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Town council discusses short-term rentals, long-term solutions

By Jessica Hanson
Staff Writer

Tuesday night's Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting offered hours of additional conversation on one of the community's hottest topics: short-term rentals (STRs).

Mayor Don Volger opened the discussion about STRs by commenting, "I spent a couple of hours reading back through the survey results and I was impressed that there were 61 email addresses and over a hundred comments that gives us a pretty broad range of pros and cons and wise input. I think all of us know it's a complicated issue."

The proposed changes to the STR regulations were presented by Planning Director James Dickhoff.

The recommendations given to council were formulated by the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission on July 13.

Dickhoff also presented public comments previously received by the town and information from staff, as well as the most recent survey results on the proposed changes.

The survey garnered 435 responses with 95 community discussion comments.

The first consideration the council discussed was that there should be a two-year period of ownership before an individual could apply for an STR license.

The second consideration mentioned for discussion was the idea of increasing the fee for the STR license by a factor of 12 for nonowner-occupied units, with 100 percent of the fee dedicated to workforce housing.

The third consideration was to reallocate the lodgers' tax to the maximum extent possible to workforce housing.

The fourth major consideration mentioned was to create a limit of one STR license per property.

Dickhoff also mentioned that the idea of placing caps on STRs was "punted ... to town council for your consideration on that matter."

The topic of mid-term rentals, which, according to Dickhoff, "seems to be a trend," was also in-

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When it rains, it pours. A July 29 downpour is viewed from a vantage point north of town on July 29.

SUN photo/Terri House

Medical center board resolves to be partner in addressing housing crisis

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting Tuesday, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), unanimously approved a resolution stating that PSMC "stands ready and willing to be a partner in coordinated efforts to address the workforce housing crisis in Archuleta County."

It's "no mystery" that there are issues with housing, board chair Greg Schulte explained in presenting the proposed resolution, which he added the Executive Committee decided to bring forward.

■ See Medical A8

Commission looks to address tent-camping on private property

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

According to the current Archuleta County Land Use Regulations (LUR), property owners are allowed to stay on their own properties in a recreational vehicle (RV) for up to 120 days with a permit from the county. However, the LUR does not currently address camping in a tent on private property.

At a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 28, the commission discussed possible options for incorporating regulations for tent camping on private property.

Development Director Pamela Flowers explained during the work session that the Planning Department has been receiving a high vol-

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SUN photo/Terri House

Repairs are underway on the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church located downtown on Lewis Street. See additional photos on page A12.

Problems continue to arise over STRs in county

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At the most recent Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting held on Wednesday, July 28, Development Director Pamela Flowers addressed the commission regarding a few issues that have continued to arise with short-term rentals (STRs) within the county.

She began the discussion by acknowledging that the county recently approved changes to its Land Use Regulations (LUR).

She noted that there have been a variety of scenarios with properties that had violations and the county has worked with them to resolve the issues.

"What we have found is there are several circumstances that we have come across, just since May, where

the problem is the property manager," Flowers said, "where we have a property manager who knows the rules — flat-out knows the rules because they have other properties they're managing that have had this issue or that issue — we dealt with it, but over here they're doing the same violation on that property."

Flowers provided an example of a property manager who has been operating an STR for two years without a permit, yet has multiple other properties that are permitted.

"She absolutely knows the rules because she's been part of all the discussions and she has other properties that are permitted," Flowers said.

Flowers explained that under the current LUR, she does not have any method or tool to use that would al-

■ See STRs A8

'A good news story': Rescuers save dog on Eight Mile Mesa

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Monday, one of the luckiest dogs on earth may have been in Archuleta County.

According to Archuleta County Emergency Operations Director Mike Le Roux, the dog was out with its owners Monday afternoon atop Eight Mile Mesa when it chased something into the scrub oak and over the edge of the mesa top.

The people had ridden ATVs to

the top of the mesa and gotten off at the lookout tower, Le Roux explained.

After the dog left the mesa top, the people were unable to see her from the top, but were able to follow the road back down and into the Loma Linda subdivision, where they could see the dog with binoculars, Le Roux indicated.

The owners then reported the incident around 4 p.m. after not

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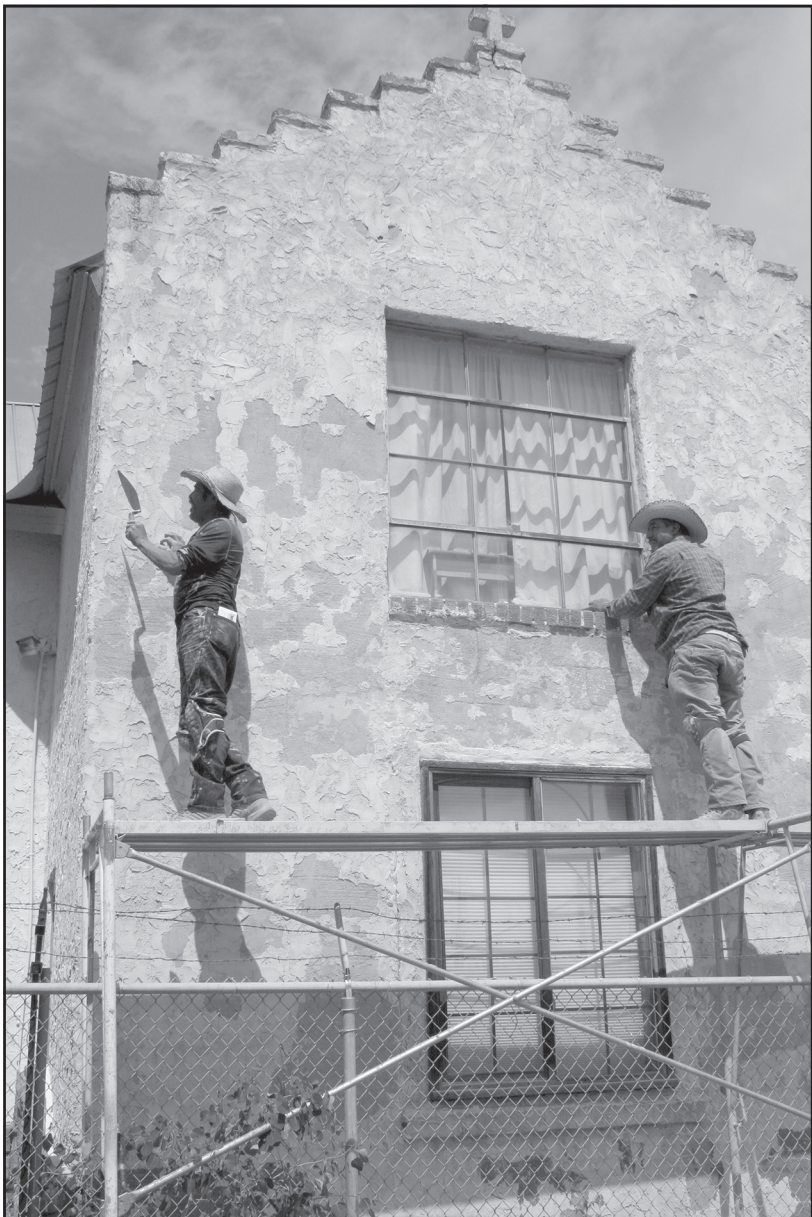
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Caring for the past

SUN photos/Shari Pierce and Terri House

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church has been receiving significant repairs by a local contractor's crew as well as church volunteers. A matching fund was established by the church for the repairs and the goal of raising \$13,000 was reached. Stucco was fixed, caulking was completed, windows were cleaned and trim was painted, along with other work being done. The church was finished off with a bright new coat of paint.





