



Two candidates join District 1 county commissioner race

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta announced on Tuesday, July 30, that two candidates collected enough approved signatures to successfully petition to run as write-in candidates for Archuleta County commissioner for District 1.

Archuleta explained that Kenneth Bowles and Wayne Hooper both collected enough signatures. Warren Brown is the Republican

candidate for county commissioner in District 1 and currently serves as county commissioner for the district.

Archuleta states in a communication that 177 signatures were required to qualify to be on the ballot and that Hooper collected 244 accepted signatures, while Bowles collected 221.

Sixteen signatures submitted by Hooper were rejected, she states, as were 39 signatures submitted by Bowles.

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Average home price in county up more than \$100,000 from 2023

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Real estate prices have continued to rise in Pagosa Country.

According to data from the Pagosa Springs Area Association of Realtors (PSAAR), from the beginning of the year through the end of June, there have been 355 new home listings, with 154 of those being sold.

This is an increase from 2023, which showed a total of 313 new listings and 142 sold listings from the beginning of January 2023 through the end of June 2023.

According to the PSAAR, that is a 13.4 percent increase in the number of new listings and an 8.5 increase in the number of sold listings for that time period in 2023 compared to 2024.

The average sales price is up more than \$100,000 in that time period as

well, going from \$608,198 in 2023 to \$720,319 for this year — a figure that includes single-family homes, townhomes and condos. That is an 18.4 percent increase from 2023, according to PSAAR.

Meanwhile, the average sales price for a month-to-month comparison of June 2023 to June 2024 shows a 24.5 percent increase, going from \$663,247 to \$825,847.

According to the PSAAR, June 2023 saw 94 new listings and 37 sold listings, while June of this year saw a decrease in both categories with 83 new listings and 32 sold listings.

The PSAAR data also show that the average number of days on the market until sale increased in the year-to-date and month-to-month comparisons.

The year-to-date comparison shows an average of 109 days on the

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PAWSD seeking new board member following resignation

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors voted to accept the resignation of Paul Hansen from the board and to initiate a search for another director at its July 25 meeting.

PAWSD board chairman Jim Smith opened the discussion by stating that Hansen had communicated to him that he wished to resign immediately.

He added that he understood Hansen's decision given the situation and expressed his best wishes to Hansen and his family.

"He said there's just no way that he could stay on the board with the situation right now; he's up in Minnesota," Smith said.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh stated that he also spoke to Hansen.

The board then unanimously moved to accept Hansen's resignation.

tion. In his resignation letter, Hansen states that he is in Minnesota dealing with "family problems" and that he is resigning his board seat immediately.

"I hate to do it, but it's looking like I'm going to need to be here for an extended time," he states. "I don't believe I can be an effective board member from here. I think it would be an injustice to the rate payers to not be there and dedicate the time necessary to be a positive, contributing board member."

At the meeting, Smith and Walsh commented that the board would have to do "our whole thing" to recruit a replacement for Hansen, with Walsh adding that, for previous appointments, the board had a pool of previous applicants who had submitted letters and answered questions.

However, Walsh stated that it has "been a while" and the board would need to advertise the vacancy, get

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Events associated with the 22nd annual Spanish Fiesta kicked off in the morning on Saturday, July 27, with the unveiling of a new bronze shepherd statue dedicated to the long history of shepherding across multiple cultures in the region. The statue was constructed by local artist Chris Haspels and was funded by the Pagosa Springs Art Council, Pagosa Springs Public Arts Committee and the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board. Festivities continued later in the day at the county fairgrounds and included performances by the Ballet Folklorico de Durango.

Water district discusses challenges with outlying areas

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its July 25 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors discussed issues and high costs relating to outlying areas of the district's water system.

PAWSD District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey opened the discussion, explaining that he wanted to discuss the Elk Park subdivision, which is located east of Aspen Springs.

He stated that the subdivision potentially has between 40 and 50 lots with a "5 or 10 percent occupancy rate."

Ramsey indicated that PAWSD has a 12-inch line that goes to a tank for the subdivision.

However, to maintain the required levels of chlorine in the water, Ramsey explained that the district is dumping about 2.5 million gallons of water "on the ground" each month.

"We're not even collecting enough from them to pay for our losses of the water we're wasting," he said. "It's a subdivision that we never should have taken on. It's cost us a fortune."

He added that there are some homes being built in the area for which PAWSD will have to build new tanks to maintain regulatory

required pressure.

"We're going to spend several million dollars out there in a subdivision that we're already losing money in, and what's really sad — and I'm not much of a bleeding heart — but when you really think about it, we have single-wide trailers here in Vista that are supplementing these multimillion-dollar homes out there and their water system," Ramsey said. "We need to come up with a plan. And, they seem to be the worst of it, but even Eagle Peak, Mill Creek, Log Park, all these are the subdivisions that we have so far out that are so expensive for us to serve. When we talk about fair and equitable ... I think we need to do something with that."

In an interview, Ramsey explained that chlorine in the water dissipates over time and that, if not enough water is used, water that has sat for a significant amount of time must be dumped and replaced to ensure that the water contains enough chlorine to meet the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

He stated that the act also requires that water be maintained at a certain pressure to ensure that, if a pipe breaks, water from inside the pipe will spray out and water from outside will not filter into the pipe, thus contaminating the water.

PAWSD meets the requirements of

the Safe Drinking Water Act in all areas it serves, Ramsey added.

At the meeting, Ramsey referenced two possible approaches to the issues of outlying areas, including making these areas their own districts within PAWSD, which would be subject to different fees, or expelling them from the district.

However, Ramsey commented that the latter option would be "fight" and likely undesirable, but stated that he feels the district needs to create a plan to be more "fair" in servicing these outlying areas.

PAWSD Programs Manager Renee Lewis commented that PAWSD could make Elk Park a "bulk customer," which would involve the subdivision buying water from PAWSD but being responsible for distributing it to homes in the area and maintaining the water infrastructure within the subdivision.

She added that PAWSD Operations Manager Andy Conner believes that the water PAWSD delivers to the subdivision would meet regulatory standards, while the pressure issues would become a problem for the subdivision.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh asked if the board would like to form a subcommittee to investigate these issues.

The group then discussed poten-

tial approaches to addressing these areas and the reasons for PAWSD serving them, with PAWSD board member Gene Tauges commenting that these areas were included during a period of "damn the details, just growth, growth, growth."

Ramsey explained that a potential solution to some of the issues at Elk Park would be to locate a fill station in Aspen Springs, which would likely bring enough water by Elk Park to prevent flushing.

He stated that Archuleta County has indicated that it has a location for a fill station but that the Aspen Springs Metro District previously opposed this idea.

Ramsey and Lewis noted that this would not solve the pressure problems in the area, which would require more expensive solutions involving a new tank or a booster station.

The board discussed the problem further, with PAWSD board chairman Jim Smith agreeing with Ramsey that action on the issue needs to be taken and questioning why Aspen Springs would not want a fill station.

Ramsey explained that the metro district believes that the fill station would negatively impact the amount of people buying water from the district's well.

He also pointed out the large

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OUR VIEW

It's county fair time

It's somehow already the start of August, which means it's time for one of Archuleta County's longstanding traditions — the Archuleta County Fair.

In addition to being the biggest event of the year for 4-H'ers, the fair is also a time to celebrate parts of Archuleta County's past and present, the talent of our community and the fact that summer is drawing to a close.

This year's fair will be the 73rd iteration and, as its motto states, it is a "timeless tradition."

A huge part of the fair is the celebration of the local 4-H community.

Year-round, 4-H'ers (and their families) work hard and, undoubtedly, pour their blood, sweat and tears into their projects, which range from cake decorating and sewing to research projects and raising livestock.

Throughout the weekend you'll find showmanship competitions for youngsters and a range of animals, from alpacas to poultry and swine (which, coincidentally, you can catch back to back to back today beginning at 10 a.m.) and more.

The showmanship competitions lead up

to some of the biggest and most humorous parts of the fair: Saturday's 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner and the 4-H Livestock Auction on Saturday, and Sunday's parent showmanship competition.

But the fair isn't all 4-H.

For generations, community members of all ages have worked hard to create and grow items they later submitted to be judged at the fair, whether as part of 4-H or the open class exhibits.

It's fun to see what our community's talented artists, bakers, brewers, gardeners and more put forward, and to see what the judges favored. It often gives us ideas to put on our ever-growing list of things we'd like to try our hand at.

We encourage everyone to find some inspiration and work toward entering something in next year's fair.

This year's fair is also set to include some returning favorites.

Every year we find ourselves chuckling at perennial favorite Wildman Phil as he presents exotic animals to kids and their parents (and at the reactions of the kids to those animals). We also spend a lot of time

at the barrel train depot waiting for kids to finish riding it repeatedly. The pie-eating contest, which seems to grow exponentially each year, makes for a fun time, whether you're a participant or spectator.

There are also multiple rodeos throughout the fair that honor the county's heritage, including the Bares, Broncs, 'n Bulls Rodeo. That rodeo will also will again feature locals shaving their heads in support of Pagosa Springs Medical Center's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Event. We thank those willing to head to the center of the arena for such a public haircut for a worthy cause. There's also the open rodeo Saturday and Sunday's Kids Rodeo, which is sure to be fun for all ages.

The fair is also working to step up its live music offerings again this year, with Ricochet performing Thursday, the Bo DePena Band on Friday, and the San Juan Mountain Boys and Tylor Brandon Saturday.

We plan on making multiple trips to the fair this year, as we do every year, and hope to see many in our community do the same.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 1, 1924

The attention of contractors is called to the call for bids in this issue for work of building the new bridge across McCabe creek on San Juan street.

S.P. Dillon, architect of the new Pagosa school building, was an arrival today from Pueblo on business in connection with the construction work now in progress.

Frank Henderson and Lou Goodman stayed overnight at the Columbine ranch Sunday — too much rain for them to try the muddy roads until Monday.

The timber reconnaissance camp of the forest service yesterday moved from Horse mountain to Sheep creek, where they will be stationed for two or three weeks.

Thompson & Thompson are now hauling Yellowjacket coal daily from the mine on Squaw creek to Pagosa Springs and points enroute. Four truck loads daily is the present schedule.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 29, 1949

The County Commissioners are planning a new garage in the near future on their property near the old Rio Grande Railroad Depot. At present time a drilling crew of Holgate and Barr are drilling for hot water in order that the new building may be heated this way.

The present location of the County Garage is just south of the Harras Chevrolet Garage. This building is too small to fill the requirements any more and with the amount of county equipment increasing each year it has become necessary for the new building.

