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Pagosa Springs Car Show



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The 15th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show, held June 7 and 8, featured numerous classic hot rods, motorcycles and newer sports cars. Crowds of people filled Lewis Street Friday evening and Saturday to view their favorite rides, enjoy live music, food trucks and other local vendors.

Girl, 10, killed after collision

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A 10-year-old female from Lubbock, Texas, was killed on June 6 after colliding with a pickup truck while on a dirt bike.

According to a press release from the Colorado State Patrol, at approximately 5:30 p.m. on June 6, troopers were called to investigate a fatal crash at the intersection of Forest Service Road 631 and Forest Service Road 640.

"Initial reports indicate a 10-year-old female child wearing a helmet and protective gear was driving a dirt bike south on the Forest Service Road 640 when she drove through a stop sign and failed to negotiate a

sharp turn onto the eastbound lane of Forest Service Road 631," the press release states. "A Toyota Tacoma driven by an 18-year-old male on Forest Service Road 631 collided with the dirt bike."

According to the press release, bystanders performed lifesaving measures, which were continued by EMS personnel upon their arrival, but the 10-year-old "succumbed to her injuries before transport."

It adds the driver of the Tacoma was unhurt and remained at the site of the crash.

"Colorado State Patrol will be investigating this crash, and will have more information as the investigation continues," the press release states.
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Former district attorney found not guilty of contempt

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, June 5, Christian Champagne, former district attorney for the 6th Judicial District, was found not to be in contempt of court involving the Christopher Maez homicide case.

On July 11, 2023, Maez's defense counsel filed a motion for the court to issue a citation to hold Champagne in punitive contempt of court, alleging Champagne "violated an order from the Colorado Supreme Court in this case," according to order issued by the court on July 14, 2023.

This came after it was discovered that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) had video recordings of Maez meeting with his defense team inside the Archuleta County jail.

Champagne initially filed a motion to reconsider the order regarding the citation for contempt of court; however, at an Aug. 4, 2023, hearing the court

stated it intended to serve Champagne with the contempt of court citation.

The Colorado Supreme Court order issued on Feb. 28, 2023, states that the "Petitioner [Maez] is entitled to all video recordings - including audio-less recordings - of meetings between himself and his legal team conducted at the Archuleta County Jail. The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office is required to disclose any and all such recordings to Petitioner within twenty-one days of this order."

The order also states that if the petitioner intends to rely on the contents of the recordings as the basis of a motion for sanctions or disqualification, the petitioner must provide at least 28 days notice to the district court and to the people. The court would then determine what recordings, if any, should be disclosed to the people.

Maez was represented by John Baxter, a criminal defense attorney based

■ See Contempt A7

Appeals court: Sheriff's office committed constitutional violation Orders suppression of related evidence

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on May 21 that a detective from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) violated the fourth amendment of the U.S. Constitution by barring a local resident and his family from entering their home during an eight-hour period prior to obtaining a search warrant for the property.

The ruling orders the suppression of two firearms found at the property from evidence in a case where Corban Elmore is accused of being a felon in possession of a firearm due to

the firearms being located as part of the ACSO's occupation of the home.

Elmore had previously asked the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado to suppress the firearms from evidence in the case against him, which the lower court denied.

Following this, Elmore appealed to the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, which upheld his appeal to suppress the firearms from evidence in the May 21 decision and remanded the case to the lower court for further proceedings.

The May 21 decision begins by laying out the events, stating that Elmore's teenage son suffered a drug

■ See Appeals A9

Commissioners ratify Woodman separation agreement Woodman comments on departure, commissioner conduct

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 4 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) ratified a separation agreement with former county manager Derek Woodman.

That agreement includes the county paying Woodman's salary through Dec. 21, 2024 — the end of his contract with the county.

In an interview, Woodman elaborated on the circumstances surrounding his departure from the county and on patterns of behavior among the commissioners that he claims he witnessed while working there.

At a May 7 BoCC meeting, the board declined to move forward with

renewing Woodman's contract for county manager, which was covered in the May 9 issue of The SUN.

At that meeting, BoCC chair Commissioner Veronica Medina and Commissioner Ronnie Maez expressed objections to Woodman's leadership, including a lack of communication with them and a variety of incidents that occurred during his tenure.

Those included, according to the commissioners, a Colorado Independent Ethics Commission complaint lodged against Commissioner Warren Brown and former county commissioner Alvin Schaaf for collecting money under a county policy allowing the commissioners to collect mileage driving between their homes and office, and a significant overrun

of the Road and Bridge budget due to the public works director at the time making unauthorized approvals of change orders.

Brown defended Woodman's record and accomplishments.

Maez also commented at the meeting that he expected Brown to defend Woodman since they are "really good friends."

The separation agreement, which was ratified as part of the consent agenda at the June 4 meeting, indicates that Woodman and the county "engaged in discussions regarding his resignation from employment as the County Administrator" and that Woodman's last day was May 8.

The agreement shows that Woodman signed it on May 15 and Medina signed it on May 23.

It states that the county will continue to pay Woodman's salary, vehicle stipend, the county portion of his health insurance benefits and the county contribution to his retirement through the end of his contract.

According to documentation attached to the separation agreement, the total cost of these payments to the county will be \$113,262.65.

The agreement also waives Woodman's right to litigate against the county for events that occurred during his tenure.

The agreement indicates that Woodman's employee records will state "resigned."

However, in an interview, Woodman offered a contrasting portrait of his departure from the "mutual

■ See Separation A8

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OUR VIEW

Local news matters

This week's front page isn't our favorite kind of front page.

We love the weeks when the news is overwhelmingly positive, when locals are winning awards and doing amazing things, organizations are earning grants for projects that will better our community now and in the future, and we can highlight some of the people and organizations doing interesting things.

But, while not our favorite kind to produce or read, this week's front page is an important front page.

It's important not just because of what the news stories are this week, but because they exist and, as a member of our community, you should know about them.

It's important because local news — the good, the bad and the ugly — matters.

We're thankful to be part of a community where people share that belief and support local news. A lot of communities aren't so fortunate.

Our ultimate goal in bringing you the news week after week since 1909 is to help

you know what's going on in this community we share so we can all work together to have the kind of community we want.

We want to you to know what's coming and what's happened so you can decide if you'd like to be involved, whether that be reaching out to an elected official to ask questions or have a discussion, speaking at a meeting, organizing an effort to fill a gap you see, running for public office, congratulating someone on a job well done or something else.

We also want you to be informed about not only what is occurring, but also how and why it's occurring so you'll be more informed.

In this paper, on page A4, you'll see another effort to help inform.

You'll find an election tracker featuring the candidates for county commissioner for District 2 — the only contested local race in the upcoming primary.

There, you'll find answers to a handful of questions we asked each candidate. While we could easily ask the candidates

many more questions, we hope the tracker serves to help you learn a little more about each candidate and what they would bring to the office, and perhaps be a jumping off point for you to ask the candidates questions you may have.

As a reminder, ballots have been mailed and are due back by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25.

There's also plenty of positive things in this week's issue of The SUN that we get to inform you about — announcements of scholarships and deans' lists, volunteers cleaning up area trails, groups of people who share interests meeting, advisory groups offering opinions on potential projects, fun community events and more.

David Shuster, a television journalist, said, "I've always been a firm believer in local news, because it's an opportunity to connect with the community where you live."

We agree completely. We are firm believers in local news, and in this community.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
 June 13, 1924

Edw. Teyssier, contractor on the Putnam hill road project, announces that the new road will probably be open for traffic by the end of June.

Display your flags tomorrow, for it is Flag Day and marks the 147th anniversary of the official birth of the U.S. flag, which occurred on June 14, 1777.

The New Light & Power Co. is now engaged in installing new poles and 53 new bracket lamps.

Dr. Pollock will again come from St. Louis with about forty boys to spend several weeks at the boys' camp at Allison.

A fair-sized crowd attended the play, "Brown Eyed Betty," produced by the Campfire Girls and Boy Scouts under the direction of Scoutmaster O.L. Ashburn at the Liberty theatre Tuesday evening. The proceeds will be used to help defray expenses of the camping trip planned by the two organizations for this month.

Attend the baseball dance at the Odd Fellows' tomorrow night and help the Pagosa club. Whether you dance or not, buy a ticket, as funds are badly needed.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
 June 10, 1949

At the regular meeting of the Town Board on Monday night of this week, a contract was let to the Ripple and Howe Engineering firm for the engineering work in connection with the improvement of the Town water system.

The engineers will draw up the specifications, after making a survey, for a new line to the reservoir from the pumping plant, a new pump, an infiltration gally and the re-lining of the reservoir. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in time that the Town may advertise for bids on the construction by July 1st. If the engineering work is completed by that date plans call for the completion of the construction work by the middle or last of October at the latest.

When this work is accomplished the Town water situation will be materially improved, as will the purity of the water.

W.H. Diestelkamp and Elbie L. Gann, owners of the D—G City Market have announced that they will have their formal opening on Tuesday of next week, June 14. The locker plant, which they recently purchased, has been completely remodeled and presents an attractive appearance. The entire first floor is taken up by the grocery department, meat department and lockers.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
 June 13, 1974

Hugh Pixler, 20 of Durango, an employee of San Juan Lumber Co., has been charged in District Court with setting the \$1.4 million dollar lumber company fire June 1.

Pixler and two others were arrested by District Attorney investigators Saturday pursuant to arrest warrants, but charges against two of the men were dismissed. They now have been endorsed as witnesses.

Pixler was advised in Court Monday; bond was set at \$5,000.00, and further proceedings were continued to June 14th.

Today the world seems to be a place filled with impatient people. Everyone is in a hurry, no one has time to be patient, or even polite in some cases. Not too many years ago most local residents had time to take off and fish a little, picnic a little, and do some yard work. Today instant mashed potatoes, frozen TV dinners, Instamatic cameras, packaged mixes and that includes various packages to make hamburger taste like something else — have taken over. Surely there should be more time, but there just isn't.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
 June 10, 1999

Archuleta County law enforcement is stepping up efforts to catch speeders, according to Sheriff Tom Richards.

"We'll be enforcing the speed limits throughout the county," Richards said. "A special emphasis is being placed on stopping speeding on roads that are used a lot and in the Fairfield Pagosa community. We're told that the commissioners are getting a lot of complaints from the area."

With the timeframe for tax payers to protest current year property valuations moving into its third week, the number of protests is "lighter than we expected," according to County Assessor Keren Prior.

Property values in Archuleta County this year showed significant increases, ranging from 8 to 61 percent of last year's values for single-family residences constitutes a major portion of the total taxable value of county property.

Through the first part of this week, 580 protests had been filed. The local office mailed out property valuations on 16,348 parcels of property, according to Prior.



From the June 8, 1988, Pagosa SUN — OFFICIALLY OPEN — The new 6,500-foot by 75 foot runway at Steven's Field has received approval from the FAA to open for operation. On Wednesday two twin-engine commuter aircraft and three U.S. Air Force "Huey" helicopter were using the new facility.

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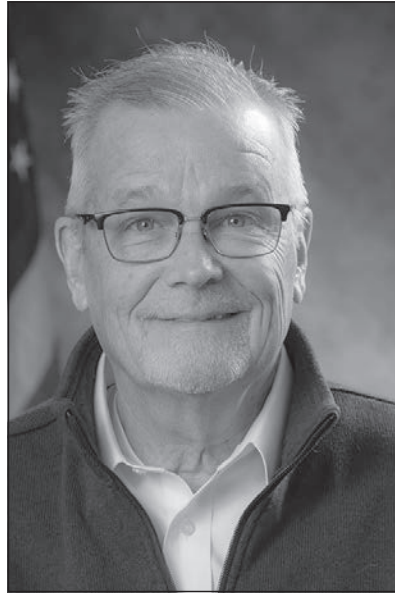
The SUN asked candidates to provide a brief bio and answer the following questions. Answers are printed as they were received.

County Commissioner Candidates



Zane Kraetsch

I am a 3rd generation Archuleta County resident and I graduated from Pagosa Springs High School. I have worked all over this great country, but was smart enough to realize there is no place like Pagosa Springs. I spent about 10 years in emergency services, including search and rescue, wildland fire fighting and being a POST certified sheriff's deputy, all the while running my own construction business. My wife and two children love this area as much as I do and I want to help improve this county for them and all of our residents.



John Ranson

John moved to Pagosa Springs in 1996 from Wichita, KS. In 2015, John married his wife Angie. Our family grew to five kids, all who graduated from Pagosa Springs High School. We are blessed with 2 of those kids living here and 4 grandchildren, all in Pagosa Springs. Work experience includes 18 years in Public Finance-advicing cities, counties, hospitals, school districts and road districts on financial matters. John also worked as a Chief Financial Officer for 11 years for an organic ingredient manufacturer. In 2007, Archuleta County discovered major financial problems. A Financial Task Force was formed which John was part of. In 2008, John was elected as County Commissioner. John was described by a fellow County Commissioner as an integral part of turning this County from near bankruptcy to healthy reserves in just 4 years.

What is an issue locally that you are passionate about, but don't hear the county commissioners talking about?

Zane Kraetsch

I believe Archuleta County has been reactive to almost every major issue known to us now. I believe a little planning and foresight would immensely benefit and help Archuleta County residents. Having a proactive plan 10 or 15 years ago would have helped with the housing shortage, courthouse, failing roads, needed administrative building, VRBO's...the list goes on and on. Please help me get elected and let's be a proactive county.

John Ranson

Based on my public career and background, I am passionate about financial matters and controlling debt. There are 3 major financial needs facing the County including the new County Administration Building, the landfill and the potential financial fallout for our downtown businesses during the next 2 years due to the CDOT road construction project. The County has taken on a lot of debt in the last few years with new buildings. I will not support taking on new debt for the County Administration Building without voter support. We need to prove to the Citizens that we can provide adequate funding for our roads before taking on additional obligations. As a County Commissioner with Public Financial experience, I can help negotiate a lease/purchase agreement on our terms. My career experience in public finance will help all of us balance funding for roads over new buildings.

How are you, as a leader, going to look to build and strengthen relationships with other local agencies?

Zane Kraetsch

I believe any relationship is built on mutual respect, trust and understanding. I will work hard to earn the respect of fellow agencies knowing we can go farther together. This comes second to the needs of Archuleta-County residents; I will not sell out our community just to make friends. Trading favors at the expense of locals must stop.

John Ranson

Working together is the most important trait that a County Commissioner can bring to the table. First and foremost, 3 Commissioners need to be able to work together. This does not mean that we will always agree but, more importantly, we can agree to disagree. Throughout my life I have been a team player. During my tenure as Commissioner in 2008, the 3 of us worked extremely well together when the county needed us to get things done. We were in financial ruin and the time for the community to come together was crucial, and we did come together for the benefit of the citizens. The County Commission also needs to reach out to the Town, PAWS, the School Board and PLPOA. All of the aforementioned have substantial financial needs, many which are big ticket items. Working together, coordinating all of our needs is a must.

The commissioners vote at regular meetings to approve payment of bills; however, the public doesn't know what those bills are because they are not attached to the agenda. Would that practice continue with you as commissioner? Explain.

Zane Kraetsch

No, I believe there should be absolute transparency of every penny spent by the county. We the people need an easy to read spreadsheets or tracking software regularly updated. The days of money just vanishing with no accountability must stop. If elected I want citizens to be able to ask about specific spending and the reasoning behind it in real time, not next quarter.

John Ranson

The major reason why Angie and I decided to run was concern about the lack of funds budgeted for roads. Due to my background in Public Finance, I had to track down information on the County Financial picture on my own. The amount that was allocated for roads during that period increased by 1% per year. All other expenses increased by 12% per year. That is wrong! During my time as Commissioner in 2008, we had serious financial problems. The Financial Task Force, which I was a member of, increased financial transparency immediately. We delivered reports to the public, including all payment of bills. Rest assured, if I am elected, we will return to the practice of providing clear, and complete reports to our constituents. I will always remember who I am working for and whose money the county is spending - yours.

What is the county's role in providing more workforce and affordable housing?

Zane Kraetsch

This is a very very complicated subject and I have a few thoughts from incentivizing investors and developers by tax credit, to navigating regulations such as rezoning to allow duplexes in specific areas. Ultimately this cannot be solved by one commissioner, but I believe I can get the best and the brightest together in one room to make a proactive plan to move forward so our workforce doesn't get priced out of their homes.

John Ranson

Workforce and affordable housing is a major problem in Archuleta County and most other communities in Colorado. My company in Kansas worked with the State to issue tax-exempt bonds for Counties to offer low mortgage rates to first time home buyers. Home prices are high, therefore we need to offer substantially lower interest rates. My goal is to work with the State of Colorado to offer this benefit locally. The County also needs to expand public/private partnerships to help build affordable housing. An example is the work from Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, led by Emily Lashbrooke and BWD Builders on an affordable home project in Vista. This was a major boost. Last, the County needs to increase funding to the pre-school programs offered to help lower costs for our young families. Our young families need help in many areas to live a quality life here in our County.

Please explain what you think the primary differences between you and your opponent are.

Zane Kraetsch

I have known my opponent for many years and respect him greatly; I will not bash him to try to win votes. Our biggest difference besides age is the speed in which we make decisions. I believe action and a full accountability mindset is what this county needs, not someone who takes too much time to decide on crucial issues. My time owning and operating my small business, and years in the emergency services, painfully taught me downfalls of indecision. The "we will deal with it later" mindset has real life consequences for residents; time is money and that money is coming out of our pockets.

John Ranson

I have known Zane, my opponent for quite some time. He was a few years behind my youngest son in high school here in Pagosa Springs. He is a good young man. The biggest difference between us, in my opinion, is experience. I have spent my career in the world of finance-I have been successful building budgets to improve roads. Our County needs experience now more than any time since I moved here in 1996. Another important difference is that I commit to performing this role full-time. A County Commissioner cannot be effective unless he/she can commit full time plus. Learning how to be effective as a Commissioner takes substantial time to learn. We do not have the luxury of time right now in this Community. With experience, I will be able to begin on day one and work overtime for all of you.

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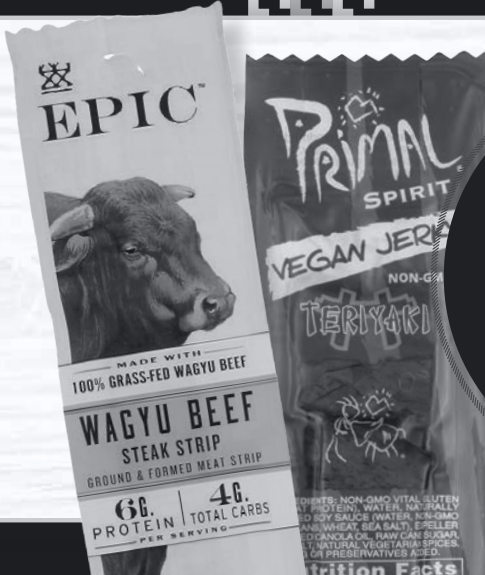
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Commissioners approve three vehicle purchases, payment for North Pagosa Boulevard paving

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners approved the purchase of three replacement vehicles as well as a \$437,675.60 payment to Four Corners Materials for the completion of the North Pagosa Boulevard resurfacing project at its June 4 meeting.

County Executive Assistant Mary Helmski presented the vehicle purchases to the BoCC on the behalf of Fleet Manager Waylon Sutton.

She explained that the replacement vehicles would be 2024 Ford Ranger pickups that would replace two aging vehicles used for inspections in the Building and Planning departments and one aging vehicle used for inspections and surveying

by the Road and Bridge Department. Helmski added that all three vehicle purchases are included in the 2024 budget.

According to the purchase requisition documentation, the total cost of the vehicles is \$122,665.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he is glad the county is purchasing Ranger pickups, adding that his has lasted "39 years."

Commissioner Veronica Medina noted that the purchases were included in the budget and are replacements of current county vehicles.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the purchase of the three vehicles.

North Pagosa Boulevard resurfacing payment

Also at the meeting, Public Works

Director Michael Torres presented to the BoCC concerning a payment to Four Corners Materials for the North Pagosa Boulevard resurfacing project, which milled and repaved North Pagosa Boulevard between Bastille Drive and U.S. 160 in addition to a small portion of Navajo Trail Drive.

Torres explained that, in contrast to what was listed on the agenda, this payment would not be the final bill for the project since the contractor had a "retainage" on the project that would be paid once the project is completed.

He stated that the county received a \$29,077 credit back from the contractor as the project cost less than the original estimate of \$487,325.

