund budgeted for and completed several projects during the year. The expected reduction in fund balance was \$139,702. The actual change in fund balance was \$2,894,962.

"Debt did not change much," Garrison explained. "All we had going on with debt is that prin-

cipal payments were made as we had the revenue bonds that were issued in 2019 financing the town shop, which was the major capital construction project during 2020."

Garrison went on to highlight that this year four new Governmental Accounting Statement Board (GASB) pronouncements were implemented.

"This is extremely exciting in the accounting world," said Garrison. "We did GASB 83, GASB 84, GASB 90, and GASB 97. So, again, thanks Andrea and also April for your hard work in working through these items with me and I think this is something to be proud of as 2020 was very exciting in the accounting world as it might not have been as exciting in our personal lives."

Three art installations approved

Later in the meeting, Senior Planner Cindy Schultz presented three public arts proposals as recommended by the Public Arts Committee (PAC) to the town council.

"In 2020 for the 2021 budget, the town had set aside \$20,000 for public arts," Schultz said. "One of the first things that happened in 2021 was the adoption of a public arts plan. We talked about how we might be able

to kickstart this arts plan realizing that we had \$20,000 in the budget."

Schultz went on to explain that after an art teacher requested \$5,000 for a mural on the courthouse in May, \$15,000 remained. The PAC elected to put out a call to artists to come forward with proposals to be awarded the remaining funds.

"We did receive five applications, five proposals from four different artists, so one artist proposed two different things," said Schultz. "The Public Arts Committee met a few weeks ago and discussed those."

After reviewing a packet of proposals recommended by the PAC for town council consideration, three installations were approved by a unanimous vote:

- Rachel Alber's "Fabric of the Four Corners" sculpture at Goodman Park at a cost of \$5,000, contingent upon approval from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Caroline Butterfield's "Mountain" mural with the location, size, and final price yet to be determined, but not to exceed \$5,000.
- Kelly Lewis' "Swimming Bears" mural for \$5,000, to be located on the concrete abutment under the Hot Springs Bridge.

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Fire department seeking volunteers

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) is currently accepting applications for volunteer firefighters.

Chief Randy Larson explained in an interview that the department will be putting on a month-long volunteer academy training program, scheduled from Aug. 17 through Sept. 18.

The PFPD will be accepting applications until July 30.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and meet other requirements.

Applications can be filled out online at <https://pagosafire.org/volunteers/> or picked up at the department's administrative office at 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Larson explained that the recruitment academy will be a 36-hour course consisting of 10 classes.

There will be one to two classes on weekday evenings with a few Saturday classes, Larson explained.

The volunteer academy will provide recruits with "everything that it takes to become a volunteer firefighter," Larson said.

Recruits will be provided with a basic firefighter orientation and incident command class, learn how to use personal protective equipment, learn fire extinguishing skills, learn how to "stop the loss" from a fire and much more, Larson explained.

The PFPD currently has 28 volunteer firefighters, 13 paid firefighters, and four additional command staff who are paid.

Larson mentioned that all of the 13 paid firefighters started as volunteers with the department.

"We want to do our best to keep that trend moving forward," Larson said. "The volunteers of our department are now, and always will be, the core of our department."

The PFPD has one staffed station and six volunteer stations.

Larson noted that for the department to be converted into entirely paid staff department is

simply "not conceivable" given the amount of funding that would be required.

He mentioned that in order for that to happen, the PFPD would need to have at least three, if not four, staffed stations.

Larson explained that the PFPD's district covers 273 square miles.

However, PFPD will respond to any calls within Archuleta County and even to calls extending into Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

He mentioned that there are no other fire districts in or near our area that would be able to respond to these calls.

"Somebody's got to do it. It's just the right thing to do," Larson said in regard to responding to calls outside of the PFPD's boundaries.

Larson also mentioned it has been difficult to recruit volunteer firefighters over the past couple of years and that the department is looking to build a base of firefighters to carry on with current operations by decreasing response times and increasing services.

Larson explained in an email to The SUN that volunteer firefighters are eligible for the department's pension plan after completing a minimum of 10 years of service.

He noted that the pension tops out at 20 years of service and that currently, volunteers who have vested 20 years with the department receive \$650 per month.

He noted that amount is prorated down to 10 years at \$325 per month.

Volunteer firefighters are required to complete 36 hours of

County seeking engineering services for airport projects

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Airport at Stevens Field is currently seeking to award a five-year contract to a firm qualified to provide basic architectural/engineering services normally required for airport development projects.

Airport Manager Chris Torres explained in an interview that the county is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to have a consulting firm for engineering purposes.

To be considered for the contract, firms must submit a request for qualifications form. Copies of the form can be obtained from Tor-

res or downloaded from the county website at: <http://www.archuleta-county.org/bids.aspx>.

Torres explained that the airport was awarded a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation to do a crack-seal repair on the Bravo taxiway.

The repair is scheduled to begin Aug. 9 and should be completed within a week, he explained.

Torres also indicated that similar repairs will be made to the runway in 2022, including crack-seal repairs and repainting.

The next project scheduled for the airport is not until 2026, which will be the design phase for a runway rehab, Torres explained.

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Sports

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo winners announced

By Lisa Scott
Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

The 71st Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo has come to an end. The All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl title were awarded to Isiah Ethington, from Lewis, Colo., and Tylee DeHerrera, from La Jara, Colo.

Ethington competed in ranch bronc riding and tie-down roping. DeHerrera, 13 years old, competed in breakaway roping, junior barrel racing and placed first in scrambled egg team roping with her father, Tim. Both rodeo riders left the arena Sunday night with a grand prize Henry rifle, championship belt buckle and prize money.

From the New Mexico Rodeo Association, 258 contestants competed for points and prizes. First place winners were: bareback riding, Ryan Bitsui; saddle bronc riding, Brandon Blakely; ranch bronc riding, Brayden Munkers; steer wrestling, Justin Wilson; tie down roping, Dante Pacheco; breakaway roping, Lindsey Adcock; open barrel racing, Autumn Rorie; incentive barrel racing, Mila Hancock; junior barrel racing, Keelin Faulkner; bull riding, Hunter Salter; junior bull riding, Luke Mackey; open team roping, Wade Hatch and Calvin Brevik; #12.5 team roping, Mitch Canty and Ryan Canty; #9.5 team roping, Holland Roukema and Denton Favor; scrambled egg team roping, Tylee DeHerrera and Tim DeHerrera.

The crowds were entertained by other rodeo activity beyond the contestant events. The highly anticipated event for kids 12 and under is the daily raffle for a Red Ryder BB Gun. Winners included: Landyn Kate Grubert, 7 years old, from Middlebury, Ind.; Halden Sjostrom, 11 years old from Albuquerque; and Vincent Tom, 6 years old, from Durango.

Mutton bustin' is always exciting as 10 contestants, 6 years old and younger, ride a sheep as long as they can for a chance to win an authentic rodeo belt buckle. Daily champion mutton busters were: Cash Canterbury, from Aztec, N.M., and Pagosa Springs hometown riders Bridger Tulley and Lane



Kyle Tom, rodeo announcer, interviewing mutton bustin' champion Lane Maestas, from Pagosa Springs.

Photo courtesy Diana Talbot

Maestas. All sheep riders received a Red Ryder BB Gun. Record crowds enjoyed the

grand festivities which included a spectacular grand entry and tribute to America which included Fiesta Days Rodeo Queen Roma Kreeger, and Junior Princess DeLaney Wesner carrying the American and Colorado flags. Grace Kiker, high school sophomore and 4-H member, sang the national anthem daily. The rodeo clown, Sugar Shane Harvey, provided rounds of various entertainment.

Our favorite rodeo personality, Kyle Tom, announced the rodeo event and the Bucking H Rodeo Company, a family-owned and operated business, was the stock contractor. Richard Hodgson and his family, including his children and grandchildren, live and work on their ranch in Gobernador, N.M., where they raise a large majority of their livestock and feed, care and train them to become rodeo animal athlete performers.

Mike Ray was at the festivities with family members and was awarded the Red Ryder Award for his years of support to the rodeo and living western traditions. The

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Red Ryder BB Gun winner: Landyn Kate Grubert, 7 years old, from Middlebury, Ind., with JR Ford.

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RECREATION NEWS

Time to register for youth gymnastics, pee-wee soccer and tee-ball

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is excited to offer youth gymnastics for ages 3 and up. Registration is currently being accepted at the recreation office through July 16.

The gymnastic session will be held Monday through Thursday, July 19-22. The cost is \$40 per participant.

There will be three age brackets, 3-4, 5-7 and 8+. Each bracket has room for 10 students.

Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions, (970)264-4151, ext. 232.

Pee-wee registrations ages 3-4

The Recreation Department is accepting pee-wee soccer registrations through July 30. The cost is \$35.

Pee-wee soccer season will be held during August on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 232.

Tee-ball registrations ages 4-5

The Recreation Department is accepting tee-ball registrations through July 30.

The \$35 cost includes hat and

jersey. Tee-ball season will be held during August on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

To register for programs online or learn more about Xpress Bill Pay, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page at www.pagosaprisings.co.gov. You may also register at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 232.

Mountain Light Music bringing in the brass

By Sally Neel
Mountain Light Music Festival

The fifth annual Mountain Light Music Festival will be bringing in the brass for its grand finale concert at Keyah Grande on Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. Top brass players from around the country will be joining with college student players for a night of Trombones at the Movies.

The festival is a yearly event at Mountain Light Lodge on Cade Mountain. Student brass players who have been selected for this opportunity will spend the week studying under highly skilled mentors, seeking to improve their technique, tone and the interpreta-

tion of their music. The week will conclude with a fun concert of exciting movie music, including a stunning virtuosic rendering from "Superman," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Ben Hur," "Green Hornet" and "JFK."

This year's festival is concentrating on the trombone. It is rare to hear a large trombone choir, since most orchestras only require three or four players, depending on the music. This year's festival concert will feature a trombone choir of 17 players.

This unique ensemble will be led by a team of top-of-the-line trombonists whose credentials include playing with major or-

chestras, teaching in large universities, featured guest soloists and members of professional brass ensembles.

The founder of the Mountain Light Music Festival is Brent Phillips. Phillips is professor of trombone at Baylor University. Prior to his position at Baylor, Phillips was assistant principal trombone of "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band in Washington, D.C., and is currently principal trombone of the Abilene Philharmonic and the Waco Symphony Orchestra in Waco, Texas. He was the principal trombone of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra for 15 seasons while concurrently performing in the Marine Band. Phillips has soloed with the "President's Own" on 30 separate occasions and has been a featured soloist with the Harris-

burg Symphony on five occasions. He continues to travel nationally and internationally as a featured soloist with orchestras.

The concert will be performed outside. However, the Mountain Light Music Festival wants to take every precaution to keep our patrons and musicians safe. Masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated. If you have chosen not to be vaccinated, masks are required.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at Airport Storage, Lantern Dancer and Choke Cherry Tree. You can also purchase tickets online at mountainlightmusicfestival.com. Wine and beer will be available for purchase at the event. Buses will be available to transport patrons from the parking lot to the concert venue.

Rodeo

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artist Fred Harman. Red, and his board of the Western Heritage Event Center organizes this annual rodeo. Members include Brian Keegan, president; Twyne Regester, vice president; Lynn Johnson, secretary; Pennie DeClark, treasurer; Keith Jacobson; Lisa Scott; and Diana Talbot.

Red Ryder was the feature cowboy character in the popular long-running western comic strip created by Stephen Slesinger and

Red, and his horse Thunder, was a tough cowboy who lived on Painted Valley Ranch in the Blanco Basin in the San Juan Mountains. He and his sidekick, Little Beaver with his horse Papoose, dealt with the bad guys of the day. Red Ryder Enterprises Inc. and the family of Shirley Ann Slesinger-Lasswell are major contributors to the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo and own the Red Ryder trademarks and copyrights.

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Outdoors

SJBPH reminds residents to take precautions to prevent the spread of animal-borne diseases this summer

Chandler Griffin
San Juan Basin Public Health

With the Fourth of July approaching and local residents spending more time in the outdoors, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reminds residents that the risk of contracting certain animal-borne diseases increases.

Zoonotic diseases are more common during warm-weather months when humans and animals are frequently in close contact. SJBPH stresses the importance of controlling the presence of rodents and mosquitoes around homes as well as wearing insect repellent and appropriate clothing when heading outdoors.

Additionally, pets should be kept up to date on vaccinations, and protected from fleas and ticks. Wild animals should not be fed or handled, especially those that appear sick, nor should dead animals or animal waste be handled. It is important that children are also aware of these precautions.

Rabies

Rabies is an infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. People usually contract rabies from the bite or scratch of a rabies-infected animal. If a bat has been present in a room in which someone sleeps, it is important to trap and test the bat for rabies. SJBPH should be called for further guidance or to report an encounter with a suspect animal. Vaccinate pets to keep them and their humans safe.

Plague

Plague is caused by bacteria that can be

transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas or by direct contact with infected animals. Plague is frequently detected in rock squirrels, prairie dogs, wood rats, and other species of ground squirrels and chipmunks. SJBPH investigates prairie dog population die-offs for the presence of plague. If an active colony of prairie dogs suddenly disappears, please report this to SJBPH.

West Nile virus

West Nile virus is carried by mosquitoes and can be passed on to humans through mosquito bites. This disease can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord). Insect repellent should be used when going outdoors. Standing water should be emptied around residences to reduce the number of mosquitoes.

Hantavirus

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome is a severe, sometimes fatal, respiratory disease. Hantavirus is carried by wild rodents, particularly deer mice, and is present in their droppings, urine and saliva. Dried droppings or urine can be stirred up in dust and humans may contract hantavirus by breathing in the contaminated air. When cleaning up mouse droppings, a mask should be worn and the area should be ventilated by opening windows and doors, with all droppings sprayed down with a bleach solution before vacuuming or sweeping.

Tularemia

Tularemia is maintained in the rodent rabbit

populations and is transmitted by insect bites, direct transmission, or inhalation or ingestion of the bacteria. The infective dose is very small and the bacterium can persist for long periods of time in the environment in water, soil and carcasses. Wear gloves when handling animals while hunting, trapping or dressing animals. When mowing or landscaping, do not mow over sick or dead animals.