The County will retain its ownership of the present garage and have some plans for its utilization. No date has been set yet for the start of the construction of the new building.

The hot water well being drilled by the county will be the farthest well from the downtown section that has been drilled to date and it will be watched with a great deal of interest to see what the depth will have to be.

On Sunday a birthday picnic was given in honor of Benny Quintana at Born's Lake. Sharing the occasion with Benny were Sue Alley, W.H. Diestelkamp, Naoma Belarde Billy Lynn, Norma Rae Johnson, Joe Helderilly of Oklahoma City, David Quintana, Billy Belarde and Henrietta Cordova.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 25, 1974

The big event of the year for 4-Hers, rural residents, and most town residents starts August 16. It is the Archuleta County Fair and is the one event of the year when it is strictly a local show.

All entries, exhibits, and judging will be at the Red Ryder Roundup grounds.

The assessed valuation of Archuleta County is up by better than 20% and all governmental units have a comparable increase in assessed valuations. Assessed valuations are not actual cash values, although that is used in determining the assessed valuation.

July precipitation has been near normal, but certainly not on the heavy side in town. There have been numerous thunder storms but the clouds are dumping their moisture at high altitudes and in other parts of the county. Nevertheless, the moisture has been very welcome and has accomplished much for town gardens, lawns, and flowers.

The Town Board has instructed the town police force to crack down on unlicensed dogs. Dogs are very numerous and a continual problem in town.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 29, 1999

The rebuilding of Eightmile Mesa Road should start Aug. 15 and be completed within 30 days, according to County Manager Dennis Hunt.

Loma Linda developer Fred Schmidt and the county, along with two adjoining property owners, are involved in the project.

Schmidt is responsible for rebuilding the primary road bed stretching approximately between U.S. 84 and the entrance to the Loma Linda subdivision. This work will include the elimination of some steep dips and modifying a curve.

The county is responsible for supplying culverts across the main road bed and also for driveways. The property owners, Dick Ray and Jack Adams, are responsible for installing right of way fences using materials supplied by Schmidt.

Concerning Schmidt's portion of the work, a \$93,250 contract has been let with U-Can Afford. Before the work can begin, the county must install four approximately 36-inch culverts where Squaw Creek crosses the road. Cost of the county's culverts is about \$11,800.



From the Aug. 14, 1986, Pagosa SUN — GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN — Tom Cress was named winner of the 1986 Grand Champion Showmanship award at last Saturday's 4-H Livestock Showmanship Contest. Participants were judged on their skills as showmen, behavior of their animal and their animal's appearance before the judge.

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Divine miracle

Dear Editor:
Our God is awesome! He is still in control! We watched in crisis when planned assassin's bullet struck Pres. Trump's head, blood poured down his face. Secret Service covered him with their bodies, the enemy had struck, 8 bullets straight into the podium area. A Patriot died, 2 seriously injured. Then, we see Pres. Trump's fist goes up, he shouted, "Fight! Fight! Fight! The crowd stayed, thousands roar, "USA, USA, USA! Pres. Trump said, "get my shoes!" What a hero warrior! 1/4 inch from his brain, God turned his head. No debate! We witnessed a divine miracle! False adversity against this man & his family, believers praying, "fervent prayer accomplishes much"! It did! Joining Dr. Ben Carson, Isaiah 54:17, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper..."

Pres. Trump's words at the RNC: "I felt very safe because I had God on my side, I stand before you in this arena only by the grace of Almighty God!" Believers know Pres. Trump was spared "for such a time as this"! Talk of our Lord God permeated that convention, the best ever! The various speakers were awesome. Rev. Franklin Graham's words touching hearts. Pastor Lorenzo Sewell, a black man,

"Pres. Trump came to Detroit hood because he cares about average everyday Americans." The democrats only wanted their votes. God gave him Eph.6:11, same time he was shot, "Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil". EDA's - "Every Day Americans" theme was real. We witnessed military, law enforcement, families of dead children, spouses, love ones, relay samples of those who had been tortured, raped, brutally murdered, sex trafficked, poisoned with fentanyl & drugs from the cartel & China. They shouted loud clearly that this is all on Joe Biden/Kamala Harris, open borders to illegals and flying them in. They own this destruction of true America.

All the reverse tricks of the democrats voiced by various letter authors is simply lies against Pres. Trump that are truths that Biden & Harris are doing. It's very sad today, Democrat leaders & media lying about Joe's condition. Well, Donald knocked Joe out at the debate!" Unconstitutionally, the Democratic Party deleted, "of the people", "by the people", and coronated Kamala. She got "O" votes to be Presidential candidate. Now, who is already destroying American Democracy? Recent "Project 25" letter, is reverse deception. "White Christian Nationalist"? Absurd, our God is not racist! More to be said.

We stand fearlessly that America was founded by Christian forefathers basing our documents on "The Holy Bible", "One Nation Under God"; the greatest Constitutional Republic & Democracy in the World ever! Sadly, evil control people, who hate America are destroying.

We sincerely call out all Christ Believers, Pastors, church leaders to pray. Freedom cries to get out, register, vote to save our USA! Our hope that the miracle our Lord God performed before the world's eyes, will convince you, "the truth will set us free". Masses voting, "Pres. Donald Trump Again!".

Jan and Tom Carnley

change is also making this more difficult. There are fewer days suitable for prescribed burns, as our climate in the West becomes hotter, drier, and more volatile. Climate change should be a scientific and public-safety issue, but unfortunately it has become politicized by those who are causing it (oil, natural gas, and coal producers) and their political supporters. When he was president, Donald Trump even went so far as to pull the United States out of the Paris Accords, an agreement among countries all over the world to combat climate change. Many of his supporters still claim that human activity has nothing to do with our increasingly hot world, despite overwhelming scientific evidence to the contrary. If anything, our world today is heating up even faster than the scientists warned us it would. Fortunately, President Biden was able to get Congress to pass legislation creating the greatest effort ever to combat climate change and the destruction it causes. But sustaining this effort depends on how we vote in the next election. Trump will do everything he can to reverse this effort if he is elected, while Kamala Harris will continue and expand upon what has been done thus far.

Think again about the towns that have burned, Jasper, Ruidoso, and Lahaina. They are all resort towns in beautiful areas in or near mountains, just like Pagosa Springs. Exactly the kind of places that are most vulnerable to today's out-of-control conflagrations. And it could happen here, too, unless we take vigorous actions to combat the climate change that is putting us in danger. Please think about that and think about your home and your town when you vote this year.

John Farley

What will you do?

Dear Editor:
It has been known since before the Civil War that if one added carbon dioxide gas to air in a bell jar and exposed it to light, the objects in the jar with the added gas will heat up faster and retain the heat longer than a jar without the gas. This is called the greenhouse effect and the earth has been managing the amount of that gas in the atmosphere for millions of years.

Most of the carbon on this planet has been stored in the ground as coal

or petroleum but for the last two hundred years humans (mostly American humans) have been extracting it to use for energy. This burning of coal and petroleum releases carbon into the atmosphere in the form of carbon dioxide. CO2 as a greenhouse gas has added an almost unimaginable amount of heat to our planet. We have been able to get away with it because the oceans have acted as a buffer and absorbed this heat. The oceans are almost full.

We are on the cusp of experiencing the runaway heating of our planet that could make it unlivable for humans in the very near future.

What can we do? What will you do?

There are numerous things that we must do right now. In a place like Archuleta County where there is a wide disparity in income, the folks that are able must make choices that seem uneconomic but are critical. Becoming an early adopter of technology that can reduce our carbon footprint is important because it helps make these technologies affordable to the less enabled.

In 2004 I built my super insulated strawbale home here in Pagosa. Since then, I have added solar panels in 2017. They will never pay for themselves, but by being an early adopter, I have helped reduce the cost for future solar installations. I've added "instant on" hot water to avoid keeping a tank of water cooking all day long, added cold weather heat pumps to reduce my dependence on other more carbon costly technologies. I am leasing a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle to reduce my dependence on gasoline. (I'd go entirely electric except for range issues.) I've done all of this but it is not enough. I still drive too much, fly too often, and eat too much meat.

Electrifying everything is important as more of our electricity is being provided by renewable sources of energy and less by carbon extractive technologies. We must make these changes immediately as time is quickly running out before humanity (mostly we Americans) cause runaway heating of our planet.

There are numerous books that can inform us about the problems and their solutions: The Water Will Come, Fire Season, Our Final Warning: 6 Degrees of Warming, The End of the World is Just Beginning, The Big

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Wildfires

Dear Editor:
Last week, the town of Jasper, in Canada's Jasper National Park, became the latest resort community to be devastated by an out-of-control wildfire. It joins Ruidoso, New Mexico and Lahaina, Hawaii as resort communities devastated by such fires in a period of less than a year. And in the last several years, several other resort towns, including Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Paradise, California, have been similarly impacted. This is not normal. Today's wildfires are bigger, more intense, and spread faster than most wildland fires over the past century. Part of the cause is poor forest management, in particular routine suppression of small fires that are a normal part of the forest ecosystem. But the bigger cause is climate change - a hotter climate with longer, more intense periods of drought that make our forests more prone to these conflagrations. And scientists are nearly unanimous in telling us that much of the cause of this climate change is human activity, particularly the excessive use of carbon fuels that hold in heat like a greenhouse, causing our climate to be hotter and more extreme - causing the larger hotter fires that are devastating communities like Jasper, Ruidoso, and Lahaina.

Although we understand forest management better today than in the past, including the need for periodic smaller and more controlled fire to reduce fuel, ironically climate

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Robert Hagberg

Unanswered questions

Dear Editor:
It's been several weeks now since commissions Medina and Maez fired the county manager and then started the search to replace him. This past week commissioners met behind closed doors to ask the candidates canned questions that were given to them by the county HR department. No hard questions like, "why were you fired from your last job?" or, "have you ever been accused of misconduct in the work place?" Nope, just soft ball questions that anyone could hit out of the park. I then heard some good news. There were going to be two more interviews for the finalists. One with department heads and lastly, one with the elected officials. Surely someone would ask the hard questions. Nope, just more canned questions from HR. I want to be fair here, it's not uncommon to ask canned questions in an interview.