Torres indicated that, once the project is closed out on June 30, the county will pay the \$20,572.40

retainage.

County Attorney Todd Weaver added that a retainage is held until a project is completed to the county's satisfaction.

He added that such a retainage is "pretty standard" in construction contracts of this type.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that North Pagosa Boulevard looks "real nice."

Medina added that the project was completed quickly with "very little hiccups."

Torres stated that, other than a "small incident with a car," "it went down pretty flawlessly."

The BoCC then unanimously approved the payment request from Four Corners Materials for \$437,675.60.

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The Division of Motor Vehicles' DMV2GO services will return to Archuleta County on July 9.

DMV2GO's services include first-time Colorado driver's licenses, out-of-state transfers, renewals for driver's licenses, permits and identification cards, issuing new licenses, permits and IDs, motor vehicle records, and reinstatements.

DMV2GO does not offer driver testing or the written permit test.

If a written or driving test is needed, you must have this done prior to scheduling an appointment. Written permit testing can be taken at any state driver's license office, any third-party driver testing center or at home on a computer with camera and microphone capabilities.

For a list of required documents for any services offered by the DMV2GO, please visit the Colorado DMV website, dmvc.colorado.gov.

Appointments are strongly recommended and are available every 20

minutes between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. Please reserve your time slot by searching "DMV2GO" on the county website, archuletacounty.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but cannot be guaranteed services and can expect longer wait times.

Appointments for seniors, veterans and residents with disabilities are available early in the morning, prior to 11 a.m. These time slots can be reserved by calling the Archuleta County Administration Office at (970) 264-8309.

The temporary office for DMV2GO

services is located on the south side of the old courthouse building, 449 San Juan St. The entrance is through the door farthest to the east near the alley way.

DMV2GO is a courtesy service offered by the state of Colorado. The county asks all residents to be patient and kind to associates of the DMV2GO as the services they offer are not available full-time to county residents.

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County seeking applicants for county manager

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Archuleta County continues to accept applicants for the position of county manager, Commissioner Veronica Medina explains in a communication to The SUN.

According to the county website, the county manager position was posted on May 23.

Medina states that it will remain open for 30 days, after which the county will begin to conduct interviews of applicants.

The position description indicates a salary range of between \$117,060 and \$163,872 for the position depending on experience, in addition to a variety of benefits.

Medina states that the county has received five applicants so far.

According to an offer of employment letter provided by the county and signed by Interim County Manager Jack Harper, Harper will receive an annual salary of \$136,787.82 in addition to benefits while he serves as interim county manager.

The letter does not indicate an expected time frame for how long Harper might serve as interim manager, but County Attorney Todd Weaver stated at a May 14 special meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners that an interim manager position would not need to be posted or advertised for unless it lasts more than nine months.

Archuleta County Democratic Club will meet June 24

By Lynn Frederick
Archuleta Democratic Club

The Archuleta County Democratic Club will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 24, at Coyote Moon.

The speaker will be Guinn Unger of the Colorado Health Care Coalition.

We all know people who cannot pay medical bills or who delay or avoid treatment because of the cost of medical treatment. Even people with health insurance face high deductibles and copays. We know that our country spends more than any other developed country and yet gets worse outcomes than other developed countries. Come hear Unger speak about the problems and possible

solutions to our health care crisis.

The Archuleta County Democratic Club meets every month. The club gives local Democrats the opportunity to meet with other Democrats and to hear speakers from the community, meet candidates for local and national offices, and hear about topics of timely interest. All are welcome to attend. Please plan on coming by 11:30 a.m. to order lunch.

For more information, email lyn-frederick1@gmail.com.

Letters

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As for small government, Republicans apparently think it's ok to step into the bedrooms of America and dictate who people can love and force women to give birth, irregardless of their wishes and circumstances. They've banned or restricted abortion in nearly half of the states and Republicans in the Senate just blocked a bill to protect access to contraception nationwide. They complained it was a "show vote", was "unnecessary" and "government overreach". It definitely shows us something — access to contraception is on the table! How about banning books in libraries, passing laws making it more difficult to vote and prohibiting the teaching of actual US history in our schools because it might make some kids "feel bad"? It all sounds a little overreaching to me and not old school conservative. More like radical and extreme.

Speaking of government over-

reach, CFDT has said, because he was prosecuted for breaking the law, he now has a right to "go after" his political opponents if he is returned to office. Last week, in a letter to the editor, a writer stated that he didn't know what CFDT was proposing but it had to be better than Biden. Perhaps he and others who "don't know" should avail themselves of the plan for a CFDT presidential term prepared by the Heritage Foundation. It's called Project 2025/Presidential Transition Project. It's long and scary but you can find condensed versions online. If you're into fascism, this will be right up your alley.

Lee Stopher

D-Day

Dear Editor:

I watched the ceremonies of D-Day at Normandy and, as I watched, tears welled in my eyes. Powerful speeches and solemn pronouncements were in stark contrast to the intermittent videos of that fateful day's invasion. Blood-stained ocean tide waves, brave men falling to the sand when struck by enemy gunfire, and the grotesque pictures of soldiers' bodies lying on the beach overwhelmed me. My tears not just for the honored fallen heroes but for the profound sense of the lost core values in our country today.

The beach, once soiled with the blood of patriots fighting for democ-

racy, is now haunted now by the ghosts of the heroes who fought and died there. Words such as patriotism, honor, dignity, and pride have fallen prey to the self-serving interests of many within our government. These words echo in my mind, their weight a crushing reminder of how far we have strayed. Those same values fueled the bravery of those who stormed the shores of Normandy. Now they are now tarnished, used as weapons in a war fought not for the common good, but for political group and personal gain.

An immense sense of melancholy washed over me. I believe the purpose of the sacrifices made on this beach are in dire jeopardy. Unfortunately, revitalizing the ideals fought for by those brave soldiers is impossible in a country fragmented by discord. Blind patriotism alone is not the answer. We need a renewed commitment to the core values that once unified us.

Confucius once said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Let each of us take one, single step toward reawakening the values of patriotism, integrity, and honor in our country. Then another step, and another, and another. Let us all strive to make the United States of America "united" and once again the proud symbol of democracy and freedom worldwide.

Russ Widener

Obituary

Ralph M. Valadez

Ralph M. Valadez passed on June 4. Ralph served in the Vietnam and Korean war, he worked for a farm implement manufacturer afterward and then was self-employed for many years. Ralph lived in Pagosa Springs with his wife for the last 23 years and was an active member of the community.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Linda; his three children, Jeff Valadez, Sonia Marsh and Mark Salazar; his nine grandchildren; his brother, Antonio (Tony) Valadez; and his sister, Francis Garza.

Services will be held Saturday, June 15, at 11 a.m. at the Kingdom Hall at 35 Meadows Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colo.

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Business

Pagosa Springs Car Show honors announced

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

With a mix of local, regional and statewide participation, the 15th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show had winners from near and far.

There were more than 15 categories with three top awards: Best of Show, People's Choice and the Chamber Choice.

Special thanks go to Glenn Sterkel, David Steiner and Bryan Ray for hand-making the three top awards. These creative awards were decorative, with several also being functional. In the future, we would love to continue this new tradition of offering a handcrafted award for the top categories.

- The award winners were:
- **Best of Show:** Ken Corallo from Cahone, Colo., with his 1956 Chevy 150 four-door sedan.
 - **People's Choice:** David Gallegos, from Pagosa Springs, with his 1967 Chevelle SS.
 - **Chamber Choice:** Ermand Ruybal, from Colorado Springs, Colo., with his 1956 Ford Thunderbird.

Park to Park Artisan Market

The next big Chamber event is the annual Park to Park Artisan Market. This year's market will take place July 3-6.

The event will take place in both Town Park and the athletic field in Town Park.

The entertainment has been expanded this year

and will run every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. On the Fourth of July, the Pagosa Springs Community Band will play its traditional concert under the expanded entertainment tent at 2 p.m. There will be lots of other musical groups that will help entertain you as you shop.

Another added feature this year is a beer garden available in the athletic field of the park. This amenity will also be available every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to work the beer garden on any day, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (970) 264-2360 or sign up online through the Chamber's website, www.pagosachamber.com.

For more information on the market, Contact Naomi in the Chamber office at (970) 264-2360.

Commissioners discuss transit center change orders, utility challenges

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

At a June 4 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed proposed change orders and unforeseen difficulties with the construction of the new county transit center in Harman Park.

County Public Works Director Michael Torres spoke to the BoCC on the proposed change orders, explaining that the project has been a "struggle" with the rock removal involved.

He indicated that the first change order for the BoCC's consideration involved contracting Valley Electric to "get the voltage ... and amperage to the right specification for the building."

He explained that the specifications for the building require 120/208-volt electricity, while the nearest transformer provides 277/480-volt electricity.

"And so, obviously, it's not going to work," Torres said, adding that the county could attempt to have a new transformer installed, which could take "up to three years to get," or could pursue having Valley Electric install a step-down transformer to convert the electricity coming into the building to the proper voltage.

"Don't know why it wasn't looked at beforehand," Torres said, referring to the issues with the voltage. "[I] wasn't involved in that, but definitely something that should have been considered."

"Absolutely," Commissioner Ronnie Maez said, adding that he had planned to ask Torres about how this issue was missed.

Torres commented that the parts Valley Electric would need are in stock and that the work could likely be done "fairly quickly."

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked if the county could go back to the original designer of the building and ask about why this issue was overlooked.

"I think we should have those hard conversations because we are now having to make the hard ... decisions and I just feel like there is some ownership on those that put this for the county," she added.

"Oh, definitely," Torres said. "So, I think those conversations should be had," Medina said. "It doesn't change the fact that we're going to have to do a change order."

She then explained that, if the county works through La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), there is a possibility that a transformer could be obtained more quickly than three

years, including some transformers that have been available "immediately."

Medina added that she is not sure what the cost difference would be given the application process that would be involved with LPEA.

Torres stated that he understood that LPEA is "pretty busy right now" with installing transformers for new construction, so the county would be "added to the list that they already have in that sense, as well."

He commented that he did not know why the issue was missed and was not sure who did the design of the building, although he noted that Reynolds Ash + Associates likely had some involvement.

"I think those that are involved with this project, I think those are some of the hard conversations that you're gonna have to have," Medina said. "And I'm happy to have them as well, but I think that they need to understand that, when they're doing a project for the county, they really need to think about everything because this is not acceptable."

She added that her comments were not criticisms of Torres before stating that these considerations should have been part of the planning process.

Torres reiterated that he did not know how the issue was missed and speculated that the designer could have assumed that the transformer provided 120/208-volt electricity or that there could have been a different plan for where power would come from.

"And there might be an explanation, totally, but if we don't ask the questions, then we're not gonna know," Medina said. "This kind of goes back to the same that it was a no-brainer that there was rock in that location ... so how did we not already plan that there was gonna be rock? Again, I know this is pre you. This was kinda pre me ... because I was being told often that I was too late to the table because I dislike this location 110 percent."

"The geotech analysis was done," Maez said. "It should have listed that." "Again, you are picking up the pieces and trying to run forward with what we have, but it's just so unfortunate that we are in this location," Medina said.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if Valley Electric is already involved in the project or not.

Torres stated that it is currently a subcontractor being used for the electrical work on the project.

Maez asked if the county has a project manager for the project.

Torres stated that it does not, add-

ing that, originally, former public works director Kevin Pogue had planned to serve as project manager.

Maez commented that this was potentially not in the scope of the public works director and proposed that the county should pursue hiring a project manager, although this would cost additional money.

Interim County Manager Jack Harper commented that he is concerned about the impact of supervising the project on the county transportation coordinator, both in terms of it reducing that person's capability to perform other tasks and because the person in this position does not typically have a project management background.

Harper added that, in his understanding, a project manager would be added as part of the construction contract for the project once it "goes vertical," but the contractor would not provide one until then.

Torres stated that Reynolds Ash may soon be providing guidance on the project since vertical construction will likely begin soon.

Maez commented that Reynolds Ash has proven its effectiveness with other county construction projects.

Torres added that he and Transportation Coordinator Andrew Mylroy are working together on managing the project.

Torres then moved on to discuss a second proposed change order concerning the installation of pressure washers and heating in the bus bays at the center.

He added that he "did not necessarily agree" with all the contents of the change order, noting that the county does not intend to include a wash bay in the final version of the building, making the washing equipment unnecessary.

However, Torres stated that he agrees with installing heaters for bus bays.

Medina commented that this would be especially important if the county has electric buses parked in the bays whose battery life could be damaged in intense cold.

Torres stated that the heaters would cost \$52,649 and reiterated his recommendation to only move forward with the heaters.

Maez stated that he would like to look at what else could be cut from the building to "make these change orders possible."

Medina commented that former transportation coordinator Kevin Bruce indicated that the county could potentially go to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and request additional funds to support cost overruns on the project, but



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Town council decides on 1st Street pedestrian bridge alignment

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On June 4, the Pagosa Springs Town Council decided on an alignment location option for the 1st Street pedestrian bridge over the San Juan River.

The project is still in the design phase.

The design of the project is being handled by Davis Engineering Services, which has devised two options for the alignment of the bridge for the town to consider.

Project Manager David Hilborn presented the two options, explaining that both are based on the spatial constraints imposed by the nearby museum building and the utilities within the project area.

Hilborn explained that town staff prefers option 1.

An agenda document on the matter states that option 1 "denotes an abutment that sits in between the two water lines on the west side of the San Juan River."

It adds, "This alignment provides

several advantages, including easier access to the bridge for snow removal, greater distance from the side of the museum building, and adequate space to construct a future ADA compliant hard service path running under the vehicular bridge and the pedestrian bridge."

Option 2 would have "an abutment that sits adjacent to the southern end of the museum building. This alignment avoids the culvert that currently extends into the San Juan River and provides a more parallel orientation with the vehicular bridge," the document states.

It adds, "However, the main disadvantage to option 2 is that achieving a future ADA compliant trail that runs underneath the pedestrian bridge would be difficult and costly."

Hilborn explained that the Pagosa Springs History Museum board was presented with both options and that "the board did vote in favor of option 1," even though the museum sign would need to be relocated.

He relayed that both options for the project would cost nearly the

same amount and that a budget amendment would be needed to provide the required funds for the remaining engineering work scheduled for 2024.

He requested that the town increase the engineering line item for the project by \$32,000, raising it from \$26,602 to \$52,602.

The project is fully funded by the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT's) Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund, and whatever the town spends now on the project will be 100 percent reimbursable from CDOT, Hilborn explained.

When the discussion was opened up to the council, Mayor Shari Pierce decided to recuse herself from both the discussion and decision since she recently joined the museum board.

Council member Mat deGraaf asked, "If we increase the capital engineering line item ... to \$52,000, that \$52,000 ... is reimbursable, correct?" Hilborn responded that it would be fully reimbursable.

Council member Madeline Ber-

gon sought assurances that the new pedestrian bridge would not "interfere with where we currently use river access behind the Malt Shoppe ... and then the level of the bridge would not be lower than the pipe that hangs down below the 160 bridge."

"Before we get too far down the road, I just want to make sure that we're not having any additional obstructions to our river," she said.

Hilborn explained that neither of these concerns would be an issue.

When a motion was made to approve alignment option 1, authorizing the budget amendment to increase the capital engineering line item from \$26,602 to \$52,602, it was seconded and then carried unanimously by the council.

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Appeals

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overdose and fell unconscious on a Tuesday morning and was transported to the hospital by emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Colorado Politics reports the events occurred in April 2021.

Prior to his son being transported, Elmore supplied an EMT with a box from his son's room containing various drugs and drug paraphernalia, the decision states.

At about 11:30 a.m., approximately 30 minutes after the EMTs arrived, the decision explains that ACSO Detective Patrick Smith ordered two deputies to secure the Elmore home and not let anyone inside prior to departing for the hospital to obtain further information about Elmore's son.

In the hours that followed, Elmore, his wife Jessica Hayes and their young child were denied entry to their home by ACSO deputies, who stated the home was a "crime scene" and that they were "conducting an investigation," according to the court document.

Elmore and Hayes both consented to have the officers search their son's room and stated that there were unsupervised pets in the home that needed care, among other issues, the decision explains.

However, the officers declined to allow them to enter the home or to search the room, it states.

While this was occurring, the decision indicates, Smith conducted interviews relating to the overdose and the drugs found in the box.

As part of the process for obtaining a search warrant, the deputies at the home took photos of its exterior, the decision states, and, in the process of doing this, saw what appeared to be a gun safe and gun carrier inside the home.

They then relayed this information to Smith, the decision indicates, who ran a criminal history check on Elmore and determined he had four felony convictions.

It explains that Smith applied for

a search warrant at 7:30 p.m. and in this application cited that the officers saw a gun safe in the home and that Elmore had previous felony convictions.

The warrant was issued 20 minutes after Smith requested it, the decision states, and the search of the Elmore home conducted later that day using this warrant discovered two firearms in the home, which were used as evidence a month later when Elmore was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

No charges were filed relating to the overdose or to drugs at the home, it indicates.

The decision states that the district court, in denying Elmore's motion to suppress the firearms from evidence in the case, concluded that the seizure of Elmore's home was reasonable since the officers had probable cause to believe the home contained evidence of drug possession and that there was good cause to fear the occupants of the property might destroy this evidence prior to a warrant being issued.

It adds that the district court also found that the officers acted reasonably during the seizure, including by prohibiting the Elmore family from entering their home and delaying obtaining a warrant to allow Smith to do further investigation.

Following the district court denying the motion to suppress, the decision explains, Elmore entered a conditional guilty plea, which allows the defendant to appeal to a higher court to determine if the judge made an incorrect ruling on a key issue in a case, and was sentenced to 24 months in prison and three years of supervised release.

As explained in the decision, the appeals court differed from the lower court in finding a fourth amendment violation on two central grounds, both based on a four-pronged test for the reasonableness of officers seizing a home without a warrant articulated in the U.S. Supreme Court decision Illinois v. McArthur.

The decision states that the four standards supporting the reasonableness of a seizure articulated in the McArthur decision are that officers have probable cause to believe a home contains evidence of a crime, that they have reason to believe that evidence may be destroyed prior to obtaining a warrant, that they make "reasonable efforts to reconcile" law enforcement needs with the demands of personal privacy and that the seizure lasts no longer than "reasonably necessary" for the police to obtain a warrant to search the home.

The decision notes that Elmore argues that the initial seizure was unreasonable because officers lacked probable cause to believe the home contained evidence of a crime and reason to believe that evidence would be destroyed, but chooses to assume that the initial seizure was warranted under these standards and instead focuses on if the seizure became unreasonable later under the third and fourth McArthur standards.

The decision concludes that the seizure was not reasonable under the third standard since the deputies did not make reasonable efforts to reconcile law enforcement and personal privacy needs in barring Elmore and his family from their home.

It comments that the primary law enforcement concern with the seizure was the potential for the destruction of evidence and that officers could have prevented such destruction by allowing the family supervised access into the home, which they did not do.

"Because the officers made no effort, much less a reasonable effort, to strike a sound balance between those competing interests, this factor weighs heavily against the government," the decision states, referring to the interests of law enforcement and personal privacy.

The decision also concludes that law enforcement failed to meet the fourth McArthur standard of only continuing the seizure as long as reasonably necessary to secure a

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Education

Chama Peak Land Alliance awards local scholarships

By Sage Faulkner
Chama Peak Land Alliance

The Chama Peak Land Alliance (CPLA), a diverse group of conservation-minded landowners committed to embracing and practicing responsible land, water and wildlife stewardship in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico, has selected five graduating Pagosa Springs High School students to receive the 2024 CPLA Conservation Scholarship.

The scholarship program is presented in partnership with Rancho Lobo, a member ranch, and student applicants were asked to write an essay about their future plans along with their thoughts on conservation.

"These scholarships are really important to CPLA because we want to ensure a connection with the next generation of conservationists. These students' commitment to the land and conservation is evident in their essays," said Caleb Stotts, Chama Peak Land Alliance executive director.

Recipients include the following students:

Tied for first: Hadley Phillips and Karis Blackman.

Tied for runner-up: Trey Garcia, Natalie Mashue and Hunter Pouyer.

Included below are short excerpts from the first-place students' essays:

Phillips wrote, "I want to study my favorite things including wildlife, water preservation, land resource preservation, and overall the restoration of the environment. Thinking of my more distant future, I plan to put my studies to the test and actually work with nature to help others with the same dream as me."