Washout

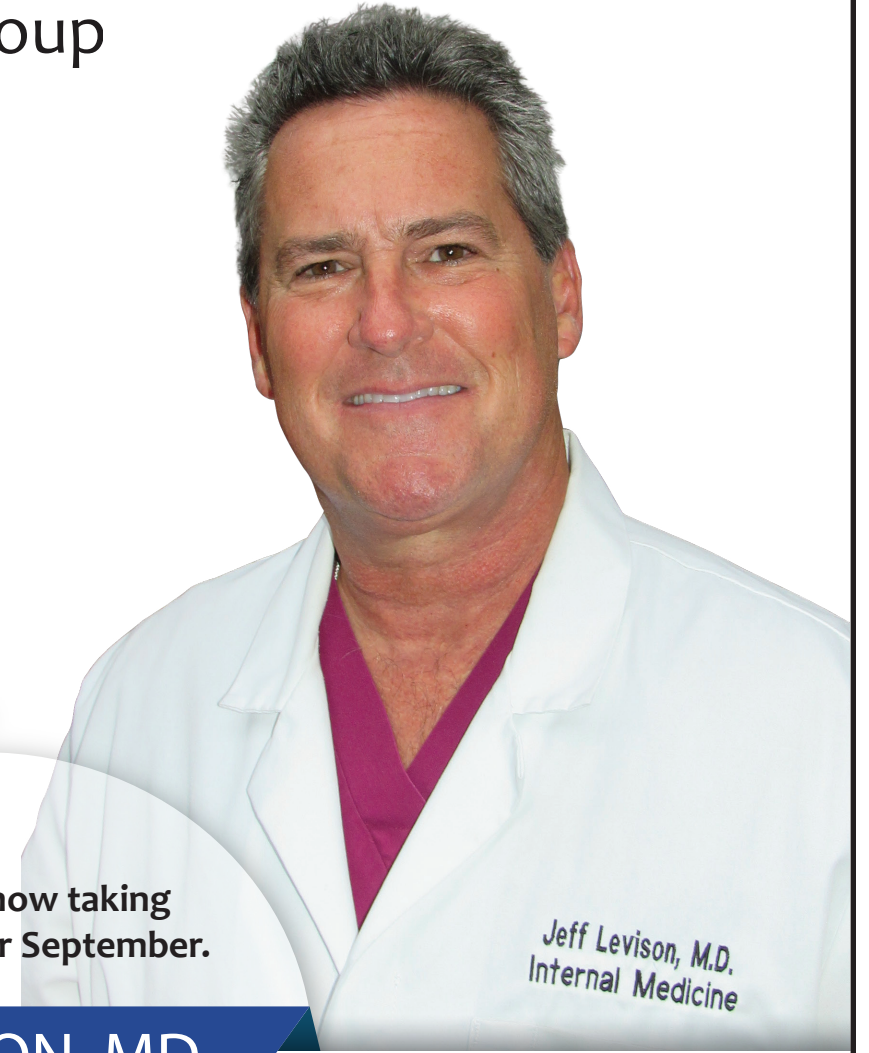
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Archuleta County Fair

Thursday, Aug. 5 — Sunday, Aug. 8



Photo courtesy Lea Leggett

The 2021 Archuleta County Fair Royalty invites you to join in this week's fair festivities. Pictured, from left to right, are Fair Princess Cheyenne Bechhold, Fair Queen Madeline Baker and Fair Junior Princess Katie Baker.

County Fair running today through Sunday

By Lisa Vail
Archuleta County Fair Board

Come to the 2021 Archuleta County Fair and meet this year's fair royalty: Fair Queen Madeline Baker, Fair Princess Cheyenne Bechhold and Jr. Princess Katie Baker.

The 2021 Archuleta County Fair officially opens Thursday, Aug. 5, at 9 a.m. and runs through Sunday, Aug. 8, closing at 4 p.m. In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the fair, general admission to the fair is free this year. This includes the Livestock Tent, Exhibit Hall, Activity Tent and food vendors. There will be a charge for the Friday and Saturday rodeos, with tickets available at the gate. Tickets for each rodeo are \$15 per adult, \$8 ages 4-17, and free for kids 3 and under. If you buy a ticket for both rodeos, the charge is \$25 per adult and \$12 per child ages 4-17.

Visit <https://archuletacountyfair.com> for a complete schedule of the events. Each day of the fair includes the kids' train and games, the petting farm, a variety of vendors and food, and 4-H and Open Class entries on display in the Exhibit Hall and Stith Room. The livestock area will be open to the public so you can see the animals and talk to the 4-H kids who raised them.

A perennial attraction of the Exhibit Hall is the

quilt display and there will be many gorgeous quilts to see this year.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club will be hosting the Beer Garden again this year, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Pagosa Pirates wrestling team.

In addition, on Thursday there will be the goat, alpaca, swine and steer shows in the Hughes Pavilion. Tap your inner artist and paint your masterpiece, 4-8 p.m. Have some silly fun at the pie-eating contest in the Activity Tent.

Special events on Friday include the Lamb, Turkey, Chicken and Steer Shows. Another pie-eating contest will be held at 1 p.m. Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals have three shows at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. There will be a demonstration of Aikido martial arts at 1 p.m. You will have another chance to create with painting from 4 to 8 p.m. The Activity Tent will really get jumping at 5 p.m. with live music by Jack Ellis and Out On Work Release. The exciting Bares, Broncs and Bulls Rodeo kicks off at 7 p.m. in the rodeo arena. The evening closes with live music by Tim Sullivan from 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday is a big day, starting with a horseshoe-pitching tournament at 9 a.m. Wild Man Phil and painting are all back for encore performances. The evening starts with live music by the San Juan Moun-

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Springs Resort soaking pools: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.
Springs Resort Great Lodge building: Roger Bennett, 5 p.m.

Saturday
East Side Market: Emily Tholberg, 10 a.m.
Springs Resort soaking pools: You Knew Me When, 5 p.m.
Springs Resort event lawn: Aninruddah and FreeFall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: DJ Marcus Rivas, 6 p.m.
Springs Resort soaking pools: Snazzy Licks, 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Coyote Moon Bar and Grill: Karaoke, 8 p.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.



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Mountain Light Music at Keyah Grande promises a grand experience

By Sally Neel
Mountain Light Music

Tomorrow night at 7 p.m., the mountains surrounding Keyah Grande will be singing with the sounds of the magnificent Mountain Light brass group. Seventeen trombones will be heralding the music from some of the most exciting movie music themes of all time.