You have to be fair to all the candidates, so you ask everyone the same questions. I believe that the HR department was doing their job. The hard questions should be coming from commissioners, but they aren't. We know some kind of misconduct took place in one or more of the candidates last job. I guess we don't care. Sure Mr Maez is more than willing to stand up in public and declare that people like me are spreading nothing more than rumors and false accusations, but he still won't let anyone see behind the curtain. I spoke with several people who attended the interviews, some felt that the candidates were up to the task, but the overall consensus with both department heads and elected officials was that the commissioners need to go out and find more candidates. Not exactly a glowing review. As I mentioned in a previous letter, Jack Harper might be the best thing since sliced bread but the way this whole thing went down leaves a bad taste in so many people's mouth. I will end with this, I have tried and tried to call people at Jack Harper's last job and the only thing I've been told is, "talk to our lawyers." So let's hire Jack Harper, what could possibly go wrong?
Dennis Jeffrey

Keeping America great

Dear Editor:
America's greatness is not a thing of the past. It's not a perfect moment captured in time like a snapshot in an old family album. Greatness comes from continuous work and improvement.
Great doesn't mean perfect. While we celebrate progress and successes, we must also acknowledge threats and failings. We need to stay involved. We need to look ahead, learning from the past and being open to new ideas. We need to be honest about challenges we can foresee in our present circumstances. Greatness does not flow from heads buried in sand or longing for an America crafted from selective rosy memories.
Lately, there seems to be nostalgia for an American way of life that looks like the Cleavers in "Leave it to Beaver." (That's 1950s-vintage suburbia for readers too young to remember the sitcom.) If we take a clear-eyed view of the 1950s, however, would we say those are times to which we now aspire?
How is it that June Cleaver managed to have only two children? In the 1950's, American women didn't have a right to prescription birth control. It wasn't until 1965 that the Supreme Court decided married couples (yes, married couples) had a constitutional right to birth control. In the decision overturning Roe v. Wade, Justice Thomas invited a challenge to the birth control precedent, too. (For more on Republican plans to undermine intimate family decisions, read Project 2025.)
Through the 1950s, federal mortgage guarantees supported housing development. Housing boomed to meet a shortage left by the Depression

and World War II rationing. But federal housing rules mandated deed restrictions forbidding sale of the new houses to non-white families.
In the 1950s, school children prepared for the threat of atomic war with "duck and cover drills" - as if hiding under a desk would save them from a nuclear bomb. Now kids practice active shooter drills; guns in the hands of too many Americans who shouldn't have them are the modern substitute for the Cold War threat. Is duck and cover part of the past we should celebrate bringing back?
Then again, maybe it's not the 1950s stay-at-home Mom idea driving MAGA. This week, Donald Trump told a gathering of Christian conservatives that they only needed to vote in one more election - this November. If given another term, Trump will make changes so they "won't have to do it [vote] anymore." Is it just Christians who won't be voting after 2024 or is it all Americans?
America has become great because citizens have had the power and processes to keep tyrants from taking over, and responsible leaders from the time of George Washington have been willing to say goodbye and allow a peaceful transition of presidential power.
Nostalgia for the 1950's is misplaced. Nostalgia for pre-1776 monarchy and rule by wealthy landowners would be the end of America's greatness. It's time to look ahead to a new generation of leadership, not cede our democracy to Trump and his wealthy elite.
Candace Jones

Sick and tired

Dear Editor:
I'm sick and tired of hearing that this country is going to hell. My grandfather would have said, "Horsefeathers!" With our rapidly recovering economy and resilient democracy, America remains the brightest beacon of hope in the world.
I'm sick of tricksters who double down on blatant falsehoods. My grandfather would never have accepted today's systematic and relentless assault on truth. He had no truck with liars.
I'm tired of politicians attempting to usurp the rights of folks to make their own personal decisions, or to choose the books they want to read. My grandfather would have refused to listen to weirdos.
I'm sick of the inability of certain politicians to simply disagree with an opponent. You've got to wonder why name-calling has replaced rational debate. My grandfather wouldn't have bought a pig in a poke.
Pop went to church every Sunday and looked to his faith for salvation rather than for political talking points. He was honest and soft-spoken. He disliked bullies. He was a gentleman. Pop would have had no use for a Donald Trump.
My grandfather was part of the "greatest" generation, who sacrificed unflinchingly to save the world from Nazi atrocities. By keeping the memory of these clear-eyed, level-headed men and women alive in our hearts, we can find the wisdom to choose decent, upstanding leaders in November. Maybe then we will help keep the world safe for democracy, as they did.
K. Muth

Torrent of lies

Dear Editor:
Two weeks ago, I submitted a letter rebutting the most outrageous of the 60+ lies Trump told in the debate. Trump's torrent of lies continued in his convention speech and afterward. So, lets wade into the cesspool of Trump's lies again.
Lie: President Biden is "without question the worst president ... in the history of our country." Truth: This is subjective, I admit. However, a survey of 150 members of the American Political Science Association put Mr. Trump dead last, behind even James Buchanan, whose indecision led to the Civil War. President Biden was ranked 14th, just above Ronald Reagan. Of course, these were educated and qualified experts, which MAGA Republicans don't trust anyway.
Patty Tillerson

Acts of kindness

Dear Editor:
Every time I leave my house to do errands, shop for groceries and the such, I am amazed at the kindness that surrounds me everywhere I go. Someone always "looking out" for this Old Woman and if they sense I am having a little problem, e.g., maybe forgot where I parked my car, a dear stranger comes running to help out. Yes, a little bit of heaven on earth.
I enjoy watching our birds and animals and how they seem to get along with one another. I toss seed out from my deck and driveway every morning to feed "the little people". I noticed one day, a little fawn and magpie were standing next to each other sharing my treat. How is that for an example and I think, in this blessed community, they were displaying an example of "who we are". That was a heart-warming scene, an example of Pagosa goodness. After all, I imagine their ancestors were here before ours were, so yes! It is our responsibility to display their kindness passed down through generations that finally came to be known as Pagosa! Yes, we care, we share. I'm proud to be a Pagosan, spreading God's love around,
Ronnie Zaday

Frivolous petition

Dear Editor:
We must know the facts before we make the decision to sign a recall petition. Recall cost the county money to run a separate election. I question the ethics of the players involved in the petition and how many conflict of issues the had/are involved in.
Reclaim Archuleta's petition submitted by Ashley Springer, worked directly as Communication Specialist/Public Information Specialist for Derek Woodman former County Admin whose contract wasn't renewed. Tina Woodman HR vetted her husband for the position of County Administrator. The other candidates at that time had actual Town, City, or County Admin Experience - Derek Woodman did not. Her Views on the candidates? Does anyone see a conflict of interest? BTW the county was sued by one of the candidates regarding that matter; and Tina sued when she was release from county employment. Rachel Suh, who ran against Commissioner Medina.
Why the sudden recall for a commissioner that announced when she ran that she was a licensed real estate agent, and had actual experience and knowledge of Human Resources. Is it retaliation from a group of people that are no longer at County, because of their lack of performance in the positions they held, due to lack of experience/qualifications for those positions.
At the base of the allegations against Commissioner Medina for this petition is conflict of interest regarding being in real estate. I have reviewed the actual minutes, talked to people at the meetings; she did make an announcement that she was a real estate agent and that she had no financial gain from the transactions being discussed or voted on. What is being handed out by the petition committee is not the full minutes. Watch them online 6/4/2024 about 2:20 minutes into the meeting.
Should Commissioner Brown recuse himself on matters regarding law enforcement because of his law enforcement experience? Should Commissioner Maez recuse himself on all small business owner matters? Not very practical.
The Communication Specialist position was created by former County Admin. Ms Springer works for the county, therefore for the commissioners. I do not see a recall petition as a whistleblower type of move, it is an attack on Commissioner Medina.
Commissioner Maez and Medina voted to not renew the contract of the the County Administrator; whose time with County in my opinion; cost the county money, by not managing the departments under him, costing thousand of dollars in errors, fees, penalties and leading to lawsuits to the county.
As a Former Archuleta Commissioner, I know you need to depend on the information you get for the Admin and staff. If Maez and Medina didn't feel they were getting that information, it was in the best interest of the County to not renew that contract and find someone that works for the County's best interest. I understand Commissioners Browns allegiance to the former County Admin and wife former HR director as they are friends.
Please do your own research - don't sign this petition. Commissioner Medina is doing a great job for Archuleta County.

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CDOT, local officials to hold public meetings for transportation plan input

Colorado Department of Transportation
As Colorado prepares to update future transportation plans and develop the state's 2050 transportation and transit plan, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and local communities are holding a series of public meetings throughout the summer and fall to solicit input from the public on recent infrastructure development and future needs.
The meetings will be held in each

rural transportation planning region (TPR), the 10 groupings of counties that allow for local officials to collaborate on area needs.
These gatherings will allow technical staff to share progress and accomplishments on completion of 10-Year Plan projects to date, as well as discuss needs, data and trends with members of the public.
Similar conversations in the state's metro areas will be led by the respective metropolitan planning organizations.

More information on Colorado's transportation planning process can be found at <https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/planning-process>.
A TPR meeting for the Southwest region will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 8 in Durango.
Another is set for 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 10 in Durango.
For more on the Southwest TPR, visit <https://www.region9edd.org/swtpr>.

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Business



Water district approves agreements with Timberline developers

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved a mainline extension acceptance agreement and a development agreement for utility improvements with the Timberline development at its July 25 meeting.

The Timberline project is located at 116 Alpha Drive near Walmart.

PAWSD Programs Manager Renee Lewis opened discussion of the mainline extension agreement, noting that Timberline was previously known as the Trails at Pagosa Springs.

She stated that the mainline extension agreement was “new” for PAWSD and “encapsulates all the things we had done into one agreement.”

Lewis stated that PAWSD’s attorney recommended that such an agreement would best cover the intentions of both parties concerning the project and that she and the developer worked together to draft the agreement.

Travis Barber, representing project developer Generation Housing Partners, commented that the agreement matches the developer’s expectations.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh asked if the 950-gallons-per-minute water supply stipulated in the agreement is acceptable to the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission.

PAWSD District Engineer/Man-

ager Justin Ramsey stated that, in his understanding, the engineer for the project was working with the PFPD on fire flow requirements for the project since the PFPD’s initial requirements were above what PAWSD could provide.

Ramsey added that a hydrant test showed that the district could provide about 1,600 gallons per minute in the area, which Lewis explained is higher than modeling in the area suggested.

Lewis stated that the PFPD provided an approval letter for the project, although she commented that the issue had been “moving around,” with details on what would be required changing.

The group discussed the issue further, with Lewis emphasizing that PAWSD would not have moved forward with the mainline extension if the PFPD did not approve the project and Walsh commenting that the district could rely on the “big, robust, very-well-funded fire department” to determine what amount of flow is needed for fires.

Lewis added that Ramsey expressed in conversations with her that the requirements in the code for fire flow were likely unnecessarily high in this case and that 1,600 gallons per minute should be “more than adequate to fight fire.”