Tick-borne diseases

Colorado tick fever is the most common tick-borne disease in Colorado, though most cases go unreported. It's a viral illness characterized by fever, headache, body aches, nausea, abdominal pain and lethargy. Complete recovery may take two to three weeks. The disease is not life-threatening and infection results in lifelong immunity. There's currently no preventative vaccine or effective treatment except to let the disease run its course.

Rocky Mountain wood ticks can also spread Rocky Mountain spotted fever. There may be a sudden onset of high fever, headache, chills and muscle aches. A rash often appears a few days later. Prompt medical attention is extremely important because Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be fatal if treatment is delayed. The illness can be cured with antibiotics.

To learn more about the symptoms, treatments and other information for these diseases, visit sjbpublichealth.org/communicabledisease/. Information is also available from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at www.colorado.gov/cdphe or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov.

Weminuche Audubon meeting will explore balancing local water needs

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

The Weminuche Audubon Society invites you to join us for our monthly chapter meeting on Wednesday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place on Zoom and the link may be found on the Events tab of our website, www.weminucheaudubon.org.

Water, always an important topic in our area, will be the focus of this month's meeting. In July, we will learn about the work of the Upper

San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP), a local organization working to address the management of this precious resource.

Al Pfister, on behalf of the WEP, will be presenting the results of data collected in Phase II of the WEP's assessment of the environmental, recreational and agricultural infrastructure needs in the Upper San Juan River. The WEP's data collection is a part of the implementation of the Colorado Water Plan of 2015 in the development of a Stream Management Plan/Integrated Wa-

tershed Management Plan. The WEP's data collection efforts were done to assess local environmental, recreational and agricultural infrastructure needs in the face of a warming and drying climate.

Pfister is a semi-retired fish and wildlife biologist who has worked in seven western U.S. states dealing with endangered species issues, trying to find a balance between conserving imperiled fish, wildlife, plants, herptiles and invertebrates, while still allowing the various uses (development, recreation, grazing,

timber harvest, energy development, etc) to coexist. In addition to his work with WEP, he serves on the board of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership and on the board of the San Juan Water Conservancy District. He is a past board member of the Weminuche Audubon Society.

Audubon meetings are open to the public. Please come with your questions about this important management tool. We hope to be able to return to in-person meetings this fall if conditions allow.

Take precautions to avoid bites

West Nile virus detected in Colorado mosquitoes

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is reporting West Nile virus in mosquitoes in Colorado for the first time this season. The mosquitoes were collected in Weld County. West Nile virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito.

Weekly mosquito testing for West Nile virus began in Colorado last month. Counties or municipalities trap adult mosquitoes, and labs test them, providing an estimate of the number that are infected with the virus. The results help determine risk to humans in the area. Not all counties and municipalities test mosquitoes, so it's important for all Coloradans to take steps to protect themselves throughout the summer.

"When the virus is present, people are at risk, but there are simple precautions people can take to protect themselves," said Jennifer House, deputy state epidemiologist. "Use an effective insect repellent, wear protective clothing or stay indoors when mosquitoes are active, and mosquito-proof your home."

In Colorado, most human West Nile virus cases are reported in

August and September.

In 2020, Colorado had 35 reported human cases of West Nile virus, including one death.

Most people infected with West Nile virus don't have symptoms. About 20 percent of infected people will have flu-like symptoms, and fewer than 1 percent develop a serious, potentially deadly illness. People over age 60 and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk of serious illness. See a health care provider if you develop severe headaches or confusion.

To protect yourself:

- Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some oil of lemon eucalyptus, and para-menthane-diol products provide the best protection. Follow label instructions.

- Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are most active.

- Wear protective clothing (long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks) in areas where mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

- To mosquito-proof your home:
 - Drain standing water around your house at least once every week. Empty water from tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, birdbaths, toys and puddles.
 - Install or repair screens on windows and doors.

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COVID-19: Half of people active in Pagosa on July 4 were visitors

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Roughly half of the people in Pagosa Springs over the Fourth of July were from out of town, according to a recently mobility analysis by the state of Colorado.

Brian Devine, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) environmental director and deputy incident commander for the agency's COVID-19 response, explained that the state did some analysis on mobility over the Fourth of July, with that analysis showing the ratio of visitors to residents in the area.

According to that data, Devine explained, 26 counties had a visitor-to-resident ratio of 1-to-2 or higher. "So, if that ratio was 1-to-2, visitor to resident, then that would mean one-third of the people present and active in the county were visitors," he explained.

Archuleta County, he explained, was just over a 1-to-1 ratio, meaning just over 50 percent of the people active in Archuleta County were visitors.

The second variable the state looked at, he noted, was the change in the contact rate, which is based off of phones that exchange anonymous tokens if the close contact parameters are met.

"So, you could be much more active, you could be out and about, you could have a lot more people, but maybe they're all not spending very much time in close proximity to each other," he said. "You know, you've got a lot of visitors, but they're all out on trails or they're all out driving around and they're not really in contact with anybody else. Or, you could have a lot more visitors and it could produce a lot more close contacts."

Devine explained the contact rate for the state on the Fourth of July was the highest it has been since March 2020.

"So, the contact rate was really high," he said, adding that the contact rate went up the most in the metro area, while Archuleta and La Plata counties showed a minimal change in the contact rate on July 4. "My interpretation of that is that we already had a pretty high contact rate to begin with probably, which explains ... or partially explains why we've so much transmission and so many outbreaks."

What the anonymous tokens cannot tell us, Devine noted, is whether or not the individuals were indoors or out, vaccinated or not, or whether they were wearing masks

or not, only the proximity and the length of time.

Local numbers

Archuleta County's COVID-19 case incidence rate remains above the state's, though cases and hospitalizations are relatively flat in the state.

According to SJBPH, Archuleta County's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 192.80 cases per 100,000 people — down from 200.00 on July 7.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Colorado's seven-day incidence rate was 35.3 Wednesday.

"Cases are flat, maybe inching up a little bit," Devine said of the state's trends. "Positivity's definitely going up a little bit, but not by much, and in our two counties it's been up and down all over the place."

Hospitalizations in the state, he added, are flat.

"I think we are seeing the state just kind of evening out at this level," Devine said. "We've got higher vaccination rates some places than others, we've got higher case rates some places than others."

The Delta variant of the disease, he noted, has not been officially found in every county in Colorado yet, Devine noted, but public health officials still think it will account for the vast majority of cases by the end of July.

Thus far, the nine cases of the Delta variant have been found in samples from Archuleta County sent to the state lab for sequencing, according to the SJBPH website.

Devine noted that, for the most recent week of data available, about 80 percent of the cases sequenced by the state lab were determined to be the Delta variant.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 1,093 total cases of confirmed COVID-19 among Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 1,064 a week prior.

The agency showed Archuleta County was at 9 percent positivity Wednesday, compared to 2 percent the previous week.

SJBPH continues to report that Archuleta County has had two deaths among COVID cases, while the CDPHE reports Archuleta County has three.

Over half of the county's total population (51 percent) had received at least one dose of a vaccine as of Wednesday, with 48 percent of the population having completed a vaccine series.

Of the eligible population (those

12 and older), 58 percent has received at least one dose, while 55 percent have completed a vaccine series.

Walmart outbreak

SJBPH announced last week that cases of the Delta variant were identified as part of the ongoing outbreak at the Pagosa Springs Walmart.

On June 23, SJBPH confirmed an outbreak of COVID-19 at the Pagosa Springs Walmart, with five employees having tested positive at that time.

As of July 7, Devine reported that outbreak had grown to 13 individuals.

An outbreak is defined by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as five or more cases associated with a single facility in a 14-day period.

Devine explained that an outbreak remains active until 28 days pass with no new associated cases.

The outbreak was first identified on June 12, SJBPH reported in a press release on June 30.

Devine told TheSUN Wednesday two of the cases were in vaccinated individuals, with the rest in unvaccinated individuals and in individuals whose vaccination status was unknown.

The state's outbreak information is available at: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-outbreak-data>.

Vaccine clinics, promotions continue

In addition to local providers continuing to offer vaccines, multiple vaccine clinics offering both the Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson are again on the calendar that will offer vaccine incentives while supplies last.

The two-shot Pfizer vaccine is available to those 12 and older, and the one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine to those 18 and older.

Devine noted that those looking to have their school-age, vaccine-eligible children fully vaccinated before the start of the next school year should begin the process now since the Pfizer vaccine requires two doses and it takes six weeks to have full protection once the vaccine series begins.

The Jogan Health Mobile Unit will be set up at Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, July 15, and next Thursday, July 22.

A mobile unit will also be at the Catholic Parish Hall on Lewis Street today and on July 22 from 11 a.m.

to 1 p.m.

On July 16 and 18, the mobile unit will be at the East Side Market, located on the east end of town, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On July 17, the mobile unit will be at the Pagosa Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On July 21, the unit will be at Pagosa Brewing Company, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd., from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A unit will also be at the Turkey Springs Trading Post, located at 11497 U.S. 160, on July 21, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome at all of the clinics, though appointments are preferred.

Minors must have a signed parental consent form, which can be completed online when registering or at the clinic.

For more information on the vaccines, area vaccine providers or area vaccine clinics (including making an appointment or seeing others that have been scheduled), visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

For more information about vaccine types, safety and eligibility, call (877) 268-2926. To speak to SJBPH call handlers, call (970) 247-5702.

Testing available locally

Testing continues to be available through multiple providers, and SJBPH provides free COVID-19 testing in partnership with COVID-Check Colorado from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday behind the Pagosa Springs Medical Center building at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, July 15

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Monday, July 19

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District meeting. Board vote on entering Drought Stage 1 to implement mandatory irrigation restrictions. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, July 20

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Join Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.

Wednesday, July 21

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84.

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work session. 4 p.m., via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84538356482?pwd=Q0hZblMrL1F3bFp2Um93NFNKRFRppUT09>.

Upper San Juan Library District Board Meeting. 4 p.m. via Zoom. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

Archuleta County Fair Board meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84 and via Zoom.

Thursday, July 22

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

Tuesday, July 27

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Join Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m., See town website for participation information.

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors regular meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., or join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85395501309>,

meeting ID: 853 9550 1309.

Wednesday, July 28

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

Archuleta County Fair Board meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84 and via Zoom.

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Thingamajig's Tanya Quinn

The evolution of a prop-tart



Photo courtesy Cynda Green

Thingamajig's Tanya Quinn: The evolution of a prop-tart

By Cynda Green
Thingamajig Theatre Company

How does a funky, talented ceramic mixed-media artist evolve from "What's a prop?" to Thingamajig Theatre Company's properties master extraordinaire? It's a good story.

When Tanya Quinn was young, she and her mom traveled and sold their craft — dream catchers, necklaces, whatever — at festivals, art shows and pow-wows. Face painting became her expertise.

"So, at 13, I would sit for three, four hours at a time — painting a line of kids. I did that through my teens and into my 20s," she said.

Quinn swears she once was painfully shy.

"I couldn't go into a public bathroom alone. But I took a couple of acting classes at the community college and that got me out of my shell. That was my only experience with theater, until I got a work study job in a theater hanging the lights," she said.

Despite a broken hand, Quinn got another work study position in the ceramics department at University South Florida, Tampa.

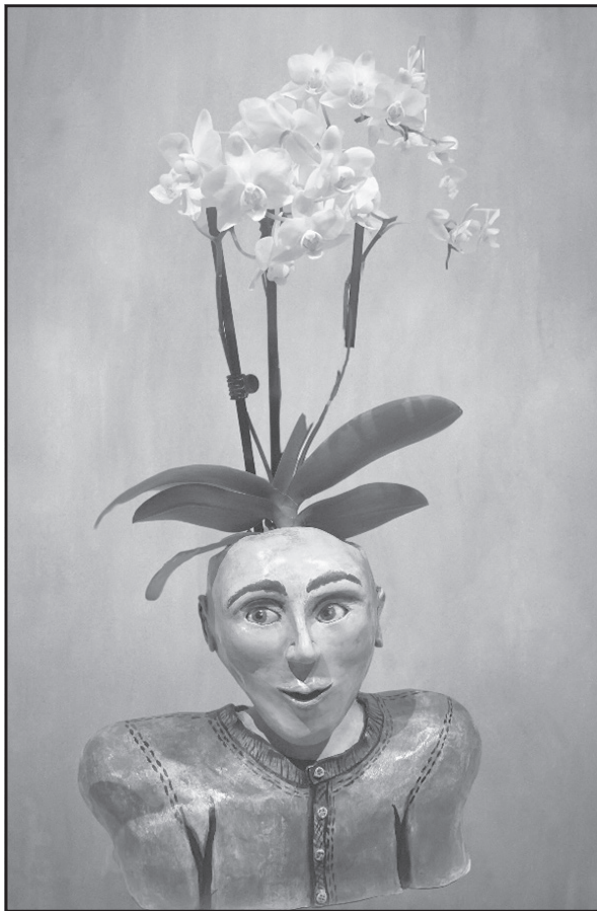
"That was a challenge. My job was to take old clay scraps and recycle them. My professor told me I was hooked (he was right) and my study became ceramics," she said.

She graduated with a BFA in ceramics in 2004.

Later that year, Quinn moved to Pagosa Springs with her dad. Shortly after, she met her husband, Jeff, and began her journey as wife, mother and artist. But her first job was chasing balloons.

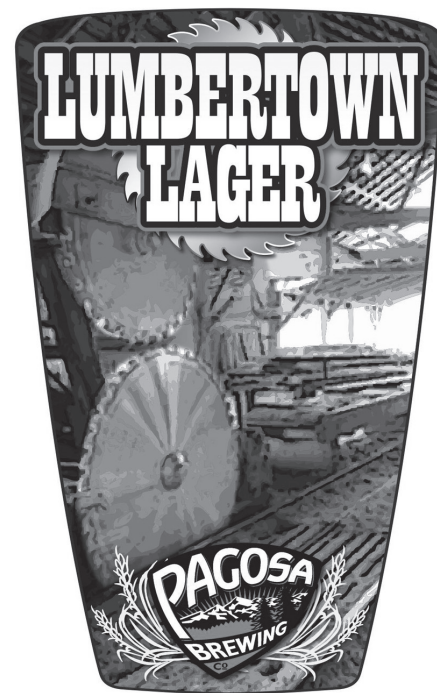
"I've chased a hot air balloon off and on for 15 years. I set it up and help take it down. I crewed until I was

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Mr. Blossom by Tanya Quinn. Quinn, a mixed-media artist, serves as Thingamajig Theatre Company's prop master.



