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## 5-year-old son of homicide victim missing

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Montezuma County Sheriff's Office are jointly looking for the 5-year-old son of Chrystal Snow, who was murdered in Archuleta County on July 2.

On July 18, an endangered missing alert was issued for Helliono Martinez, a 5-year-old Hispanic male last seen with his 43-year-old father, Charles Christopher Martinez, on July 16.

According to a July 23 press release from the CBI, the pair were spotted

in a gold 2011 Dodge Ram heading to the father's home on U.S. 160 in Cortez.

Investigators have since located the truck, but have not been able to locate Helliono Martinez or his father, Charles Martinez, according to the agency.

According to Rob Low, strategic communications director for the CBI, the truck was located at Charles Martinez's residence.

On July 16, the Department of Human Services obtained a court order granting the state of Colorado emergency custody of Helliono Martinez.

That same day is when investigators learned Helliono Martinez was last seen with his father at around 1:30 in the afternoon, according to the July 23 press release.

"There is growing concern for the boy's well-being and law enforcement is seeking the public's help in finding Helliono Martinez," it states.

Anyone who has seen Helliono Martinez and/or his father, Charles Martinez, is asked not to approach them but to immediately call 911 or the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office at (970) 565-8452.

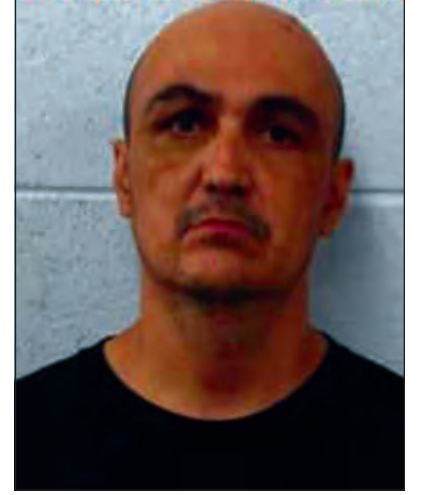
Charles Martinez is described as being a Hispanic male who is 5-foot-11 and 215 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

According to the CBI and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), Snow (39, the mother of Helliono Martinez) was found shot to death in her home on the morning of July 2 soon after a 911 call was placed from her house in Pagosa Springs.

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



Helliono Martinez



Photos courtesy Colorado Bureau of Investigation  
Charles C. Martinez

## County manager finalists named

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

In a July 23 press release, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) announced that it selected Jack M. Harper II and Richard Bellis as finalists for the county manager position.

Harper currently serves as the interim county manager for Archuleta County.

The press release states that final interviews of both candidates will occur on July 29.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that these interviews will involve each candidate being interviewed by the BoCC, county department heads and other county elected officials.

He added that the BoCC will likely make a decision on selecting a county manager at its Aug. 6 regular meeting.

Archuleta County Human Resources Director Mitzi Bowman explained that the opening for county manager was posted on May 23 and was open until June 22.

She indicated that the position was advertised on the county website,

■ See Finalists A8



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

This year's Archuleta County Fair royalty are, left to right, Princess Lyla Frie, Jr. Princess Bristol Jacobson and Queen Cailey Puls. This year's fair is set for Aug. 1-4 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds. A fair schedule is available on page A5 of The SUN and page 32 of The PREVIEW.

## Town council decides against more parking at Town Park

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

On July 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted unanimously to reject a plan to construct new parking spaces in a corner of the Town Park athletic field.

At the meeting, the council considered two options. Option 1 would have provided 65 additional parking spaces. Option 2 would have provided 35 additional spaces.

As previously reported in The SUN, the 35-space option in the form of a gravel lot would have cost an estimated \$139,781, including a 20 percent contingency; an asphalt lot would have cost an estimated \$250,160, including a 20 percent contingency.

Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis noted that town staff was recommending the more scaled-down version — the option to add 35

spaces at the park.

Town staff's search for additional parking spaces comes in anticipation of Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT's) U.S. 160 reconstruction project, which will take place through downtown Pagosa Springs over two construction seasons.

Town staff has estimated that more than 180 spaces will be temporarily lost during the construction phases of the project.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff previously said, "We don't know how many [of the 288 total downtown parking spaces] are gonna be impacted."

An agenda document for the meeting states that town staff "has identified the Athletic Field as potential parking to help subsidize the loss of parking during the project."

However, a number of residents showed up to the meeting to voice

■ See Parking A9

## Candidates announced for LPEA's director elections

By Amanda Anderson  
La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association's (LPEA) independent election supervisory committee has qualified candidates for the cooperative's 2024 board of directors election.

LPEA has four director districts, established geographically. Each year, LPEA's membership elects four representatives to the LPEA Board of Directors, one from each district.

"LPEA is a cooperative, which means we are owned by our members," said Graham Smith, LPEA interim CEO. "I encourage members to learn about the candidates and vote to make sure their voice is heard in the LPEA boardroom."

Qualified candidates for the 2024 director elections are as follows:

- District 1, Archuleta County: Dusty Mars is running against incumbent Kirsten Skeehan.

- District 2, south and west La Plata County: Incumbent Kohler McInnis is running unopposed. Pending formal approval by the LPEA board, McInnis will be declared elected.

- District 3, city of Durango: Incumbent Ted Compton is running unopposed. Pending formal approval by the LPEA board, Compton will be declared elected.

- District 4, north and east La Plata County: Incumbent Tim Wheeler is running against candidate John Purser.

### Director candidate statements

The following statements were submitted by the candidates.

#### Mars

"I'm uniquely qualified to serve as a board member of LPEA. Having extended family that are current members, and roots here that run back to the 1800's, what transpires to keep affordable and dependable energy delivered in the cleanest manner possible is of great importance. My education in engineering and application of this knowledge to provide energy in the San Juan Basin makes me well suited to understand the dynamics in continuing this effort."

■ See Candidates A8

## Archuleta County currently free of drought

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM), as of July 18, there are no portions of Archuleta County in any drought stage for the second consecutive week.

The USDM initially reported that 100 percent of the county was not in any stage of drought on July 9.

According to USDM records, prior to July 9, the last time Archuleta County was completely drought free was on July 11, 2023, coming out of a heavy snowfall season that saw Wolf Creek Ski Area receive 490 inches of snow throughout the 2022-2023 season.

Before that, there was a four-year period during which none of Archuleta County was free of drought going back to July 16, 2019, according to the USDM.

Drought conditions reached level three and four — extreme and exceptional drought — from May 2020 to October 2020.

On May 19, 2020, USDM records show that 100 percent of Archuleta County was in a stage three or four drought.

As of July 18, drought conditions remain in areas around Denver, north

central and southeast Colorado, according to the USDM.

Approximately 60 percent of the state is not in any stage of drought and there are no areas in an extreme or exceptional drought stage, with less than 2 percent of the state in a severe drought stage.

### Forecast

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), for Thursday, July 25, there is a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, with a high forecast at 88 degrees. The low is forecast to be 52 degrees, continuing with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

For Friday, July 26, there is an 80 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, with a high near 83 degrees. Chances of showers and thunderstorms will decrease to 40 percent throughout the evening with a low around 50 degrees.

For Saturday, July 27, there is a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon, with a high of 85 degrees. The low is forecast at 50 degrees with mostly clear skies in the evening and a slight chance of showers.

For Sunday, July 28, there is a

■ See Drought A8



Photo courtesy Lesann Young

This buck, part of a group of four, was photographed in the area of South Pagosa Boulevard and Meadows on July 18.

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## OUR VIEW

### Small-town rumors

Small-town rumors were a topic of conversation at Tuesday evening's Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting.

We wish we could say we're surprised. The board oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center, and CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb opened her monthly report to the board by acknowledging that rumors are always around.

She then proceeded to dispel rumors relating to both a personal medical diagnosis she received (for which she stated she received a "great" prognosis) and that the medical center's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders could be or would be closing (it's not).

Webb noted that the cancer center has had some staff turnover and has been short-staffed like medical facilities "everywhere," but medical center leadership has never discussed closing the center.

She added the cancer center has great travel and full-time staff nurses, with more personnel set to come on board.

She acknowledged the center lost its oncologist, who had a 1.5-hour commute each way, but told the board that Dr. Bill Jordan, who helped start the center, is back working there in the interim.

Webb indicated medical center staff have also reached out to others in the community to dispel myths surrounding the cancer center.

It's sad that rumors about such a vital

resource reached the level of the CEO feeling the need to notify the board so its members can be at the ready to meet the rumors head-on, but we applaud the transparency of the medical center staff in relating the difficulties and the truth to the board and community.

Like we did weeks ago, we ask everyone in our community to take caution in believing everything seen and heard, especially if it's very negative or inflammatory.

We often see, especially on social media, that a complaint or a question (the more dramatic the better, apparently) is taken as fact and spread around, which further inflames the situation and exaggerates the rumor.

Sometimes it feels like half of the phone calls we make to local officials are checking into rumors, many of which turn out to not be accurate or true.

None of this benefits our community. It only serves to divide us and to make fruitful conversations more difficult to have.

And it's pretty simple to take a few steps to help avoid being part of the group spreading the rumors.

Canada's MediaSmarts, a digital media literacy center, offers some easy steps to figuring out if what you're looking at is fact or rumor:

- Use fact-checking tools.
- Find the source.
- Verify the source.
- Check other sources.

Understandably, fact-checking can be easier for facts and rumors at a state or national level than a local level, especially in a place the size of Archuleta County.

But that's also part of why we at The SUN do what we do.

The SUN attends countless meetings of local governmental organizations and makes numerous calls to report to you what's going on as accurately as possible, especially those issues that impact a wide portion of our community.

But it takes more than just that. It takes all of us.

We encourage you to check your source, especially online. Is your source an angry neighbor or a trusted source who would reliably have the correct answer? While the angry neighbor's concerns and feelings are valid, there may be much more to the story. If it's not personal anecdote, where did the person get the information?

If you can't find additional information on the issue you're concerned about or you're not satisfied with the answer, we also suggest calling the agency in charge and asking questions.

While this only scratches the surface, there are numerous resources out there to help with fact checking, online literacy and media literacy.

We all need to do our part in squashing rumors and having an informed community.

Randi Pierce

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 25, 1924

While repairing the county ten-ton caterpillar tractor in the county garage Sunday evening, the door caught fire from a blow torch in use. Being saturated with oil and gasoline, it could not be extinguished without the aid of the volunteers. Only nominal damage was done to the floor, but it was a lucky call at that.

Mrs. F.E. Loring, Mrs. Vic Johnson and their children, while excavating a prehistoric ruin in the Johnson timber Monday, found a small vase intact, another piece of pottery, several bones and three broken pots all containing beans, whether human or animal not determined. The vase is five or six inches tall and about three and one-half inches in diameter. About a quart of beans were obtained, and although charred the beans are whole. All articles were found near the surface in the ruin, the walls of which had caved in.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 22, 1949

Published elsewhere in this issue of the SUN is the legal notice calling for bids on the improvement of the local water system.

Recently the town was bonded for \$35,000 to carry on this work and Ripple & Howe consulting Engineers of Denver, were authorized to draw up the specifications. The town hopes to have the work completed late this fall. The notice calls for sealed proposals on the installation of an eight inch main from the pump house to the reservoir, infiltration gallery and head gate on the San Juan River, waterproofing of the storage reservoir, main extensions and other small items.

The town water system has long needed work on it and with the installation gallery and repairs to the reservoir the water supply should be much purified. In the spring and the fall particularly and whenever it rains the water usually gets so muddy that it is practically impossible to use it. With the installation of the chlorination plant some time ago the purity has increased but it still left a lot to be desired.

The new construction should assure the residents of the town an adequate supply of pure clean water and will do away with the practice of pumping against the mains which has heretofore been the cause of a great many ruptured mains.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 25, 1974

Bids were opened Monday night on a project to replace some of the city water supply line. One complete bid was submitted and it was far above the estimated cost. Estimates were prepared almost a year ago and since that time pipe costs have nearly doubled. It appears that some of the most urgent work, including construction of a raw water reservoir, can be accomplished with funds available.

Construction work in the county seems to be picking up a little but is still well below last year. High costs, high interest rates, and material shortages seem to be the main factors in the slowdown. Indications are, though, that there may be more building activity as the summer progresses.

An announcement of a rate hike for electricity was made this week by La Plata Electric Association, the REA serving this area. This is the first rate hike for the REA since 1954 and the rise just announced is a moderate 5%.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 22, 1999

If recent growth isn't obvious when you drive the local streets or highways, when you shop at local stores or when you see the new homes being built, it is clear if you look at statistics released recently by the Upper San Juan Hospital District's Emergency Medical Services Division.

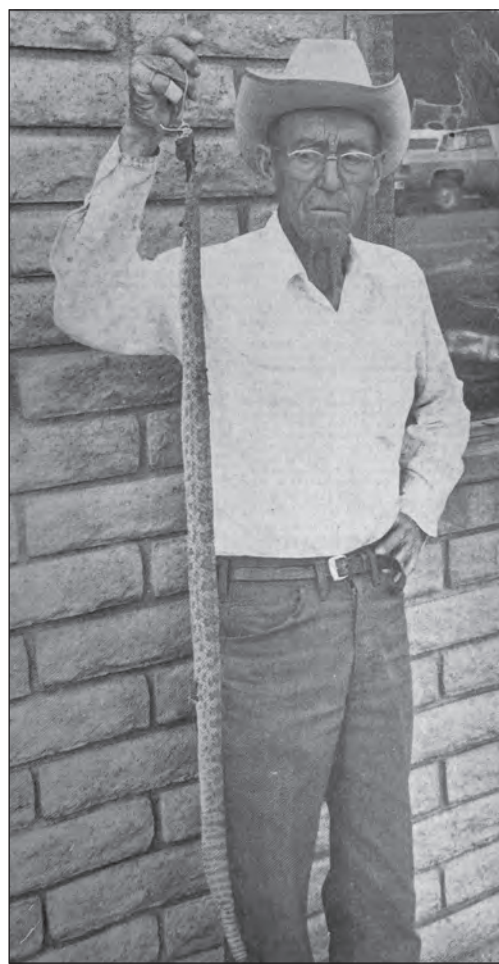
According to Bill Bright, executive director of the hospital district, the period from June 20 to July 20 is on a record pace for responses by EMS personnel.

Bright reported that EMS responded to 90 calls and requests during the period in question. "We'll go over 100 by the end of July," he said, "and our previous all-time record was 91 responses in the same time period in 1998." The division had 68 responses from June 1 to June 19.

EMS utilizes five ambulances, a rescue unit and three quick response vehicles in its responses, said Bright. This summer, one of the ambulances has been dedicated to a backcountry rescue and response unit and is not used on general calls.

"Since June 25," said Bright, "we have treated 136 patients." He said 17 of these patients arrived on their own at the Emergency Medical Services building on North Pagosa Boulevard.

## LOOKING BACK



From the July 17, 1986, Pagosa SUN — UNWELCOME VISITOR — Reuben Valdez was surprised to find this 42-inch rattlesnake when loading his stock trailer Tuesday of last week at his Coyote Park ranch located south of Pagosa Springs. He and his brother Mave were alerted by this one's 10-bead rattle and were able to shoot it and a 27-inch rattlesnake which was also nearby.

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## Bullet or ballet

Dear Editor:  
The Bullet or the Ballet...no nation can exist with governance controlled by assassins! Yes, when one picks up a gun there's a feeling of power, quick answer and strong inclination to use it. That use, attempt to use or joining groups proclaiming armed threats are a vacuous coward's choice.

Our opponents are not vermin. They are people, citizens who disagree with us. If you can't defend your views w/reason & facts in a discussion then your opinions are worthless. Putting foul language bumper stickers/flags on your car / house means your political/cultural/religious position is garbage and de-means yourself.

Am I happy to see so many intelligent educated people's worship of that same garbage who is some fantasy of resurrection...no, I am not. But that choice is what America was conceived and fought for to provide.

Here's my real fear, the group suffering from mass hysteria over a false idol will destroy not just the democratic right to their fantasy; but the Republic that provided that right.

Sometimes as frustrating as it is, the lesser of perceived evils is a far far better national survival choice.

David Blake

## ComFest

Dear Editor:  
Last Friday evening was beautiful, maybe the first perfect evening we have had in a couple of weeks. But what made it especially memorable was Comfest, held in Yamaguchi Park. Wings Early Childhood Center was the non-profit chosen at random by the Town Council to help work the event, in return benefiting from all the proceeds collected from the beer garden. The band was Heavy Diamond Ring, from Denver and the folk rock music was great listening and dancing music for families and visitors.

Wings Early Childhood Center thanks Darren, Jamie and Amanda for the opportunity to engage with community families and visitors at this wonderful venue. We are grateful to our town, the staff at the Community Center and the Town Council who have shown their support for our Childhood Center. Thanks to everyone in the community that made this such a fun evening and remember to attend the next Comfest on Friday August 16th.

Lynne McCrudden  
president, Wings Early Childhood Center Board of Directors

## Political season

Dear Editor:  
In the last week's and three weeks ago "Our View" column, I believe you were asking the residents of Pagosa Springs to have patience with the tourists. It would also be nice if you would write a column to the tourists and people passing through regarding their behavior. Short term renters should be reminded to be courteous to the people around their rental regarding leaving trash and littering, after a certain hour at night to keep the music, loud voices down, just as they would expect people to act if they were in their homes having to tolerate this behavior.

Picking up after your dogs. I have three dogs that either I or my husband walk at the different gates and in the forest and we always take doggie bags to clean up after our dogs. People think because they are in the forest it's okay to let their dogs poop on the trails, it isn't. The different gates, Cloman Park, etc. are our "backyards" not toilets for their dogs, especially in the winter when people and dogs don't veer much off the trail and dog excrement is everywhere.

It is not only on the trails, but also along the sides of the roads. I have seen people in RVs letting their dogs out and let them go wherever. We have traveled with our dogs and we pick up after them, it's part of being a responsible pet owner. To be clear, it's not only the tourists doing the above, but some of our own residents. We have airplanes coming and going at all hours of the night, very noisy and inconsiderate. So, if it's good for us to be patient, it seems that if they were more considerate there would not be a problem. Of course, we are talking about a few bad apples spoil it for the majority. but that is the way it has always been, so maybe you can address how that can be worked out.

Barbara Parada

## Precedence

Dear Editor:  
We are approaching the time when we will have to make a difficult decision for President, between a senile, lifelong, politician and President, and an egotistical, loud mothed businessman and Ex President. These things always seem unique to our times, but the intense, irrational ha-

tred that we have witnessed from our leftist press over the last ten years or so is not without precedence.

The first two elections were won by George Washington. He ran unopposed; He had no Party affiliations because there were none at that time, nor were there any Parties at the time of the third election. It was hotly contested, however. One group favored a strong Federal government with a large standing Army. These became known as the "Federalists". The other group favored a smaller Army with a strong State government. They became known as the "Democratic Republicans". The third election had Vice President John Adams, a Federalist, opposing mostly Thomas Jefferson, a Democratic Republican. Federalists were accused of being pro British and the Republicans pro French, and it didn't help when the French Ambassador came out publicly for Jefferson. Adams received one more Electoral vote, so he became President, while Jefferson received the second most votes and therefore became Vice-President, even though they were political enemies. This was prior to the 12th Amendment that fixed several problems with election law.

The fourth Presidential election pitted Jefferson and Aaron Burr against the incumbent Adams. The Federalists and the eastern press pulled out all the stops to keep Jefferson from winning. Reason; because he was pro growth, which would dilute their power. He was accused of cowardice during the Revolution, and two different sexual improprieties even though he was single at the time. Jefferson and Burr both received more votes than Adams, but it was tied and went to the House of Representatives where Jefferson eventually won. The Federalists and their press did not relent during the next four years, accusing him of anything and everything, and when he purchased the Louisiana Territory from the French, added this to their relentless persecution of the President. In difference to Trump, Jefferson remained silent throughout the entire ordeal. He won easily in 1804, because the economy was strong and most realized what the Louisiana purchase meant for the Country. This, despite all efforts to the contrary by the eastern Federalists and their captive press.....Sound Familiar?

R. Riethmiller

Editor's note: This letter was received prior to President Joe Biden announcing he would no longer be seeking re-election.

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Dear Editor:  
America is at a crossroads. We are about to decide whether we continue as a democracy or live under a dictatorship.

The Heritage Society is working with Trump on Project 2025, a 900-page document outlining how he can transform our republic into an autocracy.

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/24088042-project-2025s-mandate-for-leadership-the-conservative-promise>

The plan is for Trump to take partisan control of the Department of Justice, the FBI, the Department of Commerce, the FCC, and the Federal Trade Commission, and to replace all the civil servants with people whose only qualification is loyalty to him.

Project 2025 explains how Trump can deploy the military for domestic law enforcement by invoking the Insurrection Act of 1807. It offers a blueprint on how he can jail his political opponents, take over local law enforcement, and end the separation of church and state.

In an Orwellian twist, they even want to purge terms like "reproductive rights" from all laws and federal regulations.

What can we expect if Trump gets re-elected?

A nationwide ban on abortion and contraception.

A repeal of civil liberties and workers' protections.

Cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

Canceling healthcare for 45 million Americans.

A dictatorship on Day 1.

If Trump gets back in office, he's not leaving.

How can we prevent this? By voting Democratic up and down the ballot.

We can argue about policy differences later. Right now, the choice is between freedom and despotism.

Many before us have fought and died for our liberty. All we have to do is vote.

Philip Riffe  
Hesperus, Colo.

## Grab the popcorn

Dear Editor:  
What a week

A sniper took multiple shots at President Trump at a rally in Pennsylvania. At 130 yards, he missed Trump 7 of 8 shots. Miraculously, all he managed was to clip Trump's ear. A slight turn of the head saved Trump's life. Sadly, three innocent bystanders were hit, one was killed shielding his family.

There are a lot of question about the series of failures leading to this assassination attempt.

How was it possible that a building that close to Trump's podium, with a clear line of sight, remained unguarded? Why were citizens who were yelling at law enforcement "There's a guy on the roof with a gun!" basically ignored?

As I understand it, the government counter-sniper had the suspect in his crosshairs for a couple of minutes

before shots rang out. Why did he wait? Was he waiting for authorization to engage the threat? If so, who dropped that ball?

One week later we still have more questions than answers.