She added that the developer would be constructing and maintaining its own lift station and high-pressure line to the manhole.

The board voted unanimously to

approve the mainline extension acceptance agreement.

Next, Ramsey explained the development agreement for utility improvements related to Timberline.

He prefaced the discussion by stating that one of the major issues in the area is with inflow and infiltration (I and I) downstream from the development and that staff worked with Timberline to develop an agreement to repair multiple issues with the PAWSD system to reduce I and I, and create capacity for the waste from the development to safely flow into the system.

In response to a question from Walsh, Ramsey explained that the repairs are “focused” downstream of the development, adding “we’re taking I and I out in areas that they’re putting effluent into to make sure that we’re not compounding the problem.”

He stated that PAWSD staff would meet with a contractor from Timberline in the next week and that repairs would begin soon afterward.

The repairs would reduce issues with I and I in the area and issues such as backflow into homes, Ramsey indicated, as well as demonstrating to the state that the district is making progress on its compliance agreement to reduce I and I.

Walsh asked if the district would have to keep requests to developers to repair I and I related issues specific to areas near their development.

Ramsey commented that the district should do this since these are the

areas where the development will be adding waste.

He added that this will likely be a requirement for large developments for the foreseeable future due to the district’s difficulties with I and I.

Walsh and Ramsey clarified that the requirement to complete system improvements would only apply to projects involving significant increases to the number of equivalent units (EUs) for the project from the amount of EUs the property had when initially purchased.

Ramsey added that the development agreement covers all elements of the project, not just the system repairs.

Walsh asked Ramsey if there are any aspects of the project he is “disappointed” with.

Ramsey stated that there were not any elements of the project he objected to, particularly since the development is constructing and operating the lift station for the project.

In response to a question from PAWSD board member Gene Tautges, Ramsey and Lewis clarified that Timberline is separate from another proposed development near South Pagosa Boulevard which includes the proposed location for the new Archuleta County administration building.

The board then unanimously voted to approve the development agreement with Timberline.

Barber concluded by thanking the PAWSD staff and board members.
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Last call to register for digital marketing classes

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

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The first day, “Bigger,” will be dedicated to websites, Google Business Platforms, SEO and key words, online advertising and more.

The second day, “Better,” will be devoted to social media work: the social media platforms, boosting your ads, videos, reels, and the latest in rules and regulations.

The third day, “Bolder,” will focus on AI and ChatGPT. How can these platforms help you in your business? What time-saving tricks can you learn by using these functions?

All classes will be offered twice a day, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and classes will run for 1.5 hours.

Included in signing up for the classes is a free 30-minute consultation with one of the facilitators. This is a great opportunity to work with them one-on-one and discuss any problems or strategies that you may have.

Elevating Your Digital Marketing Skills is free to Chamber members and only \$25 per class for nonmembers.

To sign up for the class, visit www.pagosachamber.com and click on the Digital Marketing graphic. There is limited space and several classes are already full. If you have trouble registering, contact the Chamber to get assistance with registration or to be placed on a waiting list.

Also, if you would like to schedule an appointment with one of the trainers, you will need to call the Chamber to book your day and time slot. Please call (970) 264-2360 for more information or to schedule your appointment.

We are pleased to be offering these classes as these topics have been highly requested by our members. Digital marketing is changing all the

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ColorFest tickets for the Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival, and the Bands Brews event are all on sale on the Chamber’s website.

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Tickets are limited for the wine festival, so don’t wait too long to reserve your tickets. Individual tickets or tables for eight can be purchased.

All attendees receive table seating, a VIP gift, collectible wine glass, and food and wine tickets. Maxwell Miller will be performing that evening and entertaining the crowd.

Tickets for the Bands and Brews festival are available with beer tickets for \$35. General admission tickets are \$10. If you do not want to participate in the beer tasting, a general admission ticket is required to partake of

the live music and food vendors, and you can also purchase wine by the glass. It is certainly a festive afternoon enjoying many of the regional and state breweries, distillers and cideries.

For more information on ColorFest, visit the Chamber website or call our offices at (970) 264-2360.

LPEA and 4CORE to host Sunnyside Community Solar application event

By Amanda Anderson
La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) and the Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE) are announcing an upcoming application event for the Sunnyside Community Solar program.

This new subscription program allows LPEA members to subscribe to locally generated solar energy without installing panels on their homes.

Members can access clean energy from a shared solar array and receive credits on their electric bills.

The program has two parts: one for income-qualified members, and another open to all residential and commercial LPEA members.

Whether interested in applying or seeking information, the event will offer comprehensive support.

The event will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Aug. 6 at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St.

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.

On-site assistance, including

document-copying services, will be provided by knowledgeable LPEA and 4CORE staff.

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.

CDOT data shows positive trends in traffic safety in 2024

Colorado Department of Transportation

Halfway through 2024, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is sharing preliminary data on the status of traffic fatalities on Colorado’s roadways.

The results show encouraging improvements and a decrease in risky driving behaviors among Coloradans compared to last year.

In the first six months of 2024, there were 294 fatalities on Colorado roads, down 9 percent from this time last year. The top crash factors in these crashes were impairment, speed and distracted driving. Overall, traffic deaths are down in many areas, especially among pedestrians and crashes involving an impaired driver.

Key year-to-date statistics from Jan. 1 to June 30:

- 47 pedestrian fatalities (down 24 percent from 2023).
- 91 impaired driving fatalities (down 16 percent from 2023).
- 90 unbuckled fatalities (down 6 percent from 2023).
- 52 motorcyclist fatalities (down 5 percent from 2023).
- 36 child and teen (19 years old and younger) fatalities (down 23 percent from 2023).
- Three bicyclist fatalities (compared to eight at this time in 2023).

“While these improvements are encouraging, even one death is too many, and we still have a lot of work to reach our ultimate goal of zero fatalities on Colorado roads,” said CDOT’s Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. “The data from the first half of 2024 shows our collective efforts are making a difference, but every

driver and road user must continue to prioritize safety and make responsible choices behind the wheel every time.”

Building on the positive trends observed in the first half of 2024 is a collaborative effort. CDOT will continue working with safety partners, law enforcement and the public to maintain these improvements. Ongoing infrastructure projects such as roundabouts, pedestrian improvements and the use of advanced traffic management technology also aim to increase roadway safety. Drivers are encouraged to remain vigilant, follow traffic laws and prioritize accountability to ensure everyone reaches their destinations safely.

For more information about CDOT’s safety programs, data and resources, visit cdot.gov/safety.

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New Town Hall office hours announced

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Hall will have new operating hours beginning Monday, Aug. 9, according to Town Manager David Harris.

The new operating hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This is a change from the previous operating hours of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Harris explained that there was a statewide survey sent out among city managers, and those who responded "modified their hours to something other than the traditional Monday through Friday, eight to five."

According to a statement put out by the town, that survey was sent out to 38 communities, with 17 organiza-

tions indicating they are closed for either a portion or all day on Fridays.

Harris noted that the communities of Salida, Monte Vista and Rico all have reduced office hours on Fridays.

"Many elected officials have closed their offices completely on Friday," he added.

Harris explained the decision to reduce office hours on Fridays is based on meeting the demand for the community, noting, "we would have definitely maintained office hours" if the demand was there.

Harris explained that special appointments can be made for citizens who may only be available to meet after hours, adding that he has met with people on Friday evening and on Saturdays.

Additionally, Harris explained that staff is still working 40 hours per

week, but the adjusted hours allows for team leaders to adjust their schedules and have more flexibility.

According to the statement released by the town, the decision to change office hours "comes after a four-month study of traffic and business needs to our facilities, which showed that it was a rare occurrence for anyone to visit Town Hall on Friday afternoons."

Harris also mentioned that the study found that, "Friday afternoon was very quiet, and almost a ghost town."

According to data from the four-month long study conducted by the town, the average number of weekly visitors at Town Hall for March was 60.95, with an average of 6.2 visitors on Fridays. April had an average number of 62.05 weekly visitors, with an average of eight visitors on Fridays.

May had an average of 76.2 weekly visitors, with an average of 8.8 visitors on Fridays. June had an average of 52.75 weekly visitors, with an average of six visitors on Fridays.

Harris is quoted in the town's statement as saying, "we made the decision to close Town Hall and the Community Center at 11:30 a.m. on Friday's to enhance work-life balance for City employees," and, "The Town remains committed to maintaining a high level of customer service and we are dedicated to ensuring the community's needs continue to be addressed in a timely manner."

The statement also explains that town council and staff believe the reduction in office hours on Fridays will not have an effect on the town's ability to serve the community.
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Town planning commission begins conversation on restricting development in town parklands

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At a July 23 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission started a conversation about restricting development within existing town parks and open spaces.

This idea comes in the wake of public opposition to a plan to install a parking lot in a mostly unused portion of the Town Park athletic field.

The Pagosa Springs Town Council unanimously voted down the parking lot at its July 18 meeting.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained the idea to restrict development in the town's parklands "has matured a little bit" after the recent conversations "about building in parks — an apartment complex and the practice field for some parking," he said.

Dickhoff said, "town council, at their last meeting, did deny moving forward with any parking at the practice field... and also decided" that the South Pagosa Park location was not "the best location for apartments," adding that the council's vote on both of these reflected "public sentiment" on the issue.

He said that the public was saying,

"Don't pave our parks," and that "once you do that... you are not getting it back as park space."

He added that in his experience with gauging what residents want the most, preserving and creating new park space is one of the most popular ideas amongst constituents.

If the town ultimately decides to go in the direction of restricting development in parks and open spaces, it would likely require passage through a ballot measure vote to amend the town charter, Dickhoff explained.

A ballot measure on the issue could be initiated by the town council or by gaining enough signatures from eligible town voters, he said.

He added that the purpose of bringing the issue up at this meeting was to gauge if the commission wanted to give a recommendation one way or the other to the council.

He noted that other land designations, such as wetland easements, have restrictions on development within the town charter, and that parks and open spaces could have similar designations within the charter if the voters decide to make that change.

A charter amendment would be the best route, Dickhoff suggested, because it would be a higher thresh-

old to undo the restriction in the future since it would take another public vote to amend the charter again.

If it was merely a decision of the council, it would be left to the "whims" of a future council to undo the restriction, he explained.

"Should we consider something formally incorporated into the town charter that would require, essentially, a town vote to include it into the charter?" he asked the commission.

When opened up to questions and comments, planning commissioner Chris Pitcher suggested that he thinks the best way forward on this issue is a voter-initiated ballot measure that originates with "the people" through voter signatures.