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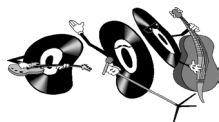
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Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.

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Quinn

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 five months pregnant. I still occasionally crew. You might see me working at the theater for an hour or two after chasing a balloon that morning, and after that I'll sew on my industrial sewing machine," she said.

Quinn also fabricates boat bikini tops.

The Bohemian-carny lifestyle of her early years has influenced Quinn's highly characterized ceramic figures.

Wong and Melissa Firlit. It's fun to collaborate with people who are great at what they do. And working with the actors — 'Is this prop working for you? Or is it going to kill you?'"

Quinn is a woman whose personality collects nicknames. As a 2012 Pagosa Roller Derby Girl, she was "Hot Toxic."

"It was a great group of girls, but it's full contact. And it hurts. I still roller skate. If you see somebody on

roller skates with big lips on their helmet, that would be me," she said.

"Hairspray" director Michael Thomas Walker named her "Prop-Tart." It stuck. Other nicknames are "T-Bone" (T for Tanya and Bone for bad to the bone) and "Lady MacGyver."

Quinn is an amazing artist and personality. Enjoy her lobby show, "Mise-en-Scène," and learn about a ceramic mixed-media artist, who doubles as the prop-tart.

Most of the props are hand-built, altered or upcycled from materials found at thrift stores and antique shops

She noted, "They are everyday people and their mannerisms, oddities, morbid motifs, ancient art and world culture. I name all my pieces and they all have meaning to me."

In 2015, Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts Executive Director Laura Moore asked Quinn if she would make masks for their Masquerade Ball. Then Moore asked if she wanted to do props.

"What's a prop?" Quinn asked.

"My first show was 'A Picasso.' The following summer, I did all five shows and jumped into 'Tarzan' as lead set artist and properties master," she said. "I spent 300 hours making the set and creating the trees. We paper mache'd them to make them durable like Kevlar, yet soft, so the actors wouldn't hurt themselves. I went from what's a prop to you got it all."

Quinn is also the set dresser.

Most of the props are hand-built, altered or upcycled from materials found at thrift stores and antique shops. This is ultimately an evolution of Quinn's artistic development. Creating/building props has expanded her attention to detail and knowledge of multiple mediums.

"I have a strong craft background and that helps the fine arts aspect. I'm just a fabricator," she said.

She added, "Being properties master is sometimes stressful. There are deadlines. But it's expanded a whole new world of creativity. I get to work with people like Nanette Chafers and Jill Fives, and Laine

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70th Archuleta County Fair just around the corner

By Lisa Vail
Archuleta County Fair Board

This year makes the 70th anniversary of the Archuleta County Fair. It is great to be back as a full fair this year. In addition to the popular livestock shows and competition, the Exhibit Hall will be open to the public to showcase 4-H and Open Class entries. There will also be rodeos, pie-eating contests, horseshoes, live music, food vendors and other fun activities.

The Archuleta County Fair Board is responsible for the overall preparation and logistics for the fair, but it is the many community volunteers that really make it happen.

One 4-H member, Makaela, age 12, encourages people to volunteer in order to support 4-H kids and all of their hard work. This is Makaela's second year in 4-H and she is enter-

ing two goats and four chickens. The most important skills she has learned from her 4-H experience are responsibility (feeding, walking and caring for her animals) and the discipline to keep a regular schedule for them. Makaela loves science and her hero is Marie Curie. These skills will be important as she pursues her goal of being a science teacher. She said the fair is important to a lot of people and it can't be done without our community volunteers. And an added benefit? Full admission to the fair.

We are also excited that Open Class entries are back this year. The Open Class includes Exhibit Hall items such as baked goods, sewing, quilts, photography, beer/wine/spirits, woodworking and fine arts. It also includes animals that are not in 4-H. So, bring your prized pet rabbit, turkey or pet goat to show off and be judged.

While the 4-H livestock shows and auction are a favorite of the fair, many 4-H kids do non-animal projects. Max, age 11, is competing for his third time in Rocketry and first time in Fly-fishing. Max won second place at the 2020 Colorado State Fair and is hoping to go back to state this year. He is putting together a tri-fold presentation with approximately 20 flies he has made and lots of facts about fly-fishing. His flies are made of elk, deer and rabbit hair, along with chenille, string and other components, and take five to 30 minutes to tie. His

4-H experience has helped him to become much more confident in public speaking and interviews.

Max's sister, Nicoletta, age 9, is in her first year of 4-H. She will be entering an apron and a pillow in the Clothing Construction category. The most fun for her has been creating the apron with the fabric and thread of her choice, as well as learning to sew on a sewing machine in just a few months. She is very proud of her pillow as well, saying that when she saw the leaf-patterned fabric, "It called to me." She hopes to earn a ribbon this year and eventually go to State Fair also.

If you would like to volunteer, please go to <https://archuletacountyfair.com> for a link to the Sign-Up Genius. There are a variety of four-hour time slots available for everything from driving the kid's train to monitoring an entrance gate. Bring a friend to share the fun.

To enter in Open Classes, please go to <https://archuletacountyfair.com> and look up the 2021 Fair Book for the categories and rules. You can preregister online at FairEntry.com from July 10 to Aug. 3. Most entries will be taken Tuesday, Aug. 3, starting at 1 p.m. Perishable entries, e.g. flowers and baked goods, will be taken Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Judging will be Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Max said it's a great opportunity to challenge yourself, compete and have fun.


Annual flower garden tour set for Saturday

By Suanne McLellan
Mountain High Garden Club

The Mountain High Garden Club is hosting its annual flower tour. There will be four gardens on the tour this year. Saturday, July 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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San Juan Stargazers plan meeting, special events

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

Our next San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club meeting will be on Thursday, July 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center on Hot Springs Boulevard near the San Juan River. If you would like to relax with a cold drink or cup of coffee or tea and some stimulating conversation, you can arrive after 6 p.m. for our social hour.

Our program, at 7 p.m., will be very interesting and quite practical. The title is: "What YouTube Offers to Support Astronomy." We will start with a YouTube film called "The Privileged Planet," which describes how lucky we are to have a place, like Earth, so perfect for our existence. We will view several specific posts YouTube has each month to help telescope viewers. Then, if time, we will check out posts NASA makes. These all are tools we can use to increase our knowledge of astronomy.

On Friday, July 30, will be a members-only telescope viewing and training at Chimney Rock. The gate will open at 8 p.m. If you don't have a telescope, we have several extra available. Our club goal is to increase the number of deep-sky objects our members can find.

We are planning to have a highly skilled guest astronomer to help us. We have already scheduled Steve McAllister from the Westcliff Observatory to be our guest astronomer on Aug. 27, when he will especially help all interested members learn to use our two 10-inch Dobsonians and all of us will later practice expert "star-hopping."

We also have Night Sky Programs at Chimney Rock two Friday nights each month. The next will be on Aug. 6 (Stars and Galaxies) and Aug. 13 (Our Solar System). Locals, come even if you don't have

a reservation since we most likely won't turn you away if you act really interested.

Mark your calendar for Aug. 11 and 12, which will be the first Perseid meteor shower viewing at Chimney Rock. You will be able to view from your car or pick a special place to put a folding chair or cushions to lay out on in a sleeping bag. It will not be like the finale at the July 4 fireworks. The universe has "much bigger" explosions, but we always hope they take place in a different galaxy. This will be a silent, relaxing time at Chimney Rock under a dark sky with occasional bright streaks of particles burning up as they enter our atmosphere. Every August as the Earth revolves around the sun, it enters the debris field of the comet Swift-Tuttle and we get an extra display of "shooting stars." We will be able to imagine what it was like for ancient people to wonder what was so brightly streaking across the night sky. The later you view a meteor shower, the better the display, so we are planning on staying until after midnight, but you can leave any time you want. We have two nights available in case of clouds and to have smaller groups.

At all of our events we will follow the COVID regulations for Archuleta County and Colorado for that date. Always bring a mask to be safe.

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25/ family. You can join the club at any of our events. To all members: Your 2021-2022 dues are due. Use an envelope, please, with your name and amount of cash

or check made to Joan Mieritz.

The San Juan Stargazers Club is part of the Astronomical League, which includes almost 250 clubs from all over the U.S. Our local group also has a website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org. Check it out.

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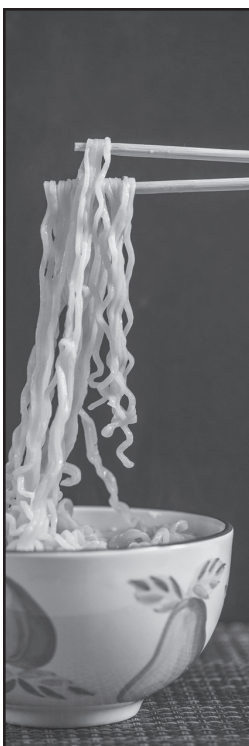
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By Toni Sherwood
Seeds of Learning

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Thingamajig's two galas will feature 20 popular performers to be auctioned off

By Carole Howard
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Twenty of the most popular actors and directors to perform in Thingamajig Theatre Company's productions over the past decade are returning to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on July 31 and Aug. 5 to sing and dance at the theater's two fundraising galas and be auctioned off for unique follow-up private events.

Theater co-founders Tim Moore, artistic director, and his wife, Laura Moore, executive director, kept secret the identities of the performers until fans opened their summer season programs the first time they came to the theater to see "Sylvia," the canine comedy which opened on June 25.

"We thought surprises would be a fun way to celebrate the theater's 10th anniversary while also raising funds to help ensure the success of our next 10 years," Tim Moore said.

Actors auctioned off

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

Over the years, the annual galas have become must-attend affairs on our community's festive summer social calendar because of the exciting live performances on stage and the audience members' exuberant bidding on the actors for private gatherings following the big events.

Among the most popular auction items are the campfire sing-

along, the progressive dinner and the trip to New York City next January with the Moores as they audition actors for the 2022 season. Many more auction opportunities are now being finalized as the actors get creative in matching their talents to events that would be entertaining and fun for patrons.

Galas' cabaret-style concerts

The theme of the first gala on, July 31, is "The last 10 years," when the audience will be treated to the best numbers from previous Thingamajig musicals. The theme of the second, on Aug. 5, is "The next 10 years," which will feature musical performances from some great Broadway shows the Moores hope to produce in the future — "sort of our wish list or our bucket list," as Tim Moore put it.

Both evenings will be cabaret-style shows. Melissa Firlit will choreograph and Boni McIntyre will be the music director. Both Firlit and McIntyre have been very popular directors and performers with Thingamajig audiences over the years.

Doors open for the galas at 6 p.m. with the shows starting at 7 p.m. Season sponsors will donate preshow light appetizers on July 31 and dessert on Aug. 5.

Past season-ticket holders were given the first opportunity to purchase gala tickets and only a very limited number still are available as part of the season ticket package. To purchase that package, which also includes a ticket to "Sylvia" and other benefits, please phone (970) 731-SHOW (7469). They are not available on the theater website.

'Sylvia' plays through Aug. 29

The crown jewel of the theater's summer season is the return of "Sylvia," the touching canine

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Thingamajig Theatre Company

Twenty of the most popular performers in Thingamajig Theatre Company's productions over the past 10 years are returning to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on July 31 and Aug. 5 to sing and dance at the theater's two fundraising galas and be auctioned off for unique follow-up private events. Among the performers are Dan Morrison, left, and Steven Sitzman. Only a very limited number still are available as part of the season ticket package. To purchase that package, which also includes a ticket to "Sylvia" and other benefits, please phone (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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comedy about a dog and her new owner, a middle-aged man who brings her home to live in his apartment in New York City, much to his wife's distress.

Back by popular demand, "Sylvia" was the highlight of Thingamajig's first season back in 2011 when Laura Moore played the part of "Sylvia" to huge acclaim. Now

she is receiving rave reviews and standing ovations as she reprises the role through Aug. 29 in honor of the theater's 10th anniversary. Tim Moore directs the production.

In addition to Laura Moore, three actors make up the "Sylvia" cast. Carl Morrow, who plays the man who brings Sylvia home, is known to Thingamajig audiences

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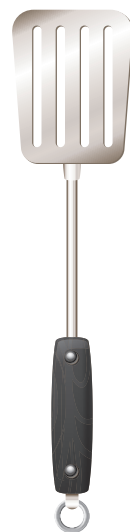
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Thingamajig Theater Company to benefit from 19th Hole Concert Series

By Simon Fuger
Thingamajig Theatre Company

On Thursday, July 15, beginning at 5.30 p.m., the Thingamajig Theatre Company, our local professional theater, will be the showcased nonprofit to benefit from the 19th Hole Concert Series at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The featured band will be the San Juan Mountain Boys, a local favorite.

The Thingamajig Theatre Company has been presenting top-notch professional theater in Pagosa Springs for the last 10 years. Over 80 different productions and thousands of performances have been staged by the Thingamajig Theatre Company in residence at the Pagosa Center for the Arts. These have included Broadway musicals in the summer, Christ-

mas-themed shows in the winter and dramas throughout the year.

There is an annual tradition of shows that feature local performers and playwrights as well as a playwright's festival that attracts artists nationwide. In addition, there are the very popular kids' camps and performances in the summer. Some of these children, along with other interested local school children, have been cast in some of Thingamajig's professional performances — an amazing opportunity for them.

The last 18 months have been very difficult for the theater world and the Thingamajig Theatre Company in particular. All productions had to be suspended. There were no half openings or other viable alternatives. Closed was closed in every sense of the word. The

financial impact on the theater was considerable.

With the prospect of an easing to the COVID restrictions, a decision was made to take some

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■ continued from previous page for his roles in "A Few Good Men," "West Side Story," "Legally Blonde" and "Little Shop of Horrors." Polly Seale, a new resident of Pagosa Springs with an impressive acting resume, plays his wife. And Rodney Holmes, who performed in Thingamajig's productions of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Tarzan," "The Secret Garden" and "Damn Yankees," plays three parts in the production.