But you have to admit, after 8 years of the left demonizing Trump, with folks like Dan Goldman (D-NY) saying "he (Trump) has to be eliminated," one is hardly surprised someone tried.

After saying for weeks he was in the race to stay, on Sunday President Biden suddenly decided he would not accept his party's nomination he had already won.

Biden's supporters turned on him after his debate performance showed that all their claims that Biden was "sharp as a tack" were proven, on live TV, to be lies.

Every commentator, media personality, reporter and politician who said Biden was fine, lied to us, deliberately, for four long years.

But democrats didn't push Biden out because he has dementia.

Obama, Pelosi, Schumer and others pushed him out because the American people found out about it.

It looks like the final straw was this week when mega donors cut off their contributions. They basically told democrats "No More Dough until No More Joe!"

The very same people who called Trump a "threat to Democracy" just ran a coup against the sitting president. Of their party. Because they are afraid he would lose. Still think they care about you? Or maybe money and power is all they care about?

All of you who voted for Biden in the primary, your vote was just canceled. The elites hid Biden's condition from you and only pushed him aside when you learned the truth.

Biden has endorsed vice president Harris as his replacement. Could that be his revenge against his "friends" who pushed him out? This whole farce is about electability and the cabal that just dumped Joe want an open primary. Imagine the howls if the democrats take it away from Harris and give the nomination to a white male? The DEI left will go nuts.

Expect a lot more "I Hate Trump" from the left. It's all they have left to run on.

Grab the popcorn. The show is about to get real.

Barry Smith

## Project 2025 and education

Dear Editor:

Convicted felon Donald Trump has tried to distance himself from the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025 as people become aware that it exists and how unpopular the proposals are. However, Project 2025 closely aligns with Republican plans and with legislation that they are supporting and already attempting to pass. The Republicans' proposed spending bill for next year calls for \$11 billion in spending cuts for K-12 education, which is a 14% cut to the Department of Education. Project 2025 calls for the elimination of the Department

of Education.

Included in the proposed cuts to education is to defund early childhood education and abandon Head Start. Early childhood education has been found to have a lasting impact on children as they mature — improved educational outcomes, improved self control and self esteem as well as improved parenting practices, both for the parents of enrolled children and for the children when they become parents themselves. It has also been associated with improved economic status over generations.

The national average price for child care in 2023 was \$11,600 and 68% of children under 6 years of age in the US have both parents in the workforce. Head Start helps to fill an important gap in rural counties — 21% of child care in rural Colorado counties. The estimated annual cost to the US economy due to the lack of reliable and affordable infant and toddler care is \$122 billion, and 78% of business owners think their businesses would be more stable if employees had improved access to affordable, high-quality child care.

Project 2025 includes plans to privatize public education — that is, make it profitable. But profitable to whom? The profits would be going to the corporations and religious organizations who would be tapping into taxpayer dollars to fund their schools. This is another so called conservative plan that has already been pushed and, in many cases, implemented under the name of school choice and voucher systems. We are always being told that private enterprise is more efficient than the government. However, when you insert the need for profit, you know that service will likely suffer as there never seems to be any upper limit to the amount of profit being wrung out of any enterprise.

One of the fundamentals of Project 2025 is to remake our country as a White Christian Nation. Thus, public funds going to religious schools — a clear violation of the separation of church and state. Many people seem to think that our country was established as a Christian nation but this is incorrect. The first amendment to our constitution clearly states that there will be no law establishing a state religion and that people are free to practice the religion of their choice. Or not. What Project 2025 recommends regarding education is just a tiny tip of the toxic iceberg that is the repressive agenda of the extreme right wing of the Republican Party. This is no longer the old conservative party — it is radical, reactionary and fascist. Don't vote for them.

Lee Stopher

## Misconduct

Dear Editor:

I was looking through the Job Description to find something like, 'undermine the supervisor,' or 'be uncooperative, when necessary,' or 'recall elected government official.' Instead, what I found were numerous phrases like, "maintain ... positive image of the county," "exercise excellent judgement," "maintain trust and sup-

port," and "maintain courteous and effective working relationships with co-workers and department heads of the county." That's what I found in the Job Description for our County Communication Specialist.

However, the SUN reported that our unelected County Communication Specialist has sponsored a recall petition against her top county head, duly-elected Commissioner Veronica Medina! Wow! I thought, "Where is that in her job description?!" I always thought nonelected government personnel were hired (salaries paid by tax payers) to assist those elected into office so they might govern as efficiently and effectively as possible.

How does sponsoring a recall of one's own chief supervisor equate into cooperation, trust, support, a courteous working relationship, or even any level of respect for the person elected to office?!

Doesn't this violate, unapologetically, the very Job Description this public county employee agreed to work under? How does removal coincide with cooperate, or undercut, via recall, coexist with trust?

You violate your own job description by going after the very individual who gave ultimate approval to your job and the work it entails! This is bureaucratic misconduct run amuck! Sadly, these are the times we are living in at all levels of government.

The stated justification: Commissioner Medina, a realtor, didn't recuse herself when she should have in land use/purchase decisions. Yet, she received no financial benefit, was not the commissioned agent in any purchase by the county, has no controlling interest or ownership in the Real Estate firm she has agency with, was affirmed by County Attorney Weaver to be acting properly according to state statute in not recusing herself, and is simply employing her expertise in real estate to help the county make land use/purchase decisions that are in the best interest of the county.

Job descriptions have numerous purposes, but in government, one of them is to guide public employees so that they do not overstep their bounds, but always work with elected representatives of the people. Therefore, I encourage no one to sign this recall attempt because it is frivolous, inaccurate at its core, and lacks all logic and good sense.

As I see it, Ms. Springer certainly has the right to continue this recall effort, but at the expense of her job, either by resignation or termination. OR she may terminate this effort herself, engage in a peaceful discussion with the appropriate parties involved and seek to retain her position in spite of these actions. Whatever she decides is up to her. But allowing unelected bureaucrats to engage in removing elected representatives from office is a real danger to effective governing, and if allowed to stand will only produce greater problems in the future.

Dwight Vilhauer  
*Editor's note: The SUN has found no evidence the recall effort has been carried out during working hours.*

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# Healthy Archuleta receives grants from The Colorado Trust

The Colorado Trust

The Colorado Trust is pleased and proud to share that 83 entities have been selected to receive multiyear grants under the seven Community Resilience Initiatives.

These grants commenced July 1 and will continue until the end of 2026. The awarded projects address The Colorado Trust's strategic plan focus areas of food, housing, and mental and behavioral health. The funding aims to bolster grantees working to respond effectively to community disruptions resulting from economic downturns, social turbulence, public health crises, or a lack of coherent or effective public policy.

Healthy Archuleta received two grants:

- A \$355,000 grant in support for expanding mental and behavioral health care access for Spanish-speaking households by training primary care providers in culturally sensitive practices, developing a referral system for households, providing training for bilingual navigators and supporting them getting certified as medical interpreters, increasing access and use of telehealth services in multiple languages, and establishing access to a bilingual mental health provider.

- A \$355,000 grant in support for creating a campaign that aims to change the narrative that there's not enough food, housing, jobs or access to water in Archuleta County, and engaging community members to grow and eat their own healthy foods and create systems and policies to increase access to nutritious food and increase economic stability.

## Services

### Linda Lister Bolduc

Memorial services will be held on July 27, 2024, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. (eulogy). Mass will be at 10 a.m. Interment at Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa Springs, Colo., will follow at 11:15 a.m.



Linda passed away in Maricopa County, Ariz., on May 24, 2023. The family are fulfilling her wishes to be with her mother and other family members at the Lister family plot.

### Chrystal Snow

There will be a celebration of life for Chrystal Snow, Oct. 7, 1985-July 2, 2024, on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.



For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at [rtmp://x.rtmp.youtube.com/live2](https://www.rtmp.com/live2).

Following the service, you are invited to bring a light appetizer potluck dish as we gather to remember and celebrate Chrystal's life.

## Card of Thanks

### Rise Above Violence

Rise Above Violence would like to thank the Pagosa Community Initiative for donating proceeds from its Fourth of July bake sale in honor of Chrystal Snow and her love of Rise. Know that these funds will benefit a kindred heart such as hers.

With gratitude, the Rise team

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# Celebration



Five generations of the Lujan family pose for a photo. The local pioneer family marks five generations, represented by Emma Lujan (94 years old), Marcella Lujan Sutton, Joshua Sanchez, Breanna Sanchez and, completing the five-generation family tree, 5-month-old Georgia Nicole Snow.



## NEW PUBLIC ART!

The Town of Pagosa Springs cordially invites you to kick off the Spanish Fiesta by joining us in celebrating the dedication of a public art piece created by artist Chad Haspels, commemorating our rich Hispanic sheep herding heritage.

Saturday, July 27th at 9 am

211 Aspen Village Drive Trail, Adjacent to Pagosa Peak Open School along the multi-use trail in front of Walmart

For more information see [www.MyPagosa.org](http://www.MyPagosa.org) or scan the QR code below



# 2024 Archuleta County Fair Schedule

Thursday, August 1st - Sunday, August 4th  
Fairgrounds on Highway 84 & 160

### EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### Events Prior to the Fair

Sat., July 27, 10am	4-H Horse Show	Rodeo Arena
Sat., July 27, 1pm	Quilt Judging	Stith Room
Sun., July 28, 10am	Gymkhana	Rodeo Arena

#### Fair Events — Thur., Aug. 1-Sun., Aug. 4

##### Every Day of the Fair

9am-6pm	Adventure Zone	Fairgrounds
10am-7pm	Mechanical Bull Ride	Fairgrounds
10am-6pm	Kids Games Open Play	Kids Game Tent
9am-8pm	Education and Informational Displays	Education Tent
9am-8pm	Vendors / Food and Merchandise	Vendor Row
9am-8pm	4-H and Open Class Entries and Displays	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room
9am-9pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
10am-8pm	Various Entertainment and Shows	Activity Tent
11am-Midnight	Beer Garden	Activity Tent
Evenings	Live Music	Activity Tent

#### Thursday, August 1st - Fair Officially Opens

9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Goat Shows: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10am	Alpaca Show	Red Ryder Arena
11am	Poultry Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6pm	4-H Swine Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
8-10pm	Live Music — Ricochet Concert	Rodeo Arena
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building

#### Friday, August 2nd

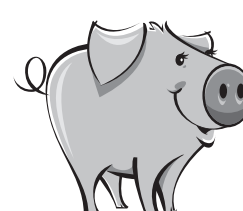
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Lamb Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
11am	4-H Turkey Show & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
11am	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
1pm	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
1-5pm	Historic Gomez Store open for viewing	Fairgrounds
2pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
4pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
5pm-7pm	Horseshoe Pitch Practice	Horseshoe Pits
6pm	4-H Beef Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6:30pm	Bald for the Brave / Pink Pony Race	Rodeo Arena
7pm	Bares, Broncs, 'n Bulls	Rodeo Arena
8pm	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Event	
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room close	Extension Building
9pm-Midnight	Live Music / Dance — Bo DePeña Band	Activity Tent

#### Saturday, August 3rd

8:30am	4-H Showmanship Clinic Hughes	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Horseshoe Pitching	Horseshoe Pit
10am	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
10am	4-H Master Showman	Hughes Pavilion
10am-5pm	Historic Gomez Store open for viewing	Fairgrounds
12 noon	Sunday's Kids' Rodeo Entry Deadline	Extension Building
12 noon	Open Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
	Honor Guard Flag Folding Ceremony	
	Battle of the Badges Race	
12 noon	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
2pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
3pm	Homemaker of the Year Award	Exhibit Hall
4-6pm	Live Music — San Juan Mountain Boys	Activity Tent
4:30-6:30pm	4-H Chuckwagon Dinner, a benefit for 4-H	Activity Tent
	Cowboy Poetry	Activity Tent
	Awards: Honorees, Royalty	Activity Tent
	Conservationist of the Year	Activity Tent
	Presented by San Juan Conservation District	
5:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction Bidder / Add-on Registration	Hughes Pavilion
6:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction	Hughes Pavilion
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building
9pm-Midnight	Live Music / Fair Dance — Tylor Brandon	Activity Tent

#### Sunday, August 4th

8-9am	Kids' Rodeo Check-In	Rodeo Arena
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am-2pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	4-H Parent / Master Showman Contest	Hughes Pavilion
10am	Kids' Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
2pm	Livestock Animals Released	Hughes Pavilion
	See 4-H Office for Schedule	
2pm	Animals Loaded on Semi Truck	Hughes Pavilion
2pm	Fair Closes until next year	Fairgrounds
4pm	All private haulers must remove animals	Hughes Pavilion
2-4pm	Release of Open Class Projects / Premiums Paid	Exhibit Hall
2-4pm	Release of 4-H Projects	Stith Room
4pm	Tear down — All 4-H's are required to help	Hughes Pavilion



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# Business

## Main Street board discusses primary topics of concern for U.S. 160 reconstruction

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is legally required to include a median for the 400 block of Pagosa Street in its upcoming reconstruction project, according to Main Street Advisory Board Coordinator Kathleen McFadden.

The board met Thursday, July 18, with McFadden providing details about three primary areas of concern being brought to the attention of CDOT by the three business owners chosen to represent the voices of downtown Pagosa.

McFadden explained during the meeting that the CDOT is required by law to include a median in the 400 block of Pagosa Street, but that the size of the median is undetermined at this time.

"Given the design and the crash data for the 400 block strip of town, this is a state-mandated safety requirement and a national safety standard," McFadden said. "So, eliminating the median is not something they could consider whatsoever."

She went on to mention that after a few conversations with CDOT representatives, CDOT expressed that the median could be narrower than the proposed 7.5-foot width.

"We could actually have a discussion about that," McFadden said in regard to CDOT's response on narrowing the center median.

She added that a narrower median will help with snowplowing and emergency vehicle access, and that CDOT "will definitely consider that."

The second area of concern discussed by McFadden is the issue of staging.

"They definitely understand the concerns," McFadden said of CDOT, explaining that the reality is that there are major cost and logistical reasons.

She noted that staging the project in sections would extend the length of the project by "at least one more season."

The project is currently scheduled to last two seasons with winter shut-downs, according to McFadden.

"The primary request from business owners for this issue is to be sure and relay our concerns with the contractor and determine if there are possibilities for cooperation to minimize business disruption," an agenda document states.

McFadden mentioned that after a lot of discussion, what became apparent is that "the business owners just want to be heard," explaining they would like to have conversations and input on the project, rather than just being told "no."

She noted that CDOT has stated that it can not make any guarantees about what public input will be adopted into the reconstruction plan.

McFadden explained that the three business owner representatives prepared a schedule showing the

most significant months, in terms of revenue for the community, that they plan on sharing with CDOT.

The third area of concern identified by McFadden was communication between CDOT, the Town of Pagosa Springs and the community.

McFadden explained that CDOT is working to bring a project information team on board this summer, which will serve as the primary point of information.

The project information team will have an opt-in email and project hotline, McFadden noted.

"This is the primary place for information at all times," she added, explaining that the Main Street Advisory Board will replicate and disseminate information through its outlets as well.

Board chair Rick Holter mentioned the importance of "positive messaging" while the reconstruction project is occurring to help promote that businesses will be open.

McFadden mentioned she received a call from someone planning to visit in September who was worried about if the construction will affect their visit.

"Even with the construction, he's still going to have a wonderful visit to Pagosa Springs. That shouldn't deter anyone," she said.

Board member Rosanna Dufour mentioned the possibility of applying for grants that could be used to help minimize the impact of construction

on tourist experiences.

### Other news

During the July 18 meeting, the board voted unanimously to add two more voting members to its board, bringing the total number of voting members to nine.

McFadden explained that the board received five applications and that the board is specifically looking for people to help reestablish the culture and heritage preservation committee.

McFadden went on to inform the board of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program.

The program provides up to \$50,000 for towns with a population of less than 50,000 "to help build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities," the agenda states.

Dufour mentioned that amount would not be enough to cover any Lewis Street alleyway renovation projects.

"That number is just way too small to actually make a dent in the alleyway project," she said, explaining that the funds could be used to replace the greenhouse panels at the Pagosa Springs Middle School.

The next Main Street Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Aug. 8. Meeting agendas can be found at <https://pagosaprices.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>.  
[clayton@pagosasun.com](mailto:clayton@pagosasun.com)

## State opens applications for up to \$10,000 for aspiring educators

Colorado Department of Education

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) invites aspiring educators to apply for up to \$10,000 in financial assistance for educator preparation program fees.

The Educator Recruitment and Retention program provides direct support for qualified individuals interested in teaching in a shortage area and who can commit to working in that area for three years.

The Educator Recruitment and Retention program was created by Senate Bill 21-185: Supporting Educator Workforce in Colorado, a bill designed to help fill critical teaching shortage areas by providing an incentive for aspiring teachers to work in high-shortage areas, including special education, math, science, early

childhood education, and schools in rural areas.

For more shortage information, visit [www.cde.state.co.us/educator-talent/edshortage-surveyresults](http://www.cde.state.co.us/educator-talent/edshortage-surveyresults).

"This program provides much-needed support for aspiring teachers to pursue educator certification and put their knowledge and skills to work here in Colorado," said Colorado Education Commissioner Susana Córdova. "In the first two years of this program, nearly 750 future Colorado teachers received funds to help them pursue careers in education, and we are excited to open the application for our third year."

The Educator Recruitment and Retention program is one of several programs available for aspiring educators in the state of Colorado. Additional opportunities can be found at

[www.cde.state.co.us/educator-talent/fundingopportunities](http://www.cde.state.co.us/educator-talent/fundingopportunities).

Dr. Margarita Tovar, chief talent officer for the CDE, said, "School districts across the country are navigating teacher shortages, and it is particularly acute in our rural districts here in Colorado. We are fortunate to have so many high-quality resources and partnerships focused on strengthening our state's educator workforce."

Based on the most recent Colorado Educator Shortage Survey of school districts and BOCES (boards of cooperative educational services), Colorado schools started the 2023-2024 school year with a total of 635 unfilled teaching positions and 1,756 positions filled through a shortage mechanism (such as substitute teachers or teachers with alternative

certifications).

Applications for the Educator Recruitment and Retention program are open through Sept. 30. Eligibility requirements and application information are available on the CDE website, [www.cde.state.co.us/educator-talent/errprogram](http://www.cde.state.co.us/educator-talent/errprogram).



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## ColorFest event tickets now on sale

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The summer is flying by, and fall is right around the corner.

That means that planning for ColorFest activities, Sept. 20-22, is in full swing.

There will be three days of events, including the hot air balloon mass ascension on Sept. 21 and 22, the Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival on Sept. 20, and the Bands and Brews Festival on Sept. 21.

Plans are for the balloons to still launch from the downtown area on Sept. 21 and from the west side of town on Sept. 22. Viewing is free and spectators are in for a treat of stunning photographic opportunities.

The Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival features domestic and international wines paired with food from some of Pagosa's best restaurants, food vendors and specialty food establishments. This year will be no exception to the quality of the

food that will be offered at this event. Restaurants and food vendors are already committing to be present with some fabulous fare. Tickets are on sale for this event.

There is a little change to the ticketing this year. All tickets are the same price, \$100.

This ticket will then allow you seating at the event, more food and drink tickets than have been issued in the past, and a VIP gift for all. The entertainment is being finalized and we anticipate a wonderful live musical performance as in years past. Attendees may also reserve a table for eight. If you have fewer than eight people, you cannot reserve a table; however, you can request to be seated together when making your reservation.

You can also call the Chamber of Commerce and speak to one of the staff so that we can note your request.

On Sept. 21 the Bands and Brews Festival will take place. Securing breweries has been the priority for this year's event and we are having great success.

Breweries, hard ciders and even mocktail beverages will be on hand. Tickets are \$35 for beer tasting and \$10 for general admission. Wine by the glass will also be available for sale in case you don't drink beer. Just purchase a general admission ticket and you may take advantage of the wine by the glass offering. Youth 14 and under are free.

There will also be food vendors at the event to feed the masses. Entertainment is being finalized; however, CW Ayon will be one of the performers at the event. Weather permitting, there will be a balloon glow at dusk. This glow is one of the highlights of the weekend.

The ColorFest season is shaping up to be spectacular. Stay tuned for more exciting developments as we work to improve logistics such as parking, ticketing and balloon viewing.

Tickets may be secured by visiting the Chamber's website at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com). We appreciate everyone's support and involvement for this community-wide event.

## PSMC Welcomes



Shelby Aragon, FNP-C



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# Town, county planning commissions hold joint meeting

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Planning Commission and the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission held a joint meeting on July 9, with a range of topics discussed.

Topics of discussion included an adopted access control plan, a secondary road network and the Town-to-Lakes Trail master plan. Other topics that came up included housing, water and development, short-term rentals and joint planning areas known as the 3 Mile Plan.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Director James Dickhoff led the discussion beginning by explaining the access control plan was adopted by the town, county and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in 2010. The scope of the plan looks at the areas along U.S. 160 between Trails Boulevard and 8th Street.

The adopted access control plan focuses on limiting the number of access points to the highway, which helps the flow of traffic, Dickhoff explained.

He used the example of the development of county buildings at Harman Park Drive, which has developable property between the highway and a local road network, compared to the "less preferable" Eagle Drive frontage road. Dickhoff noted that frontage roads are needed in some scenarios.

He went on to talk more about a local road network plan that is separate from the highway.

"We are currently working on a number of connectivity considerations that are compliant with this plan," he said, noting there are two developers interested in properties between Alpha Drive and South Pagosa Boulevard.

"Generally this is a conceptual plan," Dickhoff added, explaining that this is done on purpose to give developers flexibility with their designs and incorporate a local road network.

Dickhoff explained that a recently approved development project near Walmart is designed to extend Aspen Village Drive and connect to Pinon Causeway.

"A lot of this could happen past our lifetime, but if we're not doing that planning today, we're really hamstringing the future generations," Dickhoff said in regard to planning a local road network that is separate from the highway.

Dickhoff noted that developments are what really trigger road improvements, stressing the importance of working with developers collaboratively to ensure the needs of the development are met along with improving the community as a whole.

Dickhoff also spoke about the use of traffic circles in future road planning, noting "There's a lot of benefits to traffic circles," mostly pertaining to safety.

