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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.

Medical center board resolves to be partner in 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-



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

See Solutions A8



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).

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-

### 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.

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### 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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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

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

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# **OUR VIEW** It's county fair time

The 70th anniversary of the This event will be the payoff for 4-H Archuleta County Fair will bring livestock projects. together people to celebrate what

is unique about living in Archuleta

ficially opens at 9 a.m. today and runs

mission will be free this year, which

includes the Livestock Tent, Exhibit

Hall, Activity Tent and food vendors.

There will be a charge for the Friday

and Saturday rodeos, with tickets avail-

held virtually last year, with most fes-

tivities canceled due to the pandemic.

We urge everyone attending this year's

fair to exercise common sense when it

4-H livestock. Contests are held to

reward 4-H participants for the care

A staple at every year's county fair is

The Chuckwagon Dinner is Satur-

day at 4:30 p.m. and will be followed by

the much-anticipated annual livestock

A limited slate of fair events was

through 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8.

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comes to public health.

4-H has been one of the leading youth organizations in the nation for more than 100 years. The program helps youth enhance their communities and their lives.

The learned experience of the older 4-H members is shared with those who are following in their footsteps. Considering that some of those youngsters are handling steers that average some 1,300 pounds, safety is of utmost importance.

4-H Coordinator Becky Jacobson shared that one of her favorite moments of the Archuleta County Fair is watching high school senior 4-H participants assisting the first-year 4-H members, who are as young as 8 years old, during the master showman contest.

"It is the culmination of all the years they have put into 4-H and they are giving back," she explained while attempting to hold back her tears. "They are being patient, careful and watching out for the safety of the younger

The fair is the time for those 4-H'ers to show off the culmination of a year of dedication to completing their many 4-H projects and discovering what rib-

You will have the opportunity to check out 4-H members' work in a variety of projects including rocketry, clothing, scrapbooking, woodworking and more.

Open class entries are back at this year's fair. You will find items such as quilts, sewing, baked goods, photography, fine arts, beer/wine/spirits, woodworking and more. You might even find your neighbor's prized pet rabbit, turkey or pet goat in the open class division.

There will be painting, pie-eating contests, dancing, Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals, Aikido martial arts demonstrations and more at the fair. Rodeos are another highlight of the

Archuleta County Fair. The exciting Bares, Broncs and Bulls

Rodeo kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday night in the rodeo arena. The evening closes with live music by Tim Sullivan from 9 to 11:30 p.m. There will be a Saturday rodeo and the Kid's Rodeo on Sunday, too.

We salute the Archuleta County Fair Board, CSU Extension staff and the many community volunteers that are making this year's event "A Timeless Tradition."

Be sure to check out the calendar of events in this week's paper

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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### LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

# 100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

August 5, 1921

The board of county commissioners met Tuesday and transacted routine business. Among other things, a lot was purchased near the depot on which a small building will be erected to house the county truck. Also, signs will be placed at the Mineral-Archuleta county line, so that all future kicks at the condition of the road will be placed before the county responsible. Archuleta county officials and citizens have too long borne the brunt of abuse belonging to our neighbors on the north.

Fred Harman, Jr. came in Monday from Kansas City for a week's outing with Pagosa friends. He is now connected with the Kansas City Film company as an artist and cartoonist, besides conducting a commercial studio of his own, in both of which he is making good.

### 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of August 9, 1946

Prospects for further improvement in Pagosa Springs business establishments increased this week with the purchase of the triangle lot adjoining Boys Market by L.D. Goodrich, owner of Goodrich Tailors. Goodrich announces plans to erect a new modern building for the cleaning plant as soon as materials are available.

John Sharp, for many years a subscriber to The Sun, was in the office Saturday to renew his subscription for another year. Sharp is one of the pioneers of the region, having come across the Divide in 1879.

Pvt. Joe Maria Quintana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quintana, has arrived from Fort Lewis, Wash., on a 30-day furlough. He has been in service four years, and has re-enlisted in the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Goodman left last Thursday for St. Louis, where they will be gone for several weeks on business.



Taken from SUN files of August 5, 1971

A Marine observation plane made a forced landing at Stevens Field last Friday night. The plane was damaged and crews were flown in from the West Coast in a giant helicopter to affect repairs and get the plane back in service. The two occupants were uninjured in the accident. The helicopter, and the Marines, were great attractions to the young boys of the community and many spent several hours each day at the airport. Archeological crews excavating ruins on Chimney Rock have completed their work for the summer. Several ruins were excavated and intensive studies of material found will be made this winter. Crews stabilizing the ruins are still at work and should almost complete work on the large ruins on top of the mesa this summer. The Town Board met Monday night and heard two deputy policemen ask for a raise, and then submit a resignation effective in 30 days unless a raise was forthcoming. The Board also agreed to meet in special session last night to discuss pending litigation with the waterline contractor and the engineer of the project.

# What is your favorite part of the Archuleta County Fair?

Poll results (54 votes) Animals - 37 percent Rodeos — 37 percent Exhibits — 20 percent Games and shows - 6 percent Vote this week online: Should local schools require masks to begin the school year? www.pagosasun.com



auction, which gets underway at 6 p.m. bons they have been awarded. WHADDYA THINK?

they take in raising and presenting their steers, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens and turkeys. These are animals that the kids have raised and cared for since the spring. New this year is the participants."

William Thomas

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### LOOKING BACK





From the Aug. 22, 1974, Pagosa Springs SUN. **BLUE RIBBON** -The exhibit of the San Juan **Historical Society was** awarded a blue ribbon at the Archuleta County Fair. Most of the items in the exhibit were from Mrs. Ruth Adams' collection of historical items and records.

> 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of August 8, 1996 Archuleta County Judge Jim Denvir will assume the new responsibility as a magistrate judge for the Sixth Judicial District Court on Aug. 19. Denvir said Tuesday he was notified last week he will work on a contract with the district court. According to Denvir he will act as magistrate for 10 hours per week. According to Denvir, the move could be of significant benefit to residents of the county as well as to other participants in the court process. "Hopefully," he said, "I think it means there is recognition of the growth in the number of cases in Archuleta County. This will provide for increased efficiency, and there will be less travel required of judges and court clerks from Durango to Pagosa Springs. It will allow for a more flexible schedule in our court in Pagosa Springs, and it will also save people from here driving over to La Plata County for emergency hearings."

> The town trustees resolved zoning and variance issues at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night. The trustees passed an ordinance setting limits on the size of manufactured housing allowed in the parts of town with a "B" zoning designation. The ordinance was created following comments in July from South Pagosa residents concerned by the possible influx of single-wide rental units in residential neighborhoods.

## Letters

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### Opinions

Dear Editor:

Lyndon B. Johnson, former US President (from Texas??go figure) said "it's better to have your opponents inside the tent (urinating) out than have them outside (urinating) in." So, what's my point...well name more than three congressional Republicans that are inside the current tent? So why are they outside (urinating) in on Congress. Really, make that every American? Gohmert, Gatez, Greene, Boebert, Jordan, McCarthy, McConnell..it's big big list of defilers.

The only way to describe their actions is to use an old now verboten PC joke...how many GOP members does it take to screw-in a light bulb..no..no, no fare Googling the answer. Or maybe a cartoon, you know, the one where they're all jumping off a cliff and one semi-aware individual well off the cliff says..Hey maybe we should reconsider this.

Intuition is nothing more than recognition and all these GOP folks are convinced their Trump supporters are as disfunctionally brain dead as they are. Well let's consider that, FOX 'News' just announced against all current facts that the swell in Covid cases is in cities that are heavily Democratic...did you



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Look at it this way, Americans have a lot of liberties right up until they harm others. So, when you decide not to get vaccinated, you're categorically harming others. So, when you as a non-vaccinated person are hootin' & hollerin about abortion...harming the unborn, well there's no difference between that act and yours exposing others to sickness and very likely death... your decision is the same as the pregnant mom to have an abortion. Period. Try being honest... My body. My Decision on getting vaccinated means you're choosing to be a potential killer.

Folks, having differences of firmly held opinions isn't wrong. It's actually right cause we're people... so why not work it out and compromise? Keep in mind in a compromise both sides give ground. So, what do you have to lose?

Dave Blake

#### **'Good sense'** Dear Editor:

The war against those who choose to forego vaccinations is much more vicious than the war against the unmasked; especially since there is so much coming out now that cannot be hidden or denied. VAERS is a vax safety surveillance system co-sponsored by FDA and CDC and thereby, accountable to their released stats based on what they have received. VAERS (vacc, adverse effects) recently released there's been roughly 11,000deaths of covid after shots reported since Dec. 2020.

Nearly 1/2 million adverse effects reported in just 7 months and I personally know people this has been true of. Out of 3,000 preg. women with adverse effects has been 1,072 miscarriages, etc. 40% of people in the UK admitted to a hospital with covid have all had 2 doses. There is so much more, but all this to say if you had a shot and are fine, great. You are lucky or blessed. But instead of blaming the no vaxers, consider these factors. This area has had an estimated 8 to 12,000 visitors (or more.) in the last 90 days. We don't know if they are tested, have shots, we just know they have come with vacation dollars. On the way here, they stopped at numerous gas stations, cafes, hotels, gift shops, grocery store, events, more restaurants, etc. coming in contact with hundreds, who in turn were in contact with hundreds more and while they are here, they go, go, go to everything. This should be taken into account before you blame the cautious and the wise. I know liberal news sources do not like to let the public know certain things because they don't want to hurt someone's feelings or "offend" someone, but... oh puleeze. This whole country is offended. Provaxers need to realize others may not feel lucky enough to not become a victim of adverse effects/ death from the shots. It's their right not to gamble with it. The coercion by the media, the way they use fear to manipulate into being responsible for other people's lives is scary. U.S. Center for Disease Control showed 3/4ths of those infected at public events in a Mass. county had been fully vac-

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Peg Ellis

#### Pilot courtesy Dear Editor:

This letter is in support of the July 8 letter from Gary Hardin. There are certain pilots that almost daily fly closely around the Town of Pagosa Springs. The flight pattern is not productive—it is a circle or oval that takes less than ten minutes to complete. However, the planes are in the air using the same flight pattern for over an hour. The planes fly very close to the ground and make engine noise that is a disturbance to the entire community. As Mr. Hardin observed in his letter, there are miles of open space around Pagosa Springs that have the capability to accommodate the flights but without a bother to the community. The solution simply requires the courtesy of the pilots involved to make their flights away from town.

John Foster

#### **Tourism board** Dear Editor:

I am writing in reference to the article headlined "Tourism board grants \$10,000 to museum" in the July 22, 2021 edition of the Pagosa Springs SUN. The article quotes some members of the Tourism Board making comments about the museum appears to illustrate their ignorance and apathy about the local museum; I find this incredible, disturbing, and embarrassing.

I am not a longtime Pagosa Springs resident and I do not have a lot of knowledge about the dynamics of the local governmental groups or boards but I do know the value of a local museum for tourism. Members of the tourism board who "do not know where the museum is located," should not be on the board if they do not take the time to know what small town local tourism should entail. I have traveled all over this country usually staying on two-lane roads like 160 so that I can see and experience small town America such as Pagosa Springs. I usually try to go to the local museum to learn about the history of the area. Pagosa Springs

is no different than any other small town and providing access to the history of the area is incredibly important and should be supported as much as possible especially in these problematic financial times. I understand that funding for a

small local museum is difficult, to put it mildly, and I applaud the Tourism Board for recognizing and providing the \$10,000 to go towards operating expenses. That is not enough, however. The entire Tourism Board should be more cognizant of what tourists want and are drawn to when visiting or passing through town. The museum is struggling, that is obvious, and it will be a shame if the doors close permanently. One member of the board was quoted saying "we need to protect heritage" and I couldn't agree more. The Tourism Board should recognize this and support this resource with more than a (reduced) line item of the budget. This board should advocate for the local museum not be oblivious to its existence or criticize the museum for looking like "a serial killer's house." This final unattributed comment from a board member is what prompted me to write this letter. What a crass thing to say about a local resource that should receive support from this board.

Susan Houseworth

#### 'Your right'

Dear Editor:

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, men and women lined up at draft offices to volunteer for military service. Without this willingness to serve, which cost some 400,000 of our military personnel their lives, we might be in a different America.