You can find the dates and times of "Sylvia" and order tickets for the show on the theater's website at pagosacenter.org or by phoning (970) 731-SHOW (7469). Tickets are \$35.

10th anniversary for Thingamajig

Thingamajig is celebrating its 10th anniversary with this summer season.

"We can't imagine a better way to commemorate this milestone than being able to reopen the theater with 'Sylvia' and the two fun gala events after the long COVID

closure," said Tim Moore.

Restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic required Thingamajig — like theaters around the world — to go dark on March 15, 2020. That resulted in a 15-month closure of Pagosa's esteemed local professional theater.

All of the summer events will take place in the theater's Black Box under whatever COVID health guidelines are in effect at the time. The Moores will remain flexible and nimble regarding various seating configurations and other requirements, given the ever-changing COVID environment. The actors will not be wearing masks, but they all will be vaccinated.

Thingamajig is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented actors, directors and designers come from across the U.S. and around the world to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round — COVID permitting, of course.

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Today's rule of thumb: How do things line up?

The talk around Pagosa is the price of lumber: overpriced and going through the roof, but builders still build.

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The streets flood with out-of-town visitors with their uncontrollable excitement over their discovery of Pagosa. Pagosans wonder what happened and if our little town will ever return to the good old days. Don't think so.

Many of our old-time friends have taken their \$100,000 and left. Can't blame them. It seems to be the feasible thing to do, but

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



we choose to sit tight. There is no other place on this earth we would rather be.

For the old-timers, we remember taming the wilderness. First stoplight, the hot springs in the middle of the field and builders without licenses or not bonded.

We measured life by the rule of thumb, by approximate and compared methods. Experience was our yardstick. We worked with what we had on hand and could afford.

Many times, I stretched a piece of material from my thumb-on-

nose to my outstretched fingers. I knew the length determined a yard, give or take an inch or 2. Even a broom handle computed 4 feet.

Life seemed simpler but harder in those earlier days in Pagosa. Even the mayhem of living in unfinished houses with piles of sheet rock, plumbing supplies and light fixtures, we all experienced the same hardships and managed.

We navigated around the chaos of saws, ladders and hammers. When we built on to our home, I told our children, "We don't have a leveler, but we can make a straight line by tying a rock on the end of a string. We will dangle it from the ceiling, and drop it along side our 2x4." As the rock fell to its true south, we aligned the board with the string and built our walls.

I asked my Sweet Al if he re-

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tentative steps to provide live theater during the summer. "Sylvia" was performed in the first year of Thingamajig's existence. It was hugely popular that first year. Its revival this year in some ways signifies the rebirth of live theater in our town.

If you saw "Sylvia" that first year, you know what a treat it is. The cast is completely different from 10 years ago with one notable exception: Laura Moore once again plays the part of the dog, Sylvia. This is a role Laura embraces, and 10 years and three babies later, still brings all the passion and energy to the

part she did 10 years ago.

Other performances at the theater this year was a limited engagement by one of our most admired directors and actors, Dennis Elkins. His play, "box.," has been performed worldwide and his sequel, "bag—," was performed after intermission. The annual Broadway Gala, the theater's major fundraiser, will also be performed during the summer. There will be other limited performances at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts during the course of the summer.

We hope you can join us on July 15 at 5.30 p.m. at the 19th Hole Concert Series at the Pagosa

Springs Golf Club and support the Thingamajig Theatre Company and the three other nonprofits that are beneficiaries of the 19th Hole Concert Series.

The cash entrance fee is \$10 per head. Tickets are available at the door. There will be a cash bar and food can be purchased on site. The 19th Hole Concert Series is sponsored by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. All proceeds from the 19th Hole Concert Series will be distributed equally amongst the four featured organizations. Bring a chair or blanket and come out and enjoy the music.



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By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
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membered the tape measure with the end cut off. When we used it, we knew to add another 2 inches. He said, “I do. I used it all the time. Whatever happened to it?”

“It’s probably still in your toolbox after 40 years. You contended it was too good to throw away. There were times I forgot to add 2 inches and I wanted to choke someone, namely you.”

In those years when the people of Pagosa lived on a shoestring and a rock, we moved hammers and saws off the kitchen table in order to serve a family meal. In the midst of chaos, there was a rightness that motivated us and kept us in a straight line.

As we built on our homes, we also built family and character, and we trusted Jesus to be the true plumb line. He is still our trustworthy measuring stick because he is the same yesterday, today and forever.

To quote David, “Lord, who fully knows the power of your passion and the intensity of your emotions? Help us to remember that our days

are numbered and help us to interpret our lives correctly.” — Psalm 90:1-12 (TPT).

Final brushstroke: We are building together, as individuals and families in a safe community. If we measure our lives by the power of God’s passion and intensity, and use the right yardstick, we will definitely cut against the grain, but we will also have an accurate measurement. We have found by staying true to God’s way, we will align our lives for a sounder house and a better end, no matter who or what comes.

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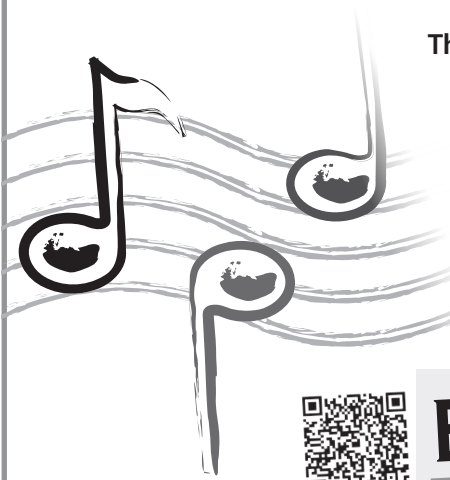
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By **Laurah Brock Young**
Pagosa Springs Spiritual Experiences Group

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The last discussion, "The Spiritual Gift of Relationships," will be on Sunday, Aug. 22.

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Green paint on a light suit

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

I was dating a girl in high school, but I think her family liked me more than she did. Sheila was quite popular, and I was just one of many boys who asked her out. So, one day, when she called and asked if I would like to spend some time with her the following Sunday, I was excited. I took it as a sign that maybe she liked me more than I thought.

But as she continued with the invite, I realized the reason she was asking me was not necessarily because she wanted the time with me.

"You will be driving your little pickup, won't you?" she asked.

"Yes," I replied

"Good," she said. "I was asked to perform in church, and I need someone to help me get my harp there."

I felt some of the air knocked out of the sail of my ego, but I still thought it was better than nothing.

I heard Sheila's mother in the background. "Ask Daris if he would like to come early. Timmy's been wanting Daris to read him a story."

Sheila came in and announced it was time to go. Just then, her mom gasped.

Sheila relayed the message, and I accepted. Timmy was Sheila's 2-year-old brother. I enjoyed playing with him and reading him

stories. More than once when I was there, Timmy brought me a book, and as I read to him, he fell asleep in my arms.

"Timmy really seems to like you," Sheila's mother said. "He doesn't do that with anyone else outside the family."

I arrived early as agreed, and as soon as they invited me in, Timmy brought me a book. He curled up on my lap, and I started to read. But I hadn't noticed that he had a little bottle of green model car paint. Just as I was finishing the story, Sheila came in and announced it was time to go. Just then, her mom gasped. I looked up from the book and saw that Timmy had poured the paint down one leg of my light-colored suit.

Sheila just stood there in shock. Finally, she said, "Now what am I going to do? I can't get anyone else to take me at this late notice. Maybe I better call and cancel."

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Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber

Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

The Baha'i Community of Archuleta County hosts weekly devotionals every Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged

to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, July 18, our theme is "The Word of God."

"Immerse yourselves in the ocean of My words, that ye may unravel its secrets, and discover all the pearls of wisdom that lie hid in its depths." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is an all-embracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity's spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every human soul. Among the teachings of the Baha'i Faith are the investigation of truth; the oneness of God; the oneness of mankind; justice;

universal peace; the conformity between science and divine revelation; the equality of women and men; and the abandonment of racial, religious, worldly and political prejudices. It is in this spirit of community that we cordially invite you to our devotionals.

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

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

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"Don't do that," I replied. "We'll just tell everyone this is a new style."

Sheila didn't think it was funny, and all my joking didn't help. She didn't want to be seen in public with me with green on my suit.

Sheila's mom said, "Just hang on a minute."

She left and came back with one of her husband's old suits. It was a fine, older wool suit, but he was much bigger than I was. Sheila paced nervously as her mom did a few pins to help the suit fit better. It didn't look bad, but it was still obviously not my size.

"We better go, or we'll be late," Sheila said.

I loaded the harp in my little pickup, and we were on our way. As we drove along, Sheila told me what she wanted me to do.

"You take the harp in while I visit with other people. Then you find an empty bench by the wall and scoot far in where no one will see you."

"Would you rather I just sat out in the hall so no one knows we are together?" I asked.

Sheila paused, and I could see she was pondering that. Then she shook her head. "No, that's OK. I will probably sit on the stand, anyway, since I'm performing."

We got to the church, and I did as requested. I took the harp in while she visited with people. Then I found a hidden place on a bench

by the wall. I sat there through the whole meeting, and when it was over, I waited until most of the people left. Then I loaded the harp.

Sheila's mom wouldn't let me have my pants back. I wore the ones she loaned me, and she purchased a pair at the store, identical to my original ones. She called me and told me she had them and to come over. When I did, she had me try them on. They fit perfectly. As I sat down to visit, Timmy came and climbed on my lap.

But this time, and every time from then on, Sheila's mom checked to make sure Timmy didn't have anything in his hands.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Sylvia.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The touching comedy about a dog and her new owner, a middle-aged man who brings her home to his apartment in New York City, much to his wife's distress. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Friday, July 16

Riverwalk Naturalist Tour. 8 a.m., Riverwalk, Centennial Park. Tour lasts approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Pets should be left at home. This conservation area is rich in natural history and full of ecological treasures. Meet your tour leader at the Habitat Hero Native Plant Garden on the Riverwalk by the geothermal domes. For more information, contact pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., East Side Market, 225 E. Pagosa St. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit

<https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Pagosa Springs Stitches. 1:30-3:30 p.m., 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.

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. There will be a maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Masks must be worn at all times inside the library and social distancing must be maintained throughout the program. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

DUST2: Bushes Pump Track Race. 5:30 p.m., 601 Stevens Circle. Our third annual race at Joe and Kristi's backyard pump track, the most fun race of the season. There will be fun race options for all abilities, a cookout and plenty of good company. Details are available at <http://fb.me/e/1sDilwJMw> or at www.dustx2.org.

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Night Sky: Our Solar System. 7:15-10 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is present in the sky but not fully illuminated. This

enables us to enjoy the night sky unimpeded by artificial lighting or the brightness of a full moon, and see many of the brighter objects that are visible. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information and to purchase

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Saturday, July 17

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 7:15-9:45 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This engaging early-morning tour is led by a trained tour guide. The tour will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. You will learn about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the inhabitants. Bring your curiosity, cameras, sturdy shoes and water. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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Conquer the Springs Adventure Race. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Turkey Springs Trailhead. Teams of two

to three will run, bike, paddle and face team challenges and decisions along the way. Dustx2.org/conquer-the-springs.

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. East Side Market. A wide variety of locally grown produce and food products. For more information, call (970) 264-5232.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market, 225 E. Pagosa St. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public Health and Jogan Health. Pfizer (12+) and J&J (18+) provided. No ID or insurance required. Walk-ins welcome. Incentive and/or promotions provided while supplies last. Contact (970) 247-5702 or visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Mountain High Garden Club Annual Flower Tour. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be four gardens on the tour. Please contact info@mountainhighgardenclub.com, call or text (512) 797-6097 for maps and directions.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., Cornerstone Church pavilion. Weather permitting. The focus of this meeting will be voting on the "challenge quilt" submissions. All members will vote for their favorite. Bring a chair and a bag lunch for after the meeting. The guild will provide drinks. All are welcome.

GriefShare Support Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A grief support group for those grieving the death of a spouse, parent, child or other family member or friend. The program consists of a video session,

discussion and workbook for participants. A warm and safe place. We know it hurts and we want to help. For more information, call (970) 946-9379 or (970) 731-2205.

Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Monday, July 19

Writing Challenge. Facebook. For all ages. Calling all writers: challenge your creativity. Challenge details will be posted on the Library's Facebook page. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Geology Tour. 8:10-11 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans. Rock types impact structure, pottery, tools and soil productivity. Reservations are encouraged. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. Masks are required unless you have proof of COVID vaccination. For more information, call Beverly at (970) 264-2064.

Medicare Counseling by Appointment. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Are you turning 65 or confused about Medi-

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Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact (970) 799-8387 for more details.

Adventure Club for Kids. 10 a.m.-noon., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For kids ages 3-12. Exciting Bible stories, songs, crafts and more. Call Connie at (303) 901-5290 for details.

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Democratic Club Meeting. 11:45 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Dr. Rhonda Webb will be speaking at noon. Beverages will be provided and you may bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. If you are vaccinated for COVID, masks are optional. If you have not yet been fully vaccinated, you will need to wear a mask and physically distance yourself. For more information, call Becky Herman at (970) 903-0788.

Take and Make DIY: Suncatchers. 2-3 p.m., Facebook. Join us on Facebook as Brad will go over the

basics of creating suncatchers using coloring pages and a few other household supplies. Supplies and instructions will be available for pick up at your library on Monday, July 19. Call (970) 264- 2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 4-8 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 4-6 p.m. and intermediate students are encouraged to attend from 6-8 p.m.

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Noxious Weed of the Month: common tansy

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

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This plant can grow up to 5 feet tall and has leaves that are deeply divided into narrow fern-like toothed sections. Recognizing common tansy is easy due to its button-like flowers. Ornamental golden yarrow in Archuleta County can be confused with common tansy. Common tansy has been reported in Archuleta County in small populations and it is a priority species. Please report any sightings of this plant to the Weed and Pest Department at (970) 264-6773.

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Archuleta County Fair set for Aug. 5-8

Have you ever wanted to enter the Archuleta County Fair? Maybe you are a bread maker or you preserve food. Maybe you grow vegetables, crops or flowers. Would you like to show off your goods? It's easy. Go to <https://www.archuletacountyfair.com/> and look up the 2021 Fair book. The rules are on page 24. Judging will be Aug. 4.