Planning commissioner Mark Weiler said, "I do not like the idea of limiting the use, long-term use, of our parks. I would like voters to be able to have a voice in changes to current parkland."

Weiler mentioned his experience with historic buildings, saying that once you commit to such restrictions, "you've locked yourself up to a series of things that you can't unlock."

He added, "I don't want to give up the potential of somebody coming to

the town and saying that this is the perfect place for X, and then let the town voters decide."

Pitcher asked Dickhoff his opinion on the best way to get this on the ballot, with Dickhoff saying that he thought the ballot language should be initiated by the town council.

Dickhoff reminded the commission of previous voter-driven ballot measures that passed with popular approval in the election, but were later struck down by the courts.

He noted that the council, aided by the town attorney, would be best suited to draft ballot measure language that could pass legal muster.

"I think it's important to craft that language correctly so that it's clear, understandable... and that it's something that won't get challenged later on, so I think there may be a benefit in a joint effort, with the town working with the citizens to bring that language forward," he said.

Pitcher suggested that the issue be revisited at the next meeting, "and then maybe we could have some language that we could be prepared to make a recommendation to town council," adding that the conversation "was a good fresh start."
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Town council clarifies intention of lease agreement with LPEA for new substation

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on July 25, the Pagosa Springs Town Council clarified a previously approved motion to lease town-owned property to La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) for the purpose of installing a new LPEA substation.

The property is located at 2140 County Road 500 (Trujillo Road) and is currently being used as the Archuleta County transfer station and recycling center.

At a July 2 meeting, council member Mat deGraaf moved to lease a 5.18-acre section of the property to LPEA, "with the revenues generated to be earmarked for community infrastructure investment and economic development for 30 years."

The motion was seconded and ultimately passed by the council.

However, the motion did not detail if the town or LPEA would own the property at the end of the 30-year lease term.

An agenda document on the matter states that town staff was looking for clarity on the motion from July 2, "regarding direction for staff to negotiate the terms for LPEA's substation."

It also states, "LPEA staff did express they would be comfortable with a 30-year lease agreement if they were able to own the property after 30 years

of making lease payments."

But a majority on the council previously expressed a desire for the town to retain ownership of the property at the end of any lease agreement with LPEA.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff, who brought the issue back before the council, said, "We are just making sure that our understanding is correct before the town manager starts to negotiate a lease with La Plata."

He added they were seeking clarity on what the motion meant for the end of the 30-year lease.

"Is it a lease-purchase agreement, or are we entering into a new lease of 30 years?" he asked.

He added that he wanted to be certain that town staff "understands this," because he got the impression that LPEA would not "have the tolerance to move forward with extending the lease over and over again."

Dickhoff continued, "This scenario of 30 years would pretty much be equal to them taking out a loan and buying the property."

He added they "just wanted to get clarity on the council's comfort level with them owning the property, or if we are truly looking at extending the lease after 30 years... so at least we have a good idea of what we're working on" during negotiations with LPEA.

He added that LPEA has already started ordering equipment for the substation, and they want to know whether the property "will be the landing place for them."

Council member Gary Williams and deGraaf suggested that their intentions were to retain ownership of the property after the lease term.

"When I made that motion, it was my intention to retain ownership of the property... I am certainly open to discussion on that, but that was my intention," deGraaf said.

But council member Madeline Bergon expressed that she thought that LPEA was under the impression that it would own the land after the lease term expired.

She noted that if the town's stance is to retain ownership of the land, it would amount to a "bait and switch on La Plata."

Dickhoff confirmed, reading an email from LPEA received during the meeting stating that LPEA would prefer to own the land at the end of the lease.

But he also noted that the email mentions the possibility of a "perpetual easement," explaining that in this scenario LPEA would pay a "lump sum" and then would have a perpetual easement to use the property for the purpose of the substation.

Council member Brooks Lindner also expressed a desire to retain

ownership, saying he wasn't worried about the impression of a "bait and switch," with Williams saying he didn't like the easement idea.

Mayor Shari Pierce asked Town Manager David Harris, "What parameters do you need to know in a new motion?"

Harris answered that the motion must state that the town wishes to retain ownership and that after the term is up LPEA would be responsible for clean up and making the land ready for usage.

deGraaf made a new motion stating the above and it was seconded and passed.

A role call vote on the matter revealed that Pierce, Lindner, Leonard Martinez, Williams and deGraaf voted in favor of the motion, with Matt DeGuise and Bergon voting against it.
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market before sale in 2023 and an average of 132 for this year, a 21.1 percent increase.

The month-to-month comparison shows an average of 72 days on the market in 2023 and an average of 82 days on the market for June of this year, a 13.9 percent increase.

According to real estate agent Lee Riley's May 15 newsletter, "Vacant land sales are up 42 [percent], with 84 this year versus 59 last year."

Riley explains in his newsletter that the total number of real estate sales this year is up 20 percent compared to 2023, with condos and townhome sales up 100 percent and home sales down 9 percent.

Riley notes that there have been 171 total sales this year compared to 142 sales in 2023, with home sales down from 70 last year to 64 this year, and condos and townhomes from eight last year to 16 this year.

According to data from the Colorado Association of Realtors (CAR), the average sales price of a single-family home in Archuleta County for June of this year is listed at \$1,019,559, a 33.2 percent increase from the average sales price in June of 2023, which is listed at \$765,436.

The average sales price for condos and townhomes in Archuleta County saw a 44.2 percent increase in the month-to-month comparison from June 2023 to June 2024, going from \$291,000 to \$419,542, according to the date.

Riley also details in his newsletter which price range categories are see-

ing increases or decreases in regard to number of sales.

According to Riley's newsletter, the \$400,000 to \$500,000 range in Archuleta County was "up just slightly," and the range above \$1 million was up 63 percent, with 13 sales so far this year compared to eight sales last year.

"Some good news is that real estate inventory is up 26 [percent] across the board, with 479 properties currently available compared to 355 last year at this time," he writes.

He notes that home inventory is up 44 percent, while condo and townhome inventory is up 220 percent, and vacant land inventory is up 24 percent.

"In general, we are seeing an improving real estate market. We still see a lot of cash buyers coming in from out of town," Riley adds.

In an email to The SUN, Archuleta County Planning Director Pamela Flowers indicates that, as of July 26, the county has issued 189 building permits so far this year, "which is almost exactly where we were this time last year."

According to data shared by Pagosa Springs Building Code Official Margaret Gallegos, the town has issued 43 building permits so far this year.

Gallegos' building permit summary also shows the town issued a total of 79 building permits in 2023, 101 in 2022 and 87 in 2021. Building permits are issued for new commercial and residential builds, commercial and residential additions, repairs,

demolitions, and remodels.

Riley also notes the increase in taxes being collected in the county this year, noting an approximate 36 percent increase for homeowners compared to last year.

"It is expected that the county will take in \$33,465,988 this year versus last year's \$24,631,752," Riley writes.

He also notes an increase in cost for service from the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

"If you are building a new home today which will hook up to both water and sewer, the cost just went up from approximately \$9,000 a couple months ago to \$32,000 today. Water bills are also going up substantially," he states.

In February, the PAWSD Board of Directors voted to raise water and sewer rates, as well as capital investment fees, to help support the cost of the regulatorily mandated construction of a new water treatment plant and upcoming required upgrades to the district's wastewater treatment plant.

Lastly, Riley notes that current mortgage rates are around 7 percent, compared to 3 percent "a few years ago."

Riley goes on to state, "Even with all these cost increases, Pagosa is still much more affordable than most other mountain resort communities."

According to the CAR, the average sales price for a single-family home in La Plata County for June of this year is listed at \$984,375, and the average sales price for condos and townhomes is listed at \$667,129.

According to the data, the average sales price for a single-family home in Summit County in June of this year was \$2,553,748.

The average sales price for single-family homes in San Miguel County, which includes Telluride, increased by more than 250 percent for its month-to-month comparison of June 2023 to June 2024, according to data from the CAR.

The average sales price in June 2023 in San Miguel County was \$3,312,917, while the average sales price for June of this year was listed at \$12,250,000, according to the CAR.

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado — which includes Archuleta, La Plata, Dolores and San Juan counties — reported in 2022 that Archuleta County is the most expensive community to live in within the region based on its livable wage report.

The report notes that, "Archuleta County is the most expensive place to live (\$92,796 annually) for a family of four."

Additionally, using housing and child care costs specific to each community, "we found that the Town of Pagosa Springs is also the most expensive community in the region for a family of four (\$21.97 per hour for each working adult) due to the high cost of housing," the report states.

The livable wage report indicates that Montezuma County is the least expensive county in the region to live in, with a salary of \$71,292 needed for a family of four.

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Resignation

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resumes and interview candidates.

He added that the position is "important."

PAWSD Programs Manager Renee Lewis noted that the person chosen would serve until May of next year, at which time they would have to run for office in the election.

She added that Smith will also be up for election next year.

PAWSD board member Gene Tauges commented that he had spoken to one potential applicant, although this applicant would also be pleased if another candidate could be found.

He added that this person indicated a preference toward serving for a short time.

Walsh commented that he would prefer to find a board member will-

ing to serve for a longer term due to the "learning curve" for the position.

Smith asked Lewis if she would submit advertisements for the position in The SUN, which could be reviewed at the board's next meeting.

Lewis stated she would do this.

Tauges stated that the son of the potential applicant he spoke to is applying for a job at PAWSD and asked if this would be a conflict of interest.

PAWSD Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey stated that he had not heard such a situation would be, noting that an employee could serve on the board if they do not collect a salary.

He added that this situation should be "disclosed."

Lewis added that she would recommend such a board member

recuse themselves from votes pertaining to pay for staff.

Walsh asked if the advertisements for the board could include an estimate of how many hours per month are involved in serving on the board.

Lewis stated that this would be possible to do.

Walsh commented that this would potentially ensure board members are not "scared off" by an inaccurate understanding of how much work is involved.

After a discussion, Lewis and Walsh agreed that they would work on drafting language about time commitments to be included in the advertisement.

Smith commented that this would be a valuable thing to add to the ad-

vertisement.

The board then directed staff to move forward with advertising the vacancy.

How to apply

In a communication, Lewis explains that applicants to the board must own property or reside within the boundaries of the district and be a registered voter in the state of Colorado.

She adds that interested persons should submit a letter of interest to Smith digitally at jim.smith@pawsd.org or mailed to 100 Lyn Ave., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Letters of interest will be accepted until the position is filled, Lewis indicates.

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Challenges

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amount of infrastructure costs PAWSD has incurred in these outlying subdivisions.