This unique outdoor musical event is the culmination of a week of music study by top brass students with their professional mentors atop Cade Mountain. Each year, selected students go there to learn, improve their skills and refresh their spirits through the Mountain Light Music Festival. The week concludes with a delightful concert provided for the public.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Choke Cherry Tree and Airport Storage. Tickets will also be available at the door. Buses will be available at the event to transport patrons from the parking area to the music venue. You are encouraged to bring a light wrap, as the weather can be fairly cool after sunset. Since the event is scheduled to be presented outdoors, masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated. However, if you have chosen to not be vaccinated, masks are respectfully required. In the event of rain, the concert will move indoors.

Fair

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tain Boys at 4 p.m., providing a musical background to the Chuckwagon Dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m. This dinner is the major fundraiser for the local 4-H clubs and tickets will be available Saturday in the information booth. The excitement ramps up when the Livestock Auction begins at 6 p.m., with auction bidder and add-on registration starting at 5:30 p.m. The evening closes with the Jeffrey Alan Band providing live music for the Fair Dance from 9 to 11:30 p.m.

The kids' rodeo is the main event on Sunday, starting at 10 a.m. Livestock animals and vendors will be there until 2 p.m. The Exhibit Hall is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Go to <https://archuletacounty-fair.com> for complete details on all the events and schedule.

It's a timeless tradition — see you at the fair.

It is rare to hear and experience the grand sound of a choir of trombones. In orchestral settings, the rich sound of the trombone is an important and necessary timbre, but not often extensively featured. The instrument is like no other, in that instead of using valves to change pitch, it utilizes a slide. This gives the instrument a unique ability to easily slide be-

tween notes. This is often heard in comical music settings.

But the trombone is also a serious instrument, one with a gorgeous rich tone that can produce the most glorious full brass sound. To be able to enjoy an entire choir of these beautiful instruments is a rare opportunity indeed.

Brent Phillips, professor of
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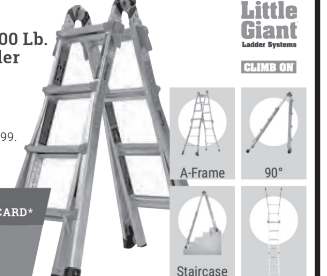
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A visit to the Pagosa Farmers Market a good idea

By Rose Chavez

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

A visit to the Pagosa Farmers Market on Saturday morning is a good idea for a number of reasons.

First, our growers supply an abundance of fresh produce and fruit. This past Saturday, vendors sold more than 150 pounds of tomatoes, more than 50 pounds of Palisade peaches, 40 pounds of strawberries and 10 pounds of grapes, plus a variety of other freshly harvested vegetables.

Secondly, our producers supply customers with freshly baked baguettes and sweet or savory hand pies, muffins (gluten free and otherwise), cookies, granola and the most mouth-watering of toffees.

Thirdly, even if visiting with neighbors is not encouraged, still, you can say a quick hello as you move from vendor to vendor.

If you are a SNAP recipient, there is another good reason for shopping at the market — you can turn your \$20 purchase into a \$40 value and, at the same time, purchase fresh local as well as regional vegetables, fruits and products.

Community members in Colorado and New Mexico are able to stretch their food dollars and get more fruits and vegetables with Double Up Food Bucks when they spend their SNAP EBT card dollars at participating farmers markets (including the Pagosa Springs Farmers Market), farm stands, mobile markets and grocery stores. For example, if you spend \$10 from your SNAP EBT card at a participating outlet, you get another \$10 to



Photo courtesy Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The Pagosa Farmers Market continues on Saturdays, offering locally and Colorado-grown produce, homemade baked goods and more.

buy fresh fruits and veggies grown in Colorado/New Mexico. If you spend \$26 from your SNAP EBT card, you get another \$26 for fresh fruits and vegetables. This means you have doubled your purchasing power. By using your Double Up Bucks, you help support local and regional farmers and increase

your consumption of healthy local food. You also help to increase local economic activity by keeping your spending local.

To learn more about the Double Up Buck program and to find locations around Colorado that support the program, read more at: <https://doubleupcolorado.org/>.

Music

■ continued from previous page trombone at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, is the founder of Mountain Light Music Festival. Phillips has vacationed in Pagosa Springs since his youth. The San Juan Mountains called him to a higher spiritual place in his own life, bringing him to realize that music is not just notes on the page, meant to be learned and reproduced. The music itself comes from a deeper place, a place in the soul. The written notes are the script, but the music only comes to life through the interpretation of the performer. Phillips' dream has been to expose students to the beauty of God's creation, to help musicians find the deeper spiritual place within themselves to enhance their musical performances.

This is the fifth year of the Mountain Light Music Festival. It is our hope that this festival will continue for many years to come, that musicians from around the world will come here to learn and feast on the beauty of these glorious mountains. There is also a hope that our

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10am-8pm	Various Entertainment and Shows	Activity Tent
9am-9pm	Open and 4-H Class Entries and Displays	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room

Thursday, August 5th - Fair Officially Opens

9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	Goat Shows: 4-H, Open & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
11am	Alpaca Show	Rodeo Arena
1pm	Pie Eating Contest: Adult and Youth divisions	Activity Tent
4pm-8pm	Picasso & Vino (walk-ins welcome)	Activity Tent
6pm	4-H Swine Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
7:30pm	Steer Showmanship & Fitting Clinic	Hughes Pavilion
9pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building

Friday, August 6th

9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	Lamb Show: 4-H, Open & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
11am	Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
1pm	Aikido Demonstration	Activity Tent
1pm	Pie Eating Contest: Adult and Youth divisions	Activity Tent
2pm	Turkey Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
2pm	Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
4pm	Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
4pm-8pm	Picasso & Vino (walk-ins welcome)	Activity Tent
4pm	Chicken Show: 4-H, Showmanship, & Open Class	Hughes Pavilion
5pm-7pm	Live Music-Jack Ellis with Out On Work Release	Activity Tent
6pm	4-H Steer Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
7pm	Bares, Broncs, 'n Bulls	Rodeo Arena
9pm-11:30pm	Live Music-Tim Sullivan	Activity Tent
9pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room close	Extension Building

Saturday, August 7th

8:30am	4-H Showmanship Clinic	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	Horseshoe Pitching Doubles Tournament	Horseshoe Pit
10am	Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
10am	4-H Master Showman	Hughes Pavilion
11am-3pm	Picasso & Vino (walk-ins welcome)	Activity Tent
12noon	Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
12noon	Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
2pm	Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
4pm-6pm	Live Music-San Juan Mountain Boys	Activity Tent
4:30pm-6:30pm	4-H Chuckwagon Dinner, a benefit for 4-H	Activity Tent
5:30pm	Fair Honorees and Conservationist of the Year	Activity Tent
5:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction Bidder/Add-on Registration	Hughes Pavilion
6:00pm	4-H Livestock Auction	Hughes Pavilion
9pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building
9pm-11:30pm	Fair Dance-Jeffrey Alan Band	Activity Tent

Sunday, August 8th

8am	Kid's Rodeo Late Registration	Rodeo Arena
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Parent/Master Showman Contest	Hughes Pavilion
10am	Kids Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
11am	Pie-eating Contest: Adult and Youth divisions	Activity Tent
2pm	Animals Loaded on Semi Truck	Hughes Pavilion
4pm	Fair Closes until next year	Fairgrounds
4pm	All private haulers must remove animals	Hughes Pavilion
4pm-6pm	Release of Open Class Projects/Premiums Paid	Exhibit Hall
4pm-6pm	Release of 4-H Class Projects	Stith Room
4pm	Tear down — All 4-Hers are required to help	Hughes Pavilion

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Photos courtesy Seeds of Learning

This year's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars will offer both in-person and virtual options for those wanting to enjoy the entertainment while also supporting Seeds of Learning.

