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Lisa Scott named parade grand marshal

By Kathy Harker
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Fourth of July Parade will start at 10 a.m. on July 4 and will feature our 2024 grand marshal, Lisa Scott.

The parade will open with the San Juan Squadron flying formation over the parade route.

Don't forget there is a new parade route this year, starting on Hot Springs Boulevard at the intersection with the post office and ending at the south end of Yamaguchi Park.

Please note that there will be no street parking allowed along the parade route; however, parking will be available at the high school, Town Hall and downtown.

Make sure to arrive early to find parking and pick your viewing location.

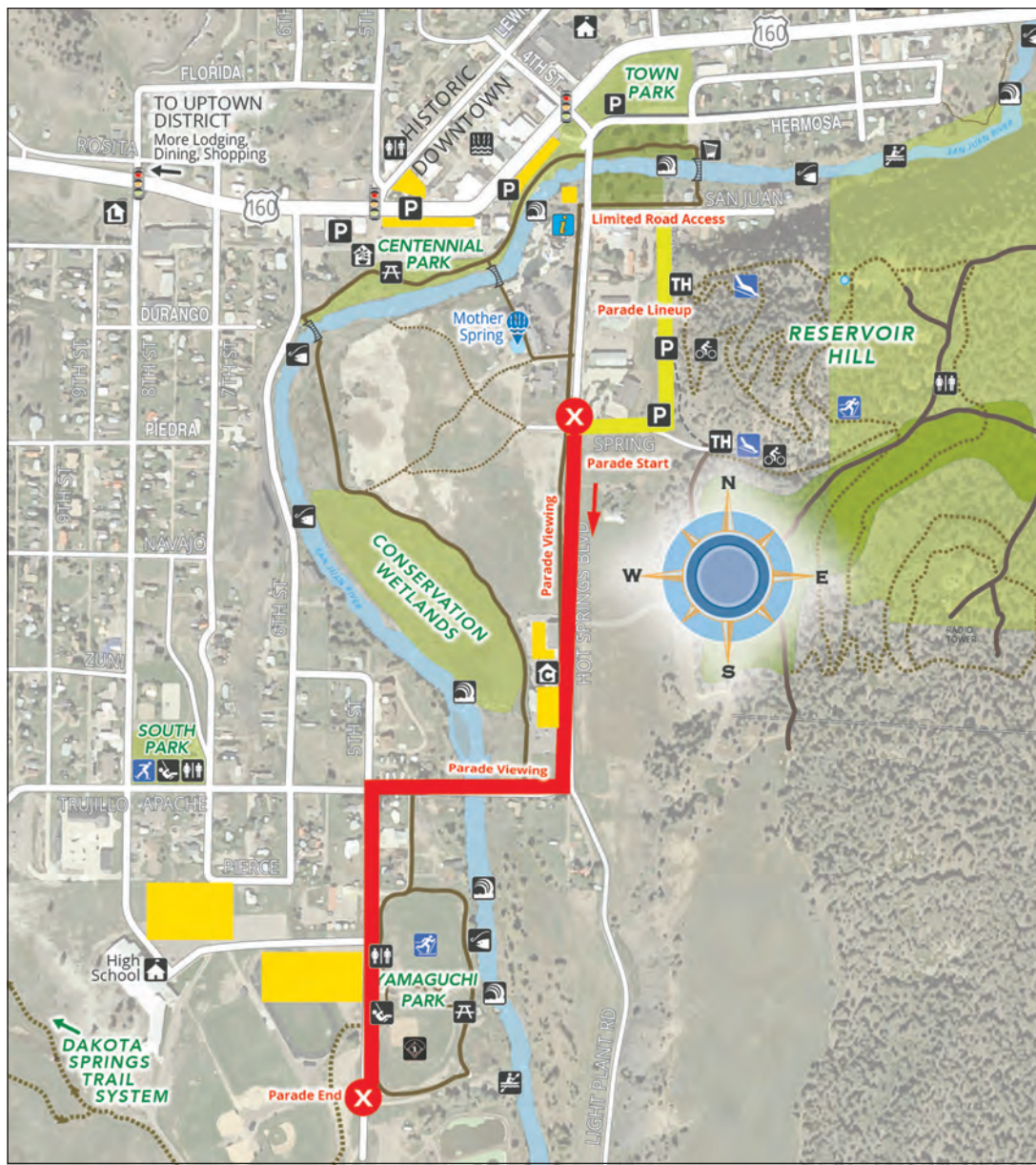
Announcers will be located at the main entrance of the Town Hall parking area so you can hear details about all the awesome parade participants.

Watch for additional information to be distributed about voting for your favorite parade entry.

Who wants to see some fireworks?

The show will start at sundown (approximately 9:30 p.m.) and can be viewed from multiple locations in town, but Yamaguchi Park is one of the favorite gathering spots.

Additional event activities can be found on the Visit Pagosa Springs website at <https://visitpagosasprings.com/july4th>.



The above map shows the new Fourth of July Parade route designated for this year's parade.

Unofficial election results: Ranson favored by voters

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The unofficial results of the June 25 primary election have been released, with Archuleta County voters sending John Ranson to the November general election for Archuleta County commissioner for District 2.

"Election day results are never final results," Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold explained on June 21. "After Election Day, ballots continue to be counted, military and overseas voters return their ballots, signature discrepancies can be fixed, and audits are conducted to confirm the results."

Colorado Republican, Democratic and unaffiliated voters were able to vote in the election, with unaffiliated voters allowed to choose one major party ballot to vote.

According to the secretary of state's website, 3,819 ballots were cast in Archuleta County out of 11,038 active votes for a turnout of 34.60 percent.

"We had a lower turn out than we had hoped for but everything went well," Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta wrote in an email to The SUN. "All judges and my office staff helped with the process and it went smoothly."

Archuleta adds the Pagosa Lakes



Property Owners Association "went above and beyond" to provide a second location for a voter service and polling center, "and checked in on them all day which is appreciated."

Results by race

Following are the vote totals as of Wednesday morning, June 26. Vote totals listed below are for Archuleta County unless otherwise noted.

County offices

Archuleta County commissioner for District 1

Warren M. Brown was the sole Republican candidate on the ballot and garnered 1,782 votes.

There were no Democratic candidates.

Archuleta County commissioner for District 2

Ranson tallied 1,612 votes, with Zane Kraetsch following with 927 votes.

There were no Democratic candidates.

Archuleta County coroner

Republican Brad Hunt ran unopposed.

■ See Election A8

Washouts reported on county roads after recent storms

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At a June 24 meeting of the Archuleta County Road and Bridge Advisory Committee, Road and Bridge Manager Eric McRae explained that county roads were impacted by a large number of washouts caused by rainstorms over the last week.

He stated that washouts occurred on County Road (CR) 335, CR 500, CR 917 and CR 411.

McRae pointed toward the washouts on CR 335 and CR 500 as particularly significant, indicating that the washout on CR 335 involved a quarter mile of road and washed into the garage of a person living in the area, while the incidents on CR 500 involved seven washouts over a mile-long section of road.

He emphasized that the impact of

these washouts was potentially severe and that they were all connected to previously poor maintenance of ditches and culverts on county roads.

McRae stated that staff have focused on repairs to ditches and culverts this year and that, particularly on CR 500, these repairs had a significant positive impact as they prevented the washouts from severely damaging or destroying the roadway, although they did still reduce the road to one lane until it was repaired.

He added that Road and Bridge is pursuing new measures to help improve drainage.

Those measures include revegetation of banks above ditches to prevent dirt immediately eroding into them and filling them after rainstorms, and potentially purchasing new equipment — such as a hydro excavation truck — to help speed up the process

■ See Washouts A8



The approved planned development at 116 Alpha Drive will feature two two-story buildings with a total of 50 affordable apartment units. The development will also feature a clubhouse for residents to use with amenities such as a fitness room, green space and a dog park. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

Housing project receives \$4.75 million grant

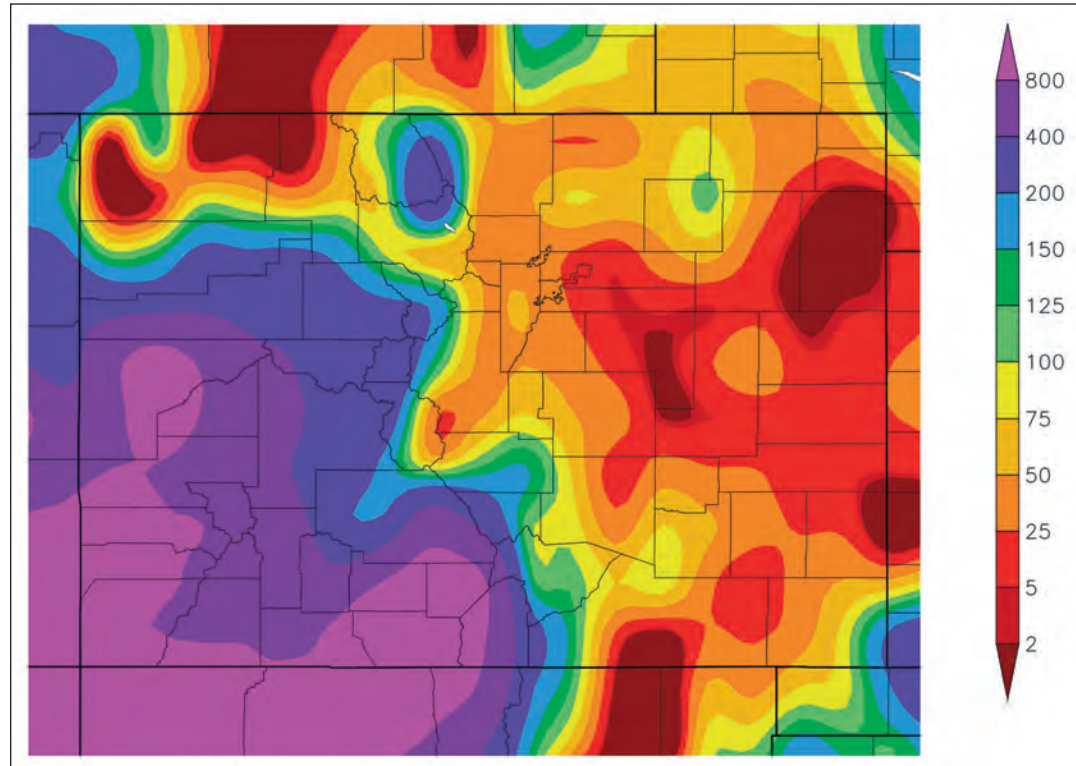
By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), through the Division of Housing's state housing board, announced on Tuesday, June 25, that it awarded more than \$41 million in rental and homeownership support for a total of 414 housing units to be constructed across the state.

According to the press release from DOLA, \$38.95 million was awarded to support 388 rental units, while \$2.05 million was awarded to support 26 homeownership units statewide.

One of the awards granted by

■ See Grant A6



Map courtesy National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

A map of Colorado shows the percentage of normal precipitation received across Colorado between June 17 and June 23.

Recent rains help drought situation

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Parts of Pagosa Country received more than 2.5 inches of precipitation from Thursday, June 20, to Monday, June 24, according to data from Community Collaborator Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS).

During that time frame, downtown Pagosa Springs received 2.68 inches of precipitation.

The southern portion of Archuleta County, near Chromo, received the most, with 2.78 inches of precipitation, according to CoCoRaHS.

In the Aspen Springs area, totals ranging from 1.71 inches to 2.38 inches of precipitation were reported. Areas around Hatcher Lake reported totals ranging from 1.13 inches to 1.38 inches.

According to data from the High Plains Regional Climate Center (HPRCC), precipitation received from June 18 through June 25 in Archuleta County ranges from 400 to 800 percent of the normal precipitation for those dates.

The same applies for much of southwest Colorado including La Plata County, Min-

eral County, Hinsdale County and Conejos County, according to the HPRCC.

Drought

As for current drought conditions, as of June 20, 73.75 percent of Archuleta County is in a moderate drought stage, with the remaining 26.25 percent in an abnormally dry stage, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

At the start of the current calendar year, 93.16 percent of Archuleta County was in a severe drought stage, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

As of June 20, 56.65 percent of the state, mostly in the central, northeast and northwest portions, are not in any stage of drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Forecast

Chances of precipitation are expected to continue into this weekend, with the National Weather Service (NWS) forecasting a 10 percent chance of showers after noon tomorrow, Friday, June 28. Temperatures are expected to reach a high of 83 degrees and a low of 48 degrees.

On Saturday, June 29, the high is forecast

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OUR VIEW

Put on your patient pants and stop believing all the rumors

It's time to dig out our patient pants. The summer visitor season is in full swing here in Pagosa Country, and will only get busier as we get closer to the Fourth of July festivities next week.

That means more and more traffic, more and more pedestrians, more and more activities, and more and more business for our friends and neighbors who rely on this time of year to make a living here.

It also means we'll need more and more patience.

Whether Pagosa's popularity as a tourist destination is your favorite thing or not, Pagosa Country relies heavily on tourism, and without it a lot that of what we have and hope to have in the future would not be financially possible.

And tourism isn't anything new. In "Legacies," you can read about folks from Brooklyn visiting the area to help spread the word about it. In this week's issue you can also read about more current media writers who work to help spread the word about our little corner of the world.

With that said, here are a few reminders: Let kindness prevail. There's no sense in being rude to people looking to visit this beautiful place and spend their money here. Say "please" and "thank you." If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything.

Take it easy on the roads. The speed limit

is a limit, not a minimum, and it is not a suggestion. Driving 6 inches from the bumper of the person in front of you will not change this fact and will only increase the likelihood of you having to pay and earning a larger insurance bill should a crash occur. It will also increase the likelihood that we'll observe your time in court and you may make The Blotter after being sentenced.

Be aware and leave room between you in the car in front of you in the event traffic has to stop quickly due to people turning, pedestrians, wildlife or anything else. It's not unheard of to see someone unfamiliar with the area treating a lane as a turn lane when it's meant for traffic coming the opposite direction.

Do not drive impaired. There is absolutely no need to put others at risk just because you think you're fine or feel like you're not going far.

Rumors

Abraham Lincoln is oft quoted as saying that everything you believe on the internet is true.

From what we see on social media, clearly there are many who believe that quote from our 16th president.

Recently, among others, we saw rumors online that the Fourth of July fireworks are canceled and that the entire athletic field at Town Park will be wiped out to become

a dirt parking lot.

Neither thing is true. If something seems overwhelmingly inflammatory or doesn't seem to line up with what others are saying, please seek out a reputable source instead of jumping to conclusions and adding to an argument that is, in reality, a waste of everyone's time.

While some years the fire danger does cause the cancellation of the fireworks, there has been no public consideration of that this year.

In terms of the parking lot, we've reported on multiple meetings where discussion has taken place about a portion of the athletic park that sees less usage being used for permanent parking.

Those meetings have featured public and advisory board comments on the matter, as well as recommendations to the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

The town council has made no decisions regarding the parking lot.

We also remind our fellow citizens that our local governments often reserve time during their meetings to hear public comment (though some require speakers to sign up prior to the meeting, so be sure to check so you can comment when you'd like to).

If you have concerns, let your voice be heard, but please don't believe all the rumors.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 27, 1924

The Brooklyn Eagle touring party came to Pagosa Springs yesterday afternoon, having been met at the top of Wolf Creek pass by local autos. There were taken to the Continental divide by Alamosa cars, where a trout dinner was provided. After an hour's stop in this city Pagosa cars transported them to Durango, from which point other cars will be provided them on their trip around the circle and their visit to Mesa Verde park.

The party consisted of about fifty-four men and women and they were delighted and astonished at the wonders they found along Wolf Creek highway and during their stop in Pagosa Springs. Here they were taken in charge by the Woman's Club and piloted to the W.E. Colton home, where the relics of Chimney Rock ruins were shown to them.

They were also taken to the big hot spring and the hotel plunges, besides being shown the manner in which some of our buildings are heated by the natural hot water artesian wells.

The benefits to be derived from the advertising that the San Juan basin will receive in the east from the Brooklyn publication can scarcely be estimated.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 24, 1949

The Red Ryder Round-Up to be held July 3-4 promises to be one of the best celebrations held here in many a year and plans are practically complete for the show. Officials have been named to handle the arena and other positions. Part of the rodeo stock, as well as fireworks, are already on hand.

Miss Jean Shahan, queen of the Durango Fiesta will be among those who will ride in the huge parade the 4th. Miss Shahan has accepted the committee invitation and will ride with the Rodeo Queen. Mr. Fred Harman will be grand marshal of the parade which will start at 10:00 a.m. promptly at the east end of town. The parade will come to the Goodman corner then west one block and down to the Chevrolet garage and down main street to the park. There have been float entries to date by the Pagosa Rod and Gun Club, Jacksich Drug, Beta Sigma Phi and several others have indicated that they may enter one.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 27, 1974

The long dry spell continues and temperatures are rising in the area. Fire danger is extreme and one of the most prolonged dry spells in a good many years has dried the country to the point where there will be a shortage of feed, water and grass this year.

The mercury hit 90 degrees on Monday of this week, the high for the year to date. Maximums the other days of the past week have been very near the 90 mark, with 88 being registered four days, 89 one day, 90 one day, and 87 one day. There was no precipitation this week.

Last year the maximum reading was 89 degrees. Precipitation in June last year totaled 1.82 inches, this year to date, total rainfall for June has been .07 inches. Total precipitation since January 1 has been 6.44 inches, and this followed a below normal snowfall the first of the winter.

Due to the fact that the next regular publication date of the SUN is July 4, a holiday and the start of the Red Ryder Roundup, the paper will be issued on July 3.

This is one day early and early copy from advertisers and correspondents will be needed. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 24, 1999

Two local young men are headed to Gillette, Wyo. July 19 to 25 to compete in the world's largest rodeo: the National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR).

Dusty Payne and Zane Bramwell, both of Chromo, earned their positions on the Colorado State high school rodeo team in the team roping event. The boys were graciously accepted into the Basin High School Rodeo Club which includes the Durango, Ignacio and Bayfield areas. Still, Dusty and Zane have represented Pagosa Springs well.

The team placed second in the average at the state competition and third in the state standings for the year. Their success qualified them to make the national team. This no small feat. They have accomplished something that few can comprehend. Two boys from a tiny community have competed and won their way to the top, beating out students from schools of all sizes across the state.

The team of Payne and Bramwell will be competing along with over 1500 contestants from 42 states and four Canadian Provinces for over \$70,000 in prizes.



Photo courtesy Kathy Bellino Riggie

This picture is from July 4, 1948, and is a float made from white paper napkins stuffed in chicken wire to advertise Jackisch Drug Store in the parade. It was made by June Lynch with her friends and local volunteers. The butterflies on top are 3-year-old Maureen Lynch and cousin Kathy Bellino.

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Let's be honest

Dear Editor:
Let's be honest...there was a time in the past (echo's of MAGA) that everybody..everybody was doing relatively 'good'. That was the 1990's.

Then what happened, well for most of the single industry product dependent areas in the US...those products just matured, and management logically shifted their mfr'g to lower-cost countries. But the 'killer' against the 'high times' of the 1990's liberal economic globalization was the 2008 Financial Crisis.

But why was it such a killer and the motivator to support Donald Trump.

Simple...our Gov't bailed out those banks that didn't completely fail regardless that industry-wise they were singly the cause of the problem by selling credit way..way too cheap to the consumer and then reselling that packaged bad debt abroad. But the consumer lost homes and credit w/out any assistance from the Gov't. And too add insult to injury, the Fed paid bonuses to those same bankers who created the mess! But for the working man...well keep a stiff upper lip.

Then there was the 'Made in China's' impact on the loss of jobs plus the threat of further job competi-

tion from immigration...don't forget the ladies moving up. Regardless of these economic threats, somehow, the average wage for White men rose 35% in the last 3 decades but comparatively not as much as the Black or Hispanic man's wages. Never the less, the driver for Trump supporter's anger..angst..frustration was said 150 y/ago by Tocqueville.."it is relative deprivation, not absolute deprivation!"

But even given all that very real economic top-down negativity, every American has the national responsibility to support the 'rule-of-Law,' democracy a backbone of any Republic, our institutions, and MOST of all our veteran forefathers who laid down their lives to keep America the 'home-of-the-free' for all coming after...and everyone of us knows, on some level, Donald Trump is the wrong answer!

David Blake

Why don't Christians vote?

Dear Editor:
This question has been bothering me for some time, and I am sure I am not alone. Christians have been negligent to vote for a long time, but the question is why? I have asked many Christians this question, because I am a Christian, and it bothers me to the core. It is apparent that there is not just one answer to this question. Some people tell me that God will intervene anyway, his will, will be done so they don't need to vote.

Others say that the candidates are not good enough for them. Still others say that taking time for politics would take away from their Church activities and anyway what would their friends say if they even took the time to learn about a candidate and what they stand for.

What I have learned about the reasons for not voting is so varied, but it all comes down to the fact that these Christians (who do not vote), must not really care about their fellow man. By not voting they let the non-Christian world be in control. I say these words only because I care and want to help to change that way of thinking. The God we serve put us all here to care for one another and the bible makes it clear that if we do not stand up for good, then evil will enter our world.

Studies show that over 40 million Christians fail to vote during a presidential election. Another 15 million do not even bother to register to vote. Not voting is like not washing your dishes. If you choose to not wash your dishes they start to stink and the stink grows, so you will only suffer. That is what happens if you do not vote. The stink grows and you may be sorry, since the person elected may not serve your interest.

"When the righteous rule, the people rejoice, when the wicked rule, the people groan". Proverbs 29:2.

I have been watching while we groan, and it is past time to stand up for our God and country and rejoice! It is up to all of us to stand up and speak up. Don't let people who don't believe in your values take over your lives, because you set idly by and let it happen.

God depends on good people to do good things and I hope you choose to be one of those good people. So please Vote-Vote-Vote.

Debbie Copple

Cultivated-meat research

Dear Editor:
As avian flu ramps up through American cattle, now is the time for

our political leaders to support increased public funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who don't know, cultivated-meat is grown from animal cells, without slaughter. Since livestock are removed from the process, the risk of zoonotic viruses making the jump to humans is reduced.

Despite admirable progress by the private sector, technological hurdles remain in order for the new protein to be mass-produced at an affordable price. These can be overcome with government money for cellular-agriculture development. Politicians who care about public health, not to mention the environment and animal welfare, should back the effort.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Conn.

Wings Early Childhood Center

Dear Editor:
Last week, the Pagosa Sun reported a county commissioner discussion of a request for \$30,000 by Wings Early Childhood Center. Wings is doubling the size of the current facility, and I would like to share with readers why we asked our Archuleta County neighbors to contribute to our expansion.

Quality childcare is critical to children's lifelong success. Our county has a serious shortage of childcare providers.

Wings has 91 children on our waitlist! At Wings, we are doubling our space to enable us to double the number of children we care for. In the fall, we will expand to offer care for infants from six weeks to a year old. While we have no income requirements, some 75% of our families receive much-needed tuition assistance. Subsidies are based on family income and size. We provide nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and afternoon snacks at no extra cost.