Walsh expressed support for looking at the issue, commenting that it would be important for equity and to be "fair" to all district customers.

He stated that he would like to form a subcommittee to look at the issue further.

Ramsey stated that PAWSD's attorney indicated that the district could refuse to serve these areas, although he commented that this would be

highly likely to result in litigation.

Walsh commented that the district would likely not do this, but would aim at "something that's fair."

Tauges stated that the problem in Elk Park is potability, not volume of water available, which Ramsey confirmed.

The discussion concluded with the board agreeing to form a subcommittee to investigate possible options and negotiating positions.

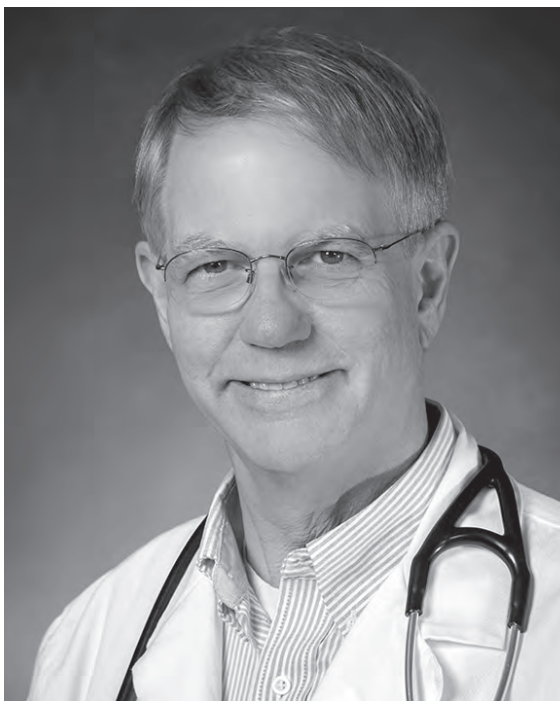
Ramsey added that the first step would be to investigate costs in the area and develop options for how to

proceed.

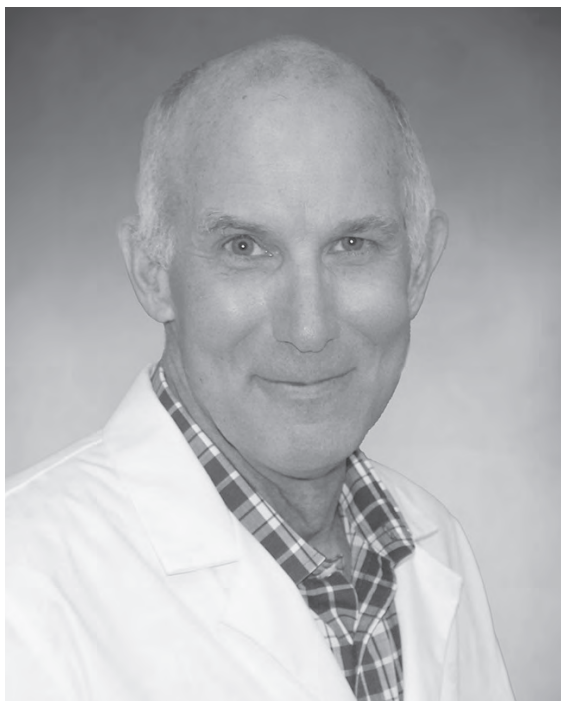
He stated that he likes the idea of Elk Park being a bulk customer, but that the subdivision would likely not agree to this since it would necessitate that they maintain their own infrastructure and chlorine levels.

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Education

Jayslynn Perea attends Congress of Future Medical Leaders

By Jayslynn Perea
Special to The SUN

Editor's note: In February, The SUN reported that Pagosa Springs High School student Jayslynn Perea had been selected as a delegate for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders hosted by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Perea provided the following update after attending the June conference.

Daanzho, Jayslynn Perea shizhi. Shi ma Helena Vicenti, Shi ka'ee, Nickolas Perea. Pagosa Springs High school la escuela, Gost'its'aadi shizhi, Jicarilla Apache and San Domingo Pueblo mizhi.

Hello, everyone. My name is Jayslynn Perea. My parents are Helena Vicenti and Nickolas Perea. I am 17 years old and I will be returning to Pagosa Springs High School as a senior this coming fall while working on dual credentials to receive my undergraduate degree in child psychology and nursing. I currently work with our community health representatives with the Jicarilla Apache Health and Fitness Center, fulfilling an interest in nursing.

Recently, I went on a trip to Boston, Mass., for a congress I was invited to attend by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. It was created by a man named Richard Rossi who is the founder of the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

This congress was set up for teens all over the country who have a passion or interest in going into the health care/medical field, think about the well-being and future of the health care industry, or have invented or are currently working on studies to improve studies throughout the world.

Through this congress, I met other young delegates that thought, talked and felt the same way about the medical field as me. I was able to meet young scientists/inventors, doctors and professors, and deans from the top Ivy League schools in the country.

There were also mentors who interacted with us delegates by showing us new QR codes that showed

information, their published work or books, and/or their apps they created or worked with to help with their work.

One great lesson that was very pronounced during the congress was using AI as an assistance not only in college admissions, but also in surgeries, papers, reports or to even help with publishing a book.

Mike Kegins is an entrepreneur who has always had a fascination with technology and computers who presented his book that he and his son wrote together. They used an app called ChatGPT to help them with an outline to create a book called "Master the Art of the Interview." This book that Kegins wrote with his son actually showed progress in his son's ADHD (attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder).

A young scientist named Herman Bekele won the Young Scientist Challenge Winner for creating a soap bar that was a treatment for skin cancer at only 12 years old. He is now 15 years old and encouraged us as delegates to strive for wanting more than just settling for less and gave us tips to make a successful career in our research we want to do in the future.

Tim Nelson was another presenter who I got to meet. He is a physician scientist who created cardiovascular regeneration and to inspire solutions to real-world medical problems. Nelson presented about cardiovascular regeneration and how he started with doing the research by starting with a little girl named Bella who was diagnosed with congenital heart disease and began her life with open heart surgery for the first two years of her life. Their creation uses the left side to take on the role of doing the right side of the heart's job to provide blood flow to the body and into the lungs called palliative surgery. After her surgery, Bella started doing heart rehabilitation to bring the heart back to be healthier and stronger by using STEM cell shots and in a bioreactor rehabilitation machine. This continued to develop into a program called Heartworks that brings ideas to cure congenital heart disease in adolescents just like Bella and in adults.

During the congress, Richard also gave us tips about how to have what college admission officers call having a "slight edge" and told us how to use these tips to get into college, find a job in the future, and for when we complete our dreams and goals in the future with changing the medical field or in any other field we as delegates go into.

This congress really opened my eyes to another future for the health care field and what I can accomplish as a future doctor.

I would like to thank our legislative council members and the late president, Edward Valarde, for helping me on my trip to go to Boston, Mass., for this congress. My family and I are



Photo courtesy Jayslynn Perea

Jayslynn Perea stands with Herman Bekele, a Young Scientist Challenge Winner who created an affordable skin-cancer treatment soap bar at the age of 12, at the recent Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, Mass.

very grateful that I've had this opportunity, and now I will be making my decision on choosing between going abroad in July 2025 to Hue, Vietnam, with the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientist for a medical internship — to experience the life of a doctor or nurse in the medical world through watching and helping in surgeries, research, assisting doctors and other medical experiences — or to return back to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders once more before starting my journey to college life.

Fall sports just around the corner

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

In just a couple of weeks, fall sports will be in full swing at Pagosa Springs High School, with the Pirate football, soccer, volleyball, cheer, golf and cross-country teams holding their first official practices soon.

All paperwork must be filled out and submitted through the Student Central page in order for student-athletes to be allowed to participate

in official practices. This includes a current health physical.

For more information or questions about upcoming fall sports, contact Athletic Director Chantelle Jordan at cjordan@pagosa.k12.co.us.

"All of the coaches have been working hard to get things ready to go, and we are looking forward to a great fall season! Lots of information and updates can be found on our school website and on pagosaathletics.com," Jordan wrote in an email to The SUN.

Football

The first official day of practice for football will be Monday, Aug. 5.

Equipment will be handed out at 7 a.m. at the high school athletic wing, according to the school's athletics website.

Practice will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. the same day.

Regular-season play is scheduled to begin Aug. 30 against Kirtland Central High School.

■ See Sports A10

Fall middle school sports set to begin Aug. 5

By Janae Ash
Pagosa Springs Middle School

As the new school year approaches, fall middle school sports are set to begin on Aug. 5 at 7 a.m.

Following are the details for the first day of practice:

Football: 7 to 10 a.m., meet in the lower gym at the middle school.

Volleyball: 7 to 9 a.m., meet in the upper gym at the middle school.

Cross-country: 7 to 8:30 a.m., meet in the front courtyard of the middle school.

In order to participate on the first day of practice, please ensure that all sports forms are completed and a current health physical is submitted before Aug. 5. These

documents can be filled out and a health form should be uploaded to your Big Teams account, which can be accessed at <http://psmsathletics.com>.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Pagosa Springs Middle School Athletic Director Janae Ash at jash@pagosa.k12.co.us.



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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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5-year-old son of homicide victim safely located

Colorado Bureau of Investigation

A 5-year-old boy who had been the focus of an endangered missing alert has been safely located.

At 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, the previously missing Helliono Martinez was brought to the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office by the Martinez family and is now in the temporary custody of the Montezuma County Department of Social Services.

On July 18, an endangered missing

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

Chrystal 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.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation hasn't named any persons of interest in the homicide of Snow.

On July 16, the Montezuma Coun-

ty Department of Social 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 p.m. in the afternoon.

On July 23, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office issued a news release seeking renewed attention from the public for help in finding Helliono Martinez.

The Montezuma County Sheriff's Office appreciates all of the assistance given by the public along with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in helping locate this child safely.

No one has been arrested or currently faces charges for the boy's disappearance.

Law enforcement is investigating whether Charles Martinez was aware of his son's custody status at the time the endangered missing alert was issued.

The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

July 22 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

July 22 — Criminal mischief, Boone Cabin Court.

July 22 — Information only, Park Avenue.

July 22 — Drug paraphernalia-possess, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, tampering with physical evidence, driver's license-driving without, speeding 10-19 over, North Pagosa Boulevard.

July 22 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, North Pagosa Boulevard.

July 23 — Agency assist, County Road 500.

July 23 — Menacing-intimidation (includes stalking threats), Harman Park Drive.

July 23 — Information only, County Road 337.