Virtual tickets on sale now for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Toni Sherwood
Seeds of Learning

We are happy to announce that this year, for the first time ever, Dancing with the Pagosa Stars (DWTPS) will be both a live event and a livestreamed event.

Special thanks to Dwight Peters, Jason Cox and Eric Hittle, who coordinated forces to be sure we have the technical capabilities needed to livestream this event.

Videographer Perry Harper will be capturing the show with a two-camera setup and a dedicated video platform to ensure a high-quality virtual experience.

Thanks to their hard work, you



will be able to watch DWTPS at home on Aug. 21. Tune in starting at 6:45 p.m. mountain time to join us in your pajamas or your most outlandish getup. The show will start promptly at 7 p.m.

Seeds offers an inclusive sliding scale tuition model and, likewise, we want everyone to have the opportunity to watch DWTPS.

Whether you attend the live show, help as a volunteer or cheer us on from home, we appreciate every ounce of your support. Without your help, we couldn't fulfill the mission of Seeds of Learning — to provide a stellar education as well as social and emotional skills to

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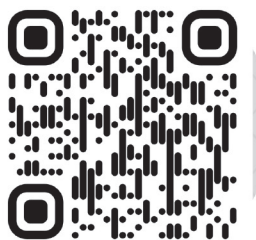
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19th Hole Concert Series continuing tonight with Jackson Mountain Ramblers

By Al Pfister
Pagosa Pickleball Club

Let's give this another try. The Pagosa Pickleball Club (PPC) is very appreciative of not only being selected by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado, but getting the opportunity to re-schedule our hosting of the 19th Hole Concert Series.

Due to the occurrence of some much-needed rain and too much of associated lightning, our first opportunity to host the series was canceled. We are now hosting this week's event that features the Jackson Mountain Ramblers, a Pagosa Springs-based acoustic band — "playing music they love for people they love."

Please join us at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. tonight, Aug. 5, as we enjoy the music of the Ramblers.

Attendance records have been set at the first two concerts of 2021. Please help us enjoy the favorites of the Ramblers while admiring the backdrop of the San Juan Mountains and set yet another attendance record. The \$10 cash cover charge supports four local nonprofits: Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Thingamajig Theatre Company, Pagosa Pickleball Club and Archuleta Housing with the proceeds from the cover charges being divided evenly amongst the four nonprofits.

The PPC has been active in the Pagosa area since 2010. PPC became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2017 to further our mission of enhancing the health and welfare of the general public by encouraging, organizing and promoting the development and growth of pickleball in the Pagosa Springs area and surrounding region. With pickleball being the fastest-growing sport in America and appealing to all age groups and all skill levels, our membership has grown to 276. We offer free lessons and have all the necessary equipment to help people learn the sport and/or improve their pickleball skills.

The ever-growing popularity of pickleball, both locally and nationally, has resulted in the number of players greatly exceeding court availability. To meet this growing demand, we are a couple years into a capital improvement campaign project to build eight permanent, dedicated outdoor courts. These courts will enhance the recreational opportunities for local residents of all ages as well as attracting visitors from across the USA and many foreign countries. To learn more about the PPC, please join us at pagosapickleball.org.

We hope to see you tonight at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy the music of the Jackson Mountain Ramblers. Also, stop by our information table and learn more about the healthy sport of pickleball and its local availability.

Dancing

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the youngest members of our community, no matter their financial situation.

This year's show features six brave stars: Len Liszewski, Terrie Frahm, Derek Pepin, Betsy Burnett, Heather Simpson and Tim Sullivan.

As of this writing, two tickets to the live event at Ross Aragon Community Center are still available. These tickets offer up a lavish catered meal, cash/credit card bar and delectable handmade desserts, not to mention the much-anticipated live show where stars are paired with dancing coaches to perform and compete for several trophies, including the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy which goes to the star who raises the most donations for the kids at Seeds. Doors open 5:45 p.m. Aug 21.

Whether at home or at the live

show, you will be able to vote for your favorite star during the event.

All tickets, whether live or virtual, can be purchased via our website, <https://growingseeds.org/purchase-tickets/> and all proceeds go to Seeds of Learning. There is a small processing fee that you can choose to cover if you wish.

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Members of the public offer input and hear demonstrations about a joint community garden project between the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association and Food System/Food Equity Coalition.

Food coalition still accepting input on planned community garden

By Rose Chavez
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Some 200 plus community members gathered this past Saturday, July 31, after the annual Pagosa Lake Property Owners Association (PLPOA) members meeting, where they enjoyed barbecue, listened to music, enjoyed the beautiful weather and discussed the future site of a community garden located behind the PLPOA offices in the Vista neighborhood, in proximity to the Vista lake.

The weather cooperated all afternoon and allowed for community members to connect and weigh in on the design and programming of the future garden site. The Food System/Food Equity Coalition and PLPOA continue to take input on

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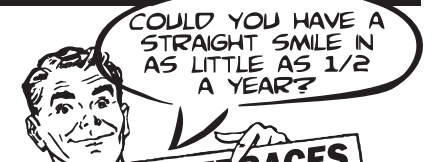


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The Food System/Food Equity Coalition will begin its Kids in the Mountain Garden program later this month, which will include gardening education, food preparation skills and nutrition education.



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Garden

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the garden through the end summer. Please email community@fsfearchuleta.org with your ideas and input. The Food Coalition and PLPOA are jointly seeking funding for this project and the community will be notified about the timeline for the build-out of the garden later this fall.

Community members are also coming together to grow and share their harvest. Community members with extra produce are donating to the Food Pantry Network through the Food Coalition. This week, community members have donated bags of lettuce mix, chard, kale, herbs and squash. We are grateful for this bounty from our neighbors. These fresh local items are available at all the food pantries in the county. Community members can donate their fresh produce at the Food Coalition's Food Distribution Center, 543 Navajo Trail Drive, Unit A7, on Mondays between 9 a.m. and noon.

The Kids in the Mountain Garden program will begin later this

Community members are also coming together to grow and share their harvest.

month, taking place on Wednesdays, Aug. 18, to Sept. 8, from 3:45 to 6 p.m. The program will incorporate gardening education, food preparation skills and nutrition education. This is a family program, with parents (or responsible adults) attending with their children. Each session is limited to 12 families. Interested families can register for the sessions they are interested in attending. Visit the Food Coalition website at foodcoalition4archuleta.org, for the registration form.

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Only four August weekends left to see Thingamajig's 'Sylvia' comedy

By Carole Howard
Thingamajig Theatre

You have only the four August weekends to go to our Thingamajig Theatre to see "Sylvia," the hilarious and poignant canine comedy, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. It's a story 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 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.

The Moores are the co-founders of the local professional theater. Tim Moore is the theater's artistic director and his wife, Laura, is the executive director.

The 'Sylvia' cast

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 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.

The actors will not be wearing masks, but they all are vaccinated. Masks must be worn by unvaccinated persons during performances.