Excellent early childcare education delivers an awesome return on investment for kids! It's not just babysitting. The children experience positive social and emotional development from highly trained teachers. Studies have shown that good early care breaks the poverty cycle. It puts children on a positive developmental trajectory, readying them to enter kindergarten and experience lifetime success. These kids experience higher high school graduation rates; they are more likely to go on to higher educa-

tion or learn a trade, and they earn more. They experience fewer arrests and are less likely to get pregnant as teenagers. They have lower rates of substance abuse, and they are less likely to need public assistance. Educators in Pagosa Springs and around the country agree that an investment in early childhood education offers a greater return on investment than money spent for high school.

Wings Early Childhood Center relies on grants and private donations to support the families who cannot afford childcare without our help. This is why we asked our county commissioners to help us furnish our new classrooms and provide educational supplies. These dollars won't just buy toys. They contribute to a brighter future for the working families in all of Archuleta County.

Donna Mosher,
Wings Early Childhood Center
board member

Travesty

Dear Editor:
Does anyone remember Senator Tom Eagleton? In 1972, he was dropped as the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate. His sin? He suffered from depression and had been hospitalized several times. So, he was deemed unfit to be VP. This was a travesty by my own party. But what is even more of a travesty is the fact that a man who is a convicted felon; is charged with keeping highly classified security documents in his unsecured bathroom and showing them to friends; has cheated on all of his wives several times; has been accused by over 20 women of sexual molestation (include one proven rape); bragged about grabbing women by their genitals; felt no shame at walking into a dressing room where teen beauty pageant contestants were dressing because he "owned" the pageant; is a pathological liar who has told over 40,000 well documented lies since 2016; refuses to accept his loss in 2020 despite no evidence that the election was rigged; fomented an insurrection that killed and injured police officers and threatened his own Vice President with hanging; never attends church and has no clue about the Bible (accept as a money making scheme); has cheated his employees, contractors, and investors out of millions; has had six bankruptcies and a

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Trooper Tips: driving by the numbers

By Patrick Rice
Colorado State Patrol

Most people don't consider the work that goes into designing and building a safe road, but did you know everything is done with precision and based on best practice studies?

Road signs are sized based on the speed limit of the road to ensure that drivers have adequate time and distance to read the critical information they provide. On interstates with curves, the road is required to have a certain angle to keep vehicles from pitching off the curve by their own inertia. There must also be signage indicating the risk at excessive speeds

or for high-profile vehicles. Lane markers must have a specific amount of reflective material; there are even requirements for how often these things are maintained and replaced.

Even the naming of our roads is as methodical as your home address. There are three kinds of "major roads": state highways, U.S. highways, and interstate highways. Each is numbered independently from the other but in relation to their own kind, much like you might see county addressing and city addressing in the same relative area.

Odd-numbered roads travel north and south. Even-numbered roads go east and west. Interstate and state

highway numbering increases "left to right" on the map, and for U.S. highways, they increase from right to left. This can be helpful if you know where one highway is and need to make an educated guess for which direction to look for another. The numbering system gets even more complex but very logical with regard to three-digit interstates around metro areas. Knowing these rules before travel can help you navigate a big city more smoothly.

There is one more trick that may help motorists.

On every interstate in the country, a white dashed line divides each lane; that line is 10 feet long and separated by 30 feet of paint-free asphalt. In

other words, from the beginning of one line to the beginning of the next is 40 feet.

The next time you travel 75 mph on the interstate and look at those lines, you'll think I'm steering you wrong, but it's true.

This can give you an idea of how fast you are moving and how impossible it is to slow down on time and avoid a dangerous collision if you are not providing adequate following distances. Keep your eyes on the road, but when you can safely look, become familiar with estimating distances at 75 mph by using the lane line and the 40-foot measurement you have available.

DMV2GO to return to Archuleta County for driver's license services

Archuleta County

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, dmv.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.

DVM2GO 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.

For more information, please call (970) 264-8309 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Letters

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dozen failed businesses; added trillions to the national debt; suggested that people inject bleach and horse medicine to ward off Covid; has dozens of "great" plans which none of us has ever seen; thinks he will get electrocuted if an electric boat sinks (if he is not eaten by sharks first);; thinks Haniibal Lechter is a "nice guy"; uses the same terms as Adolph Hitler to describe migrants (unless they are from Sweden or Switzerland - in other words, "white"); joked about "Nazi ovens" to a Jewish audience; plans to create concentration camps and deport 20 million immigrants who are the backbone of several American industries; says he will be a "dictator" on day one and damage democracy; stumbles into gibberish when his is not using a teleprompter; and has not an ounce of compassion for anyone but himself (not even his own family) is a leading candidate for President. Not only that, but some people think he is a messenger of God and a surrogate for Jesus Christ. I guess the Ten Commandments don't apply to Donald Trump, who is always the victim and is above the laws that apply to the rest of us citizens. What am I missing here?

John Porco

Reflecting

Dear Editor:

It's two weeks away from my Class of 2004 20-Year Reunion and I'm reflecting a lot on coming "home" for the event. I was born in Pagosa in 1986 in the Dr. Mary Fisher Clinic that was once located at the edge of San Juan River. I spent my entire childhood and adolescence in this small mountain town. Admittedly I'm wearing the rose colored glasses of nostalgia, but I remember it as a wholesome, unique, and funky place to mature into adulthood. As I look through old photos, I find newspaper clippings of my class making the pages of The SUN dating back to the early 90s. Like the one I found of my entire 3rd grade class marching merrily down Main Street on St Patrick's Day. A teacher taught many of us how to ride unicycles --there was a large group of kids just cycling away into the sunset. We all got free green ice cream from "The Hub" (where "Tequila's is now located) after the parade. I found another clipping from 5th grade, when my class took

Hunter's Safety and got our hunting permits together as a cohort. It blows peoples' minds when I tell this story of the entire student body learning firearm safety and hunting for sustenance in an institutionalized setting --this is something that people who didn't grow up in a small mountain town will never understand. I found another clipping from 1999 when we lost our classmate Seth Paul. It was unexpected and heartbreaking for our community but taught us all an important lesson in the fragility of life. On to more clippings from our Jr High choir trip to Denver and Elitch Gardens, even more clippings from our high school musical "Grease" (where many of my classmates played "Teen Angels" to Tony Rivera's "Jonny Casino"). There are SO many other fond memories featured on the pages of the SUN. In 2004, my class made the newspaper once more (and for the final time) with a "record setting" 133 people in our graduating class. In classic small town style, every classmate's name was listed in the article written by SUN Staff Writer Richard Walter. I've since moved away from Pagosa. Now as an adult and a mother myself, I find it so incredibly unique and amusing that so many of my important memories are captured forever on the pages of the local newspaper. For anyone who wants to join me in honoring the small town upbringing experience, view these newspaper clippings, other photos of our childhood, and do some much needed catching up, please join me for the Class of 2004 High School Reunion at Motel Soco on July 5th at 5 p.m. (Special thanks to my mom, Debbie Tautges, who had the wherewithal to preserve all these newspaper clippings for me --What a treasure and a joy!).

Amy Reddy

Celebrating the nation

Dear Editor:

Once again, we are beginning to make plans to celebrate the birthday of this great nation, July 4th. We are so very blessed, our Constitution affords freedom to all who live honest lives and assistance to those in need during "hard times".

During the early days of my life, we were a nation united behind

our President "FDR", who needed a wheel chair to get around due to his paralyzed legs from polio. He led us out of the Great Depression and on through most of WWII until his sudden death at age 63 a few months before the war ended. Everyone had a part in winning that war My father served as "Block Captain" in case we were bombed. He and his crew were trained to go house-to-house to render aide. My mother served as a Grey Lady-she would visit the nearby Shepherd Air Force Base Hospital once a week to help patients write letters home. When I was in high school, I was elected Home Room Monitor to "sit in" for the teacher when she had to leave the room for a few minutes. Every Friday I sold War Bond stamps at school-they cost a quarter and were pasted in a war bond booklet. Once the booklet was filled, they could trade it in for a \$25 war bond, a way to help the war effort while building a little savings for oneself. Yes, everyone had a part in supporting our troops and staying "prepared" Gas for cars was rationed as were certain foods like meat, sugar, coffee and the such. We accepted all shortages and inconveniences without complaining as it was all part of the war effort. My German grandmother lived with us and if we started to leave the dinner table without eating everything on our plate, she would look sternly at us and say, "You are helping Hitler". We would sit back down and clean up our plate. Wasting food was not acceptable. Once in awhile a store would get a shipment of Hershey Bars or the such and word got out. Folks would rush to get in line for just one as they were limited. Can you imagine living that way today? Hee Hee

So, I believe the experience gained in living through eventful. trying times, provides good leadership skills for those who desire positions in government. United we stand, divided we fall. Folks, lets get with it and continue to support goodness as

our patriotic purpose, thankful for the freedoms we enjoy as we build a life for ourselves as well as those who follow. Yes! This is One Nation Under God and it requires love for our fellow citizens as we look for and encourage goodness in all. As stated in the Good Book, "God is Love". Let's spread it around.

Happy 4th to all,

Patty Tillerson

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Plan ahead for Fourth of July activities

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Pagosa's Fourth of July holiday is shaping up, with a new parade route, a new downtown scavenger hunt, a larger artisan market now with a beer garden, and the same great favorites such as the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, Freedom Float and community concert. And, with a little moisture having been received, the fireworks look promising.

Now to plan your weekend. The Park to Park Artisan Market, which has been an active event for more than 45 years, will take place from July 3-6. The artisans will be in Town Park and the athletic field with 80 vendors this year. Don't miss out on the food trucks and live music every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the expanded entertainment tent. The new beer, wine and beverage garden will also be open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On July 4 at 2 p.m., the Pagosa Springs Community Band will have its annual patriotic concert in the entertainment tent. This rousing performance can certainly bring out your

patriotic side with inspiring music. The parade route is different this year in preparation for the upcoming years when we know with construction we will not be able to have a parade on the highway.

Therefore, parade lineup will be in the large parking area below Reservoir Hill and accessible by San Juan or Spring streets. The parade will come down Spring Street, head south on Hot Springs Boulevard, turn west onto Apache Street and then go south on 5th Street and end up past Yamaguchi Park around the new pickleball courts.

There is a lot of space for viewing at various locations along the route. As usual, there will be no parking on the streets of the parade route. The parade begins at 10 a.m. and road closures should begin about 9:30 a.m. The deadline to enter the parade was June 25.

After the parade, download the Visitor Center mobile app and complete the new downtown scavenger hunt.

This hunt is not necessarily businesses, but new or improved locations throughout the downtown area. You can stop by the artisan market,

see the new mural at 1st Street, see the new lodging facility and growing domes around 5th Street.

You do not have to do it all in one day. The hunt will be in effect from July 3-7. There is more than \$2,500 in prizes to be doled out. Wouldn't you like a gift card from one of the generous businesses in town?

Go to www.visitpagosasprings.com. Once you log in, you can navigate to the "scavenger hunt" tab and log into the map. Look for the large sidewalk stickers. Once you have completed the tour, you will enter into the drawing for one of 20 gift cards. What a fun way to have visiting family and friends explore our beautiful community.

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo will take place at the Western Heritage Event Center rodeo arena and grounds on July 4 at 2 p.m., and July 5 and 6 at 6 p.m.

The Chamber does not sell these rodeo tickets. You can purchase these rodeo tickets at www.pagosarodeo.com for any of the days.

If you would like to cool down on the Fourth of July, participate in the annual Freedom Float starting at 1 p.m. Just don on your best red, white

and blue outfit, decorate your floating device and put in somewhere in the downtown area and float the San Juan River.

The ever-popular fireworks will be held on the Fourth of July at dusk, which usually runs around 9 to 9:15 p.m. The fireworks take place behind Pagosa Springs High School. From that parking lot or Yamaguchi Park is a great location to watch the sparklers. Please be cognizant of not parking along roadways and highways, and don't block private driveways. We are grateful on so many levels for the moisture we have received, including being able to hold the fireworks.

For you athletic types, while not a Fourth of July activity, don't miss the Pagosa Duathlon in Turkey Springs on Saturday, July 6. There will be a Dusty Kids Gravel Growler as well as the Dirty Sprint and the Dirty Du. For more information and to register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/PagosaDirtyDu>.

So much happening in our community. Organize the family and visiting guests and show off our community with the myriad activities going on the Fourth of July holiday.

Cone Zone Care Committee holds meeting on upcoming main street reconstruction project

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

The Cone Zone Care Committee, an extension of the Main Street Advisory Board, hosted an informational public meeting about Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT's) upcoming main street reconstruction project on June 18.

It was part of a series of informational meetings about CDOT's project. The meeting was attended by downtown business owners and residents; however, no CDOT representatives were present.

Main Street Program Director Kathleen McFadden said, "Tonight is really representative" of the Main Street Program's "primary mission ... to support the businesses in our downtown district and to ensure the economic vitality, as well as to preserve the heritage and history of our downtown district."

She added, "Although the project was postponed until [next] spring, it's really important that we continue the momentum, because things continue

to happen with CDOT."

The next meeting between CDOT and local stakeholders is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. on June 27 at the Ross Aragon Community Center, she explained.

"Staying involved and staying aware and preparing" for the upcoming project is very important, because "it's just gonna be here before we know it," McFadden said.

The second speaker at the event was Main Street Advisory Board member Rick Holter, who explained there are a lot of things "still moving in the background" as CDOT plans its project.

He added the June 27 meeting with CDOT will include the ideas of a group of three business owners in town who were chosen to represent the voices of the downtown businesses.

The group includes Evelyn Tenynson, owner of Two Old Crows Gallery and the Liberty Theatre; Jeremy Buckingham, owner of Goodman's Department Store; and J.R. Ford, owner of Pagosa Land Company.

Holter explained this group has "boiled" down ideas and suggestions from the business community in town into three main areas of concern, and these concerns will be expressed to CDOT at the upcoming meeting.

He added that one big area of concern is "staging," explaining that business owners want CDOT to consider "doing that project in sections, as opposed to doing it the full eight blocks" all at once.

Another concern is the loss of downtown parking during the construction, as CDOT has indicated the possibility of losing 288 parking spaces downtown during the construction phases of the project, Holter stated.

He added that a parking task force, led by Rosanna Dufour, was created between multiple groups that include the county and the town "to try to surface some additional parking spaces."

Later in the meeting, Dufour updated the audience on some of the

parking spaces and lots being considered by the task force, the town and the county.

Town Community Development Director James Dickhoff chimed in to say that "communication" is also a major concern that will be discussed and relayed to CDOT at the June 27 meeting.

"We are hoping to get a better sense, after that meeting, about the timing of the bids, because the idea is that CDOT will put it out to bid this fall, then select a contractor who will be ready to rock and roll as soon as the snow stops flying," Holter said.

Holter asked Buckingham if he'd like to update the audience on what he planned to relay to CDOT at the upcoming meeting, with Buckingham saying, "I'm just excited about the fact that" CDOT representatives "are willing to listen to us."

He added that he appreciates that Julie Constan, CDOT's regional

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Lodgers' tax up compared to 2023

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting held by the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board on June 18, Tourism Director Jennifer Green provided a brief report on lodgers' tax collection.

"Town lodging tax has been up every month this year so far compared to last year," Green said. "We are still up significantly over pre-pandemic. Certainly it'll be a while before we reach the numbers from 2020-2021."

Green's complete report shows that lodgers' tax collections have been up every month from January to April of this year compared to the same months in 2023.

According to Green's report, the month with the lowest lodgers' tax revenue in 2023 was the month of April, at \$42,683. This is consistent for the current year, in that April has the lowest tax revenue collected so far, at \$45,755.60.

The highest month of collections in 2023 for the months of January through April was March, at \$65,184.

So far this year, March is also the highest month in lodgers' tax collections at \$74,494.44.

Total collections this year are up \$17,197.67 compared to the same time frame in 2023.

Since lodger's tax collections began in 2007, the year with the highest collection was 2021, with a total of \$1,005,454. That is followed by 2022 at \$937,209, the year 2023 at \$799,503 and 2020 at \$796,344.

Green spoke about media writers that the tourism board has hosted this year noting, "We have hosted quite a few writers."

She explained that the exposure from hosting media writers has contributed to bringing tourism to Pagosa Springs.

"A town like Pagosa Springs doesn't sell itself as well," Green said, comparing the exposure Durango

gets from having the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad as a town staple.

Funding requests

During the same meeting, the board heard a total of seven funding requests from different local organizations, including three event funding requests and four infrastructure funding requests.

Before any funding request decisions were made, Green indicated there was approximately \$16,300 left in the tourism's fund for infrastructure funding requests.

According to the agenda documentation, there was approximately \$48,800 left in the tourism's fund for event funding requests.

The board voted unanimously to approve a partial funding request for the Pagosa Nordic Club at \$1,725, which will go toward plowing West Fork Road in the winter.

The board unanimously denied a

\$15,000 request from the Upper San Juan Water Enhancement Partnership for improvement projects on private property along the San Juan River upstream from Pagosa Springs.

The board tabled the infrastructure request from the Pagosa Springs Arts Council for \$30,000 to be used for bronze sheep sculptures to be placed near the Pagosa Peak Open School building.

The board unanimously approved a \$10,000 event funding request for the Skis and Saddles skijoring event. The board also unanimously approved a \$5,000 request for the Oktoberfest event and a \$1,000 request for this year's Fourth of July scavenger hunt to go toward prizes.

The board denied a \$5,000 request for Spanish Fiesta, explaining the designated use of purchasing alcohol for the event is prohibited by the tourism board. The board indicated the group could resubmit the funding request designating a different use of the funds.

County unemployment rate up to 3.6 percent

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

According to a June 24 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), Archuleta County's unemployment rate for the month of May was 3.6 percent.

This is up from last month's report, showing the county had a 3.2 percent unemployment rate for the month of April.

According to the CDLE press release, the county with the lowest unemployment rate for the month of May was Cheyenne County at 2.1 percent and the highest rate was 7.4 percent in San Miguel County.

Our neighbors to the west in La Plata County had a 3.5 percent unemployment rate. Mineral County had a rate of 3.2 percent, Hinsdale County had a rate of 3.1 percent and Conejos County had a rate of 4 percent. Rio Grande County had a rate of 4.6 percent, the report indicates.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Archuleta County's workforce increased from 6,846 to 7,006, with individuals employed in the county increasing from 6,622 to 6,752.

The state's unemployment rate increased from 3.7 percent in April to 3.8 percent in May.

This is the first change in the state's unemployment rate since the February report of 3.5 percent. The months of March and April were both listed as 3.7 percent.

The state's labor force decreased from 3,222,691 in April to 3,203,498 in May.

"The number of individuals employed in Colorado fell by 6,300 in May to 3,110,400, which represents 65.3 percent of the state's 16 [plus] population. Colorado's employment population ratio of 65.3 in May was one-tenth of a percentage point lower compared to the April rate of 65.4 percent. The national employment-population ratio also declined one-tenth of a percentage point in May to 60.1 percent," the press release states.

Employers in Colorado added 9,800 nonfarm payroll jobs from April to May for a total of 2,991,100 jobs.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private-industry sectors with significant job gains in May include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 2,100.

- Construction at about 1,300.

The press release notes there were no industries with significant declines over the month.

"Since May 2023, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 55,400, with the private sector growing by 29,900 and government adding 25,500 jobs," the press release states.

Since May 2023, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Educational and health services at about 16,300.

- Professional and business services at about 9,300.

- Leisure and hospitality at about 6,600.

During that same period, payroll jobs declined in:

- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 6,000.

- Construction at about 2,300.

- Information at about 2,300.

Colorado's rate of job growth over the past year is 1.9 percent, "slightly outpacing the U.S. rate of 1.8 percent," the press release notes.

Wages

"Over the year, the average work-

week for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 32.9 to 33.5 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$35.46 to \$37.77, two dollars and eighty-six cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$34.91," according to the CDLE press release.

On June 14, the Mountain-Plains Information Office of the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics released county employment and wages in Colorado for the fourth quarter of 2023.

The report provides employment and wage levels for 55 counties in Colorado with employment levels below 75,000.

According to that report, the average weekly wage in Archuleta County for the fourth quarter of 2023 was listed at \$928.

The report notes that out of all 64 Colorado counties, 12 of them reported average weekly wages from \$900 to \$999.

The report also notes that out of the 55 "smaller" counties (less than 75,000 employment) in Colorado, 53 were below the national average of \$1,435 in the fourth quarter of 2023.

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Grant

Continued from front DOLA was a \$4.75 million Transformational Housing Fund loan awarded to the Trails at Pagosa, an affordable housing development project proposed for Pagosa Springs.

The development will be located at 116 Alpha Drive on 3.5 acres and will feature two buildings with a total of 50 affordable units. The units will be a mix of one-, two- and three-

bedroom apartments ranging from 30 to 80 percent of the area median income (AMI), with an average affordability of 60 percent AMI.

The final major design review application for this project was approved by the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission at a May 14 regular meeting.

The property is part of a larger 22-acre parent property, which is expect-

ed to be further subdivided through a major subdivision application process at a later date, according to the agenda documentation from the May 14 planning commission meeting.

According to the documentation, the property is owned by FCBMD CO LLC and the developer for the project is Generation Housing Partners.

Access to the development is planned to come from an extension

of Aspen Village Drive, "with the roadway ultimately to be extended to U.S. 160 at the Pinon Causeway intersection," according to the documentation.

In an interview, Pagosa Springs Community Development Director James Dickhoff indicated that construction on the project will likely begin within the next couple of months.

Dickhoff noted the developers want to make as much progress as possible before the winter.

Attempts to reach the developer for comment were unsuccessful as of print time on Wednesday, June 26.

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Reconstruction

Continued from A5 transportation director for Region 5, volunteered to "bring all the engineers" to the meeting and "to come to Pagosa to meet with us on our timetable," which "just shows that she is willing to work with us."

Holter then updated the audience on the potential to utilize the alley between Lewis Street and Main Street for business access during the CDOT construction.

He added that the statewide Main Street Program coordinator, Gayle Langley, visited with an architect and that Holter led them on a tour "from one end to the other" of downtown.

He explained that they "hopscothched" along the downtown business district to talk to business owners about the possibility of "activating that back alley, particularly behind the 400 block."

He noted that the architect "had some good ideas" after visiting several businesses in the area, but that there are "some challenges with that alley idea. I was not aware of so many drainage problems, which is a big deal back there."

He touted the renovations to the backside of Pagosa Bar as a potential model for other businesses in the area to utilize the back alley as potential entrance points.

"With the sculpture garden opening right across the alley, there's a real opportunity back there ... to get more action back there in the alley, even without the construction project," he said, adding that there's a potential for grant funding and tax incentives for those who wanted to add ADA parking and access in the back alley.

Jason Cox asked about the potential to pave the alley in the 200 block.

He said it is a "really busy thoroughfare in the alley, and I'm thinking of secondary arteries whenever you've got your primary transportation corridor interrupted."

"We've talked about a one-way there as well as paving it, are there any ... ideas on that and what the town council and staff willingness on that is?"

Cox directed his question to Dickhoff.

"Paving is a pretty big investment ... but there's so many utility issues under that [alley], so, I think what we'd probably do is look at mag chloride as a temporary solution for the project, so it's a more firm base and less dust for that cross traffic where people are walking back there and they're not dragging dust into your businesses as much," Dickhoff replied.

Cox then asked about making the alley a one-way traffic zone, or possibly making it a pedestrian-only zone, "Pearl Street mall mini, Pagosa-style, walkable, lots of light lighting and things like that. It doesn't help the traffic situation with vehicles, but just some thoughts to throw in that maybe gets relayed to" the business group going to talk to CDOT.

