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New parade route and road closures set for Fourth of July

By Kathy Harker
Town of Pagosa Springs

This year's Fourth of July parade route has changed.

After several years of modifying the parade route to accommodate construction and road closures, the Town of Pagosa Springs has chosen to move the parade off U.S. 160 to a route that travels down Hot Springs Boulevard, Apache Street and South 5th Street.

This move will accommodate future construction on U.S. 160 and not affect the normal flow of highway traffic. More importantly, the change provides a significantly safer route for parade staff, volunteers, participants and viewers.

The parade will start on Hot Springs Boulevard at Spring Street (by the post office) and will continue down Apache Street and then down South 5th Street. Viewing is available along the entire parade route, including Yamaguchi Park.

Parking is available at the Town Hall, the Ross Aragon Community

Center, Pagosa Springs High School and along the highway. There will be no parking along the parade route. Plan to access the high school parking lot from 8th Street as access from South 5th Street will be closed.

Road closures

Please take notice of the road closures listed below. The closures will be lifted once the parade has passed and pedestrian traffic clears.

Keep in mind that if you park in a parking area that exits along the parade route, you will have to wait to leave until the road re-opens.

From 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., the following roads will be closed for parade check-in and line-up:

- San Juan Street (by Mary Fisher Park), except for parade entries and residents.
- Reservoir Hill Trailhead parking area and Spring Street to Hot Springs Boulevard.

Road closures on the parade route will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the roads will remain closed until approximate-

■ See Parade A7



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The Independence Day parade heads down Milton Lane in Arboles on Saturday, June 29, kicking off the Fourth of July festivities in the area.

Homicide investigation underway

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Early Tuesday afternoon, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) announced that an investigation is taking place into the apparent homicide of a 39-year-old woman.

According to the press release, the ACSO was dispatched to a 911 open line in the 1000 block of County Road 700 at approximately 2:20 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2.

"Upon arrival on-scene, two Archuleta County Sheriff's Deputies discovered a deceased female, age 39. The victim was shot during an apparent homicide," it states.

The press release does not identify the woman.

The press released further notes the scene was immediately secured and no suspect information is available at this time.

It adds the ACSO requested support from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), and CBI has agreed to be the lead investigative agency.

Any updates will be posted at www.PagosaSUN.com.

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Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshals Bob and Lisa Scott: Honoring community commitment and service

By Terri House
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

This year's Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshals Bob and Lisa Scott stand as pillars of community spirit and dedication.

Their journey to becoming this year's grand marshals reflects not just their years spent in Pagosa Springs, but a lifetime of commitment to service and community building.

The Scotts arrived in Pagosa Springs in 1998, seeking a change of lifestyle and a nurturing environment to raise their young family.

Bob brought his career in financial services to town, opening the Edward Jones Investments office and later founding Scott Strategic Investments, his independent investment and wealth management practice.

Lisa, driven by community engagement, immersed herself in various local initiatives, marking the beginning of their impactful journey in Pagosa Springs.

From the outset, the Scotts embraced their new home with

■ See Scott A6



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

This year's Fourth of July Parade grand marshals, Bob and Lisa Scott, have a history of community spirit and dedication.

Storm drops inches of rain on Pagosa Country

By Clayton Chaney and Josh Pike
Staff Writers

More rain moved through Pagosa Country last weekend and earlier this week, with the heaviest amounts falling on Monday, July 1.

According to Shawn Prochazka from Pagosa Weather, reports from the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow (CoCoRaHS) for July 1 noted that some areas in the county received more than 2 inches of rain within 24 hours for the first time since May 2014.

According to CoCoRaHS, down-

town Pagosa Springs saw the most rainfall on July 1 with reports of 2.24 inches and 2.25 inches. Areas around uptown Pagosa Springs reported figures ranging from .66 inches to 2.02 inches, while Aspen Springs reported 1.61 and 1.71 inches.

The National Weather Service (NWS) Grand Junction office issued a flood watch for all of southwestern Colorado on from Sunday, June 30, to Monday, July 1.

Washouts

According to a communication from Archuleta County Road and

■ See Storm A7

Applications being accepted for school board vacancy

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) is currently taking applications for an open position on the board.

During a special meeting held by the BOE on June 25, the board unanimously approved a board vacancy resolution following the resignation of Dana Guinn, who submitted her resignation at the board's June 11 meeting.

According to the resolution, the reason for Guinn's resignation is a change in address. The resolution

also notes the BOE has 60 days to fill the position.

During the June 11 meeting, Guinn explained she is relocating to Fort Collins for a new career opportunity.

During the June 25 meeting, BOE members offered a few comments in regard to working with Guinn.

Board president Bob Lynch commented that Guinn has been "a very valuable board member."

BOE member and secretary/treasurer Tim Taylor mentioned, "It's been a great pleasure," in regard to working with Guinn.

■ See Vacancy A7



SUN photo/Clayton Chaney

The Archuleta County commissioners and Interim County Manager Jack Harper pose with staff from the Archuleta County Department of Human Services and Colorado Department of Human Services representatives at a special work session on June 28 to recognize the county department for receiving a C-Stat Distinguished Performance Award from the state. The award announcement states that Archuleta County was one of 25 counties to receive an award for C-Stat performance, and explains that C-Stat is a metric used to assess the timeliness, safety and accuracy with which county departments of human services perform their work. According to the announcement, Archuleta County achieved 75 percent of its C-Stat goals. The commissioners congratulated staff and commented on the hard work involved in receiving the award.

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OUR VIEW

Happy Fourth of July

On Saturday, we had the opportunity to take the beautiful drive to Arboles to attend the TARA Historical Society's Independence Day parade — one of that community's largest events of the year.

While not as large as the Pagosa Springs Fourth of July Parade, the Arboles parade was a picturesque and fun kickoff to a week of festivities celebrating the United States complete with creative floats, live music and, of course, candy for the youngsters along the parade route.

The parade and subsequent barbecue were a celebration of the community and the region in addition to our country, and we know the rest of the festivities across Pagosa Country this week will follow suit.

Pagosa has a long history of hosting a busy and festive Fourth of July, and this year is no different. There are a number of traditional events on the calendar in the coming days, as well as many planning family and class reunions.

Beginning July 3 and continuing until Saturday, July 6, you can take in the Park to Park Artisan and Food Market at Town Park and the Town Park athletic field. This annual event, which has been a fixture for more than 45 years, has grown over the

years and now includes — in addition to numerous vendors selling a wide variety of items — food and live music. The market is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 3-5 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 6.

Among this year's live music at the artisan market will be the Pagosa Springs Community Band's traditional Fourth of July patriotic concert, set again this year for 2 p.m. on July 4.

The Fourth of July festivities on July 4 will begin at 10 a.m. with the annual parade, led by this year's grand marshals, Bob and Lisa Scott. Thanks to the Scotts for their service to the community, and to the many who give up their Fourth of July to put on a wonderful small-town parade. Please be mindful, though, that there is a new parade route this year, with different closures.

With sunny skies back, those looking for a reprieve from the heat that afternoon can participate in the Freedom Float at 1 p.m. by donning red, white and blue and floating the San Juan River downtown.

The 74th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo will be July 4-6 for those looking to take in another traditional event. The July 4 rodeo is set for 2 p.m., while it will be at 6 p.m. on July 5 and 6.

The Fourth of July in Pagosa will be capped off with a fireworks show set off near Pagosa Springs High School at around 9:30 p.m., with Yamaguchi Park a popular place to watch the show.

In between all the activities, you can stroll around the downtown and take part in the scavenger hunt from July 3-7. There are thousands of dollars' worth of prizes set to be handed out to some of those who finish the hunt.

One thing's for sure — there's no reason to be bored over the next few days. We hope to see many of you out and about supporting our fellow community members as we celebrate the holiday.

More on these activities are included in this issue of The SUN, last week's issue of The SUN and on www.PagosaSUN.com.

In addition to reminding you of the fun there is to have, we'd also like to remind everyone that, regardless of the recent rain, personal fireworks are illegal in Colorado. We've been extremely lucky when it comes to fire this year — let's keep it that way.

Have a safe, happy and festive Fourth of July.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 4, 1924

The Ladies Auxiliary will serve free coffee at the Community picnic to be held in the park at noon on July 4th, but all are advised to bring their own cups. All families attending will bring lunch baskets — filled, of course.

All Pagosa residents are requested to decorate their homes, business houses and autos with flags and bunting, etc., in order that our town will present a pleasing appearance to the visitor during the celebration.

Those wishing to enter the bronco busting contests and also those who have horses to enter for the races during the celebration are urged to so notify John Stuckey at once. Phone him — No. 244 — and he will do the rest!

All Pagosa citizens, who will have a bedroom or two for rent during the celebration, or who may have spare beds and mattresses for rent, are requested to phone to Mrs. Leonard Houser — No. 164 — and advise her at once of the number they can furnish.

A three-day celebration by the American Legion in Pagosa Springs, Colo., will feature an athletic program, bringing together several good boxers and wrestlers.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 1, 1949

The Red Ryder Round-Up will get off to a flying start Sunday afternoon, July 3, with the first afternoon of the two day rodeo and celebration. A parade will open the show on Monday, July 4, with the rodeo and fireworks following.

Miss Jacqueline Eaklor of Chromo was elected queen in a very close contest with only an 86 vote lead. Miss Janice Martinez, who was second, will act as the Queen's Attendant.

In the rodeo events, plenty of action is expected with some of the largest prizes ever offered on the awards list. In addition to the regular day money and final prizes, Mr. Fred Harman and Mr. Steve Slesinger have donated \$100 which is to be given to the show's best all around cowboy.

In addition to the many and varied events that will be presented at the rodeo, there will be a parade starting at 10 o'clock in the morning of the 4th, a fireworks display the evening of the 4th, dances at the Pine Grove Club July 2, 3, and 4. The dance on July 2 being given by the Women's Civic Club and all money derived from it will go to the fund for the new town library.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 4, 1974

Dr. Randall Davis, a dentist, arrived here this week to prepare an office for the opening of his dental practice. The location for the office is the building between Harvey's Motel and the bridge at the east edge of town.

Dr. Davis is a recent graduate of the USC at Los Angeles school of dentistry. The new dentist chose Pagosa Springs as a place to practice while he was still in dental school.

His father owns the old Hart place and Dr. Davis and his wife are making their home there for the present. They moved here from the West Coast a few days ago. Mrs. Davis drove the family's Model A Ford all of the way and reported no trouble and good mileage. Dr. Davis didn't fare so well with a rent-a-truck and it took three days to nurse the truck through the trip.

Red Ryder Roundup time has arrived, there will be parades, rodeos, horse races, balloon flights, dances, and a carnival is in operation.

The 1974 Round Ryder Roundup is the 26th in a long series of successful and exciting rodeos.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 1, 1999

Fourth of July holiday events in Pagosa Country will take place over four days, with activities each day for residents and visitors alike.

The premier event of the holiday is the 50th anniversary of the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, at the Red Ryder Arena. The Red Ryder is a classic rodeo, cherished by its many fans as a classic example of the great western rodeo tradition.

The Park to Park arts and crafts festival opens at noon on July 2.

There will be special musical entertainment provided at Centennial Park on July 4. What would the Fourth of July be without the prototypical small-town parade?

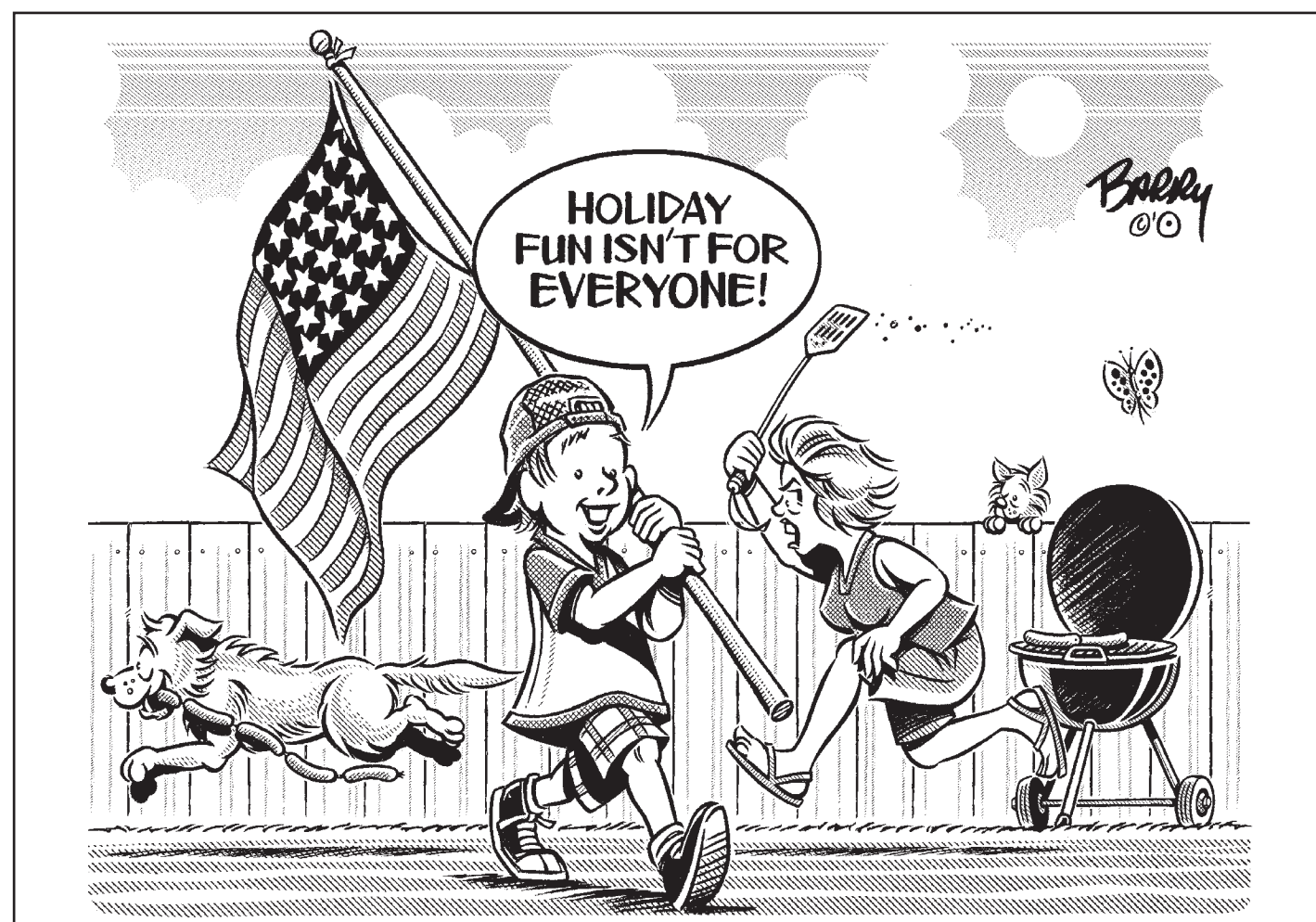
Pagosa has one of the best parades in the Four Corners, sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club. This year's parade theme is "Honor the Past ... Imagine the Future." Parade Grand Marshal will be Fred Harman III, son of Fred Harman, Pagosa resident and creator of the famed Red Ryder cartoon character.

LOOKING BACK



From the July 6, 1989, Pagosa SUN — SPIRIT OF '76 — The Pagosa Rotary Club float manned by Matt Alley, Ray Rodey, Howard Hawkins and Bill Davis were one of the top competitors in the non-profit adult entries Tuesday. The 1989 July Fourth Parade was one of the largest for many years.

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6/29	84	50	NA	NA	-
6/30	79	58	NA	NA	.1
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Letters

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Celebrating Independence

Dear Editor:
Americans have celebrated their declaration of independence since July 4, 1777. The Continental Army would fight another four years to defeat King George III and make way for the revolutionary idea that people could govern without the strong arm of a monarch and his wealthy friends and family controlling property and the public purse.

Selfgovernment requires more of people than submission to the dictates of a strongman. To be free of tyrant rule, we must acknowledge and respect Americans' diversity of thoughts, culture, and circumstances and negotiate paths forward through institutions of government designed to balance power, not concentrate it in the hands of one man and his wealthy supporters.

Days before he died on July 4, 1826, Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The "blessings and security of selfgovernment," he said, "restores the free right

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 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@pagosapagspringscdc.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.

to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion."

Buying into lies and political rhetoric reducing human beings to vermin is not an exercise of reason. Promoting division along lines of religion, ethnicity, and gender narrows our perspective and exploits our insecurities and disappointments. Intolerance of compromise undermines our freedom of opinion.

If you embrace independence and freedom on July 4th, then you must reject the mean-spirited, intolerant, uninformed, and untruthful. Those are not American values. Those are the values and tactics of a dictator and his loyalists whose personal gains will be at our greater expense.

Candace Jones

Concerns

Dear Editor:
After reading the letter by Dennis Jeffery in the June 20th edition of the Sun I felt compelled to write a letter to the Editor. Mr. Jeffery echoed many of the same concerns I had about the termination of County Manager Derek Woodman. My concerns with Commissioner Medina goes back to when she ran for office in 2022. I found many aspects of her campaign very distasteful, especially her comments about her desire to rid the county of the "Good Old Boy" network as she described it. The comment was obviously directed at then Commissioner Alvin Schaaf, Commissioner Warren Brown and County Manager Derek Woodman. All of these men had served honorably as Law Enforcement Officers in various communities around Colorado and specifically in Archuleta County. Unfortunately we live in a society that no longer honors or respects the hard work and sacrifices made by the men and women in Law Enforcement. Obviously in this environment Commissioner Medina felt it was in vogue to take a cheap shot

at these three men during her campaign. I wondered at the time what her ultimate agenda was and now it is clear to see what that agenda was. She had it out for Mr. Woodman, Commissioner Schaaf and Ms. Tina Woodman who was fired as the human resource director shortly after Ms. Medina took office. Regardless of how good a job these folks were doing or how much integrity they brought to their positions she was going to impose her will and run the county her way.

At the time the "Good Old Boy" comment was made I honestly felt that she was also including Commissioner Medina in that cheap shot. That thinking was obviously wrong. I do not know Commissioner Maez well, but in the few encounters that I had with him I had found him approachable and seemed quite willing to help with any issue brought to him. I am bitterly disappointed in his actions as it relates to the termination of Mr. Woodman. It is also clear that the intention of Ms. Medina and Mr. Maez is to absolutely neutralize Commissioner Brown and run the county as they see fit, regardless of what it may cost us as tax payers. So if you voted for Ms. Medina in 2022 and your road needs repair or dust abatement, or any other county services and it is not happening, you have no right to complain. Remember we have been told repeatedly that elections have consequences and here they are!

Andy Planeta

County corruption

Dear Editor:
In response to an opinion letter titled Poor Management published June 20, 2024 in the Pagosa Sun News addressing the termination of County Manager Derek Woodman:

I would agree, that after following recent county commissioner meetings, Commissioner Medina should be called to resign. It appears there are numerous infractions of her fiduciary duties in her capacity as an elected official. Based on information and belief, these include violations of Colorado Open Meetings Law, and accusations involving recusal, ethics, and conflicts of interest while voting on matters pertaining to real estate while an active real estate agent. These allegations are detailed in a currently pending petition to recall Commissioner Medina.