Some Americans could have said:

1. it's not true;

2. it's an excuse for Roosevelt to get us in the war;

 I haven't seen any proof of bombing; and
 it's a hoax.

We have been suffering from a serious pandemic. Based on recent figures, 600,000 Americans have died. More than all our military personnel lost in WWII.

Still, there are Americans claiming this is a hoax and other lies. Try See Letters A4



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to sell that garbage to the families of the Americans who have died.

The best example I have heard about the limit of Constitutional rights, is that your freedom to swing your arms around ends where my nose begins. Your right, if there is one, to refuse the vaccination, to refuse to wear a mask, and to refuse to maintain a reasonable distance ends where my health and that of others begins.

Bill Hubbard

'Misguided attempts'

Dear Editor:

After tens of thousands of Cubans cried out for freedom from the murderous communist regime that has executed, tortured and starved them for half a century, a flotilla was quickly put together to rush food and medicine to Cuba. This Miami flotilla has over a hundred boats and is manned by many Cuban Americans who are willing to risk their lives to help their relatives in Cuba. So what has the Biden regime done to help? Maybe provide a navy escort for these boats? Or perhaps take in refugees from Cuba that are fleeing for their lives? Incredibly, the answer is no. Instead, the Biden regime has outraged many Americans by ordering the Coast Guard to stop these boats from going to Cuba. Many people are asking why Biden would not allow our country to help these embattled Cubans. One possible answer could be that Biden is following Obama's misguided attempts to befriend the brutal communists of Cuba...

This outrage is even more stark when you compare it with what is happening on our southern border, where known terrorists and over 800 convicted criminals have been captured while trying to enter our country illegally. This dangerous situation has largely been ignored by the Biden regime as they have done nothing to stop these incursions that are overwhelming the border states.

So one must ask, "What kind of president would deny food and medicine to people who are standing up against communism, but at the same time would ignore terrorists and criminals entering our country?" The answer to this question should frighten all Americans. Charles Newton

was agreeing with a lot of it. He then blamed it all on the Republicans. That ended that agreement. Why? I remember who is in power right now. The Democrats. They control the Senate and although they don't control the House, there are a lot of Republicans who agree with them enough to support their political views.

Bottom line: They are all politicians and supposedly run this country, for better or worse. None are at fault, all are at fault, and citizens like you confuse what's going on with your political bigotry. Presiden Biden is no better than the rest. He is a politician, admit it and give it a break.

Oh, wait a minute, you have nothing else to do. Why don't you attack Biden like you attack any and all other politicians, lIke you did to the others before the election. In the end they are all the same.

#### Doug Roberts LPEA complaint

Dear Editor:

About three years ago LPEA came out to our homes and changed the electric meters to "Smart Meters" without our consent. We had heard from our neighbors and online research how dangerous these new "Smart Meters" were and opted out for the old meter, which required us to read the meter and phone in the results to LPEA for which we also had to pay an additional fee for the old meter. They have, again, come around to those of us who opted out and again installed the "Smart Meters." This time, again, without our permission. No scientific tests have ever been done on "Smart Meters" - especially by the power companies, and no attempt has ever been made to learn the longterm effects of "Smart Meters", as outlined in the "Shield Your Body" article. So why should we believe the propaganda put out by the power companies?

We have always assumed that we live in a free republic and could make our own decisions, but LPEA has other ideas and has forced all of us to use these "Smart Meters" since it saves them money as they need fewer people to work for them, therefore their profits increase. All of us should be permitted to make up our own minds as to whether we need a "Smart Meter" or not and here are a few links you can read to decide the safety of the "Smart Meters."

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www.shieldyourbody.com www.theecologist.org www.entrust.com

Dennis Schick

#### **'10 forbiddens'** Dear Editor:

Letters

Regarding Mr. Bolland's letter about the "new rules for living in America", I can only say that his list of the "10 forbiddens" is actually a list of things that Republicans in leadership talk about every day multiple times a day. It's pretty comprehensive too. Of course he starts out with the issue of the stolen election. How often do we hear the GOP leadership at every level make this charge? Why, if one was to scan down the Letters section of the same edition of the Pagosa Sun, one could find a letter from Mike Lane sticking up for the people who tried to violently attack our Congressional leaders on January 6th in their efforts to contest the election results. He called it a peaceful protest. Looks like he wasn't actually forbidden

from expressing his views. Mr. Bolland's list is actually a list of bullet points that Republicans and their supporters on FOX et.al. trot out on a constant basis to stir up the base and get them "all riled up" about cultural issues. The GOP does this because they have no platform. They have no vision, no ideas and no policies for dealing with the myriad problems that we face as a country and a member of the world community.

So, just to summarize all the forbidden things that are really not forbidden but are talked about constantly by everyone -- Can't talk about: the election being stolen; systemic racism in America; whether women should be able to have an abortion (including 2 weeks after pregnancy?); validity of transgender people; merits of nationalism; merits of capitalism; mental acuity of President Biden; veracity of mainstream media;

### Accidents cause intermittent lane closures

#### By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

A pair of accidents over the course of a week resulted in intermittent lane closures of area highways.

7 a.m., according to information ner was southbound on U.S. 84 provided by Master Trooper Doug Wiersma of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP).

is the winning side, right? We now are at war with another evil that has already cost too many lives. Its name is "COVID". Our fighting forces are made up of gifted scientists, committed health care workers, and citizens who support their efforts. Sadly, the difference between this and WWII is that we no

merits of the nuclear family; defi-

forbidden. I think Mr. Bolland just

doesn't like some of the opinions

that are expressed because he does

are forbidden in this great country.

'Patriotic duty'

Dear Editor:

longer are "One Nation United". This is not political, it is about saving lives and winning this war against an evil force. Vaccinations are free and convenient. It is your patriotic duty to get vaccinated.

Get it now, for goodness sake. Patty Tillerson

The driver, Rachel Mendoza, 38,

of Tucson, Ariz., was cited for careless driving, according to the email. On Aug. 2, an accident on U.S. 84 also caused intermittent lane closures.

In that incident, which occurred The first occurred on July 28 at at 8:20 a.m., a 2017 Toyota 4-Run-







Okay, I was interested in what Mr. Butcher was saying last week. I

'Political bigotry'

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### In Memoriam

### **Vimmie Ray**

Dear Editor:

In Memory of Vimmie Ray

Vimmie Ray passed away on Aug. 4, 2019, but she lives on in so many people's memories and hearts. The words to this song by Casting Crowns make me think of her:

"If I had only known the last time would be the last time,

"I would've put off all the things I had to do.

"I would've stayed a little longer, held on a little tighter; "Now what I'd give for one more

day with you,

'Cause there's a wound here in my heart where something's missing

"And they tell me that it's gonna heal with time.

"But I know you're in a place where all your wounds have been erased

"And knowing yours are healed is healing mine.

"The only scars in heaven, they won't belong to me and you.

"There'll be no such thing as broken, and all the old will be made new.

"And the thought that makes me smile now, even as the tears fall down

"Is that the only scars in heaven are on the hands that hold you now.' Lori Lucero

In that incident, the email explains, a 2016 Dodge Ram 3500 pulling a horse trailer was eastbound on U.S. 160 near milepost 118 when the driver "became distracted within her vehicle, drifted across the westbound lanes and off the left side of the roadway."

The 38-foot trailer, which the email notes contained several horses, rolled onto its left side in the ditch while the truck remained upright.

"The driver and passenger were not injured. The horses survived but were injured, and removed to a nearby pasture where they were later treated by a veterinarian," the email states.

The westbound lane of U.S. 160 was closed intermittently for investigation and cleanup, Wiersma's email indicated.

when the vehicle struck a deer in the roadway, according to the email.

The airbags deployed, causing the driver to skid into the oncoming, northbound lane, where the vehicle struck a 2007 Toyota Camry head-on, the email explains.

Wiersma noted that only minor injuries were reported, and no tickets were issued.

intermittently for investigation and cleanup, the email relays.

One lane of U.S. 84 was closed randi@pagosasun.com

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# Business

### Colorado attorney general to send checks to more than 200,000 Colorado consumers from CenturyLink settlement

#### Attorney General Phil Weiser's office

More than 200,000 Coloradans will soon receive checks in the mail from a 2019 settlement that the Colorado attorney general's office reached with CenturyLink because the company deceptively overcharged consumers for services.

An investigation by the consumer protection division in the Colorado Department of Law uncovered evidence dating back to 2014 that CenturyLink unfairly and deceptively charged hidden fees, falsely advertised guaranteed locked prices, and failed to provide discounts and refunds it promised to consumers who signed up for Internet, television and telephone services in Colorado. As part of a settlement with the state, CenturyLink refunded \$1.7 million directly to consumers for overbilling errors before March 31, 2020.

CenturyLink also paid \$6,775,000 to the state of Colorado for violating consumer protection laws. The attorney general's office is now distributing those funds to consumers that Cen-

turyLink harmed with their deceptive conduct. "My office is committed to protecting con-

sumers from unfair or deceptive practices," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. "CenturyLink's deceptive conduct harmed thousands of Coloradans, who are entitled to trust that the prices they are quoted for services are the prices they will pay. For those consumers overcharged by CenturyLink, I am pleased that we are able to return some of the money that was unfairly taken from them."

The settlement required CenturyLink to change its business practices and explain clearly its pricing terms - including fees and surcharges — in its advertising and sales. The company also agreed to stop charging an Internet Cost Recovery Fee for future orders and to stop charging unreturned equipment fees to customers who return equipment on time.

The funds will go to two categories of consumers: the nearly 205,000 consumers who were overcharged and to the more than 500 individuals who filed complaints about CenturyLink through the attorney general's office consumer

protection website, StopFraudColorado.gov. Some consumers may fall into both categories. Payments to the 205,000 consumers who were overcharged will range from \$12-\$83 depending on how long they were charged the Internet Cost Recovery Fee. Consumers who filed complaints will receive \$100.

Consumers receiving funds should look for the following:

• An email from Rust Consulting prior to the receipt of a check in the mail, alerting consumers that a check is on the way. Rust is the vendor working with the attorney general's office to manage the distribution of money to Coloradans.

• A letter from the attorney general with a check will follow in the mail.

No one will ask recipients for their bank account information, date of birth, Social Security number or any other personal information in exchange for their refund. Any such questions are indicators of fraud or a scam. For more information, consumers can visit COAGCenturvLinkSettlement.com.

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# **One-on-one QuickBooks sessions coming**

By Mary Jo Coulehan Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber will be offering some one-on-one free QuickBooks training sessions on Aug. 24, thanks to the Southwest Colorado Small **Business Development Center** (SBDC).

These sessions will be one-hour sessions designed to help those individuals who are familiar with QuickBooks, but may have a specific problem setting up an account, invoicing, creating jobs categories, needing more out of inventorying, creating a more targeted report, etc. There are very limited appointments, so interested parties will need to sign up with the Chamber right away.

The trainer will be Amber Davis, SBDC consultant. Davis will be offering consulting times on Aug. 24 from 10 to 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. to noon; 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Interested parties should schedule a time with the Chamber.

On the day of the consultation, bring your laptop and your questions to the session. It's that simple and that effective. No plowing through a full class to try and ge

the questions that bother you most when dealing with QuickBooks. This one-hour session is all about you and how you can become more effective in and for your business

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an initial appointment" and follow the prompts from there. We appreciate the partnership with the SBDC with engaging and helping our business community. Sign up



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### Input sought on county's development action plan

By Clayton Chaney Staff Writer

At a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 13, Region 9 Economic Development District Project Manager Heather Otter presented the county's Community Development Action Plan (CDAP).

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She explained the BoCC is involved with drafting the plan as it has to approve the plan every two years.

The draft was submitted for public comment on July 15 and will remain open for one month, she noted.

Public comment can be made by visiting: https://docs.google. com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQRi18 BG1LUXT3OZhq30FVAKZB6yGO 9xR7r7qDKIojdq4EoA/viewform.

Otter also mentioned that Region 9 is currently working on finalizing its 2021 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

She explained that the CDAP is part of Region 9's CEDS, which gets updated every five years.

The last CEDS was published in 2016, Otter noted.

"Region 9 simply facilitates the process. It's locally owned and driven, but it is facilitated by us as your economic development district," Otter said.

She explained that this is a unique year in that both the CDAP and the CEDS are being revised.

Otter noted that the region incorporates multiple strategic and comprehensive plans when developing a CDAP for the county.