Karis Blackman wrote, "Growing up surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes of Colorado, I have always felt an innate connection to the environment and its mysteries. Being the child of a natural resource specialist and the recreation manager for the San Juan National Forest has allowed me to experience my local surroundings in a unique and pro-



Photo courtesy Chama Peak Land Alliance
Caleb Stotts, executive director of the Chama Peak Land Alliance (CPLA), stands with students receiving the CPLA scholarship: Karis Blackman, Hadley Phillips, Trey Garcia and Natalie Mashue.

found way. Witnessing the wonders of nature and understanding its vital role in nurturing life, I developed a deep-rooted aspiration to follow in

my father's footsteps and contribute to environmental conservation."

The CPLA and Rancho Lobo wish all the graduating seniors good luck.

For more information on the CPLA scholarship and the recipients, and other CPLA programs, visit www.chamapeak.org.

Celebrations



Photo courtesy Aubrie Limebrook
Pirate Riley Laugel recently earned an honorable mention for the 3A all-state baseball team for his work on the mound during the spring season.

Fort Lewis College

More than 400 students were named to Fort Lewis College's Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. These students took at least 15 credits of gradable hours and achieved a 3.60 or higher GPA: Sasha Hampton, Anthony Ponzio of Pagosa Springs and Caroline Smith.

Iowa State University

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dents named to the Dean's List must earn a GPA of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Nathan Scott Lewis, biological systems engineering, was named to the Dean's List.

Tennessee Tech University

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Photo courtesy Lea Leggett

The 74th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo will be held July 4-6 at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds. Tickets are available online at www.pagosarodeo.com and at the gate prior to the event. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children. Box seats are available and can be purchased by calling Diana at (970) 749-3492.

74th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo set for July 4-6

By Diana Talbot
Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

This year marks the 74th anniversary of the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo held annually in Pagosa Springs.

This multi-state sanctioned rodeo series features amateur cowboys and cowgirls from various states competing for prizes and prize money. Rodeo participants receive cash and prize awards for their daily performances, including the coveted personalized belt buckle. The overall cowboy and cowgirl award is presented after the third and final performance, and each winner receives a Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo Golden Boy Henry rifle.

The rodeos are July 4 at 2 p.m., and July 5 and 6 at 6 p.m. at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds.

Tickets are available online at www.pagosarodeo.com

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Concessions will be available throughout the events.

Traditional American rodeo features cowboys and cowgirls in the various livestock events like bronco riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, barrel racing, bull riding and team roping. Various activities are included in the daily performance like the Daisy BB gun raffle and the presentation of the honorary Red Ryder Award.

An impressive grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback kicks off each performance that is accompanied by the announcer introducing special guests and the crowd singing the national

anthem.

Mutton Bustin' is always fun and full of laughs as boys and girls, 6 years old or younger, dawn helmets and vests prior to mounting a sheep, gripping a rope tied around the chest of the sheep and hanging on while the sheep races out of the chute as it opens. Ten contestants each day vie for the coveted belt buckle that is given to the daily winner with the longest ride time. Every rider goes home with a Daisy BB gun.

The rodeo clown is a staple in the rodeo arena. Called a "bullfighter," the chief responsibility is to protect the cowboy from dangerous livestock. While the cowboy is focused on the ride and maximizing time, the bullfighter distracts the livestock once the rider dismounts. The term "clown" comes from the entertaining side of this job, with the bullfighter

entertaining the crowd during the lulls in the action.

Red Ryder was the main cowboy character in the popular western comic strip created by Stephen Slesinger and artist Fred Harman that ran for more than 25 years in newspapers all over the country.

Red was a strong and ethical cowboy who lived on Painted Valley Ranch in the Blanco Basin in the San Juan Mountains. His horse was Thunder, his sidekick was Little Beaver with horse Papoose, and they protected the people and land from unscrupulous behavior. The geography is that of Pagosa Springs and this community been blessed to have Fred Harman III as a town resident for decades.

More rodeo information is available by calling (970) 749-3492, emailing datalbot111@gmail.com or visiting www.PagosaRodeo.com.

Caring for a true treasure: Groups clean up Treasure Falls for National Trails Day

By Lisa Nelson
San Juan Back Country Horsemen

Volunteers from several different groups in Pagosa Springs that enjoy using — and caring for — area trails joined together on June 8 at Treasure Falls east of town to spruce up this "treasure" of a site in celebration of National Trails Day.

Thirty-five people of all ages bagged up litter, brushed and pruned Falls Trail and the parking area, weed-whacked the island area along the roadway, pulled invasive weeds and cleared gravel material that had washed down the main trail to the parking area.

They also used brush material and logs to block cutoff trails along switchbacks and constructed two large rolling dips on the trail above the parking lot to lessen erosion.

Groups represented at the event included the San Juan Outdoor Club, DUST2 mountain bikers, Boy Scouts and San Juan Back Country Horsemen (SJBCH).

Annie Pack, of SJBCH, who organized the event, told the volunteers, "I can't thank you enough for the hard and valuable work," noting, "the camaraderie was fantastic, and the beautiful site looks great."



Photo courtesy Lisa Nelson

Volunteers from several different groups in Pagosa Springs joined together on June 8 at Treasure Falls to spruce up the site in celebration of National Trails Day.

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Weminuche Audubon Society to hold annual meeting June 19

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

This month, the Weminuche Audubon chapter will conduct its annual meeting.

A potluck dinner with contributions from attendees always ensures a good time. This is the meeting when members come together to socialize, review our accomplishments over the past year, hear a report on our finances and conduct elections to the board of directors.

If you are interested in finding out what our group is all about, please join us. Audubon meetings are open to the public. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the varied projects that we are

involved in. Gardening, educating youth, conducting bird surveys, monitoring water quality and learning about our natural environment are just some of the ways that members keep involved.

We will meet at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street on Wednesday, June 19. We will arrive at 5:30 p.m. for set up with the intention of starting the meal at 6 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share, your dinnerware and utensils. Please enter through the side door close to the parking lot or let us know to open the main door for handicap entrance.

At our meetings, we welcome contributions of nonperishable food, which are donated to the church food bank.



Archuleta County, Colorado
North Pagosa Boulevard 2024 Resurfacing Project
Archuleta County, Colorado is in the process of finalizing the above listed project constructed by Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba Four Corners Materials, 9755 County Road 213, Durango, Colorado 81303. Any claims against this project by suppliers, subcontractors, or others should be delivered to the project engineering firm of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. at 139 S. 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147. All claims shall be delivered prior to June 24, 2024. Any claims received on or after June 24, 2024 shall not be considered. Claim forms can be obtained from Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (Phone 970-264-5055).
Published May 30 and June 13, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (237516)

Request for Proposal
The Archuleta School District is accepting proposals for the provision of solid waste and recycling pickup services for the 2024-25 school year. Details of the RFP are located on the district's website www.mypagosa-schools.com under District > Bids/RFPs/RFQs. Please contact Josh Sanchez at jsanchez@pagosa.k12.co.us or Eric Burt at eburt@pagosa.k12.co.us with any questions.
Published June 13, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (238652)

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2024-004

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 3, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s)
JOSEPH PATRICK KEARBY
Original Beneficiary(ies)
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF LITTLE ROCK MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Date of Deed of Trust
July 26, 2021
County of Recording
Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
August 02, 2021
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
22105739
Original Principal Amount
\$325,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$507,103.89
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust and other violations of the terms thereof
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
ALL THE REAL PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY SITuate, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
A TRACT OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, N.M.P.M., BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 160 FROM WHICH POINT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31 BEARS NORTH 68° 54' 09" EAST, 393.18 FEET (RECORD: NORTH 57° 44' 47" EAST, 677.53 FEET);
THENCE SOUTH 28° 48' 38" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 61.08 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE;
THENCE SOUTH 28° 34' 23" EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 306.22 FEET;
THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, ON THE ARC OF A NON-TANGENT TUNE TO THE LEFT, RADIUS OF 1994.90 FEET AND LENGTH OF 349.72 FEET, THE LONG CHORD OF WHICH BEARS SOUTH 38° 25' 35" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 349.27 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NE1/4 OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE SOUTH 02° 01' 49" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 776.40 FEET TO THE S-N-S-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE SOUTH 83° 19' 14" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 662.16 FEET (RECORD: SOUTH 79° 48' 19" WEST, 674.34 FEET) TO THE C-N-SE-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE SOUTH 01° 47' 37" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 306.34 FEET (RECORD: SOUTH 01° 06' 11" EAST, 332.68 FEET) TO THE SE-NE 1/64 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE SOUTH 83° 00' 27" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 331.24 FEET (RECORD: SOUTH 79° 50' 24" WEST, 337.36 FEET) TO THE C-W-SE-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE SOUTH 01° 49' 04" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 308.22 FEET (RECORD: SOUTH 01° 03' 56" EAST, 332.50 FEET) TO THE SW-S-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE SOUTH 82° 44' 46" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1330.30 FEET (RECORD: SOUTH 79° 52' 29" WEST, 1,350.18 FEET) TO THE SW-SW-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE NORTH 01° 18' 39" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 943.45 FEET (RECORD: NORTH 00° 55' 00" WEST, 995.44 FEET) TO THE C-W-W-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE NORTH 83° 33' 10" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 990.76 FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SW1/4NE1/4 OF SAID SECTION 31 (RECORD: NORTH 79° 46' 12" EAST, 1,010.97 FEET) TO THE NE 1/16 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31, SAID POINT BEING AN ANGLE POINT IN THE BOUNDARY OF THAT TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED JANUARY 16, 2001 AS RECEPTION NO. 20100535;
THENCE NORTH 01° 30' 07" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 309.54 FEET ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE NE1/4NE1/4 OF SAID SECTION 31 AND THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID WARRANTY DEED, RECEPTION NO. 20100535 (RECORD: NORTH 01° 01' 43" WEST, 332.33 FEET) TO THE C-S-N-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE NORTH 83° 54' 57" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 329.61 FEET ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID WARRANTY DEED, RECEPTION NO. 20100535 (RECORD: NORTH 79° 44' 06" EAST, 336.80 FEET) TO

THE SW-NE-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE NORTH 01° 41' 15" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 696.72 FEET ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID WARRANTY DEED, RECEPTION NO. 20100535 (RECORD: NORTH 01° 04' 13" WEST, 696.67 FEET) SAID LINE BEING ALSO THE WEST LINE OF THE NW1/2NE1/4 OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE NORTH 73° 44' 00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 629.43 FEET (RECORD: NORTH 73° 43' 29" EAST, 431.00) ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID WARRANTY DEED, RECEPTION NO. 20100535 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS 29696 WEST US HIGHWAY 160, BAYFIELD, COLORADO - 81122.
Also known by street and number as: 29696 US HIGHWAY 160, BAYFIELD, CO 81122.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
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THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 08/01/2024, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 6/6/2024
Last Publication 7/4/2024
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 04/03/2024
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2024-004

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Original Grantor(s)
JOSEPH PATRICK KEARBY
Original Beneficiary(ies)
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF LITTLE ROCK MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Date of Deed of Trust
July 26, 2021
County of Recording
Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
August 02, 2021
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
22105739
Original Principal Amount
\$325,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$507,103.89
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust and other violations of the terms thereof
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
ALL THE REAL PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY SITuate, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
A TRACT OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, N.M.P.M., BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2024-005

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 11, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s)
Francis Marie Leathers
Original Beneficiary(ies)
Navly Federal Credit Union
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
Navly Federal Credit Union
Date of Deed of Trust
June 21, 2021
County of Recording
Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
June 25, 2021
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
22104739
Original Principal Amount
\$85,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$82,261.14
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Frances Marie Leather failed to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust. Such failure constitutes a breach under the Note Deed of Trust triggering the power of sale by the Public Trustee.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Lot 185, Pagosa Highlands Estates, according to the plat thereof filed February 7, 1972, as Reception No. 75409, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.
Also known by street and number as: 286 Snow Cir, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 08/08/2024, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 6/13/2024
Last Publication 7/11/2024
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 04/11/2024
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, June 13

Main Street Advisory Board meeting, 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting, 5 p.m., PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave. Visit pawsd.org for more information.

Monday, June 17

San Juan Water Conservancy District meeting, 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5. Visit <https://www.sjwcd.org/> for Zoom option.

Tuesday, June 18

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=d1FFVJlCgVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09,meetingID:91609048375,passcode:4141885>. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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=d1FFVJlCgVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09,meetingID:91609048375,passcode:4141885>. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Main Street Advisory Board and Colorado Department of Transportation information session.

4:30 p.m., Cork & Board, 150 Pagosa St., Unit 2.

Thursday, June 20

Archuleta County Board of Health meeting, 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFVJlCgVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09,meetingID:91609048375,passcode:4141885>. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Monday, June 24

Archuleta County Road and Bridge Advisory Committee meeting, 2 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, June 25

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting, 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. View the meeting on Microsoft Teams using meeting ID: 211 697 380 209, passcode: 72rBqf.

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting, 5 p.m., Google Meets. For information, visit <https://go.boarddocs.com/co/asdc/Board.nsf/Public#.PublicMeetingInformation> 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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Public Notices

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Marcello G. Rojas #46396 The Saver Law Group, P.C. 3600 S. Beeler St, Ste 330, Denver, CO 80237 (303) 353-2965
Attorney File # CO2030109
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2024-003

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On March 14, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s)
Cassandra Montoya and Jeremiah Montoya
Original Beneficiary(ies)
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Name of Publication Evidence of Debt
Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Deed of Trust
June 24, 2022
County of Recording
Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
June 27, 2022
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
22203946
Original Principal Amount
\$260,351.00
Last Publication 6/6/2024
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$257,508.19
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
S1/2SW1/4 of Lot 3 in Section 7, Township 32 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado.
Also known by street and number as: 1917 County Road 975, Ignacio, CO 81179-9835
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 07/11/2024, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 6/13/2024
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DATE: 07/11/2024
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee

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CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2024-005

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 11, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
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Francis Marie Leathers
Original Beneficiary(ies)
Navly Federal Credit Union
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
Navly Federal Credit Union
Date of Deed of Trust
June 21, 2021
County of Recording
Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
June 25, 2021
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
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Original Principal Amount
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Outstanding Principal Balance
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Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Frances Marie Leather failed to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust. Such failure constitutes a breach under the Note Deed of Trust triggering the power of sale by the Public Trustee.
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Lot 185, Pagosa Highlands Estates, according to the plat thereof filed February 7, 1972, as Reception No. 75409, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.
Also known by street and number as: 286 Snow Cir, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 08/08/2024, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the deed of trust. Such failure constitutes a breach under the Note Deed of Trust triggering the power of sale by the Public Trustee.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Amanda Ferguson #44893 Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd. Ste 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155
Attorney File # CO202645
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME
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TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is a portion of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of May 2024, for Archuleta County.
2024CW9043 Archuleta County, Colorado, **APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL UNDERGROUND WATER RIGHT.** Name and address of Applicant: Archuleta School District, c/o Rick Holt, Superintendent, 309 Lewis Street, P.O. Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81128. Please direct all correspondence, motions, and pleadings to Karl J. Hanlon or Danielle T. Skinner, KARP NEU HANLON, P.C., 201 14th Street, Suite 200, P.O. Drawer 2000, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 945-2261. Name of structure: School Hot Water Well. Legal description: a point in the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 13, T35N, R2W, NMPM. UTM x 321756.1, UTM y 4126597.2, Latitude 37.268906, Longitude -107.010281. Source: Groundwater tributary to the San Juan River. Appropriation date: January 1, 1979 (historic date: August 30, 1924). How appropriation was initiated: By completion of new school building where water was to be used. Amount: 0.76 c.f.s. (335 GPM), conditional. Uses: Heat school buildings (commercial). Depth: Approximately 350 feet. Remarks: The School Hot Water Well was originally decreed on July 28, 1980. Diligence was not maintained on the water right and as a result the original right was deemed abandoned on April 1, 1996. The well is artisan in nature and while capped, it lacks a sufficient amount to cause damage to the surrounding property. Applicant intends to rehabilitate the well for the uses identified above. Names and addresses of owners of land upon which structures are located: Applicant. An exhibit depicting the location of

the structures (Exhibit A) is on file with the Water Court: (4 pages including exhibit)
THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until the last day of July 2024, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$192.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial web site at www.courts.state.co.us); Jason Poyer, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301; (970) 247-2304
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Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is a portion of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of May 2024, for Archuleta County.
2024CW3014 Archuleta County. Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence. 1. Applicant: Catspaw Ranch, Inc. c/o Peregrine Financial Corporation, 222 Rosewood Drive, Suite 530, Danvers, MA 01923. Direct all pleadings and correspondence to Applicant's counsel: William H. Caille, Holland & Hart LLP, 555 17th St. #3200, P.O. Box 6749, Denver, CO 80201-8749; telephone: (303) 226-8000; email: whcaille@hollandhart.com
2. Name of Structure: New Bond House Ditch.
3. Information from Previous Decrees: a. Original decree: December 19, 1968 in Case No. 73-308D, District Court for Archuleta County. b. Subsequent decrees awarding diligence: At timely intervals as required by statute and the decrees entered with respect to this water right, Applicants have shown to the Court that reasonable diligence has been exercised in the development of this conditional water right, and the Court has ruled that said water right is to be continued in full force and effect. The previous such decree was issued on May

County authorizes three ambulance service providers

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a resolution authorizing three local ground ambulance service providers to provide services in the county and giving the BoCC authority over authorizing further providers at its June 4 meeting.

The three ambulance providers authorized by the resolution are Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Los Pinos Fire Protection District and Upper Pine Fire Protection District.

At a BoCC work session earlier in the day, the BoCC discussed the ordinance with PSMC EMS Deputy Chief Connie Cook, who stated that the resolution that would be before

the BoCC had taken about a year and half to draft and that PSMC EMS was “really excited” to have it approved.

She added that, from what she had seen from similar agencies in other counties, “we have really done a good job of collaborating and cooperating to make this happen. A lot of my other chiefs and ... leadership in other jurisdictions are struggling with their counties to come up with a resolution that everybody is happy with and even some of them opting out of ... any kind of authorization to provide ground ambulance service in their counties, which I think we discussed, at length, over the last six months or so how important that is for the county to retain some control over who is practicing and providing ground ambulance service in the county.

“So, I love the resolution is short

and sweet and simple, and I believe it leaves us a lot of room to grow in the future and evolve to see where our county goes, where our service goes.”

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked why other counties had withdrawn from authorizing ground ambulance services.

Cook stated that she was unsure, adding that her peers “kind of felt like their counties weren’t supporting and/or giving them the opportunity to be the sole provider or to look at who’s already providing service and kind of just, ‘Oh, now the state’s taking care of licensing, so we don’t need to have anything to do with it.’”

She added that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment assuming control over ambulance licensing has decreased the administrative burden of licensing. But, she said, “the one piece that

was the most important was the counties being able to retain some say and control over who provides ground ambulance service and ... I hate to say it because it’s my industry, but there are bad apples out there. So ABC ambulance company can come in and start farming out and cherry picking the transports that actually pay. EMS, it’s an in-the-red business, especially if you provide 911 service. There’s never enough money to cover what the actual costs are to do business and, so, if another company were to come in, a private company, and just start doing the interfacility transports with people who have good insurance coverage, that would take away any bit of revenue that we can capture from those transports. I think it’s been a great move on the county’s part and it’s been very sup-
■ See Providers A14

Parks and rec board in favor of scaled-down parking lot in Town Park field

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved a motion at its regular meeting held on June 6 supporting the Town of Pagosa Springs in pursuing a scaled-down version of the proposed parking lot in the west corner of the athletic field at Town Park.

Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis presented the topic to the board, indicating that the current design for a permanent parking lot in Town Park would feature approximately 70 parking spots and take up one-third of the existing field.

At the beginning of the meeting during public comment, the board heard from Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) Principal Chris Hinger and his concerns about turning any portion of Town Park into a permanent parking lot.

Hinger noted that Town Park is the only green space that PSMS has access to, and that physical education classes use it almost every hour of the school day, when weather permits.

He mentioned that PSMS has about 475 students and that about 75 students are using that field every hour.

“So, it’s very common to have a need for that field,” he said. “It’s our only grass.”

Hinger acknowledged that the west corner of Town Park doesn’t get used as much as the rest of the park, but that students do use that corner.

He added he’s also noted that youth football teams use Town Park as their practice field.

Hinger also acknowledged the natural growth of the town and that a solution needs to be found, but described this proposal as “pretty extreme.”