If you have further questions, please email archuletacountyfair@gmail.com. You could be the grand

champion at the Archuleta County Fair.

Calling all volunteers: The Archuleta County Fair Board needs your help. If you would like to volunteer during the county fair, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4faea729a0fe3-fair3>.

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Visit us on the Web at <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/> or like us on Facebook and get more information: <https://www.facebook.com/CSUARCHCTY>.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at 246-5931 to register.

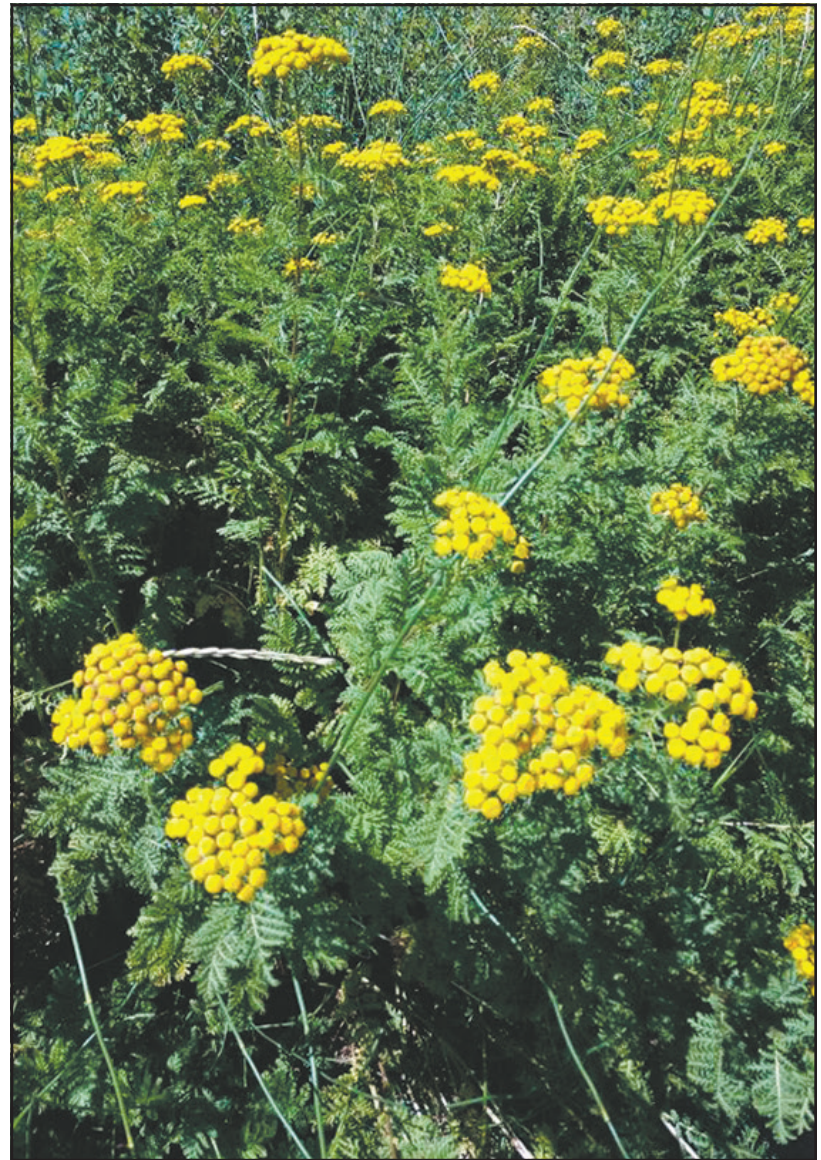


Photo courtesy Ethan Proud

While attractive, common tansy is toxic to humans. It can be recognized by its button-like flowers.

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encouraged. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Family Storytime. 10 a.m. Sisson Library garden. For all ages. Join us for great stories and plenty of reasons to get up and move. 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.

Adventure Club for Kids. 10 a.m.-noon., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For kids ages 3-12. Exciting Bible stories, songs, crafts and more. Call Connie at (303) 901-5290 for details.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. Noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., the wooded area behind the parking lot, at the wooden cross. A docent is available for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-6 p.m. For teens and young adults. Join us on Google Meet for our ongoing game. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

Thursday, July 22

Summer Reading Club: Centennial Park with Sally from the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership. 10-11:30 a.m., Centennial Park geothermal domes. For those in K-5th grade. Come on down to the geothermal domes to learn about some amazing plant life with tales of their own. This program will be canceled in the event of bad weather. Call (970) 264-2209 for

more information.

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Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving chicken Dorito casserole to go at the front doors of

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Bird of the Week



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

Unlike many wood warblers, which are found flitting around in the forest, most often this one is found near water. In wren-like movements, it bounces through the thick, tangled vegetation, rarely far above the ground.

Were it not for the male's distinctive "witchity, witchity, witchity" song, this bird could easily go unnoticed. Inquisitive birds, they will pop out to investigate phishing sounds made by inquisitive birdwatchers. A small, olive-brown bird with a round belly and long tail, the male wears a black mask outlined in white and has a yellow throat and undertail. Females are more plain, but also display the yellow throat and breast.

Common yellowthroats breed across the United States and Canada. Several subspecies are recognized, differing mainly in the facial patterns of the males and the brightness of yellow in the birds. Their songs also display regional differences or accents. In winter, they are found in the southern United States, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Within the tangled vegetation, these warblers nest on or near the ground and are often the victims of nest parasitism by brown-headed cowbirds. They may desert a nest if a cowbird egg is discovered or if their own eggs are damaged, building a second or even third nest on top of the original. In order to hide their young, during feeding, parents zig-zag into the nest and leave by a different route. Snakes, mice, chipmunks, raccoons, skunks and possums are all nest predators.

These birds are commonly found in the brushy habitat at Lake Capote, a birding hot spot owned by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe that is once again open to the public four days per week.

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



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the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 4-8 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 4-6 p.m. and intermediate students are encouraged to attend from 6-8 p.m.

PALS, GED and College Prep Assistance. 5-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services can help you earn your GED, prepare for college entrance exams, prepare for vocational tests and other education requirements. Mark will work with you to develop an achievable plan to complete your goals. Earning your GED is possible at any stage in life, and we can help. Call (970) 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary.org for more information.

19th Hole Concert Presents: Zia Chicks. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A community event that showcases an Archuleta County nonprofit and a local music talent. The cover charge is a \$10 donation. Patrons can purchase a four-punch pass online for \$40 throughout the month of June. Visit <http://bit.ly/19thHoleConcerts> to learn more about this option.

Spanish Conversation. 6-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Would you like to improve your Spanish language speaking and listening skills? Join us in person to practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. There is no minimum skill

level needed to attend. Everyone is welcome to participate. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Full Moon Program. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program occurs against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site, such as the Ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories or area of geology. Then, guests watch the full moon rise to the music of Charles Martinez's Native American flute. Tickets are \$20 or \$25 to attend the program with an early tour. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at (970) 903-9690, or Nate at (970) 507-1004.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Sylvia.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The touching comedy about a dog and her new owner, a middle-aged man who brings her home to his apartment in New York City, much to his wife's distress. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

San Juan Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Visitors Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Social hour at 6 p.m. Our program will start with a YouTube film called "The Privileged Planet" which describes how lucky we are to have a place like earth, so perfect for our existence. We will view several specific posts YouTube has each month to help telescope viewers, then we will check out posts NASA makes. We will follow the COVID regulations for Archuleta County and Colorado for that date. Always bring a mask for safety. For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Worst finish
- 5 Early release
- 9 "Animal House" house
- 13 Designer Perry
- 15 Big name in cosmetics
- 16 Toy block brand
- 17 Slangy opposite of 'tis
- 18 Cooke tune, "You ____ Me"
- 19 Sign of trouble
- 20 In flight
- 22 Prim and proper one
- 23 Kind of thermometer
- 24 Laundry challenge
- 26 Barbecued bit
- 30 Enthusiastic
- 33 Be unimportant
- 34 ____ of bad news
- 35 Ian McKellen film, "____ Pupil"
- 36 Annapolis academy
- 38 Send packing
- 39 Vegas hotel, with "The"
- 42 Professor _____
- 45 Director's cry
- 46 High schooler's infraction
- 47 Uncouth
- 49 It may be skipped
- 50 Oscar contender
- 52 Dense thicket
- 57 Eve's eldest
- 58 Night sight
- 59 Absconded with
- 60 Some are green with it
- 61 Poetic cave
- 62 Sprinter's stats
- 63 Peony part
- 64 Drug cooked up in labs
- 65 Chimps and gorillas

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- 1 Jared of "Suicide Squad"
- 2 Hale or Thicke
- 3 Skirt feature
- 4 Boastful wannabe
- 5 St. Peter's, for one
- 6 Equally matched
- 7 BBQer's need
- 8 Come-go link
- 9 Where Marlins play
- 10 Compensate
- 11 Middle-____
- 12 Word after dial or earth
- 14 Sound system
- 21 Caution
- 22 Peel, as an apple
- 25 Place for card games
- 26 Little rascal
- 27 Class attendee
- 28 Good-looking
- 29 Type of edge
- 31 One-time Google smartphone

- 32 Long lock
- 37 Love-lies-bleeding, for one
- 40 TGIF or TBA, e.g.
- 41 "Rage" anagram
- 43 One of three squares
- 44 Physics topic
- 48 Movie music
- 50 Air force heroes
- 51 "____, or won't?"
- 53 Knee-slapper
- 54 Play friskily
- 55 Helm position
- 56 More or ____
- 58 "Citizen Kane" studio

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Answers: Topping

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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- BANANA SPLIT
- BOMBE
- CHOCOLATE
- CONE
- COOKIE DOUGH
- CREAMERY
- CREAMSICLE
- CUP
- CUSTARD
- DRUMSTICK
- ESKIMO PIE
- FLOAT
- FRAPPE
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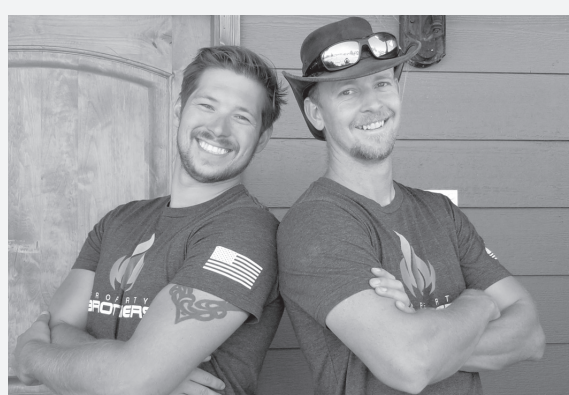
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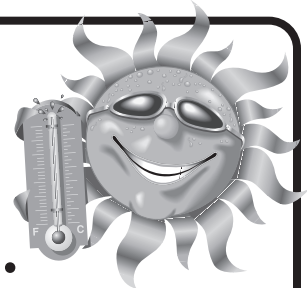
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How to freeze holds when you are traveling

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Many patrons love the hold service available at your library which allows you to reserve books and other materials when they are checked out to others. But you may not know that you can freeze, or suspend, your holds at any time. This tool can be helpful when you are traveling and may be especially useful to you during the busy summer vacation season.

The best part is you do not lose your place in line. When your hold is thawed, or released, you go right back in to the same place in your hold line; you do not go to the end of the line.

To freeze your holds online, first log into your account. On the left side of the page, click on "Titles on Hold." A list of all items you have on hold will appear. If they are not currently in transit, you can freeze the hold until you return from your travels or are ready to receive your hold again. To freeze your hold, click on the button that says "Freeze Hold." Choose the date to thaw and resume the hold again and then click "Freeze Hold." The freeze will begin immediately.

Save the date for book sale

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Library book sale Aug. 5-7 at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse. Thursday at 5 p.m. is the annual meeting and advance sale for Friends of the Library. The sale opens to the public Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. You'll find lots more books to buy at great bargain prices for you — and all proceeds go to the library.

Summer Reading Program continues

Summer Reading Program events continue through July. Enjoy the wide variety of activities for all ages. And, pick up a bingo card because participants get a small prize every time you complete a bingo sheet. We also have bonus challenges where entrants will be put into random drawings for gift certificates and other prizes.

More Summer Reading bonus challenges

Week six's bonus challenge July 12-17: Learn the names of as many farm animals as you can in a different language. Share what you learned. Submit your answer by Saturday, July 17, at 3 p.m. for a chance to win — by emailing ruby@pagosalibrary.org, posting on the library Facebook page or dropping it off at the front desk.

Week seven's bonus challenge July 19-24: Become an official unicorn quester. Lake Superior State University in Michigan has issued

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free unicorn questing licenses since 1971. Participants just need to fill out a simple form and an official license and unicorn questing certificate will be sent to you in the mail. Print copies of the request form can be picked up at the library or it can be filled out online by going to: <https://www.lssu.edu/traditions/unicorhunters/>. Let us know if you requested a unicorn questing license by Saturday, July 24, at 3 p.m. for a chance to win — by emailing ruby@pagosalibrary.org, posting on the library Facebook page or dropping it off at the front desk.

In-person activities

We are delighted that the robust

local vaccination program for our community means that many of our programs now can happen in person. Please see more information in the activity listings below. Also, our hours have returned to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. That's one additional hour on Fridays.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, the

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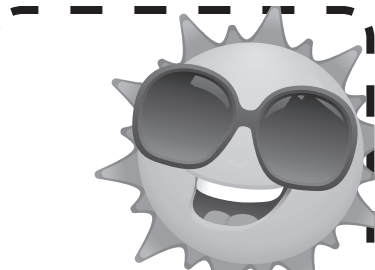
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• Saturdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. That's two hours fewer this day — but a total of 55 hours open each week, as compared to 54 in pre-COVID times.

For those uncomfortable with coming into the building, curbside service continues. Phone (970) 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

Take-and-make DIY suncatchers

Join us on Facebook on Tuesday, July 20, from 2 to 3 p.m. as Brad will go over the basics of creating suncatchers using coloring pages and a few other household supplies. Supplies and instructions will be available to pick up at your library on Monday, July 19. Find more DIY videos on your library's website at <https://pagosalibrary.org/adult-diy/>.