Dickhoff mentioned that, according to CDOT, there is a "pretty mind-blowing" statistic that shows traffic circles reduce the number of fatal crashes at intersections by 90 percent due to eliminating the risk of a T-bone style collision.

He also mentioned there are environmental benefits from traffic circles and that less pollution occurs by keeping vehicles moving rather than idling at a traffic light for an extended period of time.

In response to a question, Dickhoff indicated there are no current plans to widen U.S. 160, but that it would have been "ideal" to do when CDOT restriped Put Hill, though it was not in the budget at the time.

Dickhoff went on to mention the town has taken initiatives on its own to create more connectivity, like the connection of the east end of Eagle Drive to Pike Drive that occurred a couple years ago.

Another connectivity option being explored by the town is connecting 14th street to Rosita Street, Dickhoff noted, explaining the town is working with a developer to coordinate that effort.

## Town-to-Lakes Trail

Dickhoff provided insight on the Town-to-Lakes Trail master plan that was originally adopted in 2012, explaining that a third-party contractor developed a plan for trail connectivity between uptown and downtown.

He explained that the town has been prioritizing the commuter trail along the south side of U.S. 160 and chose the south side due to there being fewer properties that would interface with the trail.

The standard width of trails in communities was previously 10 feet, but with recent studies, more communities are shifting toward a 14-foot-wide standard to allow enough room for people walking, electric bicycles and skateboards.

Dickhoff noted that the town has been successful in completing two portions of the trail, one uptown from Pinon Causeway to Aspen Village and one downtown from the elementary school to 8th street.

Dickhoff explained that the commuter trail needs to be compliant with

the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), but that it can follow the road to use as a "waiver" for ADA compliance.

He noted that funds for the project are the main reason there has been slow progress on the design and construction of the computer trail.

"We don't have dedicated revenue streams," he said, noting that every project the town chooses to fund typically requires dipping into reserves.

Dickhoff mentioned Durango as an example of a community with a 1 percent sales tax that is dedicated toward funding parks and recreation projects.

"I think it is important to have a dedicated revenue stream," he added.

Dickhoff explained that the town previously collected impact fees on buildings, but that the county did not, which led to issues with developers and caused the town to do away with collecting impact fees.

*To be eligible for traditional funding for a home loan for a market-rate house in Pagosa Springs, residents would need to be making at least 170 percent of the area median income (AMI), Dickhoff explained.*

Additionally, Dickhoff noted that the town has been funded for the design and construction of another phase of the computer trail going from 10th street to Great West Avenue.

He explained the trail will go through the planned Pagosa Views development and the developer is obligated to accommodate a local road network and pay for the commuter trail going through the development.

He explained that the CDOT design phase will take at least a year before the project can go out to bid.

Construction on this portion of the commuter trail is expected to begin in 2026, Dickhoff mentioned.

Archuleta County Planning Commission chair Matt Nobles voiced opinions on the matter, saying, "Pagosa needs this," explaining that the discussion of connecting uptown and downtown has been going on for years.

"I certainly don't want to wait another 10 years to see this happen," he said.

Archuleta County Planning Director Pamela Flowers mentioned the possibility of proposing a joint incentive to voters that would help fund both trail projects and road improvement projects.

"I think there are a lot of communities that are using their tourism funds for general infrastructure improvements," Dickhoff said.

## Other topics

Workforce housing projects and needs were also discussed during the meeting, with Dickhoff explaining the town and county are currently working on getting a housing needs assessment completed for the community.

He explained that the housing needs assessment should be updated every three to five years as it "helps developers understand what the need in the community is."

Developers will also need to conduct their own market housing study as well, Dickhoff explained.

He explained that \$68,000 in grant funding has been received to conduct a countywide housing needs assessment.

Dickhoff also mentioned the town has been awarded funds to hire a multi-jurisdictional housing coordinator that will assist with "all things housing" throughout the county and that the

town and county do not need separate coordinators due to the community being a relatively small one in the state.

There have been multiple projects that have been funded to address lower-income housing needs, but the community has been struggling with providing housing for the "missing middle," Dickhoff explained.

To be eligible for traditional funding for a home loan for a market-rate house in Pagosa Springs, residents would need to be making at least 170 percent of the area median income (AMI), Dickhoff explained.

According to the Colorado Housing Finance Authority, 160 percent AMI in Archuleta County for one person is \$105,600 for 2024 (the organization does not list AMI information above 160 percent).

He went on to explain that the Proposition 123 affordable housing program through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has designated Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs as a rural resort community, which will allow for the entities to apply for grant funding with a "broader range of AMI levels."

Flowers noted that the housing needs assessment is crucial to be able to justify petitioning for grants for higher AMI levels.

Dickhoff went on to discuss the 3 Mile Plan, which is a means for the county and town to work together to create a plan that is "justified and reasonable to achieve" to provide utility service to properties annexed into the town.

Dickhoff explained that annexing is not a town-driven process and that property owners must want to be annexed into the town.

"We've kind of done ourselves a disservice by letting our water district go to a special district," Dickhoff said, "because we lose total control of the reason to annex into the town."

He noted that those are the "big cookies" developers need to develop property — if they need that service, they need to annex into town, he explained.

Dickhoff noted there was "good reason" in the past as to why the town let its utilities go to special districts, noting it can be a "pain in the butt" and also very expensive, but that the town "loses so much of their negotiation power."

Dickhoff also spoke about two of the water districts in the county, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and the San Juan Water Conservancy District.

He went on to mention that in the past, there have been times when "we've gotten pretty close to wondering if we're going to have enough water to treat to serve our residents," which is a concern across many communities in the western states.

However, Dickhoff noted, "We live in a pretty cool place," being at the headwaters in a region that does not have extensive mining history contributing to water pollution.

One of the last topics the group discussed was short-term rentals (STRs), with members of the Archuleta County Planning Commission inquiring about what kind of guidelines and restrictions the town follows in regard to STRs.

Dickhoff explained the town had approximately 140 STRs in 2022, when it decided to place restrictions such as a 10 percent cap in neighborhoods on the amount of homes allowed to run as an STR.

He noted that before the town put restrictions in place, some neighborhoods were 16 to 18 percent STR properties.

Other restrictions include being required to own the property for two years with a certificate of occupancy, Dickhoff explained, noting that STR permits do not transfer with the sale of a property.

He mentioned these restrictions "helped with the speculative purchases" and that investors have to show a genuine interest in investing in the

community.

Additionally, STRs operating within town limits are not allowed to be within a 250-foot radius from another STR property.

Dickhoff also spoke about the town's bedroom tax that is applied to STRs, noting a \$150 fee per bedroom that goes toward the town's housing fund.

In response to a question, Flowers mentioned that the appetite from the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners to consider similar restrictions is "extremely low" right now.

Flowers indicated there are around 550 permitted STRs in unincorporated Archuleta County.

"There's probably another 150 that aren't permitted," she added, noting that makes up approximately 12 percent of homes in unincorporated parts of the county.

The meeting concluded with members from the town and county planning commissions and staff agreeing to hold collaborative meetings twice a year moving forward.

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## Missing

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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," the ACSO press

release states.

The press released further notes the scene was immediately secured and the ACSO requested support from the CBI, with the CBI agreeing to be the lead investigative agency. The victim was later identified as

Snow.

According to a July 3 press release from the CBI, Snow died from multiple gunshot wounds.

"At this time investigators believe Snow called 911 shortly before she died from her injuries," the July 3

press release states.

Hours later, investigators were able to locate Heliolito Martinez alive with an aunt in Cortez, according to the July 23 press release from the CBI. CBI has not named any persons of interest in the homicide of Snow.

## Finalists

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governmentjobs.com and 24 other online job boards, including Indeed and ZipRecruiter.

Bowman stated that the county received 13 applications for the position.

In special meetings on July 17 and 18, the BoCC interviewed three applicants — including Harper and Bellis — before arriving at its two finalists.

### Harper

According to his resume, Harper has previously served as the city manager of Stamford, Texas; Hillsboro, Texas; and Fulshear, Texas and as assistant city manager of Waco, Texas, in addition to other positions.

His resume indicates that he has a total of 22 years experience as a city manager or assistant city manager.

It states that Harper holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Texas Tech as well as a B.A. in political science, also from Texas Tech.

Harper's resume also indicates that he holds certifications from a wide variety of national, international and Texas management associations, including being certified as a credentialed manager by the International City/County Management Association, being a certified public manager by the National Certified Public Managers Consortium and being certified as a Texas emergency manager by Emergency Management Association of Texas.

He is also a member of a variety of associations, including the Texas City Management Association and the International Association of Emergency Managers, his resume relates.

According to a city of Fulshear press release, Harper's most recent position as city manager ended on Feb. 12 when the Fulshear City Council voted unanimously to terminate Harper for "good cause."

Harper had been the Fulshear city manager for six years.

Another press release indicates that this action was preceded by a Feb. 6 meeting where the Fulshear City Council heard a "complaint or charge" against Harper in executive session and afterward voted to immediately place him on paid administrative leave.

In response to a public records request filed by a citizen and obtained by The SUN, Olson and Olson LLP, a law firm based in Houston,

Texas, replies that the city of Fulshear contends that some of information solicited in the request is excepted from disclosure under Texas Government Code.

It adds that, as required under Texas law, it had submitted a request for a decision on whether the information is protected from disclosure to the Texas Attorney General.

In this request for a decision, Olson and Olson states that it believes that portions of the information about Harper's termination requested is excepted from disclosure under three sections of Texas Government (GOV'T) Code 552.

The first section cited in the request (Section 552.101) prevents the disclosure of information that is "highly intimate or embarrassing, the publication of which would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person," among other information.

The request continues that the Texas Supreme Court found in a previous case that information relating sexual assault or harassment in the workplace is protected from disclosure.

It adds that the records the city claims are excepted from disclosure "include reports of sexual harassment in the workplace."

The second rationale for not disclosing information cited in the request concerns "informer's privilege," which is covered by GOV'T Section 552.101.

"The informer's privilege protects from disclosure of the identities of persons who report activities over which the governmental body has a criminal or quasi-criminal law-enforcement authority, provided the subject of the information does not already know the informer's identity," the request states. "The informer's privilege protects the identities of individuals who report violations of statutes to the police or similar law-enforcement agencies, as well as those who report violations of statutes with civil or criminal penalties to 'administrative officials having a duty of inspection or of law enforcement within their particular spheres.'"

The request continues that the information the city claims should be excepted contains information about an alleged violation of state law that carries criminal penalties and reveals the identity of the informant.

The request concludes by stating

that some information that Fulshear claims should be excepted is covered by attorney-client privilege (GOV'T Section 552.107).

It adds that some of the excepted information includes communications between city officials "in their roles as clients" and the city attorney and that these communications were intended to further the attorney providing professional legal services to the city and were thus not intended to be viewed by third parties.

For these reasons, the request states that the information should be excepted.

In a communication with The SUN, Harper stated that, to his knowledge, there are no ongoing investigations or actions related to his departure from Fulshear and "the matter is closed."

### Bellis

According to his resume, Bellis served as the town manager of Taos, N.M., between 2014 and 2022, which was preceded by working as deputy town manager for Taos from 2010 to 2014.

During his tenure in both positions, Bellis served concurrently in a range of other positions within the Taos town government, including as the director of planning, community and economic development; as the tourism and marketing director; and as the emergency management director.

Prior to working for Taos, Bellis served as the director of development services at Archuleta County from 2008 to 2010 while concurrently holding a variety of other positions in the county, including working as the county planning director.

Before working for Archuleta County, Bellis' resume indicates that he held a wide range of positions in a career stretching back to the late 1970s, mostly in planning or economic development.

According to his resume, Bellis has 12 years of experience working as a town manager or deputy town manager over his career, with all this experience coming from his work in Taos.

His resume states that Bellis has a B.A. in economics and a graduate degree in community and regional planning, both from North Dakota State University.

According to his resume, Bellis is a member of the International Coun-

ty Managers Association and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Professionals, among other organizations.

It also states that Bellis holds a New Mexico Certified Chief Procurement Officer certification from New Mexico State University and the New Mexico General Services Department in addition to a variety of certifications primarily related to housing, community development and emergency management.

According to reporting in the Taos News, Bellis' tenure at the Town of Taos was contentious, with members of the town council attempting to fire him multiple times.

In January 2022, the Taos News reported that Bellis stated that he would not seek reappointment to the town manager position no matter the results of an upcoming mayoral election where then mayor Dan Barrone, who was a supporter of Bellis, was being challenged by Pascual Maestas.

Maestas won the election and, shortly after taking office, Maestas asked the state auditor's office to investigate severance payments paid to Bellis and another staff member, which the town claimed may have been improper, the Taos News reports.

This investigation did not find that the payments were improper, the Taos News states, although Bellis and Taos ended up in litigation about a year later when Bellis sued Taos over an alleged failure to pay him unused personal and administrative leave on his departure as required in his contract.

Taos then countersued Bellis, the Taos News indicates, claiming that Bellis had been overpaid on a portion of his post-employment benefits package.

According to an April 11 article in the Taos News, minimal activity or progress on this lawsuit has occurred since it was filed in 2023.

In a communication to The SUN, Bellis explains that the case is still pending and will likely be sent into mediation given the judicial procedures in New Mexico.

He comments that Maestas is attempting to "drag this out" and compel him to withdraw.

Bellis states that the core issues at stake in terms of the interpretation of his contract and town personnel policy will likely be settled through a judge issuing a ruling on how these terms apply to Bellis' circumstances.

He also comments that the case "has nothing to do with my performance as an employee or Town Manager" and that the town agrees with him that he is owed money, with the disagreement being over how much money.

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## Candidates

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For the latest details on the annual meeting, visit LPEA's website.

## Drought

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slight chance of showers in the morning, followed by sunny skies and a high near 85 degrees. The low is forecast around 49 degrees with mostly clear skies.

According to Shawn Prochazka at Pagosa Weather, starting on Sunday, July 28, chances for thunderstorms will "drop considerably," but isolated afternoon storms won't totally go away.

Prochazka also notes that over the weekend bright clear skies are ex-

pected in the mornings, with clouds beginning to build over the mountains by the afternoon, producing some scattered showers.

Clouds will decrease in the evenings and "we could be treated to pretty sunsets and a rainbow," Prochazka writes in his July 23 weather report.

### River flows

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), as of 10 a.m. on July 23, the San Juan River in Pagosa

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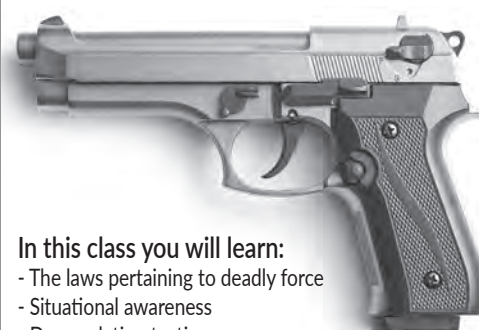
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# Cleanup at 284 Piper Place ongoing

## County closes two federal lawsuits

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

In a litigation update to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at a July 2 BoCC work session, County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that the county is progressing with cleanup at 284 Piper Place.

He also noted that the county concluded two federal cases, including settling a case filed by Mark Garcia against the BoCC, and the dismissal of a case filed by Jimmy Jones and Nicholas Kazarinoff against the BoCC and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

The case of 284 Piper Place was an object of discussion for the BoCC at multiple previous meetings and work sessions, with the board hearing concerns about the state of the property from neighbors and expressing a desire to move forward with a process that would allow a county contractor to clean up the accumulated items on the property and charge the cost of this cleanup to the property owner.

Weaver explained that the court granted the county an administrative search and entry warrant for the

property and the county had hired a contractor to begin cleanup.

He added that he believed that the contractor was at the site and cleaning it "as we speak."

Mary Helmski, then the county executive assistant, stated that the contractor was going to start by removing accumulated tires from the property and would begin other cleanup after July 4.

Weaver commented that the site had "a lot" of tires piled on the back side of the property.

He added that the expected cost for the cleanup will be approximately \$35,000.

Weaver indicated that the property owner would have 30 days to pay this cost or it would be assessed against the property as property taxes.

He stated that the county could also ask the court to enter judgment against the property for the cost associated with the cleanup and then sell the property to recover the cost.

"So, there's a couple options to recover that money," Weaver concluded.

At the BoCC meeting that day, the BoCC ratified a contract with Clear View Cleanup to clean up the property, which was signed by BoCC chair Commissioner Veronica Medina on June 27.

## Other cases

In his litigation update, Weaver also explained that the county concluded the cases filed by Garcia, and Jones and Kazarinoff.

The case by Garcia concerned his claims that the county discriminated against him due to his race during its 2021 county manager selection process, a process which resulted in the hiring of Derek Woodman, who departed county employment in May 2024.

As covered in the June 8, 2023, issue of The SUN, Garcia alleged that he was not hired for the county manager position despite being the most qualified candidate.

The case also raised concerns about the propriety of the hiring process, including claiming that Derek Woodman's wife, who was the county human resources director, supervised the hiring process and that executive sessions held by the BoCC as part of the hiring process did not comply with state laws.

In his July 2 update, Weaver explained that the case was settled for a "minimal" amount and is now "basically closed and done."

The litigation update document Weaver presented to the BoCC adds that discovery and depositions for the case were scheduled for November and December 2023 and that the case

was settled following the depositions.

According to the settlement for the case, the county agreed to pay Garcia \$5,000 in exchange for him waiving his right to file further complaints about the issue.

Weaver also updated the board on the dismissal of the case by Jones and Kazarinoff, which he explained originated from an incident where Jones was pulled over for driving an unregistered vehicle without a driver's license.

The Jan. 21, 2022, complaint filed by Jones and Kazarinoff adds that Kazarinoff was a passenger in the vehicle when Jones was pulled over and alleges that the actions of the ACSO constituted wrongful arrest.

Weaver explained that the case was dismissed with prejudice by the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado on March 28, 2024.

He added that he had not heard of an appeal being filed for this decision, so "to me this case is done and over with."

The district court order upholds a recommendation from a district court magistrate judge by denying the plaintiff's objections to the recommendation denying the plaintiff's attempt to amend their complaint.

It adds that the plaintiff's objection raises no issues that would justify rejecting the lower court's recommendation.

The order concludes by upholding the recommendation made by the magistrate judge that the motion to amend be denied, the case be dismissed with prejudice and judgment be entered in favor of the defendants. [josh@pagosasun.com](mailto:josh@pagosasun.com)

## Parking

Continued from front their opposition to the idea of parking at the Town Park athletic field.

Archuleta School District Board of Education member Bob Lynch voiced his opposition to the idea, saying that once that area is paved over, the community would "never get it back."

Resident Bill Hudson suggested that the town would not need the amount of parking that town staff had determined during the construction and that the town should not be reducing open green space to achieve more parking.

Resident Abbie Karas told the council that the athletic field "is an essential part of our community," also voicing her opposition to the idea of parking at the park.

An audience member who described himself as a fifth-generation resident stated that he had played T-ball at the park as a kid and that the field was part of "our history" and should be preserved as it is.

He said, "Our small town is being taken over by tourists and the almighty dollar," and that "our history" is being eroded.

"That's my gripe about it," he said, adding, "If we do want to build something there, let's build a rec center for our kids."

Another resident implored the council, saying, "I am asking you to consider other places ... other than our precious grass."

Replying to the public comments, Lewis explained that he had listened carefully to all of the comments.

"I want it to be known that I respect everyone's opinion," he said.

He told the audience, "I was given a task," as the parks and rec director, to help find downtown parking spaces before the CDOT construction begins.

"I'm not looking to take away, nor do I have any intention to take away, our green space out of our parks ... I was given a task and that's what I'm bringing in front of you. It's an option. That's all that it is, is an option," he said.

He said that based on what he has seen "over the past 17 years," the corner where the parking spaces would

go lies in a mostly unused section of the park.

He added that the "entire athletic field is not being graveled. It is not being paved over, except for that section, if you choose to have parking there."

He added, "At the end of the day, the task was to find temporary, or even permanent, parking that could help the downtown area and I'm bringing in front of you an option."

He added that the only option that he could get behind was the 35-space option, noting that adding parking spaces there would also be helpful during events held at the park and adding that, currently, "we're inviting people to a party with no parking."

"People are parking in an alley illegally. They are parking on Hermosa Street illegally, and, at the end of the day, these are things that need to be addressed, because if this is going to continue to be an area for events, we definitely need more parking," he said.

The parking problem that will take place during the CDOT construction is "out of my realm as parks and rec director," Lewis said.

But, "this parking problem that's gonna occur when the construction takes place is gonna be huge," he said, adding that all options should be seriously considered.

He said that the corner of the park being considered was not "a high-traffic area of use," adding that the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was "unanimously in favor" of using it for parking.

He also added that his feeling is that businesses are also in favor of it.

The Pagosa Springs Planning Commission voted against using Town Park for parking at a previous public meeting.

When opened up to comments and questions from the council, it became apparent that the council was leaning against using the park for parking.

Council member Gary Williams explained that he is not in favor of "developing green space" and that the town should look for "more creative solutions" to help solve the parking

problem.

Likewise, council member Matt DeGuise said, "I'm not in favor of using our parkland for parking spots."

Council member Madeline Bergon added that she was not yet "ready to pull the trigger tonight," but said that she wants to address Lewis' concern about parking during events at Town Park.

On that point, she asked if the town could leave it as a grassy area, but allow temporary parking there only during events.

This was left as an open question.

Mayor Shari Pierce chimed in to say that using the park for parking spaces is "not the right thing to do," especially with the amount of public opposition to the idea.

When a motion was made to reject the idea of using the athletic field for parking, it was seconded and passed unanimously by the council.

A parking area near the library will be utilized during the CDOT construction, but Dickhoff has previously commented that this lot would best be utilized by downtown businesses for "remote" employee parking during the construction.

An agreement between the town and the library board will create 50 to 60 spaces at this location during the construction.

Another large lot being considered is the newly acquired town-owned property near Tractor Supply, the Goodman property, but this site is not ideal because of its inconvenient location, Dickhoff has previously explained.

The town, as well as a parking task force under the Pagosa Springs Main Street program's umbrella, will continue to look for parking solutions during the CDOT construction project.

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## Board of Health reviews state funding awards for 2025 fiscal year

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of Health (BoH) heard an update on public health contracts for the state fiscal year 2025 from Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) Director Ashley Wilson at its July 18 meeting.