"This is still in draft mode, so it's a working, living document and See Input A6

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**Hughes** Pavilion

Rodeo Arena

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#### Thursday, August 5th - Fair Officially Opens

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

### Friday, August 6th

Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open Lamb Show: 4-H, Open & Showmanship Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals on stage **Aikido Demonstration** Pie Eating Contest: Adult and Youth divisions Turkey Show and Showmanship Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals on stage Wild Man Phil and his exotic animals on stage Picasso & Vino (walk-ins welcome) Chicken Show: 4-H, Showmanship, & Open Class Live Music-Jack Ellis with Out On Work Release 4-H Steer Show and Showmanship Bares, Broncs, 'n Bulls 9pm-11:30pm Live Music-Tim Sullivan Exhibit Hall & Stith Room close

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### Thursday, August 5th - Sunday, August 8th

Fairgrounds on Highway 84 & 160

### 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

Kid's Rodeo Late Registration	Rodeo Arena
Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
4-H Parent/Master Showman Contest	Hughes Pavilion
Kids Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
Pie-eating Contest: Adult and Youth divisions	Activity Tent
Animals Loaded on Semi Truck	Hughes Pavilion
Fair Closes until next year	Fairgrounds
All private haulers must remove animals	Hughes Pavilion
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Release of 4-H Class Projects	Stith Room
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# State courts make another change request for Harman Park courthouse

#### **By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

The new courthouse being constructed as part of the Harman Park Justice Facility has been subject to multiple change orders since the initial commencement of the project.

The most recent change was discussed at a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on July 20.

Sixth Judicial Court Executive Eric Hogue addressed the BoCC with concerns about a secure parking lot for court judges to utilize.

He explained that it is "an operational hurdle, frankly, to have our judges park in the main lot and then have to access through the main front entrance with all the other patrons. Those are typically groups of people we don't mix."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez added that "One public confrontation can be a mistrial.'

"We can't have them parking in the front parking lot," Hogue said.

He went on to explain that the request he put forward was to have gravel and concrete speed bumps placed in the back parking lot, which would be reserved for the court judges to use.

He added that, potentially, later

county to have that lot paved and a security fence installed, but at this point in time all that is being requested is the gravel and speed bumps.

Hogue noted that the Underfunded Courts Facility Commission could potentially be a source of funding for making future improvements to that lot.

He clarified that the future improvements, like installing a security fence around the lot, may take a couple of years to have finalized.

"There will be no pressure from us to do something beyond what we're asking for right now ... we recognize that if it takes a year or two or more to finish the lot, then that's just how it has to be," Hogue said. "At no point am I ever going to come back and ask that you do it on your own dime."

Commissioner Warren Brown stated during the work session that 'We have one chance to do this right" and that there is no reason to recreate the same issues that were faced while using the old courthouse location downtown.

"If you don't ask, you don't get," Maez said.

Hogue added that the area for the parking lot is already graded and will be secured with video cameras. Hogue also provided some infor-

on the state could work with the mation in regard to the project's contingency budget.

He stated that the county started the project with a contingency budget of \$120,000, and 61 percent of that has been used.

He noted that the county is "actually in a really good place" with its contingency budget, given that the entire project is approximately 57 percent completed.

"I'm not sure what else inside the facility can be changed," he said.

Hogue also noted there was an increase from the original budgeted amount for the card access security control system necessary for the courthouse.

'Your project manager grossly underestimated potentially how much it was going to cost," he said.

Hogue also spoke about how the county's project manager stepped down and that there is still \$55,000 left from that fund that has remained with the county.

He mentioned that, with the county's project manager resigning, "the county was essentially not in compliance with the contract because it specifically says if you want the \$1.9 million you need a project manager."

County Administrator Scott Wall noted that the county had been in contact with Marty Gavin, the state's director of its financial services division, and that the situation had been explained.

Wall noted that if the county were to attempt to hire another project manager, it would have most likely been a time-consuming process and those funds could be used on other aspects of the project.

He also mentioned that, usually, a notice is sent out if a party is not in compliance with the terms of a grant and the county had not received any such notice.

Hogue mentioned that he has taken on part of the responsibilities of the project manager with tasks like site visits to ensure that the project continues to move along.

"It sounds like a group effort," Brown said.

Sixth Judicial Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson was also in attendance at the work session and acknowledged how the relationships between the district and the county have drastically improved over the years and that many of the problems previously faced are going away.

Hogue also noted that the project is still on track for the Oct. 20 completion date and that he hopes the courthouse will be operational sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"This is the homestretch," he stated.

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#### WRITERS ON THE RANGE

# Willing workers are right at the border

By Benjamin Waddell SUN Columnist

For more than a year, our country longed for the economy to restart. But now that businesses are once again open, employers find themselves wondering where all the workers have gone.

In my town of Durango, Colo., labor shortages have deeply affected the entire community. One business owner is Juvenal Corona, originally from Mexico, who co-owns Nayarit, one of Durango's most popular Mexican restaurants. Since COVID restrictions lifted in the spring, he's been short-staffed and said he's never worked harder in his 20 years in the restaurant business.

The main reason he cited: The have made it difficult to recruit

neither group has been showing up.

Besides lack of housing, another factor is low wages in the hospitality sector. Still, Michael French, who heads La Plata County's Economic Development Alliance, isn't convinced the shortage is limited to the service industry: "What's going on is pervasive across all industries and wage categories," he said. "I believe we're just now beginning to comprehend the challenges that labor shortages present. I think we're in a workforce transition."

Part of that transition — in Durango and elsewhere in the country — involves our nation's shifting demographics.

The United States is aging. At the beginning of the 20th century, the nation's typical resident was 23. The red-hot real estate market, along average citizen today is 38. And for with historically high rents that white Americans, who make up 86 percent of Durango's population, the median age is now 58.

eign-born.

It wasn't until after World War II that government-sponsored initiatives like the Bracero program started a new wave of immigration. By 2010, immigrants once again made up just over 14 percent of the country's population.

However, today, instead of putting migrants to work, the U.S. government works to keep them out. We've stepped up enforcement at the border and, under the last administration, launched deportation campaigns against undocumented immigrants.

Moreover, in 2020, the number of immigrant and nonimmigrant visas issued was down 54 percent from the previous year. In turn, temporary and permanent worker visas fell by 44 percent. And, as surprising as it might sound, more Mexicans are going home today than are com-

dream of working hard and getting ahead. One man, Carlos, summed up the chaos that so many were fleeing. Originally from Honduras, Carlos was accompanied by his 3-year-old son.

"The gangs killed my brother and sister. And they threatened my son and tortured me," Carlos said, revealing multiple scars across his chest. "I hope to get asylum and find enough work to buy a little house for my son. What more could one want?'

As our nation continues to age, the need for workers like Carlos, who has varied job experience, and others like him, becomes more and more evident. Through a guestworker program, migrants like Carlos could help fix our country's demand for additional workers. They would also boost Social Security's assets and renew America's commitment to providing refugees a safe haven. The workers are close, waiting to prove themselves.

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#### employees.

"In my 10 years with Nayarit, we've never closed due to a lack of workers," Corona explained. "But, recently, we were forced to close each of our locations one day a week." He and his staff are doing their best; all he asks is that customers "show a little more compassion when it comes to waiting for their orders."

Like many restaurants, Nayarit depends on a combination of nativeborn workers and immigrants to function. In recent months, though,

In addition, fertility rates are in free fall. At 1.6 children per woman, birth rates are now at their lowest levels since 1979. Thanks to the pandemic, birth rates have dropped even further.

Not so long ago, steady flows of young migrants helped the U.S. economy compensate for aging workers and low birth rates. But immigration to this country peaked long ago in 1910, when nearly 15 percent of the population was foring to the United States.

I believe the solution to our labor crisis is literally knocking on our southern door. In 2019, at the height of the migrant caravans from Central America, I made several trips across the border to Tijuana to interview migrants. Many of the individuals I talked to were staying at Casa del Migrante, which has been housing migrants for more than three decades.

I met hundreds of willing workers hoping to achieve the American

The question is whether or not we're willing to open the door.

Ben Waddell is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is an associate professor of sociology at Fort Lewis College in Durango. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

# Input

#### Continued from A5

input is still welcome," Otter said. The last CDAP approved by the county, which was for 2018 through 2020, included a total of 26 projects, Otter noted.

She explained that seven of those projects were completed, two projects were removed due to funding issues, 17 projects were left as "in progress" and 31 new projects were added.

The proposed CDAP that Otter presented includes a total of 48 projects, with 37 of those projects having a "high" priority ranking.

She explained that projects receive priority rankings based off specific criteria.

The criteria includes things like

if the project is relevant to economic or community growth, if it aligns with other master plans, if the county is able to control the project, if there are statistics provided to show the impact on the community, if there are other similar regions that can be used as a comparison for the project, and if the project aligns with the region's resiliency plans.

She noted that if a project meets four of those criteria items it receives a high priority ranking, projects that meet three of those criteria items receives a medium priority ranking and if it meets two of those criteria rankings it receives a low priority ranking.

"The next five years is going to

be paramount that we all are thinking about resiliency," Otter said.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez clarified during the work session that project priority rankings can change based on changes in available funding.

Otter went on to mention that one of the top priorities for all five counties that Region 9 serves is addressing the workforce/affordable housing issues.

She noted that Region 9 aligns its priorities with framework provided by the state's economic blueprint.

She explained that one of the state's priorities is to "make critical investment in community infrastructure," which includes projects that are related to providing workforce/affordable housing.

"We believe at Region 9 ... that the well-being of all of our residents depends on a healthy growing economy," Otter said.

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### Nashville Songwriter Hall-of-famer to perform in Pagosa Springs

#### By Margot Kelley Tennyson Event Center

Nashville Songwriter Hall-offamer Kent Blazy is coming to Pagosa Springs for a rare concert.

With cohorts such as Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Diamond Rio, Randy Travis and more, Blazy delivers a one-of-a-kind country music performance.

Blazy, growing up in Lexington, Ky., became musically inspired when he heard Roger McGuinn playing his Rickenbacker guitar on "Mr. Tamborine Man." This created a new choice and Blazy traded in his baseball glove for a guitar. He began his musical journey playing with a series of bands all over the eastern half of the country.

By the mid-'70s, Blazy was band leader, playing guitar and touring with Canadian legend Ian Tyson. Sound advice and the timely firstplace win in a national songwriting contest persuaded him to move to Nashville in 1980. Blazy's commitment was now to focus his efforts at the craft of songwriting. It was a very fine decision.

In 1982, sooner than expected, Gary Morris took "Headed for a Heartache" to No. 5 on the charts. In the years that followed, other artists — such as The Forrester Sisters, T. Graham Brown, Donna Fargo and Moe Bandy — recorded Blazy's tunes.

In an effort to develop more knowledge of the recording side of music and for the benefits of a "day job," Blazy opened a home recording studio. The studio offered an option for Blazy's demos as well



Kent Blazy

as a demo service to other writers. This studio introduced Blazy to some of the new demo singers and songwriters of Nashville: names like Randy Travis, Billy Dean, Trisha Yearwood, Joe Diffie and Martina McBride, now well-known country artists.

In 1987, Blazy was introduced to a new demo singer by Bob Doyle, then with ASCAP, soon to be the manager for this emerging talent, Garth Brooks. Brooks became Blazy's most-requested demo singer, and Doyle also advised, "Garth writes a little bit, too."

The first song Brooks and Blazy penned together was "If Tomorrow Never Comes," which became the first No. 1 song for both. The friendship and writing partnership continued as Brooks included eight more of their songs on his albums. Four more captured the No. 1 slot:

"Somewhere Other Than the Night," "Ain't Goin' Down ('Til the Sun Comes Up)," "It's Midnight Cinderella" and "She's Gonna Make It."

Brook's newest CD, "The Lost Sessions," includes another Blazy and Brooks song, "For a Minute There," written for their fathers. Blazy and fellow songwriter Pat Alger co-produced a CD titled "In the Beginning: A Songwriter's Tribute to Garth Brooks."

This project is a collective of six other songwriters who composed songs on Brooks' first two albums. The focus was to present the songs in the original acoustic and authentic sound form as Brooks first heard them. The CD was originally planned as a gift to Brooks during his 100 million party in 2000. An independent recording label saw the potential and released the CD in 2001, resulting in 50,000+ copies

sold to date.