Exploration stations

Stop by the newspaper box outside the library each week for a new animal-themed activity. July 12-17 focuses on helping animals find their homes. July 19-24 involves spotting mythical creatures.

Summer Reading Club

Today, Thursday, July 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., special guest Suzanne Hueta will teach us about fish management and we'll participate in some fish crafts in the library garden.

Next Thursday, July 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., join us in Centennial Park at the geothermal domes, where Sally will teach you about some amazing plant life with tales of their own.

In-person gaming tomorrow

Enjoy all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Fridays

from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. There will be a maximum of four participants in the gaming room at a time.

Family storytimes

Next Wednesday, July 21, from 10 to 11 a.m., join us in the library garden for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This event will be canceled if the weather is bad. Saturday's Discovery Times continue on Facebook at 2:30 p.m. with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more.

Writing challenge

On Monday, July 19, we will post a new writing challenge on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

New storywalk for kids

Watch for signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new free storywalk for kids. July 19-31's book features mythical creatures in an alphabet story. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Brad will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

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Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4 to 6 p.m. and intermediate students from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) session takes

place in person Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m., when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Activities calendars available

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — children, teens and adults.

Books on CD

"Golden Girl" by Elin Hilderbrand follows a woman in Heaven allowed to influence life on earth after she is killed in an accident. "Murder at Sunrise Lake" by Christine Feehan centers on a woman with a premonition of murder. "Big Jake's Last Drive" is a Ralph Compton western by Robert J. Randisi.

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Beating the heat: Don't let it take you down

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Our bodies are designed to work hard to maintain an even internal temperature. Heat stroke is serious business, so knowing how to prevent it, the warning signs of it occurring and what to do about heat exhaustion and heat stroke can be lifesaving. The simple, common sense answer, of course, is “stay cool and hydrated.” Sounds easy enough — but it is more complicated than that.

Understand your risk level. Healthy people can be adversely affected by heatwaves, as can those who are very young and those 60 and better. Some medications and some long-term health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and dementia can lead to greater risk. As the body heats up, blood vessels close to the skin open to transfer heat back to the environment — this makes the heart work harder.

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many people do not realize they are becoming dehydrated because the sweat evaporates immediately. For those not acclimated to high altitude, symptoms from heat are exacerbated and may be hard to distinguish from altitude sickness. Residences may remain quite warm at night if they heat up during the day. When it fails to cool down sufficiently at night, this places greater stress on the body. Even during rest, at 85 degrees, the body can lose nearly a half-gallon of water overnight.

Prevention tips:

- Reduce or eliminate alcohol consumption, as it can increase dehydration and worsen the effects of heat.

- Plan outdoor activities in the cooler parts of the day. If you work outdoors, try to plan heavier tasks during cooler hours.

- Help keep your indoor environment cool — opening windows at night and closing the southern- and western-facing windows and drapes during the heat of the day.

- Learn if your medicines put you at greater risk — diuretics, statins, lithium and medications for hypertension, epilepsy and Parkinson's are all examples of drugs that can cause changes in the body that may make it harder for the body to sustain a healthy temperature.

Signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke:

- Tiredness, dizziness, fainting, confusion, irritability, visual problems, nausea, muscle cramps, headache.

- Other mild symptoms may include itchy heat rash and/or swollen feet and hands.

- Being dehydrated changes the balance of key minerals in the body, which can lead to seizures, loss of consciousness or heart fail-

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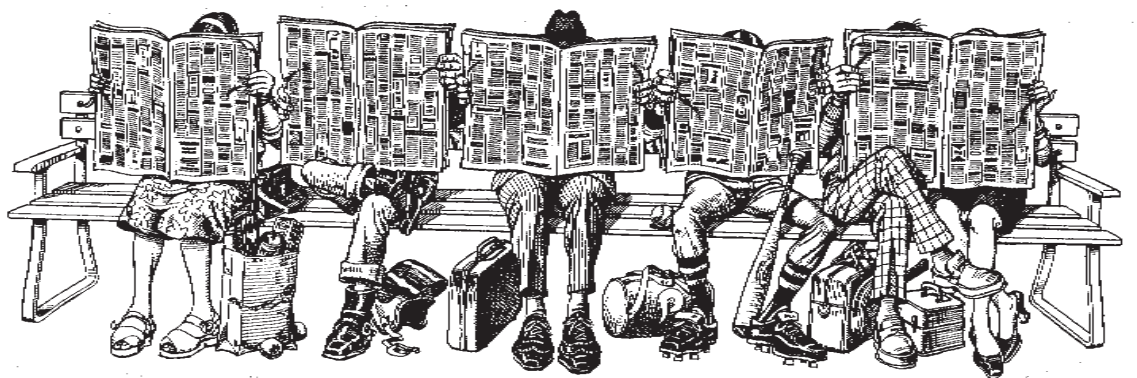
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ure and may result in death.

• Someone with heat stroke may stop sweating altogether, depriving them one of the body's main cooling mechanisms.

What to do: If you, or someone you are with, is experiencing mild heat exhaustion symptoms, try to cool down. Basic first steps: Get into shade. Sit or lie down and raise feet. Take fluids. Place cool cloths or packs on armpits, wrists, ankles and the back of the neck. Heat exhaustion that cannot be alleviated may be a symptom of heat stroke that may require immediate medical intervention.

Our website provides information about ASI programs in Archuleta County and contact information for making reservations at The Community Café for take-out and for Meals on Wheels at: <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

Volunteers

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

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for

weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents to help them stay healthy and independent in their own homes.

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The Senior Center needs volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for one day a week (or become part of our substitute driver team). Please join us as part of our driver team and build wonderful relationships with the seniors in our community. Call (970) 264-2167.

Dishes and china

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In order to continue providing meals, the Senior Center is offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4

suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call (970) 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

There will be no games, classes or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call (970) 264-2167.

Community Café menu

Thursday, July 15 — Pecan-crusted chicken with pecan cream sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, boule bread with butter, milk and salad.

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Lake Powell's bathtub rings.

As Lake Powell dwindles, wonders open up

By **Tim Treuer**
PREVIEW Columnist

On May 9, protected by neoprene, I bobbed around in a flooded canyon in Utah's Lake Powell. The reservoir had fallen below 35 percent full, which gave me the unique opportunity to free dive through an underwater bridge that was now suddenly within reach.

I eyed the 100 feet of sheer sandstone rising out of the water. For much of the past half-century,

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boats that entered upper Fifty mile Canyon in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area could blithely float over Gregory Natural Bridge with about 40 feet of clearance.

Not anymore. Two decades of drought had diminished the lake, and motorized river traffic could no longer float overtop.

Now, however, a new passage-way to Fifty mile's inner sanctum was possible. That gave me a chance to become (possibly) the first person to pass under Gregory Natural Bridge since the archway was drowned 52 years ago.

Doing so would require swimming underwater while holding my **■ See Range on next page**

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Tuesday, July 20 — Cheese enchiladas with tomatillo sauce, Spanish rice, milk, salad and snickerdoodle cookies.

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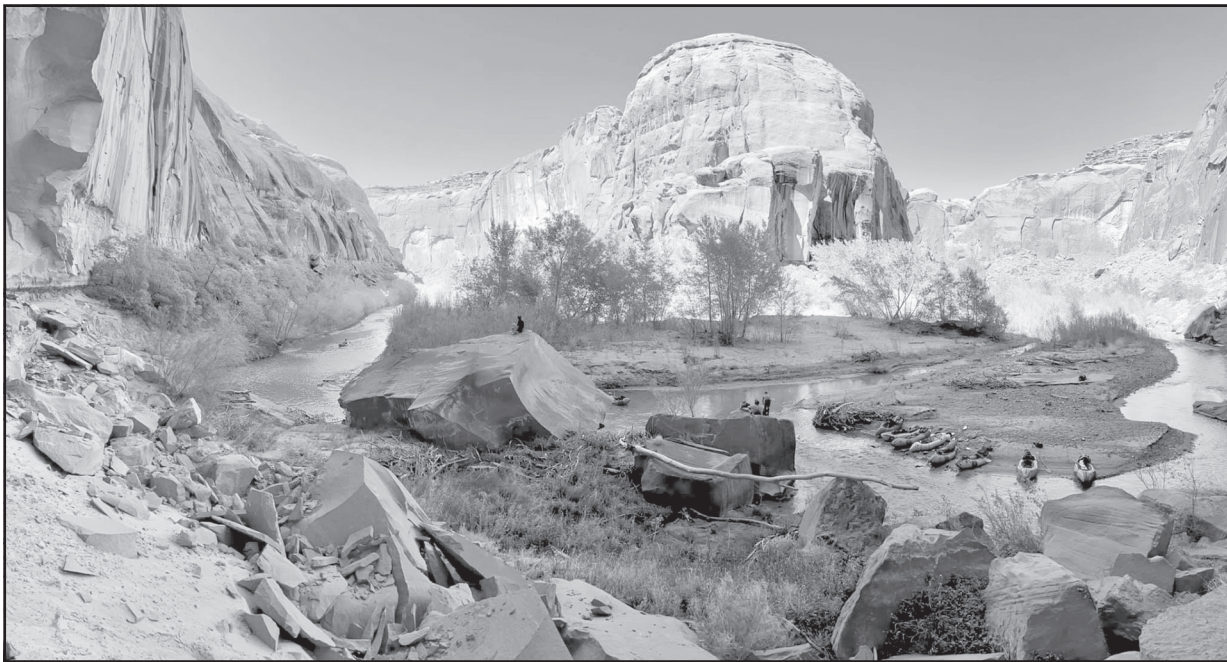


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Kayakers take to the Colorado River tributary Escalante River.

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 breath, something I'd practiced over a decade and a half of visiting coral reefs. I'm far from a professional free diver, but I have been known to spend a minute or two communing with croaking toadfish 50 feet beneath the waves.

I filled my lungs one last time and plunged down, scissor-kicking my way into the bracing, turbid water.

I'd spent the previous week with 11 other Alaskans in southeastern Utah, negotiating the rapids of the Escalante River, an under-appreciated gem that used to join the Colorado River but now feeds into Lake Powell. The Escalante has traditionally been considered navigable only during its spring flood. But word had trickled out that pack rafts and patience could get you down the last 40 miles of it before it reached Lake Powell, even during low flows.

Upriver in the town of Escalante, a water gauge gave a reading of just half a cubic foot per second for much of our journey, which began at Fence Canyon, 40 miles down the river. Only the cumulative output of spring-fed side canyons kept us moving.

When we arrived at Lake Powell's "full pool line," where the reservoir used to start when Glen Canyon Dam was at capacity, we were in for a shock. It would have been impossible to guess that water once covered the banks; now, cottonwoods three stories tall bordered the river.

It would take us another day and a half of increasingly arduous travel to finally enter Lake Powell.

As the shoreline vegetation shrank, then disappeared, we gave up trying to float and began walking our boats. The braided river channel was choked with sediment that broke off from the banks in basketball-sized chunks. A rock pinnacle called Explorer Island was ringed with cracked mud studded

with dry buoys.

I've worked as a field ecologist for almost as long as the Western Rockies have been in a state of drought, but I've never seen a place so clearly in the throes of change. In 36 hours, we'd rewound the tape on 20 years of ecological succession — from riparian forest back to mud.

We were ready to quit sloshing through the Escalante River when we finally reached the depleted reservoir and our rented houseboat. Then it took us less than an hour to reach our goal, the place where Gregory Natural Bridge lurked beneath us. There, time compressed as I dropped underwater and passed through a shimmering boundary between the sun-warmed surface layer and the colder depths. Only then did the top of the archway come into view.

As I passed under it at about 15 feet, there was more overhanging sandstone. Low visibility obscured what was ahead, but I decided to trust my lungs and finned forward, following the gradual rise of the rock above me.

A diffuse glow became refracted light and then sunshine as I splashed back into the day. I was just 50 feet upstream, but once under the bridge and out the other side, I was in a world removed from where I had taken my last breath.

It was quiet, with no sound of boats or people. Around me rose a red-rock panorama that had been hidden away for years. It was glorious.

True, it might be a tragedy for flat-water recreationists and businesses if climate change and over-allocation of water rights in the West doom Glen Canyon Dam, letting loose the Colorado River.

But I can attest there would be marvels for visitors, and what a boon for nature that would be.

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What to know about outdoor living spaces

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Home trends come and go. What was popular as recently as a decade ago may have lost some luster in the eyes of today's home buyers. Though that's historically been the case in regard to real estate, outdoor living rooms are one relatively recent home trend that figures to have a longer shelf life, especially in the aftermath of a global pandemic during which people were encouraged to stay home as much as possible.

Real estate professionals and organizations like the National Association of Home Builders note the popularity of outdoor living spaces among prospective home buyers, and how that popularity has grown in recent years. Outdoor living rooms not only appeal to potential buyers, they also serve as a means for current homeowners to get more out of their properties.

Homeowners mulling outdoor living space projects should con-

sider various factors before deciding to go ahead with a project.

- **Cost:** The home renovation resource HomeAdvisor estimates that the average cost of an outdoor living space is around \$7,600. That cost can easily go up depending on where homeowners live and the features they want to have in their outdoor living spaces. For example, including a built-in fire pit in an outdoor living space will cost more than purchasing a stand-alone fire pit that can be picked up and moved. But many homeowners feel a built-in fire pit makes an outdoor living space even more special.

- **Return on investment (ROI):** Return on investment is another factor for homeowners to consider as they try to decide if they should install outdoor living spaces and how to design those areas. Much conflicting data about the ROI on outdoor kitchens can be found online, but many trusted real estate organizations report that such additions do not mesmerize prospective buyers.

Data from the American Institute of Architects indicates that outdoor kitchens are routinely ranked among the least desirable home features, which means homeowners should not expect substantial ROI when selling their homes. But that built-in fire pit? Estimates from the National Association of Realtors (NAR) suggest fire features recover around 67 percent of homeowners' initial investment. In addition, 83 percent of homeowners surveyed by the NAR who had installed fire features said they had a greater desire to be home after completing the project.