Wilson opened the update by explaining that the contracts for the ACPHD for its first six months (from January to June 2024) were taken over from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and that the awards were often 20 percent of SJBPH's previous awards for a similar amount of time (reflecting differences in population between Archuleta County and the total SJBPH service area).

She added that contracts with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) are invoiced and that there is a possibility that the full amount has not been invoiced, which Wilson stated happened in multiple programs.

She indicated that the full amount not being spent was partially due to difficulties in invoicing data in real time to the CDPHE due to how the county system works — something she noted she and county accountant Stephen Slade worked to create a "stopgap" solution for.

Wilson stated that staff involved in providing services will also help with tracking purchases and hours to ensure that the contract funds are spent down as efficiently as possible.

She indicated that, over the ACPHD's first six months, it did not spend \$23,490.11.

The SafeCare program accounted for about half of these unspent funds, Wilson stated, adding that that was due to issues filling the position and that there was "really no way to spend that down."

Wilson then reviewed a range of programs and the unspent amounts of funding for them, highlighting that some of the unspent funds were not billed due to staff having to learn what items could be billed for a specific program or the state not liking agencies to bill for large items in the final months of a contract.

She concluded that the department has created a variety of processes going into the next contract cycle to prevent contracts not being fully spent down, adding that she does "not like to leave money on the table."

BoH member Stacey Foss asked if Wilson anticipates reductions in SafeCare funding next year given that not all the money was spent this year.

Wilson explained that she does not because the program is very "understanding" of staff turnover.

She added that one of the issues with SafeCare is that it requires training that only occurs periodically and the program will not pay for a staff member who is not trained yet.

She stated that she currently has a bilingual staff member working about 25 hours a week for the position and that she hopes to expand it to a full-time position if the program expands.

Wilson then discussed the contracts for the 2025 fiscal year, stating

that the department received funds from the majority of the funding sources it received funding from in the 2024 fiscal year.

She explained that the ACPHD will not be receiving funds from the Colorado HIV/AIDS Prevention Grant Program (CHAPP) for HIV and sexually transmitted infection testing due to not being selected in a competitive funding process and would not be receiving funds originating from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) due to the funds having been expended.

The CHAPP funding for January through June 2024 was \$13,626.06, while the ARPA funds were \$31,971, according to the contract funding chart Wilson presented to the BoH.

Wilson explained that the department is slated to receive \$50,000 from the State Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (STEPP) and that this amount could potentially double due to the program receiving more funds.

She added that these funds could help support staff in the clinic, health insurance literacy and SafeCare program, which will incorporate tobacco cessation messaging into its work.

Wilson commented that the increase in STEPP funding was highly unexpected.

BoH member and Archuleta County Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that, although it is "hard to see" funds "left on the table," she felt from community feedback and other observations that the ACPHD's first six months of operations were "very successful" and that the funds had been used well.

She added that this success was attributable to Wilson's leadership, staff work and the community's willingness to embrace the ACPHD.

Medina commented that she is looking forward to what grants the ACPHD can obtain next year and what services it can provide to the community.

Wilson explained that the ACPHD will continue to receive Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) funding for COVID-19 prevention and testing work, adding that the department received an award for the next fiscal year that was slightly more than double the award received for its first six months.

She stated that the department expected to receive double its six-month funding awards for most of its full-year funding awards.

Wilson indicated that the Woman's Wellness Connection cancer screening and detection funding remained relatively stable, but that the department also has an additional budget from the state that pays for mammograms and other services while the contract funds pay for administering the program.

She added that these funds for paying for treatments are currently limited, but could increase if the service is used more than expected by the CDPHE, which she indicated is likely.

Wilson stated that Local Planning and Support funding from the CDPHE "went up dramatically," in-

creasing from \$33,011 in the first six months to \$140,613 for the 2025 fiscal year.

She commented that the usage of these funds is highly flexible and they can be used to help cover staff positions not fully covered by other funding or help with supporting other programs.

She stated that the funding for immunizations was \$20,081 for the first six months and the department received \$27,712 for the 2025 fiscal year.

However, Wilson stated that she also applied for \$23,856 in more competitive additional funding to help support the program, although she noted that she has not heard a decision on this application yet.

She added that this funding does not pay for immunizations directly, but pays for staff being available to provide them.

Wilson pointed out that environmental health funding increased, rising from \$5,000 for the first six months to \$22,000 for the 2025 fiscal year.

She stated that emergency preparedness funding went from \$32,327 for the first six months to \$44,992 for the 2025 fiscal year, although she noted the potential that additional money not spent by the program statewide in the 2024 fiscal year could roll over to the 2025 fiscal year and a portion of it could be awarded to the ACPHD, increasing the funding amount.

Wilson indicated that SafeCare funding went from \$30,327 in the first six months to \$56,752 in the 2025 fiscal year.

She noted that this was less than the initial award, but pointed out that the initial award included equipment and startup costs that are not awarded again.

The Connect for Health Colorado funding award went up from \$19,062.68 for the first six months to \$50,000 for the 2025 fiscal year, Wilson stated, adding that the ACPHD would also have its own contract with Connect for Health next year instead of having to subcontract with the La Plata County Department of Public Health.

Wilson explained that funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children — commonly known as WIC — operates on the federal fiscal year, meaning the year will end in September.

She stated that the ACPHD received \$52,490 in the first nine months of the program and will receive \$58,823 in the 2025 fiscal year, which she noted is less than the initial award, although she commented it is "close" and the gap could be covered by other funds.

Wilson also noted several grants associated with air quality, breastfeeding support and other work that she explained are deliverable-based grants with only some having the potential for another award.

She added that she has a list of other grants that could be applied for if they match the strategic plans for the department.

Wilson concluded the update by

expressing hope that it would prepare the board for the budgeting process in August and pointing out the amount of work involved in invoicing for these contracts and grants.

She added that she believes the department has made progress in increasing the efficiency of its invoicing processes.

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## Commissioners hear update on buildings and grounds projects

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its July 23 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update on the county's buildings and grounds from Buildings and Grounds Manager Daniel Matyniak.

Matyniak opened his update by stating that, in the past six months, the department has made several upgrades to the Colorado State University Extension building, including installing new flooring in several areas, installing new toilets, installing new toilet paper and paper towel dispensers, and replacing a water heater at the building.

He added that the department also worked with Road and Bridge to upgrade the Colorado State University Extension building parking lot by adding asphalt millings.

Matyniak stated that the department repaired heat and air conditioning units in several county buildings, including the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center, the county clerk's office, the county treasurer's office and the county office in Arboles.

He indicated that staff installed conduit at the county buildings in Arboles to prevent damage to the data cables at the site.

Staff also replaced a faulty switch on the backup generator at the county detention center, Matyniak stated.

He indicated that the department completed a roof repair project on the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) building by using a spray-on coating.

Matyniak pointed out that the department ordered and installed signs designating parking spaces as being reserved for county business behind the old county courthouse.

He then covered upcoming projects, which include roof repairs on the county Public Works Department building, and roof repair and siding replacement at the Extension building.

He added that painting is also scheduled to occur in various sections of the Extension building.

Matyniak stated that the department also plans to work with Road and Bridge Department to upgrade the parking lot at Cloman Park and to install a backup generator at the Archuleta County Public Health Department building in the event of power failures.

He noted that the department is currently waiting to receive designs for upgrading the parking lot at the public health building.

With these projects, Matyniak explained that the department has been able to stay within its budget for 2024.

He added that the department is fully staffed.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he appreciates Matyniak's responsiveness to requests he

made, and Commissioner Warren Brown added that he appreciates Matyniak staying within the department's budget.

Matyniak noted that the savings on the EOC and Public Works Department roof projects allowed the department to invest money in repairing the Extension building roof, which he noted is not in the 2024 budget.

Brown asked if expansions to the number of staff in the department helped it with operations.

Matyniak stated that the additional staff have "definitely helped" and allowed progress on additional projects.

Maez commented that maintenance was often not done or done in a haphazard manner previously.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that it was an "awesome moment" for her when Matyniak informed her about the fact that the savings on the other roof projects would allow work to be done on the Extension building roof.

She commended his leadership and ability to consider the "big picture."

She also noted Matyniak's ability to maintain full staffing and responsiveness to issues she brought to him.

"So, thank you for your dedication to the county, thank you for all that you do for us, and have a great day," Medina said.

"Thank you. I really appreciate that," Matyniak replied.

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## Board of health hears proposal for forensic nurse examiner program

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of Health (BoH) heard and discussed a proposal for a forensic nurse examiner program at its July 18 meeting.

Faith Koehler presented to the board, stating that she is a sexual assault nurse examiner with experience in forensic nursing who recently moved into the community and who, after speaking with community partners, had become interested in establishing a forensic nursing program in the community.

She explained that forensic nursing covers overlaps between the legal and medical systems and involves treatment or assessment of injuries or conditions connected to a crime.

Koehler stated that this can involve treating sexual assault victims, but can also cover those suffering from domestic violence, human trafficking, elder abuse and neglect, or child abuse and neglect.

A medical forensic exam, Koehler indicated, involves both providing treatment or making referrals for injuries or trauma the victim has suffered and collecting evidence for criminal investigation, such as DNA. She stated that forensic nurse exams have a well-documented positive impact on the outcomes for the victim of the crime and for the success of prosecuting cases in the legal system.

Koehler explained that local domestic violence prevention nonprofit Rise Above Violence, the Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) and the Archuleta County Department of Human Services (DHS) would "love to see" increased access to forensic nurse examination in the community.

She stated that there is a forensic nurse examiner program in Durango, but there are currently not any similar programs available in Archuleta County.

Koehler indicated that she has investigated a variety of options for creating such a program and wanted to see if the BoH might be interested in the ACPHD hosting such a program or in having the health department partner with other organizations to help patients acquire sexually transmitted infection (STI) prophylactics and schedule follow-up appointments.

She added that the program could potentially also use space at the ACPHD.

BoH member Jennifer Cox commented that she was a "resounding

yes" for having the program and feels it is needed in the community.

BoH member Stacey Foss stated that the issues would be the logistics of the program and the amount of need for it, but added that she feels having the program located at the ACPHD would be valuable as it would provide a centralized location to offer services.

Koehler commented that she agrees that the program should be centralized.

She added that, currently, she is considering applying for the grant funding for the program through Rise and potentially having the ACPHD house it, but stated that she also plans to speak with Aspire, which could potentially host the program as well.

Koehler commented that a partnership with Aspire could also be valuable in securing necessary supplies for the program.

ACPHD Director Ashley Wilson stated that she and Koehler had discussed the proposal and that one of the core issues that would need to be addressed would be how to support a paid coordinator for the program, which she commented would be valuable for the program's success.

She added that the ACPHD has space and most of the equipment that would be necessary for the program and could acquire the rest relatively easily.

"I just think we need to have a place people can go," Wilson said. "And while I know that the emergency room is ideal if they need additional imaging, it's not always the most trauma-informed environment for the initial exam and so ... that is also another reason why the public health space could be a great place for the initial exam, because we have the ability to limit the craziness of what's happening."

BoH member and Archuleta County Commissioner Warren Brown commented that much of the imaging can be done after the initial exam.

Wilson stated that she would support facilitating the program in whatever way is necessary, whether through partnering with other local organizations or housing the program and hiring staff to coordinate it.

She added that the department has a nurse who is completing their sexual assault examiner certification and that the opportunity to receive examiner certification is also available to other nurses.

Wilson noted that she wanted to determine if the board would be willing to host and hire staff for the program.

Brown commented that he believes the service is "critical."

"I think, out of all the services that we provide, this is right on the top," he said.

Cox and Foss also expressed support for the program, with Foss adding that the program would match the priorities the BoH has discussed.

Wilson explained that the ACPHD is part of a program that allows it to obtain "highly discounted items for sexual health" that would allow it to provide STI prophylactics and other items at a reduced cost.

Cox asked how the program in Durango operates.

Koehler explained that the program is run through CommonSpirit Mercy Hospital and is supported with grant funding that pays for staff, a coordinator and continuing education.

She added that medical care can be billed to insurance and that there are various streams of funding that reimburse patients to ensure the costs do not come out of their pockets.

The data collection for criminal investigations is supported and paid for by an agreement with law enforcement, Koehler stated.

In response to a question from Cox, Koehler stated that she understands the program is working well.

She added that she is planning on creating a "call schedule" for the program, which she stated is working well in Durango.

Koehler stated that having a call schedule for patients to be treated or make an appointment would diminish the need for them to visit the emergency room, which she commented can be "scary and dark."

She added that, once the details of the program are solidified, she would start doing outreach for it to ensure community members are aware of it. Koehler stated that there would be a 24/7 number available for those needing assistance to call.

Wilson noted that the health department has a similar system where after-hours calls are redirected to her.

BoH member and Archuleta County Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that she agrees with the rest of the BoH that the proposal is a "fabulous idea and something our county definitely needs."

She added that her concerns about space and funding had already been discussed and it appears the ACPHD would have space.

She then asked Wilson if the program would require office or storage space in addition to space to perform examinations.

Wilson replied that the depart-

ment has exam and storage space available and that, if the coordinator for the program is a nurse for the clinic in addition to their coordination work, they would already have office space.

She added that, if the coordinator position is separate, it would likely have limited hours and could be a remote position that would not require space in the ACPHD offices.

Wilson commented that she hopes that a coordinator would also serve as a clinic nurse, although she added that this would only be true if the program is completely operated by the ACPHD.

If it is administered through an agreement with other organizations, Wilson stated, the ACPHD would only have to provide examination and supply storage space.

"Thank you. I like the idea," Medina said.

The discussion concluded with the board thanking Koehler for her presentation and Brown expressing hope that the board would communicate with Koehler again soon.

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## LPEA and 4CORE to host Sunnyside Community Solar application event

By Amanda Anderson  
La Plata Electric Association

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The open house format allows attendees to visit anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. Paper applications will be available for general membership and income-qualified applicants.


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Applications for the Sunnyside Community Solar program will be accepted until Aug. 29. This event provides an ideal opportunity to engage with program details, receive application assistance and ensure a streamlined process.

Attendees are encouraged to mark their calendars, prepare questions

and bring necessary documentation for a smooth application experience. For more information, visit lpea.coop/sunnyside.





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Veronica is one of the Stars in this year's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars fundraiser for Seeds of Learning.


She is focused on this event to support early childhood education in our community.

One of the reasons we love Pagosa Springs is that when someone is facing hard times, everyone comes together to support them.

One of the Medina's sons was involved in a terrible accident in June, which has forever changed their lives.

In spite of this, Veronica remains committed to fundraising for Seeds of Learning through Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.

Veronica's friends ask for your thoughts and prayers for the Medina family. We also appreciate your support and contributions on behalf of Veronica.



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# Rains bring local flooding, damage

## Ensuring proper coverage for your home or business

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Recent rains over the past month have been beneficial for relieving drought around Pagosa Country, but, with that, multiple homes and businesses in the community have had to deal with cleaning up and rebuilding after having their property damaged by flooding from the exterior.

Jean Hietala, owner of Made In Colorado Shoppe located on Eagle Drive, reported that she had to close down from July 1 through July 9 due to more than an inch of water running through the store.

Hietala mentioned that she has operated her shop at that location for 18 years, and the building has been there since the 1980s with no reports of flooding occurring until now.

She noted that the cause of flooding was due in part to a clogged drainage behind her shop, and the "alleyway pushes water" straight into the backside of her building, which is shared with Sun Glass.

Hietala explained that water came through walls of the building and the backdoor entrance.

"Everything ran downhill," she said.

Areas of Pagosa Country received more than 2 inches of rain from June 27 through July 1, according to reports on the community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network.

Hietala explained that when she showed up on Monday, July 1, at her store, she discovered her building had flooded, noting there was "mud

throughout the store."

She also mentioned that the carpet had to be pulled up and multiple displays and boxes of products were damaged.

Hietala mentioned that she was not the only business owner affected in the area, noting that business in the Mountain View Plaza also had flood damage occur.

"Being up on the top of a hill, you don't think you're ever going to flood," she said.

She explained that her insurance coverage will not cover the damages due to the flooding coming from an exterior source, and that she would have needed an additional exterior flooding coverage added to her plan.

Lars Schneider with Mountain Men Disaster Mitigation, a local disaster cleanup and mitigation company, explained that most homeowners and business owners do not have coverage for flooding caused by "outside water in," which includes situations like storm water and sewer backups.

Schneider noted that, over the past couple of weeks, his company has been working on eight different flooded properties around the community.

"Those are just the people that have called us," he said, explaining that some people may just be cleaning it up as they go.

Schneider noted that this can be problematic due to the possibility of mold sprouting rather quickly with the high levels of bacteria in stormwater.

"The rains have been hard," he said, explaining the most common types of structures being affected are basements, walk-out style basements and properties along hillsides.

"It's kind of everywhere in Pagosa," he added.

Schneider mentioned that these repairs can be costly, noting a current project that is costing a homeowner approximately \$75,000 out of pocket due to the damage not being covered by their insurance.

"I would love it if everyone had coverage," he said. "People just don't know they're not covered for these things."

Schneider explained that unless you are located in a flood zone, it is not typical to have exterior-caused flood coverage.

"It not being covered is normal," Schneider said.

He noted that most people have coverage for flooding caused from the interior of a home, such as sink pipe bursting, but not if a utility company has a backup in its system that leads to flooding in a home.

"Sewer backup from outside the home is another extremely important one to have," he said.

He noted that if a city's sewage system backs into a home, "most people's coverage won't cover you."

Schneider spoke about how these sort of disasters can cost homeowners \$100,000 to fix without insurance.

"That kills people financially," he said.

He explained that if you are not located in a flood zone, additional flood coverage may only cost about \$30 a year.

"That small amount of add-on will keep people from getting bankrupted," he said, noting that anyone can get additional flood insurance.

He also noted the option of going through the Red Cross, which provides a separate flood insurance policy to homeowners.

Schneider went on to mention

how he and his partner, Bruce Jones, have been in the Pagosa community for more than a combined total of 60 years and that they usually know those affected personally.

"We know everyone being affected, and there's no nothing more traumatic to homeowners when they come home and their house is flooded or sewer's backed up ... and then also find out they're financially screwed because they don't have the coverage," Schneider said.

Tricia Vega, an insurance broker at Hometown Insurance, also noted that additional flood insurance can be beneficial, but that people simply don't know about it.

"It's always good to evaluate your plan every single year," Vega said, noting that needs may change every year.

Vega also recommends adding on sewer and waterline backup to traditional insurance plans.

She explained that if you are in a flood zone, it may cost a couple thousand dollars to get flood coverage and that homeowners would need to go through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

However, she noted, if the property is not in a flood zone, options for additional flood coverage may cost around \$60 a year.

Vega also mentioned that folks located within a flood zone can get an elevation certificate through FEMA that will help reduce the cost of their insurance.

Vega noted she has been with Hometown Insurance for about seven years and has only written five required flood insurance policies and only a couple of nonrequired policies, mentioning that most people don't know about their options for flood coverage.

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# County unemployment rate rises to 3.7 percent in June

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

According to a July 19 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), Archuleta County's unemployment rate rose to 3.7 percent for the month of June, up from 3.6 percent for the month of May.

The highest unemployment rate reported for Archuleta County so far this year was for the month of February at 4.5 percent, and the lowest rate reported so far this year was for the month April at 3.2 percent.

Archuleta County's labor force increased from 7,002 in May to 7,092 in June, with 6,833 individuals employed, according to the CDLE report.

According to the CDLE press release, the counties with the highest unemployment rate in the state for the month of June are Las Animas County and Huerfano County at 6 percent, followed by Fremont County at 5.7 percent, Rio Grande County at 4.9 percent, and Alamosa County at 4.8 percent.

The counties with the lowest unemployment rate are San Juan County and Cheyenne County at 2.1 percent,

according to the report.

Our neighbors to the west in La Plata County had an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent. Hinsdale County had a rate of 2.8 percent, Mineral County had a rate of 3.4 percent and our neighbors to the east in Conejos County had a rate of 4.1 percent.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

The state's unemployment rate was unchanged from May to June at 3.8 percent, according to the press release.

The state's labor force increased from 3,203,625 in May to 3,261,957 in June, according to the CDLE report.

"The number of individuals employed in Colorado grew by 2,600 in June to 3,113,000, which represents 65.3 percent of the state's 16 [plus] population. Colorado's employment population ratio of 65.3 in June was equal to the month prior. The national employment population ratio was also flat from May to June at 60.1 percent," the press release states.

Employers in Colorado added 1,400 nonfarm payroll jobs from May to June for a total of 2,989,100 jobs. Private-sector payroll jobs grew by 600, while the government added 800 jobs.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the

number of workers excluding farmers.

The private-industry sector with significant job gains over the month of June was other services at about 1,200.

Significant private-sector job losses of the month June occurred in construction at about 1,100.

"Since June 2023, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 40,900, with the private sector growing by 19,800 and government adding 21,100 jobs," the press release states.

Since June 2023 the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Educational and health services at about 12,500.
  - Professional and business services at about 8,000.
  - Financial activities at about 4,200.
- During the same time period, payroll jobs declined in:
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 6,000.
  - Construction at about 4,200.
  - Information at about 3,000.

The press release notes that Colorado's rate of job growth over the past year is 1.4 percent, which is below the U.S. rate of 1.7 percent.

"Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased

from 33.2 to 34.2 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$35.18 to \$37.98, nearly three dollars more than the national average hourly earnings of \$35.00," the report states.

The July 2024 Colorado Employment Situation report will be released on Aug. 16, according to the CDLE.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, July 25

**Archuleta County Marijuana Ordinance Update Task Force meeting.** 1 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District special meeting.** 4 p.m., PAWSA administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave. Zoom Meeting ID: 840 1227 0129, passcode: 841874. Visit [pawsd.org](http://pawsd.org) for more information.

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

**Pagosa Springs Town Council work session.** 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

**Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=dFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.


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# Colorado State Patrol: Motorcycle crash fatalities on the rise

Colorado State Patrol

The 100 deadliest days of summer is the well-known time between Memorial Day and Labor Day where law enforcement sees an increase in traffic crashes and fatalities. July frequently ends up being the peak month for various crash types investigated by Colorado troopers, including those involving motorcycles.