An added benefit of this CD included a tour in Ireland for Blazy and three other Brooks writers. In Ireland, Blazy discovered that "If Tomorrow Never Comes" was released in Europe, Japan, Australia and the United Kingdom by an Irish artist, Ronan Keating. His recording became a successful No. 1 song in many countries.

Blazy's songwriting continues with established writing partnerships, as well as developing partnerships with new writers and artists. Many of his crafted works continue to be recorded by artists such as Diamond Rio, Kenny Chesney, Terri Clark, Clay Walker, Patty Loveless, Julie Roberts, Andy Griggs and Blaine Larsen, a new recording artist on RCA.

Blazy's latest No. 1 hit is "Gettin' You Home (The Black Dress Song)," recorded by Chris Young. Blazy also has the title track on Reba's latest CD, "All The Women I Am." It's also the name of her tour, TV special and her exhibit at the Country Music Hall of Fame. Also, look for Blazy's latest cuts from Randy Houser, "The Power of a Song" on Houser's latest CD, and "Empty Beer Cans" on Jon Pardi's new CD, "Write You A Song."

The Tennyson Building Event Center will host a special performance by the songwriting legend Aug. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m., Blazy (opened by a talented up-andcomer) will perform an intimate listening concert sure to give goosebumps and laughs as Blazy shares his long history of incredible songwriting.





# Medical center board approves additional funding for modular to house new MRI

#### By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

During a special meeting on July 19, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), allocated an additional \$350,000 from its operational fund toward a modular structure that will house the medical facility's new MRI machine.

The funding is in addition to \$150,000 contributed by the PSMC Foundation for the purpose, au-



thorizing PSMC to spend up to an additional \$500,000.

The moves came after PSMC learned that the modular would need a foundation after originally being told it would not need one, construction costs escalated and unplanned sidewalk/curb work surfaced, among other things.

The project "kind of just morphed," said board member Matt Mees, who also sits on the Facilities Committee.

In 2020, the board approved a lease-purchase agreement of \$1,278,527 for a new MRI, financed over 75 months with a \$1 purchase option. The board also approved \$50,000 for expenses in 2021 to install a modular building at PSMC to house the new machine

result from snow removal, a foundation would be necessary."

PSMC's chief administrative officer, Ann Bruzzese, told the board PSMC was "repeatedly told this was a turnkey modular."

"Everything sort of expanded from there," she said.

"Thereafter, PSMC also conducted a soils study which came back in February of 2021 indicating a micro-pile foundation would be needed due to the soils," the summary report explains.

Bruzzese noted there are springs under the medical center in various places and at various elevations.

That report then discusses other unplanned work, explaining, "In addition, a survey that indicated that in order to have proper drainage to the negative air-pressure Aspen room and the adjacent modular, the curb/sidewalk needs to be relocated (sidewalk/curb needs to be moved next to the clinic building)." The report explains that the sidewalk/curb work was paid in part with stimulus funding, with 61 percent coming from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, or CARES, Act funds and 39 percent PSMC funds.

increased costs of construction due to COVID, noting that costs of construction work are two to three times higher than pre-COVID.

The only path forward, Bruzzese told the board, is to continue on with the modular.

Other issues outlined by Bruzzese were supply chain issues related to things such as asphalt, with a local company reporting a shortage of oil binder that would potentially affect jobs for the rest of the season.

"Time is of the essence," board chair Greg Schulte pointed out during the discussion.

After discussing what funding amount would be appropriate for the resolution, the board briefly discussed the expanded revenue opportunities that will be available with the new MRI machine compared to the current one. Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger noted that PSMC will still be ahead monetarily in five years, just not by as much. Following that, the five board members present voted unanimously to allocate extra funds, with the resolution stating that funding provided by the foundation will be spent first, followed by the allocated funding from PSMC's operational fund.



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A summary report on the topic explains, "the sellers of the MRI and modular both stated the modular would not need a foundation; however, after purchase PSMC received plans showing a foundation which prompted PSMC to question whether the warranty would be honored. Siemens indicated a vibration study to assure coverage under the warranty. In November, PSMC conducted a vibration study which concluded, in part due to vibration that would

The report also acknowledges the



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# STRs

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low her to enforce any penalties on the property manager.

She also added that if the property manager is not a real estate agent, they are not subject to the rules of the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Flowers went on to mention another example where she revoked 39 permits under one property manager on the same day.

She explained that the property manager was sending out letters to guests that "we felt encouraged them to over-rent."

Flowers noted that the letters included wording such as "your only limit is the number of people you can fit in the two cars," which disregarded the guest limit defined by the number of bedrooms according to the LUR.

She explained in a later interview that the one property manager represented 38 different property owners. The property owners backed the property manager and hired a lawyer to get their STR permits back.

"We came to a compromise that would correct the problem and we reinstated all the permits," Flowers said.

She mentioned that all 39 permits were reinstated within a week of them being revoked.

"I didn't do it so they would fire [the property manager]. I'm not trying to get [the property manager's] business out of business. I'm trying to get all these properties in compliance," Flowers said.

She went on to explain that the only fine she is able to issue is the after-the-fact permitting fee, which applies to properties not currently permitted and doubles the permit fee from \$700 to \$1,400.

She also mentioned that the ads to rent the property are supposed to be taken down and a \$100-per-day fine is issued until the property is taken off the market.

Flowers provided another example in which a property manager was submitting false advertisements to the county for approval on a STR permit.

She explained that if it is a new listing, the county requires a draft advertisement to be submitted, but if the property is an existing listing, then the county only requires a link to the existing advertisement to verify that the property is in compliance.

She mentioned that this specific property was an existing STR listing, but the property manager was submitting a completely new draft advertisement to the county which "showed a different bedroom guest

count than the live ads."

She noted that the county returned the application to the property manager and advised them that there were errors with the advertisement that needed to be fixed, but the property manager submitted the same false ad.

"So, that person is falsifying a record and that is a property manager that is doing that," Flowers said. "So, this property manager flat knows the rules and is flat not following them, but I can't do anything directly to take action on the property manager."

Flowers also noted how the same property manager had two separate listings for the one property that was permitted, one for the main house and one for a garage-style unit.

She explained how that is a violation under the current LUR and presented the issue to the property owner, who claimed they had no idea that their property manager was doing that.

Commission Chair Anita Hooton mentioned that should be a sign to property owners to find a different property manager.

"It might not be, though," Flowers said.

She went on to explain that she has no mechanism to take direct

action against a property manager and that she just has to hope that the property owner will find a new property manager.

"It's not my goal to put people out of business, it's my goal to get them in line, so I want some method to hold them accountable when they are the absolute cause of the violation," Flowers said.

She reiterated that she is looking for a way to put the consequences directly on the property manager and not the property owner, who may not be aware of the violations.

# Medical

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"It's a crisis situation," he said, and it has become more apparent recently.

He noted that PSMC is really affected by the lack of affordable and attainable housing as the county's largest employer and an "anchor" institution.

The resolution notes PSMC is the community's largest employer, with employees ranging from food services and housekeeping to nurses and surgeons.

It adds that "locating affordable and attainable workforce housing has been a significant issue for the spectrum of the PSMC workforce for several years" and "PSMC believes the unavailability and unaffordability of workforce housing has dramatically worsened within the last year and is now a serious issue for all sectors of commerce and government within our service area."

The resolution further points out that the problem is multifaceted and will require a multifaceted solution, and that PSMC "feels a desire and a duty to help solve the workforce housing crisis for our community."

Schulte explained that he and board member Matt Mees have looked at housing situations for PSMC to consider for purchase.

"And I'll tell ya, there was one circumstance that really hit home personally," he said. One complex, he told the board,

was a series of affordable long-term rentals that were being sold and transitioned to separate ownership.

In one unit that was toured, he

Flowers explained in the later interview that the Planning Department will be working on creating new language to amend the current LUR in order to be able to take direct action against property managers. She noted that the proposed

amendments will be presented to the planning commission for review at its next regular meeting scheduled for Aug. 25.

She indicated that, depending on what the planning commission decides, that the issue might be presented to the Archuleta County

relayed, he saw evidence that some-

one who lived in one of the units

This is a person, this is someone who

works in the community, that's part

of the fabric of our community. And

you know what? They were being

thinking, "Gosh, we're almost part

of the problem here" because they

were looking and could want to buy

"It just was really kind of stark to

Subsequent to that, Schulte said,

they met with Andrea Phillips,

Pagosa Springs town manager, a couple of times, and met with a

development group moving into

"I would say, stay tuned," he said.

He added that PSMC needed to

communicate to the community

that PSMC believes there is a prob-

lem and stands ready to be part of

self up to speed with housing, he

really ... and it's crazy," he said.

realized he had no idea.

those professions

Mees added that in bringing him-

"I had no idea. I did, but I didn't

"These are all people that make

up the fabric of our community —

it's the school teachers, it's the police

people, it's the people that work in

the restaurant industry, the grocery

stores. We need all those people, all

local business owner, suggested

he's never seen the issue become a

Board member Jason Cox, also a

He added that he remembered

displaced," he said.

the units for themselves.

me," he said.

workforce housing.

the solution.

"That kicked me right there ...

worked at a local grocery store.

Board of County Commissioners sometime in September.

At the end of the meeting, Flowers mentioned the possibility of changing the LUR to where permits for properties that have a history of violations are required to go through the planning commission for approval, rather than just submitting an application to the Planning Department.

"Right, you just kind of want to make it miserable for them," Hooton said.

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problem like it is this year and that the Pagosa Springs community has done years' worth of accelerating in a matter of months in terms of housing prices.

He also acknowledged it is an issue other communities are facing and that the solution will have to be complex and multifaceted and come as a community.

He further suggested PSMC's strategic plan should include housing among its three-year goals.

Shortly thereafter, the seven members of the board voted in favor of the resolution.

Specifically, the resolution, which was unanimously approved by all seven members of the board, states that PSMC resolves:

"1. The lack of affordable and attainable workforce housing constitutes a present crisis for our community.

"2. PSMC wishes to communicate to our community and other anchor institutions in Archuleta County (including but not limited to, the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County Government, Archuleta School District #50 JT, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Pagosa Fire Protection District, Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association) that Pagosa Springs Medical Center stands ready and willing to be a partner in coordinated efforts to address the workforce housing crisis in Archuleta County."

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# "Most homelessness is unseen,

# Solutions

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cluded as an issue the town council would need to look at.

Clay Buchner, town attorney, joined the discussion to recommend that the idea of placing a two-year ownership requirement on STR licenses was allowable as long as it was presented as a regulatory control.

The recommendation of increasing the license fee by a factor of 12 "could be a bit more complex," Buchner said.

Buchner suggested that the fee could be implemented on a sliding scale so as to be more equitable for STR owners who might have a large multiroom house to rent versus someone who may just have a small, one-room property as an STR.

Council member Madeline Bergon brought up the need for concrete solutions to the issues the community is facing in regard to STRs.

"We need to be looking at a solution-based path, not anecdotes," she commented.

The town council agreed that it needed more direction and comment from the planning commis-

planning commission, joined the discussion with some insights.

Hurley commented that the planning commission is not opposed to the idea of STRs for the community, but noted the commission does realize the fact that having STRs in the town of Pagosa "is squeezing the housing inventory.'

Council member Rory Burnett commented that there were "some gray areas" in terms of what the town council is looking to implement in regard to regulations for STRs in the community and asked for more guidance from the town attorney in terms of what the council should stay away from altogether when crafting STR regulations.

Although there were some different perspectives on how to craft specific regulations on STRs, the entire town council recognized the urgent need to find solutions to the issue of STRs that have been impacting the entire community.

Council member Madeline Bergon noted that the issue of density restrictions of STRs in a neighborhood "can't be a one-size-fits-all policy," and the regulations that the

of different neighborhoods.

Council member Shari Pierce expressed concern over members of the community who make renting their property their family business

"We don't want to hurt families that have been doing a good job of this kind of business for years," she commented.

Mayor Volger posed the idea to the entire council as well as Planning Director James Dickhoff, of approaching other communities that have dealt with this housing problem to see if they have come up with solutions that don't harm the STRs and help members of the community."

The council meeting also had public comments that addressed the STRs as well as the housing shortage.

ChristyWeyward, a 24-year resident of Pagosa Springs, spoke about the need to address the issue of homelessness in the community.

and I am without a place to live," she said.