Woodman's contract negotiation was as such: Commissioner Ron-

nie Maez voting not to renegotiate, Commissioner Warren Brown voting in favor of renegotiation, leaving the deciding vote up to Medina. After quickly stating she felt Woodman did not communicate enough with her, she voted along with Maez not to renegotiate, 2-1. It also appears a separation agreement was drafted prior to this decision which points to a direct violation of Colorado Open Meeting Law.

At the May 14, 2024 Special Meeting of the BoCC, in another 2-1 vote, Medina and Maez voted in favor to hire Jack Harper II as Interim County Manager. This was done over the objection of Commissioner Brown who expressed concerns about the lack of vetting that had been done. Statements made by both Medina and Maez stated they had never met Mr. Harper II, but instead, relied on two resident statements for vetting, which seemed odd to say the least. This behavior between Medina and Maez, also points to a direct violation of Colorado Open Meetings Law.

A quick vetting of Mr. Harper II, reveals he was recently and unanimously fired from his previous job as City Manager in Fulshear Texas, a decision which involved accusations of falsifying time sheets, and allegations of sexual harassment in the workplace.

This story is all too familiar considering back in 2021, taxpayers paid out the remaining salary to former County Manager Scott Wall for sexual harassment allegations and another \$100K to his accuser, a now ex-employee.

Once the public is made aware of Harper II's past performance concerns, and the BoCC is forced to fire him, not only will taxpayers be obligated to pay out ex-manager Woodman's contract (\$113,262.25), the salary of interim manager Harper II (\$136,787.82, which it should be noted, began on May 20th with three weeks of paid time off), but also be faced with the expense of hiring another interim manager to replace Harper II, none of which was appropriated, allocated, or budgeted for.

This all smells of another round of cronyism and corruption to anyone paying any attention at all. Hopefully, Veronica Medina will do the right thing and resign effective immediately, and Archuleta County will not be named in litigation resulting from this obvious illegal and negligent abuse of power.

Tom Springer

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Obituaries

James 'Jim' Michael Boyle

James Michael Boyle passed away on Monday, June 24, 2024, in Durango, Colo.

Born on April 18, 1941, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Francis X. and Helen Z. Boyle, Jim was 83 years old. He was the sixth of eight siblings (five sisters and two brothers, who have all preceded him in death). A self-described "klutz," he had more than his fair share of stitches, broken bones and hospital visits. He often joked that he was fortunate to have sisters who were nurses to provide frequently needed medical attention.



A graduate of Cardinal Dougherty High School, Jim remained in Pennsylvania until he enlisted in the United States Army. He served in Heilbronn, Germany, for four years and had many fond memories of his time in Europe. He viewed his service to our country as one of his greatest accomplishments and would regale friends and family with stories of his Army antics, including rolling a Jeep and breaking his arm (see previous paragraph).

Jim had an infectious smile, a warm and engaging personality, a positive and generous spirit, and a zest for life that was contagious. Befitting of his personality, Jim became a gifted salesman following his service in the Army. He worked for several companies, including Mrs. Smiths, Lee Tire and Sea Land. His clients enjoyed his easygoing manner and respected him for his honesty.

He and his first wife, Pam (who preceded him in death in 1991), raised a family in Conshohocken, Pa. A man of great character, Jim ingrained the importance of strong values, hard work, and community service in his children. He tirelessly served as the coach of countless youth sports teams (even if he didn't know the sport), as a Scoutmaster, and as a volunteer in other community organizations. Jim's service was not restricted to formal organizations. He was quick to help neighbors, friends of his kids and anyone in need, always refusing recognition or compensation.

Jim is survived by his wife, Marion. Jim and Marion were married for 27 years in January of this year. Meeting and falling in love in Philadelphia, they answered the call of the wild. In 2000, they built a log home on 36 acres in Colorado's high country and moved west. Their adventurous spirit and love of the outdoors took them to countless national parks, forests, and scenic areas across the West. Jim and Marion shared a passion for the beauty of the country and had recently visited Yellowstone

Hot-in-place asphalt recycling to begin July 9 on area roads

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

In a communication, Archuleta County Public Works Director Mike Torres explains that Archuleta County Road and Bridge crews will begin performing hot-in-place asphalt recycling on area roads beginning July 9.

Torres states that work will begin with Navajo Trail Drive to Vista Boulevard, followed by work down South Pagosa Boulevard and up North Pagosa Boulevard.

"These asphalt recycling projects will cause delays in travel and residents are asked to drive with both caution and patience," he states. "Project completion on all roads listed is expected to be by the end of July."

Gravel and fairgrounds

At an Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session on July 2, Torres stated that, in the next

National Park.

Jim never retired. He held jobs at the county jail, Walmart and CityMarket in Pagosa Springs. He always felt that he had more to contribute and enjoyed being an active community member. Work offered him the opportunity to meet people and make new friends. His pension for comy, but spotlessly clean, jokes was well-known. He mastered "dad jokes" before they were a thing and never knew a joke bad enough to tell only once.

Jim is survived by his children: Chris (Sue) Boyle, Amy (Mark) Kieft and Megan Boyle, and his stepsons, Charles Fogarty and Tim Fogarty. His grandchildren also survive him, Dana Kieft, Jack Boyle, Molly Kieft, Ally Boyle, Kelly Boyle and Paige Kieft, as well as 28 nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Jim's memory to the American Heart Association or the Wounded Warrior Project. Details for a memorial will be announced soon.

Wayne Harry Lumbattis

Wayne Harry Lumbattis passed away on April 10, 2024, in Winslow, Ariz., on his way back home in Pagosa Springs, Colo. He was born Dec. 10, 1933, in Long Beach, Calif., to Morris Charles and Viola Lillian (Davis) Lumbattis.



He grew up in California but always considered himself as a Colorado resident. He worked hard until his retirement.

His work included the family hardware store business, he owned a bar and grill, and was a fire chief in San Bernardino, Calif., until he retired. He was also in the military.

He came to Pagosa Springs on hunting trips and decided this was where he was going to live the rest of his life. He would guide hunting trips until his late 70s and had a garage full of trophies to show for his yearly hunts. He built a house in the Wildflower addition and loved his view of the mountains, and sitting on the back porch with beer in hand and going to happy hour somewhere. Wayne loved flowers, but sometimes he planted a little early and would always have to buy more, according to his friends. In the winter his home was in Keno Bay, Mexico.

Wayne is survived by a son, Wayne M. Lumbattis, San Luis Obispo, Calif., and daughter Lynn Ann West, San Bernardino, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Darryl Lee Lumbattis.

Also surviving are the many friends he had.

week, the county hopes to prepare County Road (CR) 326 for gravel application, followed by Blue Creek Road and CR 600.

He stated that the application of gravel on these roads will be followed by secondary treatments of magnesium chloride.

The county will then look to apply gravel to Fox Place, Teepee Place and Feather Court, Torres indicated, adding that he expected these projects to be done "relatively quick."

He also explained that Road and Bridge crews are using milled asphalt from the repair of a section of CR 600 in 2023 to improve the county fairgrounds parking lot and replace the wood chips currently used at the site.

In a communication, Road and Bridge Manager Eric McRae adds that this project is expected to be completed by the end of the Road and Bridge work week this week.

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David Billy Quintana

David Billy Quintana, 72, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away, with his family by his side, on June 26, 2024. He was born on May 5, 1952, in Durango, Colo., to Amarante Quintana and Margie (Silva) Quintana.



David married Margaret Ryan on Jan. 19, 1973, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. In 1976, he began working at SPS, which later became Excel Energy, and remained working there until his retirement in May of 2015. Here is where he met many of his lifetime friends who touched his life dearly; he considered them all family: Carl Peck, Darryl Mutschler, Rick Collum, Joe Mata, Barney Jaramillo, Ralph Lopez, Rudy Ortega, Tom Mason, Ralph Cuellar, Kent Zackoski and many others.

He felt truly blessed. After retiring, his favorite saying was, "Everyday is Saturday!" He cherished his time restoring his '56 F-100 pickup, escaping the Texas heat RV-ing with friends in Eagle Nest, N.M., and breaking down and rebuilding nearly everything mechanical in sight. He will be forever remembered by his friends and family for his subtle (and absolutely hilarious) sense of humor; his ingenuity in approaching problems; and his patience, willingness and capacity to teach others.

David is survived by his wife, Margaret Quintana, of Lubbock, Texas; sons Tony Quintana (Glenda), of Red Oak, Texas, David Quintana (Theresa), of Lubbock, Texas and Joseph Quintana (Shawna), of Abernathy, Texas; daughter Stephanie Quintana of Lubbock, Texas; grandchild, Alyssa Mendoza (Johnny Mendoza) of Lubbock, Texas; great-grandchild Sebastian Amarante Quintana; and siblings Joe (Sharon) Quintana, Linda (David) Latham, Olivia Lawhead and Barbara (Mike) Kaiser.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Amarante Quintana and Margie Silva; brother-in-law Dennis Lawhead; and great-granddaughter, Celene Mendoza.

A memorial service for David will be held on July 6, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Combest Memorial Chapel in Lubbock, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please make a cash donation to American Cancer Society Hope Lodge — Lubbock, Texas.

Janice Lynn Riggs

Janice Lynn Riggs, 1944-2024, lived her life as a wonderful, loving and courageous woman. Born in Duluth, Minn., growing up she loved playing on the shores of Lake Superior with her sisters, Marcia and Carol, and cousin, Charlie. Jan also lived in Paris, Kentucky, New Mexico and Colorado. A modern pioneer



Services

Linda Lister Bolduc

Linda Lister Bolduc passed away in the spring of 2024 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Tentatively, a memorial service is to be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on July 27, 2024. At 9:30 a.m. will be the eulogy, and at 10 a.m. the service.

Linda was the last Lister of Ruben and Frances Lister living. A full obituary will appear in The Pagosa Springs SUN later this month.

woman, Jan inspired so many with her faith, life and accomplishments. Before coming west, she nannied in Paris, utilizing her BS in speech and French, then married Herman Lee Riggs II, became a restaurateur of the successful Finish Line restaurants, and a mother of two sons in Louisville, Ky. Subsequently, she followed her dream to move west to Raton, N.M., welcoming a daughter. Shortly after, she happily settled in Pagosa Springs, Colo., where she rejoiced in the births of her two youngest children, raised all of her five children, and explored so much of the beautiful southwest while falling in love with the western history, culture and landscapes. After her divorce, she moved to Colorado Springs, where she earned a master's degree in counseling while working full-time and raising her children. Jan loved her work as a psychotherapist in both private practice and with Centura Health; she advocated and championed mental health care. In her retirement she enjoyed her grandchildren, advancing her painting skills, always appreciating the wind and birds in the aspen and pine trees, along with the expansive skies of Southwest Colorado.

Now with her parents, sisters and eldest son, Trae Riggs, Jan is survived by her children: Brian Riggs, Sally Riggs and Kent Goring (son-in-law), Sarah Manore, and Michael Riggs; grandchildren Gavin Taylor, Taylor Capistrant, Shayden Riggs, Grayson Capistrant, Madelynn Manore, Amelia Manore, Genevieve Manore and Taven Riggs; and great-grandchild Payton Taylor. She is also survived by her cousin, Charlie Bahn; her nephews, Daniel Podemski and Craig Podemski; and her beloved extended family in Louisville, Ky.

Inspiring so many with her faith, her art, her fortitude and her steadfast love for her children and grandchildren, Jan's legacy will continue in the hearts of so many. Her family wouldn't adore her more if she had been the first to walk on the moon or if she had invented a cure for war.



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Training opportunities coming in August

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

There are several opportunities to upskill or improve your business knowledge base in August.

A commercial driver's license (CDL) class will be offered Aug. 6 and 7, and a series of Digital Marketing classes and one-on-one consultations will be offered Aug. 12-14.

CDL class

First the CDL class. This upskill opportunity continues to return to Pagosa thanks to receiving grants to assist with tuition costs.

Obtaining a CDL license can open many lucrative doors for the permit holder, but a significant up-front cost is involved in the training process. If you have been considering obtaining

your license, take advantage of one of these tuition-assistance opportunities offered this time by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation.

The all-day class will be held either Aug. 6 or 7 in the Visitor Center conference room.

The cost of the class is \$5,000 and this fee includes the one-day classroom fee, behind-the-wheel training fee and the driving skills test fee. To apply for tuition assistance, complete the form available at <https://forms.gle/K4EKHT5u7PZEiSDS7>.

Once you have chosen the day you can attend the class and complete the form, you will be contacted to discuss payment options and possible tuition assistance.

Upon completing the in-class training, you must take the written

CDL test to obtain your commercial learner's permit (CLP), which is valid for one year. You can then schedule the behind-the-wheel training and obtain a CDL permit once you have passed the driving skills test and submitted all required paperwork to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

For more information about the class or assistance, contact Emily Lashbrooke at emily@pagosaspring-scdc.org or (970) 264-3023.

Digital marketing class

"Elevating Your Digital Marketing Skills: Bigger Better Bolder" will be offered Aug. 12, 13 and 14 in the Visitor Center conference room. Seating is limited.

The same class will be offered each day in the morning and afternoon.

By taking one of the classes, you will also be able to schedule a 30-minute one-on-one consultation with one of the trainers.

MGM Design Pagosa will be presenting the classes. MGM Design is a marketing agency focusing on website design and development, social media content development and management, Meta and SEO management, and all things digital.

Day 1: Bigger will feature websites, SEO optimization, Google business profiles, Google ads and more.

Day 2: Better will focus on social media, Meta ads, videos, reels and new social media guidelines.

Day 3: Bolder will have us working with AI and ChatGPT.

How can this technology help you in your business? What is it? You might be surprised at how this technology could save you hours of work.

The classes are free for Chamber members and \$25 for non-Chamber members, which also includes the consultation.

The morning classes will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and the afternoon

classes from 1 to 2:30 p.m. each day.

You will be able to register for the class online at the Chamber website, www.pagosachamber.com. You will then call the Chamber office at (970) 264-2360 to schedule your one-on-one consultation on one of the training days and a time that works for your schedule.

By taking one or all of these classes, some of the fear of managing your social media marketing may dissipate. You may also find some time-saving tips, ways to improve your online presence, new marketing tips and certainly catch up on many of the new rules that have come out on the social media platforms.

For more information about the classes or consultations, contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

Fourth of July

The Chamber wishes everyone a safe and fun Fourth of July holiday. Don't forget to participate in the downtown scavenger hunt sponsored by the Main Street program.

Enjoy the Park to Park Artisan Market, the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, the Freedom Float, the Community Band's patriotic concert held in the athletic field, and the fireworks.

Remember there will be street closures in the downtown area around Hot Springs Boulevard on the morning of the Fourth of July to accommodate the parade that will begin at 10 a.m.

Activities such as the rodeo, the scavenger hunt and the artisan market will be taking place throughout the weekend, not just on the Fourth of July. So, plan now to participate in community events more than just on the Fourth of July.

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Members of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs celebrate the changing of leadership during an installation banquet on June 27, honoring 2023-2024 Club President Cindi Galabota for her dedicated service and welcoming Rob Foster as the new 2024-2025 club president.

More than 62,000 Colorado workers receive benefits in first six months of FAMLI

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

More than 62,000 Colorado workers have been able to get partial pay replacement when life events forced them to step away from their job this year under the state's new Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program.

The FAMLI Division, part of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, announced that it has distributed roughly \$311 million this year to Colorado workers who filed claims.

Colorado is the first state to set up a paid-leave program through a public vote, instead of through the legislative branch. Colorado workers and businesses started paying premiums to fund the insurance program in 2023.

As of July 1, \$311,129,690 has been sent to 62,632 approved FAMLI claims.

Here are some more statistics about the first six months of FAMLI benefits:

- 53.3 days is the average leave duration for Colorado workers taking continuous leave.

- 44,400 is the number of Colorado workers who have completed their FAMLI leaves and returned to work.

- 38,510 have submitted FAMLI claims to care for one's own serious health condition.

- 32,834 submitted FAMLI claims to bond with a new child.

- \$915.30 is the average FAMLI payment.

- 96.7 percent of FAMLI claimants filed their claims using the State's My FAMLI+ online portal.

FAMLI benefits are calculated on a sliding scale using the individual's average weekly wage from the previous five calendar quarters in relation to the average weekly wage for the state of Colorado.

That statewide average weekly wage ticked up 3.5 percent on July 1 to \$1,471.34. Some active FAMLI claimants may see a slight increase in their benefit payments; others will remain the same if they are already getting the maximum benefit amount. Workers can get an estimate of their potential benefit payments on the online Premium and Benefits calculator.

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Commissioners approve revisions to land use regulations

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At June 4 and June 18 meetings, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved changes to the county's land use regulations (LUR) concerning outdoor storage, neighborhood meetings, and short-term rental (STR) permitting and regulations.

Over the two meetings, the discussion stretched to slightly less than five hours, with the commissioners reviewing and considering each separate element of the LUR changes, ranging in size from short paragraphs to individual sentences or parts of sentences, separately.

On May 21, Interim County Manager Jack Harper proposed creating lists of changes, polling the commissioners individually on their opinions of the changes and then discussing items where the commissioners disagreed. At that meeting, the BoCC ultimately approved regulations relating to signs, but was unable to move forward on other LUR changes.

Harper suggested that this approach would allow the commissioners to quickly eliminate noncontroversial changes and focus the discussion on changes where there was disagreement among the commissioners.

However, only a few items on the list of more than 150 changes were able to gain support from all three commissioners through polling and receive rapid approval.

At the June 4 meeting, Commissioner Warren Brown stated that he had not entered opinions on a portion of the outdoor storage regulations that were discussed at that meeting since he had not expected them to be discussed, while Commissioner Ronnie Maez indicated that he had requested further conversation and clarification on all items in certain sections, even those that he later agreed to move forward with without further discussion.

At the June 18 meeting, which primarily covered STR permitting and regulations, Maez did not enter opinions on the items up for consideration, requiring the BoCC to consider and poll the commissioners on each item.

Following discussion and informal decisions on each item, the BoCC formally approved changes through motions to approve or disapprove certain lists of changes at each meeting.

At the two meetings, the BoCC

heard four public comments on the items.

Three expressed objections to the STR permitting and regulations and questioned why the county is invested in continuing to expand and rework regulations for STRs. One praised the commissioners for their thorough consideration of potential LUR changes related to STRs.

At the June 4 meeting, the BoCC considered regulations requiring neighborhood meetings between developers and neighbors of a project prior to a formal application for certain types of development projects.

Maez and Commissioner Veronica Medina expressed objections to requiring neighborhood meetings, stating it would add unnecessary bureaucracy and that neighbor concerns are addressed through the county land use review process.

Development Director Pamela Flowers stated that the intent of requiring neighborhood meetings is to gather neighbor concerns earlier in the process and allow county staff more time to assess them in addition to potentially giving developers opportunities to work with their neighbors and alter their projects to address concerns.

Ultimately, Maez and Medina voted to make neighborhood meetings optional, with Brown voting to make them required.

Following this vote, the BoCC approved the guidelines for neighborhood meetings, with commissioners commenting that these guidelines would be useful for outlining how such meetings would work if a developer opts to hold one.