This year is no exception. Troopers investigated 135 fatal crashes from Jan. 1 through July 16, and 15.5 percent (21) of those involved a motorcycle. But when the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) isolated just the first two weeks of July, the percentages more than doubled, with 16 fatal crashes and 37.5 percent (6) of those involving a motorcycle.

"Riding a motorcycle comes with

greater risk than driving a car or truck due to the lack of safety features, including airbags and seat belts. Riders are simply more vulnerable," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the CSP. "This underscores the responsibility that every rider must assume for their own safety. Receiving ongoing training, wearing protective gear and adhering to the rules of the road — these are the necessary steps for every rider."

Colorado offers some of the American West's most scenic and popular motorcycle rides, including routes like the San Juan Skyway National Scenic Byway and Santa Fe Trail.

Due to the increase in riders during the warmer weather months, the Southwest District of the CSP began to track serious injuries and fatal motorcycle crashes at the beginning of the

riding season (April/May) this year.

The Southwest District encompasses Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos, Costilla, Delta, Dolores, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Rio Grande, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel counties.

From Jan. 1 to July 17, troopers in District 5 responded to and investigated 18 serious injury or fatal crashes involving a motorcycle. Most riders were from Colorado, but not always from the region.

Sixty-one percent of the riders did have an endorsement and also wore a helmet.

"It's not the number of years you've owned a motorcycle that builds mastery; it's the actual time spent learning how to control, corner, emergency brake and practice evasive maneu-

vers," stated Packard. "Advanced motorcycle courses are a fantastic way to learn the best techniques without building bad habits while increasing skills to help you enjoy the ride."

Mountain riding also comes with some common hazards. Here are what riders riding on our Western Slope should watch for during their ride:

- Blind corners with sheer rock faces next to the road.
- Narrow shoulders or no shoulder at all with sharp drop-offs.
- Rocks, gravel and other debris from snow melt.
- Switchbacks and tight corners with little preparation time.
- Congestion from RVs and vehicles towing boats and ATVs.
- Potholes, bumps and weather-damaged surfaces.
- Wildlife.

# Colorado State Patrol urges watching speed when super cruising

Colorado State Patrol

Colorado's Western Slope offers breathtaking views. The roads also present some additional hazards that require motorists to be focused.

Whether it's bicyclists, pedestrians, wildlife or road debris, situations can present themselves quickly, leaving drivers with critical decisions in a short amount of time. Driving above the speed limit or a safe speed for the

existing conditions can create deadly results.

In 2023, Colorado State Patrol (CSP) troopers investigated 163 serious injury or fatal crashes between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend on Colorado's Western Slope. Among the leading factors were drivers exceeding a safe speed and lane violations.

While many risky behaviors ramp up over the weekend, such as driving

impaired and lane violations, CSP data indicates that speeding crashes on the Western Slope are most common on Mondays and Fridays.

"The data suggests that many of our speeding-caused crashes could stem from over-confidence and local drivers' complacency," explained Maj. Brett Williams, District Commander for Region 5 of the CSP. "Speed limits are there for your safety, and if everyone follows them, traffic

flow will also be enhanced."

Recreational travelers can play an important role in reducing aggressive and reckless driving behavior by pulling over in a safe place and allowing long lines of traffic behind them to pass. On roads with two or more lanes traveling in the same direction, vehicles should stay in the right lane except to pass.

For more driving tips, visit <https://csp.colorado.gov/super-cruising-in-colorado>.

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### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

July 15 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, alcohol open container/drink in vehicle, careless driving, U.S. 84.

July 15 — Criminal attempt to commit class one misdemeanor, Harman Park Drive.

July 15 — Information only, Canyon Circle.

July 15 — Fraud by check-felony-insufficient funds, Woodsman Drive.

July 15 — Information only, Lake-side Drive.

July 15 — Not completed, Park Avenue.

July 16 — Information only, North 8th Street.

July 16 — Information only, San Juan Street.

July 16 — Warrant arrest, Crooked Road.

July 16 — Harboring a minor/runaway, Fiesta Place.

July 16 — Prohibited use of weapons, illegal discharge of a firearm, menacing-felony-aggravated-family-gun, reckless endangerment, criminal mischief \$300-\$1,000 private, violation of protection order, Great West Avenue.

July 16 — Criminal mischief, domestic violence, violation of protection order-criminal, harassment-public place obscene language or gesture, U.S. 84.

July 17 — Driving under revocation prohibited (HTO), fail to obey traffic control device, Eagle Drive, Piedra Road.

July 17 — Violation of protection order-criminal, U.S. 160.

July 17 — Not completed, Harman Park Drive.

July 17 — Not completed, County Road 119.

July 17 — Second-degree burglary, theft-\$5,000-\$20,000, Stallion Place.

July 17 — Information only, Pinon Causeway.

July 17 — Violation of protection order-criminal, disorderly conduct-petty offense, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Spruce Circle.

July 18 — Failure to appear, Harman Park Drive.

July 18 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

July 18 — Information only, Canyon Circle.

July 19 — Not completed, Cliffside Place.

July 19 — Not completed, Canyon Circle.

July 19 — Criminal mischief-\$1,000-\$2,000, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, USFS 628.

July 19 — Information only, Fiesta Place.

July 20 — Not completed, Sunset Trail.

July 20 — Not completed, Eagle Drive.

July 20 — Not completed, Monument Avenue.

July 20 — Agency assist, East Pagosa Street.

### Pagosa Springs Police Department

July 14 — Careless driving, Lewis Street.

July 15 — Theft/intending to de-

prive, South 9th Street.

July 15 — Criminal Mischief, Pike Drive.

July 15 — Theft-\$300-\$1,000, Pagosa Street.

July 15 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, South 5/6 Alley.

July 15 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Aspen Village Drive.

July 15 — Vehicle accident no injuries, Aspen Village Drive.

July 16 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 16 — Lost and found, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 16 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.

July 17 — Lost and found, Lewis Street.

July 17 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Lewis Street.

July 17 — Abandonment of vehicle, North 5th Street.

July 17 — Violation of restraining order public conveyances, North 6th Street.

July 17 — Information only, South 9th Street.

July 18 — Nuisance/accumulation of weeds, junk, garbage, North 8th Street.

July 19 — Camping prohibited in parks/rec facilities, possession/consumption open container of alcohol in public, East Pagosa Street.

July 19 — Vehicle accident no injuries, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 19 — Criminal attempt to commit class five or six felony, first-degree criminal trespass motor vehicle, Aspen Village Drive.

July 19 — Theft, Pagosa Street.

July 20 — Violation of protection order-criminal, South 8th Street.

July 20 — Assault in the third degree, Trinity Lane.

July 20 — Obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, East Pagosa Street.

### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

July 8 — Shaley McCauley, failed to yield, three points off, fines, costs and surcharges — \$116.

July 8 — Lon Baronne, following too closely, four points off, fines, costs and surcharges — \$145.

July 8 — Sherry Murphy, unsafe backing, two points off, fines, costs and surcharges — \$72.

July 8 — Samuel Sherr, unsafe backing, two points off, fines, costs and surcharges — \$72.

July 9 — Shona Sanchez, failed to yield, three points off, fines, costs and surcharges — \$116.

### Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

July 11 — Shelby Paul Chaney, lane usage violation, driving while ability impaired, driving under the influence per se, five days jail, 48 hours community service, three years probation, 48 hours community service, five days jail, three years probation, fines, costs and surcharges — \$2,774.50.

July 16 — Cynthia Colvin Kornegay, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

July 17 — Ivan Isaiah Alvarez, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

July 17 — Kacie Marie Dutton, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

July 17 — Ceballos E. Perez, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$233.50

July 17 — Jacob Ray, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

July 17 — Hunter Dean Goodwin, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

July 17 — Lauren Nichole Martinez, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.

July 17 — Kristen Reynolds, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.

July 17 — Jessica Ann Wyatt, license plates-unlawful display, obstructed view-windshield, fines and costs — \$94.50.

July 17 — Shawn McCullough Osborn, registration-unregistered vehicle, no insurance-driver, fines and costs — \$869.50.

July 17 — Allen Ray More, driving under restraint, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$277.50.

July 17 — Jacquelyn Nichole Holman, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

July 17 — Lisa Clarke, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

July 17 — Kyle Allen Mills, use of multiple beam lights, fines and costs — \$170.

July 17 — Chantel Vanessa Hernandez, obedience to official traffic

control device, fines and costs — \$170.

July 17 — Ireland Alexandria Green, headlamps-failure to display, fines and costs — \$100.

July 17 — William M. English, head lamp equipment-improper, fines and costs — \$170.

July 17 — Jimmy Minh Cao, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

July 17 — Chloe Adoir Campien, weaving from traffic lane, fines and costs — \$170.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

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# Outdoors



## San Juan Outdoor Club to meet Aug. 1

By Steven Earle  
San Juan Outdoor Club

The San Juan Outdoor Club is in the middle of its summer hiking season.

The club is devoted to providing outdoor opportunities for its members — by its members — and offer a schedule that includes weekly day hikes. We also do other activities such as mountain biking, theater nights at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, monthly meetings covering topics of interest and three parties a year.

We also are partnered with the Forest Service on a number of volunteer projects and we'd love to have you join us on these, as well, if you would find these interesting.

Our primary goal is to get outdoors and have fun together.

The hikes cater to a range of ability levels and, while most take place in the beautiful mountains that surround Pagosa Springs, we also schedule a few trips that are farther away. If you appreciate the out-of-doors and would like to get out with a group of like-minded people, we encourage you to join us.

Our next general meeting is Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Guests are welcome. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments and the talk begins at 7 p.m.

Our speaker will be Alex Handloff with the Mountain Studies Institute and the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

He will discuss the science of snow focusing on the value of snow as a water storage resource. He will present data and an evaluation of the trends in snowpack, current issues impacting snowpack, and steps being taken to solve these issues regionally.

There are membership applications available at the meeting for those who wish to join our club and participate in the fun. Please also check us out on our website, sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

We hope to see you at the meeting or out on the trails.

## BLM Southwest Resource Advisory Council to meet Aug. 8

By Maggie Magee  
Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Southwest Resource Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 S. Townsend Ave. in Montrose.

The meeting is open to the public. Participants may not attend in person can join via the Zoom platform. To request virtual access, please register in advance at <https://blm.zoomgov.com/join/join/register/vjI5duCgrzwsH7M9IeGP3hI9fgi-4v06UcpM>.

"This will be our third Southwest Resource Advisory Council meeting of the year," said District Manager Stephanie McCormick. "We truly value the contributions of our 15 members, who represent varied backgrounds and interests throughout southwest Colorado."

Planned agenda items include an overview of field office updates, and a presentation and discussion on the Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan Amendment and evaluation process for considering areas of critical environmental concern.

A public comment period is scheduled for 2 p.m. Individuals who wish to make a statement during the public comment period are encouraged to submit a written copy of their statement for the administrative record.

The Resource Advisory Council will also attend a field trip on Aug. 7.

The meeting agenda is available online at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/southwest-rac>.

The Resource Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations. See BLM A15



Photo courtesy Melissa May

Sun shines on a nighthawk egg and nest located during a June 28 trip by members of the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership to bird-monitoring sites on in the Fawn Gulch and Jackson Mountain area. The trip focused on a bird-monitoring project led by the Weminuche Audubon Society in these areas that is examining the impact of various forest fuel treatments on bird populations, data from which is utilized by the U.S. Forest Service to guide wildfire mitigation and other activities in the area.



Photo courtesy Alex Handloff

Participants work to locate birds during a field trip by the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership on June 28 to bird-monitoring sites in the Jackson Mountain and Fawn Gulch area. Trip participants learned about the importance of birds as an indicator of habitat health and the effects of stressors like wildfire, climate change and work on forest thinning for wildfire mitigation.



Photo courtesy Alex Handloff

Upper San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership member Bill Trimarco listens for birds during a June 28 field trip to bird-monitoring sites in the Fawn Gulch and Jackson Mountain area. The trip highlighted the varying impacts and trade-offs of fuel mitigation and management strategies to bird and wildlife populations, and the importance of regular monitoring and adaptation of strategies to match changing conditions.

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PUBLIC HEARING  
The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for a new Marijuana Products Manufacturer license application, dated June 28, 2024. The new license is from A & M LLC dba Border Buds located at 84 Goldmine Drive. The applicants Amber Wojcik (part owner) telephone number (970) 769-1902 and Mary Calandra (part owner) telephone number (847) 513-2746. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday August 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd. All people wishing to comment should be available in-person or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2024.  
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The San Juan National Forest, Pagosa Ranger District, is seeking submissions from interested parties to provide high-quality public services in the operation and maintenance of three government-owned recreational cabins. These are the Monument Park Cabin, the Hotz Springs Cabin, and the Turkey Springs Cabin. An online version of this announcement which includes a map of the cabins can be found at: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/gotol/sanjuan/RFEI\\_PagosaCabins](https://www.fs.usda.gov/gotol/sanjuan/RFEI_PagosaCabins).

The cabins will require varying degrees of repair, upgrade, and maintenance prior to being made available to the public for commercial rental. Respondents are encouraged to reply in writing expressing general interest, technical qualifications, and financial capability in order for the Forest to determine whether sufficient competitive interest exists for the proposed services.

This solicitation is a Request for Expressed Interest (RFEI) and is not a formal offering for the award of a special use permit or for participation in future solicitations.  
This RFEI will be used to determine:  
•Competitive interest for the proposed services  
Submissions received from the RFEI may demonstrate a need to issue a prospectus soliciting applications to operate the facilities. Submissions may also help shape the prospectus and/or provide insight for future management.

Questions regarding this RFEI may be directed to Paul Blackman through August 8, 2024 by email to paul.blackman@usda.gov.  
Letters of interest must be received by close of business on August 22, 2024 and may be dropped off at the Pagosa Ranger District office, mailed by US Postal Service to PO Box 310 Pagosa Springs CO 81147, or emailed to paul.blackman@usda.gov.  
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# United Way of Southwest Colorado to host 26th annual Archuleta County Golf Tournament

By Lynn Urban  
United Way

United Way of Southwest Colorado will be hosting its 26th annual Archuleta County Golf Tournament at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club on Aug. 10.

The format is a four-person scramble, and entry for a team of four is \$500.

A delicious lunch, a golfer gift and the opportunity to win numerous prizes are included. Up to 10 teams will win payouts from the golf club.

One lucky putter will have a shot to win \$10,000 and another lucky player will have an opportunity to hit a hole-in-one for \$1 million.

Our local independent United Way helps people in need and helps kids and families to succeed. For example, United Way is a contributor to and fiscal sponsor of the Pagosa Outreach Connection, a collaborative group that pays people's bills when they get in a financial pinch. United Way, in partnership with Pagosa Community Initiative, recently also

helped build a local plan to help better support people with disabilities. United Way also provides AmeriCorps national service members to help nonprofits in Archuleta. These are just three examples of the many efforts made by United Way in Archuleta County.

This tournament has been called,

"The most fun golf tournament in Pagosa!"

We invite you to join us, no matter your level of golf, and help support the people of the community. To sign up a team or to sponsor, please see [unitedway-swco.org/events](http://unitedway-swco.org/events), email [lynnu@unitedway-swco.org](mailto:lynnu@unitedway-swco.org) or call (970) 247-9444, ext. 12.

## BLM proposes plan to conserve wildlife, manage oil and gas in Colorado

By Brigette Waltermire  
Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently announced proposed changes to existing BLM resource management plans to promote the conservation of wildlife corridors and priority big game habitat on public lands in Colorado, including through management of oil and gas activities and other efforts to incorporate the best available science.

The BLM coordinated with the state of Colorado, tribes, local governments and local citizens to create and evaluate alternative management approaches for oil and gas development to minimize negative impacts on high-priority habitat for big game species including elk, mule deer, pronghorn and bighorn sheep.

The review included approximately 6.17 million surface acres managed by the BLM and approximately 16 million acres of split estate where the BLM only manages subsurface federal minerals.

"The BLM is at the forefront of big game habitat conservation efforts for public lands in Colorado, taking this transformational step to align management with the state of Colorado, which has some of the strongest protections for wildlife in the U.S.," said BLM Colorado State Director Doug Vilsack. "We will partner with stakeholders to achieve thriving big game populations while maintaining multiple uses of the public's lands."

Migratory patterns require minimal disturbance to migration corridors to allow big game species to access sparsely available wintering habitats. With consideration of multiple uses of public land and consistent with valid existing rights, the plan would also require oil and gas operators to develop and implement mitigation plans to minimize and offset direct, indirect and cumulative adverse impacts.

Under the preferred alternative,

where lands are open to oil and gas leasing under existing resource management plans, the BLM would prescribe measures consistent with the Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Regulation to conserve seasonal habitats and connectivity within big game high-priority habitat in support of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's big game population objectives.

Authorizations for new oil and gas facility locations within high-priority big game habitat will be avoided when density exceeds one active oil and gas location per square mile or contributes to an increased density beyond one active oil and gas location per square mile.

While the proposed plan is limited to oil and gas management decisions related to big game, the BLM also analyzed disturbance from other land uses in considering cumulative impacts. This analysis and data will be useful in the future as BLM continues to work with the state and other partners to enhance big game conservation while balancing the need for new outdoor recreation and energy development opportunities.

The BLM initiated the process in July 2022 with public scoping and released a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in November 2023 for a 90-day public comment period and review. A notice of availability for the final EIS was published in July 19's Federal Register to begin a 60-day governor's consistency review and a 30-day protest period.

Please visit the BLM Filing a Plan Protest page at [www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest](http://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest) for more information. Protests must be received by Aug. 19.

The plan, associated documents, and further instructions for filing a protest are available at the BLM National NEPA Register at [eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2018400/510](http://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2018400/510).



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

A bee takes advantage of a blooming penstemon earlier this week.

## Air quality alert flags fly at Pagosa Ranger District office

By Doug Wiersma  
San Juan Mountains Association

Smokey says, "Fire Danger is Today."

Most of us are familiar with the Smokey Bear sign in front of the Pagosa Ranger District office that alerts us to the current fire conditions in the San Juan National Forest, but did you know that Smokey now also has air quality flags to alert us to current air pollution conditions?

While Pagosa Springs regularly enjoys very clean mountain air, our summer season occasionally brings

with it smoke from seasonal forest fires.

Sometimes the smoke comes locally from fires within the San Juan National Forest, but often it blows in from points west of Colorado and even from as far away as Canada.

When our air quality is less than perfect, it affects the quality outdoor activities. As you drive past the Pagosa ranger station office on U.S. 160 at the east end of Pagosa, look for a solid-colored triangular flag hanging just below the American flag on the flag pole.

The color of the flag indicates the

quality of the air as follows:

- Green means good, and it's a great day to be outside.
- Yellow means moderate, and it's a good day to be outside, but take it easier if you're sensitive to air pollution.
- Orange means unhealthy for sensitive groups, and older adults, children and people with certain health conditions should take it easier.
- Red means unhealthy, and everyone should take it easier.
- Purple means very unhealthy, and sensitive groups should avoid

outdoor exertion, while everyone else should avoid long or intense outdoor exertion.

So, next time you see Smokey, look up at the flagpole to check the current quality of the air you're breathing as you're recreating in the San Juan National Forest and Pagosa region.

For more information, visit [www.airnow.gov/flag](http://www.airnow.gov/flag).

## BLM

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tions to the BLM on various resource and land management issues. The Southwest Resource Advisory Coun-

cil advises the BLM Colorado Southwest District, consisting of the Gunnison, Tres Rios and Uncompahgre field offices.

For more information or to RSVP for the field trip, please contact Maggie Magee at (970) 240-5323 or [dmagee@blm.gov](mailto:dmagee@blm.gov).

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## ComFest

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The summer ComFest series kicked off on July 19 at Yamaguchi Park with music by Heavy Diamond Ring after June's concert was canceled due to inclement weather. The next ComFest, on Aug. 16, will feature the Bo DePena Trio.

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION



The Board of Education of the Archuleta School District 50 JT is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Board of Education from the date of appointment in September, 2024 until the next regular biennial school election in November 2025. To be eligible for appointment, each candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment. The applicant must also be a resident of the Director District 4 the district that will be served by the appointee.

Any person who meets the qualifications and who desires to be considered for the appointment is invited to file a written notice of such intention with the secretary of the Board of Education by July 31st, 2024. Please mail notice of intention to: Archuleta School District 50 JT, ATTN: Heather Schultz, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The Board will interview prospective candidates on August 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at a public meeting. For further information, contact Heather Schultz [hschultz@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:hschultz@pagosa.k12.co.us)

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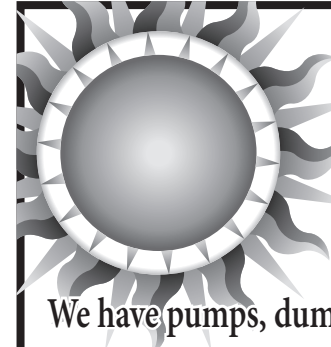
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Get your tickets at [www.PagosaHumane.org](http://www.PagosaHumane.org) through Aug. 1. Advance tickets only.

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As the population in Archuleta County drastically rises, our shelter has run out of space. We've seen an increase in pets being dumped in the forest and on streets, with more families and pets needing assistance as costs rise. In response, we've had to turn our focus to diligently supporting pets in other ways.

Last year, we spent more than \$50,000 on pet retention programs. Among these programs are our pet pantry, emergency medical care for pets in homes, free or discounted spay and neuter services, and community trap-neuter-return (TNR for feral cats) services.

Whenever possible, we want to help keep pets in loving homes. It's good for people. It's good for pets. It's good for the shelter.

2024 will see the expansion of many in shelter programs, including advanced enrichment and new fun volunteer opportunities, along with additional community engagement events and education.

Unlike some other animal welfare organizations, the HSPS does not receive funding from the Humane Society of the United States or other national agencies. Instead, we rely on the generosity of the Pagosa Springs community, dedicated volunteers, foster families and the patrons of our thrift store.

We'd also like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our supporters, both monetary and volunteer. Whether you've supported us for the whole 40 years or are new, a simple "thank you" will never be enough.

For more information on how to support the HSPS, learn more about our programs or attend the 40th Anniversary Luau Celebration, please visit [www.PagosaHumane.org](http://www.PagosaHumane.org) or contact Executive Director Elizabeth Kirwin at (970) 264-5549.