Dickhoff responded, "That's a great idea," but that there are also issues with deliveries back there and property owners who "park off of the alley."

He added that the town is "open to having that discussion" to find out "what works for everybody, but

at the very least we want to take care of the dust."

McFadden suggested that the ideas that Cox expressed were "perfect examples of why we encourage businesses and residents who are down in our district to continue to ... show up at these meetings, because together we can come up with creative solutions to make Pagosa a better place in the long run as well as supporting businesses during the construction."

It was clarified at the meeting that CDOT's construction plans for the main street reconstruction project will last two construction seasons, with the project beginning in the spring of 2025 and continuing through the summer and early fall of 2025, with the same construction schedule slated for the year 2026.

"I think one of the hopes for bidding it in the fall is that they'll be able to start as early as possible in the spring, even if it's prep work ... They'll want to be ready to start because that two-year time frame starts ticking at that point," Holter said.

He added, "One of the problems of this year was they got started so late in the bidding process that, even if they would've started, they barely would have been starting by now."

McFadden encouraged the audience to keep up the "momentum."

The Cone Zone Care Committee has not set a date for the next information session.

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On Thursday, June 20, the Town of Pagosa Springs cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of the 1st Street crosswalk. Pictured, left to right, are: Morgan Olsen (Colorado Department of Transportation), James Dickhoff (Town of Pagosa Springs community development director), Gary Williams (Pagosa Springs Town Council member), Rick Holter (Main Street Advisory Board), Kathleen McFadden (Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation) and Mike Davis (Davis Engineering Services).

Dispatch board discusses possible changes

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Emergency Communications Executive Management Board held a work session on June 11, to discuss proposed changes to the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the agencies that support and use dispatch.

Those include the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), Upper San Juan Health Service District and Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD).

The proposed changes were brought forward by board member and Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux.

"It's a simple proposal, but, really, what I was looking to do was see about transitioning dispatch operationally to fall under as a division of the sheriff's office," Le Roux said.

He explained that the dispatch center employees are currently classified as Archuleta County employees, but not under the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

"The proposal would be that dispatch staff would become sheriff's office staff rather than county staff," Le Roux added, explaining that he would be responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations of the dispatch center.

He also mentioned that the county's emergency management and detentions staff falls under the ACSO.

"It just makes sense," Le Roux said, noting that dispatch center employees are now considered a first-response agency.

He went on to mention the proximity of the dispatch center to the ACSO building and the amount of involvement the ACSO has with the dispatch center on a day-to-day basis due to taking in about 50 percent of the dispatch centers calls.

Le Roux also mentioned his background with emergency services, noting he is familiar with how emergency service networks and radios operate.

"Really, I'm not sure that the current structure supports the team operationally," Le Roux said, explaining the ACSO has a "vested interest" with receiving a large percentage of the dispatch calls.

Le Roux explained that the role of the emergency communications executive management board would remain the same in its governance role and would still be in charge of drafting the annual budget for the dispatch center.

Le Roux indicated that if the changes are approved, the ACSO would become responsible for hiring and maintaining staff at the dispatch center.

He explained that the ACSO plans to support the emergency communications director position and provide a "peer group" to work with other command staff.

"We have some inefficiencies," Le Roux said, explaining he believes the proposed changes would help address some of those inefficiencies.

"Right now we are disproportionately engaged with how things run here operationally as the sheriff's office," Le Roux said.

Board chair and Pagosa Springs Medical Center Director of EMS Jason Webb clarified that the work session was for discussion only and if the board wished to move forward with implementing the changes, the item would need to be placed as an action item on the agenda for the next

regular meeting.

"I think this board was made a governance board, not an operational board," Webb said, explaining there are "definitely times" when operational things come up, which presents challenges.

Board member and PFPD Fire Chief Robert Bertram indicated that the previous four districts he worked for all had dispatch centers being run by their respective sheriff's offices.

Pagosa Springs Police Department Chief and board member Bill Rockensock provided the board with some insight on how the current structure in the IGA came to be, initially in 2009.

He explained that dispatch used to be under the ACSO, but there was a "disagreement" about the way things were being run.

He explained that the entities worked many hours to collaborate on an agreement on how dispatch functions would be handled.

Rockensock noted, "At the time, the sheriff was no longer wanting to be the sole provider of dispatch" and the other entities were not wanting to provide additional funding to dispatch without having any "say-so" in functionality of dispatch, including hiring and firing.

He indicated for those reasons, the combined dispatch board was created to operate independently from each entity.

"It was basically because of the day-to-day functions in how dispatch was being run," Rockensock said.

He went on to explain that "the whole goal" was to have a dispatch operations manager in place and that the dispatch center could eventually operate on its own so that the board doesn't need to have input on day-to-day operations.

"None of us should have to think

about day-to-day operational stuff, honestly. I mean, that was the whole goal," Rockensock said.

Archuleta County Interim County Manager Jack Harper questioned how these changes would affect pay scales.

Le Roux explained that the ACSO currently falls under the county's general fund and the dispatch center does not. So, the budget process would stay the same, but it would give Emergency Communications Director Devin Moffat the ability to report directly to the sheriff or undersheriff for daily reports and day-to-day updates.

"I think it's always been tough from the director position," Le Roux said.

Moffat spoke about his experience working with a county-based dispatch center, a dispatch center under a sheriff's office and a private dispatch center.

Moffat explained that he does not have any concerns with the way the dispatch center is currently operating, but shared what he thought could become future concerns.

He noted that being under an elected official, like the sheriff position, can propose potential problems, depending on what each new sheriff may or may not want to incorporate into the dispatch center's functions.

Moffat explained that when he was initially interviewed and hired for his position, it was made clear to him that the dispatch center was looking for someone with dispatch experience and someone "who knows how to run it."

He went on to mention that with elected officials, you don't always know what their background will be.

"I think, you know, there's very few qualifications for someone running for office — that unpredictability is a

concern moving forward from where we are now," Moffat said.

He noted that at the previous board meeting on June 6, Le Roux expressed concern for already being supervisor-heavy.

"Adding two additional layers of reporting to that seems to be counter-intuitive," he added.

Rockensock spoke to Moffat's concerns, recalling that "things changed" with newly elected officials wanting to implement different things.

He noted that hasn't been an issue as of recently.

"I think we've all seen how elected officials can issue mandates without the consensus of a board, whether it is in writing or not," Moffat said, clarifying that he was not speaking about anyone present.

"This board was never meant to be operational. This board was meant to govern the director, who was sup-

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Election

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tested and received 1,681 votes. There were no Democratic candidates.

Federal offices

Representative to the 119th United States Congress for District 3

Republican voters across the congressional district opted for Jeff Hurd, with Archuleta County voters favoring Lew Webb.

Hurd will advance to the November ballot, logging 41.29 percent of the district's vote, or 36,207 votes. Hurd was the second-highest vote-getter in Archuleta County, receiving 669 votes.

Webb received 8.00 percent of the votes, 7,014 votes, in the congressional district and garnered 737 votes in Archuleta County.

Ron Hanks received 580 votes in Archuleta County and 28.45 percent of the votes across the district.

Stephen A. Varela received 164 votes in Archuleta County and 9.75 percent of the district's votes.

Curtis M. McCracken received 146 votes in Archuleta County and 6.53 percent of the district's votes.

Russ Andrews received 115 votes in Archuleta County and 5.99 percent of the district's vote.

On the Democratic ballot, Adam Frisch was the sole candidate and received 1,136 votes in Archuleta County and 51,080 votes across the district.

State offices

State Board of Education member for Congressional District 3

Each party had one candidate on the ballot.

Democrat Ellen Angeles tallied 1,057 votes in Archuleta County and 46,458 across the district.

Republican Sherri M. Wright received 1,708 votes in Archuleta County and 64,445 across the district.

Regent of the University of Colorado — at large

Two candidates appeared on the Democratic ballot. Elliott Hood tallied 562 votes in Archuleta County and 52.22 percent of the overall vote, or 218,203 votes. Charles "CJ" Johnson tallied 416 votes in Archuleta County and 47.78 percent of the overall vote, or 199,661 votes.

Eric Rinard was the sole candidate on the Republican ballot, receiving

1,668 votes in Archuleta County and 366,901 total.

Regent of the University of Colorado for Congressional District 3

Robert B. Logan was the sole candidate on the Democratic ballot, tallying 1,037 votes in Archuleta County and 45,067 total.

Republican Ray Scott received 1,375 votes in Archuleta County and 54,408 overall. Kristine Sposato withdrew from the race and votes cast for her were not tallied.

State senator for District 6

Each ballot featured one candidate.

Democrat Vivian Smotherman received 1,060 votes in Archuleta County and 12,897 across the district.

Republican Cleave Alan Simpson tallied 1,751 votes in Archuleta County and 14,478 across the district.

State representative for District 59

Katie Stewart, appearing on the Democratic ballot, tallied 1,073 votes in Archuleta County and 7,252 votes across the district.

Republican Clark Craig received 1,763 votes in Archuleta County and 7,654 across the district.

District attorney for the 6th Ju-

dicial District

Democrat Sean Murray tallied 1,072 votes in Archuleta County and 6,117 across the judicial district.

There were no Republican candidates for the office.

General election

The general election will be on Nov. 5.

While the major party candidates are now known, potential unaffiliated candidates have until July 11 to file a nomination petition, according to the state's election calendar, and write-in candidates have until July 18 to file an affidavit of intent.

The election calendar is available at <https://www.colorado-sos.gov/pubs/elections/calendars/2024ElectionCalendar.pdf>.

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Washouts

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of culvert repairs and other work. In an interview, McRae commented that washouts will likely continue to be an issue throughout the summer following rainstorms and that any washouts observed should be reported by contacting Road and Bridge so they can be addressed.

He added that washouts are a high-priority issue since they can severely damage roadways and need to be rapidly located and addressed to prevent additional damage.

The county Road and Bridge office is open between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The phone number for the office is (970) 264-5660.

Progress and future projects

In a communication to The SUN, McRae discusses progress on other work the Road and Bridge Department is performing, including completing initial magnesium chloride application and completing work on the North Pagosa Boulevard culvert project over Martinez Creek.

He states that initial magnesium chloride application is expected to be finished by July 2, a month earlier

than last year, and that work will then begin on applying gravel to roads designated to receive it this year.

Following this, McRae explains, staff will work on a secondary magnesium chloride application list, which will apply magnesium chloride to the roads that were left off the initial treatment list due to needing to receive gravel or other reasons.

He states that staff also addressed a downed tree on Mill Creek Road connected to the storms in the past week.

McRae indicates that milling has been completed on the CR 119 (Light Plant Road) resurfacing project and that the road is being prepared for new asphalt this week.

He adds that Road and Bridge staff are working on improvements to roads and parking lots at the county fairgrounds to help prepare for upcoming events.

At the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee meeting, McRae outlined that the Road and Bridge Department will also be performing chip-and-seal work on asphalt in several locations later in the summer, including in the Vista and Lakewood Village subdivisions.

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Photo courtesy Eric McRae

Archuleta County Road and Bridge staff member Pedro Caraveo works on the recently completed culvert replacement on North Pagosa Boulevard where it crosses Martinez Creek. Road and Bridge Manager Eric McRae commented that Caraveo is one of the department's "hardest working" employees. "[We would like] to give Pedro and all staff members special thanks this year for helping to improve on our team's production and efficiency as we try to get our roads back up to a more acceptable standard," McRae comments in a communication to The SUN.

Dispatch

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posed to run everything else, and we weren't even supposed to be having this conversation," Rockensock said.

Le Roux commented the current situation requires the board to perform more operational duties rather than focusing on its governance aspect, leading to inefficiencies in the dispatch center and board.

Harper spoke more about his concern with being able to hire and retain dispatch employees, noting that whatever the outcome is, he would like to see something specific for how the dispatch center can hire and retain more employees.

"I just don't see how it's sustainable," Harper said.

Webb spoke on some concerns he's seen with current dispatch employees not being sure about if they are actually employed through the county or through the dispatch center.

Rockensock explained that when this IGA was originally set up, the county was the fiscal agent only and the town paid for human resources service and attorney services.

"To be honest with you, it came down to giving raises one year," Rockensock said, explaining that one year the board decided to give raises to dispatch employees, but the BoCC at the time shot it down.

Le Roux mentioned that it doesn't seem like there has been a time when the dispatch center has run seamlessly.

Harper mentioned that one of his main concerns is being able to provide the director and staff the support they need.

"What I don't want is ... any employees to feel like they're on an island," he said, noting he has heard concerns of that being the case currently.

"I found it to be very disconnected to how it currently is," Webb said in terms of how things are handled within a public safety department, noting you have to coordinate with people from multiple different entities.

Le Roux spoke about the community's growth, but that he feels "we're small enough still" that the entities

can manage.

"We've had a lot of operations and management questions come up," Le Roux said, explaining that some of those concerns could be addressed rather quickly compared to current timelines that take months in order to bring everything to the board.

"I think the structure now doesn't allow for a minimal decision-making process for whatever problems arise," Le Roux said, suggesting there are things that don't need to take that long.

Moffat indicated he reports to the county manager when problems arise, following the county's standard procedure.

Le Roux went on to express his concerns for being able to do anything 24/7 with constantly having vacancies in dispatch positions.

Le Roux noted that he is not sure when the last time Archuleta County has not been able to do so and that he does not want to be a part of the first board to let that happen.

"So, now, if somebody's sick, we're done," Le Roux said.

Webb also spoke about how the board is supposed to perform a performance evaluation report on Moffat.

He noted that as the person that "sees Devin the most" he felt he was not able to answer some of the questions on the evaluation.

"I think there's merit to what the sheriff's brought up. It's something I'm used to, but I'm also really, really listening to what the chief [Rockensock] said and looking at historical factors," Harper said.

He noted that the current structure is "wonky" and puts the director and chair in difficult positions.

"Whatever we do, I think it needs to be streamlined," Harper said.

Le Roux explained that he is proposing a "hybrid" solution that would help eliminate some confusion internally and save time in taking care of the day-to-day operations of the dispatch center. The executive board would still have the ability to interject and make some of the "higher-level" decisions, such as drafting the budget. "At the end of the day, if we don't

like what Mike's doing, the scenario, we can change it. The board still has that authority," Webb said.

In a later interview with Webb, he explained that he is in support of the proposed changes brought forward by Le Roux.

"There's a lot of operational needs and oversight that have been identified that probably need to be followed closely by somebody in public safety," Webb said.

He added that he believes the board needs to "really evaluate" the current structure of the dispatch center in order to become more efficient in its operations.

He explained the current structure makes it so you "have to have a meeting to do anything," noting that requires adhering to the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

Webb mentioned that adhering to the open meetings law is not the issue, but that, "Some of these things don't require a whole meeting."

Webb also spoke about how it would make sense for the ACSO to absorb the dispatch employees, given the ACSO "has the most need for continuity and secured information through the dispatch center."

Webb also explained that the board would be able to change the IGA again if it finds the proposed changes by Le Roux to not be working as planned.

"If we are identifying that it is hard to accomplish operational things with the way the board structure is, the sheriff seems to make sense for those reasons," Webb added, mentioning the amount of involvement and proximity of the ACSO to the dispatch center.

Webb also indicated that the ACSO is currently leasing the building to the dispatch center.

"So, he has the building basically," he said.

Webb mentioned again that if the proposed changes are adopted, the board would embrace its governance role, focusing less on operational issues as the director of the dispatch center would report to the ACSO instead of to the board at large.

"The broad proposal, I support,"

Webb said, explaining how he would like to see more details of the proposed changes worked out.

"I found it very challenging to manage the dispatch center with our current structure," Webb stated.

The board has the option to vote on the matter at its next regular board meeting, scheduled for July 9, according to Webb.

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Education

Early Childhood Council offers free college courses for early childhood educators

By Laura Mijares
Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County

The Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County (ECCAC) is pleased to showcase the educators from Seeds of Learning, Wings Early Childhood Center and Pagosa Springs Elementary School who recently completed a locally held college course.

This course was presented in collaboration with Fort Lewis College and the Durango Adult Education Center and was taught by Michelle Carpenter, an adjunct professor of Fort Lewis College. June 19 was the final day of class.

"This collaborative course is an offering to our early childhood educators in Archuleta County," said Ashley Wilson, director of the Archuleta County Department of Public Health and council president of ECCAC. "Through our partnership with Fort Lewis College and the Durango Adult Education Center, we deliver a unique program that teams rigorous academics with practical experience. This partnership underscores our shared beliefs that early childhood educators appreciate opportunities to grow and master the art of teaching. This is of critical importance as we invest in early childhood education. We are convinced that this investment is vital for the growth and development of our youngest community members."

The course, curriculum methods and techniques, provided an overview of early childhood curriculum development, including processes for planning and implementing developmentally appropriate materials and experiences in early childhood programs.

The course focused on evidence-based practices, research and en-

hancing educators' abilities to create nurturing and developmentally appropriate environments for children.

Beginning in late July, the ECCAC will offer another college course, toddler theory and practice, in conjunction with Fort Lewis College and the Durango Adult Education Center.

Wilson, who also serves as an

adjunct professor at Fort Lewis College, will teach the course.

The intention is to support local providers as they address the pressing need for infant and toddler care and education in Pagosa Springs.

For more information on this course, please email Laura Mijares at director@eccarchuletacounty.org.



Photos courtesy Gabbi Chiles

Rainy weather didn't stop the kids from Wings Early Childhood Center from enjoying their annual family hike last week to Piedra Falls. They brought along staff and their parents. Wings is a nature-based program, and the children spend half their days outdoors, regardless of weather.

Shayda Valdez receives Trista Nauman scholarship

By Cindy Nobles
Build Pagosa

Shayda Valdez is a 2024 Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) graduate and also the recipient of this year's Trista Nauman Scholarship worth \$5,000 toward continuing education in career and technical education programs or schooling.

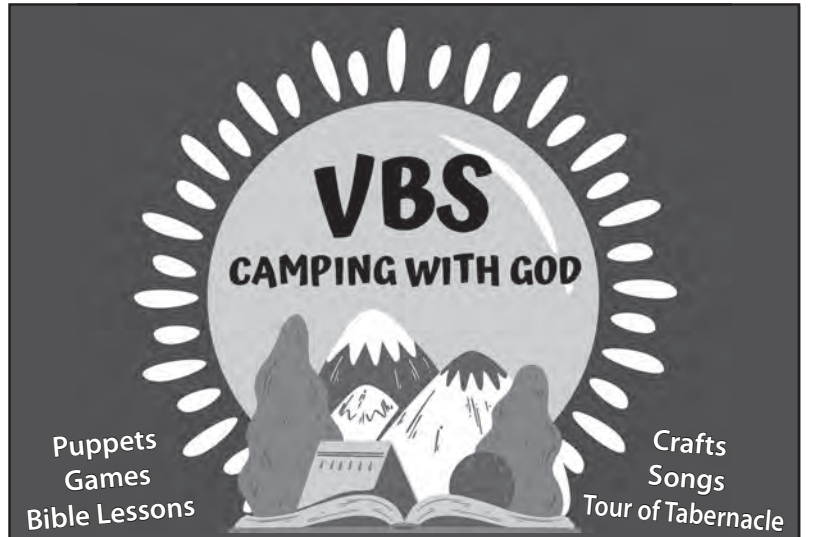
Valdez is involved in Skills USA, president of PSHS Skills USA Team, OSHA certified, NCCER certified in construction, involved in the teacher

housing container project at the high school, a member of National Honors Society, attended welding competitions in Durango, FFA president, 4-H vice president of the Rocky Mountain Riders club, first aid certified, built a four-wheeler trailer for the Build Pagosa auction in May, and much more.

Valdez will continue her education at Otero in La Junta, Colo. and will be studying livestock management, welding, construction and will also be a member of its rodeo team.



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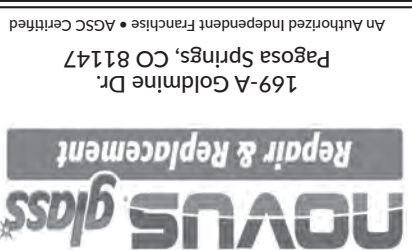
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Sports



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Cowboys and cowgirls from various states, on their trusty steeds, will travel to compete for prizes and prize money in the upcoming Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. The event is also filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining traditional American rodeo event.

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

By Diana Talbot
Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo began in Pagosa Springs in 1949 and has been a town and rodeo tradition ever since.

The rodeo was named for the famous comic strip character Red Ryder, who was drawn by Pagosa Springs resident Fred Harman Jr. The comic strip was wildly popular and ran from 1938-1964 in 750 newspapers.

Red was a cowboy hero and a crime fighter of the West, accompanied by his sidekick Little Beaver, a young Navajo boy. Both had trusty steeds

named Thunder and Papoose, respectively.

Cowboys and cowgirls from various states, on their trusty steeds, will travel to compete for prizes and prize money in this sanctioned rodeo series. The event is also filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining traditional American rodeo event.

The Red Ryder Rodeos are Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The July 4 will be at 2 p.m., July 5 at 6 p.m., and July 6 at 6 p.m. They are presented at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds off U.S. 84 and Mill Creek Road. Tickets are available on-

line and at the gate prior to the event.

Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 for children 12 and under. A limited number of box seats are available and can be purchased by calling (970) 749-3492.

Concessions include delicious smoked meats, beer and beverages.

Each daily performance begins with an impressive grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback. Rodeo events are interspersed with a variety of other acts like the Mutton Bustin' contest, Daisy BB gun raffle and rodeo clown.

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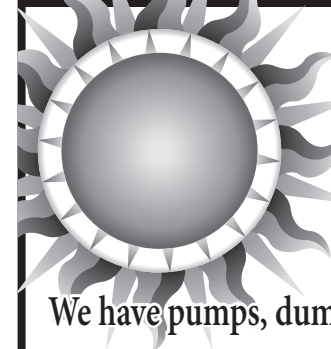
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Wishing you all the best in your new role in continuing to serve the youth of Pagosa Springs!

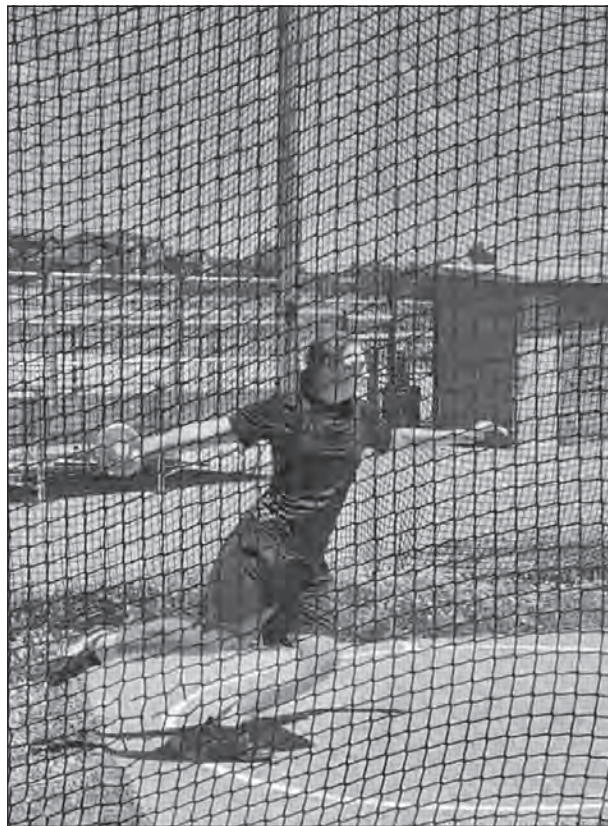


Photo courtesy Curtis Nehring

Abigail Nehring throws discus at the USA Track and Field Colorado Association Junior Olympic Championships in Aurora last weekend. Nehring took gold at the event with a distance of 130 feet, 2 inches (39.68 meters). She will advance to the Region 10 finals July 11-14. Nehring also competed in shot put, logging a distance of 28-05 (8.66 meters) to finish fifth. Nehring competes with the Triple Crown Track Club.