Volger responded to Wayward, commenting, "Many of us have never been homeless and are try-

town council comes up with need Peter Hurley, chairman of the to reflect the needs and concerns

ing to address this difficult issue. jessica@pagosasun.com

# Tent

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ume of calls in regard to the legalities of tent camping on private property.

"We get a lot of people who call and say, 'Can I camp on my land in Archuleta County?' and we say, 'Right now our regulation does not say one way or the other so, have a ball," Flowers said.

She explained that she has some health and safety concerns with allowing tent camping on private property for an extended period of time, specifically as to how waste would be disposed of.

"I think that in the current housing situation, that might be a bit risky to just leave it open-ended and I think we might want to discuss some safe parameters in which we would want to say you can do that for an extended time and how long that extended time would be," Flowers said.

Commissioner Mont McAlister mentioned the idea of proposing the same limitation that is currently set on RVs for tent camping.

Flowers stated that it "absolutely could be, just duplicate what's already there," but she went on to explain that, typically, RVs have bathroom facilities built in and that residents are required to dispose of waste properly in a septic tank or a proper dump station.

During the meeting Flowers also explained that she believes there should be some language added to the regulations that designates a time frame of up to 14 to 30 days in which tent camping or RV camping is allowed without a permit.

"So, the concern's mostly the waste?" McAlister asked.

Flowers replied, "That's the only real reason to put any kind of limits."

Commissioner Chair Anita Hooton mentioned that San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) might be able to provide information and recommendations to the county about specific safety concerns in regard to waste disposal.

Flowers indicated in a later interview that the Planning Department will contact SJBPH for recommendations before proposing any change to the LUR.

Commissioner Luke McCauley noted the U.S. Forest Service imposes a 14-day limit for camping on national forest land and the county could potentially follow the same guideline.

Flowers indicated that other counties around the state allow for a 14-day limit to camp on private property without a permit.

Flowers then asked, "But, beyond two weeks, do we want to allow it with a permit in certain circumstances or just say you plain can't do it?'

McAlister stated, "I think it should be just as flexible as the RVs ... as long as there's parameters."

Flowers mentioned that she hopes to be able to develop a set of parameters that can clearly define what is safe and acceptable in order to allow tent camping on private property with a permit for up to 120 consecutive days, just like the limit that is currently set for staying in an RV.

"What I would love to do is find a set of parameters we can give to tent camping that would allow us to be comfortable for 120 days," Flowers said.

She reiterated that the main concern is avoiding health hazards with waste disposal.

Flowers mentioned in the later interview that she is hoping to have some proposed changes to the LUR language that address tent camping on private property to present to the planning commission at its next regular meeting scheduled for Aug. 25.

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Photo courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

A firefighter (emphasized with a circle), works to rescue a dog that ran off of the top of Eight Mile Mesa on Monday. The firefighter, helped by other firefighters and Archuleta County emergency management personnel, brought the uninjured dog safely back to the top before reuniting her with her owners.

### By Randi Pierce

Staff Writer

Following nearly four hours of business on Tuesday evening, Pagosa Springs Town Council member Rory Burnett announced his immediate resignation from the council.

The announcement came under the portion of the agenda allowing for council comments.

"I'd like to thank you all for the camaraderie in my short time here

as a council member," Burnett said, reading a letter addressed to the council, mayor and town staff, adding, "With deep regret, I must resign from my duties as a council member due to unforeseen responsibilities that will cause me to be absent from a majority of the meetings in the unforeseen future.

"It has been my deepest honor to serve alongside of you, and I look forward to serving and participating as a citizen of our wonderful town. So, thank you all."

The council members thanked Burnett for his service and offered support.

"I'm gonna miss you terribly," Mayor Don Volger said.

Burnett was elected in April of 2020, with his term set to expire in 2024.

Additional information regarding the process and timeline to fill the vacancy created by Burnett's resignation was not available by press time Wednesday. randi@pagosasun.com

## Rescue -

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knowing what to do, he added.

The dog was perched on a ledge above the cliff, he explained, adding that the area where the dog was has a slope of about 70 degrees.

"She managed to claw into the earth bank and stay put," he said.

Le Roux and a crew of firefighters responded to the top, he reported, and were able to see the dog.

After assessing the risk level, a firefighter was then lowered down 40 to 50 feet via ropes to the dog's position, and the dog was secured to the firefighter using webbing and a harness that had been fashioned by its rescuers and safely brought back to the top.

The dog was uninjured, Le Roux explained, but gave everyone involved a scare when she at one point attempted to climb back up the slope before sliding back down to the same position.

Le Roux called the situation "terrifying.'

The dog was reunited with her owners at the trailhead, Le Roux noted.

"They were pretty ecstatic," he said, adding, "It was really good, and it's a good news story in the end."

**Burnett resigns from town council** 

### **COVID-19: CDC issues new guidance on masking**

#### By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

On July 29, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) amended its local public health advisory based on the new masking guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that was released last week

The updated SJBPH advisory urges face coverings in public indoor settings regardless of vaccination status and lowers the minimum age recommended for face coverings from 10 to 2.

Also following the CDC, SJBPH strongly advises schools and higher education institutions require face coverings for all persons in indoor school settings. Both unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals are advised they will still be subject to mandatory quarantine if exposed.

The amendments were made to an existing SJBPH advisory that was issued on May 14.

The advisory continues to recommend additional precautions in public indoor spaces such as 6-foot distancing, ventilation improvements and symptom screening.

In a press release, SJBPH noted it will "update the reissued advisory as-needed based on local case incidence rates, hospitalization data and other metrics.

The advisory, Brian Devine, SJBPH environmental director and deputy incident commander for the agency's COVID-19 response, pointed out, still includes the same exemptions it did previously, but that SJBPH is "very much in alignment" with the CDC and the state of Colorado.

With the Delta variant spreading nationwide, the CDC now recommends masks be required in indoor public spaces for all, regardless of vaccine status, for areas of substantial and high disease transmission.

The CDC also recommends that students, teachers, staff and visitors wear masks in schools.

As of July 29, Archuleta County is identified as having "high" transmission by the CDC.

"With the Delta variant spreading in our community, it is more important than ever to get vaccinated right away to protect yourself and your family from serious illness. Until the level of infection in our community drops, we urge you to follow public health adviso- layer their protection by getting

not. This includes wearing a mask in businesses and maintaining 6 feet of distancing between households," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH executive director. "The renewed commitment to masks will provide additional protection with the more transmissible Delta variant spreading. This has been a long road and we recognize people have pandemic fatigue. But the best way to reduce your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19 is to get vaccinated right away and wear a mask in public indoor settings."

"The prevalence of the highly transmissible Delta variant is increasing in Colorado and it is believed to be the dominant variant in La Plata and Archuleta counties," the press release notes. "Statewide, 95 percent of positive tests that were randomly selected for variant sequencing in the most recent week were confirmed as Delta variant cases. The variant may be more likely to make younger age groups sicker than other variants.

Additionally, the Delta variant is leading to some "breakthrough" cases in the fully vaccinated population and there are indications the fully vaccinated population may be able to transmit the Delta variant to others, the press release reports.

Devine told The SUN Wednesday the rate of breakthrough cases in the region is "right in line" with state and national statistics, with the vaccine still more than 80 percent effective.

He called it a "phenomenally effective vaccine" and indicated that, while the efficacy is lower than it was prior to the arrival of the Delta variant, data from other countries suggests the effectiveness will stay in the current range.

He also pointed out that the Delta variant and the increased number of vaccinated individuals mean that there will be more vaccine breakthroughs.

The press release notes those who are fully vaccinated and who get infected with COVID-19 are likely to be asymptomatic or have less severe illness. The vaccines continue to be highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death.

"In order to prevent an additional strain on local health care resources and to support the health and safety of the community as a new school year approaches, residents are strongly urged to ries whether you are vaccinated or vaccinated and following public

health precautions such as wearing masks in businesses," the press release reads.

SJBPH also reminds parents via the press release to "get eligible students vaccinated right away to have as much immunity as possible by the first day of school.'

The Pfizer vaccine is currently available for 12- to 17-year-olds, with the two-dose series taking at least five weeks from the first shot for individuals to complete the series and reach maximum immunity, the press release explains.

The document further notes SJBPH is closely tracking federal and state guidance that would open eligibility for children under 12 and is prepared, alongside partners, to rapidly vaccinate this population when they become eligible.

Devine noted SJBPH is very closely following new developments in vaccines and has been receiving questions about additional doses, permanent authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and vaccine mandates.

He suggested it's going to take a "high-level conversation about strategy and responsibilities at a national level" before third vaccine doses are recommended, but that it seems like there will be authorization at some point in the future for additional doses, even if they are not recommended.

He also noted that there have been reports that permanent authorization of the Pfizer vaccine is anticipated around the first week of September.

Devine further noted that SJBPH has assembled some research for employers who are considering mandating vaccine, with that information available by contacting SJBPH.

#### Local numbers

Archuleta County's COVID-19 case incidence rate remains above the state's, but below the nation's.

According to SJBPH, Archuleta County's seven-day cumulative incidence rate was 164.3 cases per 100,000 people — up from 150.0 on July 21.

According to the CDC, Colorado's seven-day incidence rate was 86.4 Wednesday — up from 64.5 on July 21. The U.S.'s rate was 177.9 Wednesday, up from 119.8 on July 29.

As of Wednesday, SJBPH listed 1,157 total cases of confirmed CO-VID-19 among Archuleta County residents since late March 2020, up from 1,135 a week prior.

The agency showed Archuleta County was at 8 percent positivity Wednesday, the same as the previous Wednesday, though that rate rose to 13 percent on July 30.

SJBPH reports that Archuleta County has had three deaths among COVID cases, while the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment lists Archuleta as having two deaths among cases.

Devine noted that the time delays and data audits can account for the different figures.

Over half of the county's total population (52 percent) had received at least one dose of a vaccine as of Wednesday, with 49 percent of the population having completed a vaccine series.

Of the eligible population (those 12 and older), 59 percent has received at least one dose, while 56 percent have completed a vaccine series.

Two outbreaks continue to be reported for Archuleta County.

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 continue to be scheduled and 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. Minors must have a signed pa-

rental 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 CO-VIDCheck 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. For more information on CO-



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#### Thursday, Aug. 5

Archuleta County Board of Equalization Petition Hearings. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Executive Management Board meeting. 9:30 a.m. Zoom meeting: https://us02web. zoom.us/j/7186713647, meeting ID: 718 671 3647.

Town of Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. 5:30 p.m. See town website for participation information.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 10

- Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/91609048375 ?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHF sa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.
- Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, Tall Pines Beer and Wine Garden, 23 Pike Drive.
- Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m., See town website for participation information. Archuleta School District Board
- of Education regular meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Wednesday, Aug. 11 Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting.

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Garden, 23 Pike Drive. Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd., or via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/84538356482?pwd=Q0hZ blMrL1F3bFp2Um93NFNKRFppUT09.

Thursday, Aug. 12 Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 17 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/91609048375 ?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHF sa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. Archuleta County Board of County **Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

View Zoom meeting at: https:// zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd= dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2ta eGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.

#### Wednesday, Aug. 18

**Upper San Juan Library District** board meeting. 4 p.m. via Zoom. Join us at: https://us02web. zoom.us/j/83398449146.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation work session. 4 p.m., attend via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/840 67431808?pwd=cVlaUXBwTzdJ WDZjOXpIdzFOV3FIUT09.

Pagosa Peak Open School regular meeting. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

#### Thursday, Aug. 19 **Pagosa Springs Town Council**

- meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.
- Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasun.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

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### County hopes to move forward with gravel pit amid 'crisis'

#### By Clayton Chaney

Staff Writer

Archuleta County has received a proposal from Wasteline Inc. to facilitate the process of establishing a new gravel pit.

Nathan Barton, a representative of Wasteline, explained in an interview that his company has submitted a proposal to Archuleta County to assist with obtaining the proper permits from the U.S. Forest Service.

He noted that there are multiple federal agencies, like the Forest Service and the Bureau of Reclamation, that are involved in obtaining the proper permits to create the gravel pit.

Barton indicated that the potential location of the gravel pit will be in the Jackson Mountain area, located approximately 9 miles east of downtown Pagosa Springs.