Please note: Strong language is used in the production. The facility, bar, gift shop and gallery open one



Photo courtesy Carole Howard

August's four weekends are your last opportunity to go to the Thingamajig Theatre to see "Sylvia," the hilarious and poignant canine comedy, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The show is on through Aug. 29. You can find the dates and times and order tickets at the theater's website at pagosacenter.org or by phoning (970) 731-SHOW (7469). Tickets are \$35.

hour before the performance. Seating opens 10 minutes before the performance. There is a 15-minute intermission.

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' 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.

Thingamajig Theatre Company is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in resi-

dence 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.

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=bkdEeVlaSWN0>

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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, Aug. 8, our theme is

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Meteor shower viewing at Chimney Rock and much more planned for August for San Juan Stargazers and guests

Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

Aug. 11 and 12, Wednesday and Thursday nights, will be the first scheduled Perseid meteor shower viewing at Chimney Rock National Monument. The gate will be open from 7 until 8:30 p.m. to purchase a pass. Reservations are not needed.

There is no doubt that meteor showers have been viewed at Chimney Rock for thousands of years by thousands of people. Hopefully, they were viewed with joy and excitement since they can be fun to watch and cause no harm. Chances are they were met with whatever the predominant mood was at the time of each shower. If things were good, then everyone could have fun. If things were bad, the strange streaks across the sky added to the fear and foreboding.

We have been trying to anticipate what modern people would enjoy the most. While it is light, we have many astronomy and art activities for both children and adults. There will be an educational component. Activities must be finished from 8:30 to 9 p.m. so everyone can return to their assigned viewing location. After dark, there is no walking around allowed due to the dangerous drop-offs near the upper parking lot.

People will have choices for viewing and then will be assigned a specific location. Safety is our biggest concern. You will be able to view from your car, at a location depending on your group. You might also pick a special place to put your folding chair for a full-sky view. There will also be an area for cushions so people can lay out for relaxed viewing.

This will not be like the finale at the Fourth of July fireworks. 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.

Also in August, we have two Night Sky Programs at Chimney Rock on Friday nights. The first will be on Aug. 6, featuring a presentation on stars and galaxies. On Friday, Aug. 13, we present “Our Solar System.” Visitors are encouraged to come even if you don’t have a reservation since the magnificent amphitheater is quite spacious and we try for a very interesting program.

Our next San Juan Stargazer Astronomy Club meeting will be on Aug. 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center on Hot Springs Boulevard, near the San Juan River. If you would like 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. is titled “Learning Astronomy by using the Space Mysteries Calendars,” which we sell each year. You will be able to put in an early reservation for a 2022 calendar.

On Aug. 27 will be a members-only telescope viewing and training at Chimney Rock. The gate will open at 6 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. Steve McAllister from the West-cliff Observatory will be our guest astronomer and 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.”

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 — celebrating its 75th year of service — which includes over 250 clubs from all over the U.S. Our local group also has a website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org. Check it out.

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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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A word of encouragement

By Sami Fortin
PREVIEW Columnist

Do you feel like the world has gone mad? It's not just America, but in all the earth. Romans 8:22 tells us that we know that the whole creation has been moaning together as in the pains of childbirth, until now. The enemy is on the prowl like a roaring lion looking for anyone he can devour. If you've been looking at your situation or your circumstances, you're bound to get caught up in the hopelessness of not knowing which way to turn.

I have good news: Jesus offers us a way to overcome the enemy's tactics and it starts in your thoughts. When we're thinking about our problem, we're focusing on the wrong thing. God's word says to keep your mind on Him for He will keep in perfect peace the one whose mind is steadfast (committed and focused) on Him, because he trusts and takes refuge in you with hope and confidence.

With our minds set on Him, we'll start reflecting on His faithfulness. We can look back on the stories in history where he saw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego through the fiery furnace. They came out not even smelling like smoke, or think about Daniel in the lions' den, he wouldn't stop praying and when confronted with breaking a law, he was lowered into the lions' den overnight. He came out alive the next morning.

You might consider David, who faced a giant; all he had were some stones, but he was also surrounded



by God's army. One more check and you'll find Moses, a murderer and a stutterer. God used him and all his excuses to free his people from slavery and brought them into a land of plenty.

You might not see how this pertains to your trials, as you might have lost a job, a loved one or your health, you might live in a country with no privileges; whatever the case may be, we still have our God, who is on the throne.

He hasn't forgotten you. He's never left you alone, He's still working in and through you for His good purposes. His plans for you are good, to give you a hope and a future. He never said it would be easy, but that He would be with you. "I'll never leave you nor forsake you."

In Isaiah 49, He tells us He has chosen us. In a favorable time I have answered you and in a day of salvation I have helped you and I will watch over you and give you for a covenant of the people to restore the land (from its present state of ruin) and to apportion and give as inheritances the deserted hereditary lands.

He tells you to shout for joy, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth, and break forth into singing, O mountains, for the Lord has comforted His people and will have compas-

sion on His afflicted. We are to be counting our moments and our journeys as pure joy for we know that every trial (the testing of your faith) produces endurance, which leads to spiritual maturity and inner peace.

This is the way to beat the enemy and be victorious in every circumstance. Put on a praise song and sing a little louder. If you resist the enemy and draw close to the Lord He will draw close to you. He's calling you by name. Get in a quiet place and call on Him; see if you don't hear him give you an answer. Be patient, and wait on Him for he is not slow like some but waits for the perfect time. Keep trusting in Him; all is not lost. He is still for you, He is with you, He surrounds you, He is still working in this place. Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you.

Still feeling empty? He actually likes you this way; you'll be sure to come back for more. His storehouses are full. He'll never run out of what you need. In fact, He's already gone ahead and prepared a way for you to be fully equipped for what you're doing right now. John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have (perfect) peace. In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous (be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy); I have overcome the world. (My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.)"

For more ways to be encouraged, start looking up every verse you can find on joy, turn on some praise music and visit some like-minded people. I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

This column includes both fiction and nonfiction, and views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN. Submissions can be sent to editor@pagosasun.com.

New Thought topic: accepting joy unconditionally

By Lisa Burnson
New Thought Center
for Inspirational Living

"The joy we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our lives, and everything to do with the focus of our lives." — Russel M. Nelson.

All are welcome to join the Pagosa New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. for our presentation: "Accepting Joy into Your Life Unconditionally." Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

We will have spirited live music.

Upcoming events

Meditation Circle is now every Monday at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Band practice is every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 to join or for band information.

Thursday, Aug. 12, 5 p.m.: Outdoor concert to benefit Rise Against Violence featuring the

RetroCats. Please bring snacks and a chair or blanket.

Sunday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. Outdoor service with potluck. Please call for location.

Thursday, Aug. 26, 5 p.m.: Outdoor concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity, featuring Bob Hemenger.

Please call/text (970) 510-0309 or (970) 309-6067 for information on upcoming events.

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Holy Toledo or bust

My bags are packed and I am running away to join the circus. Well, not exactly, but I have been here before and speak with a level of authority on this topic. After months of planning, we are ready for our two-week family reunion and vacation.