Photo courtesy Curtis Nehring

Creede Dozier looks to gain distance during a jump at the USA Track and Field Colorado Association Junior Olympic Championships in Aurora last weekend. Dozier earned bronze medals in both the high jump (6 feet, 0.75 inches or 1.85 meters) and long jump (20 feet, 8 inches or 6.30 meters) to advance to the Region 10 finals July 11-14. Dozier also competed in the triple jump, finishing ninth with a distance of 40 feet (12.19 meters). Dozier competes with the Triple Crown Track Club.



Photo courtesy Curtis Nehring

Colton Lucero sprints at the USA Track and Field Colorado Association Junior Olympic Championships in Aurora last weekend. Lucero "ran great races" three weeks post surgery, according to Karri McCarter, head coach of the Triple Crown Track Club, including running his fourth best time ever in the 100-meter dash. Lucero finished 14th in the event with a time of 11.28 seconds. He finished 11th in the 200-meter run with a time of 23.46 seconds. He finished 10th in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 2.5 inches (5.85 meters).

Reporting on community happenings

Commissioners hear proposal for using short-term rentals to benefit domestic violence victims

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 18 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a proposal from Rise Above Violence Housing Advocate Kristen Bair about using short-term rentals (STRs) as emergency housing for those experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault.

Bair explained that Rise was founded in 1996 and provides support for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors through advocacy, a 24-hour emergency hotline, court accompaniment, and youth advocacy to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault.

She stated that Rise has three types of housing programs:

- An emergency housing program, which provides one to three nights of housing for victims and is "designated for extreme times of safety and need."
- A transitional housing program, which utilizes community partnerships to offer rental housing for a short period while a victim secures permanent housing.
- A long-term housing program, which provides rental support for victims for up to six months while they work to become financially independent.

She added that Rise also partners with local real estate agents and the Archuleta County Housing Authority to help secure permanent housing for clients.

Bair explained that, in rural communities like Pagosa Springs, one in three people are impacted by domestic violence and that the housing market is particularly difficult due to the lack of affordable housing and the pattern that victims often lack resources, have poor credit or no credit, and have no job history "due to economic coercion."

She pointed out that many clients potentially have to choose between being abused or being homeless and that 80 percent of Rise clients have children.

Bair stated that transitional housing assists clients in beginning their recovery and provides an opportunity for them to work on finding long-term housing.

She explained that Rise currently has four transitional housing locations, including a couple who live outside of town and allow Rise to use an apart-

ment above their garage for housing when it is available, a leased location in Pagosa Springs that Rise will likely lose access to during the upcoming school year, and two additional STR locations that have signed on to provide transitional housing.

She explained that Rise is working to locate STR owners who will donate the use of their STR for transitional housing for up to 21 days a year in exchange for a tax donation slip, a utility allowance for periods when the home is used as transitional housing and a \$250 cleaning allowance, among other benefits.

Bair stated that Rise also hopes to secure an incentive from the county.

She explained that homeowners can sign up to donate their home via an online form and can select specific periods of the year when they want their home to be available.

Bair explained that Rise then creates a contract with the STR owner that stipulates the amount of time that those needing transitional housing can stay at the property.

She stated that Rise has been partnering with Sherpa Real Estate to promote the program and is planning more extensive outreach efforts in the future, including working with homeowners' associations and the community.

The goal of the program is to have four transitional housing locations available at all times, Bair explained, ensuring that Rise will never have to turn anyone away or send them to a shelter in Durango due to not having housing available.

She then proposed that the county could provide a discount on its STR fees as an incentive for those participating in the program.

Commissioner Warren Brown pointed out that Bair's presentation indicated that Rise served 351 people in 2023 and asked if that number is just people served with housing or all clients.

Bair stated that the figure is total clients.

Brown then asked how many nights a year of housing Rise provides.

Bair explained that Rise provided 147 nights of transitional housing in 2023, adding that sometimes Rise needs to provide housing for multiple people at once and that its goal is to have housing available at all times.

Commissioner Veronica Medina

asked if there have been times when Rise has not been able to provide housing or has needed to send clients to the Durango shelter.

Bair explained that there have been times when Rise has had to turn clients away and redirect them to the Durango shelter, which she noted is difficult given that many clients would have to commute between Durango and Pagosa Springs if they have jobs or connections in Pagosa.

She also commented that many clients do not want to go to a safe house.

Medina asked if Rise having more transitional housing would result in the organization providing more nights of housing to clients.

Bair stated that Rise would likely be able to assist more families with more inventory, adding that the transitional housing program is "life-changing" and an effective way to "disrupt the cycle of violence."

Medina commented that, for other county incentive programs, the county collects documentation and asked if there would be a way to acquire documentation of how many nights an STR was offered without making the addresses public.

She added that the county would likely need such documentation to provide permitting fee or property tax waivers.

Bair commented that Rise could likely provide such documentation, although it would have to be done in a "confidential manner."

She also indicated that Rise could track this information and provide it to the county.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if the STR owners providing this housing receive compensation per night or whether "it's just the night."

Bair replied that Rise provides utility allowances, money for cleaning and insurance coverage if damage occurs.

She emphasized that these funds are provided to prevent the property owner from losing money by providing housing and to maintain community relationships.

Interim County Manager Jack Harper highlighted that Rise also has a partnership with the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs to provide boarding for animals if the transitional housing does not allow pets.

Bair noted that pets are extremely important to many of their clients and

that this partnership is important to ensure that pets are cared for.

Medina noted that Maez's comment was more focused on if Rise is paying standard rates for renting an STR, which it is not.

Maez commented that he believes the county STR fees are too low and that he was trying to assess offering a further reduction to them.

Medina stated that the county could have a variety of options for offering an incentive, including providing a fee reduction or tax waiver.

"I just think that the more incentives that we give property owners, the more likely they are to sign on to this program and ... it's a great program and a family-transforming program, so I just really want to offer our property owners anything that we can," Bair said.

Medina commented that the program would be a "great opportunity to use STRs as an asset instead of it being a negative as many say in the community."

She added that many STRs are currently vacant due to reduced rates of tourism and that the program could provide owners another way to use their STRs to "benefit the community" when they are not booked.

Medina proposed that STRs could pay their permitting fees at the beginning of the year and a rebate could be offered at the end of the year based on how many days the STR was used by Rise.

Maez and County Attorney Todd Weaver expressed support for this proposal, with Weaver adding that the county could offer a graduated scale for the incentive.

Weaver and Brown then briefly discussed potential mechanisms for maintaining confidentiality while offering the incentive before Bair commented that Medina's proposal "might be the best way to do it."

Brown added that he would hope to give out no incentives because this would mean there was no domestic violence, but commented that this is unlikely.

The discussion concluded with the commissioners thanking Bair for her presentation and Medina commenting to Bair that they would "talk soon."

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Thursday, June 27

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session. Noon, Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

Main Street Advisory Board work session. 4 p.m., Pagosa Senior Center dining room, Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Springs Town Council work

Drought

Continued from front

at 87 degrees and the low at 52 degrees with chances of showers and thunderstorms after midnight.

A chance of showers and thunderstorms is also forecast throughout the day on Sunday, June 30, with a high of 82 degrees and a low of 53 degrees.

According to a report from Shawn Prochazka from Pagosa Weather on June 22, over the next two weeks a subtropical high will try to set in over the southern plains, providing moisture to surge into our area, "just as it should during the monsoon season."

Prochazka also notes there is a chance for scattered showers and thunderstorms nearly every day during that time period.

"This is how our monsoon should look," Prochazka writes.

According to the NWS, much of the interior portion of the country is expected to receive above-average precipitation from June 28 through July 2.

This includes areas from New Mexico up through the Rocky Mountains to Montana and across the Great Plains from Minnesota down through areas of Texas.

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session. 3 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, July 2

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=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

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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=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 3 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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Commissioners hear update on health department

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At a June 18 work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the board heard an update on public health from Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) Executive Director Ashley Wilson.

Wilson began by explaining that the department will be reaching six months of existence at the beginning of July and that staff are currently working on compiling data about the first six months.

She added they are also finalizing contracts for the upcoming fiscal year with the state for the department.

The amount of money coming from contracts has fluctuated, she stated, with some programs receiving more funding and some receiving less.

Wilson added that having these contracts will allow the ACPHD to be better prepared for the county budgeting process in the fall since the department will have exact costs for the contracts.

Next, she provided data on the numbers of services that the ACPHD has performed in its first six months, including providing 84 birth certificate and 50 death certificate copies; investigating one tuberculosis case, one hepatitis A case, one pertussis case, 21 animal bites, one prairie dog die-off potentially connected to plague, and one bat with a potential risk for rabies; and serving a caseload of 286 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clients.

Wilson noted that there have not been 84 births and 50 deaths in the county and that people often order multiple copies of certificates.

WIC

She also pointed out the WIC caseload has increased by 42 clients since the transition from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if Wilson believes that the increase in the WIC caseload is due to the program being "more local" and more accessible to clients.

Wilson commented that the program has always been located at the ACPHD's current location, but that the ACPHD has done more targeted outreach through local organizations to attract clients compared to SJBPH.

She added that the ACPHD has a different marketing strategy focused on outreach through local organizations compared to SJBPH, which focused on distributing fliers and radio advertisements.

Wilson added that WIC staff member Inez Lobato is working with a variety of Spanish-speaking clients across Archuleta and La Plata counties.

That, she explained, is part of a mutual agreement with La Plata County where the La Plata County Public Health Department (LPCPHD) provides supervision and assistance with high-risk nutritional issues associated with WIC clients in exchange for Lobato assisting with Spanish-speaking clients.

Wilson explained that the ACPHD encourages staff to take the initiative to find and apply for grants, and that Lobato secured an approximately \$6,000 grant to support breastfeeding initiatives in the community in addition to a grant from Nourish Colorado providing "10 shares of fresh fruits and vegetables" which she is distributing to WIC clients.

She stated that Lobato had 62 families who were interested and that she provides shares to 10 families a week through the grant.

Wilson indicated that the breastfeeding grant will allow the ACPHD to purchase a tent and associated equipment to provide a private location for breastfeeding that could be located at community events during the summer.

Health insurance

She explained that Health Navigator Karen Evans reports that there has been a 90 percent increase in clients since the transition from SJBPH, with Evans reaching 88 clients for health insurance enrollment support or health insurance literacy.

Wilson stated that the ACPHD applied to be a designated enrollment center for Connect for Health Colorado and was awarded \$5,000 to provide the program, eliminating the need to partner with La Plata County on it.

She added that Evans also provides care coordination assistance, providing additional support for complex health care.

She stated that the ACPHD will begin offering cancer screening through the Women's Wellness Connection program and that Evans will also provide care coordination for those who may be diagnosed with cancer through this program.

Wilson indicated that, beginning in July 2025, care coordination services will be billable to Medicare and Medicaid, meaning that some of Evans' work could be billed to those services.

Clinic

Wilson stated that the clinic has seen increased usage recently and that the ACPHD has been doing additional vaccination clinics, including clinics at the public schools, the Pagosa Senior Center, Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, and in Arboles.

Wilson explained that ACPHD staff visit Arboles one Wednesday a month, including the ACPHD nurse and other staff, with the potential for additional outreach events as needs arise.

Medina commented that Arboles residents are "very excited" about having ACPHD services in the community.

Wilson stated that the clinic has provided sexual health services to 10 community members, including sexually transmitted infection testing, education and prevention services.

She added that the ACPHD has also distributed 65 boxes of Narcan to community members and locations in the community, including bars and the Archuleta County Department of Human Services.

She indicated that one of clinic nurses is currently completing the sexual assault nurse examiner's course, which will allow the ACPHD to provide sexual assault exams if necessary.

Wilson stated that, from her previous work with Rise Above Violence, there were many instances where sexual assault victims had to be transported as far as Farmington, N.M., to receive an examination.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he was involved in bringing a similar service to another community.

He noted that having such examinations available in the community is highly valuable both in allowing victims to move forward from the assault and for prosecution of sexual assault. "Good job," Brown said.

Wilson added that many victims may not want to go to the emergency room due to the "level of trauma," and the ACPHD can offer a more private and quiet setting for such examinations.

She also stated, in response to a question from Brown, that the ACPHD already has the necessary equipment for such examinations.

Wilson indicated that, as part of providing the cancer screenings for Women's Wellness Connection, the department is working on hiring a nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or doctor to perform the examinations.

She added that she is hoping to learn through this process if there may be individuals with similar credentials who would be willing to work for the ACPHD clinic a day a week, which would allow a significant expansion in the services the clinic could offer.

Medina asked Wilson if she has access to the list of people with medical credentials who applied to serve on the Board of Health since they might be willing to assist the ACPHD in this role.

Wilson replied that she does have the contact information for these individuals and "it's always worth asking," although she noted that at least one individual who applied to serve on the board has since taken a more time-consuming position.

She explained that the ACPHD is currently exploring options for ex-

panding clinic services, including a potential program that would partner with small businesses to provide some basic medical services for their uninsured employees.

The ACPHD is currently circulating a small business survey to assess interest in such a program, Wilson indicated.

Emergency preparedness

She stated that the department is making progress on emergency preparedness, including staff attending additional training, working on interagency collaboration and updating emergency plans to fit the community and structure of ACPHD.

Community outreach

Staff are working on building connections with local schools and the Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Department for the tobacco cessation program, Wilson explained, and expect to do outreach events at the schools and other locations in the fall.

She added that the department has also surveyed local tobacco sellers to ensure they are complying with advertising standards, particularly in terms of advertising to youth, as part of the program.

SafeCare

Wilson stated that the department is currently interviewing for its SafeCare position, which has received 10 applications, including multiple from "highly qualified" individuals.

She added that the state grant administrator for the program expressed that the ACPHD had more referrals for the program than expected and that the program should "start to kick off" once the position for it is hired.

Nurse Family Partnership

The ACPHD, which offers Nurse Family Partnership services through a partnership with La Plata County, currently has more clients than LPCPHD, and staff from LPCPHD who administer the program are currently in Pagosa Springs "almost two full days a week" to provide services, Wilson indicated.

She added that the ACPHD offers Nurse Family Partnership office space and space to potentially meet with clients at its offices.

Air quality

The ACPHD has two funding sources for air-quality work, Wilson explained, including a National Association of City and County Health Officials grant that focused on community outreach around Air Quality Awareness Week in May.

That effort included social media and radio advertisements, as well as five local agencies flying air-quality flags during the week, she noted.

She stated that the U.S. Forest Service office requested to keep its flags due to positive community feedback and is continuing to partner with the ACPHD to provide air-quality information.

Another air-quality-related grant for the ACPHD is through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Wilson explained.

She stated that this grant has been on hold due to the issues with providing services in La Plata County but that the grant is now likely to move forward since the La Plata County portion of the grant will transfer to a nonprofit who will administer that portion of the grant.

Environmental health and food safety

Wilson then covered the ACPHD's

environmental health and food safety efforts, which include issuing 104 retail food licenses, eight child care food licenses and eight school food licenses.

She stated that Environmental Health Specialist Angelica Leslie has completed 32 restaurant inspections so far and has until the end of the year to inspect each licensed food establishment at least once.

Wilson added that Leslie has performed nine reinspections, which indicate that an establishment had issues with its first inspection and required an additional inspection.

She stated that no food establishments have failed an inspection.

Leslie is working on getting the ACPHD through the National Standardized Retail Food Regulatory Program, Wilson explained, with the ACPHD receiving a small grant to assess its readiness and Leslie now working on ensuring that the department meets the standards necessary to operate under this program.

Wilson stated that Leslie is also completing the training process to become a trainer and proctor for ServSafe and for the state food safety training.

She commented that ServSafe is particularly important since the new food model code that will be published next spring will require that food establishments have someone who is ServSafe-certified on site at all times, raising the importance of offering this training locally.

Medina asked what the pricing would be for such training.

Wilson explained that the ACPHD has to see the new pricing on books that must be provided to each person who takes the training before it can set pricing.

Medina commented that local businesses have often had to bring in a trainer to train their staff and that having the service available locally would be valuable.

Wilson stated that the ACPHD would likely provide on-site training for larger establishments, such as The Springs Resort.

Health and safety is "No. 1," Medina commented, adding that there were previously more limited checks on food safety and that, with the establishment of the ACPHD, "businesses are starting to see them more."

She stated that the ACPHD could impose these regulations in a way that business would view the department as a "helping hand."

She added that the department needs to focus on building positive relationships with businesses in the community since many of them are not used to the food safety regulations being consistently enforced.

"There are quite a few businesses that are not happy, but I just remind them that the health and safety of what you're serving is a paramount, not only for the community, but for their livelihood, for the continuation of their business," Medina said.

Wilson noted that the food safety regulations are state-mandated and that the department focuses on a coaching-first approach to reduce the

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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
\$525,000.00
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 N-S-N 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;
THENCE SOUTH 83° 19' 14" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 622.16 FEET (RECORD: SOUTH 48° 11' 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-SE-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° 48' 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 E1/2W1/2NE1/4NE1/4 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 28696 WEST US HIGHWAY 160, BAYFIELD, COLORADO – 81122.
Also known by street and number as: 28696 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.

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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
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Carly Imbrogno, Esq., #69553
Barrett Frappier Weisserman, LLP 1391 SPEER BLVD, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 0000010063129

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.

**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)
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
\$525,000.00
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;

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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)
Navy Federal Credit Union
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
Navy 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 Leathers 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 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 Sayer Law Group, P.C. 3600 S. Beeler St, Ste 330, Denver, CO 80237 (303) 353-2965
Attorney File # CO230190

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County Court
Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address:
Archuleta Combined Courts
109 Harman Park Dr., PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

In the Matter of the Petition of:
Jennifer Marie Carr
For a Change of Name to:
Jennifer Marie Carr
DATE FILED: June 14, 2024 1:21 PM
Case Number: 24C36

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given on 6/14/24 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Combined Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Jennifer Marie Carr Munoz be changed to Jennifer Marie Carr.
By Cheryl Mulberry, Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published June 27, July 4 & 11, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (239906)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON July 6, 2024
Scott Miller has applied for the THUNDER VALLEY MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3 in Sec: 9 Twn: 34 Rng: 1W, at 571 Wildlife Park Road, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-083). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL ESTATES (AE).

Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
Published June 27 and July 4, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (239763)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON July 2, 2024
KEYAH GRANDE has applied for a RESTAURANT BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT on the Parcel of SEC 5, TWN 34, RNG 3W, at 13211 W US Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-076). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).

Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
Published June 27 and July 4, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (238798)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON July 2, 2024
MELANIE PEYTON has applied for the CONTINENTAL ESTATES #2 AMENDMENT 2024-01, FINAL PLAT on the Parcel of SEC 29, TWN 35, RNG 1W, at the 916 Easy St., Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-073). The property is zoned RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR).

Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
Published June 20 & 27, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (238798)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON July 2, 2024
Melanie Peyton has applied for the CONTINENTAL ESTATES #2 AMENDMENT 2024-01, FINAL PLAT on the Parcel of SEC 29, TWN 35, RNG 1W, at the 916 Easy St., Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-073). The property is zoned RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR).

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Published June 20 & 27, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (238798)

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Board of Health considers food safety inspections for events

Moves to gather more information, retain current fee structure

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of Health (BoH) discussed issues with food safety inspections for temporary events and potential solutions at its June 20 meeting.

Environmental Health Specialist Angelica Leslie presented a proposal for standards for temporary event food safety inspections and on whether or not to charge for permits for these events.

She explained that the Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) held a community meeting in May with food vendors and event coordinators, which she described as “kind of a bloodbath.”

Leslie stated that her thinking is that food vendors for temporary events need to be inspected and “follow the rules” and that most counties in Colorado have their own ways of inspecting special events, with a variety of costs for such inspections.

She proposed that the county charge \$50 per unit for the season for mobile food vendors located in the county and \$75 per unit for the season for vendors coming from outside the county or state.

She also recommended creating a farmers market permit, which would enable vendors to operate at farmers markets and would cost \$75 per unit for the season.

Leslie stated that counties have a wide variety of permitting costs for temporary food vendors, with some costs being more than her proposal and some being less.

She suggested that any new permitting process be implemented next year since the current food truck season has already begun.

Leslie indicated that the ACPHD has received eight temporary food vendor permit applications, including three from outside the state and county.

In response to a question from BoH member Jessica Cox, Leslie explained that these permits would be for operating at special events in the community and would be separate from the permitting for annual operation of a food truck.

Leslie added that the inspections at events are much more limited than other food truck permitting, and primarily focus on core health and safety concerns such as the presence of handwashing stations.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if there are other health department standards that food truck vendors must comply with, noting that, if they do business in the Town of Pagosa Springs, they have to pay for a town license, among other items.

Development Director Pamela Flowers stated that food trucks require a temporary use permit from the county in addition to permitting from the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD).

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked how much the temporary use permit is.

Flowers stated it costs \$50. Leslie added that the annual food truck permit costs either \$275 or \$385, depending on the type of food preparation occurring.

Medina asked if the county would potentially charge the additional temporary food permitting fee due to Leslie having to inspect these trucks

during the season.

Leslie stated that this is the plan and that she would inspect all food trucks over the season.

Medina asked what the application fee for annual food truck operations covers, noting that the fee “seems like a lot” and that county fees have to match the cost incurred in providing the services involved.

Leslie explained that the fee includes inspections, answering questions and concerns, and providing brief training for employees.

She added that this permit fee is set by the state and that it does not cover large-scale food safety training for staff at a permitted establishment.

She also emphasized that the number of inspections performed in a year is highly variable depending on the need for inspections at a particular establishment.

Cox commented that guessed the main issue with the permitting is the

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cost, but asked if there were other objections to it as well.

Leslie replied that the vendors understand the “need to be inspected,” but not the reasoning for the extra fee.

In response to a question from Cox about other concerns, Leslie added that “everybody goes back to saying that we’re just charging to charge.”

ACPHD Executive Director Ashley Wilson stated that another issue is that some temporary food vendors have been found to be out of compliance by the department.

“While the cost may be the thing they’re voicing the most, I’m curious if some of it is the actual compliance issues that come with the additional inspections given that, when you’re at events, sometimes having all of the checklist of things is more difficult,” Wilson said. “The handwashing station in particular can be a harder aspect to have, but it is one of the core things that keeps food preparation safe.”

Medina stated that she attended the meeting with food vendors and that costs were a major concern.

She commented that she and Leslie explained that some of the permitting costs are set by the state and that other county fees could potentially be adjusted.

She added that some vendors were also inspected multiple times and felt they were being “picked on,” even though the vendors who were most concerned about this issue were in compliance.

Medina commented that, in her opinion, another key issue is that the vendors were rarely inspected by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and are unfamiliar with the inspection process and are wondering, “Why now?”

Leslie added that SJBPH never performed inspections for special events.