July 23 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

July 23 — Not completed, Harman Park Drive.

July 23 — Warrant arrest, County Road 302.

July 24 — Obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, Echo Lane.

July 24 — Theft-\$1,000-\$2,000, Beucler Lane.

July 24 — Fraud by check-other method, Hopi Drive.

July 24 — Second-degree intro-

ducing contraband, possession of contraband in the second degree, Harman Park Drive.

July 24 — Warrant arrest, Lemon Court.

July 24 — Theft-\$2,000 to \$20,000-from building, East Stollsteimer Road.

July 24 — Information only, Tur-key Lane.

July 25 — Information only, Gila Drive.

July 26 — Speeding 40/more over, reckless driving, U.S. 160.

July 26 — Not completed, Harman Park Drive.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

July 21 — Theft/intends to deprive person, Cornerstone Drive.

July 21 — Vehicle accident with injuries, Pagosa Street.

July 21 — Traffic stop, Pagosa Street.

July 22 — Disturbance, North 8th Street.

July 23 — Theft, Hot Springs Bou-levard.

July 23 — Possession/consump-tion open container of alcohol in public, River Center Park.

July 23 — Trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.

July 23 — Criminal trespass, pos-session/consumption open contain-er of alcohol in public, East Pagosa Street.

July 24 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, resisting arrest, Eagle Drive.

July 24 — Theft/intends to deprive person, Bienvenido Circle.

July 25 — Violation of protection order-criminal, resisting arrest, South

9th Street.

July 25 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Eagle Drive.

July 26 — Information only, U.S. 160.

July 26 — Disturbance, East Pagosa Street.

July 26 — Criminal Mischief, San Juan Street.

July 27 — Theft/not legally entitled to thing of value, criminal trespass, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 27 — No insurance-owner, obstructed view-windshield, muffler-loud, Pagosa Street.

July 27 — Lost and found, South 5th Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:

Judge Anthony D. Edwards

No report.

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

July 24 — Joey Don Swindle, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.

July 24 — Jacob William Minor Swift, headlights excess numbers, fines and costs — \$100.

July 24 — Sasha N. Stauffer, speed-ing 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$245.

July 24 — Irvin Myllamoto, speed-ing 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.

July 24 — Clay A. Arizmendi, driver's license-expired 1 year/less, fines and costs — \$83.50.

July 24 — Larry J. Acker Jr., speed-ing 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

July 24 — Nicholas R. Smoke, stop sign-fail to stop, fines and costs — \$107.50.

July 25 — Jonathan M. Hernandez, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs

Scattered showers expected this weekend

By Clayton Chaney

Staff Writer

The warm weather and clear skies will continue through today, Thursday, Aug. 1, with a high forecast at 91 degrees, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

That, according to the NWS, will potentially set a new record high.

The low for tonight, Thursday, Aug. 1, is forecast at 54 degrees with partly cloudy skies and a slight chance of thunderstorms.

According to Shawn Prochazka at Pagosa Weather, the record high temperature in Pagosa Springs for Aug. 1 was 90 degrees, set in 1993.

Chances of scattered thunderstorms will increase as the weekend goes on, with a high near 90 degrees and a 60 percent chance of precipitation during the day on Friday, Aug. 2.

The low for the night is forecast at 52 degrees with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before

midnight.

For Saturday, Aug. 3, the high is forecast at 88 degrees with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. The low is forecast to be around 52 degrees with a chance of showers before midnight.

For Sunday, Aug. 4, the high is forecast to be around 87 degrees with a chance of showers throughout the day and a low of 52 degrees.

According to Prochazka, beginning on Friday, Aug. 2, the chance for afternoon storms will ramp up each day going into the weekend.

He notes that all storms are capable of short periods of heavy rain, small hail, gusty winds and lightning.

Prochazka also explains that monsoon moisture and instability will likely stay in our region over the next week and that storms will be hit or miss around Pagosa Country.

With that, high temperatures "will be closer to average starting this weekend due to an increase in after-

noon cloud cover," Prochazka writes in an email to The SUN.

River flows

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), as of 2 p.m. on July 31, the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs had a flow rate of 72.8 cubic feet per second (cfs).

According to the USGS, based on 88 years of water records, the record low for that date was in 2002 at 15.8 cfs.

The record high was in 1957 at 1,040 cfs.

The average flow for that date is 203 cfs.

As of 2 p.m. on July 31, the Piedra River near Arboles had a flow of 56.7 cfs, according to the USGS.

Based on 61 years of water records, the record high flow for the Piedra River for that date was in 1997 at 1,160 cfs and the record low was in 2002 at 12.6 cfs, according to the USGS.

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Sports

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For more information or questions, contact coach Nathan Morales at nmorales@pagosa.k12.co.us, or Rebecca Aucoin at raucoin@pagosa.k12.co.us.

Golf

The first official practice for golf will be on Aug. 5.

The team will meet at the golf course at 4 p.m.

The team is scheduled to participate in the Cortez tournament on Aug. 8.

Boys' soccer

Boys soccer will have its first official practice on Monday, Aug. 12,

at 8 a.m. at the high school.

Practices will continue every day through Aug. 16.

Voluntary practice is scheduled for Aug. 5 through Aug. 8 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the high school.

Volleyball

Volleyball tryouts will be held at the high school starting Monday, Aug. 5, from 7 a.m. to noon, with a lunch break from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Practices following tryouts will be at 4 p.m.

The team will host a preseason scrimmage on Aug. 17 and will compete in the Glenwood Springs High School Demon Invitational tournament on Aug. 23 and 24.

Cross-country

The first official day for cross-country practice will be Monday, Aug. 12.

Cross-country is currently practicing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays are at the high school track, and Thursdays meet at Coyote Hill.

For more information, contact coach Rachael Christiansen at rchristiansen@pagosa.k12.co.us.

Cheer

The first official day for cheer practice is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 12, at the high school.

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Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Staff hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, July 26, to celebrate the opening of a new dog park located in Yamaguchi Park South. Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis explained that additional features such as shade structures and a hard-surface walkway will be added at a later time, but that the dog park is now officially open to the public.

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Local growers invited to help food pantries

Healthy Archuleta

Calling all backyard growers, dome growers and community growers: We are thrilled to invite you to contribute fresh produce donations to support the seven local food pantries in Archuleta County.

Your harvest can make a real difference, and we're here to help you find the perfect drop-off location. Healthy Archuleta offers two convenient spots for drop-offs.

The first location is at the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) Food Pantry downtown on Lewis Street, where we have a cooler available during its open hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The second location is at the Food Distribution Center (FDC) warehouse next to Terry's Ace Hardware, open on Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Friday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Please call (970)585-6011 if you plan to drop off produce at

the FDC and/or have any questions about the produce donation efforts.

Your hard work is much appreciated, and your fresh produce donations in Archuleta County will make a real difference for those who may not have a green thumb or the space to grow their own garden.

Let's come together to ensure that everyone in our community can enjoy fresh, healthy produce this season.

To learn more about the produce donation, please visit our website at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/community-produce-donations.html> or send us an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

Upcoming talks

Can we talk? About gardening, of course, here in Pagosa Springs. What do you find most interesting about gardening in the Rockies?

Come to the Pagosa Springs Community Garden and share your experiences and perhaps learn something new about gardening. Whether you

grow in raised beds, covered hoop houses or share a bed in a community garden, you'll enjoy engaging conversations centered around this rewarding activity.

These sessions are hosted by Healthy Archuleta with the aim of reaching out and sharing knowledge about the benefits of growing fruits and vegetables that we can share with our friends, families and our Pagosa community.

Join us on the following Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Pagosa Springs Community Garden located along the San Juan Riverwalk (next to the domes) near U.S. 160 and 5th Street. Bring your coffee or morning beverage of choice.

Our upcoming meetings are: Aug. 10 and 24, and Sept. 7 and 21. See you there.

To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, please visit www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org or send us an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Aug. 1

Main Street Advisory Board meeting. 4 p.m., Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81594369179?pwd=A457VcS0ZojNkKhjYRbJx1I8sbFjy.1> Meeting ID: 81594369179 Passcode: 395242.

Monday, Aug. 5

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting: Board of Equalization hearings. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners quarterly work session with PLPOA Board of Directors. 5 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot

Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprisings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

San Juan Water Conservancy District work session with Southwestern Water Conservation District. Noon-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

San Juan Water Conservancy District and Southwestern Water Conservation District field trip to Running Iron Ranch, Pagosa Gateway Project, Yamaguchi Park. 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 8

Southwestern Water Conservancy District meeting. 8 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Monday, Aug. 12

Archuleta County Board of Health special meeting. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta School District Board of Education. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St. For more information, visit www.archuleta.k12.co.us.

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Wednesday, Aug. 14

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 15

Archuleta County Board of Health meeting. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosason.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.



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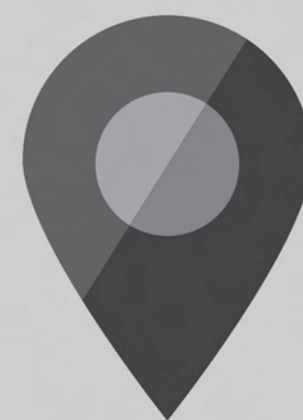
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Outdoors

Grant opportunity for payment programs that help private forest landowners address climate change announced

U.S. Forest Service

On July 25, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Forest Service is making \$190 million available to help private forest landowners adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change and retain working forestlands.

"Climate change threatens people, communities, infrastructure and natural resources across the country," said Vilsack. "Healthy, resilient forests can better withstand climate change impacts, and contribute to climate solutions by storing additional carbon. ... [W]e are partnering with states and nonprofits to reduce financial barriers for landowners interested in adopting climate-smart forestry practices and making their lands more resilient to climate change. These strategic investments represent our commitment to an

all-lands, all-hands approach to investing in rural communities and mitigating the climate crisis."

Of the total, \$140 million is available to support state-endorsed cost-share programs for landowners.

Cost-share payments lower the financial barriers for landowners to adapt to climate change by making forests more resilient to changing climate conditions, and to store more carbon on the landscape.

For example, a landowner may decide to work with states and nonprofits to strategically thin their private forestland, removing small-diameter trees that compete for scarce resources, allowing large trees to grow larger and sequester more carbon.

Additionally, \$50 million is available to programs that issue payments directly to landowners to adopt practices that increase carbon sequestration and storage of their forests.

Forest management impacts the amount of carbon stored and sequestered, and this funding opportunity incentivizes carbon stewardship.

Among other things, payments to landowners also provide financial incentive to maintain their land as forests rather than convert it to other uses. Eligible applicants include state forestry agencies or their equivalents and nonprofit organizations.