Hinger explained that PSMS could relocate in the future, but the need for that will be determined based from Archuleta School District’s (ASD’s) master plan, which it will be updating this coming fall.

“I know our community needs to work together,” he said, adding that Yamaguchi Park came from ASD, the town and Archuleta County working together.

Hinger also described the proposal of the parking lot as a “permanent solution to a temporary problem.”

Hinger mentioned that, during the summer, ASD is willing to convert the PSMS bus parking loop into public parking, along with its upper lot off of Lewis Street.

Lewis explained to the board that the town’s Main Street Advisory Board is expecting the town to lose

approximately 280 parking spots due to the Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT’s) planned reconstruction of U.S. 160 next summer.

“The town’s trying to get ahead of the game regarding parking and what we’re gonna do,” he added, also acknowledging Hinger’s comments, saying, “I totally respect every single word he said ... and his concerns regarding this parking lot.”

Lewis also noted that this proposal has yet to go in front of the Pagosa Springs Town Council and that it is not set in stone.

Lewis offered his own perspective on what he has witnessed in that area of Town Park in terms of usage, noting that the town puts on events there, along with football practices, recess, and the community and tourists using it at their leisure.

“I think we need more parking now, no matter what they do to the highway, as a downtown resident,” he said. “We could use more parking now. It’s not a permanent solution to a temporary problem, it’s a problem already, and if they take away all the parking on main street, that’s just going to be a nightmare.”

Board member Mike Musgrove

“What this area doesn’t have, if you look at events, it doesn’t have enough parking to have events,” he stated, mentioning he’s seen people parking in alleyways for events and citing that as reason why ComFest has been moved to Yamaguchi Park for this summer.

“There’s never been enough parking downtown,” Lewis said.

Board member Sally High commented that the west end of the field is not level and can get very wet and “boggy.”

She mentioned that “lots of dirt” would need to be hauled in in order to turn that area into a parking lot.

Lewis mentioned there are three culverts that drain into that area from U.S. 160.

“So, during rain, there’s a lot of water that heads, especially, towards

that west end area, because that’s where the culverts are,” he said.

Lewis mentioned that the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission heard the parking lot proposal and that it was against it.

He added the planning commission was not keen on taking away any portion of that green space.

He also indicated that multiple business owners downtown are “all for this.”

“For me, you know, obviously, I’m all for my parks, I’m the parks and rec director, I want the very best for this community, all of our recreation, our parks,” Lewis stated, “Having said that, I think I also have to state that I’m not totally against this either, because I know the benefits if we provided parking in this area.”

Board member Mike Musgrove voiced his position on the matter, pointing out the town’s need for more parking spaces.

“I think we need more parking now, no matter what they do to the highway, as a downtown resident,” he said. “We could use more parking now. It’s not a permanent solution to a temporary problem, it’s a problem already, and if they take away all the parking on main street, that’s just going to be a nightmare.”

Lewis noted that Pagosa is one of the last communities across the state to have road upgrades done by CDOT.

“I’m not here fighting against not having a parking lot there, I can tell you that,” he said, noting that the community may benefit more overall if this parking lot goes in.

Board member Josh Sanchez commented on the limited green space PSMS has access to, noting that every other school in the district has direct access to fields.

High mentioned there is an inter-governmental agreement between the town and ASD that allows PSMS to use Town Park.

Lewis explained that the current design could be scaled down, using an example of 30 parking spaces.

Sanchez asked, if approved, when this would go in, with Lewis responding that it is not in the town’s budget for this year.

Board member Kevin Metzler also asked about the timeline for PSMS possibly relocating.

Sanchez noted that the ASD could have more information on that by this October, once the master plan is put together.

High noted that the current fifth- and sixth-grade building is a registered historic building.

Musgrove expressed being conflicted, noting that the role of the parks and recreation board is to create more parks and not necessarily

Appeals

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In this conclusion, the decision disagrees with the district court’s analysis, commenting that McArthur only allows law enforcement to seize a home long enough to obtain a warrant, not for as long as it takes to conduct an investigation that ultimately results in a warrant, as the district court contended.

It states that Smith had enough evidence to secure a warrant immediately due to having probable cause to believe that the home contained evidence of drug-related crimes, but instead spent significant amounts of time performing further investigation prior to attempting to obtain a warrant.

The decision also notes that the seizure occurred during a time when courts were open to process the request for a search warrant and that Smith used information obtained during the seizure of the property in the search warrant request he eventually filed.

The decision then considers if the

illegal seizure of the property justifies the suppression of the firearms from evidence.

It states that, under the “fruits of the poisonous tree” doctrine, evidence obtained directly from an illegal search or seizure and evidence obtained later but derived from an illegal seizure must be suppressed.

The decision explains that, for the evidence to be suppressed, Elmore must demonstrate a “factual nexus between the illegality and the challenged evidence” and show that the evidence being considered for suppression would not have been found except for the government’s unconstitutional conduct.

It concludes that Elmore successfully demonstrated this nexus, commenting that law enforcement had no reason to believe that there were firearms in Elmore’s home prior to the seizure and that the seizure allowed the officers to find evidence of firearms needed to eventually search for and seize the firearms.

The decision also rejects the government argument that a warrant to

search for drug-related items would have also uncovered the firearms, which would have removed the need to suppress them under the inevitable discovery doctrine that exclusions of items due to illegal search and seizure does not apply to items that would have been inevitably discovered through legal means.

In rejecting this argument, the decision comments that the government has the burden of proof concerning this doctrine and that it both failed to adequately discuss this doctrine in its filings and “disclaimed any reliance” on the doctrine during oral arguments.

The decision concludes by summing up that the seizure of Elmore’s home was unreasonable under the third and fourth McArthur standards and that, because of this, the firearms must be suppressed from evidence in Elmore’s case.

Sheriff Mike Le Roux and the U.S. Attorney’s Office, which represented the ACSO in the case, both declined to comment on the ruling.
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Dispatch board discusses new administrative manager position

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On June 6, the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Executive Management Board heard a proposal from Emergency Communications Director Devin Moffat to reclassify the current part-time administrative assistant position into a full-time administrative manager position.

Moffat noted the current position is budgeted for part-time and he was looking to turn it into a full-time position, but once reviewing and updating the job description he felt that it aligns more with a manager-type position.

"I feel like it's operating much more as an administration, or like, office manager type of position, as far as administrative duties go," he said.

Moffat indicated that this position does not require dispatch experience, as it focuses more on the administrative side of things such as scheduling and interviewing for new hires.

"It's certainly a bigger job summary than what the administrative assistant currently sits at," he added.

Moffat explained that some of the added functions to the position would include being the liaison with vendors and service providers, distributing public information, and assisting with organization and communication within the dispatch center.

He went on to highlight some of the benefits that would come along with reclassifying the position, noting it would allow the current operations manager to focus solely on operations of the department and it "would free up" extra duties on the administrative side while also providing room for career growth within the center.

The proposed salary range for the position would be \$50,282.13 to \$72,498.82, which lines up with the operations manager salary, according to Moffat.

He indicated that the department currently has not spent \$58,000 worth of salary in this year's budget "due to

our multiple vacant positions."

Moffat also explained that the current part-time administrative assistant has about \$28,000 budgeted for its position.

Board member Robert Bertram, chief of the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD), questioned if the position would still be sustainable once the dispatch center is able to become fully staffed.

Board member Rhonda Webb, CEO and chief medical officer of Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), stated that the more communication they have with the community "the better off everyone of us is."

Moffat explained that reclassifying the position would cause an increase of around \$30,000, but that the current part-time position already receives benefits through the county, so there would be no change in that regard other than adding retirement benefits.

He added that the dispatch center currently has five open positions.

Multiple board members spoke in favor of having the proposed position take on more responsibility as the point of contact and distributing information to the public.

Board member Rhonda Webb, CEO and chief medical officer of Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), stated that the more communication they have with the community "the better off everyone of

us is."

Moffat explained that since the proposed position would not require dispatch experience or certification, they would not be used to cover the floor, freeing up more time to go to events on weekends and other opportunities for more public engagement.

Webb motioned to approve the proposal, which was seconded by board member Jack Harper, Archuleta County interim manager.

Board member and Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux expressed opposition for the proposed position, noting the dispatch center needs more people "that can actually do the work on the floor."

"I don't believe the structure can handle it, to be honest," he said.

Webb mentioned that dispatch has been shorthanded during her entire tenure on the dispatch board.

"This is a dynamic community," she added.

Moffat also explained that this reclassification of the position could take effect immediately or with the next fiscal year.

Board chairperson Jason Webb, director of PSMC Emergency Medical Services (EMS), asked if it would be beneficial for all dispatch center employees to be trained on how to work the floor.

Moffat explained he does not want this person to end up performing more dispatcher-related duties than the intended administrative duties, but that it could be an option to have them trained.

Bertram also suggested the board could look into using the unused wages to offer more pay for dispatchers in order to address staffing shortages.

Moffat indicated that if they were to do that, he feels it would only be fair to also offer more money for the dispatchers that are already working there.

"You know for us, when we're out there, I mean, we rely on the dispatcher to be our second set of ears,

all that stuff. To me, that's more important than some of the daily administrative stuff," Bertram said.

Harper suggested the board look into how this will affect the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and to look into what other agencies in the region offer for similar positions.

Following discussion on the proposal, the motion was withdrawn and tabled.

Jason Webb noted that if Moffat wants to increase the current part-time position's hours to full-time status he could do so without board action, but if the position is to be reclassified it will require board action.

Increase in calls for service

Moffat also presented the board with an update on the number of calls the dispatch center has received for the months of April and May, noting an increase due primarily to summer starting and increased tourism.

"I think it's only going to continue to increase," he said, noting that is the usual trend with the summer season.

According to Moffat, the dispatch center received a total of 2,043 calls for service in the month of April — an increase compared to the past two months.

Of that total, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) took 1,021 calls, the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) took 832 calls, PSMC EMS took 103 and the PFPD took 87 calls.

Moffat noted that the center received 303 911 calls service and 2,088 nonemergent calls for service in April.

For the month of May, the dispatch center received 2,292 calls for service. Of that total, the ACSO took 1,206 calls, the PSPD took 841, PSMC EMS took 143 and the PFPD took 102.

Moffat also noted that 531 911 calls were received during the month of May and 2,344 nonemergent calls were received.

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Providers

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portive of us as the main providers in the county."

She added that she was not only referring to PSMC EMS but also to Los Pinos and Upper Pine fire protection districts, which provide EMS services in portions of the county.

Cook indicated that the resolution also includes language authorizing operations by other providers that the authorized ambulance service providers specifically request, although she stated that there are currently no such providers that provide frequent-enough service to count as providing ground ambulance services according to state regulations.

She added that the county is "ahead of the curve" and that Hinsdale County copied much of the language included in the resolution for its own resolution on authorizing ground ambulance services, including authorizing PSMC EMS to provide services in the county.

Cook stated that she is still working with Mineral County to determine what its plans concerning licensing are.

"For the three counties that we provide service in, it's now a piece of cake for us and that is a huge relief," she said, adding that PSMC EMS will now be working on ensuring compliance with the state regulations.

Maez commented that he hopes complying with the state regulations will not cost PSMC "too much."

Cook replied that the licensing changes would be "beneficial," creating consistency and accountability for ground ambulance providers in the state, which she commented is "sorely needed."

She explained that the new licensing process and requirements originated from the death of Elijah McClain,

a Black man who was killed in Aurora, Colo., as a result of paramedics illegally injecting him with ketamine following his detention by police.

The two paramedics involved and one police officer involved were later convicted of negligent homicide related to the death.

Cook stated that the impact of this incident was felt across the industry and that, under the new regulations, providers would be "held to a much higher state of accountability than we have in the past."

She stated that the local licensing process is "good" and that PSMC EMS has "done our best to provide the highest-quality care and services to our community that we can in a very honest way."

"So, yeah, we're going to continue to do that," said an audibly emotional Cook.

Maez expressed his appreciation for the services that PSMC EMS provides and commented that it is important to "maintain a level of continuity and establish a good standing with the people we work with to provide good care to the people of Archuleta County."

Commissioner Veronica Medina noted the importance of retaining local control over authorization.

Cook commented that larger ambulance companies lack the community grounding that PSMC EMS has and are more focused on business.

"It's been a long 18 months and I'm super grateful for the support that we get from you guys because it is not that way in a lot of counties," Cook said, again sounding emotional.

"We're a community, you know," Maez said.

"Even small communities that you would think that the support would

be there, it's not, and, so, I'm just super grateful," Cook replied.

"We appreciate ya. I don't ever want to use your services, but we appreciate ya," Maez said.

"We've had some pretty significant things happen in this community and ... to be able to consistently deliver is a huge point of pride for us," Cook said with emotion.

Commissioner Warren Brown noted that Archuleta County is difficult to serve from a "geographical standpoint" and that he feels that opening the county to outside services who lack an interest in establishing a consistent service for the community would be "irresponsible and not protecting the business and the people here that need services every single day. Whether the money runs or not, they need it every time."

Cook commented that this is why maintaining control over which providers are authorized is important.

"You can't ... just take the money-making calls and say you're providing service to your community," she said.

Brown commented that he would be open to another provider potentially providing service, but they would have to accept all calls in the community.

Cook added that the resolution would give the BoCC power to set conditions for services interested in entering the community and providing services.

She also expressed her appreciation for the county being willing to work with PSMC EMS in drafting the resolution and for the work county staff did in drafting the resolution, in particular highlighting the work of Executive Assistant Mary Helmski and County Attorney Todd Weaver.

Cook added that the process of

drafting a resolution has been more difficult in La Plata County, which she described as an "ongoing battle."

She stated that she is pleased that the Archuleta County process was smooth and that the county made implementing the resolution a priority.

Medina concluded the discussion by thanking Cook.

At the meeting, prior to the BoCC approving the resolution, Weaver explained that the county previously would provide licenses for ambulance service providers, but that the state has taken over such licensing.

However, he indicated that the county could retain control over which ambulance service providers would be authorized to operate in the county.

Weaver stated that the resolution lays out which services are authorized in the county and the process for gaining such authorization, which requires BoCC approval.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the resolution.

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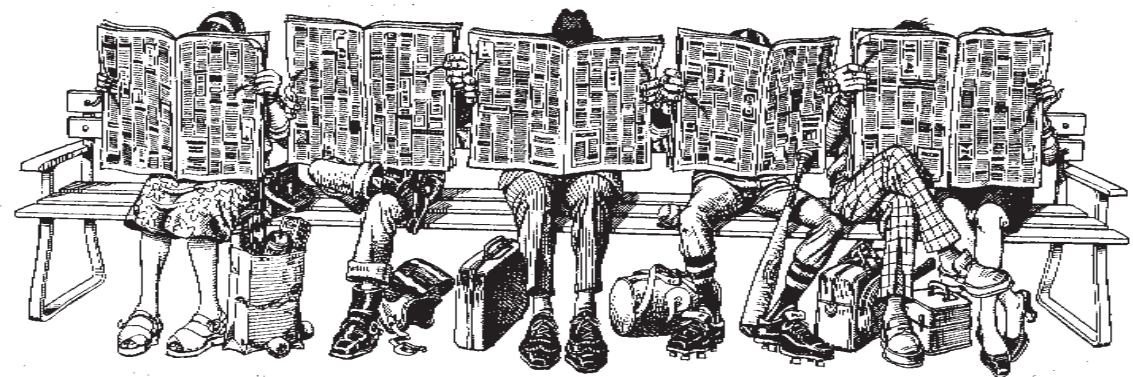
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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
 May 20 — Agency assist, Harman Park Drive.
 May 20 — Failure to appear, Harman Park Drive.
 May 21 — Information only, Cloman Boulevard.
 May 21 — Failed to obtain registration within 60 day purchase, no insurance-driver, Prospect Boulevard.
 May 21 — Warrant arrest, Prospect Boulevard.
 May 21 — Assault in the third degree, theft-\$300-\$1,000, criminal mischief \$300-\$1,000 private, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Running Horse Place.
 May 22 — Failed to obtain registration within 60 day purchase, no insurance-driver, San Juan Street.
 May 22 — Agency assist, Eagle Drive.
 May 22 — Insurance-driver, driving under FRA suspension, Harman Park Drive.
 May 22 — Theft-\$20,000 or more-other (includes gas), defrauding a secured creditor-over \$20,000, crimes against at risk adult/elderly>70-theft over \$500, Easy Street.
 May 22 — Second-degree burglary-no force entry-residence, Rob Snow Road.
 May 22 — Information only, Wits End Place.
 May 22 — Civil issue, Harman Park Drive.
 May 22 — Stopping standing or parking where prohibited, driving under the influence of alcohol, block intersection/RR crossing, River Forest Drive.
 May 23 — Dog at large, Pinon Causeway.
 May 23 — Death investigation, North Pagosa Boulevard.
 May 23 — Criminal attempt to commit possession of a controlled substance Schedule III, IV or V.
 May 23 — Informational report, Rec Center Boulevard.
 May 23 — Animal complaint, no location listed.
 May 23 — Driving with revoked license-aggravated, U.S. 160.
 May 23 — Enticement of a child-fondling, sexual assault on child by one in position of trust, Harman Park Drive.
 May 24 — Fourth-degree arson, Piney Place.
 May 24 — Sexual assault on child by one in position of trust, no location listed.
 May 24 — Information only, Wilard Way.
 May 25 — Harassment by phone or computer injury or damage threat DV, Fiesta Place.
 May 27 — Theft-\$300-\$1,000, Robert's Place.
 May 27 — Speeding 20-24 over limit, driving under the influence of alcohol, U.S. 160.
 May 27 — Death investigation, USFS 666.
 May 28 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia-possess, third-degree criminal trespass, Seminole Drive/Bonanza Avenue.
 May 28 — Driving under restraint, permitted use of # plate/misuse plates, no insurance-owner, U.S. 160.
 May 28 — Littering, Majestic Drive.
 May 29 — Marijuana-under 21-possess/consumption, no location listed.
 May 29 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Wits End Place.
 May 29 — Third-degree criminal trespass, USFS 133.
 May 30 — Information only, Great West Avenue.
 May 30 — Criminal mischief \$300-\$1,000 private, domestic violence, Canyon Circle.
 May 30 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Inspiration Drive.
 May 30 — Information only, Vista Boulevard.