The BoCC then considered changes to outdoor storage regulations.

Following debate and discussion, the board voted to pass the storage regulations with amendments to make them less restrictive than what the county planning commission approved, which was less restrictive than the regulations the county previously had.

Brown generally expressed support for the regulations that the planning commission approved, while Maez and Medina advocated for less regulation.

Among the changes to outdoor storage in the newly approved regulations are an elimination of restrictions on the storage of personal vehicles, such as recreational vehicles, on

area properties, and expansions of the amount and types of commercial equipment that can be stored on properties, including in the residential and agricultural estates zoning districts.

The changes also reduced the amount of screening that is required for commercial vehicles from what was included in the previous regulations.

At the June 18 meeting, the BoCC moved on to consider changes to STR regulations.

The regulations the commissioners approved were largely similar to those approved by the planning commission at its Jan. 24 meeting, though with a few changes.

The commissioners voted to eliminate the requirement for STRs to submit parking plans as part of the application process and to remove regulations concerning the size of beds allowed in bedrooms of certain sizes in STRs.

Maez and Medina also voted to eliminate a proposed requirement that STRs have noise monitors to help substantiate noise complaints, which Brown voted in support of.

The meeting featured debate and discussion of a set of regulations intended to outline critical and operational violations for STRs and implementation mechanisms that would allow the county to fine and potentially revoke permits for STRs where violations of county ordinances or the LUR occur and are not corrected.

The proposed system also introduces periods where those whose permit is revoked or whose permit application is denied cannot reapply for a permit.

Flowers explained that the system would allow the county to not spend staff time repeatedly rejecting permit applications from STRs whose permit applications have already been denied or whose permit has been revoked.

She also stated that the three-strike system for operational violations — including noise violations, illegal burning or parking violations — would allow for the revocation of an STR permit if an STR has three violations in a given year that are not addressed by the owner or property manager.

Flowers explained that this system would allow the county to impose consequences on STR owners and property managers for their poor

responsiveness to improper behavior from their guests, something which cannot be addressed by other county ordinances or criminal codes that only allow for action against the person violating the ordinance or law.

She stated that this is typically the guest and not the owner or manager. The commissioners repeatedly expressed confusion about the purpose and intent of these regulations, questioning if operational violations should be covered by other county ordinances instead of in the LUR and commenting that the STR regulations already contain elements that would allow the county to impose consequences on property owners for the actions of their guests and their responsiveness to addressing the consequences of these actions.

Flowers explained that other county ordinances only allow fines or other penalties to be imposed on the guests committing the violations and not the property owners or managers.

She added that this section of the regulations is the section that would allow the county to impose consequences on property owners and managers and that it would not be possible without this section of the regulations.

During an effort to explain how these elements of the regulations function, County Attorney Todd Weaver expressed frustration, commenting that the commissioners requested more regulations and ways to hold property owners and managers accountable, but were now considered depriving staff of the tools to execute their requests.

He added that such actions place staff in a difficult position.

Following additional discussion, the commissioners unanimously agreed to move forward with the proposed structure for STR violations, penalties and permit revocations with only minimal changes.

The board then briefly debated the need to include definitions in the LUR of some of the terms used in the new regulations, which Weaver commented would be valuable for the county in defending the regulations in court and for the public to understand the overall scope of the terms being used.

After a discussion, the board agreed to approve the definitions presented.

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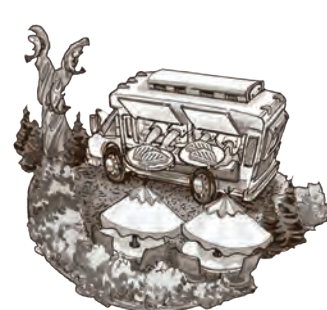
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open arms, eager to contribute positively. Their involvement in bringing the critical access hospital to Pagosa Springs exemplifies their proactive approach to community needs. Bob's role in the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors and Lisa's contributions to raising funds to provide operating capital for the startup and capital projects for the Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Foundation underscore their commitment to enhancing local health care services.

The couples' generosity and dedication have significantly benefited numerous community nonprofits.

The Scotts' dedication extends

beyond the local community in their efforts to foster global connections.

Bob's decade-long tenure with with Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, where he played a crucial role in hosting exchange students, highlights their global perspective and commitment to youth development.

Lisa became deeply involved in Rotary in 2014, now spearheading the exchange student program and fostering cultural exchange opportunities for young minds.

Raising their children — sons Dean and Spence, daughter Diana, and niece Lauren — in Pagosa Springs has been central to the Scotts' journey. Their active participation in

the Archuleta School District, 4-H and various town recreational activities reflects their belief in holistic community development.

For the Scotts, these engagements not only enrich their family life, but also contribute to the vibrant tapestry of Pagosa Springs.

"Living in Pagosa Springs has brought our family great joy and the occasion to experience life in a small community full of wonderful people and opportunity," Lisa Scott said.

For the Scotts, being named the Fourth of July Parade grand marshals of Pagosa Springs in 2024 is more than an honor; it's a recognition of their unwavering dedication to com-

munity service and their profound impact on the lives of those around them.

Their journey — from San Francisco, where they met, to Denver, where they married and started their family, and eventually to Pagosa Springs — has been defined by a steadfast commitment to effecting positive change wherever they go.

As Pagosa Springs celebrates the Scotts as grand marshals in 2024, it's not just a celebration of their achievements, but a reaffirmation of the values that define small-town America: generosity, community spirit and the belief that, together, we can build a brighter future for all.

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The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is planning a number of special events at Chimney Rock National Monument in July.

July events announced for Chimney Rock National Monument

By Ana Murray
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Summer is here, and it's time to get outside and explore. At Chimney Rock National Monument you can view the stars, the full moon or take a tour of this majestic place where the ancient Puebloans used to live.

Chimney Rock offers monthly programs, annual events and guided tours that are fun and educational for the whole family.

July special events

- Flora Tour: July 11, 15, 25 and 29.
- Art at the Pinnacles: July 11, 16 and 31.
- Flute Music at Twilight: July 13.
- Full Moon Program: July 20.
- Plein Air Workshop: July 27.
- Guided Great House Walking Tour: July 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 30.
- Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tours: July 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29 (mornings), and July 10, 17 and 24 (evenings).
- Geology Tour: July 9, 16 and 23 (afternoons), and July 13, 20 and 27 (mornings).
- Night Sky: Our Solar System: July 12.

Registration is required 12 hours in advance at www.chimneyrockco.org for all programs.

Flora Tour

This tour is offered on select Thursday mornings and Monday evenings in June and July and is specifically designed to educate the visitor about the plants indigenous to Chimney Rock National Monument and the surrounding area.

A copy of "Flora of Chimney Rock" will be given to participants to help them identify plants as they proceed along the trail.

A thousand years ago the people who lived at Chimney Rock depended on the plants around them for food, fuel, tools, housing, clothing, medicine and art. The breadth and depth of their knowledge is almost unimaginable today. Join us for an introduction to some of the plant species that grow at Chimney Rock and their uses by Ancestral Puebloan people.

The tour takes visitors along the Great House Trail. At the end of the trail, visitors will enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view from atop the mesa ridge. They will also be afforded the closest view possible of the two pinnacles: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock. Peregrine falcons are often sighted on the left side of Companion Rock, so cameras are a must. Of special note, the tour will be conducted in the quiet off-hours of the monument.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate from 8 to 8:15 a.m. on Thursday mornings and from 4:40 to 4:45 p.m. on Monday evenings. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Art at the Pinnacles

Art at the Pinnacles is a weekly class offered at various locations within the monument.

Each week a different class will be taught. On July 11, Drawing with Pastels will be offered. On July 16, Pencil Drawing Basics will be offered. On July 31, Beginning Watercolors will be offered. Most classes will be held at 8 a.m. Drawing classes will be held at 5 p.m.

Our teachers are Lise Neer and Kathie Disner, professional local artists, and Denise Fisk, former school

art teacher.

Check-in for the beginning watercolors class is from 7:45 to 8 a.m., and check-in for the pencil drawing basics is from 4:45 to 5 p.m. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$25 for ages 10 and up.

Plein Air Workshop

The Plein Air Workshop is offered once a month on a Saturday. It will be offered July 27. In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the process of plein air painting — the act of painting outdoors to capture the spirit and essence of a landscape by incorporating natural light, color and movement — in essence, learning to capture the outdoors while outdoors — and, of course, featuring the scenic vistas at Chimney Rock National Monument.

The first session will begin with a demonstration covering the use of materials, either watercolor or pastel, or both, and tips for composition and technique in the outdoors. This initial study/painting will be used as a reference for a more complete painting later in the day, which will be held indoors at a location in downtown Pagosa Springs.

All materials are provided. No experience is necessary. All levels of ability are welcome. Bring a lunch/snacks/drink as appropriate.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate from 7:45 to 8 a.m. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$75 for ages 10 and up.

Night Sky: Our Solar System

The Night Sky: Our Solar System program is offered on a Friday each

month which affords the best viewing of the moon's surface using a telescope. Although the focus will be on the moon and its diverse qualities, other night sky objects will be identified and studied.

A video presentation, "Tour of the Night Sky," will be shown to help identify constellations, bright stars and other objects of interest, and will be followed by a lecture explaining the significance of the night sky to the Ancestral Puebloans. This special sky opportunity affords an exclusive view of heavenly bodies from a place where the Ancestral Puebloans lived, observed and studied the celestial skies daily more than 1,000 years ago.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate is from 7:30 to 8:25 p.m. The program is from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Flute Music at Twilight

The Flute Music at Twilight program is offered on select Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. during quiet off-hours of the monument.

It begins from the amphitheater with a relaxing 1/4-mile walk up the nature trail, providing visitors with an experience of the natural environment along with beautiful views of the two pinnacles. Upon returning to the amphitheater, the program resumes with an informative lecture on topics specific to Chimney Rock such as the Ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories, the major lunar standstill, geology, etc.

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Public comment sought on new Jackson Mountain proposal

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The U.S. Forest Service is now taking comments on its draft environmental assessment for the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project.

According to a bulletin from the Forest Service on June 27, "The initial proposal that was scoped in January of 2023 also considered the development of a trail system and the development of a gravel pit in the Jackson Mountain area. The trail system and gravel pit projects have been removed from consideration as part of the current project. The current project now only includes fuels reduction and vegetation management activities."

A legal notice published in the June 27 issue of The SUN states the proposed action of fuel reduction and vegetation treatment would "improve forest health and resiliency, regenerate aspen stands, and help improve wildlife habitat."

The legal notice also notes the responsible officer the decision is Pagosa District Ranger Josh Peck.

The bulletin explains that fuel treatments such as mowing, chipping and hand trimming are being proposed on up to 1,600 acres in the Jackson mountain area.

Vegetation treatments such as thinning, tree removal and aspen coppice treatments intended to promote aspen regeneration are being considered on up to 900 acres in the area, it notes.

"The proposed action would help increase opportunities for safe and effective wildland fire management and reintroduction of fire into forest ecosystems, promote diversity in forest structure and composition that provides resilience to disturbances such as wildfire, drought, and forest insects and disease, promote conditions that provide for long-term wildlife habitat sustainability, and provide wood and forest products for both commercial and non-commercial uses," according to the bulletin.

The bulletin notes that electronic input is preferred and can be submitted through an online form at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61809>.

The form can be found under the "Get Connected" tab on the right side of the page in the "Comment/Object on Project" section.

Additional documents and maps relating to the proposal can be found online using the same link.

Comments can be submitted through the mail, as well, and need to be addressed to the Pagosa Ranger District at P.O. Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Comments can be submitted to Peck at joshua.p.peck@usda.gov or faxed to Adam Tlachac at (970) 264-1513.

Include "Comments on Jackson Mountain Landscape Project" in the subject line of your email or fax, the bulletin states.

Comments can also be hand-delivered to the Pagosa Ranger Station during regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The station is located at 180 Pagosa St.

"Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html email, Adobe portable document format,

and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications," the bulletin notes.

The bulletin adds that all comments received by Peck, "including names and addresses of commenters," will be placed in a file to become a matter of public record for the proposed action.

"Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the commenter with subsequent environmental documents," it states.

The Forest Service will accept comments for a 30-day period, which began on June 27.

The Jackson Mountain area is located northeast of Pagosa Springs and north of the San Juan River Village subdivision. The area is accessed by the U.S. Forest Service Road 37 from U.S. 160.

The press release directs inquiries for more information about the proposal to contact Tlachac at (970) 262-1513 or adam.tlachac@usda.gov. clayton@pagosasun.com

July plant walk with Lake McCullough set for July 15

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

This month's plant walk on Monday, July 15, will take you to the Continental Divide to look for wildflowers and medicinal plants during peak wildflower season at the summit of Wolf Creek Pass.

Join us for a fun and educational ramble through the forest as we discover edible and medicinal native plants. The walks are free of charge.

The Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies are excited to sponsor these summer plant walks with certified herbalist Lake McCullough. We are grateful that she takes time from her busy schedule to share her expertise with us. This is the second of three walks offered this season.

This tour will meet on Forest Service Road 402, Lobo Overlook Road. This is the first left after the Continental Divide pullout at the top of

the pass. There is a gravel lot directly off the highway where we will meet to walk up the road. The walk is about 2 miles round-trip. Please be prepared for rocky trails and unpredictable weather, and leave dogs at home.

In order to handle increased popularity and demand for information about our local ecosystems, we will be conducting two back-to-back plant walks at this location.

The first tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. and run until 11:30 a.m. The second

tour will begin at 11:45 a.m. and go until 1:45 p.m. There is a 15-person maximum on each walk.

Please call McCullough ahead to reserve a space at (970) 398-0923 and indicate which time slot you prefer.

McCullough's knowledge and fun sense of humor have made these walks very popular, and spaces fill quickly. Give her a call to add your name to the list.

Watch for information on the final walk to be held in August.

Events

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American flute played by our own Charles Martinez. Visitors will gaze in wonder at the heavenly skies and ponder what significance they had for the Ancestral Puebloans when they looked up at the same night skies 1,000 years ago.

This is recommended for ages 4 and up. Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Full Moon Program

The Full Moon Program is offered once a month to coincide with the full moon and provide a unique backdrop in a sky unobscured by the lights of modern-day civilization.

About an hour before moonrise, visitors will be treated to an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site — Ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories, area geology, etc.

Then, as the full moon begins to rise, a single flute note follows another and another as you become slowly embraced by the music of Martinez. You'll be torn between looking west to see the spectacular sunset or focusing on the eastern mountain range to see the first sliver of moon.

The entire program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top and hiking the Great House Trail. At the end of the trail, visitors will enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view from atop the mesa ridge.

Tickets are \$25 per person.

Visitors are offered the option to take an early, guided tour of the Mesa Village Trail before the Full Moon Program. This Early Tour/Full Moon Package is \$30 and is available through the Recreation.gov website or the call center, (877) 444-6777, under the title Early Tour/Full Moon Package.

Check-in for the early tour this month is from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Guided Great House Tour

The Guided Great House Tour is offered on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail, making several stops along the way to learn about the ancient Puebloan structures built more than 1,000 years ago and their connection to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this spot. At the end of the trail, visitors will enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view from atop the mesa ridge. They will also be afforded the closest view possible of the two pinnacles: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock.

Peregrine falcons are often sighted on the left side of Companion Rock, so cameras are a must.

Check-in is at the plaza kiosk at 10 a.m. The tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for

ages 5-12. It is recommended for ages 5 and above due to uneven, rocky steps and steep drop-offs.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour

The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour is offered on Monday and Friday mornings from 8 to 10:15 a.m., and on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7:15 p.m.

This engaging two-hour tour will spotlight several topics aimed specifically at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area more than 1,000 years ago.

The tour takes visitors along both the Mesa Village Trail and the Great House Trail to learn specifics about the structures along the way — their significance and uses. At the end of the trail, visitors will enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view from atop the mesa ridge.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate from 7:45 to 8 a.m. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Geology Tour

The Geology Tour is offered weekly on Tuesday late afternoons and Saturday mornings.

This 2.5-hour guided tour explores the local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock more than 1,000 years ago.

Tour participants will be taken on a journey through geologic time to learn what the rocks present at Chimney Rock today tell us about the geography of southwestern Colorado over time.

Participants will also learn how to identify common rocks and fossils in the area. Rock types impact structures, pottery, tools and soil productivity. Geologic processes determine the landscape at Chimney Rock and play a central role in climate. The relationship between the two pillars (Chimney Rock and Companion Rock) and the South San Juan Mountains in terms of astronomical observations will be discussed. The tour also covers the key points discussed in the archaeological-focused tours like the Great House Tour. No prior knowledge of geology is required.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate from 7:45 to 8 a.m. for the morning tour and from 4:45 to 5 p.m. for the evening tour. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Purchasing tickets

For tickets for any of these special programs, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center.

Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the tour. Most tours/programs fill up, but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available.

Chimney Rock uses a fee system. All vehicles and motorcycles are subject to an activity pass fee of \$20. The activity pass fee provides five days of access to Chimney Rock National Monument.

To purchase your required activ-

ity pass, you can:

- Purchase your activity pass in advance at Recreation.gov.
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 - Arrive on-site and pay cash.
- Interagency, Access, Senior, Military and fourth-grader park passes are accepted for national monument access.

Include Chimney Rock in your plans this summer. This Ancestral Puebloan cultural site is located 17 miles west of Pagosa and 3 miles south on Colo. 151.

To view the Chimney Rock National Monument calendar of events, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

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Board of Health hears about issues with septic system designs

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At a June 20 meeting of the Archuleta County Board of Health (BoH), the board heard a presentation from Water Quality Manager Kevin Torrez concerning issues with the on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS) regulations previously used by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and discussed potential paths forward.

Torrez stated that Colorado Regulation 43, which governs the standards for OWTS design, allows for a 30 percent reduction in the size of the soil treatment area (STA) or leach field for an OWTS if the system utilizes "proprietary distribution products" and if 90 percent of the STA is covered by those products.

However, he explained that SJBPH — from 2018 to the end of 2023 when the organization dissolved into county health departments — allowed for the reduction in STA but did not require the STA to be covered in proprietary distribution products.

"There's a risk to this," Torrez said, stating that the reduced size of the STA could shorten its lifespan or cause a failure of the OWTS.

He explained that Regulation 43 allows 6 inches or less between the proprietary chambers that hold effluent, while SJBPH allowed a greater amount of space.

In an interview, he stated that the department found the issue after speaking to engineers who were submitting systems that did not comply with state regulations and discovering that SJBPH had previously allowed and approved similar designs.

Torrez stated that, upon discovering this issue, the Water Quality Department notified the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) about the issue.

He indicated that CDPHE staff agreed with county staff that the county needs to take action and prevent systems that do not meet the state regulations from being built in the future.

After June 1, Torrez stated, all the designs that the Water Quality Department has approved have been checked for compliance with Regulation 43.

He added that staff also sampled the designs approved by SJBPH since 2018 to determine how many designs were out of compliance with state regulations.

From the "small sample" the department took, Torrez indicated staff found that some engineers had consistently designed systems that did not meet Regulation 43, in line with the SJBPH practice, while others continued to follow the state regulations.