In response to a question from BoH member Stacey Foss, Leslie explained that this issue has arisen both from day-to-day work and issues at the ACPHD and from efforts to improve coordination for safety between various entities — such as the police, public health and the PFPD — in the community.

Medina asked what portion of the state permitting fees are kept by the county.

Leslie indicated that the ACPHD sends \$43 of the fee to the state and the rest is retained by the county.

“Then my vote would be that we don’t charge extra,” Medina said.

Foss asked what the benefit to Leslie’s job would be to charge the additional fee.

“The benefit for me would just be able to continue paying me to do my job,” Leslie said, adding that she can flex her hours to inspect festivals on the weekends, but that it is additional work to review plans for vendors coming in to such events to ensure safety and to perform additional inspections.

She added that she will continue performing these tasks whether there is a fee or not.

Wilson pointed out that the funds from the state do not cover Leslie’s full position and the fees would help generate revenue for her performing tasks, such as inspections at festivals, that have not previously been done.

She noted that the BoH has the ability to waive fees and recommended that the ACPHD charge the full amount for vendors coming from outside the county or state since the department has had no previous contact with them.

Wilson commented that the issue is one area where the BoH has discretion to set fees and make decisions concerning food permitting, which was one of the reasons the issue was brought to the board.

She added that staff could potentially track the amount of noncompliance among temporary food vendors and the hours Leslie spends inspecting them to give the board further information for a decision in the future.

Medina asked how much time and cost is incurred for the reviews and inspections required by the state and what is “left over.”

Wilson explained that this depends on the establishment’s compliance, since less-compliant establishments can require multiple inspections at an added cost.

Medina highlighted that short-term rental permitting includes two inspections in the permitting cost and that additional inspections incur an additional cost.

She proposed that the county could potentially use a similar fee structure for food vendor permitting.

She added that the county could potentially not charge an additional fee for local vendors, but that she feels charging an extra fee for out-of-state or out-of-county vendors would be reasonable since it would help sup-

port local businesses.

Wilson asked Leslie how the state breaks down its fees, including those for noncompliance.

Leslie explained that there are additional fees for being out of compliance that the ACPHD could charge.

Wilson added that these fees would be charged if an establishment requires additional inspections to check compliance outside of those required by the state.

Leslie indicated that these fees could be charged “if there is a closure initiated” or if fees for the license are not paid.

She added that she had to issue two notices of violation this year due to nonpayment of licenses.

Medina commented that this could have been caused by the businesses not knowing where to pay the fees or there being delays caused by the transition from SJBPH.

Wilson stated that the ACPHD “gave them lots of extra time,” with Leslie adding that staff also notified them multiple times through various means.

“But, it all worked out,” Wilson said.

Wilson then outlined the options before the board, including making a decision at the meeting, gathering additional information to consider changes for the next year or bringing back additional information for it to make a decision at its next meeting, though she pointed out that this would change the rules in the middle of the season.

She added that, if the BoH chose to waive the temporary event fee, it would have to consider how to offer refunds to those who have already paid the fee this year.

Medina stated that she would like additional information on the costs for permitting and that the board could make a decision at some point that could be implemented next year.

She added that this would allow the county to communicate to the public that their concerns were heard and considered and communicate the plan that would be implemented next year.

Brown asked if the ACPHD collects the event fees currently “because that’s what we have on the books right now.”

He stated that he agreed with Medina that he would like more information on costs and does not feel that the BoH should make any changes for the current season.

He added that having the breakdown of costs would allow the BoH to serve the public better by ensuring that the costs charged match the costs incurred to provide the service.

Cox expressed agreement with Brown and Medina about gathering additional information and supporting local businesses.

Medina then moved to direct staff to gather additional information on the costs of permitting process and to continue the permitting process and fees until the BoH reaches a decision on changes.

The motion passed unanimously. josh@pagosasun.com

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likelihood of needing to be “punitive,” although she noted that the department has this ability.

“If people can see us more as ... An inspection is not meant to be punitive, it is meant to help you so that we can come back if we need and we can offer support in any ways that we need to, train staff if we need to,” Wilson said. “So, those are all things that are part of what we hope to do. So, as long as they are willing to work with us, then that is going to tell me that is what we continue to have. If they choose not to work with us or are more resistant in other ways, then that becomes another issue because we actually don’t have a lot of ... There is no leeway when it comes to the code set by the state and what is required for a permit.

“And, I would encourage anyone who has complaints or problems, if they feel like they can’t talk to Angelica herself about whatever their concerns are, I am always available to try to help people walk that road and manage what they need to.”

Medina commented that Leslie is “amazing” and that she has heard from business that she is “very approachable.”

‘Kudos’

Brown congratulated Wilson on the

first six months of the ACPHD, adding, “It sounds like, it looks like the intent of bringing the health department local is doing just what we wanted it to do and that is providing better service to our community. Way to stay on track. Lot of work. Kudos to you and your staff.”

Wilson thanked Brown and concluded by stating that the department has obtained approval to bill Medicare and Medicaid and has received its first payments from both, which she commented is a “pretty big feat.” josh@pagosasun.com

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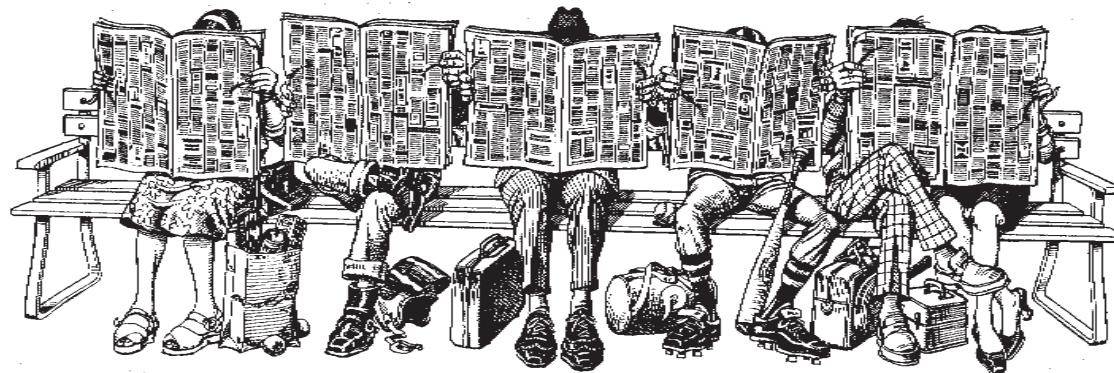
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Pagosa Duathlon

Saturday, July 6 • Turkey Springs trail system



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Register now for 16th annual Pagosa Duathlon

By Patty Copenhaver
A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc.

A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc. (doing business as Aspen House and Aspen Services) will present the 16th annual Pagosa Duathlon on Saturday, July 6.

The race will take place in the Turkey Springs Trail System, and we have a race for everyone in the family.

The first race of the day is the Dusty Kids Gravel Growler on a dirt/gravel road. Bring out the kiddos for a fun time. This race is a 1-mile run and a 2-mile bike.

There are two adult races for the day on single-track and ATV trails throughout the Turkey Springs trail system.

The Dirty Sprinters will begin with a 3-mile trail run, followed by an 8-mile bike. The surrounding flora of the San Juan National Forest provides the perfect backdrop

for fun outdoor activities.

For a more challenging course, the Dirty Du begins with a 6-mile trail run, followed by a 15-mile bike. This longer race has more opportunities for scenery, including groves of aspen trees on the Aspen Run Trail. There will be rocky up and downs, winding trails, and plenty of ponderosa pines to provide shady spots.

The adult races have three divisions: individual men, individual women, and two-member relay team (one runner and one biker).

Early registration ends June 29, so register early and save. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/PagosaDirtyDu>.

The races are professionally timed and there will be plenty of postrace refreshments.

■ See Duathlon on next page

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Pagosa Springs Golf Club: Bob Hemenger, 5:30 p.m.

Friday

Meltdown on Main: Michael Dae Hanlon, 5:30 p.m.

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.

The Last Resort RV Park: Maxwell Miller, 6 p.m.

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Bo DePena, 5 p.m.

Saturday

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

Meltdown on Main: Emma and Grace, 5 p.m.

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.

Sunday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

Monday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Ron and Susan, 5 p.m.

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By Sarah Hess
Healing Our Veterans Equine Services

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Duathlon

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The race lineup is as follows:
• Dusty Kids Gravel Growler: 7:30 a.m., \$10.

• Dirty Sprint: 8:15 a.m., \$45 early registration, \$55 after June 29.

• Dirty Du: 8:15 a.m., \$55 early registration, \$65 after June 29.

There is a \$10 student discount for all adult races. Student ID is required.

Prerace packet pick up will be Friday, July 5, at PS FroYo, 459 Lewis St., from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The Pagosa Duathlon is one of three summer fundraisers, and all proceeds benefit A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to constructing a home and providing services for adults with developmental disabilities in Pagosa Springs.

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'Disney's Beauty and the Beast' slated to open June 28

By **Tim Moore**
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company is thrilled to announce the long-awaited opening of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast" on June 28 — the third and final offering of our 2024 summer repertory season.

Following the successful openings of "Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville" and "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," this enchanting tale promises to be a family favorite centerpiece to an already spectacular season.

"Beauty and the Beast," a beloved classic, tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a prince trapped under a spell. To break the curse, the Beast must learn to love and be loved in return before the last petal falls from an enchanted rose. This heartwarming tale showcases themes of love, sacrifice and the transformative power of kindness.

Since its Broadway debut in 1994, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast" has won the hearts of millions around the world. The production received nine Tony Award nominations, winning one for Best Costume Design, and it ran for an impressive 13 years, making it one of Broadway's longest-running shows.

Its success extended to the West End, where it also garnered multiple awards and nominations, solidifying its status as a timeless favorite in musical theatre.

Thingamajig's production features a blend of seasoned professionals and local talent. Joining the professional company are three young local actors: Sophia Sottek in the ensemble and a trio of talented performers — Finlay Moore, Quinn Murphy and Jaycee Wallace — who will each share the role of Chip throughout the summer. These young actors bring a fresh energy to the stage, and we are proud to showcase their budding talents.

As this is the final opening of our 2024 summer season, it marks the last weekend for exclusive cast talk-back sessions. Following the show, audiences will have the unique opportunity to engage with the cast and crew, ask questions, and gain insights into the making of the production.

These sessions have been a highlight of our summer offerings, providing a deeper connection between the performers and the audience. Don't miss it.

"Disney's Beauty and the Beast" is a show for all ages, filled with memorable songs, stunning costumes and



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Isabella Denissen stars as Belle in "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," opening June 28 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

enchanting choreography. This production is sure to captivate the hearts of both longtime fans and newcomers alike.

Join us at the Thingamajig Theatre Company for an enchanting evening of magic and music. Secure your tickets now for the final new show of our summer repertory season and experience the wonder and joy of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast."

Tickets and shown information is available at pagosa-center.org or by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Screening

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of veterans, making this event an opportunity to be part of a community committed to making a difference. Tickets can be purchased online at

pagosamovies.com.

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19th Hole Concerts to continue Thursday, June 27

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 fourth of four 19th Hole Concerts this Thursday, June 27.

The concert slated on June 20, which was the third of four, has been rescheduled for July 11. You will not want to miss it, so mark your calendars.

For this week's concert, June 27, the featured nonprofit is the Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County, and the featured artist is Bob Hemenger.

The Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County was founded to support families of young children by supporting and sustaining a comprehensive, high-quality, accessible

early childhood system that prepares children for success both academically and personally.

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.

We get a mulligan on July 11 for the third concert that was postponed.

The cover charge is a \$10 donation which supports the four nonprofits selected. 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 27 — The Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County: Bob Hemenger, Dixieland, jazz, blues, soul and pop.

July 11 — San Juan Back Country Horsemen: San Juan Mountain Boys, country, folk, pop and old rock.

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Habitat for Humanity application deadline approaching

By Leah Ballard

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

The deadline to build with Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County in 2025 is rapidly approaching. We are accepting applications until July 1.

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3 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Dave Mench

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Sunday, June 30th

10 a.m. - Noon — Majik Hamm

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. — Irebellion

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Robin Davis Duo

There will be food and drink stations throughout the event including:

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Arboles Independence Day Parade slated for Saturday

By Susan Halkin
TARA Historical Society

The Annual Independence Day Parade in Arboles will be held on Saturday, June 29.

The parade is sponsored by the TARA Historical Society at Navajo Lake.

Parade lineup will begin at 9 a.m. behind the Piedra Peak Store on Wil-lard Way.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will travel in front of the Piedra Peak Store and head down on County Road 982 toward Navajo Lake. It takes a turn on Milton Way and then winds around to pass by the Piedra

Peak Store again. After it connects to Milton Lane again, it will continue on to the TARA Community Center at 333 Milton Lane.

The parade will end at the TARA Community Center, where a fund-raiser will be held.

A bake sale and a barbecue will be offered to all attendees and parade participants. Grass-fed ground beef has been donated, which will be served directly after the parade. Local bakers will donate delicious baked goods to purchase. All proceeds will benefit the TARA Community Center.

At this time, we have 30 parade entries including royalty from the Ute and Jicarilla tribes and also from

the Spanish Fiesta. Los Mitotitos will provide music along the route and at the end of the parade.

There will be three prizes awarded for the parade entries — first, second and third places. Judges will be placed at the old Arboles Store. The parade will pass by them twice. Winners of the parade will be announced shortly after the parade at the TARA Community Center.

For more information, please contact Penny at (970) 883-5394 or email her at goldeneyrie@gmail.com

Come and join the fun in Arboles. Enjoy some small-town fun and maybe visit Navajo Lake following the activities. Make it a great day in Arboles.

Celebrate Independence Day with downtown scavenger hunt

By Rosanna Dufour
Main Street Advisory Board

This Fourth of July weekend, Main Street Pagosa Springs invites residents and visitors to participate in an exciting downtown scavenger hunt.

Available on the Visit Pagosa App from Wednesday, July 3, through

TARA Food Pantry receives grants for food

By Susan Halkin
TARA Historical Society

The TARA Food Pantry in Arboles has been able to procure two grants this month.

These grants will make the TARA Food Pantry sustainable and able to offer more quality produce, dairy and meats to our community.

The Ballantine Family Foundation is a longtime supporter and this is the first grant award from the Moniker Foundation.

The TARA Food Pantry opened in 2020. It has grown to be the second largest pantry in Archuleta County.

The need for food has been growing as the price of groceries, utilities, gas and rent has increased a great deal.

We find we are now supporting more of the “working poor” — those who both work but cannot make ends meet with the current inflation. We are glad to support our families in our community.

We are open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No questions are asked and there are no forms to fill out. We are here for the people who need food and are happy to provide and meet their needs.

Sunday, July 7, the event promises to be a fun-filled adventure for all ages.

Participants can join the scavenger hunt by downloading the Visit Pagosa App and checking in via GPS within 10 meters of the 10 designated downtown attraction locations.

Once all locations have been visited, participants will be entered into a drawing to win one of 20 gift cards from downtown businesses totaling more than \$2,500 in value.

This is a fantastic way to explore and support local shops and restaurants. Winners will be drawn the

following week; you do not need to be present to win.

Keep an eye out for scavenger hunt locations marked by sidewalk stickers throughout downtown.

For any additional information or inquiries, please contact the Main Street Advisory Board at kat@pagosaspingscdc.org.

Join us in celebrating Independence Day with a scavenger hunt that brings our community together and highlights the unique charm of downtown Pagosa Springs. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Tickets to go on sale July 1 for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Cory Henderson
Seeds of Learning

Tickets for the most-anticipated event in Pagosa Springs this summer are going on sale next week, on Monday, July 1, at 9 a.m.

You don't want to miss the seventh annual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, where six Pagosa Springs celebrities and their coaches dance their hearts out to win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. The winners will join the ranks of a highly admired group of Pagosans.

We are thrilled to announce that the Tim Sullivan Band will be playing live during attendee open dancing again this year.

You can witness this spectacular event for yourself on Aug. 17 at the Ross Aragon Community Center, where the doors open at 5:30 p.m.

We expect to sell out quickly as in previous years. So, get an early start to purchase your ticket online July 1 at 9 a.m. at register.dwtps.org. No tickets will be available at Seeds of Learning.

All tickets must be paid for at time of purchase, and reservations require purchaser address, email, attendees' names as well as the star being hon-

ored with the purchase.

Please visit the Seeds of Learning website at dwtps.org for additional ticket purchase instructions and for more information on our Stars.

If you would like to sit at the same table as your friends, we highly recommend purchasing your tickets through one designated person. One person can purchase up to eight tickets. Like buying an airline ticket, this is the only way to ensure you will sit together.

Tickets include a delectable meal designed especially for you by Pagosa's favorite five-star-rated fine dining restaurant; a cash bar serving beer, wine and a specialty cocktail;

an incredible playlist and dancing; and a dazzling show by Pagosa's star celebrities and their professional dance partners.

Can't make it to the event but still want to support Seeds and your favorite star? Visit vote.dwtps.org and vote today. Every dollar equals one vote, and you can vote for multiple stars as many times as you'd like.

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Project Sanctuary finds home in Pagosa Springs

By Heather Ehle Ray
Project Sanctuary

For 17 years, Project Sanctuary has been serving an unmet need in the military community: caring for military families and healing the family together.

As an organization, we believe that when one person serves, the whole family serves, and we are immensely grateful for those who've worn our nation's cloth.

By providing education and support around relationship reconnection, communication/conflict resolution, financial habits and goals, and mental health/well-being an immersive therapeutic retreat environment, Project Sanctuary has built a national reputation for delivering the support military families need and deserve.

We hold therapeutic healing retreats across the U.S., in locations such as Granby, Colorado, Texas, Washington state, Maryland and Georgia. Our goal has been to partner with retreat sites that offer beauty, calm, outdoor activity options and a

place where our unique and valuable therapy can work best.

But we've always dreamed of a home of our own.

"Having our own retreat center and ensuring military families will have a place to call their own, a place of hope and healing, has always been a dream of Project Sanctuary. Over the years, it became clear we needed to identify a place we could call home for our therapeutic retreats," noted Project Sanctuary Founder and CEO Heather Ehle Ray.

Enter Pagosa Springs. When the former Snow Wolf Lodge became available in 2023, our hearts melted. The location was perfect—a beautiful retreat campus nestled in the gorgeous mountains of Colorado.

Ehle Ray continues, "We will still utilize retreat center partners around the country, but this new location will allow us to expand our program to serve even more military families throughout next year and for many, many years to come."

We learned about the local community, set about introducing our-

selves and making new friends, and quickly discovered so many kindred spirits—others who care about our military families and wanted to learn more about our work and mission.

We met Ben Dozier with a nationally acclaimed architectural firm who loved our vision so much they are partnering with us to modify our retreat center to support our unique programming. We met Raymond Taylor, our county's veteran's service officer and joined Veterans for Veterans. No Limits and Habitat for Humanity have received us with open arms, and we look forward to joining the Chamber of Commerce this June.

As new neighbors to Pagosa Springs, we look forward to welcoming others into the Project Sanctuary family, sharing our plans for the Project Sanctuary Retreat Center and working together to add this beautiful and healing experience to the tapes-try of our new community.

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Friends of the Library summer book sale set for July 11-13

By Maggie Su

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

Mark your calendars, book lovers. The Friends of the Library's annual book sale will be July 11-13 at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

You'll find new and gently used books at excellent prices and a large selection of fiction and nonfiction titles, cookbooks, children's books and much more.

Members of the Friends of the Library get access on Thursday, July 11, with early shopping and a potluck from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Public hours are Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Come early for the best selection and get ready to dive into a treasure trove of stories and discover hidden gems.

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Photo courtesy Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

The Friends of the Library's annual book sale will be July 11-13 at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Members of the Friends of the Library get access on Thursday, July 11, with early shopping and a potluck from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Public hours are July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and July 13 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Keith Bruno to speak about biodiversity on June 27

By Sarah Riehm
Creation Care Pagosa

Keith Bruno, who serves as the Southwest Colorado community naturalist for Audubon Rockies, will present a program on biodiversity at the June 27 monthly meeting of Creation Care Pagosa.

The meeting will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. The meeting will dismiss in time for attendees to watch the presidential debate.

Biodiversity is the variety of all living things on earth and how they fit together in the web of life, bringing oxygen, water, food and countless other benefits.

According to a recent study by the World Wildlife Fund, biodiversity is declining faster than at any time in human history, with almost a 70 percent decline in the populations of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians since 1970.

Some people believe that this decline doesn't affect our pristine

mountain wilderness or our human enjoyment of it.

Just as one example, a study released in 2023 by the National Academy of Sciences reported a 72 percent drop in the Western bumblebee here in southwestern Colorado — a vital pollinator for our region. The most probable culprit is agricultural pesticides. Besides harmful chemicals, our local flora and fauna are under constant threat from a warming climate, habitat loss, air and water pollution, and invasive species.

The good news is we can all help preserve and promote biodiversity here in Pagosa Springs. Bruno will have information and answer your questions on how local citizens can combat biodiversity loss.

One new program sponsored by Audubon Rockies is the Habitat Hero Certification Program. You can certify all or part of your acreage or yard through an easy, online enrollment program at www.rockies.audubon.org/habitat-hero.

Chuck and Sarah Riehm were the first Pagosans to receive this

designation.

In 2020, local community groups came together to install a Habitat Hero demonstration garden on the grounds of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership downtown. This garden space is open to the public and can give you some great ideas on how to use native plants and natural gardening techniques to improve biodiversity.

"To be a Habitat Hero, you need to do such things as stop using chemical fertilizers and pesticides, plant only native species and provide welcoming infrastructure for native bugs and birds," said Sarah Riehm.

Find out more about these and other programs and techniques to promote biodiversity at the meeting.

Creation Care Pagosa is a faith-based environmental stewardship and community education organization. If you would like to be on the mailing list for our Creation Care monthly meeting announcements or future events, contact sarah.riehm@gmail.com.

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By Shayla McClure
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The Sunday service on June 30 at 10:30 a.m. with Julie Loar, award-winning author and astrologer, will be "Origins of the Zodiac Signs."

"And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years." — Genesis 1:14.

Upcoming events

July 1, 6 p.m.: Sacred Medicine Ways: "Creating a Natural Medicine Cabinet for Home Use."

July 7, 11 a.m.: Sunday service potluck picnic at Xanadu with Shayla and Bruce. There will be live music. Contact (970) 510-0309 for directions.

July 11, 6 p.m.: Illuminations with Julie Loar. A love donation will be accepted.

July 12 and 13: Blessing of the Animals celebration. July 12 will include free lectures and classes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will include Wolfwood Refuge, a blessing ceremony for your pets and more. Bring a picture of your pet for the blessing altar. There will be vendors, food, educational classes. Tickets are \$10.

About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New

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

The SpiritHeart Band provides live music every Sunday. We welcome

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

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



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Sunday, June 23, was the annual Mass and feast day celebration at St. John the Baptist Mission Church in Pagosa Junction. The present church was dedicated in 1927 after the two previous churches were washed away in floods. Sunday's Mass was followed by a procession and potluck, which was attended by approximately 50 attendees. Pictured are Carrie and Joe Espinosa, mayordomo of the historic church, along with Father John from Nigeria and Father Samuel Auta, the pastor of the Pagosa Catholic Community.



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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, June 27

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 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.

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 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.