May 31 — Structure fire, Cactus Drive.
 May 31 — Criminal impersonation-felony, driving after revocation prohibited (HTO), speeding 10-19 over limit, Piedra Road.
 June 1 — Assault in the third degree, reckless endangerment, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, warrant arrest, U.S. 160.
 June 1 — Driving with revoked license-aggravated, San Juan Street.
 June 1 — Dog at large, Cloud Cap Avenue.
 June 3 — Warrant arrest, Carefree Place.
 June 3 — Information only, Jack Rabbit Road.
 June 3 — Driving under restraint, driving while ability impaired, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, careless driving, U.S. 160.
 June 4 — Information only, Antelope Avenue.
 June 5 — Marijuana-under 21-possess/consumption, Trails Boulevard.
 June 5 — Warrant arrest, West View Road.
 June 6 — Driving under restraint, permitted use of # plate/misuse plates, no insurance-driver, Piedra Road.
 June 6 — Felony menacing-real/simulated weapon, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Harman Park Drive.
 June 6 — Information only, Bastille Drive.
 June 6 — Agency assist, information only, Buttercup Drive.
 June 6 — Agency assist, USFS 631.
 June 7 — Animal complaint, Bonanza Avenue.
 June 7 — Agency assist, Harman Park Drive.
 June 8 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Turkey Lane.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

May 19 — Violation of protection order-criminal, South 9th Street.
 May 20 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, Country Center Drive/South Pagosa Boulevard.
 May 20 — Shoplifting/conceals article for sale, Aspen Village Drive.
 May 21 — Second-degree burglary, U.S. 160.
 May 21 — Harassment/repeatedly insults/taunts/challenges, North 5th Street.
 May 22 — Unlawful sexual contact-no consent, South 9th Street.
 May 22 — Complicity (include accompanying offense), shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Eagle Drive.
 May 22 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, South 8th Street.
 May 23 — Reckless driver, U.S. 160.
 May 23 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, East Pagosa Street.
 May 24 — Information only, U.S. 160.
 May 24 — Following too closely, failed to yield right of way to pedestrian in crosswalk, driving under FRA suspension, East Pagosa Street.
 May 25 — Disturbance, North 8th Street.
 May 25 — Harassment, San Juan Street.
 May 26 — Domestic violence, information only, Pagosa Street.
 May 27 — Careless driving, leaving scene/accident-unattended vehicle, Aspen Village Drive.
 May 27 — First-degree criminal trespass, San Juan Street.
 May 27 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, San Juan Street.
 May 27 — Assault, South 8th Street.
 May 28 — Followup, Talisman Drive.
 May 29 — Driving under restraint, speeding 20-24 over limit, San Juan Street.
 May 29 — Possession of a controlled substance-Schedule III, IV or V, second-degree burglary-no force entry-residence, 14th Street.
 May 29 — Sexual assault on child by one in position of trust, 8th Street.
 May 29 — Marijuana prohibited under age of 21/ less than 12 ounces,

South 8th Street.
 May 29 — Disturbance, San Juan Street.
 May 29 — Nuisance/animal running at large, South 5th Street.
 May 30 — Suspicious activity/vehicle, U.S. 160.
 May 30 — Lost and found, San Juan Street.
 May 30 — Vehicle accident no injuries, Country Center Drive.
 May 30 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.
 May 30 — Threats, South 8th Street.
 May 30 — Information only, East Pagosa Street.
 May 31 — Criminal mischief, Trespass warning, East Pagosa Street.
 May 31 — Threats, Country Center Drive.
 May 31 — Followup, Rock Road.
 June 2 — Trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.
 June 2 — Nuisance/animal running at large, North 8th Street.
 June 3 — Trees and shrubbery not to be removed, Florida Street.
 June 3 — Unlawful sexual contact-fondling, Pagosa Street.
 June 4 — Warrant arrest, South 9th Street.
 June 4 — Warrant arrest, South Pagosa Boulevard.
 June 4 — Criminal mischief \$300-\$1,000 private, domestic violence, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, South 10th Street/Hot Springs Boulevard.
 June 5 — Trespass warning, San Juan Street.
 June 6 — Criminal mischief \$1,000-\$2,000 public, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 June 7 — Unlawful possession Schedule II, IV, V except ketamine or flunitrazepam, drug paraphernalia-possess, first-degree motor vehicle theft, North 8th Street.
 June 8 — Criminal mischief, Aspen Village Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 1 — Marsha Anne Lucero, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.
 May 1 — Paulo C. Perez Testa, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.
 May 1 — Justn J. Martz, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.
 May 1 — Cole James Keene, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.
 May 1 — Stefanie N. Harrell, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$177.50.
 May 1 — Austin A. Evans, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.
 May 1 — Joseph Chad Clark, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.
 May 1 — Matthew Robert Prather, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.
 May 1 — Lorina J. Chavez, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.
 May 1 — Emily Ann Buikema, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.
 May 1 — Dakota D. Beckel, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$142.50.
 May 1 — Joseph Harold Bergman, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.
 May 1 — Jana Marie Carter, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.
 May 1 — Wade T. Henderson, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.
 May 1 — Lexi Jo Keen, tail lamps/reflectors, fines and costs — \$100.
 May 1 — Josef A. Lovin, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$74.50.
 May 1 — Johnny Miller, driving under restraint, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$236.50.
 May 1 — Yolanda Fidelia Grace Salas, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$126.50.

May 1 — Charles Sizemore, weaving from traffic lane, fines and costs — \$135.
 May 1 — Richard L. Snow, driving under restraint, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$271.50.
 May 1 — Arron Benny Yazzie, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.
 May 1 — Sarah KW Mack, speeding 25-39 over, fines and costs — \$276.50.
 May 6 — Michael D. Beckel, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.
 May 9 — Baudelio Arias Rios, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.
 May 13 — David M. Blacklock, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$279.50.
 May 13 — Ellynn Ragone, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$135.
 May 13 — Corinna A. Bray, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.
 May 15 — Jody A. Armijo, wildlife - no evidence of sex/species, fines and costs — \$221.50.
 May 15 — Darryl C. Zito, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$177.50.
 May 15 — John Williams, driver's license-driving without, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$207.50.
 May 15 — Samuel Reyes Barcus, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.
 May 15 — Joseph Owen Smiley, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.
 May 15 — Mark E. Robison, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$177.50.
 May 15 — Christopher M Madison, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$233.50.
 May 15 — Christy Kinnet, defective stop lamps/turn signals, fines and costs — \$100.
 May 15 — Mark S. Halverson, obedience to traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.
 May 15 — Alicia Marie Halverson, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.
 May 15 — Raquel Esperanza Espinosa Santillan, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.
 May 15 — Brandon Javier Douglas, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.
 May 15 — Jesse K. Ullrich, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.
 May 15 — Mark Scott Simpson, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.
6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
 No report.
6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
 May 15 — Tyler James Intermaggio, murder 2-attempted, 24 years Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$1,008.50.
 May 15 — Tyler James Intermaggio, assault 1-SBI with deadly weapon-attempted, fines and costs — \$428.50.

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Spring cemetery cleanup continuing

By David J. Harris
 Town of Pagosa Springs

Every May, the Town of Pagosa Springs performs an annual clean-up of Hilltop Cemetery. This year, clean-up efforts focused on clearing out dead/overgrown shrubs and pine needles. The purpose of this was to perform fire mitigation throughout the cemetery,

to clear corners so that gravesites can be properly located and marked, and uncover headstones and markers that were covered up or displaced by lilacs. Continued maintenance efforts will include some tree removal and trimming. An ongoing project is the placement of permanent posts at the corners of blocks and lots. This will be followed

by the removal of wood stakes that are scattered throughout the cemetery. The addition of posts will assist both staff and visitors in navigating the cemetery and locating gravesites. Any questions or concerns about Hilltop Cemetery and the recent maintenance performed may be directed to staff at cemetery@pagosapagsprings.co.gov or by calling Town Hall at (970) 264-4151.

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Left: The Snow Ranch Fire, which started on June 11, burns in ponderosa pine forest west of Pagosa Springs. Above: Fire personnel work to build line at the Snow Ranch Fire, which was caused by lightning.

Snow Ranch Fire less than three acres

By Randi Pierce
 Staff Writer

The Snow Ranch Fire, located approximately 11 miles west of Pagosa Springs in the Chris Mountain area of the San Juan National Forest, was estimated to be three acres as of Wednesday morning, June 12.

The fire, according to the U.S. Forest Service, was started by lightning on June 11 and is burning in ponderosa pine.

"Fire activity remained low, with ground fuels (dead logs and limbs, pine needles and cones) being consumed," an update from the Forest Service explains.

No values are immediately threatened, according to the agency, and firefighters are evaluating and constructing indirect containment lines.

Residents and visitors are asked to avoid the area, and extra fire traffic can be expected on Forest Service Road 628 (Snow Ranch Road) and in the Pagosa Springs area, the agency notes.

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Ron Gustafson, 90, watches as local veterans perform a flag-folding ceremony during Gustafson's recent 90th birthday party.

June 14: A day to honor Old Glory

By Richard Walker
 Vets 4 Vets

This coming Friday, June 14, marks America's celebration of Flag Day.

Many Coloradans will recall when in elementary school, at houses of worship, Scout meetings, and other ceremonies a tribute to honor Old Glory, our American flag.

History of the flag

The holiday commemorates June 14, 1777, when the nation's founders and leaders stated, "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

In 1861, George Morris, of Connecticut, is said to have organized the first formal celebration of America's flag in Hartford.

In 1885, Wisconsin schoolteacher Berhard J. Cigrand urged his students to observe a "Flag Birthday." Two years later, William T. Kerr founded the American Flag Association of Western Pennsylvania.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as the official date for Flag Day, and in 1949 U.S. Congress permanently established the date as National Flag Day.

Although Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, Pennsylvania celebrates the day as a state holiday.

Each year the president delivers an address proclaiming the week of June 14 as National Flag Week. En-

couragement is offered for all Americans to fly U.S. flags during that week.

Since America's flag original design by Betsy Ross in 1777, it has undergone 26 modifications. During the Revolutionary War, Ross was recognized for repairing military uniforms and tents.

Flag etiquette

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania based National Flag Foundation (NFF) offers the following guidelines for various occasions:

- Speaking engagements: The American flag is always placed to the right of the speaker with other flags to the left.

- Flagpoles: When with a group of other flags, the American flag should be at the center and at the highest point amongst the group.

- Crossed: When the American flag is crossed with another flag, its placement should be the observer's left.

- Wall display: When the American flag is displayed vertically or horizontally, the star field is to be placed at the top.

- Outdoor display: When displayed or hung from a staff, the star field is at the staff's peak.

- Street display: When the American flag is hung over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the starfield should be farthest from the building.

- Raising and lowering of the flag: America's flag should be raised briskly, and lowered slowly and

ceremoniously. Ordinarily it should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset. It should be illuminated if displayed at night. America's flag is saluted as it is hoisted or lowered. The salute is held until the flag is un-snapped from the halyard or through the last note of music, whichever is the longest.

- Folding America's flag - visual details can be found at www.nationalflagfoundation.org.

- The American flag should never touch anything beneath it such as the ground, floor or water. The flag is to never be used as apparel, bedding or drapery.

- The president, state governor, or District of Columbia mayor have the authority to place the flag at half-staff.

- The American Legion's website states the flag may be draped upon a coffin with others besides veterans. It is suggested you consult with your funeral director for specifics.

Disposing of the flag

With a 1942 law passed by Congress, the U.S. Flag Code says, "The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

When an American Flag is worn beyond repair, it should be retired in a respectful manner.

Here in Pagosa, flags for disposal may be dropped off at Town Hall, Fire Station 1 on North Pagosa Boulevard or given to a member of the American Legion for disposal.

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'Once Upon A Mattress' running through Sunday

By Dale Scrivener
Curtains Up Pagosa

"Once Upon A Mattress" has now opened. You have four chances left to see this hysterical adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's "The Princess and the Pea."

This show features about 100 of

our local volunteer musicians, actors and crew. It truly takes a village to put together a show like this. We couldn't do this show without the support of our wonderful audiences and local business supporters.

Come out and see the show to support our local actors and musicians as they close out this fabulous

upbeat comedy.

Purchase your tickets online at <https://curtainsuppagosa.ludus.com/200454347> or at the door for \$5 more.

The show will take place in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium at 7 p.m. June 13-15 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 16.

Second 19th Hole Concert to take place June 13

By Rachel Rosenthal
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is sponsoring, in partnership with the Pagosa Springs Golf Club, the second of four 19th Hole Concerts this Thursday, June 13.

The featured artist this week is Bo DePena, and the featured nonprofit is the Cornerstone Project.

The Cornerstone Project is a nonprofit with a mission to support survivors of human trafficking. Through education and advocacy, it works to offer restorative, alternative solutions to help survivors reintegrate into society with hope and purpose.

Food, beer, wine and signature cocktails will be available for purchase. No outside food, drink or pets will be allowed. Concertgoers should bring a camping chair or blanket, or both, to take full advantage of a summer evening in the Rocky Mountains.

The 19th Hole Concerts are held every Thursday in June from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The cover charge is a \$10 donation which supports the four nonprofits selected through the month of June. Corporate sponsors cover event expenses, allowing all proceeds at the end of the series to be pooled and distributed equally to the featured organizations. The collaborative approach to the concerts is vital to their success.

Schedule

June 13 — Cornerstone Project: Bo DePeña, Americana and country.

June 20 — San Juan Back Country Horsemen: San Juan Mountain Boys, country, folk, pop and old rock.

June 27 — The Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County: Bob Hemenger, Dixieland, jazz, blues, soul and pop.



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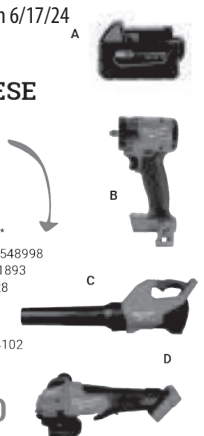
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Featured from left to right are Margot Grom, Justin Autz, Keenan Pasqua, and Cassandra Brooks in "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," opening June 14 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Experience the joy of music with 'Beautiful: The Carole King Musical'

By Laura Moore

Thingamajig Theatre Company

This summer, the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts will be filled with the timeless melodies of Carole King as Thingamajig Theatre Company presents its second offering of the 2024 rep season, "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical."

This celebrated production, which has captivated audiences on Broadway, is set to deliver a one-of-a-kind experience in Pagosa Springs through the end of August.

"Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" chronicles the inspiring true story of King's meteoric rise to fame. From her humble beginnings as a teenage songwriter to becoming one of the most iconic voices in pop music, King's journey is a testament to her talent and resilience.

The musical features some of her greatest hits, including "You've Got a Friend," "Natural Woman," and "I Feel the Earth Move," each song resonating with fans of all ages.

Debuted on Broadway in January 2014, "Beautiful" ran for more than five years, earning widespread acclaim and numerous accolades, including two Tony Awards and a Grammy for Best Musical Theater Album. Its success is evidence of the show's powerful storytelling and the enduring appeal of King's music.

Thingamajig Theatre Company's production boasts a stellar cast that brings these beloved characters to life.

Margot Grom stars as Carole King,

delivering a performance that captures the singer's strength, vulnerability, and unmatched talent. Justin Autz portrays Gerry Goffin, King's former partner and collaborator, with a nuanced performance that highlights the complexities of their relationship. Cassandra Brooks and Keenan Pasqua play the dynamic duo of Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, infusing their roles with charm and charisma.

Under the direction and choreography of Pagosa favorite Melissa Firlit, this production promises to be a visual and emotional delight. Firlit's creative vision ensures that each scene is carefully crafted, offering a fresh and engaging perspective on this classic story.

Additionally, Dominic Giorlami's music direction brings out the best in the cast, making each note resonate with precision.

Don't miss the chance to experience "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts with a special company talk-back at the show's conclusion

this weekend only.

It's a celebration of music, love, and the incredible story of a woman who wrote the soundtrack of a generation.

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End of Life Education group to meet June 17 and 24

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

End of Life Education is the name decided on for the meetings and activities presented by a volunteer group of concerned community members who want to complete their lives with the same quality and responsibility as they lived.

We will be meeting the next two consecutive Mondays in June, June 17 and 24, to make certain that the needed paperwork to die is perfectly completed by each person attending. The time will be 1 p.m. and we will be using the library's large meeting room.

Tables will be arranged so everyone will have a work area. Coming to both sessions is the best, but if you can attend only one session you will be greatly helped. If you would like to bring cookies, coffee and tea will be available.

The plan is to use a small booklet

available at Pagosa Springs Medical Center and at our meetings entitled "Your Right to Make Healthcare Decisions." It was written by the Colorado Hospital Association and presents the topics accepting medical treatment, refusing medical treatment, living wills, resuscitation directives, substitute decision makers and medical guardians. Included in the booklet are three forms: medical power of attorney, living will and CPR directive.

One member will lead the reading and discussion. Questions and issues will be addressed before moving on through the booklet. We will cover each form which you can fill out in the group or take notes and do a final draft at home to bring back the following Monday.

After we have completed this booklet, we can decide if we need a lawyer to explain more to the group. Of course, an attorney is necessary to write wills and trusts, but it appears

that the Colorado Hospital Association wants everyone, without cost, to be able to have filled out the necessary forms.

If you are not convinced these forms are needed watch the Netflix films called "Extremis" and "End Game." They tell of people who have not made decisions themselves and have left it up to their families to decide after they are incapacitated. They were excellent at showing mistakes people made at the end of life. One woman spent her last six months in a coma, making no communication, but racking up a huge medical bill. I can't imagine that having any quality. It makes you want to make sure you don't make the same mistake. Filling out these forms is an important step to take.

Feel welcome to join us. This is a difficult topic which seems to go better with fellow humans joining together to deal with it.

Our next topic will be Colorado's end-of-life statute, which covers access to medical aid in dying.

We will decide at these meetings when and how to present this subject.

I hope to see you on Monday, June 17, at 1 p.m. at our library.

Arboles Independence Day parade, celebrations set for June 29

By Susan Halkin
TARA Historical Society

The TARA Historical Society at Navajo Lake will be sponsoring the annual Independence Day Parade in Arboles on June 29.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m., with the lineup starting at 9 a.m. behind the Piedra Peak Store on Willard Way.

The parade finishes up at the TARA Community Center at 333 Milton Lane.

The fundraiser for TARA includes a barbecue, a bake sale, horseshoes and fun. Parade entries include floats, vehicles, horses, animals, walking groups, wagons, four-wheelers, etc. This is a great opportunity to practice your parade

entry for the Pagosa Springs Fourth of July Parade.

This year we will have royalty from the Jicarilla tribe joining the parade. There will also be a float for veterans to commemorate their service and sacrifices to our country.

We are encouraging all local businesses and citizens to join the fun. The deadline for parade entries is June 24 at 5 p.m. Please contact Penny for a registration form or with any questions that you may have at (970) 883-5394 or email goldeneyrie@gmail.com. Also, registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at the TARA Community Center on Wednesdays or Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration for the parade is free of charge.

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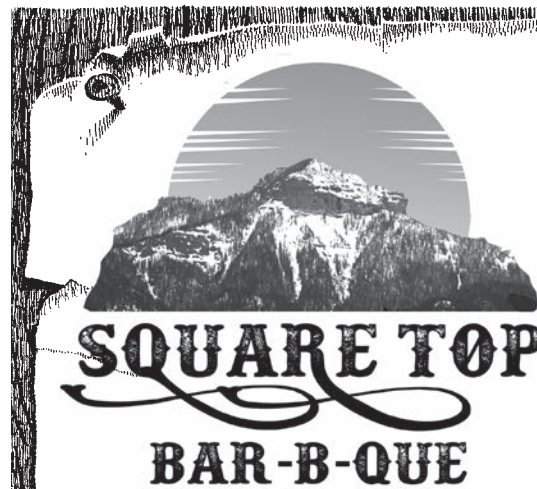
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Crew members work to bring the set of "Once Upon A Mattress" to life ahead of its opening on June 12. Performances are set for 7 p.m. June 13-15 and 2 p.m. on June 16.

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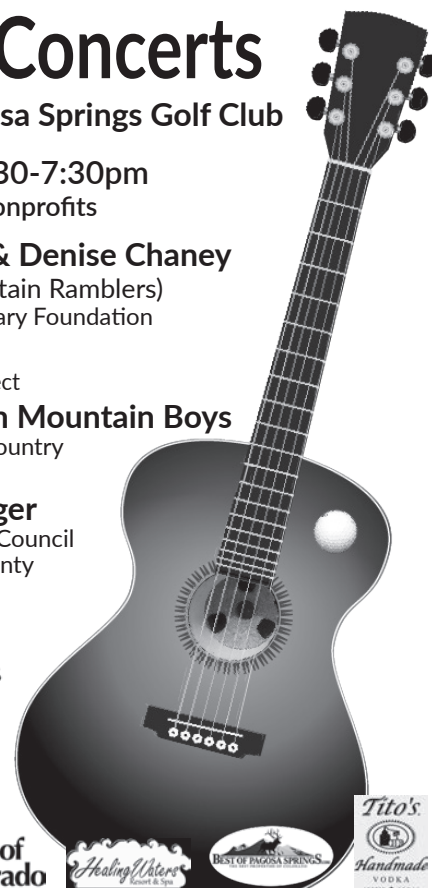
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Voting open for Seeds' Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Cory Henderson
Seeds of Learning

The stars of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars are getting ready to strap on their dancing shoes and prepare for their night on the dance floor.

They will be matched with a talented coach who will lead them through this performance of a lifetime to support Pagosa's Seeds of Learning.

Three of these fabulous stars are Ramon Badell, Bo DePena and Roy Tinguely.

Badell

Growing up in Caracas, Venezuela, Badell was honored to receive

a scholarship to study engineering at the University of Kansas. There, he met his wife, Dennise. They have two sons, both extremely intelligent, very good looking, musically talented — and single. After Badell worked as an automation engineer for the oil industry for nearly 40 years, he retired and the couple moved to Pagosa Springs in 2020.