He noted that Wasteline has been doing business related to facilitating these types of projects in southwest Colorado for more than 20 years.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf explained in an interview that there are several potential locations for the new gravel pit.

He noted that the county has been working with the Forest Service on the option of establishing the pit off of Turkey Creek Road, which is in the Jackson Mountain area.

Schaaf explained that if the proposal is accepted, Wasteline will assist the county with obtaining all the necessary permits to create and operate the gravel pit.

He mentioned that the primary purpose of the gravel pit is to be able to supply sufficient amounts of gravel for road maintenance for the county and the Forest Service.

He noted that the county could potentially be able to utilize up to 65 percent of the gravel generated from the pit.

Schaaf also explained that the county will not be able to operate and maintain the gravel pit on its own.

The county would most likely have to hire a private company to oversee the operations of the gravel pit, he indicated.

He also explained that the county has been working on creating a new gravel pit for multiple years now.

The county and the Forest Service received negative feedback from the public after proposing the location of the pit to be in the Fawn Gulch area, "Which I understand," Schaaf said.

He explained that the Forest Service has presented the potential new location in the Jackson Mountain/Turkey Creek area as a possible solution.

"When it boils down to it, we're in a crisis; we need some gravel," Schaaf said.

The commissioners recently emphasized the crisis via resolution.

Resolution 2021-52, regarding the desperate need for gravel supplies for road construction and maintenance, was approved by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting held on July 20.

County Administrator Scott Wall stated, "This is a message from the commissioners to the public and the Forest Service, how desperately we need to find a supply of gravel."

The resolution notes that the county is comprised of more than 237 miles of roadway, of which only 44 miles are paved, leaving 283 miles of roadway that need gravel for maintenance.

The resolution also notes that the county's lease with Weber Sand and Gravel Inc. will expire in 2022, "leaving only one gravel supplier in Archuleta County."

The resolution goes on to explain that approximately 40 percent, or 114 miles of the 283 miles of gravel roads in the county "have little to no road surface on them now."

The resolution also states that the county currently replaces just 6 miles of gravel per year.



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## Protecting waterfowl in the Riverwalk wetlands

#### By Josh Pike Pagosa Wetland Partners

Waterfowl, including ducks, geese and swans, are some of the most prized wildlife in the area. Often seen on ponds, wetlands and riverbanks, waterfowl like Canada geese and mallard ducks are among the best-known wildlife in Pagosa Springs.

Waterfowl utilize a wide range of habitats in the area, including the San Juan River and local lakes, such as Lake Pagosa. One of the richest and most diverse waterfowl habitats in the area is the Riverwalk conservation area and its geothermally fed wetlands. The diversity of plants supported by the geothermally fed year-round open water make for an ideal waterfowl habitat during migration or otherwise.

As development and tourism expands in Pagosa, it is important to consider how to effectively conserve and enhance our wetland environments, including our waterfowl populations. These environments are important ecological resources and natural attractions for local residents and tourists. Protecting them is an obvious priority. The Town of Pagosa Springs recognizes the social, business and environmental importance of our downtown wetlands in its 2018 Comprehensive Plan. The plan speaks directly to the need and intent of the town to "Consider adopting local wetlands regulations into the LUDC [Land Use Development Code] to ensure wetland areas are protected, or if disturbance is unavoidable, the impacts are minimized and mitigated." — 2018 Comprehensive Plan, Goal N1, page 9. A preliminary approach to protecting the wetlands is to focus on the needs of a single key group of species, such as waterfowl, and build protections around them. Put simply, we consider what exactly waterfowl need in their environments and design policies to protect these key characteristics. While this process is comprehensive in considering all elements of a wetland, it is a useful tool for conceptualizing wetland protections and the lists of protections generated by this process can be surprisingly complete. Science informs us that waterfowl require three primary things from their wetland environments: 1) consistent water quality and quantity, 2) diverse and high quality vegetation, and 3) a minimum of disturbances. Focusing around these three elements is a good starting point. Waterfowl are highly reliant on predictable and sufficient water in the wetlands they frequent. Not only do many waterfowl feeding behaviors, such as diving or dabbling, rely on water, but most waterfowl food sources, such as algae, water plants and aquatic in-



Mallard ducks float on a Riverwalk wetlands pond.

vertebrates, only exist when water nutritious vegetation. Plants are a and regular targeted removal of



levels are reasonably consistent. Securing the warm-water inflows into our wetlands from inadvertent disruption is a good starting point in protecting our downtown wetlands.

The quality of the water is also important. Waterbirds can become poisoned by high levels of toxins from various sources such as parking lot runoff, sewage, industrial waste and the like. Protecting the wetland requires enforceable measures to ensure that neither water quality nor quantity is unnecessarily compromised. Such measures frequently include monitoring of water quality, water catchments to limit the runoff of surface water from nearby pavement and parking lots and, in the case of the geothermal wetlands, planning to ensure that inadvertent geological changes from development projects do not disrupt the water flows and even the temperature of water going into the wetlands.

Waterfowl also need the wetlands to contain diverse and highly



core part of these birds' diets and a wider diversity of plants helps accommodate more bird species by ensuring food is available throughout the season. Without plant diversity, the wetland may only contain plants appropriate to limited bird species or may only provide food through part of the season.

A primary threat to wetland biodiversity is the presence of invasive plant species such as the Russian olive tree, which can be found along the Riverwalk. Such species may spread rapidly, force out native species and reduce the range of native food sources available in the wetlands. Further, invasive species may be more susceptible to or tolerant of wildfires than native species. Many invasive species are either toxic or of low nutritional value, meaning their prevalence does little to contribute to the nutritional value of the wetlands.

Managing invasive species requires a range of measures, including frequent vegetation surveys

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invasive plants. Eradication before they become too entrenched is key. Such management is crucial to maintain the value of a wetland for future generations.

Finally, waterbirds need insula-See Wetlands A11

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### Virtual lecture series continues with Pre-Hispanic Musical Instruments from the American Southwest' Aug. 12

#### By Nadia Werby

#### Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) hosts a free lecture series several times a year to offer the opportunity for the public and CRIA volunteers to enjoy a speaker whose topic typically relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

Join us on Thursday, Aug. 12, as Emily J. Brown discusses pre-Hispanic musical instruments from the American Southwest, describing the various types and what we know of their the history of the Pueblo cultures of the region.

Space is limited and is first-come, first-serve. To join this special Zoom presentation online at 7 p.m., you will need the Zoom link and meeting ID located on www.chimneyrockco.org/lecture.

Brown studied archaeology at Columbia University, earning a master's and doctorate with a focus on the American Southwest. Her dissertation research was on prehistoric musical instruments from the Four Corners states. Initially employed as an archaeologist with the National Park Service, she left federal

development and distributions in the context of employment to found Aspen CRM Solutions in 2005 and now serves as the firm's principal investigator. She has served as a member of the board of trustees for the Archaeological Society of New Mexico and is currently the chair of its publications committee.

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



Photo courtesv Pagosa Springs Little League

Members of Pagosa Springs Little League celebrate the end of their season with a community service day recently. The day ended with a pizza party and a fun afternoon in the river.

### Wings Early Childhood Center to hold open house

#### Lynne McCrudden Wings Early Childhood Center

An open house for new students and their parents will be held at Wings Early Childhood Center on Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The center accepts children ages 1 to 5 years old. The classrooms social-emotional skills, making

1-2 years, Toddlers ages 2-3 years and Pre-K ages 3 to 5 years. The program at Wings is a nature/playbased child care program, offering natural materials to help children build on their knowledge of the environment while also learning

are separated by Wobblers ages friends and developing their fine and gross motor skills.

Come explore Wings with your child on Aug. 28. See how they can learn to fly with us. The center is located at 74 Backswing Court, which is off Piedra Road behind Piedra Automotive. Questions? Please call Becca Gartman, director, at (970) 731-2868.

# Drought restrictions remain, Village Lake and Lake Forest full

By Clayton Chaney

Drought Information System (NI- cords at this site, the average flow

# Wetlands \_

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tion from frequent disturbances in the surrounding environment. Disturbances can include nearby traffic noise, obtrusive nighttime lighting and too-close human encroachment. In addition to the stress such disruptions cause in birds, such disturbances may reduce their reproductive success as well as that of other animals.

A proven measure to reduce nearby wildlife disturbances are setbacks or buffers which designate a minimum proximity, often 200 feet or more between buildings/ roads and the edge of flood planes or wetlands. Such setbacks cannot completely eliminate human disturbances, particularly in wetland areas used for outdoor recreation, but they are an effective measure for mitigating the impact of ongoing development and human usage. Setbacks also mitigate contaminated street and parking lot runoff from entering the wetlands by allowing the buffer space to naturally filter out pollution.

While this suite of protections is tailored to waterbirds, the measures mentioned in this article are also effective in protecting other wetland species. Because of how interconnected wetland plants and animals are, protections for one species protect others as well. The details and implementation of such protections are complex and require thoughtful deliberation. However, a simple thought experiment focusing on waterfowl is a good way to begin thinking about broader wetland protections.

If you want to get involved in protecting our local wetlands or learn more about them, please contact Pagosa Wetland Partners at pagosawetlands@gmail.com. Additionally, you are invited to join one of our Riverwalk Wetland Tours, educational tours of the Riverwalk wetlands that occur every week on Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday at 8 a.m., starting at the Native Plant Garden in Centennial Park.



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#### Staff Write

According to an Aug. 2 press release from the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Manager Justin Ramsey, the district remains under Stage 1 drought restrictions.

"Under the Drought Stage 1 there is mandatory water use restriction limiting irrigation to after 6:00 pm to 9:00 am.," the press release reads.

Ramsey notes that PAWSD is continuing to request voluntary odd/even watering days where "if your address is an odd number only irrigate on odd calender days and vice-versa for even number addresses."

According to Ramsey's press release, Village Lake and Lake Forest are now completely full.

According to the press release from the previous week, issued on July 26, Village Lake rose 6 inches and Lake Forest rose 2 inches.

Hatcher Lake is currently 17 inches from full.

Stevens Lake is currently 16 inches from full and Pagosa Lake is 1 inch from full.

Total diversion flows are listed at 5.5 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion flow is listed at 2.5 cfs and the San Juan diversion flow is listed at 3 cfs.

Water production from July 22 through July 28 was listed at a total of 14.92 million gallons. The Snowball water plant contributed 4.52 million gallons, while the Hatcher plant contributed 5.75 million gallons and the San Juan water plant contributed 4.65 million gallons.

Last year, total water production was listed at 15.02 million gallons for those dates.

#### Drought report

The National Integrated

DIS) website indicates that, as of July 27, 100 percent of Archuleta County is abnormally dry and 89.38 percent of the county is in a moderate 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 65.2 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 38.59 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.

There is no longer any portion of the county in an exceptional drought.

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 132 cfs in Pagosa Springs as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Based on 85 years of water records at this site, the average flow rate for this date is 196 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 1999 at 845 cfs. The lowest recorded rate was 20.1 cfs, recorded in 2002.

As of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4, the Piedra River near Arboles was flowing at a rate of 193 cfs.

Based on 58 years of water re-



rate for this date is 216 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was 1,230 cfs in 1999. The lowest recorded rate was 18.2 cfs in 2002.

#### Weather Outlook

According to the National Weather Service, today, Aug. 5, temperatures are forecasted to reach a high of 86 degrees and low of 50 degrees, with clear and sunny skies. For Friday, Aug. 6, the forecasted high is 86 degrees the low is 50 de-

grees, with clear and sunny skies. For Saturday, Aug. 7, tempera-

tures are forecasted to reach a high of 86 degrees and a low of 47 degrees, again with clear and sunny skies.

For Sunday, Aug. 8, the forecasted high is 88 degrees with sunny skies. The forecasted low for this day is 50 degrees with mostly clear skies.

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**Recreation News** 

### **Register** now for youth soccer ages 5-12

**By Darren Lewis** SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is offering youth soccer for ages 5-12. Registration is currently being accepted at the recreation office or

online through Aug. 13. The season will be held in the months of September and October. The cost is \$35 per participant,

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### LIBRARY NEWS

### Friends' book sale this weekend plus special wolves and wolfdogs event

#### **By Carole Howard**

SUN Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you will attend the Friends of the Library book sale Aug. 5-7 at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

Today, Thursday, at 6 p.m. is the annual membership meeting and advance sale for Friends of the Library. Memberships are available at the door. The sale opens to the public Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

This is an ideal venue for finding treasures for yourself and for gifts. You'll find lots more than books to buy at great bargain prices — there are audio books, DVDs, puzzles and games as well.