He stated that, given what the sample revealed, the department decided to investigate all systems approved since 2018 to determine which systems may have been improperly engineered.

Weaver commented that the situation is "unfortunate" and that SJBPH's actions were likely "illegal" since they are not allowed to be less stringent than the state regulations.

Torrez outlined that the county has several options to address the issue:

- Doing nothing and hoping no incidents occur due to improper engineering.

- Issuing notices of violation (NOVs) and requiring that systems that do not comply with regulations be brought into compliance by the owner. He commented might involving expanding or building new STAs.

- Issuing NOVs and requiring that all noncompliant systems be inspected, with repairs only required for failing systems.

He indicated that the option recommended by staff is to flag all noncompliant systems, send notifications to all properties informing them that their systems are under-engineered, create cloud notifications on the titles for the properties to allow the department to track these systems and require STA inspections on any noncompliant systems whenever the system is reviewed by the Water Quality Department, with

repairs to the STA being required for failing systems.

BoH member and Commissioner Veronica Medina asked how many systems were under-engineered in the audit of previously approved systems that the department performed.

Torrez stated that the department has not conducted a full audit, but has determined that some engineers have been incorrectly engineering systems from 2018 to the present, while others have not.

In response to a question from Medina, Torrez stated that there have been between 1,200 and 1,500 OWTSs approved since 2018.

Responding to a question from BoH member Stacey Foss, Torrez stated that there are six or seven engineers for OWTSs in the county and that two have been consistently engineering their systems incorrectly since 2018.

Development Director Pamela Flowers added that the department still wants to check all systems, even from engineers who generally followed the state regulations, to ensure that all systems are properly designed.

Medina asked if the department has contacted the engineers who were improperly designing their systems and asked them to change their designs.

Torrez replied that the department has done so and told the engineers they should comply with Regulation 43.

Flowers added that the primary issue now is how to address the non-compliant systems that have already been built.

BoH member and Commissioner Warren Brown asked County Attorney Todd Weaver who would be liable for the installation of the noncompliant systems, noting that it could be a significant cost and that many owners might not have the means to make the necessary repairs.

Weaver commented that the situation is "unfortunate" and that SJBPH's actions were likely "illegal" since they are not allowed to be less stringent than the state regulations.

He recommended that the county reach out to La Plata County and determine what approach it has taken on this issue.

Torrez stated that the CDPHE has

already reached out to La Plata County and informed them of the issue.

Weaver stated that there would likely be no legal liability for Archuleta County concerning the noncompliant systems.

"I was thinking more on behalf of the citizens instead of on the county," Brown replied.

Weaver commented that the citizens would likely not face any liability since they acquired what they believed was the proper permit for their systems.

Flowers added that the liability would likely fall on the engineers since they did not follow the state regulations, which Weaver expressed agreement with.

Torrez reiterated that staff recommended the final option he presented.

He added that the STA inspections would occur on transfer of title, when the property is undergoing permitting to become a short-term rental (STR), when a repair to the OWTS occurs or when a change is made to the OWTS permit.

Flowers emphasized that, if no issues with the STA are found, that the department will "move on."

Torrez commented that the STA inspection is "pretty simple" and is required to ensure there is no clogging or other issues with the STA.

Flowers and Weaver explained that, if the BoH agrees to move forward with the recommended approach, the BoH would need to direct staff to draft a policy on how to address noncompliant systems, which would be considered for approval at the next BoH meeting in July.

Brown raised the issue of if the county would stop operations of STRs if an STR has a failing, noncompliant OWTS.

Flowers stated that issues with an OWTS would not be a reason to stop STR operations and that the county would request to inspect an OWTS and for the owner to work on repairs, but would not interrupt STR activity in the interim.

Torrez commented that the repair would likely involve adding another STA to split up the volume of effluent, which he noted would be "a little expensive" but not a "huge" expense like having to fully rebuild the OWTS.

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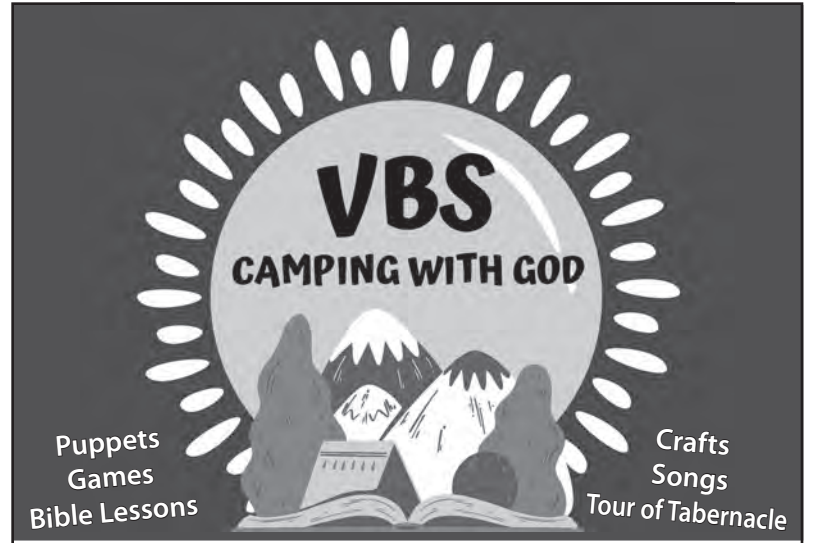


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Water boards approve grazing, sand and gravel leases for Running Iron Ranch

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) boards of directors approved a grazing lease, as well as a sand and gravel lease extension, with the Weber family for Running Iron Ranch at June 13 and June 17 meetings.

The two organizations jointly own the Running Iron Ranch.

PAWSD consideration

At the June 13 PAWSD meeting, PAWSD District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey opened the conversation by explaining that the board had been given copies of the grazing lease, which he noted is "not really a moneymaker."

He added that the lease benefits PAWSD and SJWCD due to the Webers maintaining fences, and suppressing weeds and pests as part of the lease.

PAWSD board member Bill Hudson commented that the PAWSD Running Iron Ranch subcommittee had a meeting with members of the SJWCD board of June 12 and heard "positive feedback" on the grazing lease.

SJWCD board member Charles Riehm commented that weed suppression is a primary issue with maintaining the property.

The PAWSD board unanimously approved the grazing lease.

The board then considered a mining lease for the property.

Ramsey commented that this lease is "a little more complicated" and explained that Donald Andrew "Andy" Weber previously presented to the board that he had found a new source of gravel on the property that he wants to mine and sell it, with PAWSD being paid a royalty for the sale.

He stated that, in drafting a lease that would allow this, additional issues arose, including how much gravel PAWSD might need in the future and what role the SJWCD would play in such a lease.

Thus, Ramsey recommended that the board not move forward with a lease allowing additional mining, but that it should move forward with a lease extension allowing the Webers to continue to crush gravel being purchased by PAWSD, which he commented the Webers are currently doing but do not have a lease to do.

He indicated that the lease extension would have similar terms to the previous lease, including only crushing gravel that is already mined, selling only to PAWSD, not performing further mining and continuing reclamation work.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh commented that the "big departure" in the new lease is that the Webers would not be paying any money for the lease, unlike the previous lease where they paid approximately \$48,000.

He added that this would be acceptable if the Webers are strictly crushing gravel for PAWSD, but that the lease also allowed Weber to use gravel for his personal projects, which is not addressed in the previous lease.

Ramsey explained the origins of this clause, indicating that, in a recent meeting with Weber, Weber stated that he believed that the previous lease allowed him to do this and he had been doing this.

Ramsey stated that, when he stated to Weber that any language relating to him using gravel from the property for personal projects should be taken out and he should not be using gravel for such uses, Weber reportedly replied that he would not be able to afford continuing work at the site or to complete the reclamation without being able to take gravel for his personal use.

"I didn't get into an argument with him and say, 'You had an agreement that you're going to do this that didn't say anything about us not giving you gravel,' but it kind of depends on how much you want to fight this if they just walk away," Ramsey said.

Walsh commented that, in the 2023 lease, Weber paid \$48,000 to be able to continue mining to provide PAWSD with specialty gravel and to mine 20,000 tons outside of the gravel provided to PAWSD.

He stated that the previous agreement was "cooperative," with PAWSD saving money on gravel and Weber making a "nice profit."

However, Walsh noted that, the last time he visited the property, he saw stockpiles of gravel far in excess of the approximately 5,000 tons PAWSD requires and that he would like to know the amount of gravel stockpiled.

Ramsey indicated that Weber

stated that the stockpile contained about 20,000 tons of gravel.

Walsh asked how Weber would define personal use and if PAWSD would receive a royalty on the gravel if it were sold.

He stated that he would not vote for the lease without an estimate of how much gravel is stockpiled and a royalty on gravel being sold from Running Iron Ranch, although he indicated a willingness to potentially provide accommodations for gravel being used for improvements to other properties owned by the Webers.

Ramsey proposed that PAWSD could require a royalty of \$2 a ton for any gravel leaving the site outside of that being sold to PAWSD.

PAWSD board member Gene Tautges asked how hard such an agreement would be to police.

Following a brief discussion where Ramsey stated that he could get the software that the Webers use to measure their gravel and estimate the size of the pile, Riehm commented that the SJWCD is interested in PAWSD "not giving anything away and getting money. This property that you guys and us own should help pay for the note to own it and the more money you can extract from the land and the gravel for your benefit to cost offset, the better off everybody is."

"You know, the big problem, Bill, is you guys are giving us a lease half an hour before our meeting that's been amended, and we thought we were agreeing to one thing and now who in the hell knows what it means, and I think that that's grossly unfair."

Rob Hagberg

The group then discussed how the gravel is weighed and invoiced, as well as how to track the amount of gravel used, with Ramsey outlining that PAWSD could either trust information by Weber or inspect the gravel stockpile, calculate its size and then use this, PAWSD gravel purchases and additional measurements to calculate royalties owed.

Walsh commented that "there are a lot of ways we could get sideways here" and suggested that the \$2 per ton royalty would be fair and reasonable.

PAWSD Programs Manager Renee Lewis asked how often the measurements to determine what gravel is leaving the site would occur.

Ramsey stated that he believed monthly measurements would be sufficient.

PAWSD board member Paul Hansen commented that he had never encountered a reason to distrust the Webers.

Ramsey commented that the calculations for the amount of gravel leaving the site would be relatively simple.

Lewis stated that staff would need guidance from the board on how to delineate personal use from other gravel leaving the site, commenting that there are circumstances that staff is aware of where the Webers took gravel for personal use, which does not require an invoice, but it was still a financial benefit to them since they did not have to purchase the gravel from elsewhere.

Walsh stated that PAWSD would subtract its own purchases from the

total amount at the site and charge royalties for all other rock leaving the site, barring "reasonable" requests for exemptions from the Webers.

He then moved to approve the sand and gravel lease with the addition of terms that a \$2 per ton royalty will be charged by PAWSD for use, sale or transfer of any gravel not being purchased by PAWSD.

The board then unanimously approved the lease.

Following the approval, the board briefly discussed holding a work session on a new mining lease for Running Iron Ranch.

Walsh commented that he and other members of the Running Iron Ranch subcommittee would like to discuss the issues and potential paths for such a lease with staff prior to a work session, which the board agreed to.

He also commented that PAWSD's gravel needs could be highly variable and that the gravel could also have other community benefits, such as selling it to local governments like Archuleta County.

Ramsey stated that he discussed the proposal with the county and that the county indicated a willingness to potentially purchase 20,000 to 30,000 tons a year.

Walsh remarked that Weber previously stated that the amount of gravel available to mine might be around 80,000 tons.

He added the Webers have enough crushing to do this year that further mining would not be an immediate issue.

Riehm commented that the SJWCD would like the Running Iron Ranch, which he noted is "public property," to service public interests and not be used to sell gravel commercially.

"We want to be sure that we're moving public gravel to public utilities and other organizations," Riehm said.

He added that the SJWCD board does not otherwise object to the amount of mining.

Walsh commented that it is unlikely that any entity outside of the county and other governments would need the amounts of gravel potentially being mined.

He added that the gravel could also be used in public private partnerships, such as working with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation on its affordable housing projects.

Riehm closed the discussion by emphasizing that such partnerships or projects should be local.

SJWCD consideration

At the June 17 SJWCD meeting, Riehm began discussion of the leases by outlining the proposal for additional mining by the Webers and the current situation of the gravel-crushing operations on the property.

He added that the lease approved by PAWSD is for crushing operations for the gravel stockpiled at the site and that the board would potentially consider a lease for further mining in the future.

The leases were discussed at several meetings, Riehm explained, including at May and June meetings with the PAWSD Running Iron Ranch subcommittee and meetings with the Webers.

Board member Candace Jones added that the SJWCD approved a grazing lease for the Webers in January, but that it was delayed due to various proposed edits.

Following further discussion of the benefits of the grazing lease, the board agreed that a vote was not needed on the grazing lease and that it could be signed off on.

Riehm moved on to discuss the sand and gravel lease, emphasizing that there is no mining included in that lease and that it does not include the

provisions about mining additional gravel that were previously discussed.

He added that the lease requires the Webers to continue crushing gravel for PAWSD and to continue reclamation work.

The lease also includes, Jones explained, arrangements for the Webers to be able to "sell" the gravel currently on the property in excess of PAWSD's needs.

Riehm and Jones added that PAWSD would charge a \$2 a ton royalty for any gravel that leaves the property besides that sold to PAWSD.

Riehm stated that "it was discussed" at the PAWSD meeting that it is not a "good idea" for PAWSD or the SJWCD to go into commercial gravel sales, but that gravel could be beneficial for local government uses.

He added that he commented at the PAWSD meeting that the SJWCD would be opposed to setting up a commercial sale operation at the Running Iron Ranch.

Jones pointed out that the lease approved by PAWSD does not restrict where the Webers can sell the gravel currently on the site.

"The board sitting there was clear that they thought the public use customers was the way," Riehm said. "If we're going to sell it, that's a boundary they'd consider putting in there."

SJWCD board member Rod Proffitt asked if the mining permit is still active for the property.

Riehm stated that the permit for the upper portion of the ranch is active, and PAWSD board member Bill Hudson added that a mining permit for the lower portion of the property by the San Juan River has been closed.

The board then discussed a 2.5-acre area on the property that was excluded from the grazing lease due to PAWSD's potential plan to build a recreational vehicle (RV) park for employees and the issues with the demolition of buildings on the property, many of which contain asbestos.

Following this, the board then began discussing if it had received the final version of the lease from PAWSD, with Riehm indicating that he had received a final version of the lease at 3:30 p.m., prior to the 4 p.m. meeting.

Jones explained that this lease is the lease approved by the PAWSD with the addition of some drafting changes.

Lewis explained that she sent a lease version to the SJWCD on June 14 with the "substantive terms" approved by the PAWSD board.

Lewis added Jones reviewed the lease earlier on June 17, prior to it being sent to the board, and provided comments on the lease, catching some typographical and drafting errors.

She stated that she and Jones finalized these revisions, and Jones added a term clarifying that the Webers could sell gravel to any party they wished and that neither board would have veto power over such sales or would hold a preference for who the gravel would be sold to.

Lewis indicated that PAWSD would discuss the potential mining lease more in the future, which would supersede the current lease.

She concluded that the lease that was distributed to the SJWCD that afternoon "is what the SJWCD board voted on."

Riehm commented that he was unsure if the board could act on the lease that was distributed to the board and claimed that restrictions on who the Webers could sell gravel to were discussed for the present lease, although he added that such

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DUST2 announces July ride dates

By Ana Murray
DUST2

DUST2 is hosting a number of events in July, including Tuesday Night Rides and Gravel Night Rides.

Tuesday night rides are set for July 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Gravel Bike Rides are slated for July 10, 17, 24 and 31.

The DUST2 board meeting will be on July 31.

Tuesday night rides

Tuesday night rides vary between the Turkey Springs Trail System and Reservoir Hill.

Rides taking place at the Turkey Springs Trail System will begin at 6:15 p.m. at the Piedra gate. Rides taking place at Reservoir Hill will also begin at 6:15 p.m., with riders meeting at the downtown

location of Pagosa Mountain Sports, located at 162 Pagosa St.

Riders are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing to mountain bike (flip-flops and Crocs are not recommended).

All levels are welcome. The group will be split into men's and women's groups.

These are no-drop rides, meaning that no rider will be left behind.

Gravel bike rides

Wednesday night rides are gravel bike rides, and meeting locations vary between the Pagosa Mountain Sports uptown and downtown locations.

Riders should be ready to ride at 6:15 p.m. All levels are welcome.

Gravel rides are also no-drop rides, meaning that no rider will be left behind.

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terms were not added to the lease, and that he was unsure if the PAWSD board had voted on such terms.

"But they were nodding their heads, not shaking their heads, during that, so it should be a nonissue," Riehm said.

SJWCD board member Rob Hagberg asked if Jones reviewed the lease and if she had issues with it.

Jones elaborated that she had reviewed it and stated that the drafting errors she had identified in the leases, which Lewis had corrected.

She added that the only change made to the gravel lease was to clarify that PAWSD is responsible for paying for any gravel PAWSD purchases and that the SJWCD is not liable for these payments.

Jones also stated that the primary change in the lease is that it would not allow additional mining and would allow the Webers to sell gravel already mined at the site, with no limitations on who this gravel could be sold to.

"I think we're done," Riehm said before asking if the board should move to sign the lease when PAWSD finalizes it or if it should wait until the next SJWCD meeting.

Lewis stated that the lease would likely be executed by the PAWSD board "this week."

She added that the board acted at its meeting with the intention that the leases would go to the SJWCD and was "hoping that you would take action on them."

Jones commented that the question before the SJWCD board was if it is willing to authorize an extension of the lease with the business terms presented.

Hagberg commented that he did not need to review the lease "in detail" if Jones and Riehm already reviewed and approve of it.

He then moved to authorize Riehm and Jones to sign the lease when they felt satisfied with it, which SJWCD board member Susan Nossaman seconded.

Riehm expressed comfort with the lease terms.

Proffitt raised the issue of if the excess gravel at Running Iron Ranch could be sold to "anyone" instead of being restricted to public entities.

Riehm asked Lewis if she understood that the Webers planned to sell the gravel commercially, adding that he understood that the lease does not "exclude them from doing that."

He also reiterated that he brought up this issue at the PAWSD meeting.

Lewis stated that, in her understanding, the PAWSD board did not move to add any restrictions on who the gravel could be sold to.

Hagberg clarified that these sales would only involve the rock that has already been mined and commented that he did not object to the current proposed lease.

"It's not that much," SJWCD board member Bill Nobles said.

Lewis noted the Webers stated that they objected to being restricted in terms of who they could sell this gravel to due to operational and financial reasons.

The board then discussed the issue, with Riehm reiterating that he had spoken in favor of restricting the sale of the already-mined rock to public use at the PAWSD meeting and Jones stating that she is comfortable with the already-mined rock being sold to the public if it would generate additional revenue for PAWSD.

She added that she would potentially support restrictions on who sales could be made to for a further mining lease.

Riehm commented that he would not oppose the current lease, but would like further discussion of who sales could be made to if further mining occurs at the property.

Hagberg asked if approving the lease without restrictions on sales would set a precedent for further leases and make imposing restrictions more difficult.