- **Space:** An outdoor living space may only be as relaxing as the space allows. The proximity of neighbors may affect privacy levels, which can make it hard to enjoy movie night outdoors or curl up to quietly read a good book. In addition, landscaping also may need to be addressed if drainage is an issue in the backyard. That can add to the cost, and drainage concerns may limit the materials homeowners can work with.

Streamline packing with these tips

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As summer approaches and people once again begin looking forward to vacations, it shouldn't be surprising if people who have stayed home throughout the pandemic forget about some travel-related necessities. A refresher course may benefit travelers in regard to one of these tasks in particular: packing.

According to Trip Advisor, most major airlines charge between \$30 and \$35 for a first checked bag, and those costs go up by \$10 to \$20 for each additional bag. So, it's easy to see why it's such a savvy move to find ways to pack more efficiently.

- **Create a packing list.** Just like shoppers know how much more effectively they shop for groceries with a list in hand, veteran travelers know using a list when packing ensures they're less likely to forget must-have travel items. Think about the activities you've planned and each member of the family, and make a list of the items each person needs. Check off items as you pack.

- **Invest in packing cubes.** Specially designed packing cubes group similar items together in a suitcase. So shirts can go in one, pajamas in the other and so on. Then simply grab the cube needed when on vacation.

- **Consider rolling clothes.** Rather than folding clothes and placing them in a suitcase, roll them. It's generally understood that rolling prevents creasing and clothing takes up less space. It also enables you to see items more readily in the suitcase.

- **Pack heavy items first.** Put the heaviest items on the bottom of the suitcase closest to the rolling wheels. This distributes the weight

accordingly and makes the suitcase easier to roll. Another option is to wear your heaviest item on the flight, such as those bulky hiking boots. This can lighten the load on flights that charge overages for heavy luggage.

- **Segregate carry-on belongings.** Use plastic zip-top bags or small packing cubes to separate key items in the carry-on. This way you can easily reach your earbuds for the flight or grab those passports and other IDs without hassle.

- **Bring a laundry bag.** Whether it's an actual laundry bag or a kitchen trash bag, have a way to corral your dirty clothes for the trip back. Stash a fresh dryer sheet in the bag to mask the smell of soiled clothes. Plastic bags also can store wet swimsuits for the trip home.

- **Use every bit of space.** Employ the Russian nesting doll concept when packing. Store socks inside of shoes, tuck underwear inside of bra cups, and use a belt to help keep a collar on a shirt in the right shape.



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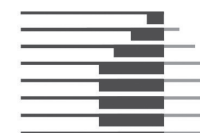


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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for "Papa Harry" Cole will be held at Yamaguchi Park from 5-7p.m. on Saturday, JULY 24. Beef brisket sandwiches will be served and for those that are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring your own drinks and any photos or articles of remembrance you would like to share.

CONCERNED ABOUT ANOTHER'S DRINKING? Pagosa Springs Al-Anon Family Group, Tuesdays 6-7p.m., Pagosa Bible Church. Questions? Call/text (303)815-8569. www.al-anon.org.

AA PAGOSA M-W-F 5:30P.M. Sunday at 10a.m. Noon meetings everyday. 315 N. 2nd Street, County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). Online: Sunday at 10a.m. Zoom ID is 858-319-763, Password 754-234. Friday at 7p.m. ID 899 6048 4578, Password 532-306. Information call Marcia (970)946-8475, Kathi (970)946-1482 or Central Office 24hrs (888)333-9649.

NEW THOUGHT CENTER INSPIRATIONAL Living-Meditation Mondays, 6p.m. Heart Math workshop July. July Intuition class, Prosperity classes Tuesdays. (970)510-0309.

PAGOSA PEAK OPEN SCHOOL is now enrolling grades 5-7. Limited space available. School starts August 2, 2021. PPOS is the only free public charter school in Archuleta County. Visit our website at www.pagosapeakopenschool.org for enrollment information.

THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30p.m. at the Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. Questions? Contact Richard at (970)903-1456 or Diamond at (970)264-1073. More resources at www.aa.org, www.aa-westerncolorado.com, (970)245-9649, or (888)333-9649 (24 hours).

PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 7p.m. Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail. Contact Charlotte/Ken at (970)903-9690 or Nate (970)507-1004.

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JULY 19. PAGOSA AREA WATER and Sanitation District special meeting for Board to vote on entering Drought Stage 1 per the 2020 PAWSD Drought Management Plan. Drought Stage 1 will implement mandatory irrigation restrictions. 5 p.m. PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

FOR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON July 28, 2021. PAGOSA SECURE STORAGE, has applied for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to expand the MINI-STORAGE business, on LOT 19 of the Replat of Village Service Commercial Subdivision in Sec: 20 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W at 80 Bastille Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN21-056). The property is zoned PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD). The application is for a Mini-Storage Expansion CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) to operate at that location. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970)264-1390 or to PFlowers@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 29, 2021, at 6p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is hiring for the following full time positions: Registered Nurses in multiple areas, Phlebotomists, Medical Technologists, Medical Assistants, Paramedic, Patient Care Technicians, Scheduler, Discharge Clerks, Registration Clerks, Patient Experience Leader, Nutritional Services Worker, and Housekeeper. PSMC's full-time positions include the following benefits: sign on bonus starting at 5% of the annual salary, paid time off; health insurance plans with medical, dental and vision; options for Health Savings account (HSA) or Flexible Health Saving account (FSA); and a 401A retirement plan and optional 457 plan. PSMC has openings for the following part time and PRN positions: Registered Nurses in multiple areas, CNAs, Respiratory Therapist, Mammography Technologist, Paramedics, Radiology Technologists, and Sterile Processing Technologist. Applications may be downloaded at www.pagosaprimedicalcenter.org or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

COLORADO DREAM HOMES is Adding to Its Great Team! We are looking to add additional framing, roofing, concrete, siding and painting crew members/ leads. Experience is strongly desired, but willing to take on individuals who want to begin a career in construction with an established team. Pay ranges from good to great depending on your level of experience and position. We offer full-time steady work, weekly pay, paid time off/ holiday pay, performance and annual bonus. Swing by our offices at 2283 Eagle Drive to fill out an application or call (970)731-3071 for more information.

NON-CDL ROUTE DRIVER/ Cart Delivery. Elite Recycling and Disposal has an opening for a non-CDL Route Driver/ Cart Delivery. Must have clean driving record. \$500 sign-on bonus payable after 1 year of accident-free employment. Call Chris at (970)799-0955 or email jobs@elite-recycling.com.

CNA CLASS STARTING SOON. Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING:
Terry's Colorado Home Supply & Ace Hardware
is currently accepting applications for

Bookkeeper, Cashier and Paint Dept.

We are looking for positive, motivated applicants that enjoy a fast-paced environment.
Full time includes benefits package and healthcare.
Must be able to work weekends and holidays.
Full-time preferred, seasonal is available. Please apply in person!

525 Navajo Trail Dr.

PART-TIME HELP FOR LANDSCAPING WORK. Must be experienced with mowing, weed eating, trimming. Call Eric, 946-2061.

NOW HIRING FOR A PART-TIME BUSINESS SUPPORT ROLE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS! Work where you are encouraged to live your purpose at Centura Health. Our Business Support role maintains multiple office procedures and administrative duties. The required schedule for this role is Monday through Friday, 4 hours a day from 1p.m. to 5p.m. Enjoy highly-competitive pay, a supportive team and opportunity to grow. Learn more and apply at: <https://bit.ly/3gVi0ds>.

PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION is accepting applications for the Accounting Assistant position. The Accounting Assistant serves as the Assistant to the Comptroller. The Accounting Assistant is responsible for accurately posting accounts receivable and accounts payable, communicating with title companies on the status of properties being sold or refinanced, producing and mailing lien notices, and communicating with owners. Candidates must have financial accounting education or experience, exemplary customer service skills, and strong organizational skills. This is a full-time position with great benefits. Interested candidates must submit a resume by July 21st to PLPOA, 230 Port Ave., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or plpoa@plpoa.com.

CULTIVATION HELP: Pagosa Therapeutics is looking for entry-level help in our award winning cultivation. Grow helper: This is a full-time position. Responsibilities include cleaning, checking reservoirs, pruning plants, transplanting, etc. This is a physical job. You must be able to work on your feet all day, work on a ladder, and carry equipment up and downstairs. The ideal candidate will be willing to learn, pay attention to details, and have good problem-solving abilities. No experience needed. M-F 8:30a.m.-6p.m. with overtime available. Please email a copy of your resume to employment@jandjinc.net. A M.E.D. Badge is required.

TRIM CARPENTER NEEDED to remove old trim and cabinets then replace with new. (970)946-4615.

FULL/ FLEX TIME- GENERAL MAINTENANCE. VIP Vacation Services is seeking help taking care of the homes we manage. Many types of duties and support services. \$17/ hour. Email resume or work history to stuart@vipcompaniesinc.com.

CONCRETE LABORERS AND CDL drivers needed. (970)731-1355.

LOOKING FOR HELP at 50 acre ranch. Livestock, horse care and groundskeeping/ landscaping. Housing available. Experience with hauling horses and livestock needed. Construction experience a plus. Phone (505)897-1000, text (505)506-3354.

HELP WANTED

DENTAL HYGIENIST: San Juan Dental is seeking a caring and compassionate dental hygienist to join our team. Please email resume to dreicmsmithdds@aol.com or stop by our wonderful office and meet the team, 308 Pagosa St. (970)264-9436.

OFFICE MANAGER. YOU ARE LOOKING for a full-time job that will keep you challenged, year after year, with a wide variety of administrative duties for an established Pagosa technology firm. You have a "servant's heart," as you work closely with like-minded co-workers, and engage with interesting clients. Requirements: Exceptional verbal, written and interpersonal skills; minimum 5 years employment in customer service and office administration; extensive knowledge of MS Office and QuickBooks. Finally, a good sense of humor and a sincere, innate desire to help others are required! Position offers a competitive hourly rate based on experience, paid time off, and profit sharing plan. (970)585-1235. Or email resume to it4comers@protonmail.com.

OFFICE ASSISTANT: Pagosa Therapeutics is looking for an Office Assistant to help various departments. This is a part-time position at 15-20 hours a week with a flexible schedule. Definite potential for full time. Duties and responsibilities include daily cash reconciliations, verifying accurate deposits, entering accurate numbers into spreadsheets for accounting, filing, and other office work. You must have reliable transportation. This position requires going to multiple locations in town. Must be 21 or older to apply. Must have current M.E.D. badge to before you begin work. Please send your resume and a copy of your M.E.D. Badge to employment@jandjinc.net.

LAUNDRY ATTENDANT- This position is five days a week and includes weekends. Soaking privileges for you and your family included! Download an application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or pick one up at Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

HUMANE SOCIETY THRIFT STORE, Clerk, Seasonal Help. 32-40 hours per week, may include Saturdays. Process incoming donations, price, tag and display inventory; cashier and customer service; must be able to lift repetitively and may help with pickups and deliveries; must be a team player and willing to cross-train; reliable transportation, valid driver's license, social security card and background check required. Pick up application and apply in person at the Humane Society Thrift Store, 279 Pagosa Street/ Hwy. 160 E. between 9a.m. and 5p.m. Monday through Saturday.

PAGOSA LIQUOR HIRING part-time cashier. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

HELP WANTED

THE JICARILLA SERVICE UNIT – SEEKING AMBULATORY NURSES

The Jicarilla Service Unit is a Certified Patient Centered Medical Home accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). The Jicarilla Service Unit (JSU) is an Indian Health Service, outpatient facility, specializing in family medicine located in the beautiful northwest region of New Mexico on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation located in a rural community. The Jicarilla Service Unit primarily serves American Indian/Alaskan Natives.

JSU Offers:

Federal Salaries
Loan Repayment Programs: National Health Service Corps and Indian Health Service
Weekday Schedule 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
No On-Call
No Weekend Coverage
No Holiday Coverage

The purpose of this position is to provide comprehensive care to pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric patients at the Jicarilla Service Unit. This position reports to the Director of Nursing at the facility. This announcement covers nursing vacancies for outpatient nursing.

- Perform physical assessments and health histories as indicated
- Provide health promotion, counseling and education
- Administer medications/immunizations, wound care, and numerous other personalized interventions
- Interpret patient information and make critical decisions about needed actions
- Coordinate care, in collaboration with a wide array of healthcare professionals
- Directs and oversees care delivered by other healthcare personnel such as nurse aides / assistants
- Manage studies in support of improved practice and patient outcomes
- Conduct quality improvement activities in an effort to improve care

If you have additional questions or to learn more about the position please contact LCDR Reyna Garcia at 575-759-7229

Reyna.garcia@ihs.gov

To apply visit USA Jobs at <https://usajobs.gov>



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.

TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES is looking for a few high quality, detail oriented craftsmen to help in the framing, interior finishing and painting of our custom homes. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

PART OR FLEX TIME HOUSEKEEPING- \$20/ HOUR. If you are good, why not get paid the best! VIP Vacation Services. Email resume or work history to stuart@vipvacationservices.com.

PAGOSA SPRINGS GOLF CLUB seeks outgoing and responsible applicants for Pro Shop, Bar and Maintenance areas. Must apply in person.

CITY HALL CAFE looking for line cook, server and dishwashers. Call (970)398-0355.

MESSAGE THERAPIST AND ESTHETICIAN. For our Pagosa Springs, CO location: Hiring Certified/ Licensed Professionals for busy established premier wellness spa in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. You are interested in being a permanent part of the team as an independent contractor for: Scheduled shifts and/or on call ability, willing to schedule during 10a.m.-7p.m. (shifts of 10a.m.-3p.m. or 3-7p.m.), opening hours and can self manage. Competitive commission, beautiful working environment with perks, and discounts on amenities. Training provided for additional services (optional). Send resume to info@pagosawellness.com or call (970)422-7161.

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Highly -Motivated Worker Needed

Willing to work helper wanted to work in a fast-paced environment. CDL preferred, but not required. Must be drug free.

At Your Disposal

Please email resume to pagosa.office@eagleriverwaste.com or pick up application at 128 Bastille Dr.

ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICIANS' HELPERS. Master one of the highest paying and most in- demand trades in America. 25 year old company is expanding. Leave message at (970)946-4181.