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### Sunday

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

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

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## New public art creation to be unveiled on June 27

By Amanda Gadomski  
Town of Pagosa Springs

The early inhabitants of the San Juan River area were the Ute people, who throughout the 1700s and 1800s continued to pass through the forest and valleys of their homelands in the San Juan River and the San Juan Mountains.

As farmable land along the Rio Grande River and in today's northern New Mexico became scarce due to the increasing population, Hispano families began to drift north and northwest into Colorado. Over time, seasonal use of lands for sheep herding became an established pattern.

In the late 1800s, the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad began its railroad line and the spur line from Gato to Pagosa Springs. This stop provided a mechanism to export sheep and wool without having to travel to other areas for sale.

After flooding occurred in 1911, which left the railroad destroyed along with buildings located in the Pagosa area, sheep herders had to move their communities. Many were forced to leave the area due to the filling of the Navajo Reservoir and started to localize churches around the area for community supplies and support.

As some may have seen numerous arborglyphs treasures in the area (art carved into aspen trunks by sheep herders), Pagosa has a long line of

descendants who traveled through Pagosa, marking their travels as sheep herding through the area.

While arborglyphs are slowly disappearing from timber sales, disease and vandalism, we are honored to have some of this history preserved here in Pagosa.

Please join the Town of Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Springs Arts Council and the Spanish Fiesta Committee as we celebrate artist Chad Haspels' creation of the bronze sculpture on

Saturday, July 27, at 9 a.m., adjacent to the multiuse trail near Walmart, on the northeast corner.

"Weeminuche Meadows" pays homage to lifelong friends from Towaoc, inspired by this enduring friendship with Ute Mountain Reservation.

Haspels crafted this bronze cast to capture the meaningful and authentic Hispanic history and culture of Pagosa Country, representing a story often overlooked.

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## WHIPS luncheon set for July 30

By Nancy Ford  
Women Helping in Pagosa Springs

WHIPS, Women Helping in Pagosa Springs, will have their monthly luncheon Tuesday, July 30, at 11:30 a.m at Mountain Pizza and Taproom. The cost is \$15.

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Photo courtesy Carole Howard

Actors from Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer musicals cast will be auctioned off during the exciting Broadway Gala fundraising event next Tuesday, July 30. at 5 p.m.

## Actors to be auctioned off at Thingamajig Theatre Company gala, advance bids taken now

By Carole Howard  
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Actors performing in Thingamajig Theatre Company's brilliant summer musicals will be auctioned off during the exciting Broadway Gala fundraising event next Tuesday, July 30, at 5 p.m.

The event will include a cabaret-style evening showcasing their talents and the opportunity to bid on unique private events with them.

It's part of an elegant evening of live music and entertainment at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts to raise funds for Pagosa's only non-profit live professional theater.

As well, for the first time ever, Thingamajig fans have the opportunity to place advance bids on various actor interactions whether or not you are attending the gala.

"With production costs up by 25 percent, we urgently need your sup-

port to cover essential costs and continue our mission of cultural enrichment and community engagement," said Tim Moore, artistic director and co-founder of Thingamajig with his wife, Laura. "Our theater is more than just entertainment; it's a community cornerstone, providing educational programs and opportunities for local artists and youth."

### Unique auction items

A look at just five of the one-of-a-kind live auction offerings gives you a good idea of what remarkable fun will be available to you if you are among the many lucky auction winners:

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# Gala

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• At a progressive dinner for eight, the actors will chauffeur you and your friends to stunning Pagosa homes where you'll enjoy serenades along with wine and cocktail pairings to go with a multicourse meal prepared by the cast.

• Join Tim and Laura Moore on a trip for two to New York City as they audition potential actors to perform in next year's summer musicals. This trip also includes visiting with past Thingamajig performers, enjoying dinners out in the Big Apple and shows on Broadway. Airfare is not included.

• Enjoy a campfire sing-along with voices, laughter and good cheer provided by the actors.

## How to advance bid on auction items

Whether or not you attend the gala, you can easily participate in the auction in advance. For a complete list of the auction items, their cost and how to bid, please go to <https://www.pagosacenter.org/our-2024-gala-auction-now-offers-advanced-buy-it-now-option/>.

"Right now theaters across America are facing a crisis that hasn't been seen since the Great Recession of

2008," Tim Moore said, pointing to New York City, Dallas and others struggling with significant layoffs, season pauses and emergency fundraising. "Our theatre is facing similar challenges, and we need your support to continue bringing the arts to our community."

He noted that Thingamajig's small size "provides an intimacy that creates a closer connection between the performers and the audience. But our small size also limits our revenue, as we can't sell 300 tickets per night like larger venues.

"We value this special aspect of the Thingamajig experience and are committed to preserving it, even as it presents financial challenges. Despite these hardships, we've continued to bring incredible talent to our stage, with many performers moving on to Broadway."

## Gala entertainment and food

Attending the gala in person offers a remarkable experience, with performances by the entire summer cast and dueling pianos played by actors Dominic Girolami and Zac Mitchell.

Other highlights in addition to the live auction for one-of-a-kind interactions with the actors include a catered meal served by the actors. There will be a cash bar with tips go-

ing to the actors.

Tickets are \$150 for the dressy gala evening and are on sale now on the theater's website, [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org), or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

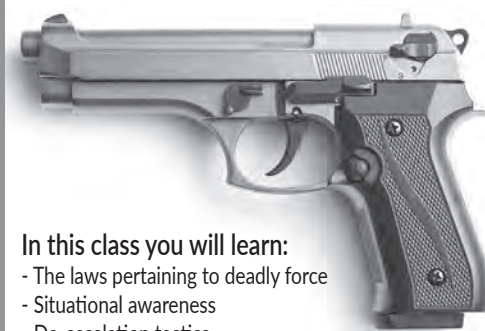
## More about Thingamajig

Thingamajig Theatre Company is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented cast and crew come from across the U.S. to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round.

The theater was co-founded in 2010 by Tim and Laura Moore, both award-winning actors and directors

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## NEW PUBLIC ART!

The Town of Pagosa Springs cordially invites you to kick off the Spanish Fiesta by joining us in celebrating the dedication of a public art piece created by artist Chad Haspels, commemorating our rich Hispanic sheep herding heritage.

**Saturday, July 27th at 9 am**

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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.

## 22nd annual Spanish Fiesta slated for Saturday

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

Join us for the 22nd annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta this Saturday, 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 Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta, 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.

Kickoff the day’s activities by joining the Town of Pagosa Springs,

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Their mission is to provide high-quality theater experiences at a low cost to our community, thereby making art accessible as well as providing a major economic driver

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Pagosa Springs Arts Council and ASI's Spanish Fiesta committee as we celebrate artist Chad Haspels' creation of a bronze sculpture of a sheep herder Saturday, July 27, at 9 a.m. adjacent to the multiuse trail near Walmart, on the northeast corner.

Hear a brief presentation on the history and culture of the Hispanic community and sheep herding in Archuleta County by Spanish Fiesta committee members. Parking will be available at Walmart or Pagosa Peak Open School.

Haspels crafted this bronze cast to capture the meaningful and authentic history and culture of Pagosa Country, representing a story often overlooked.

Then, join us at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds starting at 2 p.m. Come early to catch acknowledgment of the eight youth and elders who received a \$1,000 Spanish Fiesta BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) scholarship from funds raised from the 2023 fiesta and generous donations from local organizations and private donors.

A very special feature of this year's fiesta is the revival of the Spanish Fiesta Royalty youth program. Hear from these youth about the leadership and community service opportunities they have been involved in as they have worked to promote this year's fiesta.

Next up will be two sets of folklorico dance performances by Ballet Folklorico de Durango throughout the afternoon and evening along with music by the talented Tejano singer and band Candace Vargas and NortherN 505. The evening will close with musical performances by Darren Cordova Y Calor, New Mexico Hispano Music Band of the Year 2024.

Our kids corner is newly expanded and will feature multiple pinatas, face painting, cornhole, giant Jenga and more.

This year, nine food/drink vendors with a diverse selection of tasty treats and 16 artisan craft vendors and community organization booths will be available for you to support and peruse.

Proceeds from the 22nd annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta will support older adults of Archuleta County through the services of ASI and a Spanish Fiesta BIPOC youth and elder scholarship fund.

Admission is for an afternoon and

evening from 2 to 10 p.m. filled with fun for all ages.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the gate of the event between 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on July 27.

Handicap parking will be available and a shuttle will be provided for the mobility impaired. Only service animals will be allowed into the event; no pets allowed. No alcoholic beverages or coolers will be allowed to be brought into the event. Backpacks are subject to be searched at entry to the event.

Thank you to our volunteers and sponsors for helping to revive and celebrate the rich, diverse heritage of Archuleta County.

The Spanish Fiesta committee is still looking for a few more volunteers, so if you are interested and available, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CABAD28ABFBC61-49963208-22nd#/> or call (970) 264-2167 or email [rosa@psseniors.org](mailto:rosa@psseniors.org).

## Spanish Fiesta schedule of activities

Following is the schedule of activities for the 22nd annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta on Saturday, July 27.

All events will take place at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84 unless otherwise noted.

- 9-9:45 a.m., multiuse trail near Walmart and 3133 Cornerstone Drive: Shepherder bronze sculpture ribbon cutting, artist celebration and brief history and culture discussion with Spanish Fiesta committee.

- 2 p.m.: Welcome, fiesta grounds open, vendors open and food/drinks available for purchase.

Presentation of Spanish Fiesta youth scholarship recipients and Archuleta County fair royalty.

- 2:30-3 p.m.: Presentation and speeches by Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta youth royalty.

- 3 p.m.: Folklorico dance performance by Ballet Folklorico de Durango.

- 3:45 p.m.: Recognition of sponsors, vendors and volunteers.

- 4-6 p.m.: Candace Vargas and NortherN 505 musical performance.

- 6 p.m.: Recognition of veterans, sponsors, vendors and volunteers.

- 6:15 p.m. Folklorico dance performance by Ballet Folklorico de Durango.

- 7-10 p.m.: Darren Cordova Y Calor musical performance.

End-of-evening thank yous and housekeeping.

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as well as a tasting of some delicious, nutritious food.

Please join us Wednesday morning, July 31, at 10 a.m. at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. in the Pagosa Senior Center dining hall to learn more and gather with community members. This is a free seminar.

## Emotional Freedom Technique sessions

Join Judith Newman at the Pagosa Senior Center (451 Hot Springs Blvd.) the second Wednesday of each month — 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.

Mats and chairs will be provided at the Senior Center; some blocks and Therabands are available, too. The addition of yoga props is always welcomed.

We are requesting that individuals who are new to joining the series arrive early for intake inquiries and to please communicate with AJ

Connors directly by emailing [ajconnorslove@gmail.com](mailto:ajconnorslove@gmail.com).

## Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Bingo will be on July 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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### Community Cafe menu

Thursday, July 25 — Crispy codfish with tartar sauce, green beans, garden salad, pistachio fruit salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, July 26 — Korean beef with basmati rice, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, July 29 — Pork ragu over creamy polenta, sauteed zucchini, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, July 30 — Perfect 10 codfish, broccoli with hollandaise, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, orange blossom muffin and milk.

Wednesday, July 31 — Beef Frito pie, green beans, cornbread, garden salad, fruit, vanilla pudding and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 1 — Greek chicken wrap, cucumber salad, spanakopitas, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Aug. 2 — Eggplant lasagna, garlic toast, garden salad, fruit 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.

### Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number

and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

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### Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

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# 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Archuleta County Junior Livestock Sale

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# Meet the Archuleta County Fair royalty

By Emily Martinez  
Archuleta County

This year marks the 73rd Archuleta County Fair, "A Timeless Tradition."

This year's fair will run Aug. 1-4 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84.

Our 2024 fair royalty consists of Queen Cailey Puls, Princess Lyla Frie and Junior Princess Bristol Jacobson.

Puls is 16 years old and home-schooled. She enjoys her speech and writing co-op, and playing piano. Puls also enjoys spending time with her family, riding horses, watercolor art, drawing, sewing and is very active in her church youth group. After previously traveling nearly every summer with her family, she is excited to spend this summer at home and participate in the Archuleta County Fair as both our queen and as a participant in 4-H showing lambs.

Frie is 12 years old and attends

Pagosa Valor Academy. Frie is actively involved in the Archuleta County Fair 4-H, Tribe Youth Group, Pagosa Swim Team and Pagosa Ski Team. When Frie is not busy with one of her many extracurricular activities, you can find her babysitting her younger siblings, listening to music and hanging out with her dog.

Jacobson is 9 years old and attends school at Our Savior Lutheran School. Jacobson is involved in the Colorado Kids 4-H Club and loves cake decorating. She also enjoys barrel racing and going to rodeos, and playing basketball and volleyball. When she is not busy with sports, rodeos or 4-H, she enjoys relaxing by coloring and painting.

## Fair dedications

The Archuleta County Fair Board wishes to remember Archuleta County Fair supporters and volunteers who have passed away over the last year.

These supporters and volunteers passionately served the fair, the 4-H program and our youth. We acknowledge their commitment to the fair and to our community in general.

This year we are honored to remember these faithful men and we dedicate this year's fair to their memory: Ron Gustafson, Robert Case and Chuck Betts.

## Recognizing our supers

This year we also wish to recognize two hardworking and well-deserving folks who have made an impact over the years in the successful fair programs. These volunteers step up and fill essential roles during the fair, utilizing their specific skills and talents to improve in many areas.

Our fair could not function without the tireless work of these motivated, community-oriented men and women.

We are pleased to recognize this year's Super Superintendent, Shelley Cox, and this year's Super Volunteer, Jake Montroy.

Thank you both for your dedication and hard work in making the Archuleta County Fair a success each year.

# Despite fickle weather, 19th Hole Concerts raise \$10,000 for Archuleta nonprofits

By Rachel Rosenthal

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

This summer's 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club raised \$10,000 for four Archuleta County nonprofits, with each nonprofit receiving a grant for \$2,500.

The recipient organizations are Ruby M. Sisson Library Foundation, Cornerstone Project, San Juan Backcountry Horsemen, and Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County.

The 19th Hole Concerts featured different local music talent at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club on Thursday evenings in June, with one concert re-scheduled for July due to inclement weather and another canceled, also due to weather. The cover charge for each concert was \$10, and all proceeds were pooled

and distributed evenly to the four selected nonprofits.

"After two record-breaking concerts, with attendance surpassing 300, we had great momentum going into the next two concerts with hopes of making it another record-breaking year," said Tracy Pope, deputy director for the Community Foundation. "However, nature had other plans and the next two concerts had to be postponed or canceled due to concerns for the safety of attendees and musicians."

With only three concerts to raise funds and awareness for the four selected nonprofits, it seemed the parade had indeed been rained on. However, the community refused to let that happen. With several donations from anonymous community members, and additional donations

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Any person who meets the qualifications and who desires to be considered for the appointment is invited to file a written notice of such intention with the secretary of the Board of Education by July 31st, 2024. Please mail notice of intention to: Archuleta School District 50 JT, ATTN: Heather Schultz, PO Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The Board will interview prospective candidates on August 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at a public meeting. For further information, contact Heather Schultz [hschultz@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:hschultz@pagosa.k12.co.us)

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# Runway for Rise slated for Oct. 5

By Dee McPeek  
Rise Above Violence

Ladies, block out Oct. 5 on your busy calendar to attend the second annual 2024 Runway for Rise.

Dig out those slightly used "dress-up clothes" and make plans with your gal pals to attend this "Frugal but Fabulous" fundraiser for Rise Above Violence.

The inaugural event was a big hit last year, and promises to be the fall event not to miss.

The Sultry Sisters Team is composed of two runway veterans and two newbies. Last year Becca Gartmann, several months pregnant, proudly showed off an adorable outfit composed of trash bags and duct tape. This year they are diligently assembling egg cartons, tape, natural elements and thrift store purchases to amaze the audience. They will model their creation while the audience rewards their creative efforts with their dollars.

As educators with Wings Early Childhood Center these ladies believe that Rise Above Violence "makes a vital difference to the well-being of our community, supporting families through some of the most challenging times they may face."

We are delighted to welcome back this fun team.

Join the Sultry Sisters in sup-



Photo courtesy Becca Gartmann

**Becca Gartmann, Jordyn Martinez, Sienna Hunter and Mariah Neuleib (not pictured) form The Sultry Sisters team, back for a second year supporting Runway for Rise.**

porting this organization that passionately makes a stand against domestic violence and sexual assault in Pagosa.

Tickets to attend this unique evening will go on sale Aug. 26 and we expect to sell out quickly.

Contact Annie Gian at [annie@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:annie@riseaboveviolence.org) with any questions.

See you this fall.

## Concerts

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from concert goes at the rescheduled July concert, the total rose to \$10,000 in donations. The makeup concert also included a presentation from the San Juan Backcountry Horsemen and the Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County, who spoke to a crowd of approximately 100 people.

"Our Archuleta Committee did a great job pivoting, and Pagosa Springs Golf Club was gracious about rescheduling a concert for July," added Pope. "The musicians were also incredibly supportive."

Corporate sponsors cover event

expenses, allowing all proceeds collected at the door to be granted directly to the nonprofits.

The Community Foundation is the hub of philanthropy for Southwest Colorado, connecting people, ideas and resources for the benefit of all who live here.

The foundation works with donors and nonprofits to create plans that will make a positive impact on our community.

For more information on expanding the culture of giving to meet the needs of our region, visit [swcommunityfoundation.org](http://swcommunityfoundation.org) or call (970) 375-5807.

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# Aspire's Twilight Gala set for Aug. 9

Aspire Medical Services and Education

Join us for a magical night of music, food and fundraising for Aspire on Friday, Aug. 9. Our beloved Barn Bash is getting an upgrade and is now the Twilight Gala at the fabulous Keyah Grande Guest House.

The event will feature dinner, live music with Max Miller and another highly anticipated drawing full of exciting prizes.

You can purchase a table of eight or an individual ticket, and it includes a delicious catered dinner, dessert, a drink ticket and live music to accompany the breathtaking views. Tables and event tickets are on sale at [aspirepagosa.org/twilight-gala](https://aspirepagosa.org/twilight-gala).

Thanks to the generosity of our local businesses, Aspire is selling tickets for a chance to win more than \$6,000 in prizes. These tickets can be purchased ahead of time at Aspire or at the event for a suggested donation of \$25. You do not need to be present to win.

These prizes include, but are not limited to:

- BBQ Package: Half a cow donated by Jim Bramwell, including donated processing and a freezer to put it in.
- Date Night For A Year: Gift certificates for a year's worth of dates.
- Pagosa Adventures: A one-year local membership to the hot springs, a sunrise balloon flight for two, a scenic horse-drawn ride for two, a trail ride and gift certificates.
- Pagosa Shopping Spree: High-dollar gift certificates for a fun shopping spree around town!
- Art Aficionado: An original art piece from Michael Vittitow, four theater tickets and a private concert with Miller.

This year, we also have a very special opportunity available for only eight attendees. The Keyah Grande Guest House is not only an exclusive, luxurious villa for events; it is also an upscale boutique hotel. The stylishly decorated suites, each inspired by a different country, are available to reserve the night of the gala as a special donation to Aspire. This exclusive opportunity comes with parking at the guest house for the gala, access to all the amenities at the hotel after the

gala, a night in one of the luxurious rooms, and a homemade breakfast the next morning.

Visit [aspirepagosa.org/twilight-gala/](https://aspirepagosa.org/twilight-gala/) to purchase your table or event tickets and then you will find the option to select a room on the next page of the form. Turn what will already be a fantastic evening into a luxurious overnight getaway and feel great knowing you are supporting Aspire.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Aspire's affordable prenatal care program and parenting classes.

Aspire currently provides services to more than 80 percent of all pregnant women in Archuleta County, which include pregnancy tests, early ultrasounds, prenatal care, prenatal and parenting education, and STI/STD testing and treatment.

Over the past few years, our prenatal clinic has helped lower the preterm birth rate and low birth rate percentage in our area by allowing disadvantaged women to see a

quality MD for prenatal care up to 36 weeks. In addition, Aspire offers free childbirth, prenatal and parenting education to all parents of children aged zero to 3 years old. Aspire's goal is to help all children zero to 3 years of age thrive physically, emotionally and socially during the most pivotal stage of development.

For more information, visit <https://aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events>, contact Nicole Cotts at [director@aspirepagosa.org](mailto:director@aspirepagosa.org) or call (970) 264-5963.

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# Species spotlight: yellow toadflax

By Ethan Proud  
PREVIEW Columnist

Yellow toadflax, also known as butter and eggs, is a beautiful plant with a snapdragon-esque flower.

It is native to the Mediterranean and has a bottle brush appearance of narrow leaves that can be up to 2 inches long. They either do not branch or branch sparingly, with only one to three stems per shoot. The plant is connected through a creeping root system and most of the above-ground shoots are clones. The root system is not as extensive as some of our other perennial invaders and grows to a depth of 3 feet and spreads 10 feet laterally.

Yellow toadflax may be spread by birds when seeds become trapped in their feathers and are carried for miles before being deposited.

Tillage and hand-pulling are not recommended methods of control as the entire root will not be removed. Repeated mowing can be successful, but should be done before the plant flowers to prevent seed spread. Herbicide treatments are very effective

## Extension Viewpoints

on yellow toadflax and several options are available from the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Office.

Behind oxeye daisy, yellow toadflax is poised to be a major threat to ecosystem health in the San Juan Mountains. Play Clean Go is a program that promotes healthy outdoor recreation and preventive measures for invasive weeds. Always clean your boots and tires after hiking, riding or driving in an area with yellow toadflax.

*Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.*

### 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 Wednesday 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.

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## Preview Calendar

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

### Thursday, July 25

**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](http://rec.gov). For more information, visit

[www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

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

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

**Guided Great House Tour.** 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National

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## Join us in supporting Veronica Medina!



Veronica is one of the Stars in this year's **Dancing with the Pagosa Stars fundraiser for Seeds of Learning.**

She is focused on this event to support early childhood education in our community.

One of the reasons we love Pagosa Springs is that when someone is facing hard times, everyone comes together to support them.

One of the Medina's sons was involved in a terrible accident in June, which has forever changed their lives.