'H.O.O.V.E.S. - Healing Our Veterans' Screening. 5 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 418 Pagosa St. The doors will open at 5 p.m. for VIP Premiere Party admission and 6 p.m. for general admission, with the film starting at 6:30 p.m. A portion of ticket proceeds will go to Healing Of Our Veterans Equine Services (H.O.O.V.E.S.). Tickets can be purchased online at pagosamovies.com.

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

Creation Care Pagosa. 5:30-6:45 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Keith Bruno, community naturalist, will speak about biodiversity.

19th Hole Concert. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Concert series benefitting local nonprofits.

Music by Bob Hemenger. Featuring the Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County. The cover charge is a \$10 donation.

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.

Friday, June 28

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour spotlights topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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.

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

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

PAWS to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Quilling. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn the ancient craft of paper rolling.

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

Saturday, June 29

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.

Geology Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney

Rock National Monument. This tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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

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Tiffany Allison Arboles Independence Parade. 10 a.m., Arboles. Line up at 9 a.m. on Willard Way. The parade will end at the TARA Community Center. A barbecue and bake sale will follow at the community center.

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.

Allison Community Church Chicken BBQ. 5-7 p.m., Allison Community Church, 2724 County Road 329. The menu consists of chicken, beans, rolls, tossed salad, cobbler, ice cream and a drink. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 6-12, and under 6 free. Everyone is welcome.

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

Monday, July 1

Women's Fellowship. 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. 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.

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

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

Learn to Knit or Crochet. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit or crochet. For ages 8 and up.

Healthy Aging and Yoga Therapy Class. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Senior Center.

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.

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

Tuesday, July 2

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 9 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.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.- noon, 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.

Labyrinth Guided Tour. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join a docent for a guided walk. Walking the labyrinth can bring a sense of releasing, receiving and renewal. The labyrinth is available from dawn until dusk and is located in the wooded area behind the parking lot at the wooded cross.

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.

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Wednesday, July 3

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.

Park to Park Artisan and Food Market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Park. There will be vendors, a beer garden and live entertainment.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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>.

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

Mindful Drawing. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Camp Half-blood. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Percy Jackson fans are invited to join to complete a variety of STEAM challenges and puzzles based on Greek myths.

'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).

Thursday, July 4

Fourth of July Parade. 10 a.m., downtown. The parade starts at Spring Street and Hot Springs Boulevard. It will head south on Hot Springs Boulevard and continue west on Apache Street, then south on South 5th Street.

Park to Park Artisan and Food Market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Park. There will be vendors, a beer garden and live entertainment.

Freedom Float. 1 p.m., San Juan River. Grab a tube or watercraft appropriate for water levels, don red, white and blue, and join the float on the San Juan River through downtown.

Pagosa Springs Community Band Concert. 2-3 p.m., Town Park. A free patriotic concert.

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. 2 p.m., Western Heritage Event Center rodeo and event grounds. Tickets are available at pagosarodeo.com.

Fireworks. Dusk (about 9 p.m.), downtown. Enjoy the fireworks show from the downtown area.

Yamaguchi Park provides one of the best viewing areas.

Friday, July 5

Park to Park Artisan and Food Market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Park. There will be vendors, a beer garden and live entertainment.

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

Tween/Teen Survival Skills. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Could you survive alone in the wilderness? Learn some skills you might need.

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

All-Ages Gaming. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Come play on the library's Xbox.

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. 6 p.m., Western Heritage Event Center rodeo and event grounds. Tickets are available at pagosarodeo.com.

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

Saturday, July 6

Pagosa Duathlon. 7:30 a.m., Turkey Springs trail system. There will be a race for everyone in the family: The race lineup is as follows: Dusty Kids Gravel Growler: 7:30 a.m., \$10. Dirty Sprint: 8:15 a.m., \$45 early registration, \$55 after June 29. Dirty Du: 8:15 a.m., \$55 early registration, \$65 after June 29. Early registration ends June 29. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/PagosaDirtyDu>. Proceeds benefit A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc. (Aspen House and Aspen Services).

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.

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

Park to Park Artisan and Food Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Town Park. There will be vendors, a beer garden and live entertainment.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years

old. Free build using the library's LEGOs or your own. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

'Beauty and the Beast.' Noon, Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. 6 p.m., Western Heritage Event Center rodeo and event grounds. Tickets are available at pagosarodeo.com.

'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).

Sunday, July 7

'Escape to Margaritaville.' 3 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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Healthy aging yoga therapy classes held Mondays

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

A Healthy Aging Yoga Series is 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 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 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 discus-

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sion 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.

Spanish Fiesta July 27

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

This year we celebrate "La cultura cural" — 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.

If you are interested in volunteering, being a sponsor or vendor please call (970) 264.2167 or email Rose Chavez at rosa@psseniors.org.

Farmers market vouchers

If you love to shop at the Pagosa Farmers Market, are 60 or older, or if you are 200 percent of poverty,

please call Deb Herera of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging at (970) 403-2164 to put your name on the list for \$50 in vouchers to redeem for local foods.

Then, visit the Pagosa Farmers Market any Saturday during the growing season (starting July 6 and

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To tour this home go to:
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To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/1135ParkAve>



1001 Soaring Eagle Court
\$995,000

MLS # 813551

2 Bed, 2 Bath, 2,073 sq foot house on 36.44 acres. Navajo River Ranch has 2 private entrances into the forest. This home has wonderful views of the San Juan Mountain Range and great decks. 2 tributaries come together to form a seasonal creek called Oil Well Creek on the property.

To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/1001SoaringEagleCourt>



Cloman Industrial Park
\$390,000

MLS # 807337

.68 Acre, 1500 sq. ft. commercial building located in Cloman Industrial Park. There is enough property to build another building or make a large wrap around parking lot. There is a 3000 BYU gas heater and a 40 gallon hot water heater.



2453 Running Horse Place
\$2,400,000

MLS # 813104

35.2 Acres with a guest house and set up for horses. The property comes with an extra workshop/garage, a growing dome, a round pen, 3 stall + barn and numerous out buildings. The main house is 5,141 sq. ft. and the guest house is 2,028 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/2453RunningHorse>



247 Davis Cup Drive, Unit 4258
\$365,000

MLS # 811750

Great condo with the primary bedroom on the main level and a second spacious bedroom on the second level. Updated kitchen with granite countertops and newer appliances. 2 beds/3 baths with 1,345 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/247DavisCup>



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 running through the end of September) to redeem your vouchers.

The Pagosa Farmers Market will be located at the Tennyson Sculpture Garden on Lewis Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

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.

Pagosa Springs Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and deli-

icious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$6, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, June 27 — Beef spaghetti, broccoli, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, June 28 — Singapore pork ribs, vegetable fried rice, snow peas, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, July 1 — Tofu Buddha bowl with brown rice, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, July 2 — Chicken Parmigiana with green beans, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, July 3 — Crispy codfish with tartar sauce and lemon, creamed spinach, garden salad, peach cobbler and milk.

Thursday, July 4 — Closed for the Fourth of July.

Friday, July 5 — Closed for the Fourth of July.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Calcutta attire
- 5 Single-celled organism (var.)
- 10 Booze it up
- 14 Washerful
- 15 Poe's bird
- 16 Like some columns
- 17 Hard to follow
- 19 Lima's locale
- 20 Sunburn aftermath
- 21 Lego line with gears
- 23 Over
- 25 Oscar-winning Berry
- 26 "The Bell Jar" writer
- 29 Fertilizer chemical
- 32 RCA or EMI
- 33 More than dislike
- 34 Schedule abbr.
- 37 In general
- 39 Nuclear plant feature
- 41 Card game for two
- 42 Static
- 44 Palm an ace, say
- 45 Bureaucratic tangle
- 47 Fruity desserts
- 48 Yucca's kin
- 50 Colorado ski resort
- 52 Took in, in a way
- 55 Pipe type
- 59 April forecast
- 60 Young lady, in Lyon
- 62 Cavern, to a poet
- 63 They may be stripped
- 64 Hangout
- 65 Coop group
- 66 Banquet host

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- 2 Best of the best
- 3 Preakness, for one
- 4 Worshiper of a statue
- 5 Sports facility
- 6 Reader's notes
- 7 Arden or Plumb
- 8 Like a kneeler's knee
- 9 Neat anagram
- 10 Astaire headwear
- 11 Post for all to read
- 12 Grave danger
- 13 Draw forth
- 18 Toyota model
- 22 People in a novel
- 24 Pen point
- 26 Farm implement
- 27 Volcano output
- 28 Irregularity

30 Sixty, in old times

- 31 ___ v. Wade
- 35 Dinghy or dory
- 36 Sciences' partner
- 38 Piece of land
- 40 ABC and ESPN
- 43 Place to be pampered
- 46 Doings

- 48 Frustrated cry
- 49 Driving hazard
- 51 Model's asset
- 53 Chrome competitor
- 54 Judge
- 56 Thunder sound
- 57 This and that
- 58 "Sesame Street" regular
- 61 Apple product

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Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

Mobile food pantry service

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of six free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

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.

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 2.

Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to cre-

ate beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

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.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

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.

Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

Supporting ASI

Please support our ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County.

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or please visit our website, <http://www.psseniors.org/> (donation button). Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information about Archuleta Seniors Inc., please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

There is also another way to donate.

Are you 70 and half years old or better? Do you have an IRA from which you need to take a distribution? Did you know you can make charitable donations directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution, up to \$100,000 per year? The donation from the account would be payable to Archuleta Seniors Inc. and sent to P.O. Box 344, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. This gift option is called the IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER GALA

Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon

Scene ... fundraising for Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) at its annual gala at the Alley House Grille on Monday, June 17. Funds raised will assist in the renovation of the PSMC Medical Wellness building and the launch of the health in motion service line.



Species spotlight: blue grama

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Blue grama is a native grass species that is fairly easy to identify when in flower. The inflorescence grows perpendicular to the stem, giving it a near-horizontal growth pattern. The spikelet also resembles an eyelash, which gives it the nickname of eyelash grass. As the plant dries out, the flower head starts to curl and forms a halo.

Blue grama grows in dense tufts and can spread via rhizomes, which makes it a great alternative to classic turf grasses when choosing a species for your lawn. Blue grama is not only native, but it is also low growing, drought tolerant, widely distributed in Colorado, and is suitable winter forage. It attracts butterflies and birds and serves as a larval host for species of skipper butterflies.

Not to be outdone by the iconic Colorado blue columbine, blue grama is the Colorado state grass. It received this designation in 1987.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

Fair Promotion Day

4-H members will be seen around town on July 10 from noon to 2 p.m. hanging posters for the 76th Archuleta County Fair.

They will be in small groups stopping by your businesses in hopes of hanging a flyer in your window, on your community bulletin board

Extension Viewpoints



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Weed and Pest

Blue grama is a native grass species that is fairly easy to identify when in flower. Blue grama is the Colorado state grass.

or leaving some info cards on your desks.

The Archuleta County Fair is Aug. 1-4, and is where 4-H members showcase the projects they have been working on all year.

Feel free to speak with them about

the projects, how to purchase tickets to the Chuckwagon Dinner and when to see the shows.

Many 4-H members will be selling their livestock animals in the Junior Livestock Auction on Aug. 3, so be sure to inquire about how you can get involved.

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Tips to save when shopping for your Fourth of July barbecue

Special to The PREVIEW

Barbecues are part and parcel of Fourth of July celebrations.

Opportunities to entertain will abound this July, and that can take a toll on hosts' pocketbooks.

- Ask guests to bring a side and/or beverages. Hot dogs and hamburgers may garner the bulk of the culinary attention at a July 4 barbecue, but side dishes are necessary as well. When inviting guests, ask each to bring a side dish or dessert. Potato salad, mixed greens, pasta salad, chickpea salad and other cold fare go well with traditional barbecue favorites, and asking guests to bring these along can save hosts substantial amounts of money. If guests can't bring food, ask them to bring beverages like soft drinks, iced tea, beer or wine.

- Shop ahead. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken breasts, and other summer grilling favorites can be frozen and thawed out come the day of the barbecue. Shopping ahead for such items, as well as beverages, can help hosts spread out the cost of hosting, which can make it easier to

manage the cost of throwing a party, particularly if the guest list figures to be sizable.

- Consider less-expensive cuts of meat. If steak is on the menu at your Independence Day barbecue, consider purchasing less expensive cuts of meat. The Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association (HPBA) notes that chuck cuts like flat-iron steaks and petite filets are flavorful cuts that won't cost nearly as much as rib-eyes and New York strip steaks. Hosts also can save on burgers by purchasing ground beef and creating their own patties as opposed to purchasing premade hamburgers from their grocer's meat department. The HPBA notes that chicken thighs, legs or quarters also tend to be less expensive than chicken breasts.

- Grill up healthy fare. Vegetables are less expensive than meat and poultry, and there's many ways to prepare veggies over an open flame. Grilled vegetable skewers are flavorful and popular, and guests might appreciate some nutritious fare to counter all the less healthy items they're accustomed to eating at July 4 barbecues.

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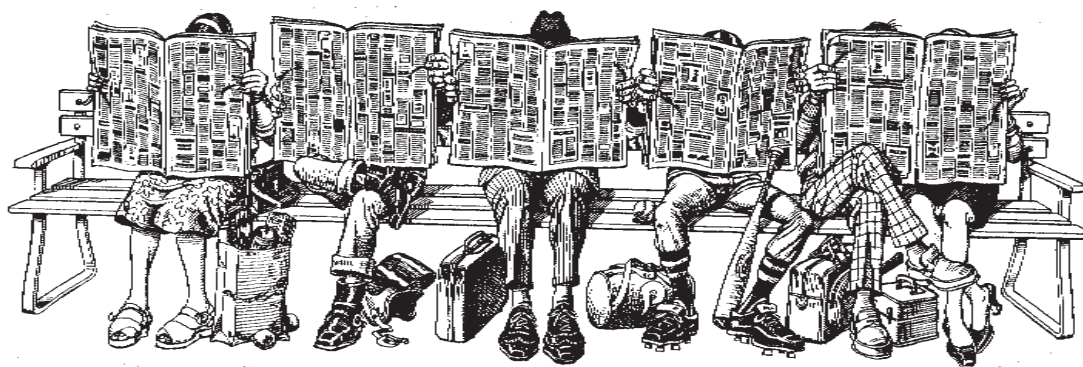
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What should your child read this summer?

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Do you have a plan to make sure your child has lots of reading opportunities this summer? Several studies have documented a "summer slide" in reading skills once kids go on summer vacation. And the loss compounds each year.

Research offers a surprisingly simple and affordable solution: Bring your youngsters to the library and let them choose their own books.

In a three-year study, researchers at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville found that simply giving children access to books — and allowing them to choose books that interested them — had a significant effect on the summer reading gap.

Children who chose their own books and those who were given activity and puzzle books were tracked for three years. Those who could select their own books posted significantly higher test scores than the children who received books from others.

The effect was equivalent to a child attending three years of summer school. And the difference in scores was twice as high among the poorest children in the study.

Another of the notable findings of the study was that children improved their reading scores even though they typically weren't selecting the curriculum books or classics that teachers normally assign for summer reading. That conclusion confirms other studies suggesting that children learn best when they are allowed to select their own books.

Bottom line: What should your children read this summer? Bring them to the library and let them decide for themselves, because any books will do.

Library closure

Your library will be closed July 4 for the holiday. Watch for us in the Fourth of July Parade.

Friends book sale

Save the dates of July 11-13 for the Friends of the Library annual book sale at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St.

Early bird sales and a potluck for Friends members only is Thursday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The general public is welcome Friday from 9 to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

This book sale offers you great bargains and benefits your library by raising funds for much-needed projects, programs and services.

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

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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.

Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, June 28, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

Jane Austin 250th birthday series

Next Monday morning, July 1, from 10 a.m. to noon is the last event in the free five-week all ages series celebrating the 250th birthday of beloved English author Jane Austin. Call Jenny at (240) 426-7887 for more information.

Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, July 1, at our free gathering from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Supplies provided.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, July 1, 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, July 2, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is no minimum skill level needed.

Note this group now meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

Teen Camp Half-blood Wednesday

Wednesdays in July 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."

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

Elementary tutoring

Free tutoring for children ages 6-11 will resume in October.

Writers Guild

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us share the word about these classes.

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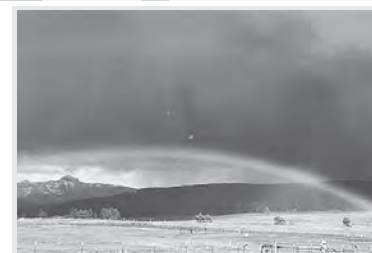
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Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

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Books on CD

"Camino Ghosts" by John Grisham is a thriller read by Whoopi Goldberg. "You Like It Darker" by Stephen King is a collection of 12 short stories that delve into the darker part of life. "Look on the Bright Side" by Kristin Higgins features a major life detour for the heroine.

Nonfiction

In "The Wild Truth" by Carine McCandless, his sister reveals the true story of her brother's death in the Alaska wilderness. "Germany" is a Lonely Planet guide.

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"Stuart Woods' Smolder" by Brett Battles is a Stone Barrington adventure. "One Perfect Couple" by Ruth Ware is set in a reality

show in a tropical paradise. "You Like It Darker" by Stephen King is a collection of 12 mysterious stories. "For The Love of Summer" by Susan Mallery features the growing friendship of two women who once were married to the same man. "Mind Games" by Nora Roberts is a suspense story.

Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

"One Deadly Eye" by Randy Wayne White is a Doc Ford thriller set in Florida after a Category 5 hurricane. "The Last Twelve Miles" by Erika Robuck features two women on opposite sides of the law. "Knife River" by Justine Champine begins when a mother's body is found 15 years after her disappearance. "Shelterwood" by Lisa Wingate set in Oklahoma centers on children affected by land barons intent on power and oil.

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"The Passionate Tudor" by Alison Weir features Henry VIII's daughter, infamously known as Bloody Mary. "For The Love of Summer" by Susan Mallery explores the growing friendship of two women who once were married to the same man. "The Ballad of Jacqueline Delahaye" by Briony Cameron tells of the adventurous life of a female pirate captain in the Caribbean.

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Questionable business decisions

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Anyone who has had an accident and dealt with insurance may have come to wonder about the policy-making of modern companies. We had an experience that left us scratching our heads.

The van we wrecked was not damaged too much, but the fender was bent enough that it pressed against the tire. This left the vehicle undrivable. Because of that, we either needed to have the car fixed immediately or we needed another vehicle to drive. We first approached the body shop to find out how long it would take to get our car fixed.

"The fix won't take too long," the man at the auto body shop said. "The biggest challenge is getting the part. We can put the part on in just a few hours once we have it. But it usually takes about a week to get it. However, for an extra \$25, we can have the part shipped overnight, and we could have the car ready tomorrow."

That sounded reasonable, so Donna, my wife, called our insurance company. She explained to the representative about the van and that we needed something to drive.

"That's not a problem," the insurance rep said. "You have a rider on your insurance for us to pay for a car while your van is getting fixed."

He then gave Donna the name of a local car dealer that their company worked with.

"Just go to them, they will rent a car to you, and we will pay for it," he said.

Donna and I went together in our pickup to the car dealer so one of us could drive the rental car home. We explained our dilemma to the car dealer. He contacted our insurance company and verified we had insurance for a car rental. He then showed us an almost new car.

"How much does it cost to rent

that?" I asked.

"We work out a special deal with the insurance company to be their approved car rental company," he said. "We provide this rental for only \$35 per day."

"Thirty-five dollars per day?" I questioned. "But the auto body shop said they could fix the car by tomorrow for only \$25 extra for shipping. Wouldn't it just be cheaper for the insurance company to pay the extra shipping?"

The car dealer laughed. "Good luck with that."

We weren't sure why he said that, but we were positive the insurance company would insist we do the thing that would be least expensive for them. We decided we better call them. We went out and sat in our pickup, and Donna called them. Once she had the insurance representative on the line, she explained the situation.

When she finished, she said, "So, if you just want to pay for the overnight shipping, we can get our car fixed tomorrow and won't need to rent a car."

"Hold on," the insurance rep said. "You haven't paid for the expedited shipping rider on your insurance. If you want your car fixed faster, you will have to pay the overnight shipping yourself."

"But if you pay for the rental car for a week, it will cost you \$245," Donna said. "Or, you could simply pay the extra shipping, and you would only pay \$25."

"The problem as I see it," the insurance rep said, "is that you are asking us to pay for something that you did not put on your policy. If we end up doing that for you, there is no end to the extra things people will ask for. You can either take what your insurance covers, or you can pay the extra yourself."

Donna covered the phone and explained the situation to me.

"We might as well do the rental car," I said. "We will get to drive a nice, new car, and we will come out \$25 ahead."

Donna ended the phone call, and we went back inside the car dealership.

The car dealer smiled. "So, are you ready for the car rental?"

He apparently knew what the insurance company would say.

Donna and I filled out the rental papers, even as we wondered at the logic of some business decisions.

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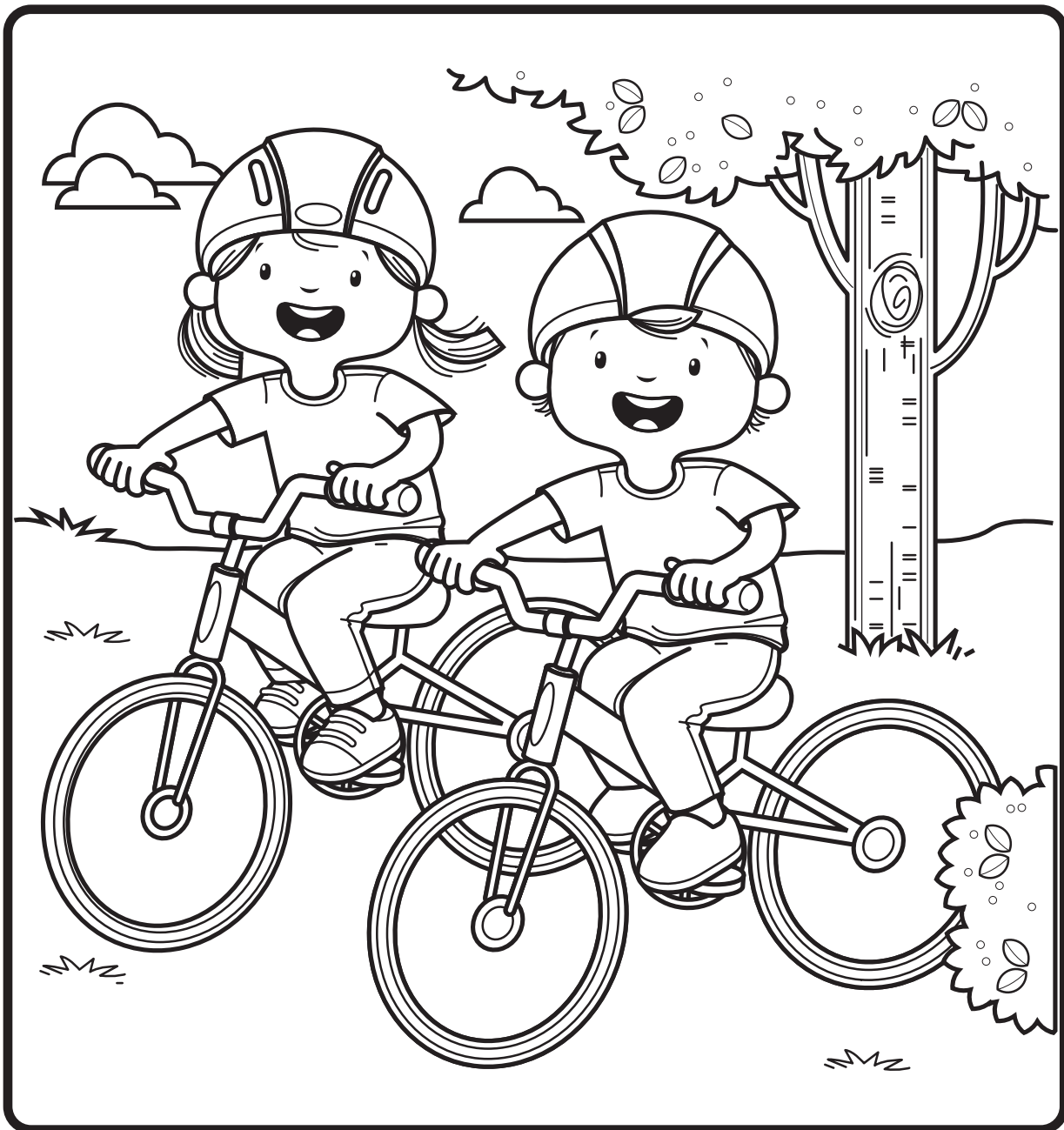


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Safer alternatives to sparklers

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Did you know that the average primary flame blowtorch burns at around 2,000 degrees F?