Music has always been an important part of Badell's life. He sings and plays guitar as well as many Latin percussion instruments. While living in Kansas City, Badell co-founded the band Son Venezuela, an inductee in the Kansas Music Hall of Fame. In Pagosa, he plays in two local bands: Out On Work Release and Mountain

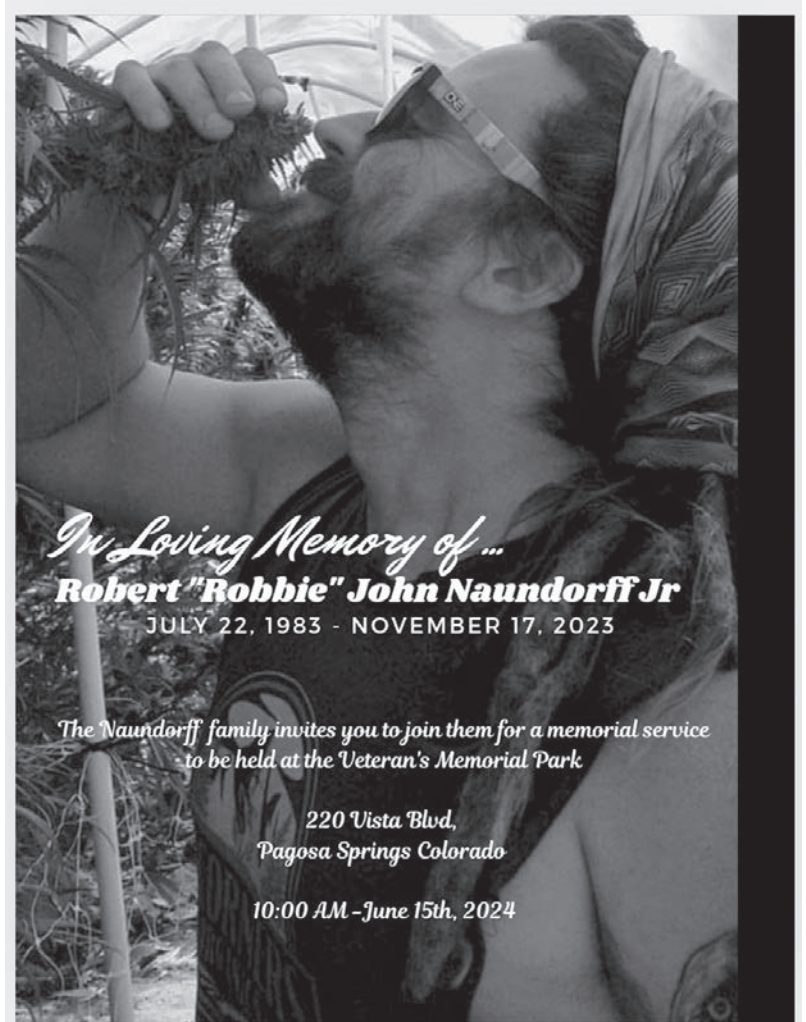
Alibi.

Legend has it, in Venezuela children learn to dance before they learn to walk. Recognizing the importance of early childhood education, not only in the arts but also in providing a foundation for long-term learning, Badell is pleased to support the Seeds of Learning organization by using his fundraising and dancing skills.

DePena

DePena was born in the town of Laredo, Texas, and spent his college career perusing a degree in business administration at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. After completing his MBA in Austin, Texas,

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The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS) Community Band is preparing for its annual Fourth of July concert. The band will have two rehearsals for this concert, on June 23 and June 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the high school band room. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Community band invites musicians to play in Fourth of July concert

By Michelle Chapman

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS) Community Band is preparing for the annual Fourth of July concert to be held in a big tent in Town Park from 2 to 3 p.m.

We will have two rehearsals for this concert, on June 23 and June 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the high school band room. All ages and abilities are welcome to come play with us.

Dust off that old clarinet, flute, saxophone, euphonium or tuba and get your music and play through potential pieces with our new team of

conductors. This year, Suzanne Hill, who first started with us last year, returns with Pagosa Springs' very own Anika Thomas and Leo Baughman, high school band director.

PSIMS is a 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to bring music into the lives of the people of Pagosa Springs. Our motto is "Music for Life!" We believe that music enriches the lives of the audience as well as the performers. We support music education in the community. This year we have once again given two \$1,000 scholarships to Pagosa Springs High School graduates continuing their music education at a higher level. We also hope to raise enough to purchase

a set of chimes for the high school.

Our performances are always free and we love to provide them for you.

Dancing

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DePena began traveling the country as a singer/songwriter, playing everything from blues to folk, bluegrass, and eventually, country and western. DePena has played music in more than 25 states, most notably Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and New York.

After playing in Pagosa Springs in 2016, Bo fell in love with not only the beauty of the town, but the community as well. In August of 2023, he and his wife, Amy, welcomed their first son, Leo, into the world. His birth has inspired them to think deeply about the need for access to quality early childhood education and a positive environment in which children can develop the necessary foundation to thrive as lifelong learners.

As an example of DePena's dedication to lifelong learning, he has recently taken up lead guitar and vocal lessons to improve his foundational skills. Voting for DePena means voting for a family that is very close to


the Seeds mission.

Tinguely

As someone who has probably sat in more classrooms than most over the years while becoming a doctor and surgeon, I have seen firsthand the need for having a strong base in education to grow and learn. It may sound a bit corny, but Seeds of Learning literally "plants the seeds" of lifelong learning to these young, eager minds. This is so important as it gives them the best opportunities to make learning an important habit rather than a boring, "can't wait 'til it's over" chore. And as parents of five professionals, my wife Debbie and I have instilled education (aka seeds of learning) to our children from an early age.

As a relative newcomer to Pagosa Springs, moving here in 2017 to "semi-retire," I was persuaded to work full-time as a surgeon at the local medical center. I also make time

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WHIPS luncheon set for June 18

By Nancy Ford

Women Helping in Pagosa Springs

WHIPS, Women Helping in Pagosa Springs, will have their monthly luncheon one week early due to the primary election on June 25.

The luncheon will be Tuesday, June 18, at Meltdown on Main at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$15.

Our two scholarship girls and their mothers plan to attend.

RSVPs are necessary for seating. Do not park in the Humane Society Thrift Store parking.

To RSVP, call (970) 946-1895. All women are welcome.

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for hiking with Debbie and friends, trying to keep up with our energetic German shorthaired pointer, Trudy. I enjoy reading mysteries, cooking, golfing, and recently started dabbling with oil painting.

I am so excited to be a part of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, allowing me to give back to this amazing program. I realize the importance of an early education and Seeds of Learning offers a high-quality learning experience with dedicated and caring teachers. I feel grateful to be able to help give back to this welcoming community by dancing out of my typical comfort zone with this potentially embarrassing endeavor.

Voting open

These three male stars will be joined with three more female stars to compete for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. Next week, we will highlight the amazing women.

You can now go to the Seed's website at <https://growingseeds.org/dwtps/> to learn more about all the stars and their coaches and vote for your favorites.

Voting is now open — start voting online today.

Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the fabulous trophy and bragging rights for the next year. You can vote for as many stars as you would like as many times as you

want. But, more importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining Seeds of Learning's tuition mission to provide affordable, high-quality early childhood education in Pagosa Springs.

All tickets include voting for your favorite star, a buffet dinner of fall-off-the-bone slow-cooked short ribs will be served by our fine dining restaurant, a fabulous show which is sure to entertain and open dancing during voting. Ticket sales will open to the public at 9 a.m. on July 1 with limited tickets available. Watch our website and the DWTPS Facebook page at facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/ for specific instructions on ticket purchase.

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Comedy Event

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Oils

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What it takes to be a man

By Creede Wylie
PREVIEW Columnist

For Father's Day, my grandson, Creede Wylie, wrote this article as a tribute to his dad, Al Wylie, and his grandpa, Ben Wylie. I want to share this with others who know them. — Betty Slade.

Are you a real man in today's social climate? Individuals tussle with the idea that the term man should change. I'm not mad about the participation trophy culture, but I don't believe you can earn a title by just taking part biologically or through image. Being a man constitutes particular traits that are often unspoken.

During a game of chess against my wife, my father's side of the family became the topic of conversation. Living in Southwest Colorado, my father's East Coast family becomes oft-overlooked.

Through deliberation we segued into the impact my Grandpa Wylie had. My grandpa, Ben Wylie, was Scout Master Wylie. He measured his success through financial gain and in his later years believed he was an unsuccessful man. He didn't remember the impact he made in the young men's lives across the northeast areas of New York and New Jersey.

Wylie was a tank mechanic, and in the midst of hellfire, it was Grandpa who fixed the problem. He was a member of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II and the Korean War. He was married to his sweetheart, Ann, when they both turned 18. Over the course of a 60-year marriage, they raised four sons and one daughter. Maybe it's a home-team bias, but the connec-



tion that my father's siblings have is a testament of who he was.

Wylie was a Boy Scout camp director from 1962-1988, and in those 25-plus years from May to August he became the father figure that boys were missing from the inner city. He prepared young men to welcome a challenge. If he could quantitatively measure the impact on the young men he helped build, he would be one of the richest men of his time. His resourcefulness allowed his limited funding to feel as though it were a blank check.

March 30 was my father's birthday, and I offered my pop a cigar to celebrate the occasion. He accepted it and the festivities quickly transitioned toward the rest of the weekend. I realized at the very end of the weekend that my gesture wasn't truly recognized. It was around 9 p.m. and we were leaving my parents' property. I stopped to tell my father, "Hey, Dad, I would like to let you know that I am not giving you a cigar to smoke, but an opportunity to get away from everything for an hour. I want to teach you something I am very passionate about."

I realized at this moment, the amount of time a man has. My offering was not discounted. It was revealed that this gift was not about money, but time. The gift was about

time, and relating on a man's turf. The last two minutes of the weekend, my father and I had found enough time to share a conversation. This revealed the little time we have for ourselves, the difficulty to put aside an hour for our masculine nature.

I am blessed to have a monthly bonfire with guys from our southwestern community. Cigars and whiskey are welcome, and the tough guy attitude is not. Our ages range from 21-45 plus, and every individual is dealing with different challenges. We talk about triumph, the price of hard work and business expansion — items men are most likely to provide for our families and tribe.

It has never been my priority to save a cigar. When I have time, I partake in my favorite vice.

This time was different. I had two cigars saved — one Arturo Fuente for my dad, and "the judge," made by "my father" for myself.

My father taught me how to work on vehicles, play sports and to have an undefeated character.

I am grateful for who he has been for my community, and excited to share this moment with him.

The patience my dad has shown me over the years is a quality needed in a man's life. Being a strong man is not toxic, but, in reality, courageous.

Final brushstroke: As a proud grandmother, thank you for letting me indulge. We live for our family. I'm always taken back when I see the respect my family has for each other. I am the blessed one.

Send your comment to bettyslade.author@gmail.com.

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Archuleta County Commissioner District 2

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New Thought Center to meet Sunday

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on June 16 at noon will be at a private residence.

It will be a Father's Day celebration and potluck. Call Vicki for directions at (219) 201-9528.

Upcoming events

June 13, 6 p.m.: Illuminations with Maggie Red Eagle and Shayla White Eagle on the summer solstice and earth gridwork, "Working with Earth Mother and the Stars to Balance Energy On The Planet."

June 16, noon: Father's Day celebration and potluck at the Jones residence. Call Vicki at (219) 201-9528 for more information.

June 20, 6 p.m.: Illuminations with Paulette Bennett, herbalist.

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A Father's Day mystery

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Cindy excitedly came into the sewing room where her mother was busy mending overalls. "Mom, guess what I got Dad for Father's Day."

Janet looked up from her sewing and smiled. "My guess would be some new tool, probably a hammer."

"Oh, Mom," Cindy said. "You have no imagination."

"Maybe not," Janet said. "But I do know your father. And that's what he always requests for Father's Day."

"You can get him a hammer," Cindy replied. "I decided to be more creative. I got him some cologne."

Janet smiled. "Cologne. Really? I have bought your father cologne countless times, and do you know how many times he has worn it? A big fat zero, as far as I know. I have never smelled cologne on him once, and the cologne just mysteriously disappears. I figure he just pours it down the drain when I'm not looking."

"But I have one advantage you don't have," Cindy said.

"And just what would that be?"

"I'm his favorite daughter."

"You only think that because you're the youngest and the only one still at home, so he dotes on you a little bit too much," Janet replied.

"Nonetheless, I think he will wear cologne if it is a gift from me," Cindy said.

Janet shrugged. "If you can get your father to wear cologne, you'll be a miracle worker. But you definitely have my blessing to try."

Janet helped Cindy find the perfect wrapping paper for the gift. When Father's Day came, Cindy could hardly wait for her father to open it. When he did, his enthusiasm and gratitude seemed boundless.

"Do you like it?" Cindy asked.

"I love this stuff," her father replied. "It is wonderful."

Cindy whispered an "I told you so" to her mother, who, in turn, whispered back, "We'll see."

After a couple of weeks had gone

by, and Cindy had not had any indication that her father had worn the cologne, she asked her mother about it.

"I don't know, Cindy," Janet replied. "I haven't seen it since the day you gave it to him. Maybe it has disappeared to the same mysterious place where all the others have gone."

"But do you know if he has worn it?" Cindy asked.

"I haven't smelled it, if that's what you're asking," Janet replied.

At dinner that evening, Cindy asked her father if he enjoyed the cologne.

Her father nodded. "Absolutely. It's probably my favorite kind."

After dinner, as Cindy helped her mother wash the dishes, they talked about it.

"Mom, how could Dad say he loves the cologne, and yet we never smell it? Do you think that he took it to his office and only uses it at work? Is he trying to impress someone there?"

Janet smiled. "Cindy, what your father does with cologne may be a mystery, but the kind of man he is isn't. Your father is as simple a man as there is. He works hard and often says that the best men smell of sweat and dirt from hard work. I'm sure he doesn't wear it at his job any more than he wears it here. Perhaps it's just the thought of his daughter's love for him that makes it special to him."

That was not good enough for Cindy. It just ate at her not knowing what her father did with the cologne. So, she raised the issue with him again at dinner the next evening.

"So, Dad, why is the cologne I gave you one of your favorites?"

Her father smiled. "Honey, that stuff takes rust off of bolts like nothing I know of. It would be absolutely perfect if it didn't stink so bad, but I guess anything good has to have some defect."

And thus, the cologne mystery was solved.

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New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).

“I won the daddy lottery”

By Richard Gammill
PREVIEW Columnist

Several years ago, a friend of mine from college days posted on social media that he had just been diagnosed with a serious disease and was given less than a year to live.

He said he would keep in touch with all his friends and let us know from time to time how he was doing. I saw only one more post from him and then there was word that he had passed away. I don't remember what the disease that took his life was, but I will never forget what his daughter posted: “I won the daddy lottery!”

Rich was a successful educator, having earned a doctorate in education from Stanford University and was a professor and dean of a department at Cal Berkeley. But that exclamation from his daughter told the world that he was a successful father.

Many men can look back on a successful career and be proud of how much money they earned, how many awards they received, how many patents they secured, how many bestselling books they wrote or how big a car they drive — but don't ask them about their family.

I exchanged numerous communications with Rich and I knew the values he lived by. I have no doubt that the accolades he received from his family members meant more to him than all the academic achievements that were listed on his curricula vitae. Rich knew the meaning of true success, as his daughter declared.

This Sunday is Father's Day, not as big a deal as Mother's Day. With the changing of men's fashions, what do you give good-old Dad if he no longer wears a neck tie? Certainly not a bouquet of red roses. Mom can prepare a lavish meal for Dad on his day, but it is out to a restaurant on Mom's day — if he didn't forget to make a reservation.

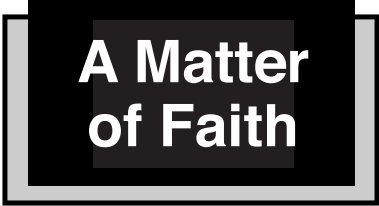
I, a retired pastor, observe that more of today's pastors are getting it right than my generation did and are more inclined to make their family a high priority. Back in my day we had no qualms about using our evenings making pastoral calls or hospital visits, or attending church board and committee meetings.

“Sorry, kids, but I have to put God first.” (And if the church doesn't grow, I'll never get the pay raise we need.)

I remember the evening I was driving the church van to the hospital to pray with a parishioner who was having surgery the next morning and a policeman pulled me over. “Reverend, are you all right? You are weaving.”

“I'm sorry, officer; I'm just tired.”
“Well, you make your call and get home.”

Strangely, in my wife's extended family are two young ministers, both of whom are pastoring churches that are thriving and growing, each above 1,000 in attendance. I say “strangely” because they admit to us that they



One of the most poignant songs I know speaks to family priorities is entitled “Cat’s in the Cradle”: “.. And as he grew, he’d say, ‘I’m gonna be like you, Dad. You know I’m gonna be like you.”

practically never make home visits or hospital calls but spend most evenings at home. And we love and admire their beautiful families.

I am grateful that my children survived those years and one son has followed me in ministry.

They have given us wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Do I have regrets? Not about my call to be a pastor, but I admire my friend Rich who had the right priorities regarding his family.

One of the most poignant songs I know speaks to family priorities is entitled “Cat’s in the Cradle”: “.. And as he grew, he’d say, ‘I’m gonna be like you, Dad. You know I’m gonna be like you.”

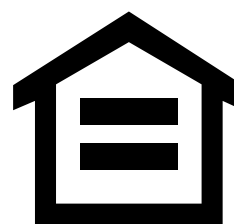
Each verse names a missed opportunity to be a successful father and has a sad ending: “When you comin’ home, son?” “I don’t know

when/ But we’ll get together then, Dad/ We’re gonna have a good time then.” The son turned out to be just like his father — absent.

Our society needs successful fathers like my friend Rich, whose sons and daughters want to be like him — to win the Daddy lottery.

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Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss 'Is This a Gift from God? Techniques and Inspiration to Find Greater Happiness'

By **Laurah Brock Young**

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

At this point in our lives, we have all probably heard the statement "Everything happens for a reason."

That phrase is often used along with another well-known phrase, "Why do bad things happen to good people?"

These two ideas are often used to explain why occurrences in life that seem to be bad are necessary, and how they offer valuable lessons during our journey to spiritual growth. They are often gifts of love and these gifts come in many forms.

"A gift of love takes the awareness to see it, to recognize it. These gifts of the Holy Spirit are around you every day. In fact, you're sitting

in the middle of thousands of gifts of love at this moment." — Harold Klemp, "How to Survive Spiritually in Our Times."

One key to understanding situations in our life, such as loss, illness, accidents, financial and relationship problems is to practice daily techniques to shift our consciousness to a higher level so that we can view our issues from a 360-degree perspective. This helps us to see the hidden gifts of Spirit.

One way to do this is to practice daily gratitude for what we already have and contemplate the life lessons we are learning to help us grow through difficult times. We receive so many gifts of love. We can become more aware and understand them.

Join the Spiritual Experiences

Group of Pagosa Springs on Sunday, June 16, at 1 p.m. for a lively discussion: "Is This a Gift from God? Techniques and Inspiration to Find Greater Happiness."

We will meet at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

This free event is sponsored by Eckankar, a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and beliefs. It is an individual, creative practice to experience our unique relationship with the Divine.

To join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

To learn more about Eckankar, visit <https://www.eckankar.org> or <https://eckankar-colorado.org/>.

UU topic: 'Forest Bathing, An Emotional Reset'

By **De Anna Hoyle**

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

"Forest Bathing, An Emotional Reset" is the service title for June 21 at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in-person service.

In-person services are normally held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m.

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

Shinrin-yoku, the Japanese term for "bathing in a forest atmosphere" will be explored further in this program offered by Susan Kuhns, local health coach and certified nurse practitioner.

Kuhns states that through this practice, you discover the healing power of nature and trees, lose yourself in the beauty of your surroundings, leave everyday stress behind, and reach a place of greater calm and wellness.

As we continue to grow our community of shared values and deepening our spiritual practices individually, we look forward to the shared

experience in forest bathing throughout the summer and fall. Stay tuned for upcoming dates.

Join us in person at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. You can also join us through our offered Zoom services at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305>.

Visit our website, www.pagosauu.org, to find our current newsletter. Offered on alternate Sundays, in-person meditation practice is on the second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m.



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Flora Tour. 8:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour is designed to educate visitors about the plants indigenous to Chimney Rock National Monument and the surrounding area. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Summer Reading Club. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for a spe-

cial time exploring insects, plants, fossils and animals.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

T'ai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30, Senior Center. Free for those 60 and better.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second lan-

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Artist Reception
Dave LaMure, Jr.
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Thursday, June 20
5:30 to 7:30 pm

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guage classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

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

19th Hole Concert. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Concert series benefitting local nonprofits. Music by Bo DePena. Featuring the Cornerstone Project. The cover charge is a \$10 donation.

Spanish Fiesta Committee Meeting. 5:30 p.m., Senior Center dining hall, Community Center. All are welcome.