**In spite of this, Veronica remains committed to fundraising for Seeds of Learning through Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.**

Veronica's friends ask for your thoughts and prayers for the Medina family. *We also appreciate your support and contributions on behalf of Veronica.*



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# Preview Calendar

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Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

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

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

**Pagosa Panhellenic Gathering.** 4-5:30 p.m., Alley House Grille. Women affiliated with a collegiate sorority are invited to attend a gathering of sisters. For more information or reservations, contact Sherry Spears at (940) 887-9208 or [sherrykayspears@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sherrykayspears@sbcglobal.net).

**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.

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

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

**Noxious Weeds: Landowner Basics 101.** 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Archuleta County Land and Weed Supervisor Ethan Proud will discuss land stewardship, invasive plants and our responsibilities in Colorado.

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

**Friday, July 26**

**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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Guided Great House Tour.** 10:30

a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

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

**Community Coffee.** 1-3 p.m., TARA Historical Society Community Center. For more information, email [TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com](mailto:TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com).

**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.

**20 Mule Team Borax.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A program featuring a handmade model of the 20 Mule Team Borax wagons. Learn about the history, wagon routes and more.

**San Juan Stargazers.** 4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The doors will open at 4 p.m., a potluck dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and a program on the James Webb Space Telescope will follow. For more information, visit [sanjuanstargazers.org](http://sanjuanstargazers.org).

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

**Saturday, July 27**

**Art at the Pinnacles: Plein Air Workshop.** 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Participants will be introduced to the process of plein air painting. All materials will be provided. Tickets are \$75 for ages 10 and up. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Geology Tour.** 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-15, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

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

For more information, email [pago-sawetlands@gmail.com](mailto:pago-sawetlands@gmail.com).

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

**Public Art Celebration.** 9 a.m., multi-use trail near Walmart. Artist Chad Haspels' "Weeminuche Meadows," a bronze sculpture, will be unveiled.

**Guided Great House Tour.** 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This guided tour takes visitors 1/3 mile up the Great Pueblo Trail. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

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

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

**Continental Divide Trail Coalition Event.** 2-5 p.m., Motel SOCO. There will be giveaways and door prizes from Continental Divide Trail Coalition partners, appetizers and more. For more information, visit [continentaldividetrail.org/event/southern-colorado-volunteer-meet-up-at-motel-soco/](http://continentaldividetrail.org/event/southern-colorado-volunteer-meet-up-at-motel-soco/).

**Spanish Fiesta.** 2-10 p.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Food, music, dancing and more. Tickets are available at <https://givebutter.com/SpanishFiesta2024>.

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## Sunday, July 28

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 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and show information, see [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m.

## Monday, July 29

**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](http://rec.gov). For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://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.

**Archuleta County Democratic Club.**  
 11:30 a.m., Coyote Moon. The speaker will be Cindi Galabota, executive directors of the Ruby M. Sisson Library Foundation and Friends.

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

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

**Tween Exploratorium.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Get together with friends and explore the world through projects, games and more. Registration required.

**Flora Tour.** 4:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour is designed to educate visitors about the plants indigenous to Chimney Rock National Monument and the surrounding area. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via [rec.gov](http://rec.gov). For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

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

## Tuesday, July 30

**Pagosa Springs Stitches.** 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. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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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.

**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs).** 11:30 a.m., Mountain Pizza and Taproom. The cost is \$15. Call (970) 946-1895 to RSVP by July 28. All women are welcome.

**Virtual Author Talk: Dan Santat.**  
 Noon, virtual. Listen live or recorded. Dan Santat will explain how to tell your own story. For those in fifth through eighth grade. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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

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

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

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

**Broadway Gala.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For tickets and information, see [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

**PALS Adult Education.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your

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## WHY IS SLEEP SO IMPORTANT? (Part 2)

(continued from last week)

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Sleep is the time when our bodies and brains replenish themselves. This gets accomplished through what sleep experts call our "sleep architecture," a relatively predictable pattern that occurs in ninety minute cycles while we sleep. It involves an alternating pattern of rapid eye movement (REM) sleep and non-REM sleep.

According to the NSF, "REM sleep is an active sleep where dreams occur, breathing and heart rate increase and become irregular, muscles relax and eyes move back and forth under the eyelids." It's characterized by a high level of mental and physical activity where your heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing are very similar to what they are like when you're awake.

REM sleeps accounts for about twenty-five percent of our sleep time and it first occurs about ninety minutes after you fall asleep.

It is the REM stage of sleep that provides energy to your brain and body and helps you perform throughout the day.

Source: "Has Sleep and Stress Become a Vicious Cycle in Your Life? Why Sleep Should Be on the Top of Your To-Do List". By Sherrie Bourg Carter <https://www.psychologytoday.com>

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

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education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**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

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

bike. All levels are welcome. For more information, visit [dustx2.org](http://dustx2.org) or email [info@dustx2.org](mailto:info@dustx2.org).

**Riverwalk Naturalist Tours.** 7 p.m., Native Plants Garden on the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Join naturalist guides on a tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area. Tours are free and last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The 1.5-mile paved trail is wheelchair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars optional. Pets should be left at home. No reservations are needed. This program is sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society, Pagosa Wetland Partners and The Springs Resort. For more information, email [pagosawetlands@gmail.com](mailto:pagosawetlands@gmail.com).

## Wednesday, July 31

**Art at the Pinnacles: Beginning Watercolors.** 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](http://rec.gov). For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**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.

**Fresh Conversations.** 10 a.m., Senior Center. Learn about vitamin D and how to get more vitamin D in your diet. For adults 60 and older.

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

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

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

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

**DUST2 Board Meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. DUST2 members are welcome to attend. Members who would like to speak with the board of directors should email [info@dustx2.org](mailto:info@dustx2.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](http://dustx2.org) or email [info@dustx2.org](mailto:info@dustx2.org).

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

## Thursday, Aug. 1

**Archuleta County Fair.** 9 a.m.-midnight, Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. For more

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## 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 barn swallow.

Arthur Cleveland Bent was an amateur American ornithologist, celebrated for his 21-volume study of North American birds published between the years of 1919 and 1968.

In it he describes the barn swallow as "a welcome companion and a useful friend to the farmer ... in pursuit of the troublesome insects that annoy both man and beast."

The barn swallow is the most abundant and widely distributed swallow in the world, breeding across the Northern Hemisphere and wintering across the southern. These colorful swallows have shiny, dark blue upperparts, rust-colored foreheads and throats, and pale orange-colored bellies. Their tails are long and deeply forked. They spend much of their lives on the wing, drinking, feeding, courting and mating in midair.

These birds, which once used caves and cliffs for nest sites, now have adapted to build their nests almost exclusively on man-made structures including bridges, barns, homes, garages and culverts. They forage for insects in open areas in low flight, often nearly hugging the ground or the surface of water.

While we benefit from their roles in keeping insect populations in check, when a pair chooses to build a nest on the porch light in an entryway, dive-bombing nest defense and copious amounts of poop may turn them into annoying houseguests. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act makes it a federal crime to destroy nests in use.

Both parents participate in nest building, with each making hundreds of trips to collect a beakful of mud, which they mix with grass stems and saliva to form small pellets. These are stuck together to form a semicircular or circular nest, depending on its location. Mud nests are lined with grass and feathers and may be reused for second broods or in subsequent years.

Barn swallows were once hunted for the hat trade and are still hunted for food in parts of their winter ranges. Like other aerial insectivores, today they are threatened by the widespread use of pesticides that destroy their food source.

For information on events, visit [www.weminuchaudubon.org](http://www.weminuchaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/).



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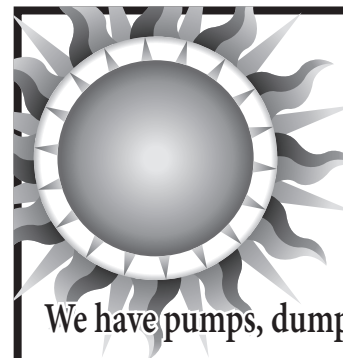
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information, visit [www.archuleta-countyfair.com](http://www.archuleta-countyfair.com).

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

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

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**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Jake Kurweil, associate director of water programs at the Mountain Studies Institute, will give a presentation highlighting the snowtopography studies on Jackson Mountain initiated during the winter of 2023-2024. He will discuss the science of snow focusing on the value of snow as a water storage resource. He will present data and an evaluation of the trends in snowpack, current issues impacting snowpack and steps being taken to solve these issues regionally. He will present via Google Meet. The meeting starts with a social half hour at 6 p.m. with light refreshments, with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, email [sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com).

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

## Friday, Aug. 2

**Archuleta County Fair.** 9 a.m.-midnight, Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit [www.archuleta-countyfair.com](http://www.archuleta-countyfair.com).

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

**Community Coffee.** 1-3 p.m., TARA

Historical Society Community Center. For more information, email [TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com](mailto:TARACommunityCenter101@gmail.com).

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

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## Saturday, Aug. 3

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**Plant Walk with Lake McCullough.**

9:30-11:30 a.m., Wolf Creek. The walk will explore high-elevation native plants. There is a 15-person maximum. Reserve your spot by calling (970) 398-0923.

**Pickleball Beginner Lessons.** 10 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park. Register on the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation page at <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog>.

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to free build. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**Plant Walk with Lake McCullough.** 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Wolf Creek. The walk will explore high-elevation native plants. There is a 15-person maximum. Reserve your spot by calling (970) 398-0923.

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## Sunday, Aug. 4

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# Free presentation on noxious weeds today and a 20-mule team history tomorrow

**By Carole Howard**  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

This evening, Thursday, July 25 from 6 to 7:15 p.m., Ethan Proud, Archuleta County land and weed supervisor, will discuss land stewardship, invasive plants and our responsibilities in Colorado at a special free event for adults.

Then, tomorrow, Friday, July 26, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at a free all-ages session, we'll learn about the fascinating history of the first 20-mule team that hauled borax 165 miles through the Mojave Desert in the late 1800s. Fully loaded, the two ore wagons and a 1,200-gallon water wagon weighed 36.5 tons.

Carl, a 20-year Pagosa resident, first became fascinated with mule trains as a youngster in Pennsylvania in the 1950s when he sent for a model by mailing in cereal box coupons. Later he found a model kit when he was a volunteer ranger at Death Valley National Park. He will show us his handmade model of an ore wagon as he relates the history of this vital transportation mode until the expansion of the railway led to the mule team's retirement.

## Virtual author talk for kids, teens

There is one more of our highly popular free online author talks that took a special turn for the month of July as they feature people and books aimed at children, tweens and teens.

Tuesday, July 30, at noon, Dan Santat will explain how to tell your own story in a graphic novel to those in fifth through eighth grades. These sessions offer unique opportunities to interact with New York Times best-selling authors and ask questions.

For more details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

## 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 activi-



ties completed, and those results also put your name into a raffle for the grand prize at the concluding party on Aug. 9, Smokey's birthday.

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

## Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, July 26, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

## Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters Saturday, July 27, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

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Wednesdays in July from 1 to 2:30 p.m. is Camp Half-blood for teens. It is based on the very popular Percy Jackson novels and will allow young fans to participate in escape room-style activities centered around Greek myths, just like Percy Jackson.

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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.

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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.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Dropped, as in the polls
- 5 This-and-that dish
- 9 Country singer Hill
- 14 Tie up
- 15 Obsessed with
- 16 Listlessness
- 17 Telltale sign
- 18 Photo's focal point
- 20 Section of Manhattan
- 22 Salad follower
- 23 A Kardashian
- 24 Devours
- 26 Towel inscription
- 27 Beer after a shot
- 30 London length
- 32 Slithering danger
- 34 Childishly silly
- 38 Valuable rock
- 39 Leaching product
- 40 Not online, to a texter
- 41 \_\_\_ & Bradstreet
- 42 Symbol on the "5" key
- 44 Low-traffic street
- 46 Scents
- 48 Undercover ops
- 49 Go yachting
- 52 Heist haul
- 54 Superlative suffix
- 55 "Happy Days" malt shop owner
- 57 Prep period
- 61 Brooklyn's locale
- 63 Caustic chemical
- 64 Set right
- 65 Like cupcakes, usually
- 66 Vampire's weapon
- 67 Challenges
- 68 Nov. honorees

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- 1 Tart plum
- 2 Mongolian monk
- 3 Michelle Kwan, e.g.
- 4 Doc Holliday was one, briefly
- 5 Stereo system
- 6 Positive pole
- 7 View on Hulu, say
- 8 Tiller's tool
- 9 Maidenhair, e.g.
- 10 Bar request
- 11 Harden
- 12 Radio feature
- 13 Tannery inventory
- 19 Silent signals
- 21 Got a whiff of
- 25 Lukewarm
- 27 Trim, as a photo
- 28 Tortoise racer
- 29 Debbie or Ryan
- 31 Like siblings
- 33 Back-in-style style

### ACROSS

- 35 Exactly alike
- 36 Breathing apparatus?
- 37 They may be loose or split
- 43 Atomizer scent
- 45 Spinning wheel attachment
- 47 Comfort
- 49 Caesar, for one
- 50 Bakery output
- 51 Word with ear or peace
- 53 Dogma
- 56 Pot covers
- 58 Tosses in
- 59 Fielder's cry
- 60 Place for a fringe
- 62 Roman 54

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# Save the last dance for Cindy

By Betty Slade  
PREVIEW Columnist

Mr. Pagosa, Ron Gustafson, hung up his dancing shoes, but not before saving the last dance for Cindy. We will all meet one more time to say goodbye at a celebration of life ceremony on Sept. 7 at Centerpoint Church.

Ron passed away on June 14 at the age of 90. It's been 10 years since his beloved Cindy went home to be with the Lord. We are blessed to have had them to live here in their later days. I always wondered how they found Pagosa.

Ron joined the U.S. Air Force and was a part of the Pagosa Springs service groups American Legion and Vets for Vets. His last duty station was in Kansas City, Mo., before landing in Pagosa in 1997.

As a couple, they became involved as volunteer members and financial supporters for many local activities and organizations: San Juan Historical Museum, Chamber of Commerce diplomat, Pagosa Springs Outdoor Club, Mountain Rotary Club and Hi Country Square Dance Group. The list goes on.

Married for 42 years, I can't think of Ron without thinking of Cindy. I never knew them to miss any event, and always together. They were cheerleaders for everything and everybody in our town.

I asked Cindy once how they stayed up with all the things happening in Pagosa. They were there for everything and everybody.

She said, "Every Thursday morning, when the newspaper came, I took my calendar and listed everything that was scheduled for the week."

She was my personal cheerleader and I'm sure everyone thought the same. She attended the Pagosa's Parade of Homes. We were listed with some of Pagosa's most expensive and beautiful homes and probably shouldn't have been on the list, but we were chosen for our creative ideas.

Cindy's blue eyes took in every nook and cranny. She stood at our dining room window and surveyed our property. She said, "You can tell this house has a lot of love in it. I am so glad we didn't miss it. It's my favorite home on the tour." She was always generous with her compliments. After that, she had her Red Hats come to our home for a luncheon. She and Ron were a part of all the art shows and Arts Council events. They were very constantly engaged with the arts in Pagosa.

Cindy passed away on Dec. 3, 2014, at the age of 79. My Sweet Al and I attended her service. The room was overflowing with their friends. We listened to attendees express their sympathy and love. Then the music played and the women stood in line to dance with Ron. He loved to dance and he danced with all of



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them.

I thought when Cindy passed Ron would stop living. It seemed Cindy was the spark plug behind their social life. I was wrong. Ron continued to have a full life, being everywhere all the time, which is remarkable. As long as he was able, he attended all the activities and sports events.

Even the world's shortest parade for the St. Patrick's Day Festival, we could count on Ron being there, dressed up in his funny tall hat, clown-like green pants and sweater. The same day, still wearing his Shamrock costume, he was standing in the Pagosa Springs High School parking lot, waiting to welcome the basketball team upon their return from winning state.

Cindy began WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) and monthly luncheons raising donations for local causes. There were many recipients of the WHIPS donations. She was faithful to the Friends of the Library, where you could find her dusting books and placing books on the shelves.

During the summer, they supported a softball team with printed t-shirts — Ron and Cindy's Kids.

They adopted all of Pagosa. She was our beloved Cindy Gustafson just as Ron was proudly called Mr. Pagosa.

Final brushstroke: We have lost one more special person whose life meant so much to our community. I am reminded of how this couple left big shoes to fill. While Ron was still able to dance, there wasn't one wall-

flower waiting to be spun around. Cindy has been waiting for you for that last dance.

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

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The Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana.

## Mountain bikers push to ride through wilderness

By Kevin Proescholdt  
PREVIEW Columnist

“Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed ...” — Wallace Stegner.

The goal of the Wilderness Act, now celebrating its 60th birthday, was to set aside a small proportion of public land in America from human intrusion.

Some places, the founders said, deserved to be free from motorized, mechanized and other intrusions to protect wildlife and wild lands.

But now, a handful of mountain bikers have partnered with a senator from Utah to gut the Wilderness Act.

This June, the Sustainable Trails Coalition, a mountain biking organization, cheered as Utah Republican Sen. Mike Lee introduced a bill (S. 4561) to amend the Wilderness Act and allow mountain bikes, strollers and game carts on every piece of land protected by the National Wilderness Preservation System. Stopping these intrusions would take each local wilderness manager undertaking a cumbersome process to say “no.”

The U.S. Congress passed the Wilderness Act, and President Lyndon B. Johnson signed it into law on Sept. 3, 1964, to “preserve the wilderness character” of 54 wilderness areas totaling 9.1 million acres.

Today, this effort has become a true conservation success story.

The National Wilderness Preservation System now protects more than 800 wilderness areas totaling more than 111 million acres in 44 states and Puerto Rico, making it America’s most critical law for preserving wild places and the genetic diversity of thousands of plant and animal species. Yet designated wil-

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derness is only 2.7 percent of the Lower 48, and still just about 5 percent if Alaska is included.

The protections of the Wilderness Act include a ban on logging, mining, roads, buildings, structures and installations, mechanized and motorized equipment, and more. Its authors sought to secure for the American people “an enduring resource of wilderness” to protect places not manipulated by modern society, where the ecological and evolutionary forces of nature could continue to play out mostly unimpeded.

Grandfathered in, however, were some grazing allotments, while mining claims were also allowed to be patented until 1983. Many private

mining claims still exist inside designated wildernesses. Lee’s bill is premised on the false claim that the Wilderness Act never banned bikes and that, supposedly, the U.S. Forest Service changed its regulations in 1984 to ban bikes. But bicycles, an obvious kind of mechanized equipment, have always been prohibited in wilderness by the plain language of the law. (“There shall be ... no other form of mechanical transport ...”) The Forest Service merely clarified its regulations on this point in 1984 as mountain bikes gained popularity.

Unfortunately, bikers in the Sustainable Trails Coalition are not the only recreational interest group that wants to weaken the Wilderness Act.

Some rock climbers, for example, are pushing Congress to allow climbers to damage wilderness rock faces by pounding in permanent bolts and pitons rather than using only removable climbing aids. In addition, trail runners want exemptions from the

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# Alzheimer's and extreme heat: exercise caution

By Jim Herlihy

Alzheimer's Association of Colorado

As temperatures rise, extreme heat can have a significant impact on everyone's safety, but these conditions can be especially stressful and confusing for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

"Alzheimer's disease causes a number of changes in the brain and body that may affect the individual's safety, including changes in sensitivity to temperatures," said Jim Hammelev, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado.

According to a study by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), people living with Alzheimer's were 8 percent more likely to die on an extremely hot day, with an added 6 percent increased risk for individuals with previous hospital admissions for atrial fibrillation.

There are more than 7 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, including 91,000 Coloradans. Planning ahead for weather changes, including extreme heat, can prevent injuries and help a person feel more relaxed and less overwhelmed.

"People living with Alzheimer's and other dementias can be more vulnerable than normal during extreme weather because their judgment may be impaired and they may be unable to communicate their discomfort," said Hammelev. "It's important to take extra precautions with these individuals during periods of extreme heat or other severe weather

conditions."

The Alzheimer's Association is offering important safety tips for caregivers and families dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias to prepare for hot days:

- Make a plan. Family and friends should prepare accordingly and make plans to regularly check in on a person living with Alzheimer's during periods of extreme heat. Arrange alternative plans for cooler spaces if air conditioning is unavailable, and dress in loose-fitting, light clothing.

- Pay attention at night. Keep people living with Alzheimer's cool by using fans and keep the air conditioning on. At night, low temperatures can still exceed 75 degrees with little fluctuation in humidity levels, making for difficult sleeping conditions, heightened anxiety and increased agitation.

- Prepare for behavioral changes. Research shows that heat can increase agitation and confusion in people. Try to remove behavioral triggers by addressing the person's physical needs related to the heat, then tending to their emotional needs.

- Stay hydrated. Increased water intake is essential to maintaining good hydration and health during extreme heat. Know the signs of heat exhaustion to avoid heat stroke. Dehydration may be difficult to notice in a person living with Alzheimer's, as signs like increased fatigue, dry mouth and headache may be difficult to detect. People taking diuretics, sedatives, or certain heart medica-

tions may not sweat as much as others, but this does not mean they are not hot.

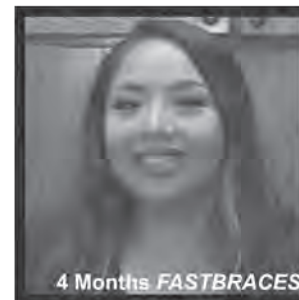
- Stay indoors out of the sun. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion may occur in extreme heat conditions but symptoms may be difficult to detect in people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Keep individuals cool by using air conditioning at home or move to a public place, such as a senior center or shopping mall. If you must go outside, dress appropriately with loose-fitting, light clothing, wear a hat and apply sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

- Stay informed. Keep an eye on local weather forecasts. High temperatures are not the only cause for concern. Humidity and air pollution can cause breathing difficulties. The person should be monitored regularly, and seek medical attention if symptoms arise of dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

The Alzheimer's Association is available to help families prepare for and cope with such extraordinary circumstances. For more information, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call the Association's free Helpline, staffed by trained professionals around the clock, at (800) 272-3900.



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ban in wilderness on commercial trail racing. Drone pilots and paragliders want their aircraft exempted from Wilderness Act protections, and recreational pilots want to "bag" challenging landing sites in wilderness.

The list of those seeking to water down the Wilderness Act is growing.