U.S. Forest Services National Technology and Development says wildland fires typically burn between 1,600 and 2,000 degrees F. Aluminum, brass, bronze, copper and cast iron also can reach melting points at or slightly below 2,000 degrees F.

It's likely safe to say that parents would never let their children handle a blowtorch, wander into a forest fire nor touch molten metals, yet many seemingly have no concerns about children playing with sparklers during Fourth of July celebrations.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia states people often treat sparklers much too casually, even though they can burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees F. Children are allowed to hold and wave these red-

hot metal rods like toys. Sparkler sticks pose a serious burn risk, and the sparks can cause additional burns and eye injuries, warns the hospital.

Young children who would not be trusted with other hot materials should not hold sparklers, warn health experts. Older children should be carefully supervised around sparklers and other fireworks.

Those who want to avoid any possible injuries on July 4 and during other summer celebrations, would be wise to avoid sparklers in favor of safer forms of entertainment.

Here are some ideas:

- Glow sticks light up in the dark and can be worn or waved around safely.

- Fill water balloons with a mixture of glitter and water. When the balloons pop, it is a festive display.

- Send children around with canned string products that they can spray on one another. If making

a mess isn't an issue, shaving cream "fights" also can be fun diversions for children.

- Adults should lead by example and leave the fireworks displays to the professionals.

- Purchase battery-powered blinking lights, such as those sold at circuses or concerts. Kids can spend hours running around with them in hand. Less expensive flashlights purchased at a dollar store can create the same effect.

- Let children play with confetti cannons.

- "Snappers" or "poppers" could be an option if they are sold nearby. These are small noisemakers that explode and pop when they are thrown at a hard ground surface.

Sparklers may be festive and beautiful to behold, but they are not designed to be handled by children. Alternatives to sparklers are equally fun and much safer.



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A very peculiar altar

By Theresa Lussi
PREVIEW Columnist

It is not hewn from costly stones or precious marble. It is not spread with fine, pure-white linen cloths. Neither is it surrounded by alabaster statues; no crucifix is raised above it to remind me of the great sacrifice paid for my pardon.

No, it is only an everyday kitchen sink, now become my altar. Somehow I think the Father doesn't mind.

A window affords me the opportunity to drink in the beauty of majestic mountain peaks, clear blue skies or sometimes clouds; a variety of feathered friends stop to rest a while in a nearby tree branch or to partake of the seeds provided. Families of deer meander through the yard on their constant quest for sustenance.

I have never seen a cathedral, church, chapel or temple adorned with all of this.

I cannot say I have experienced visions of glory or beheld great hosts of angels. I have not heard the audible voice of God nor ever been called to a burning bush. But as I stand and sip a steaming cup of coffee or have my hands immersed in soapy water, it almost seems I could peer into the portals of heaven. This has become a holy place, at least for these brief moments.

Prayers rise up from deep inside my

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being, often unexpected and unspoken, only expressed with wells of tears.

Sometimes struggle to understand the reason for such an outpouring, which is not always generated by sadness. More often, it is the overwhelming sense of the greatness and awesomeness of a God who has created all things; but the same Creator God hears the cries and prayers of one so small as I — incredible.

Memories often pass across this scene, some sweet, some bitter — regrets, too. But, all are covered by grace, precious, amazing grace.

Faces of those who have already left this sphere, some it would seem way too soon, pass: a young mother unable to raise the two little girls entrusted to her; a cousin, more like a brother, taken in the bloom of childhood; a daddy I was not ready to see go; and a strong, healthy husband I watched wither before my eyes as the ravages of cancer destroyed his body.

But a daughter we loved so much, whose life was threatened and nearly stolen, was spared. And we were

spared the great heartache of losing her. We are so thankful.

In the midst of these reflections I cannot overlook the great suffering and devastation that goes on all around us. Far greater, however, than all the human physical suffering is the loss of one precious soul, made in the image of God, lost for all eternity — such unnecessary loss, as the price has been paid for each one.

There is heartbreak, unfathomable pain, yet I see hope and joy rise out of the ashes. Hope because there is One Who lives and ever makes intercession for His people. One Who holds all things in the palm of His hand so that not even a sparrow can fall without His notice. Joy because He loves me. Yes, the Bible does tell me so (John 3:16).

This is the same One Who instructed His followers not to fear. It is such assurance.

And so, Lord, as I ponder Your goodness, Your faithfulness, Your promises, I can only cry, "Holy." And I long with all my heart to be holy. Yet "apart from You I can do nothing. But in Christ I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13.

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When you hear the name Titanic

By Jessica A. Tanner
PREVIEW Columnist

When you hear the name Titanic, what comes to mind? A giant iceberg? A moonless night? An 882.5-foot luxury liner meeting a watery grave along with more than half of her passengers and crew?

The RMS Titanic was the second in a planned threesome and the largest ship to ever set sail for her time. Her frame was designed differently from her predecessors to take in account that if large waves were encountered and part of her wasn't hugged by the ocean there could be support issues. Her design also tried to take factor in if she did encounter any trouble — for example, certain compartments could be closed off to prevent flooding in other compartments and thus turn the ship into a giant lifeboat. This was part of what earned her the nickname "almost unsinkable," but journalists dropped the "almost" part to stir up more excitement.

What truly makes her memorable, though, is not her design or beauty, but the miracles and acts of heroism that happened between 11:40 p.m. on April 14 and 2:20 a.m. on April 15 — and beyond.

As men, women and children were fleeing to the lifeboats, in the boiler room, firemen kept the boilers going so

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the lights stayed on as long as possible. The hope: a passing ship would see and come to the rescue.

At first, the wireless operators tapped only "CQD" (come quick, danger) on their radios. But when no response came, the junior operator suggested they try the new signal "SOS" (save our ship." This was the first time SOS was ever used despite having been put into effect as the official rescue signal in 1908. The wireless operators hoped switching between the codes would draw aid.

It did. At 12:35 a.m., nearly an hour after the Titanic struck the iceberg, the RMS Carpathia picked up the signal. Two other ships, the Baltic and the Olympic, also picked up the signals, but the Carpathia was the one to alter route and head for the Titanic's location. She arrived at 4 a.m. on April 15.

While the firemen shoveled coal and the operators tapped away on their radios, the orchestra played, trying to calm and bring hope in the midst of chaos. At the same time, Father

Thomas Byles listened to confessions, led prayers and comforted people. The priest and most of the crew did not survive, but their actions, their stories, did.

Meanwhile, on Lifeboat 6, "the unsinkable Molly Brown" took up an oar and stirred up the others on board her lifeboat, first to try to convince the terrified crewman at the tiller to go back to pick up survivors — which he wouldn't — and later to row themselves to the Carpathia.

Crew member Violet Jessop was about to board a lifeboat when someone handed her a baby. She cared for the child until it was swooped from her grasp aboard the Carpathia with only a brief thanks offered.

When one of the cooks learned the fate of the ship, he drank all he could before stepping into the icy waters. He survived thanks to the alcohol acting as a sort of antifreeze and someone pulling him on board an overturned lifeboat.

First class passenger Archibald Gracie nearly went down with the ship. He'd been caught in the suction of the sinking until a burst of air from a ventilation shaft shoved him back to the surface and he clambered aboard the overturned collapsible lifeboat B.

Now, when you hear the name RMS Titanic, what comes to mind?

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Parents want their children to be successful, healthy and happy. That often means providing the best education they can, encouraging quality friendships and being supportive when a child may need some extra guidance.

Although there is no magic formula to guide children toward becoming the best versions of themselves, here are steps that parents and other caregivers can take to promote youngsters' personal growth:

- Respond to children's sounds and gestures. Early childhood development specialists say parents should stimulate baby talk and treat it as real conversation. Individuals should respond to baby's gurgling and actions and engage throughout the day. As the child grows, respond-

ing to their words, questions and thoughts can help expand a child's vocabulary and boost reading levels later in life.

- Help kids find their lanes. Parents may only know what they experienced and the paths they took. It is reasonable for mothers and fathers to want their children to follow in their footsteps, and sometimes parents push their kids into paths that do not fit. Helping kids find their niche requires trial and error, patience and even creativity. Eventually children will discover their passions, particularly when encouraged by their parents.

- Provide love and support, not criticism. Parents can be their kids' biggest fans, but not at the cost of doing everything for them or shielding children from disappointment. They also should not be harsh critics. To

help shape strong children who can grow and mature, parents have to find a balance between being supportive and watching every move and preventing any obstacle. Adversity can help kids grow.

- Share your own stories. Children may be embarrassed by struggles or failures and want to give up. One of the best ways parents can be supportive is by sharing stories of one's own struggles and how they overcame them. Perhaps a parent can help a kid who is finding material in school challenging by telling a story about a poor test grade and how he or she needed tutoring, but was able to improve performance later on.

- Talk about mistakes that ultimately proved learning opportunities. Children may believe they have

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Give your living room a new vibe

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An “out with the old, in with the new” mentality can extend to people’s visions for their homes. A home in need of repair or renovation can serve as a catalyst to take inventory of personal style and help make interior spaces reflect one’s unique vibe.

A living room can grow stale over time and often serves as a catch-call for clothing, blankets, gadgets and other items. Upon recognizing a living room has seen better days, individuals may decide it’s time to give the space a new vibe. That transformation can start with these strategies.

Organize first

Clutter frequently is the culprit behind a living room that may not give off the vibe individuals desire. As families grow and people add belongings, space may be at a premium. Less is more has never been a more important concept. Remove extraneous items before purchasing new furniture or transitioning to a new design. You may even want to remove everything and start from scratch before reintroducing desirable elements to the space.

Seek the assistance of professionals

Some people are adept at decorating and designing spaces. But just as you wouldn’t perform your own medi-

cal procedures, you should leave jobs like interior design and renovations to the professionals. Hiring a professional interior designer and contractors can really bring a living room together in ways homeowners may have never imagined. These pros can build off of your ideas and truly create a space that may be worthy of a magazine spread.

Promote wellness

You may want to consider adding natural materials in the design to promote well-being. Eco-friendly furnishings, raw fibers and organic textures will create an environment from sustainable choices. Plenty of plants also can create a welcoming environment that helps you surround yourself with positive energy and the items you love.

Light it up

One of the easiest ways to transform a room’s vibe is to utilize lighting. Change draperies to allow more natural light to shine in. Consider additional windows or skylights if yours is a particularly dark home. If you desire to create a more vivid or cozy ambiance, use a combination of accent, task and supplemental lighting in the space so there are no dim corners.

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to be perfect at everything, and that can set them up for failure when they don’t accomplish every goal. Adults can offer an example of a mistake they made that helped them grow, such as getting stuck in foul weather on a hike because they didn’t check the weather and having to travel miles in wet shoes. That learning experience may have helped the adults be more mindful of being prepared

for outdoor events.

- Make time for fun. Success doesn’t always come just from hard work. It also involves knowing when it is time to let loose and unwind with enjoyable activities. Then again, learning opportunities don’t always need to be chores. Learning through play and exploration also is possible.

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Ditch 'inefficiencies' give us wetlands

By Richard Knight
PREVIEW Columnist

Imagine Westerners waking up one morning only to discover that many of their most-cherished wetlands have dried up, gone. This is not fiction during these times of determining the true value of water.

Most wetlands in the arid West owe their existence to the "inefficiencies" of unlined irrigation canals and flood irrigation. But when well-intentioned urban folks insist that irrigation companies use water more efficiently by piping their ditches, the result may be more about loss than water "saved" for rivers.

One of the least-known truths in the West is that many of our wetlands are the result of irrigated agriculture. For example, an irrigation company in northern Colorado irrigates about 24,000 acres, thanks to 146 miles of ditches.

The area served by the irrigation company also has approximately 1,300 acres of wetlands, and it's no accident that most of those wetlands lie below a leaking ditch.

A study by Colorado State University discovered this connection using heavy isotopes to create hydrographs of groundwater wells, ditch levels and precipitation. This is a West-wide issue.

We all know that climate change has been causing hotter, drier weather, and that helps reduce the flow of the Colorado River that 40 million Westerners depend on. In the Laramie Basin of Wyoming, 67 percent of its wetlands are attributed to

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agriculture. In North Park, Colo., close to 75 percent of all wetlands are byproducts of irrigated agriculture.

Decades ago, Aldo Leopold wrote, "There are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm. One, you think that heat comes from the furnace and two, you think that breakfast comes from the grocery store."

May I add a third? We don't know much about the water we depend on.

Farmers and ranchers produce two "goods," a private good and a public good. They're compensated for the private one by producing food. Their public goods, ecosystem services, are not compensated, though they include wetlands, biodiversity and plants sequestering carbon.

But knowing that rural agriculture uses 79 percent of the Colorado River's water, our urban neighbors tell their rural counterparts to conserve water or, better yet, sell it to them.

Meanwhile, the environmental community would like rural agriculture to use less water so more could stay in the rivers to help fish and provide recreational opportunities.

Clearly, there are too many demands for the West's diminishing water supply. Drinking water, ag water, river health. Where do wetlands fit in?

Wetlands cover 1 percent of the West's land surface, yet half of our threatened and endangered species rely on them. Wetlands serve a similar function to our kidneys: They filter out impurities from human land uses, making our environment healthier.

Perhaps it's time for all of us to wise up a little. Many of these wetlands are human created; that is, they were created by farmers and ranchers and are not "natural." Many will disappear in the pursuit of water conservation. Must it be water conservation and efficiency at all costs?

Will we prioritize water for urban uses, including urban sprawl? Or will we support more water staying in our rivers to create a healthier environment? Will water for food production be considered a necessity? Do green lawns trump healthy rivers and wetlands?

With more informed conversations about our region, talks between rural and urban neighbors, perhaps we could pursue a triple bottom line: water for food production, water for urban uses, and, yes, water for our region's rivers, streams and wetlands.

Wouldn't we all like that? Let's figure out how to make that happen.

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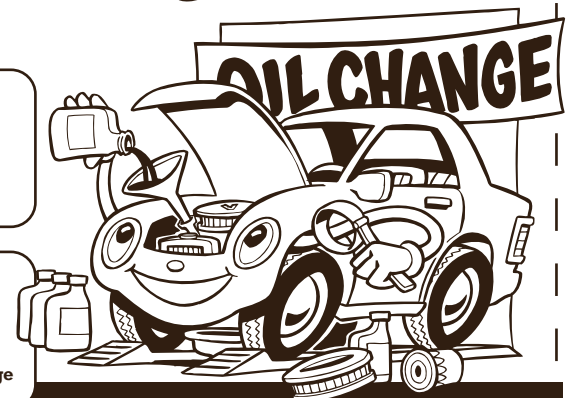


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People losing Medicaid coverage due to end of COVID public health emergency can still enroll in health insurance

By Vincent Plymell
Colorado Division of Insurance

The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies, has extended the enrollment window for people who are no longer eligible for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) coverage due to the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The deadline is now Nov. 30 to enroll in health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado (the previous deadline was July 31).

People looking for coverage can get assistance through Connect for Health Colorado's "We Can Help" website to find a broker, assister or a nearby enrollment center.

Many people will also qualify for financial help to make the insurance more affordable.

To get started and learn more about financial help, they can use Connect for Health Colorado's Quick Cost and Plan Finder tool to shop for plans and get an idea of any financial help they may qualify for.

They can also call (855) 752-6749 or TTY: (855) 346-3432.

Missing this deadline will mean signing up for insurance during the traditional open enrollment (Nov. 1 to Jan. 15) to enroll in coverage that will start in 2025.

Health care coverage options

If you no longer qualify for Health First Colorado, you have other options for health care coverage.

- If you no longer qualify for Health First Colorado because you missed the deadline to respond, you have 90 days to complete and return your renewal. You can reapply or apply for Health First Colorado at any time.

- Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) provides low-cost comprehensive health coverage to children, and sometimes pregnant women, for families that earn too much money to qualify for Health First Colorado.

- Health insurance through an employer. Check with your employer to learn about options, rules and deadlines.

- Coverage through a family member's health insurance, such as a spouse, or parent if the person is 25 or younger.

- Coverage through Connect for Health Colorado (Colorado's official health insurance marketplace).

- Coverage through Medicare is for people age 65 or older or people under 65 with certain disabilities or end-stage renal disease. For help finding a plan, contact the Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance

Program (Colorado SHIP, a Medicare assistance program) at (888) 696-7213.

- Coverage for active or former military, naval or air service through Tricare (active) or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (veterans).

To get free help filling out an application for Health First Colorado or CHP+ coverage, or to learn about other coverage options, call and make an appointment at a certified application assistance site.

Background

In January 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency in response to the outbreak of COVID-19. Congress passed legislation that ensured anyone enrolled in Health First Colorado was guaranteed to keep their health coverage during the public health emergency. This was known as the "continuous coverage requirement" and also applied to kids and pregnant people covered by CHP+.

In the spring of 2023, Congress passed a bill that ended the continuous coverage requirement, so after more than three years of continuous coverage, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) resumed standard eligibility renewal and disenrollment processes in May 2023 for Health First Colorado and CHP+.

HCPF began notifying Health First Colorado and CHP+ members in March 2023, and have been working through renewals month by month (based on members' anniversary dates) to complete the renewal process for all 1.75 million Coloradans currently covered under these programs.

For more information about the renewal process and frequently asked questions, visit KeepCOCovered.com.

There are also videos in English and Spanish about the renewal process at HealthFirstColorado.com/renewals.

People who lose Health First Colorado or CHP+ coverage and are not eligible for Medicare can find more information about other types of health insurance coverage on the Colorado Division of Insurance Types of Health Insurance Information website.

People can also contact the division's consumer services team with

insurance questions about insurance at (303) 894-7490 or DORA_Insurance@state.co.us.

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ROOF REPAIRS, LEAKS, RESCREWS, INSPECTIONS. 35+ years experience. Call Jeff at Blair Roofing. (970)903-6556.

SENIOR COMPANION/CARE-ASSIST Services in Pagosa Springs. Services include a wide range of tasks. Call for questions and pricing at (970)325-3585.

SKID STEER EXCAVATOR, DUMP trailer for hire. Driveways, foundations, gravel, septic systems, etc. Call Josh Soniat (970)903-5892.

TANKLESS/ON DEMAND WATER HEATERS. Largest inventory in the area, including replacement parts. Same day Installation and service in most cases. We are the only company that extends the parts & labor warranty from 1 year to 5 years. VAIL HOME SERVICES, (760)835-1041.

TREE REMOVAL. Licensed and insured up to \$2 million. Free estimates. No obligations. Call OR text (970)903-8068.

WE HAUL. WE WILL haul off anything but your marijuana or your mother-in-law. No job too big or too small. We also move buildings. We don't haul pigs. Dan Snow (719)849-8873.

WINDOW CLEANING —RESIDENTIAL Bonded and insured. 25 yrs. experience **REFLECTIONS** Window Cleaning. (480)892-1999 -FREE estimates.

HOT SPRINGS HEALERS. Sessions at hot springs! Also, cranial sacral, bodywork, massage. Serving Pagosa 27 years, Dr. Dean and Amanda, (970)844-0645, (970)903-5309.

HELP WANTED

NEWSPAPER REPORTER — We are searching for a talented reporter to fill a full-time position in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Our journalists are driven to find stories that matter to our community and are dedicated to fairness, accuracy, and ethics. The successful candidate for this position is someone who knows how to cover hard news but also loves to write about people and their passions. They know that a good interview is often a good conversation and know when to ask the tough questions, but also when to listen. The ideal candidate has exceptional writing skills and is willing to put in the extra effort and research to deliver an engaging story. Preferred qualifications for this position include: Degree or diploma in journalism, or a related field; At least 1-3 years of experience as a reporter with experience covering hard news and feature stories or experience at a college newspaper; The ability to meet tight deadlines and report the news as it happens; Superior language, writing and editing skills; Strong photography skills; Able to work a variety of schedules, including evenings, nights and weekends; Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills; Ability to work in a fast-paced environment; A valid driver's license and a reliable vehicle; Willingness to live in or near Pagosa Springs, Colorado. If this sounds like the perfect position for you, we would love to hear from you! To apply, please send your resume, letter of interest and relevant samples of your work to Chad Richardson, Vice President of News, crichardson@orourkemediagroup.com. Company Benefits: We offer competitive compensation plans and employees are eligible for medical, dental, vision, life insurance benefits, paid time off and our 401 (k) savings plan. This is an excellent opportunity for career development and growth within the company O'Rourke Media Group is a fast-growing company that owns and operates hyper-local, community newspapers, websites, niche publications and a full-service digital agency. We are family-owned and mission-driven to save newspapers and local media companies by investing in the people, resources and technology needed to thrive for many years to come. We believe that every community can benefit from a well-run, properly resourced, local newspaper and website. Our News teams produce hyper-local, high interest local news and accurate and trustworthy reporting. Our Sales and Digital Fulfillment teams bring omnichannel advertising solutions to local businesses in the communities we serve. O'Rourke Media Group now operates in nine states and 38 markets with 51 publications and hyper-local websites. We started from ground zero in December 2018, totally bootstrapped, confident and with an entrepreneurial mindset.

3R RANCH HIRING one full or part-time position. Ranch and landscape maintenance. Must have own reliable transportation and valid driver's license. 40 hours a week available. \$18 to start. (970)264-5160.

We Are Now Hiring!



You belong on the Archuleta School District team!

Currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Elementary School Instructional Aide Paraprofessional

Full-time center-based special education paraprofessional position with a starting salary \$27,899-\$31,175 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period.

Elementary School Special Education Paraprofessional

Full-time position special education paraprofessional with a starting salary \$27,899-\$31,175 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period.

Middle School Instructional Aide Paraprofessional

Full-time center-based special education paraprofessional position with a starting salary \$27,899-\$31,175 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period.

Bus Drivers/Transportation

Hourly position with a starting hourly pay of \$25.83 up to \$30.73 for 169 days.

Benefits for all FULL-TIME positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement, Life Insurance, optional Health and Dental Insurance and paid Discretionary Days.