In a matter of days, seven family members will set out on a 20-hour trip to Toledo, Wash. Once there, we will meet up with nine other family members, play for a week, then start our trek to northern California before heading home. Wait, did I mention that this will all be done RV style? Getting the picture? Every good circus has a trapeze act. And, so, ours will be no different. There is no doubt in my mind that one of us will be swinging from the ceiling before we reach the Colorado/Utah border.

The family has agreed to leave all wild animals at home. That said, I'm sure the occasional bear or dancing pony will make an appearance. You get to experience the best and not so best of each other when confined for any period of time.

Our family has a showman, a flame-thrower and a boxer. The rest of us are just a bunch of clowns. Thankfully, our resident barker will

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



keep us together in the center ring. Fancy costumes are not needed for this traveling caravan. This family comes as is. Like a parade from the proverbial polka-dotted hatchback, we will file out one by one and take in every sight and sound.

The fun began at the dinner table when our children decided to celebrate our 60-year wedding anniversary. Then, the lockdown happened. You would think that would be enough to level any big dream. However, the more we were forced to stay inside, the more we planned our great escape. What started as a party for family and friends turned into a quest to see the great outdoors for anyone along for the ride.

I mentioned in the beginning, I have experience in the area of traveling shows. Twelve years ago, when one of our sons-in-law retired after 26 years in the military, my Sweet Al and I flew to Virginia,

then traveled back across the United States with him, one of our daughters and their two children. One RV and six weeks later, we had memories for a lifetime.

Not even the recent hike in the price of gas will stop what we put in motion. Our fun in planning this time together had already begun. We've become consumed by the idea of bringing together our children, grandchildren and a nephew and his family.

How can you count the cost of a gallon of gas when you already know the priceless value of the experience you are about to have?

This family vacay will be a time of fun and laughter. And, of course, we will wear matching T-shirts that say, "Holy Toledo or Bust, 2021."

News from my nephew's wife said the town sheriff from one of the places where we will visit will remind us of Barney Fife. And, by the way, that same town will celebrate "Cheese Day" while we are there. There are plans to fish, hike, swim and tour. And that is just day one.

Packing has become the latest topic of our Sunday night family dinners. Between RVs, cabins and

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Thursday, Aug. 5

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

70th Annual Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. A variety of activities for the whole family. For more information, see ad on page 5 or visit www.archuletacountyfair.com.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving sweet and sour pork with salad to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.,

Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th 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/>.

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Free Vaccine Clinic. 3-6 p.m., Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St. Free vaccine mobile clinic provided by San Juan Basin Public

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Lane

continued from previous page tents, everyone has to give a little. Our youngest daughter will take every single thing in her closet if we let her. Then there is our granddaughter who stages multi-million-dollar homes. I bet she would bring her sketch books, power saw and tool box if we let her.

Our theme: Come as you are, but single-handed else the train will leave the station without you. Living in close quarters requires a lot of flexibility, so there is no room for extra baggage.

Final brushstroke: It takes a lot

to move this family, but when we do, there is no shortage of opportunity to enjoy. These moments may never come again, so we embrace them for what they are. Sometimes during family outings, we have to call in the lion tamer. That is OK. Having the experience of being part of this circus will be just too much fun to miss.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to water quality.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 3 = A)

A. 18 3 23 19 11

Clue: H₂O

B. 25 24 8 23 3 12 22 8 3 8 23

Clue: Polluting substance

C. 9 3 25 23 19 11 22 3

Clue: Microorganisms

D. 2 22 5 23 19 11

Clue: Removes impurities

Answers: A. water B. contaminant C. bacteria D. filter

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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.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Book Sale. 5 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Annual meeting and advanced sale for Friends of the Library. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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: Jackson Hole Mountain Ramblers. 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.

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 Broadway Gala Concert: 'The Next 10 Years.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The audience will be treated to musical performances from some great Broadway shows the Moores hope to produce in the future. For more information and to purchase tickets, call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Friday, Aug. 6

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

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Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

Mountain Light Music Festival: A Night at the Movies. 7 p.m., Keyah Grande, 13211 W. U.S. 160. Presenting a movie-themed concert. The concert will feature the sonorous tones of the Mountain Light Music Festival Trombone Choir in an evening of movie-themed music. Concert tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased online at mountainlightmusicfestival.com or at Choke Cherry Tree, 56 Talisman Drive, Unit 8C.

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Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 7:15-10 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky. Visitors can enjoy the night sky in a truly dark-sky environment and see fainter objects that the moon's light would normally obscure. 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.

Saturday, Aug. 7

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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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.
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Weminuche Audubon Society Plant Walk. 9:30-11:15 a.m., Wolf Creek Road. Registration required. Lake McCullough will explore the lush elevation wildflowers. The walk is about 1.5 miles round trip. Be prepared for rugged trails, weather, and leave dogs at home. For more information and to register, email

weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.
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.

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Sunday, Aug. 8

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the northern rough-winged swallow.

Curved barbs along the outer edges of the male's primary wing feathers give this bird both its common and scientific names. Saw-winged edges is an interesting adaptation with an unexplained purpose.

It can be difficult to pick out individual markings in a mass of flying, diving birds, but in perched swallows, the differences become apparent. Northern rough-winged swallows are small, long-bodied birds with a small head and bill. These swallows are brown above with a dusky-colored face and throat blending to a whitish belly. They lack the dark breast band of the brown bank swallow. Except during times of nest building and egg laying, they are generally quiet.

The rough-winged tends to fly lower, and with slower wing beats, than other swallow species. With a wide, gaping mouth, it often catches insects that are on or just emerging from the water's surface and it even drinks on the wing.

In summer, these swallows are common across the United States and southern Canada in open areas, often near water, where they feast on flying insects. Most often, they build nests inside the abandoned burrows of squirrels, kingfishers or bank swallows in clay, sand or gravel banks near water. They will also nest in crevices of man-made structures.

Unlike the colony nesting bank swallows, northern rough-winged pairs nest alone or only in small groups. Like many birds that are aerial insectivores, these swallows have experienced population declines which may be attributed to increased pesticide use and a warming climate.

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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 Medicare? The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging offers counseling through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Christie at (970) 264-0501, ext.4 or send an email to medicare@sjbaaa.org.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Tuesday, Aug. 10

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

HER Story. 8:30-9:30 a.m., PMAB + Movement, 140 Country Center Drive, Unit 2. A women's group providing a safe, supportive space to grow and heal as you share your story. An opportunity to meet other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence. Email any questions to contactus@riseaboveviolence.org.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social

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Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon, Tall Pines Beer and Wine Garden, 23 Pike Drive.

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to discuss "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee. Copies of the book are available for pick up. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 3-6 p.m., Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan 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/>.

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Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 4:30-7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This engaging 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.

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.

Riverwalk Naturalist Tour. 7 p.m., Riverwalk, Centennial Park. Tour lasts approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Bring water, sun-

glasses, 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.

Wednesday, Aug. 11

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache

Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

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Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one. Beginner clinics on Wednesdays.

Wolfwood Refuge. 11 a.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Let's talk wolves. Come on down to visit with a representative from Wolfwood Refuge, a local nonprofit dedicated to rescuing wolves and wolf dogs. Learn how to identify wolves and some of their habits, and how that differs from the wolf dogs. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., First Southwest Bank, 249 Navajo Trail Drive. 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/>.