Virtual Author Talk: Frieda McFadden. 6 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. Frieda McFadden, know as the "Queen of Twists," will discuss psychological thrillers. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Once Upon a Mattress.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Tickets are \$10 for students under 18, and \$20 for adults. Tickets are available at curtainsuppagosa.ludus.com/200454347.

Friday, June 14

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Community Coffee. 1-3 p.m., TARA Historical Society Community Center. For more information, email TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com.

LEGO Free Time. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Joint for free time to explore your building and imagination skills.

All-Ages Gaming. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Play on the library's Xbox.

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Our Solar System Program. 8:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is offered during the best viewing of the moon's surface using a telescope. A video presentation will be followed by a presentation explaining the significance of the night sky to the Ancestral Puebloans. Telescopes will be used to observe several different sky objects. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Saturday, June 15

Riverwalk Naturalist Tours. 8 a.m., Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and The Springs Resort. For more information, email pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

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Pickleball Social Round-Robin. 8:30-11 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Two courts will remain available for open play.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 9:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Come at 9:30 a.m. for social time with friendly, creative quilters. Stay for demonstrations, show-and-tell, and yummy snacks. Use the rear entrance.

Community Service Activity. 10 a.m., Hilltop Cemetery. Community members are invited to help rake up pine needles. Participants are asked to bring a leaf rake, work gloves and possibly a small tarp to haul pine needles to the road. Following the cemetery cleanup, participants are invited to enjoy burgers, hotdogs and all the fixings

at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1879 Majestic Drive.

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LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your own LEGO's or use the library's to free build.

Pokemon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokemon too. No experience is required.

Flute Music at Twilight. 6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. Recommended for ages 4 and up. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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Sunday, June 16

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs. 1 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The discussion will be "Is This a Gift from God? Techniques and Inspiration to Find Greater Happiness. To join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

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Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Jane Austen Series. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Presentations, films, discussions, music and tea. Celebrate with readers of all ages.

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Tween Exploratorium. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Get together with friends and explore the world through projects, games and more. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Musicians of all abilities are invited to jam and sing with others. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.

Flora Tour. 4:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour is designed to educate visitors about the plants indigenous to Chimney Rock National Monument and the surrounding area. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Deepening the Faith Classes. 6-8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Tuesday, June 18

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

Emotional Freedom Technique Session. 10 a.m., Senior Center.

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Women Helping in Pagosa Springs (WHIPS). 11:30 a.m., Meltdown on Main. The cost is \$15. Call (970) 946-1895 to RSVP.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA conference room. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

Conversational Spanish. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required.

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The health benefits of aromatherapy can no longer be considered placebo in nature. Accumulating evidence now shows that the fragrance of flowers and other volatile plant compounds pack a punch as powerful as certain drugs.

In a day and age like ours, bouts of stress and anxiety are expected to occur at least occasionally during the course of daily life. In fact, if the experience is completely alien to you, you may not be paying attention to what's going on in the world around us -- or, you may be enlightened, and should be congratulated.

Certainly, anti-anxiety drugs can be effective, but they are also addictive and dangerous, with withdrawal symptoms that include seizures and, paradoxically, extreme anxiety. Because of this fact, natural alternatives are needed now more than ever.

Fortunately, finding a non-pharmaceutical solution is no longer simply a matter of guessing, or relying solely on the anecdotal accounts of others.

There is an accumulating body of pre-clinical and clinical research available today demonstrating the power, safety and effectiveness of natural compounds for relieving stress and anxiety.

In fact, some of these substances do not even require being ingested, as they can be inhaled in exceedingly small doses to be effective. (continued next week)

Source: Evidence-Based Aromatherapy: Stress Relief and Much More. By Sayer Ji. GreenMedInfo | Alternative Medicine | Vitamin Research | Natural

Bonus Tip: Visit <http://www.AmazingFacts.org> for spiritual refreshment every week!

"Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart'..." Proverbs 27:9

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Wednesday, June 19

Summer Solstice Tour. 4:45 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Pagosa Catholic Quilters. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms. For more information, contact Maxine Everaert at quilters@ihmjp2.org.

Mountain High Gardeners. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 434 Lewis St. We are approaching the frost-free time when Pagosans can start planting tender plants outside. Join the Mountain High Gardeners to discuss when to put out different plants and strategies for protecting those plants should there be a late freeze.

Indoor Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Pickleball Beginner Lessons. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Register on the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation page at <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog>.

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Pagosa Springs High School Booster Club. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School commons area.

Weminuche Audubon Society Annual Meeting. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Please bring a dish to share, your dinnerware and utensils. The group will review its accomplishments, hear a financial report and conduct elections. Enter through the door close to the parking lot.

Thursday, June 20

Summer Solstice Tour. 4:45 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Summer Reading Club. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for a special time exploring insects, plants, fossils and animals.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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Virtual Author Talk: Tiffany Jewell. Noon, virtual. Listen live or recorded. Tiffany Jewell will discuss systemic racism in the American education system. For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

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19th Hole Concert. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Concert series benefitting local nonprofits. Music by the San Juan Mountain Boys. Featuring the San Juan Back Country Horsemen. The cover charge is a \$10 donation.

Spanish Fiesta Committee Meeting. 5:30 p.m., Senior Center dining hall, Community Center. All are welcome.

Friday, June 21

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Birding at Chimney Rock. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A fun and casual two-hour guided bird walk. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, and \$10 for ages 5-12. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Hustle
- 5 Mountain goat feature
- 10 Western chum
- 14 What's more
- 15 "Lou Grant" star
- 16 Skin softener
- 17 Heart of the matter
- 18 Voyager 2, e.g.
- 20 Per item
- 22 Ambitious one
- 23 Oscar Madison, e.g.
- 24 Reacts to yeast
- 25 Back, on board
- 27 Fable finale
- 29 Tiny openings
- 33 Twinings product
- 34 Hurt badly
- 35 Southwestern flour
- 36 Cord for an ID card
- 38 Improvises
- 39 Approach the summit
- 40 Work by Irving Berlin
- 41 LAX posting
- 42 "Bed" or "home" ending
- 43 Words to live by
- 44 Bottom line
- 45 Puzzle with pictures
- 47 Baseball great Ty
- 49 Wagon train group
- 52 Brunch staple
- 55 Great respect
- 57 Rich deposit
- 58 One of the Lennons
- 59 Skiing surface
- 60 Stadium level
- 61 Crooned a tune
- 62 Bivouac shelters
- 63 Bad sign

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- 1 "Roots", for one
- 2 Paper holder
- 3 Aid
- 4 "Psycho" setting
- 5 Certain wall trim
- 6 Medium claim
- 7 Parties, to pirates
- 8 Shrink back in fear
- 9 Stuff on the bottom
- 10 Music for two or more
- 11 Very much
- 12 Hotel amenity
- 13 Game animal
- 19 Illegal voyeur
- 21 Take by force
- 25 One of the Titans
- 26 Big spread
- 28 Free (of)
- 30 Boxer nick-named Slapsie Maxie

- 31 Select group
- 32 Tuned to, as a dial
- 35 Woodsy adornments
- 37 Deep longing
- 38 Captured the gold
- 40 Studio time
- 43 Franklin, for one
- 46 Admirer of Beauty

- 48 Handsome, in Rome
- 49 Gridiron "Hail Mary"
- 50 It may be half-baked
- 51 Neighbor of Yemen
- 53 Border
- 54 Prom attendee
- 56 Pick, with "for"

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Bingo. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center. Free. Those under 18 must have an adult chaperone. For more information, contact (970) 264-2167.

Fairy Tale Theatre. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Read fairytales and act out your favorite characters.

ComFest. 5:30-8:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Live music. Drink proceeds will benefit the Pagosa Community Initiative.

'Beautiful: The Carole King Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Full Moon Program. 8:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$30 with an early, guided tour. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Saturday, June 22

Plein Air Workshop. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Participants will be introduced to the process of plein air painting. All materials will be provided. Tickets are \$75 for ages 10 and up. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters to get help with your project, or sit and knit.

'Escape to Margaritaville.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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Photos courtesy J. Leonard Martinez
Scene ... members of the Pagosa Catholic Community celebrate the 75th anniversary and the feast day celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Saturday, June 8.



Celebration honors 75th anniversary, feast day of Immaculate Heart of Mary

By J. Leonard Martinez
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

How can one find the words, to express the gratitude to those nonagenarians who have created faith pathways for us to follow?

My mother taught me never to ask a woman's age, but the 75th anniversary and the feast day celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church calls for breaking a few rules.

It is without doubt, the families of two of our elder pioneers had to plan and coordinate significantly to have us honored with their presence.

Lydia Martinez, who is 96, had her eldest daughter, Angie, and her husband, Dale, drove in from Farmington, N.M., to accompany her along with numerous members of the Martinez clan.

Emma Lujan, who will soon be 95, had her daughters Gloria and Marcella, son Joe, and grandchildren accompany her.

Both wore their Guadalupe medallions as both served in the Guadalupe Ministry of Bereavement as well as in the Altar Guild Society, which is appropriate as both ministries were singled out for sponsoring this 75th anniversary and feast day.

The mission church of Santiago (St. James) in Trujillo was attended by both and both are lifelong residents of Archuleta County.

Emily Mestas, who is 92, and her late husband, Frank, were the first couple married in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. She too, was a Guadalupe and was accompanied by daughters Kathy and Trisha, son Frankie, as well as her grandchildren Emily and Carlos.

San Juan (St. John) in Pagosa Junction was well represented by 91-year-old Bea Espinosa, who was

also a Guadalupe and also a very active member in music ministry and had sung with earlier versions of the Rivas Family Spanish Choir. Her son Joseph and daughters Darlene and Carrie, as well as her grandchildren, attended Bea.

Frances (St. Francis) was represented by Florian Gallegos and son Paul and daughter Marie.

Carol Pacheco, the eldest of the Archuleta sisters and soon to be 90, was undeniable in her support of this event. First, she made 31 burritos, then she made what was arguably the best roaster of menudo, then she added another 15 burritos. All the elderly were asked to remain in the church during the procession because of the heat. But not Pacheco. She was the oldest to join the procession and provided Guiseppe Margiotta and Julie Gurule the opportunity to accompany her and provide her water as she completed the procession. The devotion, dedication and commitment represented by these nonagenarians is inspirational to all.

These memorable events do not happen without many working together. Father Samuel Auta set the stage three years ago by having us focus not only on the feast day, but making sure we were inclusive not only of the pioneers, but all our friends and neighbors. Las Guadalupe provided the feast meal, and all spectators and visitors were invited to join in the celebration.

As usual the food was fantastic, but the fellowship and service were even better. The music ministry was provided by the Rivas Family Spanish Choir, who provided the music for the procession. Then, as we have become accustomed, those that sing, pray twice and they sang the Mass in Spanish and English. Then, they

became one of our regional favorites: Variety Express.

Variety Express played a wide variety of favorites to the delight of all who enjoyed a street dance on Lewis Street as the street was closed for the day.



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Adventure Clubs for kids of all ages announced

By Connie Porter
Child Evangelism Fellowship of Colorado

Four Adventure Clubs are scheduled for June 18-20.

Each Adventure Club will include a Bible story with drama and activity, a memory verse, high-energy songs, games, crafts, snacks and more games.

It is two hours of fun and learning for kids, and it's free.

Come and bring your friends.

There will be Adventure Clubs in four locations in Pagosa Springs and Aspen Springs:

- June 18-20, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. This club has a separate class for little ones who are 3-5 years old. (This includes any little ones

who will not start kindergarten until the fall.)

- June 18-20, 10 a.m. to noon at Ute Park, 981 Ute Drive in Aspen Springs. This club has a separate class for little ones who are 4-5 years old. This will be a program of Amazing Grace Community Church.

- June 18-20, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Pagosa Vista Estates, 129 Fireside St.

- June 18-20, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Yamaguchi Park, 684 South 5th St. (Look for the balloons.)

The four Adventures Clubs will have the same three-day program, so choose the Adventure Club that works best for you. For more information call Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email her at ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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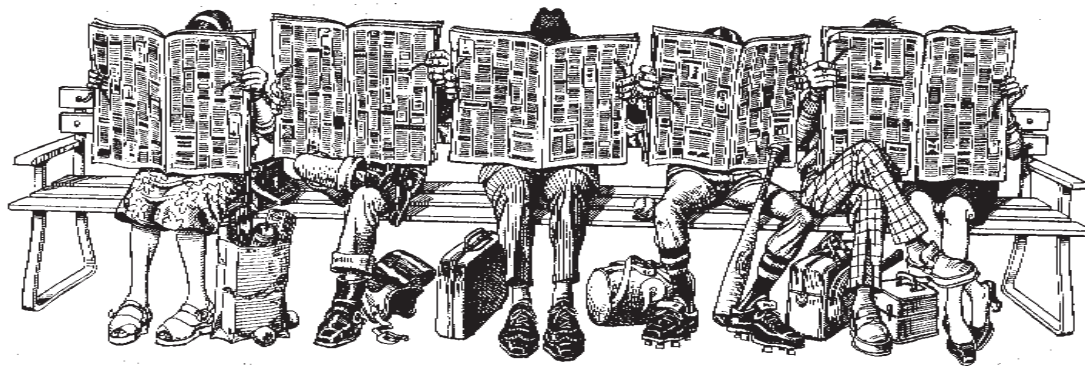
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Murder mystery and Fairy Tale Theatre set for next Friday

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Next Friday, June 21 we will be hosting two special events:

- Eighth-graders and above are invited to solve a murder mystery from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. where everyone is a suspect and you need to decide who the real murderer is.

Lunch will be provided. Registration is required.

- Young readers aged 6-10 are invited to a Fairy Tale Theatre from 2 to 3:30 p.m., when you can read and act out your favorite characters. "Aesop's Fables and Fairytales" will be our source for fun stories we will enjoy together.

Early library closure

Your library will be closed next Wednesday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday that commemorates the end of slavery.

Summer Reading Program underway

"Adventure Begins at your Library!" is the theme of this year's free all-ages Summer Reading Program underway now.

You can choose your own adventure from the Smokey Bear reading challenge celebrating Smokey's 80th birthday, a travel journal challenge where you document your experiences as you try new things and visit new places in the area, and a Camp Ruby Sisson bingo challenge that brings back our much-loved bingo sheets.

Prizes are available for all ages for each week of summer reading activities completed, and those results also put your name into a raffle for the grand prize at the concluding party on Aug. 9, Smokey's birthday.

Sign up now in person or online and watch for details in this "Library News" column of all the fun free summer reading events coming your way.

Virtual author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue in June with two more opportunities for you to interact live with New York Times bestselling authors and ask questions, or watch later. For details and to register go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Thursday, June 13, at 6 p.m., we'll interact with Frieda McFadden, known as the "Queen of Twists," discussing psychological thrillers.

Thursday, June 20, at noon will feature Tiffany Jewell looking at systemic racism in the American education system.

LEGOs Friday and Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO Club on Saturday, June 15, from 11 a.m. to noon. As well, tomor-



row, Friday, June 14, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. is a free LEGO time to explore your imagination and building skills. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us Friday, June 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session playing Xbox.

Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you're aged 6-11 and love Pokemon, this free club is for you. Bring your cards on Saturday, June 15, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Jane Austin 250th birthday series

Monday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon through July 1, local fans of Jane Austen are celebrating the 250th birthday of this beloved English author, whose works include "Pride and Prejudice," "Sense and Sensibility" and "Emma."

Each week will feature a different topic, including the author's life as a woman in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Regency-era English history, fashion, food and dance. The series highlight will be a tea party and English country dancing. Call Jenny at (240) 426-7887 for more information.

Tween Exploratorium Monday

Mondays in June from 3 to 4 p.m. is Tween Exploratorium, when tweens are invited to get together with friends to explore the world's geography through maps and flags, travel games and more.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, June 17, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. For information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396.

Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, June 18, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is no minimum skill level needed.

This group meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

Teen Camp Half-blood on Wednesday

Wednesdays in June (except for June 19) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. is Camp

Half-blood for teens. It is based on the very popular Percy Jackson novels and will allow young fans to participate in escape room-style activities centered around Greek myths, just like Percy Jackson.

Each week teens will be presented with puzzles and STEM challenges like "Create a device that will locate and capture the bugs that escaped from Pandora's box" or "Arachne left webs to help you find a way through a secret passage in the labyrinth."

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Thursday, June 20, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Summer Reading for kids

Thursdays in June from 10 to 11:30 a.m. will be a special time for kids to explore insects, plants, fossils and animals, sometimes with special guests.

Downloadable books

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Books on CD

"The Sweet Blue Distance" by Sara Donati features a midwife in New Mexico Territory. "Dry Road to Nowhere" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a western set in Wyoming and "The Man From Waco" by the same authors is another western about an innocent man who was jailed. "Phantom Orbit" by David Ignatius is a thriller centered on space exploration. "This Strange Eventful History" by Claire Messud is a family saga told over seven decades. "Reborn as a Demonic Tree" by Xkarnation is a fantasy.

DVDs

"Anatomy of a Fall" was nominated for five Academy Awards and won for best original screenplay. "Bob Marley One Love" is a documentary about this music icon. "Arthur The King" is the true story of a man's bond with a scrappy street dog.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"First Frost" by Craig Johnson is a Walt Longmire adventure. "The Last Murder at the End of the World" by Stuart Turton is a sci-fi story that begins with a murder

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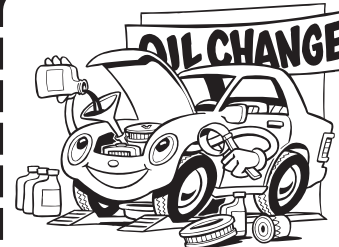
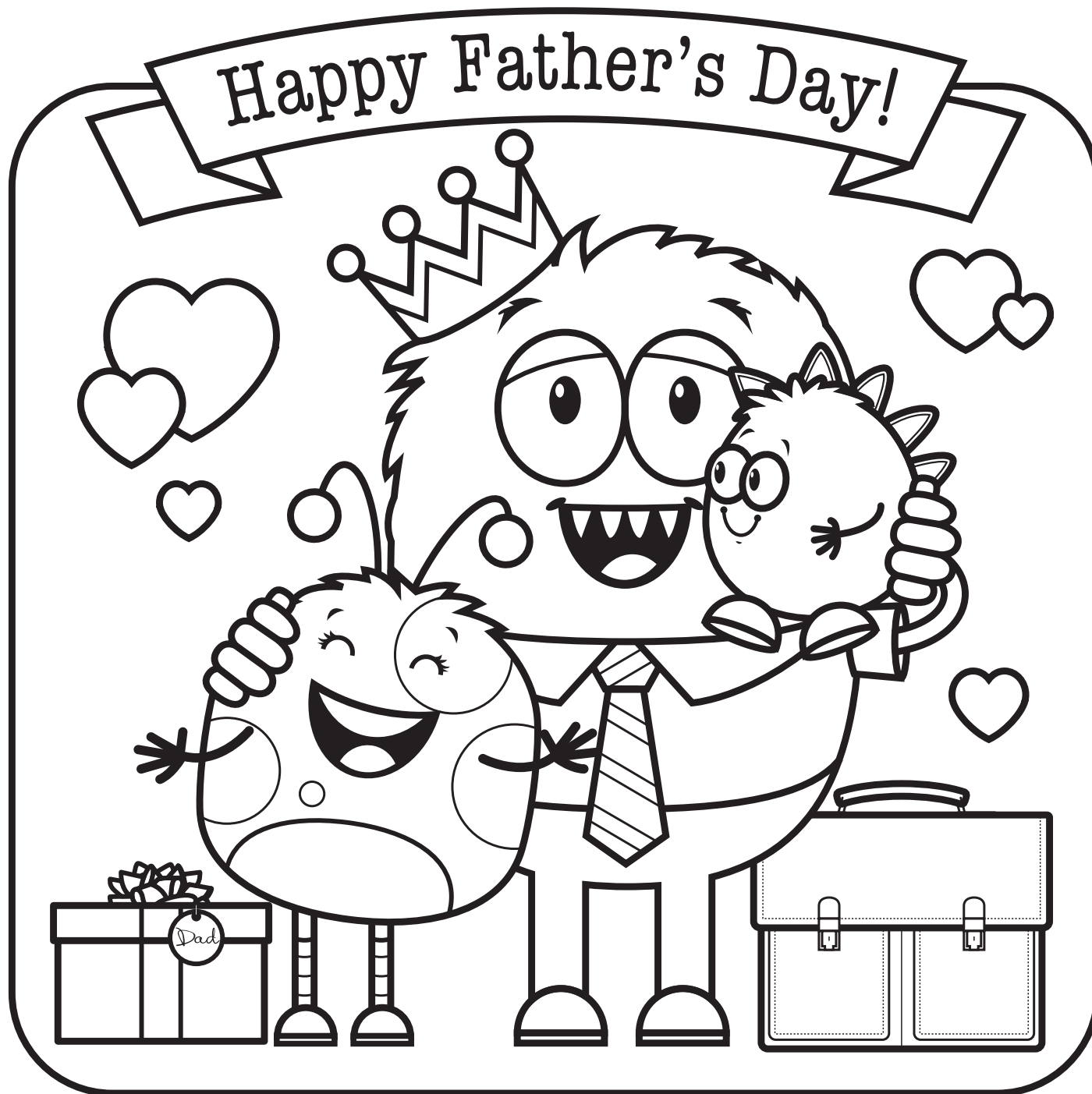


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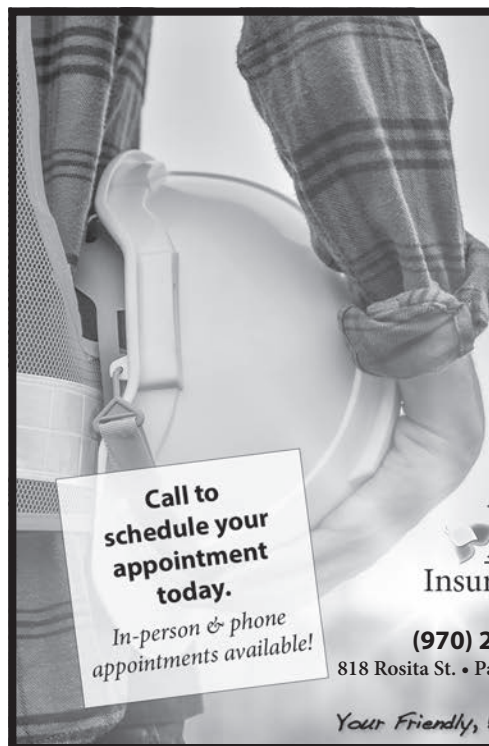
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Edible weeds: To eat or not to eat

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

In the last few years there has been an increase in the interest of foraging for food by the masses, whether it's mushrooms, edible or medicinal plants.