Jones commented that she was

unsure if this would make negotiations more difficult, but that she felt the current lease is "different in kind" compared to a lease for further mining.

She added that, if restrictions on sales would not be feasible in a lease for further mining, she would potentially not be willing to move forward with approving such a lease.

Hagberg commented that the board appeared to be of a "unified mind" that gravel from the property should only be sold to PAWSD and other public entities and that, if those terms were inserted into the lease and communicated to PAWSD, he would be comfortable with authorizing Jones to sign the lease.

Riehm recalled that Ramsey stated that the county would potentially be interested in purchasing all the gravel available at the site.

He added that he didn't see how having a deal between the county and the Webers would be a "big obstacle."

Jones noted that the board "could only speculate" who Weber might sell the already-mined rock to and that the board could either insert a condition that the gravel only be sold to public entities or keep the sales open.

Hagberg then amended his motion to insert this restriction.

Proffitt seconded the amended motion.

Hudson commented that, in inserting this clause, the SJWCD board is "ignoring" Ramsey's belief that the Webers would "walk away" from the lease if it includes such a restriction, causing PAWSD to not receive the gravel it needs for the Snowball Water Treatment Plant expansion and to lose the potential of further mining.

He added, if the SJWCD board wishes to include such a clause, "you'd better" speak with Weber and gain his approval since Hudson believed that Weber intended to sell the remaining gravel that has been mined to his "friends and family."

Hudson recommended that the board go back to the initial motion and open a conversation with the Webers about restrictions on sales when discussing a lease for further mining.

He added that the SJWCD would potentially be taking money away from PAWSD by depriving it of royalties that it can use to help pay the loans

on Running Iron Ranch by including this restriction.

"You know, the big problem, Bill, is you guys are giving us a lease half an hour before our meeting that's been amended, and we thought we were agreeing to one thing and now who in the hell knows what it means, and I think that that's grossly unfair," Hagberg said.

Jones commented that this was a "change" from what was in the board packet for the meeting, but that she felt that discussion of restricting sales to public buyers had been focused on leases for further mining and that this was not currently before the board.

She added that, due to the benefits for PAWSD, she would be willing to approve the lease "as it has come to us" from PAWSD and would not be in favor of the current motion.

Nobles asked how much rock has already been mined at the site.

Hudson stated that there is approximately 20,000 tons of already mined rock with 80,000 more in the ground that could be mined.

Board members then began talking over each other, with Jones reiterating that the lease did not approve additional mining and Nobles commenting, "We've said that 20,000 times here."

"So, here's my point, guys," Nobles said. "The Webers, whether you like it or not, they're in this as a business and they're producing rock for PAWSD because PAWSD needs the rock. What's additionally left there, they basically dug that up in the past. I don't think it matters who in the hell they sell it to because, No. 1, if you start discriminating and say, 'Oh, only the county can buy it, only Forest Service can buy it,' but, if [a customer] walks in there and says, 'I need gravel because I can't get up and down my road,' and he's willing to pay \$40 a ton for it, I think that's fine. I think that's fine, guys. There's only 20,000 tons. It's not that much. It's not that much gravel."

Hagberg commented that he was concerned about the precedent that the current lease would potentially set.

Riehm stated that the board would have the ability to consider and not approve any future leases.

Nobles commented that mining is a "different scenario" which will likely

"come to the table someday ... but the reality is you've got the public that's actually also gonna want to have a comment on that."

"And I also want to make sure that we understand that we are ... just breaching some new ground with cooperation between the two boards and there's no reason on this lease to deny what they've already approved per se because they've removed the mining, that takes away the whole 80,000 and all the stuff that goes with it," Riehm said.

He then called for a vote on Hagberg's amended motion introducing restrictions on who the already mined-gravel could be sold to.

Proffitt voted in favor of the motion, and the rest of the board voted against it.

Hagberg then moved that the board approve the lease as approved by the PAWSD board and authorize Jones and Riehm to sign it, which Nobles seconded.

"I completely understand the point, but it's not enough to dicker over with them," Nobles said. "It's not enough to cause hard feelings with everybody. It's not you guys."

Following Hudson pointing out that the board had not voted on the motion and a brief discussion of what motion was on the table, the board then voted to approve the lease as presented by PAWSD, with Proffitt casting the lone dissenting vote.



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Mountain Express Transit announces fare-free July and August

By Andrew Myroie
Archuleta County Mountain Express Transit

Zero Fare For Better Air, We'll Get You There is a collaborative, state-wide initiative designed to reduce ground-level ozone by increasing the use of transit.

Starting July 1, Mountain Express Transit is encouraging community residents and visitors to ride transit to help keep Colorado's air clean during the summer months when air pollution is at its highest.

Mountain Express will offer free trips during the months of July and August on all fixed routes. The effort is made possible by Colorado Senate Bill 24-032, the Ozone Season Transit Grant Program in partnership with the Colorado Energy Office.

Mountain Express welcomes individuals who may have never used its transit services and customers who are regular transit users to ride often all summer long and save money getting where they need to go.

"The pilot program that launched August of 2022 was highly successful. Transit systems from all over the state participated, ranging from those serving the largest cities, like RTD in Denver, to regional rural systems like SMART in San Miguel County (Telluride region). Mid-size cities throughout Colorado, like Greeley, Pueblo and Colorado Springs participated in the program. Smaller communities in mountain towns, the eastern plains and Western Slope also took advantage of this amazing opportunity," Colorado Association of Transit Agencies Executive Director Ann Rajewski

said. "All agencies that participated increased ridership — ranging anywhere between 2 percent to 59 percent. This year we are expanding the program for the entire summer and are expecting to increase the number of transit agencies participating."

In 2023, the Zero Fare program was equally successful.

Throughout Colorado, 16 communities provided free fares to riders throughout the months of June through August. In addition to providing free fares, the program also provided funding for a marketing campaign promoting the statewide initiative.

Together, these efforts helped generate a 2 percent to 216 percent increase in ridership in participating communities.

This year, the program will be active for two months, July and August, and 13 communities throughout Colorado are participating. This three-year campaign is the largest free fare transit initiative in the U.S.

Approximately 85 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions that come from transportation are due to day-to-day commutes. By leaving the car at home, a person can save up to 20 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions every day depending on the length of the trip.

Additional customer benefits of the Zero Fare program are substantial.

Riders experience environmental, financial, lifestyle and community benefits of transit that include the following.

Cost savings

Taking the bus saves on car ex-

penses including maintenance and parking, which add up quickly. Not only do you save money on gas, but you also reduce the wear and tear on your vehicle.

According to a recent study by AAA, a new car's routine maintenance and repairs could cost an average of \$0.09 per mile. If you drive 10,000 miles in a year, that totals \$900. If you drive 20,000 miles, that figure jumps to \$1,800 annually.

Gas savings

Riding public transit frees up additional funds in customers' everyday budgets.

In addition, public transportation saves the United States an estimated 4.2 billion gallons of gas annually, reducing dependency on foreign oil.

Reduction in traffic

Taking public transit keeps cars off the road, limiting traffic congestion, air pollution and ground-level ozone.

Colorado's population grew 39 percent over the past 20 years and is expected to grow another 30 percent in the next 20, significantly increasing traffic around the state. This robust growth makes it essential for commuters to have public transit options to offset the increase in traffic and increased distances to work.

Reduction in stress and increased safety

Taking public transit removes the stress and anxiety of battling everyday traffic. Public transportation is one of the safest ways to travel and it is 10 times safer per mile than travel-

ing by car.

Increased productivity

While taking public transit, customers can catch up on reading, emails, podcasts or just sit back and relax.

Improved air quality

Transportation is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions causing climate change. Using public transit creates 84 percent less carbon emissions than driving a car. That is a savings of 63 million metric tons annually.

About Mountain Express

Mountain Express is designed to increase mobility options for residents in Archuleta County.

With free service in July and August on fixed routes, transit riders can experience cost savings, stress reduction, a safer ride and increased productivity while helping get cars off the road and improving Colorado's air quality.

Mountain Express supports Archuleta County with fixed-route public transit and on-demand service. It also provides paratransit for elderly and disabled persons. The fixed-route system serves uptown and downtown Pagosa Springs with 21 scheduled stops that are served 10 times throughout the day.

Mountain Express also provides weekly service from Pagosa Springs to Durango and Arboles to Pagosa Springs.

For more information, visit www.ArchuletaCounty.org/681/Transportation-MET.

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The following meetings are subject to change.

Tuesday, July 9

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://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Wednesday, July 10

Archuleta County Fair Board Meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Thursday, July 11

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

Monday, July 15

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

Tuesday, July 16

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://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Thursday, July 18

Archuleta County Board of Health meeting. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916

0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Monday, July 22

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

Tuesday, July 23

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County adminis-

tration 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://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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

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Public Notices

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

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On April 3, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.

Original Grantor(s)
JOSEPH PATRICK KEARBY
Original Beneficiary(ies)
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF LITTLE ROCK MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Date of Deed of Trust
July 26, 2021
County of Recording
Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
August 02, 2021
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book Page No.)
22105739
Original Principal Amount
\$225,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$507,103.89
Pursuant to CRS §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:

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 662.16 FEET (RECORD: SOUTH 79° 48' 19" WEST, 674.34 FEET) TO THE C-N-SE-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;

THENCE SOUTH 01° 47' 37" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 306.34 FEET (RECORD: SOUTH 01° 03' 58" 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' 58" 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 945.45 FEET (RECORD: NORTH 00° 55' 00" WEST, 993.44 FEET) TO THE C-W-W-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;

THENCE NORTH 83° 33' 10" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 990.76 FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SW1/4NE1/4 OF SAID SECTION 31 (RECORD: NORTH 79° 46' 12" EAST, 1,010.97 FEET) TO THE NE 1/16 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31, SAID POINT BEING AN ANGLE POINT IN THE BOUNDARY OF THAT TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED JANUARY 16, 2001 AS RECEPTION NO. 20100535;

THENCE NORTH 01° 30' 07" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 309.54 FEET ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE NE1/4NE1/4 OF SAID SECTION 31 AND THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID WARRANTY DEED, RECEPTION NO. 20100535 (RECORD: NORTH 01° 01' 43" WEST, 332.33 FEET) TO THE C-S-N-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;

THENCE NORTH 83° 54' 57" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 329.61 FEET ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID WARRANTY DEED, RECEPTION NO. 20100535 (RECORD: NORTH 79° 44' 06" EAST, 336.80 FEET) TO THE SW-NE-NE 1/256 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31;

THENCE NORTH 01° 41' 15" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 696.72 FEET ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID WARRANTY DEED, RECEPTION NO. 20100535 (RECORD: NORTH 01° 04' 13" WEST, 696.67 FEET) SAID LINE BEING ALSO THE WEST LINE OF THE 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 29696 WEST U.S. HIGHWAY 160, BAYFIELD, COLORADO - 81122.

Also known by street and number as: 29696 US

HIGHWAY 160, BAYFIELD, CO 81122.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

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THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 08/01/2024, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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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., #59553
Barrett Frappier Weisserman, LLP 1391 SPEER BLVD, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 00000010083129

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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Date of Deed of Trust
July 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 §38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Frances Marie Leather failed to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust. Such failure constitutes a breach under the Note Deed of Trust triggering the power of sale by the Public Trustee.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

Lot 185, Pagosa Highlands Estates, according to the plat thereof filed February 7, 1972, as Reception No. 75409, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.

Also known by street and number as: 286 Snow Cir., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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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 # CO230109

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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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:
Adult: Jennifer Carr Munoz
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 Petitioner requests that the name of Jennifer 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 16, 2024

Scott Miller has applied for the THUNDER VALLEY MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3 in Sec: 8 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.

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lily opened and read aloud.

The project involves asphalt preservation on approximately 11.3 miles of roadway. The project includes traffic control, chip sealing, fog sealing, and pavement marking.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained on or after July 2, 2024, at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at the address mentioned above, upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. No refund will be made for returned copies.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and inspection trip for prospective bidders will be held at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (phone number (970) 264-5055), located at the address mentioned above, at 2:00 p.m. local time on July 16, 2024.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Melvin Richard McBride.
Case Number: 2024PR30032

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta, County, Colorado on or before October 20, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Wayne Harry Lumbattis, Deceased
Case Number: 2024PR30022

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before October 21, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.

KATHY L. HOLTHUIS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
C/O CLAYTON M. BUCHNER, ATTORNEY AT LAW
444 LEWIS ST. PO BOX 3855
PAGOSA SPRINGS CO 81147
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of BETTY SEIBEL, also known as Betty Myrta Seibel and Betty M. Seibel, Deceased
Case Number: 2024PR30035

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta, County, Colorado on or before November 4, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.

Kenneth W. Seibel, Personal Representative
256 Milton Lane
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
(970) 883-2336

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Next phase of U.S. 160 Wolf Creek Pass fiber optic project to begin July 8

Colorado Department of Transportation

The U.S. 160 fiber optic installation project, between Pagosa Springs and the east side of Wolf Creek Pass, will resume work on Monday, July 8.

The project is taking place between mile points 144 and 174 on U.S. 160.

To date, 169,000 linear feet (32 miles) of conduit, 42,000 linear feet (8 miles) of electrical conductor, 113 manholes and 160 pull boxes have been placed between the ski area to Pagosa Springs town limits along with the fiber installation.

Construction activities for the 2024 season will include the installation of an overhead variable message sign, installation of new guardrails, installation of cable racks (or cable supports) within manholes, repairing damaged conduit, installation of variable speed limit signs, installation of new closed-circuit cameras and installation of a new weather monitoring station.

Completion of the project is scheduled for late fall.

"The fiber optic cable will connect with existing fiber that was installed in 2017 along a 16-mile stretch of the U.S. 160 mountain corridor from Wolf Creek Pass east tunnel to the community of South Fork," explained Julie Constan, CDOT regional transportation director. "The project will provide additional safety through the use of high-tech equipment and signs to warn all Wolf Creek Pass travelers about changing road and weather conditions, enforced lowered speeds and the westside hairpin turn where many crashes have occurred."

Traffic impacts

- Daytime work hours will range from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Vehicles will be reduced to a single lane, alternating traffic intermittently in either direction.
- Lane closures, guided by flaggers, will mean up to 15-minute delays.
- The speed limit will be reduced to 40 mph through the work zone.

Project information

- For additional information about this project:
- Webpage: www.codot.gov/projects/us160-wolfcreekpass-fiber.
- Information hotline: (970) 363-5100.
- Email: us160fiberinstallwolfcreekpass@gmail.com.

Know Before You Go

Travelers are urged to "know before you go." Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- Road conditions and travel information: [COTrip.org](http://cotrip.org).
- Download the COTrip Planner app: bit.ly/COTrip.



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

An installation crew pulls fiber-optic cable through recently buried conduit along U.S. 160 Wolf Creek Pass east of Pagosa Springs during the 2023 work season.

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- Sign up for project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COnewalerts.
- See scheduled construction lane closures: bit.ly/laneclosures.
- Connect with @ColoradoDOT on social media: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Remember: Slow for the cone zone

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones:

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay alert. Expect the unexpected.

- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be patient.

USDA Forest Service seeking public comment on draft guidance for old-growth management on national forests

U.S. Forest Service

On June 21, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service took the next step to advance the commitment to conserve old-growth forests by publishing a draft environmental impact statement for the proposed national old-growth forest plan amendment.

The proposed amendment is available in the Federal Register, and will be open for public comment for 90 days following publication.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide consistent guidance for the stewardship, conservation and recruitment of old growth across national forests.

The proposed amendment highlights the importance of proactive stewardship actions in managing threats to old-growth forests, and to reduce wildfire risk, considering current and emerging climate-driven threats.

It also calls for adaptive management strategies to be developed using local, geographically relevant information and the best available science, including Indigenous knowledge.

"Recent scientific analysis shows us that many old-growth forests are under significant threat from climate

change," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The Forest Service's plan will help safeguard these iconic stands of trees through science-based management and conservation strategies that can be adapted to unique local circumstances on national forests. USDA is looking forward to receiving feedback on [the] draft proposal from tribal, state and local governments, industry partners, conservation organizations, and many others; all of whom will be critical partners in the forest management and conservation actions needed to ensure the maintenance and growth of old-growth forests into the future."

"Old growth forests are important to our ecosystems by capturing carbon, and contributing to clean air, soil, water and diverse habitats," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "Old forests also provide other benefits like subsistence and cultural uses, outdoor recreational opportunities and sustainable local economic development. The proposed old-growth amendment will provide guidance that can be adapted locally to support multiple uses, including proactive stewardship of old forests to reduce wildfire risk and create long-term resilience in a changing climate."

At President Joe Biden's direction,

the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) completed the first-ever nationwide inventory of old and mature forests, and developed definitions for more than 200 forest types in the United States.

This initial inventory report shows that the BLM and Forest Service manage approximately 32 million acres of old growth and 80 million acres of mature forests on federally managed lands, for a total of 112 million acres.

Old-growth forests represent 18 percent and mature forest another 45 percent of all forested land managed by the two agencies.

The Forest Service also recently finalized the Mature and Old Growth Threat Analysis, which identifies threats to mature and old-growth forests on Forest Service and BLM lands.

The report informed the Forest Service's proposed national amendment and highlights the urgent need for action, suggesting current management is not responsive enough to address disturbances driven by climate change such as wildfire, insects and disease.

The Forest Service evaluated tribal and public input from the initial scoping period, which closed Feb. 2. Extensive feedback from a diverse

range of audiences was vital in the development of the draft environmental impact statement and were incorporated into the proposed action and used to develop alternatives.

The agency will continue to learn from the input and feedback received during this public comment period, as well as through ongoing tribal roundtables and consultation sessions, and dialogue with cooperating agencies, and state and local governments.

This work is part of larger agency efforts to support healthy, resilient forests and ecosystems by integrating climate change considerations into all aspects of planning and operations to support healthy, resilient forests and ecosystems.

Throughout the comment period, the Forest Service will conduct public engagements and field tours, including virtual information sessions. The agency will also continue formal consultation with tribes, and work with state and local governments, conservation districts and other cooperating agencies.

Additional information on engagement opportunities is available on the Forest Service National Old Growth Amendment website, www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/old-growth-forests/amendment.

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Stargazers to meet July 26 for potluck, program on James Webb Space Telescope

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers are continuing this summer, along with the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, to have night sky programs at Chimney Rock National Monument.

The presentation on Friday, July 5, is titled Stars and Galaxies, with the gate opening at 7:30 p.m. and the program starting at 8:30 p.m.

The location for the program at the monument is always determined by the weather, which also decides whether or not we can use telescopes. Decisions are made at the moment.

On July 12, the program is entitled Our Solar System. If we are able to use telescopes, we will be focusing on the

moon. The gate will open at 7:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 8:30 p.m.

At both of these events walk-ins, without reservations, are accepted. You will need to pay at the gift shop.

On July 13, is a members-only star party. It will be at Hatcher Lake (south, off Piedra Road) and will start at 8:45 p.m. There will be a special time for people with binoculars lead by Maureen Kolomeir. People can also bring their own telescopes and we will have a few club scopes available.