Archuleta School District

strives to achieve

"Success for Every Student — Every Class — Every Day."



For more details and to apply for these positions, click on "Job Postings" at www.mypagosaschools.com

EOE

DEDICATED CLEANERS ranging from \$15-\$20/hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT /Front Desk person needed for diverse office. Must be MS Office proficient with strong business writing and communication skills, able to multi-task, organized and detail-oriented. Tech savvy a plus. Please send your resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. We are looking for Line Cooks and Pizza Salad Cooks. Nights, \$18 per hour. See Chef Anthony or Chef Garrett.

ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH is looking for a **Clinic Health Provider** to provide comprehensive advanced practice care in a Public Health Clinic. Operates within the scope of practice designated by the practitioners credentials. Please apply online at ArchuletaCounty.org or send resume to mbowman@archuletaCounty.org.

BANK OF COLORADO is seeking to hire a Lead Teller /New Accounts. Performs regular teller duties, answering phones to assist customers with balances and transfers, and various account maintenance. Bank of Colorado offers PTO, health vision and dental insurance, and a 401K plan. Must be willing to work rotating Saturdays and have a flexible schedule to either open or close. To apply visit www.bankofcolorado.com/careers.

ELITE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL Seeking a full or part-time waste operations driver in Pagosa Springs. CDL Class A or B license preferred. Will consider a non-CDL applicant. For CDL drivers a minimum of 1 years CDL experience is required and a clean driving record. Pay range for CDL drivers is \$21- \$26 hourly. Non-CDL applicants must be 21 years old with a clean driving record. Prior medium duty truck experience a plus. Elite offers competitive pay and benefits. Please email qualifications and experience to ctanner@elite-recycling.com.

EXPERIENCED LINE COOK for City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

(970) 264-2100

Classifieds

(970) 264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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Walmart Pagosa Springs Supercenter

In-person hiring event
Thursday, June 27th & Friday, June 28th
Walk in's welcome from 10am-2pm

Hiring for afternoon and evening positions
 \$18 per hour minimum start rate
 Floor Manager positions available with \$23 per hour start rate
 Start the application process at www.walmart.com/careers

GENERAL LABORER NEEDED F/T or P/T Seasonal. Assorted Duties. Please send resume or work history to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com. Phone (970)264-5000.

HELP WANTED Experienced server /bartender preferred. City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

HELP WANTED. Executive housekeepers needed for cleaning jobs in Pagosa Springs. \$20 hourly to start. Call (970)507-1399.

HILLSIDE INN is looking for two part-time housekeepers. Housekeeper responsibilities include (but not limited to): performing a variety of cleaning activities (bathrooms, rooms, hallways), make beds, ensure all rooms are cared for and inspected according to standards, etc. Depending on the amount of rooms, shifts are usually from 8a.m. - about 1p.m. or 2p.m. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Email Natalie your resume to hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

HOMETOWN INSURANCE is looking to fill a full-time receptionist/administrative assistant position. Prior experience is required. Must be detail oriented, able to multi-task and proficient in Google Docs, Sheets, Excel, Word and Adobe. Phone and typing skills are a must. Our ideal candidate will have a friendly and warm personality while being professional, responsible and motivated. A customer-oriented approach is essential. Send resumes with references to info@hippsllc.com.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for CDL Driver / Equipment Operator. Experience is forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Please send your resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for kitchen staff, servers and bartenders for the summer season. Experience preferred but will train. Please apply in person at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery, 19 Navajo Trail Dr.

LABORER LANDSCAPING. General help for assistance in landscaping around homes. For details, call Charlie at (970)264-0913.

LANDSCAPE LABORER. \$25 /hour. Must be hardworking, have own vehicle and be available Monday -Friday. Please text (970)946-5206 to apply.

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

MALT SHOPPE NOW HIRING. Apply in person between 9a.m. and 2p.m.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is looking to hire an Aftercare Teacher for our school. Hours are M -Th from 3 -5:30 p.m. and Friday from 1:15 -5:30 p.m. Please contact Leah Hellerich if you are interested in the position at (816)585-2892.

OWNERS, THERE IS A LONG TERM RENTAL SHORTAGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS. We have a waiting list for approved tenants. Need all types of rentals. Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! Rocky Mountain Realty & Rentals (970)507-1192.

PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY is hiring an early morning baker /cook, full-time or part-time. Application on our website; or come in to fill out and submit. (970)264-9348.

PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

MASSAGE STUDIO is seeking a part-time L.M.T. with the potential to become full-time. To learn more, visit embodiworkmassage/career-opportunity.com.

MASTERCRAFT REDI MIX. Experienced drivers only. Must have CDL license. Redi Mix concrete driver. (970)946-4670.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Come join a growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier nights and weekends. Competitive wages. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

NOTICE OF VACANCIES on the Public Arts Committee. Notice is hereby given, that as of June 1, 2024, there are three vacancies on the Pagosa Springs Public Arts Committee. The volunteer vacancies will serve a four-year term and the committee meets quarterly. Interested parties may deliver a letter of interest to the Community Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., or mail to P.O. Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or email to agadomski@pagosasprings.co.gov. Applications must be received on or before August 1, 2024.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is looking to hire a Preschool Aid and a Janitor. Please contact Leah Hellerich if you are interested in the position at (816)585-2892.

Join our Team!

Hiring all positions, including shift leads, assistant manager and manager

Competitive wages

Weekly pay

Fun atmosphere!

Stop in for your application

175 Pagosa Street



MOUNTAIN MAMA MASSAGE is looking for LMTs to join our team! Utilize your healing gifts in our fun, relaxed work environment where you are appreciated! TOP PAY \$50 /hour +tips. Email racheldevloo@gmail.com.

SAN JUAN SIDE BY SIDES is looking for help renting side by sides. Mechanical knowledge a plus. Starting \$20 /hour. If you have any interest (970)946-2409.

SECRETARY/ FRONT DESK team member wanted. We will train you. We work hard and make a great living serving our patients. We are blessed to have weekends and holidays off. Beautiful facility, great pay, 401K, and bonuses. Get the satisfaction of helping people! Email resume to office@pagosasmiles.com

SEEKING PART-TIME HELP. For landscaping, experience helpful. Must have valid drivers license and transportation. Contact Eric. (970)946-2061.

PIEDRA PARK METROPOLITAN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 55 Milton Lane (P.O. Box 1609) Arboles, CO 81121. Water Plant Operator. The Piedra Park Metropolitan Improvement District (PPMID) located in Arboles, CO is requesting Water Plant Operator qualifications (RFQ's) from interested individuals and/or contractors. The position requires a C Treatment license and Type 1 Distribution. The position requires ensuring the Water Plant is compliant with all aspects of Colorado State regulations, including maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance of all water plant and distribution systems. Must be able to be on-call and report to the plant within 45 minutes for emergencies. Pay is dependent on qualifications and experience. Please submit information to the P.O. Box listed above. For any questions please contact Ray Torres via cell phone at (970)749-3190 or raytorres214@gmail.com.

PINE VALLEY RENTAL Busy heavy equipment rental company is seeking front desk clerk to answer phone, take messages, make reservations, create customer contracts, check customers in/ out, and take payment. Must have communication skills, math skills, customer service, and computer knowledge. To apply, email ppine000@centurytel.net, apply in person at 305 Bastille Drive or go to our website pinevalleyrental.com to submit an application online!

CONTRACTOR SALES

Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing excellent customer service
- Completing required paperwork
- Providing product information
- Data Entry

Please apply in person at

Ponderosa Lumber

2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

PINE VALLEY RENTAL is seeking a yard/shop service technician to maintenance heavy machinery, excavators, skid steers, plus small engines and much more. Hydraulics, electrical and basic mechanical knowledge is required. Helping assist customers loading/ unloading goods, strong communication skills required. Apply through our website pinevalleyrental.com, email a resume to ppine000@centurytel.net or apply in person 305 Bastille Drive. Come join our crew!

PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy has an opening for a full time Physical Therapy Tech. We are looking for a dependable, energetic multitasker who will enjoy helping people recover from surgeries, injuries, accidents and other health issues to join our team. No prior experience necessary. We offer competitive pay, \$16- 18 per hour, and benefits including paid holidays, paid sick leave, 401k plan, and a profit-sharing program. Please submit resume to [RMPT 117 Navajo Trail Dr., Suite T](mailto:RMPT117NavajoTrailDr.,SuiteT@rockymountainpt@yahoo.com) or email to rockymountainpt@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR The Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce is seeking a part-time coordinator. Must have customer service, energy, event planning and organizational skills and be able to work in a fast-paced, physical environment. Hours are flexible, increase during the summer and fall event season and must be able to work weekends and evenings when administering events. Position offers competitive hourly rate and some benefits. Deadline for resumes is June 28. Submit resumes to director@pagosachamber.com or drop off at the Chamber at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce is an EEO employer.

SUBWAY IS HIRING. Enjoy working in a fun environment with a great team? Earn a strong hourly wage with tips while serving our wonderful community. Apply online at subway.com, or in person.

THE ARCHULETA COUNTY FAIR BOARD is looking for **laborers** to help with setup, take down and various other job duties during the fair. We will need someone from July 26th to August 6th. Pay \$17 -\$20 an hour. Send resume to tsteadmon@archuletacounty.org or call (970)264-8424.

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

Terry's Colorado Home Supply and Ace Hardware

Hiring for:

Full time Seasonal Cashier

Weekend days required.

Starting at \$17/hr.

Must be reliable, motivated and team oriented.

Benefits include discounts, paid time off, profit sharing and more.

Apply in person.

Applications available at terrysace.com

**Terry's ACE**
525 Navajo Trail Dr.

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

REGION 9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT is seeking a full-time (30+ hours). Accountant for new position in growing organization. Seeking team player with 2+ years relevant work experience. Requires dependability, efficiency, accuracy, detail, and ability to read, analyze, and interpret accounting, technical procedures and governmental regulations for grant reporting. Strong written /verbal communication, critical thinking, and strong computer skills are essential. Related degree helpful. Salary is \$26 -36 /hour based on experience with full benefits. Durango office based. Submit resume /cover letter /references by Friday, July 5th, 5p.m. to elizabeth@region9edd.org and to request job description. EOE.

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

SAN JUAN FENCING now hiring. Starting pay \$20 /hour, first raise after one week with end of season bonus. Must have transportation. Must be able to lift 60lbs. Oh wait, must be willing to work. (970)398-1100.

SAN JUAN HOMES, a well established builder here in Pagosa Springs is seeking a motivated, responsible person with framing experience to join our team. This is a full-time, 40 hours a week position that is year-round. Must be capable and comfortable with working on a roof and high locations. Must have DL, transportation, and housing. We offer competitive pay based on experience, 401k and paid time off. To schedule an interview, please call our office at (970)697-1107 or email sjhomes@yahoo.com.

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WE ARE NOW HIRING! You belong on the Archuleta School District Team! Archuleta School District strives to achieve "Success for Every Student -Every Class -Every Day." Currently accepting applications for the following positions: **Paraprofessional Aides.** Full-time positions for paraprofessional aides at elementary, middle, and high school with a starting salary \$27,086 - \$29,810 for 173 days paid over a 12-month period. **Bus Drivers/ Transportation.** Hourly position with a starting hourly pay of \$25.08 up to \$29.16 for 169 days. Benefits for all FULL-TIME positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement, Life Insurance, optional Health and Dental Insurance and paid Discretionary Days. For more details and to apply for these positions click on "Job Postings" on the following web-site: www.mypagosaschools.com. E.O.E.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY SHELTER animals need you... Do you dream of a career working with animals who need you? The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs has an opening for a full-time kennel attendant. Must love to work with animals, spend time outdoors in all kinds of weather, and get a lot of exercise throughout the day. Previous dog and cat handling experience a plus. PTO and great shelter and thrift store discounts as benefits. Starts at \$15.50 per hour. Apply online www.pagosahumane.org or stop in the Shelter and complete an application. Come join our team caring for the homeless pets of Pagosa Springs.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

BUSINESS FOR SALE. SOS Draining Opening, established drain cleaning business including equipment, 4x4 F-550 box truck with lift gate, 2008 Chevy box van with lift gate. Good reputation, training. Asking \$250K. Serious inquiries only. Call Steve (970)903-9104.

FOR SALE

BICYCLE -2016 SURLY LHT. EXCELLENT CONDITION (seriously) Color -khaki pants, size - medium, front and rear racks, fenders, extra tires. \$900. (970)264-0373.

BICYCLE -2019 SALSA HORSETHIEF EXCELLENT CONDITION (ridden by an old man). Color -teal, size -small, carbon. \$2,600. (970)264-0373.

DEAL OF THE SUMMER! 2020 LANCE bumper pull TRAILER, model 2375. Original owner, used twice, new. ~~\$40,000~~ \$35,000. Call or text (970)749-4640.

DO YOU BURN FIREWOOD?! Get stocked up now and GUARANTEE yourself dry seasoned wood this fall. Get a HUGE dump truck load split and delivered for \$550. Pine mix. Contact FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

DRY FIREWOOD- PINE. Pick up \$240 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

FOR SALE Queen mattress and box spring -Serta Perfect Sleeper. Used as a guest bed. In great condition without stains. No Pets. No Smoking. \$100. Gently used 10 gallon fish tank with accessories. \$75. (970)398-1765.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE. Antique Vanity 3' 6" length, 19 1/2" wide with 45" oval mirror. \$100 OBO; 4- 16" 4 Runner Rims \$75.00; 2- Open- Rim Trailer Tires \$60.00; Radial Arm Saw \$40.00. Call (970)946-5844.

GE CAFE 30" matte white wall mount glass canopy chimney hood for sale. \$550 (retail \$1049). Model #CVW73014MWM. Brand new in the original box. Will deliver in Pagosa - or meet in town to pick up. 350 CFM venting system, lighting features, electronic backlit controls, dual halogen cooktop lighting and night light. 4-speed fan; ducting - verticals only, removable grease filters, exhaust options outside and recirculating. Call (603)991-9454.

JOHN DEERE 48" SNOW BLOWER. Single stage includes auger, mount, drive shaft. Fits tractor models 430, 420, 332, 322, 318. \$150. (713)907-0886.

NEW 20' CONTAINERS FOR SALE or rent. We deliver to homes or businesses. Pagosa Springs Storage (970)731-0007.

OUTDOOR VEHICLE STORAGE SPACES available. 16', 20', 25', plus indoor 12'x20'. Winter specials starting at \$60. Pagosa Springs Storage. Gated with security cameras. (970)749-1500.

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

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

WRIGHT NATURAL BAKERY. Located at East Side Market. Open 9a.m. to 3p.m. Friday through Sunday. Best of pasture-raised eggs. Baked items have reduced sugar, same sweetness. Organic, gluten-free products. Unique, gluten-free muffins and cookies. (970)903-1998 or (970)883-2600. wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com.

LIVESTOCK

IRRIGATED PASTURE. 4 miles north of Pagosa, Snowball Road. 20 minute ride to forests and streams. (970)946-6274.

THREE STALL HORSE BARN with breeze-way and tack room. For rent, long term in Meadows with pastures. Or use for storage. (970)946-2728

TRIMMING AND SHOEING. Accepting new clients. Uncooperative and special needs horses welcome. Offering training and tune-ups. (719)285-3584.

USED METAL CORRAL PANELS. Various sizes and weights. 10ft -16ft. Gates also available. Astraddle A Saddle (970)946-7999.

PETS

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer, www.PagosaHumane.org.

COWBOY CORGIS (mini aussie/ corgi) \$650 each. (505)482-6825.

PETS

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

FOR POOCH SAKES GROOMING. Appointments available with Kelly (303)819-2015. Mobile appointments with Barb (970)903-1290.

LOVING DOG CARE BY LESLIE N. Text Pet Info to (469)667-4480. Boarding, day care, drop ins, house sitting. References and reviews available. Look for info on: leslieslittles.com.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

2011 CHATEAU 21' MH. 101k mi. All new tires, batteries and spark plugs. Multiple amenities including Sleep Number bed. Sleeps up to 6. \$25k. (970)903-9445.

WANTED

RETIRED COUPLE looking for a housekeeper. Not looking for a cleaning service. Two cats. (970)946-3038.

AUTOS

2001 BUICK LESABRE 122k miles. FWD. Sold as is. Mechanically sound. Body in great condition. \$2,800 OBO. (310)245-0555.

2017 KIA SORENTO EX Premium Package SUV 4D in very good condition. 95,000 miles, 25 MPG Highway, AWD with Locking Differential, 2.0L Turbo, 18" Alloy Wheels, 1st and 2nd Row Leather Seats, Heated Front Seats, UVO 7" Touchscreen with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, SiriusXM Radio, Bluetooth, Push Button Start with Smart Key, Remote Start, 2nd Row Window Shades, Fog Lamps, Heated Outside Mirrors with Turn Signal Indicators, Privacy Glass, Roof Rails, Power Folding Side Mirrors, Blind Spot Detection, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Smart "Hands Free" Power Liftgate, Cargo Cover and Tray, 2 Remote Keys. \$16,900. Contact Angelene at (970)264-4321.

'87 DODGE RAM 50 TRUCK. 2.6 liter. Manual transmission. 4WD. Good condition. \$2,450. (970)946-1700.

DEAL OF THE SUMMER! 2020 LANCE bumper pull TRAILER, model 2375. Original owner, used twice, new. ~~\$40,000~~ \$35,000. Call or text (970)749-4640.

GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL! 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE. 2000 Wide Glide. 8k miles, new tires/ carb, stage 1 mod, HD custom paint. Never stored o.s. \$9k. (512)618-2930.

RV 30 FOOT GREY WOLF LIMITED. 2018 Toy hauler. Excellent condition. \$18,500. (480)717-2505.

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YARD SALES

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

GARAGE SALE. Saturday only, 6/29. 9:30 -3:30. Furniture, tools, original oil paintings, art supplies, craft supplies, clothing, shoes, etc. 2841 Meadows Drive.

MOVING SALE. Everything must go. Tools, books, clothing, water play, gardening, furniture. Healthcare, kitchen and pet stuff. Look for ad and pictures in Facebook Marketplace. Friday and Saturday, 28th and 29th. 9-3. 169 Ranger Park Drive.

MOVING SALE. June 28th and 29th. 8a.m. sharp. Snowblower, ladders, beds and bedding, kitchen items, decorative items, patio furniture, grill, sofas, dressers and more. Hwy 160 West, right on North Pagosa, left on Capitan, house #498. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

SATURDAY, 29th, 8-3. Furniture, snow blower and more. 336 Twin Creek Circle.

YARD (MOVING) SALE. Misc. furniture, tools, workbench, propane heater, microwave, TS-12 Keyboard, Peavey speakers, kitchen items, skis/ boots, books, toys, 100s of items. Saturday, June 29th, 9a.m.-2p.m. 4400 Highway 84.

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

4 OFFICE SPACES. Freshly remodeled, \$400-\$525. Well suited for spa services, 140-270 sq. ft. Beautiful spacious restrooms. (970)946-3232.

MIXED USE OFFICE/ STORAGE 1500 sq. ft. with Two Roll Up Doors. 412 Bastille Drive Unit #1B -Benchmark Storage. Space is 25x60, includes roll up doors on the front and back. Enclosed office and additional cubby office with 1 bathroom. Available 6/1. Call us today at (970)731-4344 to schedule a tour or for more details. www.sunethaproperties.com.

MULTIPLE STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE at 412 Bastille Drive -Benchmark Storage. Four 10x10s at \$90/ month and one 10x15 at \$100/ month. Unit numbers 7, 11, 12, 14, and 21 are currently available. Please call (970)731-4344 for more details. www.sunethaproperties.com.

PAGOSA VALLEY PROPERTIES: Offering "Aspen Plaza ProSuites" These are Professional Office Suites available for Long Term or Short Term rental from 100 SF to 205 SF, priced from \$264-\$669/ month. We also offer Hourly, Daily, or other Membership options for even more flexibility. Also, Large Conference/ Event Room Available. Call (970)889-2022 for more information.

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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 mourning dove.

If you keep seed feeders in your yard in summer, it is likely that you have this native dove cleaning up the ground below them. Even when insects are abundant, seeds make up 99 percent of the diet of the mourning dove. This adaptable bird can be found from Mexico to southern Canada and across much of the United States in summer. Typically we find them in our area from April through October.

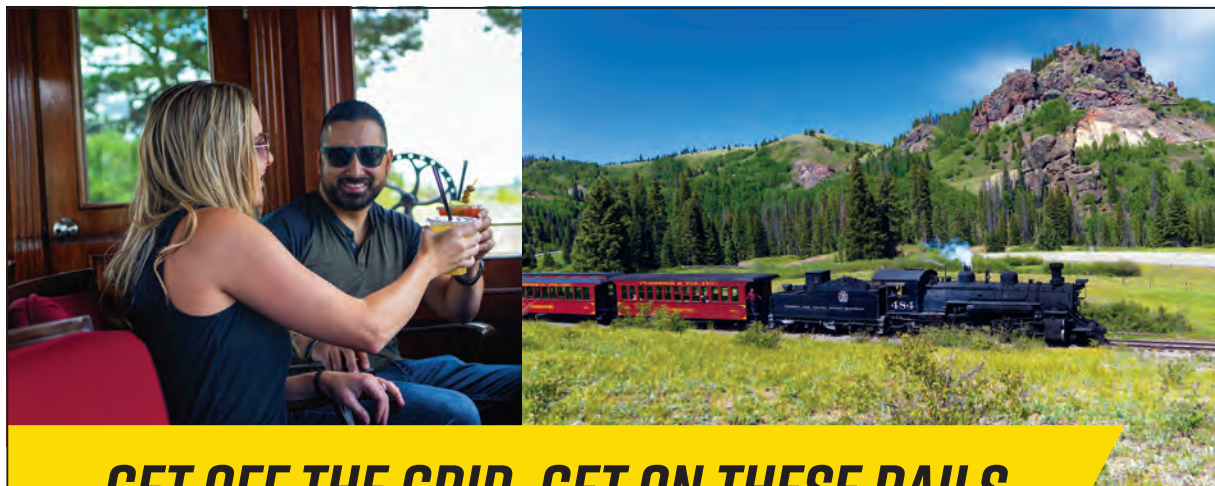
Mourning doves are found in a variety of open habitats, including grasslands, open forests, suburban parks and yards, croplands, and even deserts as long as there are seeds available. Bobbing their heads as they walk along, they don't stop to be selective when collecting seeds from the ground. Instead, each one can pick up a large quantity of seeds which it transfers to a pouch-like storage chamber in the throat called the crop and then flies off to a protected place to digest them later. In their first days of life, young doves are fed a nutrient-rich liquid called pigeon milk, which is formed by cells in the crop.

From the crop, seeds are moved to the first stomach chamber where they are broken down by digestive enzymes before the muscular gizzard grinds them with the aid of sand and grit which the dove has swallowed. Doves can drink without tipping back the head by using the beak like a straw to suck up liquid — an adaptation which decreases their vulnerability to predators.

Mourning doves are named for their soft calls, usually sung by the male, which sound like laments. In profile, they appear plump-bodied with a small head, short beak and long, pointed tail. They are grayish-brown above, peach-colored below and show large black spots on their wings. A pale blue ring surrounds each eye.

Due to their status as one of the most frequently hunted species in the United States, mourning doves are extremely skittish. On take off, their wings produce an identifiable sharp whistling sound which acts as an alarm sound to other birds.

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