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.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 3-6 p.m., Turkey Springs Trading Post, 11497 W. U.S. 160. 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/>.

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.

Perseids Meteor Shower Viewing. 7 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A family-friendly way to experience nature's nighttime wonders in serenity and silence. For this event, visitors will drive to the upper mesa parking lot to designated areas for optimum viewing. Bring a chair, cushion or blanket to sit or lie down outside your car. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Thursday, Aug. 12

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving chicken enchiladas with fruit and dessert to go at the front doors of the Parish

Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

Free Vaccine Clinic. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. 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/>.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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The Personal World of Nature – A Sketching Class. 4-6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Part art, part reflection, part nature study and a visit to Chimney Rock National Monument. Guests will start at the herradura at the head

of the Mesa Village Trail. Our goal is to become centered with the site and focus in on a specific item of nature. Using sketchbooks and drawing materials provided, we will examine the item of nature selected. Afterward, there will be a sharing with each other of what we have learned. Tickets are \$16 for ages 16 and up, \$8 for ages 5-12, under 5 free. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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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.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Virtual Lecture Series. 7 p.m., Zoom. Emily J. Brown will discuss "Pre Hispanic Musical Instruments from the American Southwest." Brown will describe

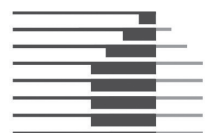
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the various types and what we know of their development and distributions in the context of the history of the Pueblo cultures of the region. To join the lecture, visit www.chimneyrockco.org/lecture. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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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, Aug. 13

DUST2: Treasure Mountain Trail Partnership Project. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Windy Pass meadow. DUST2 is once again partnering with Tyler Albers and his seasoned trail crew. This year, we will be backpacking in to Windy Pass to provide critical trail maintenance on the upper portion of the Treasure Trail. The trail crew is bringing tools, water, and providing breakfast and dinner to those who sign up to camp out overnight. There is a fee of \$10 a day for meals. For details on the project, visit <https://fb.me/e/1raNCQVK4> or at www.dustx2.org. Sign up for the project at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49a4a822a4fd0-treasure>.

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.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Pagosa Park, South 8th Street and Apache Street. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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/>.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

Free Legal Clinic by Appointment. 2 p.m., via Zoom. Registration required. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom to ask legal questions in all areas of civil law. To schedule an appointment, call (970) 264-2209 or send an email to ruby@pagosalibrary.org.

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.

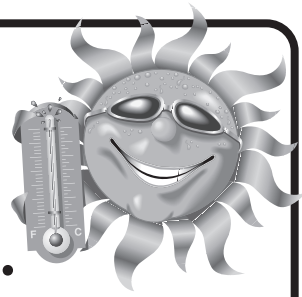
Barn Bash at Paradise Ranch. 6-10 p.m., Paradise Ranch, 11044 U.S. 84. Dinner, dancing, mystery boxes and live entertainment by Bo DePena. Celebrate life, love, fellowship and friends. Aspire merging our

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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 tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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Today marks the opening of the Archuleta County Fair

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Extension Viewpoints

During the months of July, August and September, counties across Colorado will hold county fairs, marking the end of the 4-H year and bringing people together to be entertained, see livestock shows and view local talent from youth and adults.

Fairs have been around since the middle ages. They were days set aside for leisure and religious celebration. These early fairs often consisted of games, competitions and other festivities. As time passed, fairs moved away from their early religious associations and began to focus more on agriculture, competition and education. In the U.S., agricultural fairs did not begin to catch on until the early 19th century, when the first American fair was held in Pittsfield, Mass. This early fair, organized by Elkanah Watson in 1807, was a small event consisting of only sheep-shearing demonstrations.

At Watson's urging, other area farmers began to showcase their livestock at public gatherings, where they were then judged and awarded for the quality of their animals. Watson further developed his vision of what would become county fairs over the years, later including activities for men, women and children, and allowing merchants to sell goods at the event. 4-H became a part of county fairs in 1902, as youth began to partake in what is now the nation's largest after-school program and a staple of county fairs.

The first American state fair was held for two days in New York in September of 1841, and focused on educating attendees about agriculture, featuring animal exhibits and speeches. In addition to educating fairgoers, New York's fair also featured samples and products for both farms and homes, again mixing the agricultural education and commerce that would come to define American fairs.

As their popularity grew, technol-

ogy also became important at fairs, as they were large enough events to showcase new technologies like electricity and airplanes. For many attendees, fairs were highly-anticipated summer events, and family farms would plan for months to be able to afford time off at the event. For these families that lived far from the city, the annual fair was an update on modern science, as it was often the first time technologies had been made available to them.

In addition to technology, entertainment acts also came to the forefront at fairs, with music performances taking center stage. These music acts were also accompanied by carnival rides, vaudeville entertainers and other general amusements. As a result, fairs became a time not only for educating the public on agriculture and for various competitions, but also a time for farmers to educate themselves on technology and the burgeoning American culture.

Today, there are approximately 2,000 county and state fairs nationwide. Some of these fairs, such as the State Fair of Texas and the Erie County Fair in New York, continually draw in more than 1 million attendees each year, making them some of the most greatly attended events in the country.

Since their early days of sheep shearing, agricultural fairs have grown vastly to serve many purposes. Focused on providing fun, education and engaging entertainment for all who attend, county and state fairs symbolize to many an exciting summer pastime.

Hope to see you at the Archuleta County Fair, celebrating 70 years of good wholesome family fun.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Zero in (on)
- 6 Word after big or buck
- 10 Swit's sitcom
- 14 End early
- 15 Denver's co-star
- 16 "Do ____ others..."
- 17 Thanksgiving centerpiece
- 19 Seating section
- 20 Royal flush card
- 21 Charades and such
- 23 One of the Spice Girls
- 25 Cantankerous
- 26 Wedding hiree
- 28 Eliot or Frost
- 29 Track shape
- 30 Flower cluster
- 32 Seek election
- 35 Atlanta-based airline

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- 4 Coffee holder
- 5 Foggy state
- 6 Like some missiles
- 7 By chance
- 8 Mixed dish
- 9 Pekoe place
- 10 Part of "TMNT"
- 11 Japanese cartoons
- 12 Range rover
- 13 Merry-go-round figure, to a child
- 18 One using T.L.C.
- 22 Receive at the door
- 24 Trapper's ware
- 26 Last part, in music
- 27 Formally state
- 28 Lofty speech
- 31 Gear tooth
- 32 With respect to
- 33 "Ruse" anagram

- 34 Twiggy digs
- 36 Off the mark
- 39 Can't stand
- 42 Aardvark's paradise
- 43 Basic belief
- 45 Warhol piece, e.g.
- 47 Rock layers
- 48 Someone in a cast
- 49 Unrefined
- 50 Big name in cameras
- 51 Short-legged dog
- 53 Nabisco favorite
- 55 Aborted mission
- 56 Auth. unknown
- 59 Black gunk

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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- ECOLOGICAL
- ECOSYSTEM
- EFFLUENT
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- IMPACT
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Scene ... celebrating local theater. Patrons gathered July 31 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts for the first of two fundraising galas for Thingamajig Theatre Company. Twenty of the most popular professional actors from the theater's past 10 years of productions sang and danced in a thrilling cabaret-style concert. They also were auctioned off for unique follow-up private events. The second gala is set for this evening, Aug. 5.