Most of these recreational groups say they support wilderness, understanding how important it is when most landscapes and wildlife habitats have been radically altered by people. At the same time, they want to slice out their own piece of the wilderness pie.

Must we get everything we want in the outdoors? Rather than weakening the protections that the Wilderness Act provides, we could try to reinvigorate a spirit of humility toward wilderness. We could practice restraint, understanding that designated wildernesses have deep values beyond our human uses of them.

Meanwhile, in response to growing demand for mountain biking trails, the Bureau of Land Management invites over a million mountain bikers each year to ride its thousands of miles of trails. And the U.S. Forest Service already has a staggering 130,000 miles of motorized and nonmotorized trails available to

mountain bikers.

Do mountain bikers and others pushing for access really need to domesticate wilderness, too?

Let's cherish our wilderness heritage, whole and intact. We owe it to the farseeing founders of the Wilderness Act, and we owe it to future generations.

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# Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

By Stan Counsell  
PREVIEW Columnist

We have been visiting the lives of Martha and Mary in a manner similar to that once popular television series "You Are There" with Walter Cronkite.

After a tiring walk to Bethany, Martha invited Jesus, and his disciples, into her home for needed refreshments and rest.

Shortly, Martha got upset with Mary. By Jewish culture, Martha was in charge of hospitality and, if the needs of the guests were extreme, Mary would be expected to pitch in. But, Mary was taken in by the presence of Jesus. As Jesus sat down, she did the unthinkable, joining Jesus up front, where she brazenly sat at his side. Jaws must have dropped that a woman would dare to not be standing in the back behind the men.

We know that serving the Lord, and others, is important, but of greater importance is closely listening to Jesus' every word. It's so typical to forget the Lord's directions when in the moment. Like a flock of sheep, we think we have something all figured out, so we follow through with our wants and ideas, not the shepherd's.

Now, the brother of Martha and Mary, a man named Lazarus, became dangerously ill. So, Martha and Mary hurriedly sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is sick."

Martha and Mary desperately wanted Jesus to come immediately during that dire situation. If one was profoundly ill in those days, quickly losing strength, having a burning fever, and losing the ability to eat and drink, death appeared imminent.

Of great interest is the word "love" that the sisters used — phileo — in their message to Jesus. We know Jesus is God's only son, the Savior of the world, that his love is unquestionable. Yet, the sisters said that Jesus loved Lazarus like a "brother" or "friend," not in a divine sense. But, John the apostle corrected the sisters' understanding of God's love when he penned verse five: "Now Jesus loved (agape) all of them." That word meant "divine, unmeasurable, complete."

It is common for us to mislabel the love that God has for us or someone else. Let's face it — we make mistakes, plenty of them. At times, we can boil over in anger and act, even with purpose, to denigrate ourselves or others. When cooling off, it is not uncommon for us to think that our Father is getting tired of our antics. And of course, Satan's minions are right there to enhance our negative feelings.

In all, the driving issue is our lack of understanding what love is: God's love, our love for others and ourselves. We allow our feelings to modify what love really is.

After all, does God really love us or that particular person that we deem loathsome?

## A Matter of Faith

In God's Word, love is continually presented because we need a constant reminder to remove the collecting dust. Like a needed house-cleaning, we don't see the dust until we run our finger through it. Dust just finds us no matter our intentions to rid it from our life. It subtly covers our understanding of God's love, the love we should have for one another and ourselves. It's imperative that we refresh ourselves daily.

The Lord hasn't made us helpless; from the very beginning he made us with the ability to see and hear him. It falls upon us to, as it were, pay attention and heed his voice. Proverbs 20:12 states, "The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord has made both of them." In the New Testament, the Lord again reminds us of such, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand ..." (Luke 8:8; Revelation 2:17).

Yet, "stuff" happens. We can inwardly limp into church, group Bible studies, and family/friend gatherings with a forced smile. The Lord knows we are frustrated, at our wits end, frazzled with yucky thoughts and feelings. But, like it clearly says in Psalm 57:10, "Your unfailing love is as high as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds." No matter our circumstances, the Lord is there, not keeping score but overflowing with his limitless love.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to him. Always the "in-charge" sister, she showed her frustration, he arrived "late" and her brother was now long dead. She pointed out that if Jesus had been "on time," her brother would have lived.

What we miss when examining the sisters is that Martha showed what some would call "angry, mournful behavior." She knew thoroughly who Jesus was, but there was intense anger and bewilderment in her. When she met him, the word "met," when fully examined, had a military flavor with some haranguing. Remember, as the oldest sister she was always in charge.

Mary, on the other hand, fell at Jesus' feet in a mixture of anguish

and worship.

She was fully prostrate, realizing his divinity and her humanity. Now, before we rush to judgment comparing the sisters, there are points to consider.

We all, in life, have moments of despair, anguish and anger when we petition Jesus for immediate help but "see" what we think are no results. Our temperament can play into the situation. One feels an immediate need that better be answered our way. Another sees the need yet, in anguish, still recognizes the Lordship of Jesus.

We have all raised a verbal fist at God: He didn't care. Unprintable thoughts ran through our heads. At other times we still knew he was God but needed to vent our anguish. In both circumstances, God's love is unfailing, unmeasurable, beyond our comprehension. He will always hold and gently restore us. Some call it "God hugs."

Always remember the one lost sheep that is missing from the flock. The other 99 still remain in the flock, but Jesus will always seek us when we feel lost, abandoned and ignored. Do you need a "God hug"? His arms are open wide.

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# New Thought Center to meet Sunday

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

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# Raise the stakes of family game night

Special to The PREVIEW

Getting the entire family together can take a little effort. There is no shortage of activities that pull family members apart most days of the week, from work obligations to sports practices to school events.

The United Kingdom-based media provider Independent reported in 2023 on a study of 2,000 parents with children at home. The study found families are only spending six hours a week together, which is less than an hour each day. Furthermore, they only eat meals as a household four days out of seven.

Eking out more time for family may be as easy as scheduling activities that everyone can rally behind. Family game nights give everyone an excuse to gather at least once a week.

These tips can make family game night a can't-miss activity:

- Start with simple games and branch out. The first step to a successful family game night is choosing the right game to engage all participants. This can be challenging when there are young children, teenagers, middle-aged adults and even seniors participating. Visit an independently owned toy and games store and pick the brain of the proprietor. He or she will likely have some suggestions to get you started. As participants become more comfortable, you can branch out with games.

- Make it a recurring event. Set a firm day of the week for the game night. This way participants will block out that date and time and make every attempt to attend. Treat game night like any other important appointment.

- Consider games with movement. Game night doesn't have to mean

sitting around a board game, which young children who have trouble sitting still may characterize as a "bored" game. Games that get people moving, whether it's charades, drawing games or a game such as Twister® can be more engaging. Game night also can take activities to a golf driving range or an arcade.

- Gather for the right reasons. Game night should focus on having the entire family together laughing and competing in a good-natured way. It should not be a strict competition where winning is the only goal. Avoid the potential for sore losers who can sour game nights in a flash by letting everyone know that fun is the foremost priority of the night.

- Offer prizes. Encourage participation with the lure of prizes at the end. Prizes will not just go to the overall winner. There can be humorous awards, such as the player who messed up trivia questions the most, or the one who rolled matching pairs of the dice most frequently. You can customize the winning categories depending on the game played so everyone gets a fighting chance at a prize. Keep awards simple, like candy bars or other appealing treats.

- Identify a "game master." Every game night should feature a game master who presides over the rules of the game. The rules can be the ones strictly off of the information sheet, or the ones you customize for your own fun. The game master's job is to make sure the rules are enforced, but also to determine when it's alright to let things slide.

Family game nights are a vital way to bring everyone together at least once a week in a manner that is entertaining and fosters solid family relationships.




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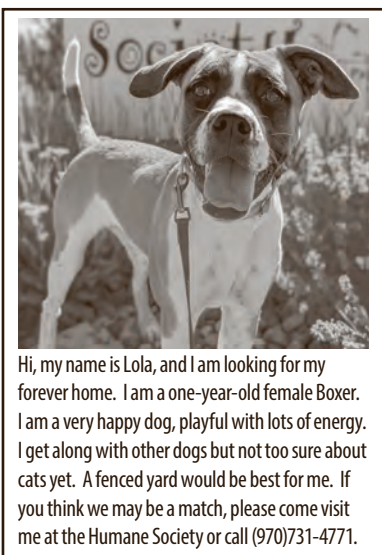
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**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ASSISTANT TEACHER.** 15 hours/ week. \$18/ hour. Pagosa Peak Open School is looking for a part-time assistant for our new after school program. The program is offered on all PPOS school days until 5:30: M-Th 3:15-5:30 and 1:15-5:30 on Fridays. PPOS is a K-8 public, charter school in beautiful Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Learn more about our school and our calendar at [pagosapeakopenschool.org](http://pagosapeakopenschool.org). To apply, please send a letter of intent and resume to PPOS School Director Emily Murphy at [emurphy@ppos.co](mailto:emurphy@ppos.co).

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**NEWSPAPER REPORTER** — We are searching for a talented reporter to fill a full-time position in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Our journalists are driven to find stories that matter to our community and are dedicated to fairness, accuracy, and ethics. The successful candidate for this position is someone who knows how to cover hard news but also loves to write about people and their passions. They know that a good interview is often a good conversation and know when to ask the tough questions, but also when to listen. The ideal candidate has exceptional writing skills and is willing to put in the extra effort and research to deliver an engaging story. Preferred qualifications for this position include: Degree or diploma in journalism, or a related field; At least 1-3 years of experience as a reporter with experience covering hard news and feature stories or experience at a college newspaper; The ability to meet tight deadlines and report the news as it happens; Superior language, writing and editing skills; Strong photography skills; Able to work a variety of schedules, including evenings, nights and weekends; Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills; Ability to work in a fast-paced environment; A valid driver's license and a reliable vehicle; Willingness to live in or near Pagosa Springs, Colorado. If this sounds like the perfect position for you, we would love to hear from you! To apply, please send your resume, letter of interest and relevant samples of your work to Chad Richardson, Vice President of News, [crichardson@ourorkemediagroup.com](mailto:crichardson@ourorkemediagroup.com). Company Benefits: We offer competitive compensation plans and employees are eligible for medical, dental, vision, life insurance benefits, paid time off and our 401 (k) savings plan. This is an excellent opportunity for career development and growth within the company O'Rourke Media Group is a fast-growing company that owns and operates hyper-local, community newspapers, websites, niche publications and a full-service digital agency. We are family-owned and mission-driven to save newspapers and local media companies by investing in the people, resources and technology needed to thrive for many years to come. We believe that every community can benefit from a well-run, properly resourced, local newspaper and website. Our News teams produce hyper-local, high interest local news and accurate and trustworthy reporting. Our Sales and Digital Fulfillment teams bring omnichannel advertising solutions to local businesses in the communities we serve. O'Rourke Media Group now operates in nine states and 38 markets with 51 publications and hyper-local websites. We started from ground zero in December 2018, totally bootstrapped, confident and with an entrepreneurial mindset.

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**THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS** is seeking to hire a **Multijurisdictional Housing Coordinator** in the Community Development Division. The Multijurisdictional Housing Coordinator (MHC) will serve both the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County to advance affordable workforce units. Working closely with both entities, the local Economic Development Corporation, special districts, and prospective developers, the MHC will advance the community's Prop 123 housing growth commitments and development application fast-track goals. The MHC will perform professional, executive, and managerial duties related to planning, directing, organizing, and controlling the administrative processes necessary for workforce housing programs. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at [www.pagosapragosprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosapragosprings.co.gov) and select Employment.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL** is hiring a church and school secretary. Please contact Leah Hellrich for position details at (816)585-2892.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is looking to hire a Preschool Aid. Please contact Leah Hellerich if you are interested in the position at (816)585-2892.

**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.

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**RN OR LPN NEEDED** for a busy medical practice. Looking for a Full Time Employee. Work week is a 4 day week. Start day is ASAP. We look forward to meeting and working with you. Please email resume and letters of interest to [info@pagosamedicalgroup.org](mailto:info@pagosamedicalgroup.org).

**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

**SEEKING PART-TIME HELP.** For landscaping, experience helpful. Must have valid drivers license and transportation. Contact Eric. (970)946-2061.

**SMALL MOTEL AND RV PARK** hiring part-time maintenance person. 20 hours per week. Pool and spa knowledge helpful but not required. Pay depending on experience. Call (970)731-5345 for more information.

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**PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE** are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Come join a growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please email your resume to [employment@jandjinc.net](mailto:employment@jandjinc.net).

**PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH** Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy has an opening for a full time Physical Therapy Tech. We are looking for a dependable, energetic multitasker who will enjoy helping people recover from surgeries, injuries, accidents and other health issues to join our team. No prior experience necessary. We offer competitive pay, \$16- 18 per hour, and benefits including paid holidays, paid sick leave, 401k plan, and a profit-sharing program. Please submit resume to [RMPT117NavajoTrailDr., Suite T](mailto:RMPT117NavajoTrailDr.,SuiteT@yahoo.com) or email to [rockymountainpt@yahoo.com](mailto:rockymountainpt@yahoo.com).

**PINE VALLEY RENTAL** Busy heavy equipment rental company is seeking front desk clerk to answer phone, take messages, make reservations, create customer contracts, check customers in/ out, and take payment. Must have communication skills, math skills, customer service, and computer knowledge. To apply, email [ppine000@centurytel.net](mailto:ppine000@centurytel.net), apply in person at 305 Bastille Drive or go to our website [pinevalleyrental.com](http://pinevalleyrental.com) to submit an application online!

## Gymnastics Instructors

Forge Martial Arts is now expanding to Forge Gymnastics.

The demand for gymnastics has been so great we already need more instructors to fill all the needs of our community.

We have two main instructors yet anyone with previous experience would be perfect!

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**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.

**WOLF CREEK SKI AREA** is hiring a Full Time Staff Accountant. Those with Bookkeeping, Payroll, Accounts Payable or public accounting experience are encouraged to apply. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel is preferred. Attention to detail, and organizational skills are required. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the year. This is a year-round position, with longer hours during the winter operating months, and a shorter work week in the summer months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$34 per hour depending on experience. Full slate of insurance benefits and PTO available after a probationary period. Please email resume to: [Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com](mailto:Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com).

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 2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

**WOLF CREEK SKI AREA** is hiring an Accounting Assistant. Those with Bookkeeping, Accounting, Clerical or Human Resources experience are encouraged to apply. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the winter months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$24 per hour depending on experience. Please email resume to: [Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com](mailto:Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com)

**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](mailto:sjhomes@yahoo.com).

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR /TEACHER:** Restorative Practices. Pagosa Peak Open School is looking for a passionate person to join their team. The Restorative Practices Coordinator will help build positive school culture, coach staff, and work with students and families on implementing Restorative Practices in our school. This is a 30 hr/ week (during the school year) position with a salary range of \$30,000 - \$35,000. Please reach out to the school director, Emily Murphy, at [emurphy@ppos.co](mailto:emurphy@ppos.co).

**SEEDS OF LEARNING** is hiring new preschool teacher's aides to start immediately. These positions are full-time Monday through Friday 8 -5 at our amazing preschool. Please submit resumes to Michelle at [seedsoflearning@growingseeds.org](mailto:seedsoflearning@growingseeds.org). Applicants without experience or education will be provided with training and opportunities to further ECE education. PTO and 100% paid health insurance available to employees. Pay range will depend upon position and qualifications (\$16- \$18.50 hour). Come and join our wonderful team of educators!



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**THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS** is seeking to hire a **Utility Operator** in the Public Works Utility Division. The individual selected for this position will perform a variety of duties related to the construction, installation, maintenance, and repair of the Sanitation District collection system, pump stations, and Geothermal System. Some of these duties include: sewer main and geothermal main locates and small lift station maintenance. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) and select Employment.

**CAFE COLORADO** is hiring a cook and dishwasher. Full or part time. Good pay to right people. Please apply in person at cafe, 565 Village Drive. No phone calls, please.

**COLES MEAT PROCESSING:** looking for part or full time help from August- January. Call (970)264-2426.

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**DENTAL ASSISTANT AND SECRETARY** 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, modern equipment, excellent pay. Get the satisfaction of helping people! E-mail resume to [office@pagosasmiles.com](mailto:office@pagosasmiles.com).

**EXPERIENCED LINE COOK** for City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

**FT/PT HOST** at City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

**GENERAL LABORER NEEDED F/T or P/T** Seasonal. Assorted Duties. Please send resume or work history to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com). Phone (970)264-5000.

**GOODMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE** is looking for a sales associate, Saturdays required. Sales associates must be friendly and self-motivated. Ask about our benefits and employee discounts. Come pick up an application at 402 Pagosa Street.

**GRADER DRIVER WANTED** as a part-time employee to plow and maintain roads; or, contractor with own plow equipment. (970)585-6899.

**HELP WANTED** Experienced server/bartender preferred. City Hall Cafe and Grill. Apply within. 2151 Eagle Drive.

**MASSAGE THERAPISTS** Are you an L.M.T. who would love to work in a beautiful space with fabulous clients, without taking on the weight of starting a new business or the burnout that can accompany working in a spa? Check out this unique opportunity that includes mentoring in a rare specialty at [embodiworkmassage.com/career-opportunity/](http://embodiworkmassage.com/career-opportunity/).

**HELP WANTED**

**HILLSIDE INN** is looking for two part-time housekeepers. Housekeeper responsibilities include (but not limited to): performing a variety of cleaning activities (bathrooms, rooms, hallways), make beds, ensure all rooms are cared for and inspected according to standards, etc. Depending on the amount of rooms, shifts are usually from 8a.m.- about 1p.m. or 2p.m. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Email Natalie your resume to [hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com) or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** for CDL Driver / Equipment Operator. Experience is forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Please send your resume to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com).

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**1997 HARLEY FLHRI ROAD KING**, EFI, 36,350 miles. New: rear tire, brake pads, seat, W/S and extras. Runs great. \$5,250. (970)507-0375.

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**FOR SALE**

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**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](mailto:wrightnaturalbakery@gmail.com).

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**PETS**

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**AUTOS**

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**YARD SALES**

**40 CARPIN CIRCLE** Friday only, July 26th from 8 -2. Household items and tools, as well as other items.

**589 APPALOOSA**. July 26th 8- 2 and July 27th 8- noon. Antiques, furniture, books, housewares, lots of stuff. Half price on Saturday.

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

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# 2024 Archuleta County Fair Schedule

Thursday, August 1st - Sunday, August 4th  
Fairgrounds on Highway 84 & 160

## EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### Events Prior to the Fair

Sat., July 27, 10am	4-H Horse Show	Rodeo Arena
Sat., July 27, 1pm	Quilt Judging	Stith Room
Sun., July 28, 10am	Gymkhana	Rodeo Arena

### Fair Events — Thur., Aug. 1-Sun., Aug. 4

#### Every Day of the Fair

9am-6pm	Adventure Zone	Fairgrounds
10am-7pm	Mechanical Bull Ride	Fairgrounds
10am-6pm	Kids Games Open Play	Kids Game Tent
9am-8pm	Education and Informational Displays	Education Tent
9am-8pm	Vendors / Food and Merchandise	Vendor Row
9am-8pm	4-H and Open Class Entries and Displays	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room
9am-9pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
10am-8pm	Various Entertainment and Shows	Activity Tent
11am-Midnight	Beer Garden	Activity Tent
Evenings	Live Music	Activity Tent

#### Thursday, August 1st - Fair Officially Opens

9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Goat Shows: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10am	Alpaca Show	Red Ryder Arena
11am	Poultry Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6pm	4-H Swine Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
8-10pm	Live Music — Ricochet Concert	Rodeo Arena
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building

#### Friday, August 2nd

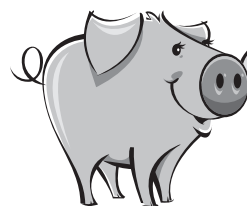
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Lamb Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
11am	4-H Turkey Show & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
11am	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
1pm	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
1-5pm	Historic Gomez Store open for viewing	Fairgrounds
2pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
4pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
5pm-7pm	Horseshoe Pitch Practice	Horseshoe Pits
6pm	4-H Beef Show and Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6:30pm	Bald for the Brave / Pink Pony Race	Rodeo Arena
7pm	Bares, Broncs, 'n Bulls	Rodeo Arena
	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Event	
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room close	Extension Building
9pm-Midnight	Live Music / Dance — Bo DePeña Band	Activity Tent

#### Saturday, August 3rd

8:30am	4-H Showmanship Clinic Hughes	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	Horseshoe Pitching	Horseshoe Pit
10am	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
10am	4-H Master Showman	Hughes Pavilion
10am-5pm	Historic Gomez Store open for viewing	Fairgrounds
12 noon	Sunday's Kids' Rodeo Entry Deadline	Extension Building
12 noon	Open Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
	Honor Guard Flag Folding Ceremony	
	Battle of the Badges Race	
12 noon	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
2pm	Wildman Phil and his exotic animals on stage	Activity Tent
3pm	Homemaker of the Year Award	Exhibit Hall
4-6pm	Live Music — San Juan Mountain Boys	Activity Tent
4:30-6:30pm	4-H Chuckwagon Dinner, a benefit for 4-H	Activity Tent
	Cowboy Poetry	Activity Tent
	Awards: Honorees, Royalty	Activity Tent
	Conservationist of the Year	Activity Tent
	Presented by San Juan Conservation District	
5:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction Bidder / Add-on Registration	Hughes Pavilion
6:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction	Hughes Pavilion
8pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building
9pm-Midnight	Live Music / Fair Dance — Tylor Brandon	Activity Tent

#### Sunday, August 4th

8-9am	Kids' Rodeo Check-In	Rodeo Arena
9am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9am-2pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9am	4-H Parent / Master Showman Contest	Hughes Pavilion
10am	Kids' Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
2pm	Livestock Animals Released	Hughes Pavilion
	See 4-H Office for Schedule	
2pm	Animals Loaded on Semi Truck	Hughes Pavilion
2pm	Fair Closes until next year	Fairgrounds
4pm	All private haulers must remove animals	Hughes Pavilion
2-4pm	Release of Open Class Projects / Premiums Paid	Exhibit Hall
2-4pm	Release of 4-H Projects	Stith Room
4pm	Tear down — All 4-H'ers are required to help	Hughes Pavilion



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