July meeting and potluck

July 26 will be our July monthly meeting at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. The doors will open at 4 p.m., dinner will be served at 5:30

■ See Stargazers on next page



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- Wednesday**
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- Thursday**
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Stargazers

■ continued from previous page p.m., and a program will follow.

It will be a special "thank you" meeting and potluck dinner. Those being thanked do not need to bring food.

The "thank you" guests include those people who gave a Christmas gift to the San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club and people who have participated in more than one Night Sky Program at Chimney Rock this summer. And it can also be for anyone else who wants a little thank you for all the things needed to keep a club running. Thank you, everyone.

I have always wanted to attend a potluck that runs out of food. In the history of the universe, I don't think that has ever happened.

This is how things will work: you must RSVP so we know how many to expect. Just send a brief email with you name and the number attending to Rwoman2000@aol.com.

The club will purchase fixings for a delicious tossed salad. Grab a bottle of salad dressing out of your fridge on your way out the door.

People will meet at 4 p.m. to make the salad. The club will also purchase cakes (various kinds) and ice cream for dessert.

Those who should bring food can make a main dish, veggie dish, potato dish or whatever. Joan will be making melt-in-your-mouth meatballs from her most recently processed grass-fed steer raised at her property on her special yummy grass.

The program will be Anderson Cooper's whole story on the James Webb Space Telescope that aired in June. It was a great program that everyone should see. We hope to see you there.

August meeting

Our August monthly meeting, which is on Aug. 22 at the church at 6 p.m. social time with program at

7 p.m., will provide an opportunity for everyone to bring your eclipse pictures and stories to share with the club.

If you are not a member, but went to some exotic location, please feel welcome to come and share your experience.

About the Stargazers

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the pub-

lication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member.

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Dramatic clouds. This month's Pagosa Springs Photography Club presentation will feature Arleen and Shawn Prochazka, of the Pagosa Weather team, discussing weather topics of interest to photographers.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting set for July 10

By Andy Butler
Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The July meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Wednesday, July 10, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

We will begin with social time at 6 p.m., and the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Please enter the church through the side door next to the parking lot.

This month's presentation will feature Arleen and Shawn Prochazka, of the Pagosa Weather team, discussing weather topics of interest to photographers.

When it comes to landscape photography, weather and light can make or break a photograph. Some of our most dramatic lighting in the Four Corners can come during or after

summer monsoon storms.

Arleen and Shawn Prochazka will give a weather presentation focused on clouds, determining the ideal photographer's light and a peak at the summer monsoon forecast.

Pagosa Weather is a nonprofit weather forecasting and community outreach program, and is your local source for weather.

Arleen and Shawn Prochazka love to share their years of military weather forecasting experience. They are the National Weather Service Archuleta County Weather Ready Nation ambassadors, and also the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow network coordinators for Archuleta County.

Both are members of the American Meteorological Society and members of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

The presentation will be followed by our monthly image share, for which Photography Club members may bring up to five images each to share and discuss.

This meeting will also be available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to abutler@mac.com.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club welcomes everyone who enjoys making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs, image sharing and discussion, and outings to help our members improve their photography.

For more information about the club, and to download a membership application, visit our website at <https://pagosaspingsphotoclub.org/about/>.

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By **Patty Copenhaver**
A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc.

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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).

Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/PagosaDirtyDu>.

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

The race lineup is as follows:
• Dusty Kids Gravel Growler: 7:30

a.m., \$10.

• Dirty Sprint: 8:15 a.m., \$55.

• Dirty Du: 8:15 a.m., \$65.

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.

The Pagosa Duathlon operates under a special permit with the San Juan National Forest.

About Aspen House

Aspen House is a dedicated nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through community support, advocacy and innovative programs.

For more information on how to support Aspen House and help make a difference in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, please visit www.aspenhousepagosa.org.

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

By **Maggie Su**

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

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Healthy Archuleta team members, interns and guests from the Native American Bahá'í Institute pose at the Pagosa Springs Community Garden while helping with weeding and other maintenance.

Healthy Archuleta youth build community with local growers

Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta was pleased to offer extra hands from team members and interns to the Pagosa Springs Community Garden and the Vista Lakes Community Garden recently.

Our interns and team members were out to help with weeding and other maintenance.

We were fortunate to have been joined by three youth and four adults from the Navajo Nation. Specifically,

our guests were visiting from the Native American Bahá'í Institute outside of Sanders, Ariz.

As an organization, Healthy Archuleta strives to provide multifaceted and ongoing support for increasing food production in Archuleta County — from backyard growers to community gardeners to professional farmers and ranchers.

We urge you to look for opportunities to grow food locally, or assist neighbors or community gardens to grow,

and try to choose locally produced foods whenever they are available.

Don't forget: July 6 is the opening day for the Pagosa Farmers Market in its new location at the Tennyson Sculpture Gardens and Park at 475 Lewis St. The Pagosa Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through September.

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MorgAnne Foster

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She works alongside several non-profits and small businesses to make a difference in every way possible. She believes greatness is best achieved with a team of people up to the same mission and vision in life, which she is lucky to have found and continues finding in Pagosa.

She is honored to be a part of this

event to uplift the smallest, yet most powerful little world changers, our youngest generation.

Janna Lilly

Janna Lilly is a lifelong educator who spent her career working to improve the lives of students with disabilities and their families. She concluded her career as director of special education for Austin Independent School District and then as a registered lobbyist for the Texas Council of Administrators for Special Education.

During her career, Lilly lobbied states and the federal government for increased public education funding, often citing research showing the dramatic benefits of early childhood education. In addition, Lilly has seen firsthand with her own nine grandchildren how early learning can change the trajectory of a child's life.

Retired here in Pagosa, Lilly volunteers as a tutor for struggling readers and enjoys the Colorado lifestyle with her husband, John Thomas.

A vote for Lilly, supporting Seeds, is the best return on an investment

you can make for a child, her/his family, your community and the greater economy by supporting quality.

Veronica Medina

Commissioner Veronica Medina was born in Craig, Colo. Medina and her husband, Mauricio, moved to

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1135 Park Ave Unit 401
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2 beds/2.5 baths/2,044 sq footage/2 car garage. Beautiful end unit townhome in Whispering Pines! Once you enter this home and step into the great room, you will see the mountain views from the large windows.

To tour this home go to:

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65 Caballero Drive
\$849,000

MLS 811817

4 bed, 2 1/2 bath, 2,350 sq ft on approx. 1 acre, Back deck boasts a view of the mountains and a hot tub. Main floor primary bedroom with three additional bedrooms upstairs.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer rep season now in full swing

By Tim Moore

Thingamajig Theatre Company

We are thrilled to announce that Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2024 summer rep season is now in full swing, with all three shows officially open and running in repertory through Aug. 31.

This summer's lineup features an exciting array of productions, each offering a unique theatrical experience. With many performances reaching near or full capacity, we encourage you to secure your tickets soon.

'Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville'

Escape to paradise with this fun and laid-back musical featuring the songs of Jimmy Buffett.

"Escape to Margaritaville" follows the story of a part-time bartender and singer who falls for a career-minded tourist.

Set in a tropical island resort, this show is packed with iconic tunes like "Cheeseburger in Paradise" and "Margaritaville," ensuring a feel-good experience for all.

'Beautiful: The Carole King Musical'

Journey through the inspiring true story of Carole King's remarkable rise to stardom.

"Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" chronicles her early life, songwriting success and the personal struggles she faced along the way.

With timeless hits such as "You've Got a Friend" and "Natural Woman," this musical celebrates the life and music of a legendary artist.

'Disney's Beauty and the

Dancing

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Archuleta County in 2014 to care for her parents. She is a mother of five boys and Nana to 14 grandchildren.

Medina is the first Hispanic/Jicarilla Apache woman to be an elected Archuleta County commissioner. Her work life experience includes human resources manager, Realtor, notary public, mediator, translator and risk manager.

Medina is passionate about her community, volunteering for many local organizations.

Dancing with the Stars means so much to her because it is a small way in which she can proudly assist the children of Archuleta County.

Tickets and voting information

Want to see the stars perform in person on Aug. 17? Purchase a ticket online at website www.dwtps.org. All tickets include votes for your favorite



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Margot Grom stars as Carole King in the Thingamajig Theatre Company's "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical."

Beast'

Step into the enchanted world of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

This classic tale of love and transformation features unforgettable characters, stunning costumes, and beloved songs like "Be Our Guest" and "Beauty and the Beast."

Perfect for audiences of all ages, this production brings the magic of the beloved animated film to life on stage.

'Finding Nemo Kids'

In addition to our stellar lineup of shows, Thingamajig Theatre Company is excited to give back to our local community. Our talented professional actors are now teaching a two-week kid's camp, "Finding Nemo Kids."

star, a buffet dinner served by our fine dining restaurant, a sensational show which is sure to entertain, and open dancing during voting.

But why wait until the event to vote when you can do it today?

Visit vote.dwtps.org to vote for your favorite stars. Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the fabulous trophy and bragging rights for the next year.

You can vote for as many stars as you would like as many times as you want. But, more importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining Seeds of Learning's tuition mission to provide high-quality and affordable early childhood education in Pagosa Springs.

Seeds of Learning is a nonprofit, standalone preschool serving approximately 58 preschoolers year-round, ages 2.5 to 5 years old. The critical proceeds from this event are what make it possible for most of the children at Seeds to attend.

This camp offers young aspiring actors a chance to learn from the best while having a blast performing a junior version of the popular Disney-Pixar film. It's a wonderful opportunity for kids to dive into the world of theater and make new friends.

Tickets

Don't miss out on the excitement this summer. Grab your tickets now for Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2024 summer rep season and join the fun.

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Tips to keep tomatoes, from 'breakers' to ripened red

By Robin Young and Susan Himes
PREVIEW Columnists

Extension Viewpoints

One of the simple joys of summer is access to great-tasting tomatoes. Whether grown and picked at "color break" from a home garden or bought fully ripened at a local farmers market or grocery store, tomatoes are a treat.

There are some tips and tricks to help you get the most from your tomato harvest or purchase, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Joe Masabni, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension small-acreage horticulturist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas and professor in the Department of Horticultural Sciences, shared his expert advice on storing and extending the life of tomatoes without compromising taste.

Timing is everything

Nothing will taste as great as a tomato at its peak, so timing is a major factor to consider when ripening tomatoes. They can ripen in days or weeks, depending on the variety and stage at which they were picked, so buy or pick accordingly.

If all your tomato plants are full simultaneously and there is no possible way to eat them as fast as they need to be picked, there are ways to space out the ripening process to allow for extended use.

Any tomato reaching the "breaker stage" will continue to ripen off the vine, Masabni said. This is the stage where the bottom of the tomato has started to change from green to yellow.

The best place to let tomatoes ripen is on your kitchen counter.

Ideally, ripe or ripening tomatoes prefer temperatures around the mid-60s, but Masabni explained room temperature in most homes is fine.

However, breaker-stage tomatoes can be stored in a refrigerator to halt the ripening process. This allows you to pull them from the fridge and let them ripen as needed. Once the tomatoes are at room temperature again, they will usually continue the ripening process over several days.

If you've picked an entirely green tomato, it will not ever ripen. It's best to use these for a favorite recipe, like a relish or fried green tomatoes.

Vine ripening, or not

Once a tomato is at the breaker stage, it can be classified as vine-ripened. Even though it doesn't look ripe yet, it has all the sugars and essential compounds necessary for it to reach its mature color and full flavor.

"Once it's physiologically ripe, it is considered vine-ripened and can be picked and marketed as such," Masabni said.

For gardeners, while it may seem like a good idea to keep the tomato on the vine until you are ready to

eat it, the longer it is on the vine, the more likely it is to be eaten by birds or bugs. If you can protect your tomato plants from pests that is best, but don't have any qualms about picking your tomatoes and allowing them to finish ripening off the vine, because they will still have that same wonderful flavor.

Best way to store tomatoes

Make sure you store the tomatoes with a little space between them on the counter or in a container to allow air circulation, Masabni said.

"Tomatoes should be stored how you see them at the market — out in the open," he said. "Consumers often do it wrong — they treat onions like tomatoes and tomatoes like onions when it comes to storage. Keep your onions in the refrigerator, not the counter or the pantry."

Do not keep tomatoes in a closed bag unless you want to hasten the ripening process. Ethylene gas produced by tomatoes ripens them quicker when held in the bag. Tomatoes will also ripen more quickly if left in warmer temperatures, like on a porch or in an outbuilding. This can happen quickly, so you'll want to check on them daily in temperatures above 80 degrees.

Refrigeration can alter taste

As a rule of thumb, Masabni suggested not refrigerating ripe tomatoes whenever possible.

"Do not refrigerate ripe tomatoes unless you just can't eat them," Masabni said. "Refrigerators can affect the taste and texture of a ripe tomato, so let them ripen on a counter and then eat or cook with them."

But for gardeners who have more than they can eat or share with friends and family, refrigeration is a way to extend the shelf life.

Let no tomato go to waste

If you have more tomatoes than you can eat, consider using them in salsa and other recipes.

If they are just a little past their prime, they can also be turned into sauces. Romas can be used to make tomato paste, but detecting if a Roma is still good is tough since they stay firm even after they go bad inside. Whole tomatoes may also be frozen to use in stews or cooked dishes.

"The only time a tomato is garbage is if it's starting to be mushy," he said.

Susan Himes works for Texas A&M AgriLife Communications.

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 stop-

ping by your businesses in hopes of hanging a flyer in your window, on your community bulletin board 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.

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1001 Soaring Eagle Court
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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.

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Cloman Industrial Park
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247 Davis Cup Drive, Unit 4258
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To tour this home go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/247DavisCup>



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Our flag proudly waves

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Every year our oldest daughter and her husband come from California for their vacation. And every year our son-in-law brings a new USA flag with him.

This act of kindness is not random, but has been a tradition for 38 years. Our kids will soon arrive and a new flag will proudly wave in our front yard.

The old tattered one will come down. It bears the history of last year. The fierce winds of winter gnawed on the threads and chewed the fabric. Strings are dangling, colors have faded, but it still waves in victory.

Both the old, tattered flag and new one remind us we have the freedom to worship our God.

People on their knees have fought to keep us a godly nation — born out of men who laid their lives down to establish this nation. That's who we are.

Some question the fabric of this country, but we were founded on Christian beliefs. America was named "A City on a Hill" by John Winthrop, a preacher and signer of the Declaration of Independence on Aug. 2, 1776.

Delegates to the Second Continental Congress signed the document. By putting their names on this paper, these men risked losing everything. The 56 men who signed the declaration, all except one identified themselves as Christians.

When people chant rebellious words against this nation and yell, "Death to America," they are against

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God. They have forgotten Who fought for this nation and what He has done for us.

"A City on a Hill" was coined by Jesus: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14, NKJV).

The words of evil men rob God of His glory and the men who have courage to fight for freedom keeps our nation shining as a city on a hill.

Our country's freedom goes hand in hand with our faith in God. God has given us favor. Have we forgotten God? Is our light burning out? Are we resolved to sit in darkness?

Was it not a couple of years ago during COVID, the words from 2 Chronicles 7:14 were on everyone's lips: "If my people who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

I'm counting on hearing from heaven and God fighting for us. Just like that old, faded flag, this country has seen worse and it will see better, but we stand proudly with it.

Final brushstroke: I look through our living room window at our nation's flag and a smile comes across

my heart. I love this country. I love the red, white and blue. In our country's history, good men and courageous soldiers have fought to keep us free. Prayer warriors are called to fall to their knees and pray. I'm so thankful for them. Happy Fourth of July. See you at the parade.

Readers' comments

Comment from one our locals: "Hey there, Mrs. Slade! It's your old buddy, Jace Johnson. I just read your article in this week's paper and wanted to pass along a heartfelt thank you for keeping Pagosa, our little town. It's the one thing that keeps my heart here...our memories of days and friends gone by. We are blessed to be the few who got to live life in our precious town as it was meant to be. The way so many of our elders made it.

"Now, time seems to slip by much faster without being able to catch up with all our long-time friends at the annual Catholic Church catfish fry over [Lent] at the parish hall. Nevertheless, I just wanted you to know how much you are adored AND cherished."

I responded, "Bless [Karl] Isberg. He saw something in me, even though I didn't see it in myself.

"God put favor in his heart for me. That was sixteen years ago and 690 articles later."

He responded, "Mrs. Slade, 690 articles—I'm sure Glen Edmonds and Dave Mitchell would be most proud of all of your time and efforts over the years. I worked for David Roddy at the radio station back in

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Things that go 'boom' in the summer night

Special to The PREVIEW

Fireworks are staples of summer, when neighborhoods sporadically light up with multicolored splendor and distant pops can be heard on a regular basis.

Most fireworks are made of a small tube called an aerial shell that contains various explosive chemicals, according to the American Chemical Company. The shell has gunpowder and something called "stars," which give fireworks their color when they explode. The shell is housed in a mortar that will launch the firework into the air after a fuse is lit. Ultimately, a bursting charge of the firework explodes and ignites the black powder and stars.

If the stars are randomly placed in the shell, they will produce random patterns. But many fireworks are carefully created so that the stars are placed to allow for specific patterns

when the firework explodes.

The following are some types of fireworks that surely will be lighting up night skies:

- **Brocade:** This firework has a large number of trailing stars falling slowly in an umbrella pattern. It's one of the most common firework effects.
- **Cake:** Sometimes called a "repeater" or a "multi-shot aerial," a cake is a firework that has a single fuse used to light several tubes in sequence. They fire at a rapid pace and can sometimes feature more than 1,000 shots. Cakes are often used as part of a show's finale.
- **Chrysanthemum:** This is a spherical break of colored stars that leave a visible trail of sparks.
- **Crossette:** A crossette is a shell that contains several large stars that travel a short distance before breaking apart into smaller stars with loud crackling sounds. This creates a criss-

crossing effect.

- **Dahlia:** This shell produces a starfish-like shape when it bursts.
- **Fish:** These produce an aerial effect that seems like several objects swimming through the air and only lasts a few seconds.
- **Pistil:** A pistil features a center sphere of stars that burst in a spherical shape. Pistils contain an outer sphere of stars as well.
- **Roman candle:** This firework has a paper tube that shoots flaming balls out of one end of the tube.
- **Strobe:** Similar to other fireworks with a spherical break shape, this has the added effect of blinking components that makes it appear like shimmering water in the sky.
- **UFO:** This firework spins very fast and lifts high into the sky, where it bursts into a special aerial effect. They're sometimes called helicopters, sky flyers or planes.

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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

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high school and remember well when [Karl] Isberg was hired to be a DJ. He was an 'acquired taste'; at first, but over the years I became a fan. In fact, he wrote one of the funniest articles in the Sun I ever read 20+ years ago about being a boy during the 4th

sure to inquire about how you can get involved.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month at the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednes-

day from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 246-5931 to register.

Check out the online option on our website, <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/>.

of July holidays...I never forgot it all these years later. I believe it's your own ministry, to be honest, and there are a bunch of us in town who feel the same way...I just wish you could figure out how to pass an offering plate around ha ha ha!!

"My Mom, Jr and my Dad are

huge fans as well....even in heaven, this I know! Love to you and Al, Jace Johnson."