The official answer for if you should forage for wild foods depends on your ability to properly identify unknown plants. If you cannot, then the answer is a resounding no. Being able to simply identify the plant you are looking for is not enough as there may be toxic look-alikes. For example, osha or porter's lovage is a medicinal plant found in our high country that belongs to the parsley family. It closely resembles water or poison hemlock, both of which are some of the most toxic plants in the world. All three of these species are related to each other and a myriad of other edible plants like carrots and, you guessed it, parsley. A simple mistake in this family is lethal; there is no cure for hemlock poisoning and treatment focuses on managing the symptoms until the patient recovers.

Now with that disclaimer out of the way, there are a number of weeds that are edible. Starting with thistles, which are related to artichokes, the young stems can be peeled and

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prepared for food and the flowers have been used in rennet, or cheese making. Chicory root has been used as a coffee substitute.

Hoary cress (whitetop) belongs to the mustard family and tastes like spicy broccoli. However, it contains toxic glycosides and should not be consumed regularly, if at all.

Burdock, which is frequently found in shaded areas, has an edible root, and digging it out is a great way to do your part in reducing the noxious weed population. Common weeds like dandelions and purslane are also edible and can likely be found growing in your own yard.

Foraging opens up a new world of tastes and possibilities that you won't find in your grocery store, but it is not a hobby for the faint of heart. If you are certain that your future is foraging, do not look up pictures online and run off into the woods or weeds in search of a morsel. Start by buying guidebooks, one for regional

plant identification and one for the explicit purpose of foraging for wild foods. Many foraging books will also include recipes and medicinal uses for plants along with warnings. For example, common mullein is a medicinal plant (listed as a noxious weed in Colorado), which is nicknamed cowboy toilet paper. As helpful as this may be when you find yourself away from a vault toilet or generally unprepared, the leaves are covered in tiny hairs which may be an irritant or even allergenic to some people.

When identifying plants, look more closely than at the general shape and appearance and take a closer look at the individual flowers, leaves, stems and even the roots. If you need a second opinion, bring the entire plant to a local expert and take multiple photos of the plant and records of where it was found. If you find yourself unsure of a plant's identity and are considering eating it, remember this forager adage: "When in doubt, throw it out."

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"Southern Man" by Greg Iles tells of the rise of an independent candidate in the 2024 presidential election dubbed the "TikTok candidate." "Look on the Bright Side" by Kristan Higgins is a funny romantic story. "Leaning on Air" by Cheryl Grey Bostrom is a romance about a reunion based on birdwatching.

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Senior Center to host Emotional Freedom Technique session

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

There will be an Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) session on June 18 at 10 a.m.

EFT is an evidence-based method which uses acupressure trigger points and elements from other therapeutic practices.

Extensive research and more than 100 published studies have shown EFT to be effective with lowering both psychological and physiological symptoms of anxiety, depression, PTSD, insomnia, stress and more.

Once you've learned EFT, you can use it at any time you need it. Those who utilize the technique often report a reduction in symptoms in the first 90 seconds.

Spanish Fiesta July 27

You are invited to the 22nd annual Spanish Fiesta on July 27.

This year we celebrate "La cultura cura!" — a transformative health and healing philosophy that recognizes the importance of cultural values, traditions and Indigenous practices on the path to healthy development, restoration and lifelong well-being.

Enjoy the 22nd Annual Spanish Fiesta in Pagosa Springs, where Spanish, Mexican, Native American and Anglo cultural traditions intertwine to create the strong heritage we have today here in Southwest Colorado.

Food, music, dancing, libations, vendors, color and good company provide the ingredients of a party to delight all the senses and to make memories for a lifetime.

This year is the 22nd anniversary of the Spanish Fiesta after being dormant for some 20 years before it was revived in 2023.

The Spanish Fiesta Committee of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is working to make this year memorable.

The headliner for the day's activities will be famous New Mexican artist Darren Cordova Y Calor at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

Activities will begin at 3 p.m., but come earlier to get your seat and enjoy authentic Hispanic cuisine of southern Colorado and northern New Mexican plus a variety of other food trucks, artisan vendors, music from Candace Vargas and Northern 505, and folklorico dance performances from local artists.

We will feature scholarship recipients, the Spanish Fiesta Royalty and the Archuleta County Fair Royalty.

Proceeds from this event will support older adults of Archuleta County through the services of ASI and a BIPOC youth and elder scholarship fund.

Admission is for an afternoon and evening from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. filled with fun for all. Tickets are available online <https://givebutter.com/SpanishFiesta2024> and will be available starting in June for paper tickets.

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ishFiesta2024 and will be available starting in June for paper tickets.

If you are interested in volunteering, being a sponsor or vendor please call (970) 264.2167 or email Rose Chavez at rosa@psseniors.org.

Volunteers needed for 22nd annual Spanish Fiesta

ASI is looking to recruit volunteers to set up the 22nd annual Spanish Fiesta on July 26, help with activities the day of the event, July 27, and help with tear down of the event on July 28.

All volunteers are required to purchase their tickets to the event in advance and, once the volunteer assignment is complete, you will be reimbursed after the event and will receive a gift card for provision of your services.

This event is only successful with the help of volunteers and community sponsorship, so please consider offering your time and coming out to enjoy the festivities with us. Secure your spot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CABAD28ABFBC61-49963208-22nd>.

For more information, please visit psseniors.org, call (970) 264-2167 or email us at rosa@psseniors.org.

Healthy aging yoga therapy class series

A Healthy Aging Yoga Series will be offered in person at the Senior Center on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Classes will be structured by therapeutic yoga tools and techniques with chair movement, standing stretches, gentle postures, breathing practices and reflective meditative moments.

Monthly themes for the series will include topics such as sustainable strength for healthy aging individuals, brain health, heart and cardiovascular health, mental and emotional well-being, community connections, and stress management, to name a few.

Classes will be educational for participants to utilize practices in daily life and are meant for all levels of experience with yoga.

Mats and chairs will be provided at the Senior Center; some blocks and Therabands are available, too. The addition of yoga props is always welcomed.

We are requesting that individuals who are new to joining the series

arrive early for intake inquiries and to please communicate with AJ Connors directly by emailing ajconnorslove@gmail.com.

Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Bingo will be on June 21, July 12, July 26, Aug. 9 and Aug. 23.

Participation is free, and we ask you bring yourself and a friend for joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes from local businesses for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required; just show up. All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone.

For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

T'ai Chi Chih

The Senior Center offers T'ai Chi Chih with accredited instructor Patti Popovich each Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the dining hall to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

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Community Cafe menu

Thursday, June 13 — Indian shepherd's pie, roasted curry cauliflower, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, June 14 — ASI staff appreciation event — closed to the public. No lunch or activities.

Monday, June 17 — Tarragon chicken, creamed corn, blueberry crisp, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, June 18 — Ham and cheese quiche, wilted spinach and onions, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, June 19 — Closed for Juneteenth.

Thursday, June 20 — Stuffed giant portobello mushroom cap with veggies and feta cheese, roasted sweet potatoes, garden salad, fruit and milk.

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Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-N-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

COVID-19 test kits available

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Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

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Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

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Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

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In small towns, bookstores are thriving

By John Clayton
PREVIEW Columnist

"I love to spend my day in a bookstore," said Amy Sweet. She lives in Red Lodge, Mont., and was explaining why she and her husband, Brian, opened Beartooth Books in her town of 2,300.

"It was part of the life we wanted—to live in a small town, walk to work, and enjoy outdoor adventures and wonderful people."

She's not alone. For many of the same reasons, bookstores have been opening in small Western towns, said Heather Duncan, executive director of the Mountains and Plains Independent Booksellers Association.

Since 2020, more than 100 bookstores have opened in her region, which extends across 14 states ranging from Texas to Montana and from Nebraska to Nevada.

One reason for the phenomenon, said Amy Sweet, is that "people are proud of their town, our local history. It's all a package, and the bookstore gets to be part of that."

The success of such a low-tech enterprise might surprise people. "Lots of first-time customers come in and say, 'I thought bookstores were dying,'" Brian Sweet said.

But he believes that a bookstore is a perfect complement to today's culture.

"A bookstore is quiet, peaceful and yet mentally stimulating," he said. "It's not our devices and incessant TV news."

Bookstores opening in towns, as opposed to cities, is a trend throughout the West, Duncan said. Of her 60 member stores in Colorado, just 17 are in large cities. The rest are in small towns, smaller cities or suburbs. In the Western Slope town of Paonia, population 1,500, Emily Sinclair opened Paonia Books a year ago. She said she likes exercising her own as well as local taste, and also enjoys inviting Western writers to give talks and sign their new books.

These days, said Duncan, bookstores are becoming more diverse in both ownership and retail model.

"We now have online-only stores,

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"We pick the books one by one," Brian Sweet said. "People are surprised to hear that — some think we just sell whatever shows up."

pop-up stores, book buses and bookmobiles," she said. And new store owners are often Black, Indigenous, Hispanic/Latino or LGBTQ+.

"Diverse-owned stores are approximately 20 percent of our membership. In the past it would have been around 10 percent."

Locating a bookstore in a rural community is arguably another aspect of diversity — and a surprising strength.

"Small-town stores had a much better success rate during the pandemic," Duncan said, "due mostly to the support of their communities, as well as lower overhead costs."

The strong connection to community, however, requires work.

"We pick the books one by one," Brian Sweet said. "People are surprised to hear that — some think we just sell whatever shows up. But I pore over publisher catalogs, and in a small store, for every book that I choose, probably 200 don't make the cut."

Bookstores in tourist destinations, such as Back of Beyond in Moab, Utah, have always thrived on deep community connections. But the current trend highlights how community is something best appreciated by full-time residents rather than visitors.

Like farmers' markets, micro-breweries, bakeries and outdoor-gear stores, bookstores are places to gather in person with like-minded neighbors, Amy Sweet said.

"Customers in a bookstore are friendly and inquisitive," she said. "They come in to browse and talk about books."

While tech companies are always looking to "scale up" to provide growth, the challenge for many small towns is finding business models that "scale down" to smaller populations. Bookselling provides that model.

But booksellers agree that they're doing a job: "It's business — it's not reading books all day," said Brian Sweet. "But it's a business where people want to support you. Every day people thank us for being open."

John Clayton is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent non-profit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He's the author of the email newsletter "Natural Stories." Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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How it pays to spend time in nature

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Few things can be as distracting as a beautiful day. When the weather outside is welcoming, it can be hard to focus on indoor activities, including work and tasks around the house.

Though it's not advisable to ignore responsibilities at work and at home when the weather outside beckons, it can be beneficial to spend ample time in nature when circumstances allow.

Whether they know it or not, people who love to spend time in nature are doing their mental and physical health a lot of good by embracing the great outdoors.

Mental health benefits

The National Alliance of Mental Illness notes that a growing body of research supports the idea that time in nature is good for mental health.

A 2015 study from researchers at Stanford University found that people who walked in a natural area for 90 minutes exhibited decreased activity in a region of the brain associated with depression compared to those who walked in high-traffic urban settings.

The United Kingdom-based Mental Health Foundation (MHF) also touts the mental health benefits of the great outdoors.

According to the MHF, research shows that people who are connected with nature are more likely to report their lives are worthwhile than those with no such connectedness.

In addition, the MHF notes time in nature has been shown to generate positive emotions, including calmness and joy, and promote greater creativity.

When seeking to capitalize on the mental health benefits of time in nature, people should know that where they spend time outdoors matters.

As the Stanford study indicated, time outside in high-traffic urban settings may not produce as profound an effect as time spent in natural settings, like forests, that tend to be more serene. People who live in cities or other densely populated areas can still benefit from time outdoors, but they might experience even greater health gains if they make consistent efforts to spend time in more natural settings.

Physical health benefits

The physical health benefits of time in nature are equally notable.

Perhaps the most obvious physical benefit is related to physical activity. People tend to embrace physical activity when spending time in nature. Hiking, jogging, walking, nature-based recreational activities like kayaking, and playing sports like basketball or pickleball all involve physical activity, which can help people avoid the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle, such as an increased risk for chronic diseases.

More specifically, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation notes the physical health benefits of spending time outside include:

- A stronger immune system.
- Lower blood pressure.
- Increased energy levels.
- Improved sleep.

Each of those benefits contributes to greater overall health, making time outdoors among the more beneficial behaviors a person can embrace.

There's no shortage of benefits to spending time in nature. That's something to keep in mind the next time welcoming weather beckons you to get some fresh air.

EPA's Energy Star program launches new resources to help make energy-efficient home improvements

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the launch of two new Energy Star resources to help households across America take advantage of Inflation Reduction Act incentives for energy-saving home upgrades.

Together, a new home improvement savings web tool and the new Energy Star Home Upgrade Service Provider Partnership address two of the largest barriers Americans face when it comes to upgrading their homes with energy efficient products and equipment — the cost and complexity associated with purchase and installation.

These resources will make it easier for all Americans to take advantage of upgrades that will help them save energy and money while enjoying a healthier and more comfortable home for years to come.

"For decades, the Energy Star program has guided consumers towards efficient products that reduce energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions, resulting in substantial savings for both the individual and the nation as a whole," said EPA Administrator Michael Regan. "These new resources

are key to making progress in fighting the climate crisis and will help make energy efficient options more affordable and accessible, particularly for millions of low-income and disadvantaged households across the nation."

The new home savings web tool is a zip code-based resource that allows people to identify all of the energy efficiency incentives available in their area. It highlights utility rebates, federal income tax credits and Inflation

Reduction Act state rebates for home efficiency improvements. More than that, it is a one-stop shop that includes energy efficiency incentives, buying guidance, information on eligible products, and links to local retailers and installers.

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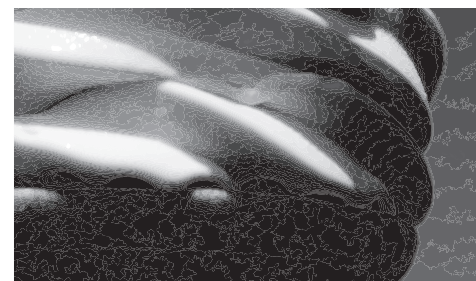
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Tips for cleaning your grill

Special to The PREVIEW

Millions of people across the globe have a passion for grilling. Cooking over an open flame imparts a unique flavor to a variety of foods, and that profile can be augmented with marinades, wood chips and a host of other tweaks that help to create a delicious finished product.

Though many people grill throughout the year, this particular method of cooking is most popular in summer, when welcoming temperatures compel cooks to prepare meals outdoors.

As grilling season kicks into high gear, grillmasters can embrace these strategies to ensure their grills remain clean:

- Clean after each use. Once food is cooked, cooks' minds immediately shift to eating. But cleaning a grill immediately after each use can make it easier to remove all the debris that can gather as foods cook. Fat, grease, melted cheese, marinades and other substances can accumulate on the grill over time. Though grillmasters can eat before cleaning their grills, keep the fire going until after eating

(vents can be slightly closed to reduce the heat somewhat), then scrape food and other debris off the grill. Grates that are still warm are easier to clean, but use heat-proof grilling gloves when cleaning warm or hot grates to reduce burn risk.

- Oil the grates before cooking. A light coating of oil brushed onto the grill grates prior to cooking can reduce the likelihood that food sticks to the grill while it's being cooked. Food stuck to a grill can be difficult to remove, but the oil can reduce the likelihood that ground beef from burgers or chicken breasts will stick to the cooking surface.

- Deep clean the grill every so often. Grill grates may not need a deep clean after each use, particularly when only preparing food for a handful of people. However, a deep cleaning every so often, and after heavy usage during backyard barbecues, can remove debris that can accumulate and pose a health risk over time. Follow the grill manufacturer's instructions regarding cleaning the grill. Some might suggest traditional dish soap is safe to use, while others might recommend particular soaps

that can protect the long-term life of the grill. Cast-iron grill grates generally should not air dry, so dry these parts off immediately after cleaning.

- Use the right tools. Steel grill brushes are popular, but these cleaning tools can be unsafe. Steel brush bristles can break off during vigorous cleaning sessions, and they may get stuck on the grill during the cleaning process. If stuck on the grill, steel bristles can easily attach to food. The cooking experts at Epicurious note that steel brush bristles can cause throat and/or abdominal issues if consumed. Alternatives to steel bristle grill brushes are widely available, but grillmasters should know that some, including nylon brushes, should not be applied to a grill until its grates have cooled off.

- Clean all components. Grease traps, ash pans and the interior of the grill, including its sides and the inside of lids, can be periodically cleaned to reduce grease buildup and the risk of exposure to germs.

Grilling is a wildly popular summer pastime. Ensuring grills are clean prior to cooking can make foods more flavorful and decrease the risk of illness.

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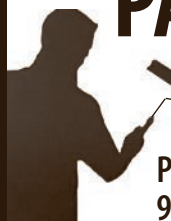
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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the orange-crowned warbler.

In the Northern Hemisphere, summer is warbler season, a time when these small, hyperactive birds migrate north to raise their young in areas with lots of insects. With their colorful plumages, often including shades of yellow, green and blue, they bring a touch of their tropical winter homes with them.

The orange-crowned warbler is more widespread and plentiful than other wood warbler species, nesting across much of Alaska and Canada, south through the Rocky Mountains and along the Pacific coast. It is also one that tolerates cold better than others, staying north later in fall and only traveling as far as southern states and Mexico for the winter.

Its scientific name, *Leiothlypis celata*, translates as a "hidden plain warbler," saying it all in describing how difficult it can be to actually see this bird although you may readily hear it in the woods. Along with the chipping sparrow and dark-eyed junco, it is one of the species here that sings a trilling song, but it rarely stays in one spot long enough to locate it.

These small warblers are colored yellowish or olive-gray, with the only bright yellow color under the tail. Their eyes are bordered with thin, broken arcs above and below and have a dark line extending through them. The patch of orange feathers that make their crowns is only raised when the bird is agitated or excited.

Knowing where to search for these birds is helpful in locating them. Look for them in a variety of forest types with a shrubby understory. Rather than foraging in the treetops favored by many wood warblers, the orange-crowned feeds closer to the ground. It specializes just enough to share these dense cover-shrub levels with Virginia's and MacGillivray's warblers.

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