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. We are currently taking applications for a part-time advertising and business development 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. Email your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

PRESSROOM ASSISTANT — WILL TRAIN — Position open immediately. Must be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods. 30 hours a week. Must have a clear driving record. Tuesday through Friday. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com, drop resume to, or fill out application at, The Pagosa Springs SUN, 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a yard associate. Lumber experience is a plus but not necessary. Duties include helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr. in Pagosa Springs.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. Starting pay \$15 an hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Accounting firm is seeking an administrative assistant who is detail oriented and has experience with Excel, Word and Outlook to work Monday- Friday, 8a.m. to 5p.m. Opportunity for growth/ advancement. Competitive hourly rate dependent on experience. Submit resume to jjas@jjaccountingsvc.com, by fax to (970)264-4451 or drop off at our offices at 80 County Road 600 (Piedra Road), Suite 201 upstairs above RG Bank.

CONSTRUCTION LABORER/ CARPENTER NEEDED. Some knowledge preferred, but will train the right person. Must have a desire to grow and learn. Call (970)946-8660.

CABE'S COLLISION AND CUSTOMS LLC now hiring all positions including automotive refinish painter, painter's helper/ body shop helper, front office positions. Pay depending on experience, willing to train the right motivated, hard working team member. (970)731-4600.

JOURNALIST - THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN is seeking qualified candidates for a reporter position. Must demonstrate aptitude for, and commitment to community newspaper journalism. Candidates must be prepared to handle deadlines, cover breaking news, report on sports and government and write features. Position is up to 30 hours a week. Send cover letter including salary expectations, resume, references and clips to Reporter Position, The Pagosa Springs SUN, PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-deliver them to the paper at 457 Lewis St. Emailed submissions are acceptable (helpwanted@pagosasun.com). The Pagosa Springs SUN, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

HONEST AND DEPENDABLE HOUSE-KEEPERS needed. Sign on bonus after 3 months of employment. San Juan Motel and Cabins, 191 E. Pagosa St. Apply in person, call (970)264-2262. UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

HELP WANTED PART-TIME OR full-time, at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED. Many different phases of work. Equipment operator/ labor needed. Must have driver's license. Please call UCAL, Inc. at (970)946-1169 and leave a message or email at donaldford51@hotmail.com.

NOW HIRING LINE COOKS and Servers for the busy summer season. Flexible hours available. Come join our team today! Please apply in person, Buck Stops Here.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS Animal Shelter. Full time, may include some weekend work. Job requires cross-training in all aspects of the shelter operation, including working with animals and the public. Must adhere to shelter procedures to maintain animal health and safety. Previous animal care experience helpful but not mandatory. Job may include some desk work but also entails standing for periods of time and some lifting. Must be a team player. Reliable transportation, valid driver's license, social security card and background check required. Pick up application and apply in person at the Humane Society Animal Shelter, 465 Cloman Blvd.



Club Wyndham Pagosa NOW HIRING
\$500 Hiring Bonus in July!
\$250 Hiring Bonus in August

We offer people with talent, passion and integrity a world of opportunity. **Our people are our greatest strength.** We believe in Hospitality with Heart.

- Hospitality - treating everyone like family
- Engagement - delivering our purpose
- Accountability - owning our impact
- Respect - considering others in every interaction
- Teamwork - succeeding together

Current openings:

- Maintenance Tech II \$17.75 per hour
- Maintenance Tech I \$16.25 per hour
- Maintenance Inventory Clerk \$15.00 per hour
- Activities Associate \$15 per hour
- Bell Person \$15 per hour

Enhanced Perks at Work!

- *Speak to your Hiring Manager for more details
- Free Passes & Discounts on Outdoor Recreation
- Travel Discounts for Friends & Family
- Discounts on Local Gym Memberships
- Paid Time Off & Leave
- Full Benefits Package
- Be Well Insurance Discounts



Apply Online at wyndcareers.com



MASSAGE THERAPIST. PART-TIME POSITION open at Healing Waters Resort & Spa! We are looking for someone proficient in deep tissue and therapeutic massage to join our small team of therapists. Medical or sports therapy background is a plus! Download application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or stop by Healing Waters Resort & Spa at 317 Hot Springs Blvd. to pick one up.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILL. Line Cooks- starting pay at least \$18/ hour or higher depending on experience. \$300 signing bonus payable immediately and fully earned after 90 days. Employer sponsored health care and other benefits available for full-time salaried employees who qualify. Apply now- immediate openings available. Email Jim@alleyhousegrille.com.

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

FT SERVICE TECH NEEDED to service portable toilets. Apply at Alpine Portable Toilets, 208 N. 14th St. or call (970)946-3692.

BANK OF COLORADO- LOAN OFFICER. Manages a portfolio of all types of loan/ depository accounts. Responsible for prospecting new customers and cross-selling other banking services, management of a portfolio of all types of account relationships, reviews and approves or denies loan requests, monitors repayment activities, participates in civic and community organizations. College degree or equivalent work experience. A minimum of three years lending experience and understanding of construction lending preferred. Salary for this position is based on experience. Benefits include PTO and paid holidays, health, dental and vision insurance, 401K, basic term life insurance, LTD and other benefits. Apply online at <https://www.bankofcolorado.com/careers>.EOE.

LABORER NEEDED FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. No experience necessary. Reliable transportation required. Please call (970)403-5119.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE

Line cooks - starting pay at least \$18/hour or higher depending on experience. \$300 signing bonus payable immediately and fully earned after 90 days.

Employer sponsored health care and other benefits available for full time salaried employees who qualify. Apply now - immediate openings available.

Email Jim@alleyhousegrille.com.

CAREGIVER, FRIENDLY, WITH NATUROPATHIC orientation, preferably living in or east of town, for cooking for allergies, errands, light house cleaning. Part time to start. (970)264-5564.

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CERTIFIED FLAGGERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. \$14.50/ hour. Project in Pagosa Springs. Must be 18 yrs. old and have transportation. We can certify. EOE. Call Alert Traffic Control Inc., at (970)884-0578 or jennyw@alertraffic.com.

FULL-TIME IMMEDIATE OPENING for a Front Counter Clerk. Must have positive customer service skills, multi task and willing to learn retail and sales. Will train. Please apply in person, Buck Stops Here. Serious inquiries please.

CLEANING CONTRACTORS AND EMPLOYEES needed for busy vacation rental business. We are paying top dollar and offer flexible schedules. Please text (970)426-2527 to get started!

BUCK FRISBEE LANDSCAPING COMPANY is seeking seasonal workers for landscaping and irrigation installations. Experience is a plus! Must have reliable transportation. Call (970)946-0996.

FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

WANTED: DRIVER, WRENCHING, ELECTRICAL skills, welding a plus. Will train, full or part time. Apply in person at 305 Bastille Dr. (970)731-4410.

THE UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Special Programs position. Applicants should be experienced in utilizing data to drive instruction, the Colorado Department of Education's testing requirements and procedures, grant writing, managing curriculum resources, and managing programming such as Gifted and Talented and online programming. If interested please send a completed application, resume, and cover letter to Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or call (719)657-4040 for more information. Applications can be downloaded from www.urtigers.co.

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Business Development & Advertising Specialist

Our multimedia organization has an opening for a business development specialist. Willingness to learn various multimedia platforms and a desire for growth in this position are a must.

We are taking applications for a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) business development position.

Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar.

Position offers salary, plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

Following local health department guidelines is required.

Submit your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.


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 457 Lewis Street

HELP WANTED

YARD SALES

MULTI FAMILY. INTERSECTION HOLIDAY and S. Driver (9 S. Driver Ct.). Saturday, July 17, 8a.m.-3p.m. Tools, bears, household, toys, shooting bench, electric grill, books.

MULTI FAMILY MOVING SALE Saturday, 8a.m., NO early birds. Everything Must GO! Furniture, household items, Lols of clothes and much more! Something for everyone. 217 W. McCabe St.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE: Saturday July 17, 8a.m.-2p.m. 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. Housewares, collectables, craft items, holiday decor, homemade items, kids stuff, books and much much more!

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES — tinyurl.com/d64deei9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

MOVING SALE: 315 SANDLEWOOD. Friday and Saturday, July 16-17. 8a.m.-2p.m. Furniture: End tables, loveseat, armoire, etc.; housewares, books, clothes, and lots of toys.

STORAGE UNIT CLEARANCE. Everything must go. 412 Bastille, Unit 47. Saturday, Sunday, 9a.m.-5p.m.

MOVING SOUTH SALE! Saturday, 9:30a.m.-3p.m. 569 Eight Mile Loop (Loma Linda). Furniture, power saw, auto ramps, power tools, workshop light fixtures, household items, home decor items, winter sportswear, skis, snowshoes, camper, plants.

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

FOR SALE

250 GALLONS OF RED DYE diesel in 5x55 gallon barrels to give away. Text (970)819-3877.

TERESA FOSTER DBA BRIGHT Earth Jewelry. Offering customized gold and silver jewelry. Ring sizing, jewelry repair and restoration. Pagosa Springs. Call (620)339-5726.

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. 731-PAWN (7296).

NEED FIREWOOD? Get a HUGE dump truck load split and delivered for \$400! 1 cord loads for \$225. Pine/ Spruce/ Fir/ Aspen. Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

USED, NON-SALVAGEABLE DOUGLAS FIR poles in varying lengths. Approximately 470 linear feet in total. Successful bidder must take all and remove at bidder's expense. View poles at LPEA's Durango headquarters in Bodo Park. Sealed bids will be accepted through July 28, 2021. For information contact Christina Doffermyre at LPEA at (970)764-0133.

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FOR SALE: CAMPER SHELL for full size pickup with heavy duty rack, \$150 OBO. Older working Craftsman cast iron 6" jointer with stand, \$175 OBO. Washing machine, \$75. Leave text or message (970)946-0428.

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RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

2010 KYMCO YAGER GT 200i. Excellent condition. Stored indoors. Has storage trunk. Only 1,150 miles. \$1,950. (970)582-0100.

2005 KZ FRONTIER TRAVEL TRAILER, queen rear slide, triple bunks, tows 23 ft., expands 28 ft. Inside immaculate with upgrades, outside needs some TLC. \$7,500 OBO. (970)731-5985.

2013 KAWASAKI KLR650 dual sport motorcycle. 1,700 miles. Excellent condition (816)589-8459.

1997 HOLIDAY RAMBLER VACATIONER motor home. Self contained, low mileage. \$14,800 OBO. (970)731-4585 (970)946-1275.

1994 PROWLER 24 FOOT Travel Trailer. Good condition. New hardwood floors. Two door model. \$4,800. Upper 84 area. (970)903-7252.

2019 26' TITANIUM SERIES F outdoor RV travel trailer with slideout. Sleeps 4. Purchased new in October 2020, has been taken out only 3 times. Includes Champion Global power 4500 portable generator. \$42,000. (970)903-8300, ask for Roger. 36 Carlee Place, Pagosa.

AUTOS

GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL! 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

1944 WILLYS MB ARMY Jeep. Helmets, shovels, top, rifle rack, extras. Rebuilt engine. Drive it home. \$10,000. (970)264-5224.

AUTOS

2001 TOYOTA TACOMA. 4 cylinder, 247,000 miles. \$5,000. (970)731-9490.

2002 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LTD. Automatic 4WD. Excellent condition, almost new tires. Asking \$4,500 OBO. Call (970)731-4585 or (970)946-1275.

2016 CADILLAC ESCALADE PLATINUM 4WD. Excellent condition, super low mileage. Asking \$54,988. Call (575)361-8277 or (575)725-1142.

VACATION RENTALS

OWNERS, WE ARE BOOKED UP AND NEED MORE VACATION RENTAL PROPERTIES! Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! www.NexthomeRMR.com (970)507-8655.

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

RV SINGLE SITE on 8 acres. Gorgeous hilltop location. End of cul-de-sac, no traffic, located close to shopping. Hookups: city water, septic, 30 amp electric. \$650/ month. (970)731-4699. Available 1 August. Burt.

BEST VALUE IN PAGOSA. Newly remodeled 1/1, 2/2 apartment homes. Convenient location, walk to uptown grocery store. (970)946-4773.

OWNERS, THERE IS A LONG TERM RENTAL SHORTAGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS. We have a waiting list for approved tenants. Need all types of rentals. Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! www.NexthomeRMR.com (970)507-8655.

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WORK EXCHANGED FOR A place to live on our quiet mountain property. Part-time hours for miscellaneous projects. Someone with plenty of energy, hard working. Interested (970)946-5667.

TPRENTALS.COM FOR LONG TERM rental needs. (970)731-8599.

FURNISHED 3 BEDROOM, 3 bath, tri-level home with a 2-car garage in Pagosa Lakes area. Available July 10th to September 30th. No smoking allowed. Call (970)749-0609 for more information.

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

ON SITE RENTALS and portable storage containers available for delivery. Rodent proof, the best storage around at Let's Store It. 731-0007.

PRIME COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE. 2nd floor office suite with 2 offices, kitchen, separate entrance, great location. Contact (970)731-4951.

FAST INTERNET EXECUTIVE iSUITES! (Non-medical services.) 2nd floor, up to (2) 14x14, (2) 12x12 offices. Includes conference room use. Utilities, paved parking. FREE month rent with year lease. Conference room with internet (hourly, daily rates). Wen Saunders (970)903-0038 Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates..

2,000 SQ. FT. SHOP/ INDUSTRIAL space. \$1,800/ month. (970)946-0874.

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

CONTRACT LABOR NEEDED: The Archuleta County Fair seeks laborers, July 31- August 9. Heavy lifting required, flexible schedules are available. If interested, call Tonya at (970)759-8086 or apply online at archuletacounty.org.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR: Full time, must be proficient with ranch equipment, tractor, backhoe, skid steer. Apply with Pagosa Cattle Company, (970)264-5000 or frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES is looking for a few general laborers. Able to drive pickups and pull trailers is a plus. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

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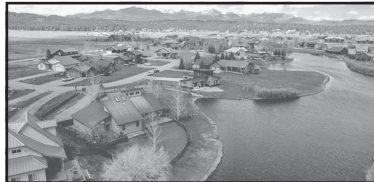
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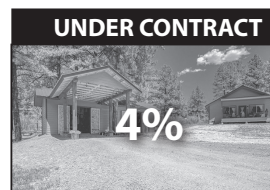
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