Send your comment to bettyslade.author@gmail.com. I'd love to share them with the other folks in Pagosa.

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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.

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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

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lights 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. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.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.

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.

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'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).

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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.

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Sunday, July 7

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Monday, July 8

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. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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.

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 9

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.

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

Tech Time. 10 a.m.- noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger.

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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.

Virtual Author Talk: Kate DiCamillo. Noon, virtual. Listen live or recorded. Visit Deckawoo Drive with Mercy Wilson, an adventurous pig, with Kate DiCamillo. For those in pre-k to second grade. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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.

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. "River of Gods' The Search for the Source of the Nile" by Candace Millard will be discussed.

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

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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Men's Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Author Talk: Scott Graham. 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Scott Graham, author of the National Parks mystery series, will speak.

DUST2 Tuesday Night Ride. 6:15 p.m. Rides vary between the Turkey Springs Trail System and Reservoir Hill. Riders are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing to mountain bike. All levels are welcome. For more information, visit dustx2.org or email info@dustx2.org.

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Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Social time will begin at 6 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Shawn and Arleen Prochazka will discuss weather topics of interest to photographers. For more information, visit pagosaspringsphotoclub.org.

DUST2 Gravel Night Rides. 6:15 p.m. Meeting locations vary between uptown and downtown. All levels are welcome. For more information, visit dustx2.org or email info@dustx2.org.

Order of the Eastern Star Peace and Harmony Chapter #158. 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 277 Lewis St. Call Donna at (970) 946-8201 for more

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Thursday, July 11

Art at the Pinnacles: Drawing with Pastels. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Tickets are \$25 for ages 10 and up. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. 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

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

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Spanish Fiesta Committee. 5:30

p.m., Senior Center dining hall, Community Center. All are welcome.

'Escape to Margaritaville.' 7 p.m., ■ **See Calendar on next page**

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Emotional Freedom Technique Session. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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

Saturday, July 13

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Tallies
- 5 German river
- 9 ___ chic
- 13 Cops' rounds
- 15 Verb preceder
- 16 Where the heart is
- 17 "Middlemarch" author
- 18 "Boyz n the Hood" director
- 20 Like some smiles
- 22 Leaves out
- 23 Greenish-blue hue
- 24 Canal site
- 26 Get the picture
- 27 Wide of the mark
- 30 Like a mumu dress
- 33 Equestrian event
- 35 Answer to "Where are you?"
- 38 Student overseer
- 39 "Mob Wives" star Graziano
- 41 Saharalike
- 42 Layers of rock
- 44 Irksome
- 46 Mock rock band in a 1984 film
- 48 ___ out a win
- 49 Fall mo.
- 51 Do away with
- 52 Agenda entry
- 54 Absurd comedy
- 56 Some are raw
- 61 Gym staple
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- 68 Pushing up daisies
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- 2 Where to find a hero
- 3 Roasting platform
- 4 Brown fur
- 5 Fodder storage
- 6 Pork ___
- 7 Thrill-seeker's cord
- 8 HS subject
- 9 Those guys
- 10 Cooking device
- 11 Overact
- 12 Pick up
- 14 Headache cause
- 19 "Two Women" Oscar winner
- 21 Indian royal
- 25 Drive off
- 27 Track figures
- 28 Guitar ridge
- 29 R. L. Stine book series

- 31 Kind of colony or code
- 32 Horse-drawn carriage
- 34 Jacket fastener
- 36 Gretzky's milieu
- 37 Advantage
- 40 Deserving
- 43 Played out
- 45 La Scala works
- 47 Think much of

- 49 Over and over
- 50 Slice the turkey
- 53 "Pollyanna" actress Hayley
- 55 Pantry items
- 57 Pond growth
- 58 Tissue additive
- 59 Run easily
- 60 Rose part
- 62 Really bad coffee

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Simple tips for more flavorful grilling

Special to The PREVIEW

Grilling is sometimes described as an art form. Many skilled grillmasters are a testament to that assertion, and it's apparent to anyone who enjoys grilled foods that some who man the grill have a knack for producing flavorful dishes.

Though grilling requires a little trial and error on the path to becoming a go-to grillmaster, there are some simple strategies anyone can employ to produce more flavorful finished products:

- Dry rub foods before putting them on the grill.

Grilling enthusiasts may debate if a dry rub or a marinade is best for grilled foods, and that back-and-forth may never produce a definitive answer. The choice of dry rub or marinade is ultimately up to the cook, but a dry rub can be more convenient because it can be applied shortly before foods are placed on the grill without sacrificing flavor. Many recipes call for foods to marinate for several hours or even overnight. Both

dry rubs and marinades can improve the flavor profile, but the former can do so without too much planning ahead of time.

Dry rubs also tend to be made with ingredients such as salt, pepper and brown sugar that many people already have at home, adding to the convenience of this approach that can enhance flavor without too much effort.

- Oil the grates before cooking.

Similar to utilizing a dry rub when cooking, oiling the grill grates can add flavor and make grilling more convenient. Various online grilling experts and forums advise using a silicone brush to apply an oil with a high smoke point (the smoke point is the temperature at which the oil will begin to smoke).

The online grilling resource 4thegrill.com notes that corn (smoke point 450 degrees F) and peanut oil (440 degrees F) are better than extra virgin olive oil (410 degrees F) when oiling a grill grate. The oil applied to the grate can add some additional flavor, and also create a nonstick surface

that ensures food is not torn apart while it cooks over an open flame.

- Bring meat to room temperature.

One of the keys to successful grilling is to ensure foods cook evenly. Prior to grilling meat, take the meat out of the refrigerator roughly 20 to 30 minutes before you intend to put it over a flame. This allows the meat to reach room temperature, which in turn increases the likelihood it will cook evenly.

- Cook with wood.

The culinary experts at Williams-Sonoma note that wood can be used to add flavor to grilled foods.

Williams-Sonoma recommends soaking wood chips, herbs, or grapevine cuttings for 30 minutes and then draining before using with a charcoal grill. Avoid soaking wood or aromatics when grilling on a gas grill, as doing so can make it difficult to ignite the grill.

Grilling is a skill that anyone can develop over time. But even novices can employ a few strategies to increase the flavor profile of their next meal cooked over an open flame.

July Colorado's peak month for alcohol and drugged-driving crashes

Colorado State Patrol

Over a four-year period, from 2020 through 2023, Colorado State Patrol (CSP) troopers have investigated more than 2,500 fatal and injury crashes determined to be caused by impaired drivers.

Year after year, numbers expand during warmer months, with the top month for impaired crashes being July.

"Last year, troopers investigated 11 fatal car crashes and an additional 59 with serious injuries during the month of July that were caused by impaired drivers. We are imploring drivers who have taken the risk of driving intoxicated in the past to change their behavior," stated Matthew C. Packard, chief of the CSP. "Driving impaired is rolling the dice with your license, your freedom and your life."

By looking at crash data statistics over the last four years, the CSP has discovered that the majority of at-fault impaired drivers involved in a crash they investigated were wearing their seat belts (61 percent).

"Buckling up becomes a habit, and so should planning for a sober driver," remarked Packard. "When you pause to consider that the majority of impaired drivers involved in a serious injury or fatal crash make the choice to wear a seat belt for their own personal protection but don't make a choice to plan a sober ride for the protection of others, you begin to appreciate the selfishness of this behavior."

While impaired driving is a serious concern in every community, alcohol and drugged driving fatal and injury crashes investigated by the CSP were the highest in the following five counties in 2023: Adams, El Paso, Weld, Jefferson and Larimer.

Troopers continue to take a low-

tolerance approach to the top fatal crash factors, including lane violations, impaired driving and speeding while launching a yearlong campaign called "Drive Safe." This campaign reminds people to reflect on everything they love and value and plan a sober ride when planning to celebrate.



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Scene ... taking in Art in the Park at the Tennyson Sculpture Park and Gardens Saturday and Sunday. The two-day event, presented by the Pagosa Springs Arts Council, featured more than 30 artists.



Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the plumbeous vireo.

The plumbeous vireo is a small songbird with a big voice. Birds in the vireo family are described as constant singers, especially in spring, when song is used to attract a mate and define nesting territory. They will even sing while sitting on the nest.

Despite broadcasting their presence with repeated singing, they are difficult to find in their typical location high in the canopy of a ponderosa pine. Here they forage deliberately while inspecting branches, bark crevices and needle clusters for the insects and spiders that they eat. Moths, butterflies, bugs, bees, wasps and beetles are all a part of their diet.

Plumbeous vireos have a relatively small breeding territory which includes most of Nevada and Utah, western portions of Colorado and New Mexico, and the higher elevations of eastern Arizona. Here they nest in dry, montane coniferous and mixed forests, particularly those of ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, aspen and Gambel oak up to around 8,200 feet elevation.

These vireos take their name from the Latin word for leaden, a reference to the rich gray color of their upperparts. They are white underneath and the bold white lines around their eyes that extend over the bill give them the appearance of wearing spectacles.

A short, thick bill is hooked at the end, an aid in holding onto squirming prey.

When it's time to build a nest, plumbeous vireos move closer to the ground to attach the rim of their tightly woven cup from a forked tree branch. A perfectly constructed nest is formed using fine grasses, other plant fibers, bits of spider webs, string and animal hair.

Lichens and moss attached to the outside serve as camouflage.

Despite both parents sharing incubation duties, their nests are frequently parasitized by a cowbird female who sneaks in to deposit an egg. Both parents also share in raising the chicks. Once the young birds have left the nest, families may forage together for a while, but disband before leaving for Mexico by the end of September.

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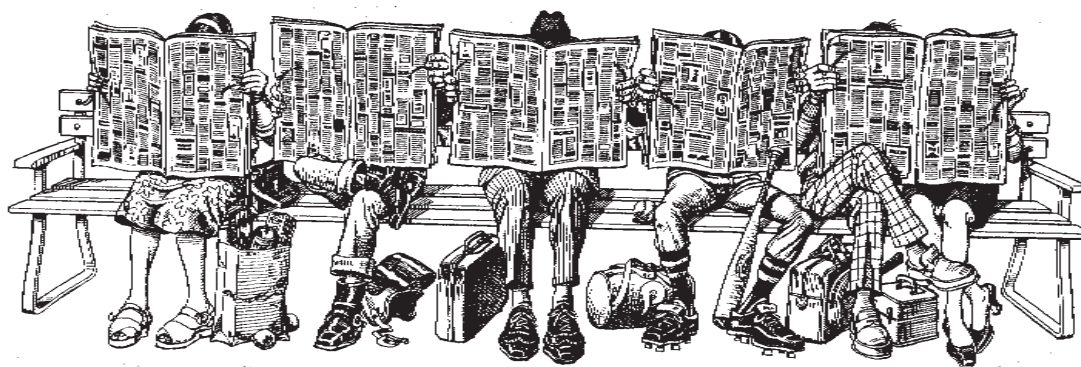
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The headliner for the 22nd annual Spanish Fiesta will be New Mexican artist Darren Cordova Y Calor. Tickets are on sale now for the July 27 event.

Tickets on sale for 22nd Annual Spanish Fiesta July 27

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Tickets are on sale for the 22nd Annual Spanish Fiesta.

You are invited to the 22nd annual Spanish Fiesta on July 27 sponsored by Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) and the Spanish Fiesta Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

The headliner for the day’s activities will be famous New Mexican artist Darren Cordova Y Calor at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

Activities will begin at 3 p.m., but come earlier to get your seat and enjoy authentic Hispanic cuisine of southern Colorado and northern New Mexican plus a variety of other food trucks, artisan vendors, music from Candace Vargas and Northern 505, and folklorico dance performances from local artists.

We will feature scholarship recipients, the Spanish Fiesta Royalty and the Archuleta County Fair Royalty.

Proceeds from this event will support older adults of Archuleta County through the services of ASI and a BIPOC youth and elder scholarship

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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.

Emotional Freedom Technique sessions

Join Judith Newman at the Pagosa Senior Center (451 Hot Springs Blvd.) the second Wednesday of each month — July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11 and Oct. 9 — to learn and/or refresh your Emotional Freedom Technique, also known as tapping skills, to support yourself with self-care, relief from anxiety and community support.

All classes start at 10 a.m. and

last 45 minutes to an hour. Please bring a friend or come alone. All are welcome.

Healthy aging and yoga therapy classes Series

The healthy aging yoga series continues to be offered in person at the Senior Center on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Classes will be structured by therapeutic yoga tools and techniques with chair movement, standing stretches, gentle postures, breathing practices and reflective meditative moments.

Monthly themes for the series will include topics such as sustainable strength for healthy aging individuals, brain health, heart and cardiovascular health, mental and emotional well-being, community connections, and stress management, to name a few.

Classes will be educational for participants to utilize practices in daily life and are meant for all levels of experience with yoga.

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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 older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

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 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.

Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group.

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 delicious 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, July 4 — Closed for the Fourth of July.

Friday, July 5 — Closed for the Fourth of July.

Monday, July 8 — Beef spaghetti, garlic bread, peas and pearl onions, garden salad, fruit, cookies, and milk.

Tuesday, July 9 — Shrimp scampi, rice pilaf, broccoli, garden salad, fruit, chocolate cake and milk.

Wednesday, July 10 — Chicken potpie, zucchini casserole, garden salad, fruit, blueberry crisp and milk.

Thursday, July 11 — Pork tenderloin with apricot glaze, roasted herb potatoes, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, July 12 — Navy bean, artichoke and goat cheese casserole; rainbow chard; garden salad; fruit, cinnamon; pear cake; and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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.

Meals on Wheels volunteer opportunities

Do you love your community and have a passion for helping your fellow community members live their healthiest lives? ASI has multiple volunteer positions to deliver hot healthy meals via our Meals on Wheels service to homebound older adults.

The time commitment is about three hours per day. We'll provide you with training materials. If you are interested, contact Rose Chavez at rosa@psseniors.org.

Mobile food pantry service

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its para-transit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

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Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

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 create 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.

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National Park mysteries author to present July 9

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We will host a very special guest speaker at your library next Tuesday, July 9 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. when Scott Graham comes from Durango to spend time with us.

He is the author of the critically acclaimed National Parks mystery series featuring Chuck Bender, an archaeologist, along with his family as they encounter and solve dangerous situations in the iconic parks of the American West.

In addition to being an excellent storyteller, Graham makes sure that the stories in his books illuminate environmental, social justice and historical issues as they unfold.

The books in the series are available at the library for your reading pleasure, the most recent being the just-published "Death Valley Duel." Settings in the other books feature nearby national parks including Mesa Verde, Arches, Rocky Mountain, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Yosemite and Canyonlands.

Virtual author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks are taking a special turn for the month of July as they feature people and books aimed at children, tweens and teens.

These sessions offer unique opportunities to interact with New York Times bestselling authors and ask questions. Please see below for details and the ages each talk is aimed at. For more details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Tuesday, July 9, at noon will feature a visit to Deckawoo Drive with Mercy Watson, an adventurous pig, by Kate DiCamillo for those in pre-K to second grade.

Tuesday, July 16 at noon will showcase "The Last Kids on Earth" and Max Brallier for those in third through sixth grades.

On Tuesday, July 23, at noon, bestselling author Elizabeth Acevedo will talk about the learning power of poetry to those in ninth to 12 grades.

Tuesday, July 30, at noon, Dan Santat will explain how to tell your own story in a graphic novel to fifth-through eighth-graders.

Library closure

Your library will be closed July 4 for the holiday and early, at 5 p.m., on Monday, July 8, for a staff meeting.

Watch for us in the July Fourth parade

We hope to see you on the Fourth of July parade route. We will have a float featuring staff of the library and foundation as well as some of our volunteers. The theme of the parade is "Back to the Future," so our theme appropriately will be "Back to the Library."

Friends book sale

July 11-13 is 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 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.

Teen/tween survival skills

Tomorrow, Friday, July 5, from 11 a.m. to noon, teens and tweens are invited to a free session where you can learn some skills you might need if you ever had to survive alone in the wilderness.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us Friday, July 5, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session playing Xbox on the big screen.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO Club on Saturday, July 6, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours to free build.

Ruby's Book Club next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club will meet from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, to discuss "River of the Gods: The Search for the Source of the Nile" by Candace Millard.

Copies are available at your library.

This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend. Snacks will be provided.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, July 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens, tweens and young adults. Create a character and join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org

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Teen Camp Half-blood Wednesday

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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.

Special kids sessions

Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., kids are invited to a special time exploring insects, plants, fossils and animals.

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.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to com-

puters, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources.

No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but please bring your device's charger and passwords with you.

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.

Activities calendars

Pick up monthly events calendars at the library so you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family.

Downloadable books

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DVDs

"The Madame Blanc Mysteries" is series one. "The Hummingbird Effect" is a PBS Nature documentary about the tiny birds' positive effect on Costa Rica's spectacular ecosystems.

Nonfiction

"American Wings" by Sherri L. Smith and Elizabeth Wein is the story of Chicago's pioneering Black aviators and how they helped to desegregate the skies.

Large Print

"Tom Clancy Act of Defiance" is a Jack Ryan adventure. "In Sunshine or in Shadow" by Rhys Bowen and

Clare Broyles is a Molly Murphy mystery. "Westport" by James Comey is a thriller by the former FBI director. "Murder in a Cup" by Lauren Elliot is a Crystals and CuriosiTEAS mystery.

Thrillers, mysteries and suspense

"Talent for Murder" by Peter Swanson tells of a librarian who may have married a serial killer.

Other Novels

"Swan Song" by Elin Hilderbrand is the last in the writer's series of novels set in Nantucket.

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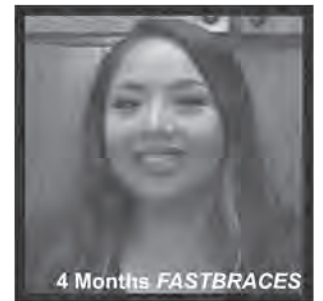
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Quotable quote

"Age is of no importance unless you're a cheese." — Billie Burke (1884-1970), American actress who was famous in her day for performing on Broadway, on radio, and in silent and sound films.

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Interesting facts related to Independence Day

Special to The PREVIEW

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's Fourth of July celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence Day in mind:

- There have been many iterations of the American flag. The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared its independence from Great Britain in 1776. But few July 4 celebrants may know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.

- More than half of all Americans own an American flag. A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57 percent of Americans own an American flag. And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase patriotic merchandise for July 4.

- The United States is not the only place to celebrate American independence. Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.

- The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat roughly 50 billion burgers annually,

so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be consumed this Independence Day.

- July is a popular month for nations to celebrate their independence. In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5), Argentina (July 9), the Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their independence day in July.

- John Adams, a founding father of the United States and the second president in the country's history, felt Americans should celebrate their independence from Great Britain on July 2. That's because the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. However, the Declaration of Independence was not approved for two more days, thus making July 4 the day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain.



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A Fourth-of-July surprise

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

For me, the Fourth-of-July celebration started early.

The scouts in our community put flags up in front of every house on holidays. In return, many of the people in our community donated to our scout program. Even if a person couldn't afford to donate, they would still find a beautiful flag waving in the breeze outside their house when they woke up. As a scoutmaster, I was up by 5:30 a.m. helping the boys get the flags in place.