This year, all proceeds from the Friends sale will be donated to the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation to support and enhance your library's information resources, programs, services and facilities.

Then, join us in the library garden next Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 11 a.m. for a special all-ages event featuring a representative from Wolfwood Refuge, a local nonprofit dedicated to rescuing wolves and wolfdogs. And don't be surprised if there is a special wolf guest or two so you can get to know them face to face.

You will learn how to identify wolves and some of their habits, and how they differ from wolf dogs. The rain date is Aug. 18.

#### In-person activities

We are delighted that the robust local vaccination program for our community means that most of our programs now can happen in person. Also, our hours have returned to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

• Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. That's one additional hour on Fridays.

• Tuesdays and Thursdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. That's one additional hour each day.

• 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 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.

#### **Discovery Time invitation**

Min Jin Lee. Copies of the book are Please put your materials donaavailable at your library. This book club alternates reading fiction and nonfiction and meets the second Tuesday of each month.

#### Family storytimes

Wednesdays 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, weather permitting.

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, Aug. 9, 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.

#### Storywalks for kids

Watch for signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new free storywalk for kids. Aug. 2-14's theme is family traditions. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

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tions into the drop box at the library — not at City Market, which is reserved for returns.

#### Library foundation

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#### Karen A Wilder, Personal Representative for the Estate of Judith N Crabtree, Deceased, et al. Defendant

Case No.: 2021CV30038 Attorney for Plaintiff Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hiclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):

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#### Re: Visitor Center Roof Replacement

The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking a contractor to remove and replace the roof at the Town of Pagosa Springs Visitor Center. The existing metal roof is damaged and has aged poorly. There are no known leaks or structural damage in the roof currently. Town staff has determined that a metal roof is the best option for this building and will want all roofing surfaces redone. Bid specifics and forms are available online at http:// www.pagosasprings.co.gov through the "Invitation to Bid" link or contact the Town Public Works Department at 970-264-4151 x451. Published July 29 and August 5, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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Case No. 2021 PR 30062 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before December 1, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.

Linda McNerney Verrips 91 Cleek Court Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published July 29, August 5 and 12, 2021 in The Pagosa

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Paul E. Padilla Personal Representative's Counsel Padilla Law, P.C.

P.O. Box 2835 Durango, Colorado 81302 Published July 29, August 5 and 12, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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"The Other Black Girl" by Zakiya Dalila Harris features two young black women working in the white publishing world of New York City. "The Heathens" by Ace Atkins is a Quinn Colson adventure featuring this Army Ranger turned county sheriff. "It's Better This Way" by Debbie Macomber follows a woman starting a new life after her divorce.

#### **DVDs**

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Defendants Case No.: 2021CV30036 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Haves, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AB 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814 Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): SHON BURCHETT RACHEL BURCHETT DONALD G BENNETT III ERNEST R MORRISON MARGARET T FLEMING MARVIN D FLEMING INNS DE MEXICO, S.A. DE CV ELIZABETH VOGEL MCBRIDE, TRUSTEE OF THE JOHN A MCBRIDE TRUST, DATED AUGUST 5, 1997 KATHERINE HARRIS, TRUSTEE OF THE JOHN A MCBRIDE TRUST. DATED AUGUST 5, 1997 F MULERO ENTERPRISES, LLC JULIE ANNETTE BAKER GLADYS M ANDERSON CHARLIE R ANDERSON LEWIS W BRINKMAN, TRUSTEE OF THE BRINKMAN FAMILY TRUST PAULINE R BRINKMAN, TRUSTEE OF THE BRINKMAN FAMILY TRUST CHARLES D PROFFIT, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CHARLES D AND GAYLE R PROFFIT TRUST, U/T/D MAY 23, 1997 GAYLE R PROFFIT, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CHARLES D AND GAYLE R PROFFIT TRUST, U/T/D MAY 23, 1997 RICHARD ELSEN MARY THERESA JERRY F SHINN YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of

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The Petition requests that the name of Ava Jade Hamb lin be changed to Ava Jade Niesen-Hamblin.

/s/ Cheryl Mulbery Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk Published July 29, August 5 and 12, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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Request for Proposals/Requests for Qualifications for Columbine Park/Restroom/Recreation Information

The Town of Silverton is seeking proposals from qualified professional Architecture individuals or firms who can provide professional services required for analysis planning and architectural design work on Silverton's Columbine Park, a primary asset of the Silverton Parks and Recreation inventory. Proposals should be received by: 4:00pm (MST), Friday August 27, 2021 Proposals shall be submitted to: Town of Silverton RE: Columbine Park/Restroom/ Recreation Information Center 1360 Greene ST. PO Box 250 Silverton, CO 81433 The RFP/RFQ can be downloaded at: https://bit. ly/2TDXUM5 Published August 5, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

#### Notice of Liquor Board Hearing Pursuant to C.R.S. 44-3-311(1) notice is hereby being given that Keep Twoo LLC has applied for a transfer of ownership of the Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License with the Premises being located at Coyote Moon Bar

& Grill, 120 County Road 600 in Pagosa Springs, CO and a public hearing being set by the Board of County Commissioners as the local Liquor Authority for 1:30 p.m. on August 17, 2021 in the Board's meeting room located at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Published August 5, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.



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# Washout

Photos courtesy George Hunyadi An irrigation canal washout that occurred the evening of July 21 resulted in blocking vehicular traffic with rocks, mud and vegetation debris on County Road 382. Recent heavy rains have caused flash flooding and filled roads with debris throughout the region.





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# Archuleta County Fair Thursday, Aug. 5 – Sunday, Aug. 8

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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 horseshoepitching 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-See Fair on next page



**BEER GARDEN & FESTIVAL TENT!** 

#### Thursday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Tim Sullivan, 7 p.m. 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://archuletacountyfair.com for complete details on all the events and schedule.

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



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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 See Music on next page





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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 community will support this goal through their generous donations and attendance at their concerts. Be prepared for a wonderful

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

### Friday, August 6th

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

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### Saturday, August 7th

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

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### Sunday, August 8th

Kid's Rodeo Late Registration Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open 4-H Parent/Master Showman Contest Kids Rodeo Pie-eating Contest: Adult and Youth divisions Animals Loaded on Semi Truck Fair Closes until next year All private haulers must remove animals Release of Open Class Projects/Premiums Paid **Release of 4-H Class Projects** Tear down — All 4-Hers are required to help

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Photos courtesy Seeds of Learning This year's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars will offer both inperson 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.

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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 **See Dancing on next page** 

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**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 reschedule 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.

Dancing

**continued from previous page** 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 muchanticipated 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

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.

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Photos courtesy Food System/Food Equity Coalition 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 See Garden on next page



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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.

# Garden

■ continued from previous page 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 CO-VID-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 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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### 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 bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09, 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, Aug. 8, our theme is See Faith on next page

### 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 membersonly 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 Westcliff 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

# Faith

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"Those who suffer most, attain to the greatest perfection." - Abdu'l-Baha.

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.

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.

We welcome everyone to come to learn more about our amazing universe. Hope to see you.



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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

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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 compassion 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 likeminded people. I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

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#### 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.: Out-

door 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



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 hatch-

back, 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 See Lane on next page

## Topic

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We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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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-

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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.

#### Readers' comments

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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.
- 19th Hole Concert Presents: Jackson 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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- Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 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.
- 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)
- 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.
- Free Vaccine Clinic. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market, 225 E. Pagosa St.

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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

# **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 duskycolored 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.

For information on activities, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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- 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.
- 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).

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#### Monday, Aug. 9

- 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.
- 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

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- 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

distancing is required at this time. Contact (970) 799-8387 for more details.

- Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
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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.
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#### Wednesday, Aug. 11

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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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- 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.
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- 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

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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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- 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.
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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.,

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- tact 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 Stitchers. 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.
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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

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.



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### Thingamajig Theatre Gala Fundraiser

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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

#### **Bv Chervl 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 tollfree 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



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 though 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 longterm 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-

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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 infectionrelated 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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FRONT DESK ATTENDANT: Healing Waters Resort & Spa would like to add one more excellent part-time member to our team! Shifts may include mornings, evenings and weekends. If you have strong hospitality skills, smile regularly, and multitasking is your super power, we'd love to talk with you. Comfort with computers is important! Includes soaking privileges for you and your family! Download application at www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/ or pick one up at 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

CONCRETE LABORERS AND CDL drivers needed. (970)731-1355.

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

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@vipcompaniesinc. com, (818)963-0836.

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.



#### Spa Receptionist

**HELP WANTED** 

**Grill Attendant** Maintenance Tech

We offer Competitive Pay & Full Time Benefits:

- -Medical, Prescription, and Vision Insurance
- -Dental Insurance -401K with Company Match -Paid Time Off -Sick Pay
- -Holiday Pay -Hotel Room Discounts

-Free Soaking Privileges for Associate & Immediate Family -\$200 Housing Allowance per month to full-time Associates

> Ideal candidates must have a flexible schedule, including working weekends and holidays.

Applications must be submitted online: Visit www.pagosahotsprings.com/careers/ or email your resume to aalston@pagosahotsprings.com

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has an opening for Certified Surgical Technologists. The Surgical Technologist will work directly with the surgeon and the circulating registered nurse. Assists surgeon during gastroenterology endoscopy, operative and invasive procedures with a working knowledge of sterile and aseptic technique. Assures operating suite is adequately prepared and maintained for procedures. Monitors inventory of surgical instruments and supplies. Cleans, reprocesses and sterilizes surgical instruments. Participates in departmental staff meetings and performance improvement activities. This is a full time position. PSMC's full-time positions include the following benefits: 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. Compensation range for this position is \$21.75 to \$26.75 an hour. Applications may be downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.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.

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

DENTAL HYGIENIST: San Juan Dental is seeking a caring and compassionate dental hygienist to join our team. Please email resume to drericmsmithdds@aol.com or stop by our wonderful office and meet the team, 308 Pagosa St. (970)264-9436.

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264-2100

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### Career **Opportunities**

**Current Openings:** Detention Center Food Service (RFT) Animal Control Officer (RPT) Mechanic (RFT) Equipment Operator (RFT) County Appraiser I (RFT) Deputy Clerk I, Motor Vehicle (RFT) Bus Driver (RPT) Solid Waste Facilities Operator (RFT) Patrol Deputy (RFT) Dispatcher (RFT)





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 it4corners@protonmail.com.

EARLY MORNING BATHHOUSE CLEAN-ER: Cleaning takes place between 6a.m. and 8a.m. before we open. DOES NOT involve draining or cleaning pools-just regular cleaning duties. 2-4 days/week, schedule to be determined. May be possible to combine with laundry attendant for more hours. Includes soaking privileges for you and your family! 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.

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.

FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.



### **Cashier** • Paint Department

We are looking for positive, motivated applicants that enjoy a fast-paced environment. Full time benefits package includes sick/vacation pay, healthcare, profit share and more! Must be able to work weekends and holidays.

Please apply in person, applications on www.terrysace.com.

525 Navajo Trail Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

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.

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

SERVERS, HOSTS AND BUSSERS! Make up to \$25/ hour with our shared tips! If you know hospitality and service, join the team at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. All Team Members share tips. Apply on FB, email info@pagosabrewing.com, or in-person at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Cheers!

**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.

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.

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.

MONGO'S WOOD AND PLOW is hiring for woodcutter and plow driver. Wood Cutter: WEEKEND WORK or no set schedule for wood cutting. Must have experience with a chainsaw and log splitter, must be over the age of 21 and have a valid driver's license. Paid per load of wood, Plow Driver: Must have experience in snow removal, not necessarily in plow truck driving, must be over the age of 21, and have a valid drivers license. Please send resumes to PagosaAdventure@gmail.com or call (817)253-5284 for more information.

N. PAGOSA MARATHON (SHELL) gas station hiring for full-time cashier. Also hiring full-time deli cook. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

SEEDS OF LEARNING is accepting applications for the Program Director position. Must have a minimum of an Early Childhood Associates degree and director qualified (or close to it). Job duties include but are not limited to, staff management/training, curriculum oversight, maintaining files on all children and staff, enrollment of children, Family involvement events, tracking immunizations, managing food program. This is a full time Monday through Friday, year round, 40 hour a week position. Wages will depend on education and experience. Please contact Lynne at (970)264-5513 or email seedsoflearning@ growingseeds.org.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a customer service orientated person for a driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL License is a plus but not necessary. Duties include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr. in Pagosa Springs.