What's up in August: online and telephone gatherings

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

For August, we've selected some programs that might pique your interest. There are dozens more to choose from. You can find the topics list for August and link to Mather from our website at www.psseniors.org/.

There is no need to register in advance. You join by calling a toll-free phone number or by logging into a Zoom meeting at the program start time. All offerings are free. You can see on the site when you go to get link-in information whether the program is live Zoom or a live call.

- "Yoga for Hands," Thursday, Aug. 5, 12:30 p.m. PT, 2:30 p.m. CT, 3:30 p.m. ET. Heidi Parkes, certified yoga therapist leads a combination of hand massage and hand movements.

- "Fit around the House", Randi Kant, MS, MPH, CHES, CWP, CPT, certified intrinsic coach. Friday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m. PT, 11 a.m. CT, noon ET. Learn specific movements to gain lasting benefits that include maintaining functionality and independence.

- "Seven Happiness Lessons and Four Steps to Get There," Kate Marrs, presenter. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m. PT, 11 a.m. CT, noon ET. Learn the secrets of happiness from the teachings of renowned professor, author, and speaker Tal Ben-Shahar.

- "Coloring and Conversation," Vivian Visser, presenter. Thursday, Aug. 19, 9 a.m. PT, 11 a.m. CT, noon ET. Use materials you have on hand and unwind while we enjoy coloring and conversation.

- "Keys to Controlling Diabetes," Randi Kant, MS, MPH, CHES, CWP, CPT, certified intrinsic coach. Aug. 23, 7:30 a.m. PT, 9:30 a.m. CT, 10:30 a.m. ET. Join this discussion on diabetes and learn some of the keys to confidently manage it.

- "Audrey Hepburn," Rich Lang, media historian. Aug. 25, 2 p.m. PT, 4 p.m. CT, 5 p.m. ET. Lang will discuss the life and career of this British actress and humanitarian.

- "Claude Monet: His Life and Work," Casey Pax, Mather. Aug. 26, 9 a.m. PT, 11 a.m. CT, noon ET. Learn about his sources of inspiration, his process and his extraordinary life through an exploration of some of his most famous paintings.

In addition to linking to the Mather sessions, our website provides caregiver resources and information about ASI programs in Archuleta County, as well as 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

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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.

This program is vitally important because many seniors have little to no access to nutritious meals. They are often too frail or have health complications that prevent them from preparing meals for themselves or from using the Senior Center's Community Café drive-thru meals pick-up site Monday through Friday.

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

Have old dishes or china that you no longer want to use or store? The Community Café is accepting donations of old dishes or china. Please call (970) 264-2167 for more information or to donate.

Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

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 mem-

ber, please call (970) 264-2167.

Community Café menu

Thursday, Aug. 5 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans with almonds, garlic bread, milk and salad.

Friday, Aug. 6 — Moroccan stew, roasted cauliflower, naan bread, milk and salad.

Monday Aug. 9 — Ham and cheese croissant, macaroni salad, milk, salad and German chocolate cake.

Tuesday, Aug. 10 — Baked salmon with dill cream sauce, wilted spinach, milk, salad and strawberries Romanoff.

Wednesday, Aug. 11 — Beef stew, bacon green beans, biscuit with butter, milk and salad.

Thursday, Aug. 12 — Spinach and mushroom quiche, sauteed zucchini, tomatoes and onions, milk, salad and lemon cream cake.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to drive through and pick up a meal.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

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Looking for long-term care?

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in skilled nursing and assisted living residences as the regional long-term care ombudsman employed at the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). The many aging and care concerns will be addressed here.

For people searching for the best long-term care facility in their area, several online options can be viewed. All three websites include the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) public reports from the agency's inspections of facilities. These reports also should be on display in a facility. Care Compare at Medicare.gov has been mentioned here. The blue button link on the home page says, "Find and Compare Providers."

The CDPHE also has a search engine for health facilities, including hospitals, home care agencies, hospice and dozens of other types on its website, cdphe.colorado.gov. On the home page, click on the "Health" button on the blue top

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bar; the same blue bar is on every page of the website. That reveals a drop-down menu and you click on "Health Facilities." On the left column of that page, click on "Find and Compare Facilities." This is one way to search for assisted living residences, which are not federally regulated.

By the way, the CDPHE also has tools for "Advance Care Planning," with the link near the bottom of the home page. It recommends a Medi-

cal Durable Power of Attorney for everyone age 18 and older and has a link to a fillable pdf form.

A third website, Nursing Home Inspect, is run by ProPublica, an "independent nonprofit newsroom." It is easiest to find directly on projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes. The page shows U.S. maps and you can click on the state or do a word search below them. Inspect lists the homes with the most fines and serious or infection-related deficiencies.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare; see sjbaaa.org. For further information and assistance, call (970) 264-0501 and listen to the recording to select an extension.



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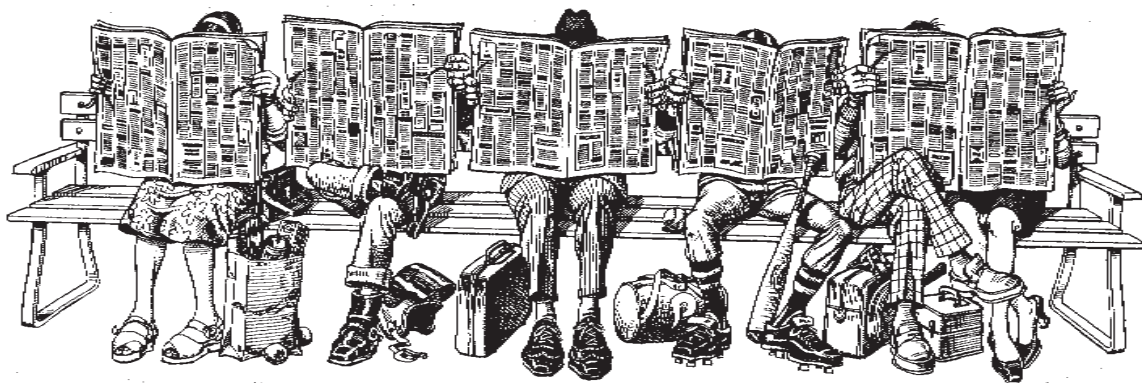


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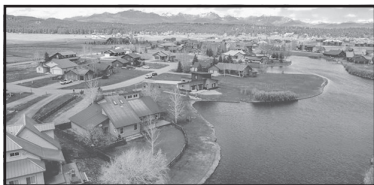


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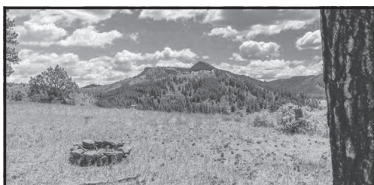
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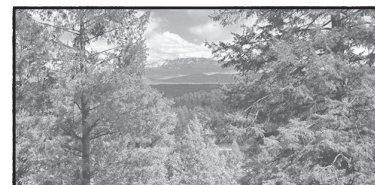
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