When I arrived back home at 6:30 a.m., I found my daughter Eliana preparing to go to work at McDonald's. She had to start at 7:30 in the morning and work until late afternoon. That meant she couldn't even go to the flag raising or the community breakfast. She also would miss the parade and most other celebratory events.

I would usually be the one who would take Elli to work, but this morning, I knew I needed to be with my scouts at the flag raising. As I left, my wife headed to town with Elli.

The flag raising and breakfast went well. The speaker did a good job and had some wonderful patriotic music and a slideshow. We had all sorts of muffins, juice and milk. Mostly, it was just a fun time to visit. But I didn't

enjoy it as much as I might have. All I could think of was Elli having to work and missing it.

It wasn't long after the breakfast was over before we were heading to the parade. We went to my mother's house and picked her up, and by 10 o'clock, we were setting up chairs on the parade route. Another daughter and her husband also met us there.

The Ashton parade is everything a small community parade should be: lots of horses, tractors, antique automobiles and old farm equipment. But then came my favorite part. After the parade had all gone by, everyone went into the street and visited. Then, after a little while, the parade came back, going the other way, and everyone moved to the side.

My father used to say, "A parade is only as good as the number of friends you meet."

This community parade is the best there is in that way.

After the parade, we went to a small café and ate lunch. The food was good, and we had a fun time just visiting with each other and with people who came in. After we could hardly eat another bite, we had some of the best ice cream served anywhere. The whole time, however, all I could think of was buying extra pizza and ice cream for Elli to enjoy later.

After we took Mom home so she could get a well-deserved nap, it was

finally time to pick Elli up from work.

When she came out and climbed in the car, I said, "I wish you could have been with us and not had to miss everything."

She smiled. "I felt bad missing it, too. But I had my own simple but wonderful Fourth-of-July surprise."

"What was that?" I asked.

"I was working the drive-thru," she said. "A man pulled up and paid for his food. Then he said he wanted to pay for everyone in the vehicle behind him. I looked at the bill for the vehicle behind him, and it was a fair amount. I asked the man if he was sure he wanted to pay for it. He assured me he did."

"I told him that was really nice and asked him if he knew them. He shrugged and said, 'Sort of. In a way, we all do.' I asked him if he wanted me to tell them anything. He smiled and said, 'Just tell them thank you.'"

"And when the next vehicle pulled up, guess who was in it?"

"Who?" I asked.

"It was a big van full of soldiers and veterans. When I told them the man ahead of them had paid the bill and told them what he said, I felt like I would cry."

She finished by saying, "I may have missed the celebration, but I had the best Fourth-of-July surprise ever."

Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

End of Life Education group to meet twice in July

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

End of Life Education (ELE) will continue in July for those who want to complete their lives with as much quality and control as they have lived.

ELE is the name decided on for the meetings arranged by a volunteer group of concerned community members who want to complete their lives with the same quality and responsibility as they lived. We are discussing all topics related to the end of life.

We will be meeting two consecutive Mondays in July, July 15 and 22, with the time being 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., using the library's large meeting room.

If you would like to bring cookies, coffee and tea will be available.

On July 15, we will have a guest speaker, Dr. Joanna Estes, who will share relevant information from her long experience of being an MD and dealing with death.

Her main emphasis will be Colorado's End-of-Life Options Act, which covers access to medical aid at the

end of life. She will answer questions.

Since this is such a difficult topic to think about, we will meet the following Monday, July 22, at the same time in the same location to continue the discussion.

Most likely the second Monday will have a much smaller group, giving time for individuals to share their

feelings and experiences.

Feel welcome to join us. This is a difficult topic which seems to go better when fellow humans join together to deal with it since all of us are faced with the same end. Most people find that topics like this are empowering and helpful for living life to the fullest. It can be very positive and affirming.

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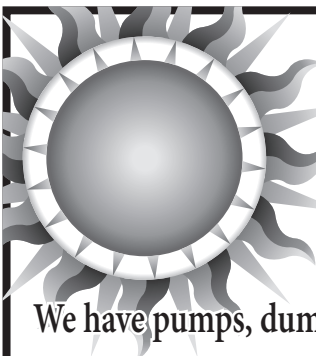
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UUs to stream general assembly Sunday service

By Pauline Benetti
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship is a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

Each year, UUs gather from around the US and Canada to convene at the general assembly (GA), not only for association business, but to worship and be in community with one another.

A unique service is coming up at the Pagosa fellowship this Sunday, as we share the complete GA Sunday service with glorious music, inspired speakers, visits to an array of UU congregations, images of weaving around the world and a powerful

message from the Rev. Molly Housh Gordon.

Her sermon, "Weaving our Lives," poses the question, "We are all tangled up together in a great web of life that is woven with beauty and hardship, love and loss, thriving and struggle. How do we tend well to the weaving so that all of us are held in care?"

A lifelong UU from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Housh Gordon is the minister of the UU Church of Columbia, Mo., where she is currently suing the state of Missouri for its unconstitutional abortion ban alongside 13 other multifaith clergy co-plaintiffs.

She is passionate about red-state UU ministry, community organizing and mutual aid.

In addition to her ministry and

organizing work, she is a published essayist and poet completing a doctor of ministry in creative writing and public theology.

Alongside her wonderful spouse, she is the delighted parent of two very fierce young children and one very chill old dog.

The service will take us something over an hour, but is so delightful to eye and ear as Housh Gordon weaves her message that time will fly.

The fellowship's in-person services are normally on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak.

Joining us through Zoom is also an option using the following meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305>.

Visit our website, www.pagosauu.org, to find our current newsletter.

Offered on alternate Sundays, in-person meditation practice is held on the second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m. We recommend emailing PagosaUUF@gmail.com to be added to the announcement list for any changes to the schedule. All are welcome.

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A prayer for our country

By Sami Fortin
PREVIEW Columnist

This is a prayer I wrote for our country this morning. I don't always have time for new prayers, so this is extraordinarily that I was able to write this. I love you and want you to have tangible evidence of God's love and presence, because that's where the joy is.

El Shaddai, Adonai, He is One, oh, that my country would sow for themselves righteousness and reap the fruit of unfailing love. Break up your unplowed ground, for it is time to seek the Lord. Then, when he comes, He'll shower righteousness on you. We have planted wickedness and have reaped evil. We have eaten the fruit of deception because we depended on our own strength. What made us think we could live without God?

All of history proves we can't. You, oh Lord, are the one who taught America to walk, taking us by the arms, but we didn't realize it was you who healed us. You led us with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; you lifted the yoke from our neck and bent down to feed us. Return, oh people, to your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen. If we will repent and do the things we did at first; if we will listen and overcome, he will give us the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

This is what we all long for, but there's only one way, and it's Jesus

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Christ, the way, truth and the life. May we fall down at the feet of Jesus, and acknowledge that he has loved us.

Let us keep his command to endure patiently. Oh, that He would keep us from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test us. Lord, strengthen us to hold onto what we have so that no one will take our crown. Cause all of America to rise up in one accord and agree together that "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." May we agree that he is worthy to receive all glory and honor and power.

We want to be the people who overcame the accuser by the blood of the lamb by the word of our testimony. We don't love our lives so much that we would shrink from death. Oh, death, where is your sting? We are called to patient endurance. Oh, Lord, come quickly, and rescue your people; let us rejoice and be glad and give you glory. In Jesus' holy mighty name, amen.

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This will help us understand these issues and opportunities from a more representative sample of our community.

Your feedback will help inform efforts to increase access to healthcare

and healthy food across the county. And for that we thank you for your participation and support.

All responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. If you receive a phone call or text message from FM3, the research company that is doing the survey on behalf of Healthy Archuleta, please take a few moments to share your views.

For more information, please send us an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or call us at (401) 206-4579.

We appreciate your support of this important and time-sensitive effort.

To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, please visit our website, www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org.

Colorado State Patrol expands steering wheel lock program

Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority

The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) is excited to announce the expansion of the popular steering wheel lock program.

This program provides these auto theft prevention devices free to members of communities across Colorado.

The program has now expanded to nine locations across the state, primarily at Colorado State Patrol troop offices.

This includes Durango, where pickup is available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at special events. The Troop 5A office is located at 20591 U.S. 160 in Durango.

Additional locations and hours can be found at lockdownyourcar.org/events/.

As part of efforts by the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA), a CSP business unit, and the CSP to reduce motor vehicle theft, these steering wheel locks are available to residents of Colorado to help deter and prevent theft.

A steering wheel lock is a great device to help increase physical vehicle security.

Community members will need to provide a VIN for each vehicle for which they request a lock. There is a limit of two steering wheel locks per person.

Reducing auto theft in Colorado has a ripple effect in communities; when auto theft is reduced, other crime types and incidents also show notable reductions.

From the earliest of years, combatting auto theft has been a key aspect of the mission of the CSP — to

keep Colorado's roadways safe for residents, commerce and visitors alike. Preventing and combatting motor vehicle theft is a key part of keeping our roads safe.

A quality theft-prevention routine considers many possible factors to help deter and prevent vehicle theft. This should always include locking your car every time — no matter where or how long you will be away from it. Locked vehicles are the most secure when all keys are removed from them. Always take extra, spare or valet keys out of a vehicle.

Then, once fully locked and secured, think about a great vehicle clean out. Thieves hate clean cars. What may seem like trash or unimportant items (like change, gym bags or shopping bags from retailers) may not pique your interest, but small things left visible in a vehicle can incentivize a thief to target your vehicle over a vehicle without anything left in it.

Take all items out of your vehicle and place any necessary items out of sight in the glove box or trunk.

While parking inside a garage is always a preferred option, be as secure as possible when parking on the street. Use devices like the steering wheel lock and physical devices like parking boots or shift/pedal immobilizers.

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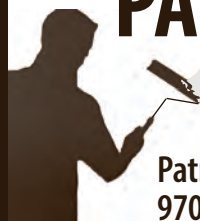
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REGION 9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT is seeking a full-time (30+ hours). Accountant for new position in growing organization. Seeking team player with 2+ years relevant work experience. Requires dependability, efficiency, accuracy, detail, and ability to 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

MASTERCRAFT REDI MIX. Experienced drivers only. Must have CDL license. Redi Mix concrete driver. (970)946-4670.

HELP WANTED

SEEKING A CARING AND ENTHUSIASTIC CANDIDATE for a case management position. Compassionate individual who enjoys helping others in our community thrive. Full time (40 hours per week with 30 hours in case management duties and 10 hours in Intake & Referral) Pagosa location. Wage: \$24.60 per hour. Hourly/nonexempt with full time benefits: medical, dental, vision insurance available for purchase; paid life insurance; 401 K participation after 12 months worked, and 1000 hours worked within the 12 months; paid time off (PTO); paid holidays; Employee Assistance Program; AFLAC and Legal Shield available to purchase; remote and flexible schedule available; great place to work! To apply: submit resume and letter of intent at www.communityconnectionsco.org. Join Our Team tab. Complete prescreening questions, then click on "Submit Application". Complete the Community Connections application, then submit. Accepting submissions until 5p.m., July 11, 2024. EOE\.

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.

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.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT. Axis Health System is seeking a Medical Assistant to support the growth of our Pagosa Springs Integrated Healthcare location. The Medical Assistant will work as a member of the multi-disciplinary integrated patient care team performing delegated clinical and administrative duties consistent with the MA's education, training and demonstrated competency. Education and experience requirements: HS or GED. One to three years of experience as a medical assistant is required and Medical Assistant certification is preferred. Pay Range: \$18.50-\$22.20 which includes a \$1.00 locale differential at our Pagosa Springs worksite and considers preferred experience and preferred education. Benefits: All Paid Leave, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, Short Term Disability and 401k. Apply online or see detailed job description at www.axishealthsystem.org. Axis Health System is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.

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HELP WANTED

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!

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.

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.

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!

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.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

PRIME LOCATION NEAR NAVAJO State Park. 1.6 Acres. Gas station, liquor store, convenience store, restaurant, motel, post office. \$1.65 million. AP-1. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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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.

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.

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FOR SALE

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. 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.

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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.

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.

DRY FIREWOOD- PINE. Pick up \$240 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

LIVESTOCK

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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

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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.

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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

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.

2001 BUICK LESABRE 122k miles. FWD. Sold as is. Mechanically sound. Body in great condition. \$2,800 OBO. (310)245-0555.

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AUTOS

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.

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YARD SALES

RV 30 FOOT GREY WOLF LIMITED. 2018 Toy hauler. Excellent condition. \$18,500. (480)717-2505.

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

CHRISTMAS IN JULY Multi-family yard sale. Socorro Apartments. 559 S. 8th Street, Pagosa. 8a.m. -3p.m. Saturday, July 6th.

ESTATE SALE. Friday and Saturday, July 5 and 6. 8 a.m. sharp. Furniture, books, office, bedding, quilts, kitchen items, antiques, garage fun, decorative items, yard tools, grill and more. Highway 160 west, right on North Pagosa, right on Park, 1135 Park Avenue #920. Limited parking inside sub division, very narrow streets. Do not block driveways and do not park on grass. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

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4 OFFICE SPACES. Freshly remodeled, \$400-\$525. Well suited for spa services, 140-270 sq. ft. Beautiful spacious restrooms. (970)946-3232.

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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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3 BED 2 BATH DUPLEX. \$1800 /month plus deposit, water paid. Fenced backyard, garage, laundry room, new remodel, new carpet / paint. Close to City Market /hospital. Pets on approval. Open House: Saturday 11a.m. -1p.m., 534 Park Ave., Unit A. (970)731-1844.

3 BEDROOM 2 bath with storage. Vista Sub-division, park, access to lake and rec center. \$1,900. (719)850-8680.

3 BEDROOM COMING AVAILABLE JULY 1. 5 minute walk to Pagosa Lake. Washer/ dryer, dishwasher, ATC. Some utilities paid. No pets. \$1575. Call John for details (720)960-4910 or (303)881-1407.

4 BEDROOM 3 BATH house available. \$3,100 /month. In the Pagosa Lake Area, greenbelt access to Village Lake. Pets allowed with deposit. Contact (580)461-0150.

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BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM HOME. Top of the water shed. 4 miles out Snowball Road. Huge mountain views. Live water. Irrigated. One minute to National Forest and trout streams. \$3200. (970)946-6274.

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

DOWNTOWN 3 BEDROOM 2 1/2 BATH UNIT. Garage, sun deck, granite counter tops. Utilities included. \$2350 /month. (318)347-6100.

FOR RENT 2 bedroom, 2 bath home at 227 Hermosa Street. Large lot ON THE RIVER and historic downtown. \$2200 /month. Call Jerry Jackson, Independent Broker. (970)946-4755.

HICKORY RIDGE APARTMENTS. Under New Management and Ownership! 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units available; ranging from \$619 -\$1,348 a month. Affordable, restrictions apply. Stop by and apply at 650 Florida Street or call (720)869-8877 to set up an appointment.

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LONG TERM RENTALS AVAILABLE. Call Team Pagosa (970)731-8599, 46 Eaton Drive, Suite #1, pagosaspringsrealty.com.

STORAGE UNITS FOR RENT. 5x10 -\$59.99, 10x10 -\$99.99, 10x15 -\$129.99, 10x20 -\$149.99. Gated, 24 hour entry. Call (970)264-3333, neministorage.com.

VERY NICE AND CLEAN DUPLEX UNIT 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1 car garage. Close to City Market. \$2100 /month. (970)946-2768.

APARTMENT/CONDO FOR SALE

TWO BED 3 BATH. Central location. Close to everything. Clean, updated. New furnace, washer and dryer, and a Murphy bed. Owner looking to negotiate. Call Gail Brault Realtor, Mountain Meadow Real Estate. (970)946-2051.

COMMERCIAL

.28 ACRE COMMERCIAL LAND County Road 982 frontage \$55,000. AP-7. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

.35 ACRE COMMERCIAL LAND County Road 982 frontage \$55,000. AP-8. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

DOWNTOWN, MULTI-FAMILY .52 acre -3 lots, views, close to river, all utilities available. \$500,000. AP-2. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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OWN YOUR OWN BAR AND GRILL by Navajo Lake. The Lone Wolf Bar and Grill, on 1 Acre \$450,000. Motivated Seller. AP-4. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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HOME FOR SALE. 3200 square feet on 3 acres. 181 River Forest Drive. Motivated seller. \$730K (970)585-9181.

NEED HELP FINDING A HOME? Call Wen Saunders (970)903-0038. Condo: 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Owner Finance \$300s. Mobile Home: 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths \$200s. Home: 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1512 SF, on 3 lots \$530,000. Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates.

RANCH STYLE HOME, .25 mile walk to Lake Forest. Backed up to green belt on .25 acre lot, 3 bedroom 2 bath and 2 car garage. \$499,000 call (970)946-0009.

20 MINUTES FROM DURANGO. 4 Bedroom, 3 Full baths with office on 5 Acres. Carport and shed with no HOA \$475,000. AP-12. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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**65 SUMAC COURT
\$729,000 | MLS 811483
2,478 SQFT | 0.24 ACRES**



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Meticulously updated, quality home in desirable Twincreek Village, close to National Forest access! Stepping inside this joyful home feels like entering a treehouse. Tucked lovingly into the ponderosas, enjoy several private nooks making the space ideal for a large family or entertaining house guests. Too many upgrades to list; just come take a look!

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Built in 2022, this beautiful home features numerous high-end finishes throughout, an open floor plan, hardwood flooring, and mountain views. Backs to green space and is close to walking paths, rec center, lakes, and golf course. Experience the perfect blend of quality construction, modern amenities, and a prime location.



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4,072 SQFT | 2.90 ACRES

Discover your dream home with this stunning 4-bed, 3 bath D-log house, nestled on 3 picturesque acres. Features include a farmhouse kitchen with wood beams, a cozy wood-burning stove, and a wrap around deck with breathtaking views of Square Top. Just 1 mile off Hwy 84 and a 10-minute drive to town. No HOA restrictions.



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ALL UTILITIES NEWLY INSTALLED and insulated pump house. No HOA. Cleared for new home. 1 acre. \$159,000. AP-16. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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3 BED 2 BATH HOME on one acre with great views and NO HOA! for \$235k. AP-23. Call Deb Archuleta (970)903-2817 at Archuleta Properties.

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64 ACRES, 46 SHARES OF IRRIGATION. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. 3 garages and shed, 3-3 phase electric outlets. Brand new Generac Generator, Pastures with beautiful views, too many extras to name them all. \$995,000. AP-10. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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1.19 ACRES WITH VIEWS OF NAVAJO LAKE. All utilities nearby. \$99,000. AP-18. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

LAND/ BUILDING SITES

1.2 ACRES, MOUNTAIN VIEWS, electricity near, No HOA, close to town. \$35,000. AP-13. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.48 ACRE COMMERCIAL LAND. Highway frontage. \$99,000. AP-19. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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1.62 FLAT BUILDABLE ACRES with mountain Views, all utilities accessible. Located in the Ranch Community, within minutes of town. \$220,000. AP-21. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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that all men are created equal,
that they are endowed by their Creator
with certain unalienable Rights,
that among these are Life, Liberty,
and the pursuit of Happiness.”**

Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

“I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”

*John Adams, 2nd U.S. President,
Commenting on the signing of the Declaration of Independence.*

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