PAGOSA LIQUOR HIRING part-time cashier. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd. CDL/ TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED IMMEDI-

ATELY. Minimum 1 year experience. Forestry equipment knowledge helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Send resume to PO Box 4490, Pagosa Springs CO 81157 or email: frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com. EOE.

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.

BUCK FRISBEE LANDSCAPING COMPA-NY is seeking seasonal workers for landscaping and irrigation installations. Experience is a plus! Must have reliable transportation. Call (970)946-0996

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND GREEN-HOUSE PAGOSA are looking for happy, enthusiastic people to join our budding business. We are willing to train the right candidate if you're committed to being a part of this continually growing industry. Please send a copy of your resume to employment@jandjinc.net along with a copy of your Colorado M.E.D. Badge. A new program from the State of CO offers \$1,600 bonuses until May 29, and \$1.200 from May 30-June 26 to move from unemployment to a job. Must meet certain conditions.

### 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.

ISU Offers:

**HELP WANTED** 

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

AAAHC

ACCREDITATION ASSOCIATION AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE, INC

SEEKING MASSAGE THERAPIST. Are you an empath or intuitive looking to facilitate healing and use your gifts? Mountain Mama Massage is looking for a Massage Therapist ready to work in a fun environment where your gifts are not only respected, but deeply valued. Position is part or full time. \$45/ hour plus tips. If interested, contact Rachel Devloo (307)899-2809 or email racheldevloo@gmail. com a resume.

LABORERS- HIRING FOR DEMO and construction on ranch house remodel. \$17/ hour. Ask for Robert (970)946-4615.

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

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a full time Hardware Sales Rep. Responsibilities include helping customers with hardware, electrical, and plumbing purchases and questions. We offer a competitive wage and benefit package including medical, dental, 401(k), and Paid Time Off. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

SUNETHA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT is looking for a Real Estate Professional to work with our Office. Please contact Dori at (970)422-1863 or email dori@sunetha.com.

HILLSIDE INN IS LOOKING for a responsible, friendly team player to join our housekeeping staff. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Employee has the choice of pay: per hour (\$15) or per room (\$7). Monthly performance bonuses are given as well. Please send your resume to Natalie at hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

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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 pagosa.office@eagleriverwaste.com

Please email resume to or pick up application at 128 Bastille Dr.

### **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.



ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Bartenders and Servers. Experienced "no drama" Bartenders and Servers, 3-4 nights a week. Send resumes or work history and references to Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

EXPERIENCED HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED FOR large ranch. Must pass background check and have reliable vehicle. Call Mia (970)946-1742

PAYROLL CLERK/ BOOKKEEPER. Accounting firm has an immediate need for a detail oriented payroll clerk and bookkeeper with QuickBooks desktop and online experience to work Monday- Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. 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.

LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT AND PROP-ERTY management at a small ranch, near downtown Pagosa. Could be part/ full-time. Ken (970)264-6262 or (970)799-0769.

FULL TIME- HANDY PERSON/ Repair Person. Please fill out application with Pagosa Cattle Company, 452 Pagosa Street, Ste. 2A, Pagosa Springs, (970)264-5000.

**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.

NEW OPENING FOR FULL-TIME Massage Therapist also Opportunity for Part Time! We know you have a lot of options when it comes to where to work. And while we are a busy little resort, we like to offer a bit more of a laid back and relaxing atmosphere for our quests and our therapists. If you are a massage therapist who enjoys what you do, are genuinely interested in your client's health and well-being, and looking for a place that's the right fit, we'd love to talk to you. Medical or sports therapy background is a plus! Email Kanaka at sales@pshotsprings.com or drop your resume by Healing Waters Resort & Spa at 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

FULL/FLEX TIME- GENERAL MAINTE-NANCE, 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, (818)963-0836



MAINTENANCE HOUSEKEEPERS ADMIN ASST./TRANSACTION COORDINATOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATE BROKERS (LEADS PROVIDED/WE TRAIN)



Strong Work Ethic Req for all Positions

YOU CAN HELP THE SUN SHINE - Now hiring customer service specialist. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Newspaper experience not required. Email resume to helpwanted@ pagosasun.com. Successful applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please. DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED- willing to train. Join a team of hard working professionals! Weekends and holidays off, beautiful

facility, modern equipment, excellent pay. Gain the satisfaction of helping people! email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com. **ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the

following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 21-22 school year include: High School Asst. Cheer Coach, High School Asst. Basketball Coach, High School Math, High School Paraprofessional, San Juan Mountain School Special Education Teacher, Middle School Language Arts, Elementary half-time Spanish Teacher, Elementary Special Education Paraprofessionals, Part-time Assistant Cooks, Elementary School Crossing Guard, Bus Driver, Bus Aides, Substitutes all positions. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at Imijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

#### **CONSTRUCTION LABORER/ CARPENTER** NEEDED. Starting pay \$20/ hour. Work year around and position will accrue advancement opportunities. Call today: (970)946-8660.

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

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY HELP WANTED ADS — tinyurl.com/d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN

MINERAL COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED MANAGER Job Description: Under the direct supervision of the Mineral County Noxious Weed Board or County Administrator, duties include the identification and control of noxious weeds throughout the County, as well as public education. Follows established weed management methods while observing public, personal and environmental safety. Performs other tasks as needed. This is a seasonal full-time position, ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/ DUTIES OF THE POSITION: Applies for State Weed Fund grant, and other contract work. Locates areas infested with noxious weeds. Follows protocols developed by the Noxious Weed Board designed to control weeds, including conducting chemical treatments, mowing, weed eating, hand pulling and other approved techniques. Maintains specific records for weed control activities. Performs related duties as necessary and required by management. Qualifications: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum Education High school diploma or GED preferred. Work Experience: Experience in weed control, natural resource management or related field preferred. Licenses and Certifications: Valid Colorado Driver's license required at time of hire and throughout employment. Existing Colorado Department of Agriculture QS Certified Applicator license preferred or be able to pass test within one month of hire. Have experience in writing grants and contracts. Applicants must live within Mineral County. Minimum wage starts at \$20.00/hr. and depends on experience. Miscellaneous Information: Applications available at HR Office, Mineral County Courthouse or downloaded from the mineralcounty.colorado.gov/ job-postings.. Drop off completed application at Mineral County Courthouse, 1201 N Main, Creede, or emailed to finance@mincocolo. com, or mailed to Mineral County, Attn: HR, PO Box 70, Creede, CO 81130. This position will be open until filled.

CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED. All phases. Great pay, progress fast with experience. Call Cutting Edge Builders (970)946-0720.

LABORER NEEDED AT NORTHEAST Mini Storage. Part- time, flexible hours. Email neministorage@gmail.com or call (970)264-3333.

### **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.

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

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,

LA SEGUNDA IS HIRING an assistant manager on a trial basis for 2 weeks. Please text message me so we can meet. Text Maryann at (970)946-8598. Must have own reliable transportation and able to work Monday through Saturday, 10a.m. to 6p.m. Heavy lifting involved.

PAGOSA SPRINGS GOLF CLUB seeks outgoing and responsible applicants for Pro Shop, Bar and Maintenance areas. Must apply in person

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

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.

HIGHER GROUNDS NOW ACCEPTING resumes for experienced bakers. Apply within. 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.

### 264-2100

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#### **HELP WANTED**

HOUSEKEEPING: Healing Waters Resort & Spa. Part & full time positions available. 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.

SMALL MOTEL AND RV PARK. Help wanted: part-time maintenance person. 20-25 hours a week. Spa/ pool knowledge helpful but not necessary. Landscaping, lawn and garden knowledge, general maintenance and repair knowledge. Contact 731-5345 for details.

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER. Flexible hours. Work from home or in our office. Must have thorough working knowledge of accounting principles and be proficient with QuickBooks and Microsoft Office. Please send detailed resume to resume@penden.net.

PAGOSA SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE. Seeking office administrator/ membership coordinator. Good writing and verbal communication skills including face-to-face engagement. Knowledge of computer skills such as Word, Excel, Power Point, some social media, and be able to learn data base system. Must be able to multi-task and have attention to detail. FT position, M-F. occasional weekend work during event season and on special request. Starting at \$16 with some benefits. Send resumes to director@ pagosachamber.com or drop off at Chamber of Commerce M-F, 8a.m.-4 p.m., 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

FRONT DESK POSITION AVAILABLEwilling to train. Join a team of hard working professionals! Weekends and holidays off beautiful facility, excellent pay. Gain the satisfaction of helping people! email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

PART-TIME HELP FOR LANDSCAPING WORK. Must be experienced with mowing, weed eating, trimming. Call Eric, 946-2061.

#### LOST & FOUND

FOUND: BUCKET OF TOOLS. Call to describe (970)946-7444.

#### **YARD SALES**

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES - tinyurl.com/ d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE, 8/7, 7:30a.m.-2p.m. Women's clothes, patio furniture, household furniture, workout equipment and much more. 40 Carpin Circle.

MOVING SALE AUGUST 7TH at 748 Stevens Circle, Clothes, household furniture, EVERY-THING MUST GO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 8a.m.-12p.m. 372 Paciente PI. Women's and kids' clothing, toys, super Nintendo games, interior and exterior doors, costumes, furniture, Bernina embroidery machine, Bernina sewing machine, bolts of fabric, sewing supplies, art, snow tires, twin mattresses and much more! SATURDAY, AUGUST 7. 620 W. Log Hill Road, 8a.m.-1p.m. Ammo, knives, clothes, tools, rugs, tack, household items.

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

### **YARD SALES**



AUGUST 6 & 7 49 Vista St. South Fork, CO 81154

#### **\*1 MOST ITEMS!** See more @ "South Fork Friends

Foundation" Facebook page. Furniture, Tools, Clothing Household, Appliances, and

Construction Items!

#### PERSONALS

NO MAS! DEJA QUE TE AYUDEMOS. 24-horas violencia domestica o/y asalto sexual Linea directa. Confidencial. 264-9075. MOJO MOON BAKER crossed over the Rainbow Bridge July 22. His mom and his brother miss him terribly. XOXO Moji.

PETS

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

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call 731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. www.humanesocietv.biz.

LITTLE YORKIE CKC BABY boys from the Yorkshire Inn ready for there forever homes August 15th. First shot and tails docked, \$800. (970)317-5859.

### LIVESTOCK

HORSE BOARDING AVAILABLE, UP to 2 horses. Stall and running stream through 10 acre fenced pasture. \$100 per month. (970)883-2600.

FOR SALE

#### WANTED

LOOKING TO BORROW or rent good, working cello for music album. Located within Pagosa Springs. (720)550-3009.

#### FOR SALE

2 MAKITA 12" DUAL compound miter chop saws for sale, each with extra blade, \$250 each. (970)759-6549.

TERESA FOSTER DBA BRIGHT Earth Jewelry. Offering customized gold and silver jewelry. Ring sizing, jewelry repair and restoration. Pagosa Springs. Call (620)339-5726. SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES - tinyurl.com/

d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN. SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE. \$350 2 cord minimum. (970)317-3120.

WEBER GENESIS THREE BURNER propane grill, \$75. (970)946-4067.

FIREWOOD. PINE \$175, ASPEN \$175. Dry and seasoned. Free local delivery. (970)731-2902.

**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.

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FLEXSTEEL SOFA AND LOVESEAT, light brown patterned in upholstery. Good condition, cash only \$500. (303)478-9960.

SOLID OAK ROLL TOP desk, \$200. 1940 vintage player piano with 65 rolls of music, \$150. 2 drawer wood grain file, \$25. Call (970)903-9334

2015 TEXAS PRIDE GOOSENECK 26' trailer, 82" wide, 5' ramps, new tires. \$7,000 OBO. (970)507-0142.

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1994 LARSON SE 194 SKI BOAT. 19.4 V-6 Mercruiser Alpha One inboard/outboard, stainless steel pump, B-top, new cover, new battery, skis, ropes. Heritage trailer with new tires. One owner, always garaged, \$7,500. (970)946-6640

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