Privately owned forests and private forest landowners are key to tackling the climate crisis.

Private landowners manage more than 60 percent of forests in the United States. These vast swaths of privately managed forests are key to the carbon cycle and are an important climate solution, absorbing vast quantities of carbon and storing it for decades.

The Forest Service is committed to supporting landowners as they manage their forests in a changing cli-

mate.

In addition to these investments, the agency recently announced \$145 million from the Inflation Reduction Act for projects that connect private forest landowners with emerging climate markets.

This funding advances environmental justice and the Justice40 Initiative, which set the goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal climate, clean energy and other covered investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

For more information about the available funding opportunity, including eligibility and how to apply, visit the Forest Service's Forest Landowner Support webpage at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/state-private-tribal-forestry/coop-forestry/ira-forest-landowner-support>.

To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

August events announced for Chimney Rock National Monument

By Ana Murray

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

At Chimney Rock National Monument, you can view the stars, the full moon or take a tour of this majestic place where the ancient Puebloans used to live.

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

August special events

- Art at the Pinnacles: Aug. 8, 20 and 28.
- Art at the Pinnacles: Plein Air Workshop: Aug. 17.
- Birding at Chimney Rock: Aug. 10 and 23.
- Flute Music at Twilight: Aug. 17.
- Full Moon Program: Aug. 19.
- Geology Tour: Mornings: Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.
- Afternoons: Aug. 6, 13 and 20.
- Guided Great House Walking Tour: Aug. 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30 and 31.
- Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tours: Mornings: Aug. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 and 30.
- Evenings: Aug. 7, 14 and 21.
- Our Solar System: Aug. 9.
- Perseid meteor shower viewing: Aug. 12 and 13.
- Stars and Galaxies: Aug. 2 and 30.

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

Art at the Pinnacles

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

Each week a different class will be taught. Choices will be beginning watercolor, beginning pastels or pencil drawing basics. Most classes will be held at 8 a.m. Drawing classes will be held at 5 p.m.

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

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$25 for ages 10 and up. Making a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center, (877) 444-6777, is the only way to guarantee a spot for this class. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable.

To ensure this class is scheduled, reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the class.

Walk-ins cannot be accommodated unless prior permission is obtained from the teacher. Note: If no one has signed up for the class by online reservation within the allotted time frame, the class will not run. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

Plein Air Workshop

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

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

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

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$75 for ages 10 and up. Making a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center is the only way to guarantee a spot for this class. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable.

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Birding at Chimney Rock

This tour is offered on select Friday and Saturday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. in the quiet off-hours of the monument. This fun and casual two-hour bird walk is led by a knowledgeable birding guide from the Weminuche Audubon Society. These outings will introduce you to the diverse community of birds that spend their summer at Chimney Rock National Monument. Your guide will help you identify various species and explain the unique adaptations that allow these birds to survive here. Birders of all skill levels are welcome to participate. This tour is not recommended for young children.

Participants will be walking slowly on uneven terrain in the lower area of Chimney Rock; thus, no archaeological sites will be included on this tour. Good walking shoes are advised, along with plenty of water and sun protection. Also, bring those binoculars.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, and \$10 for ages 5-12. Making a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center is the only way to guarantee a spot for this class. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable.

To ensure this tour is scheduled, reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the tour.

Most tours are at full capacity prior to the event, but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available. They will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must arrive during the specified check-in time frame. Tour tickets can be purchased directly from the guide with cash only. Note: If no one has signed up for the tour by online reservation within the allotted time frame, the tour will not run. No refunds will be issued for

no-shows.

Flute Music at Twilight

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

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

As dusk progresses and stars begin to appear, you will be treated to the haunting melodies of a Native American flute played by our own Charles Martinez. Visitors will gaze in wonder at the heavenly skies and ponder what significance they had for the Ancestral Puebloans when they looked up at the same night skies 1,000 years ago.

This is recommended for ages 4 and up.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. Making a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center is the only way to guarantee a spot for this program. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable.

To ensure this tour is scheduled, reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the programs.

Most programs are at full capacity prior to the event, but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available. They will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must arrive during the specified check-in time frame. Tickets can be purchased directly from the gift shop. Note: If no one has signed up for the tour by online reservation within the allotted time frame, the program will not run. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

Early Tour/Full Moon Package

This guided tour is offered in conjunction with the Full Moon Program for a more comprehensive study of Chimney Rock National Monument. It starts late afternoon before the Full Moon Program to merge with that wondrous night sky experience later in the evening. The entire program lasts approximately four hours versus the shorter, three-hour Full Moon Program.

This tour takes the visitor on the 1/3-mile paved Mesa Village Trail, then proceeds up the Great House Trail to join the Full Moon Program. At the end of the trail, visitors will enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view from atop the mesa ridge. They will also be afforded the closest view possible of the two pinnacles: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock.

Please keep in mind that the lecture before the moonrise is approximately 30 minutes in length, and the hike back down the high mesa occurs after dark.

The hike up to the Chacoan Great

House Pueblo may be difficult for some due to the steep gradient, uneven footing, and elevation ending at 7,600 feet. The elevation gain is 200 feet. Participants should be in reasonable physical condition and willing to hike mostly uphill for 1/3 mile (and return steeply downhill).

This program is not suitable for children under 8, and parents are asked to closely supervise their children for the safety of all attendees. Water, flashlights and a blanket or mat for ground seating (no chairs) are recommended.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$30 for ages 10 and up. ■ See Events A14



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MLS # 813551
2 Bed, 2 Bath, 2,073 sq foot house on 36.44 acres. Navajo River Ranch has 2 private entrances into the forest. This home has wonderful views of the San Juan Mountain Range and great decks. 2 tributaries come together to form a seasonal creek called Oil Well Creek on the property.
To tour this home go to: <https://tinyurl.com/1001SoaringEagleCourt>



Cloman Industrial Park
\$390,000

MLS # 807337
.68 Acre, 1500 sq. ft. commercial building located in Cloman Industrial Park. There is enough property to build another building or make a large wrap around parking lot. There is a 3000 BYU gas heater and a 40 gallon hot water heater.



2453 Running Horse Place
\$2,400,000

MLS # 813104
35.2 Acres with a guest house and set up for horses. The property comes with an extra workshop/garage, a growing dome, a round pen, 3 stall + barn and numerous out buildings. The main house is 5,141 sq. ft. and the guest house is 2,028 sq. ft.
To tour this home go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2453RunningHorse>



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

MLS # 811750
Great condo with the primary bedroom on the main level and a second spacious bedroom on the second level. Updated kitchen with granite countertops and newer appliances. 2 beds/3 baths with 1,345 sq. ft.
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To ensure this tour is scheduled, reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the tour.

Most tours are at full capacity prior to the event, but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available. They will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must arrive during the specified check-in time frame. Walk-in tickets, if available, can be purchased at the gift shop. Note: If no one has signed up for the tour by online reservation within the allotted time frame, the tour will not run. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

Full Moon Program

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

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

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

The entire program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top and hiking the Great House Trail. At the end of the trail, visitors will enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view from atop the mesa ridge. They will also be afforded the closest view possible of the two pinnacles: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock.

Please keep in mind that the lecture before the moonrise is approximately 30 minutes in length, and the hike back down the high mesa occurs after dark.

The hike up to the Chacoan Great House Pueblo may be difficult for some due to the steep gradient, uneven footing, and elevation ending at 7,600 feet. The elevation gain is 200 feet.

Participants should be in reasonable physical condition and willing to hike mostly uphill for 1/3 mile (and return steeply downhill). This program is not suitable for children under 8, and parents are asked to closely supervise their attending children for the safety of all attendees. Water, flashlights and a blanket or mat for ground seating (no chairs) are recommended.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Making a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center is the only way to guarantee a spot for this program. This program often sells out; reservations are strongly recommended. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable.

Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the program.

Walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available. They will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must arrive during the specified check-in time frame. Program tickets can be purchased directly from the gift shop. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

Geology Tour

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

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

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

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

The hike up to the Chacoan Great House Pueblo offers great views and photo opportunities, but may be difficult for some due to the steep gradient, uneven footing, and elevation ending at 7,600 feet. The elevation gain is 200 feet. Participants should be in reasonable physical condition and willing to hike mostly uphill for 1/3 mile (and return steeply downhill). The tour length includes 30 minutes for the hike to and from the Great House Pueblo.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

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

Making a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center is the only way to guarantee a spot for this tour. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable.

To ensure this tour is scheduled, reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the tour.

Most tours are at full capacity prior to the event, but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available. They will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must arrive during the specified check-in time frame. Tour tickets can be purchased directly from the guide with cash only. Note: If no one has signed up for the tour by online reservation within the allotted time frame, the tour will not run. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

Guided Great House Tour

The Guided Great House Tour is

offered on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

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

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

The hike up to the Chacoan Great House Pueblo may be difficult for some due to the steep gradient, uneven footing, and elevation ending at 7,600 feet. The elevation gain is 200 feet. Participants should be in reasonable physical condition and willing to hike mostly uphill for 1/3 mile (and return steeply downhill).

Check-in is at the plaza kiosk at 10 a.m. The tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 5-12. It is recommended for ages 5 and above due to uneven, rocky steps and steep drop-offs.

Making a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center is the only way to guarantee a spot for this class. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable.

To ensure this tour is scheduled, reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the tour.

Most tours are at full capacity prior to the event, but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available. They will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must arrive during the specified check-in time frame. Tickets can be purchased at the gift shop. Note: If no one has signed up for the tour by online reservation within the allotted time frame, the tour will not run. The tour may be canceled because of insufficient attendees.

No refunds will be issued for no-shows. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Activity Pass fee must be paid (or applicable federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily opening hours.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour

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

This engaging two-hour tour will spotlight several topics aimed specifically at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the Ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area more than 1,000 years ago. The tour delves into the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chaco Culture, the significance of the mesa top Great House Pueblo and the day-to-day lives of the inhabitants of Chimney Rock.

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

gree panoramic view from atop the mesa ridge.

They will also be afforded the closest view possible of the two pinnacles: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock. Peregrine falcons are often sighted on the left side of Companion Rock, so cameras are a must. The tour will be conducted in the quiet off-hours of the monument.

The hike up to the Chacoan Great House Pueblo may be difficult for some due to the steep gradient, uneven footing, and elevation ending at 7,600 feet. The elevation gain is 200 feet. Participants should be in reasonable physical condition and willing to hike mostly uphill for 1/3 mile (and return steeply downhill).

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To ensure this tour is scheduled, reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the tour.

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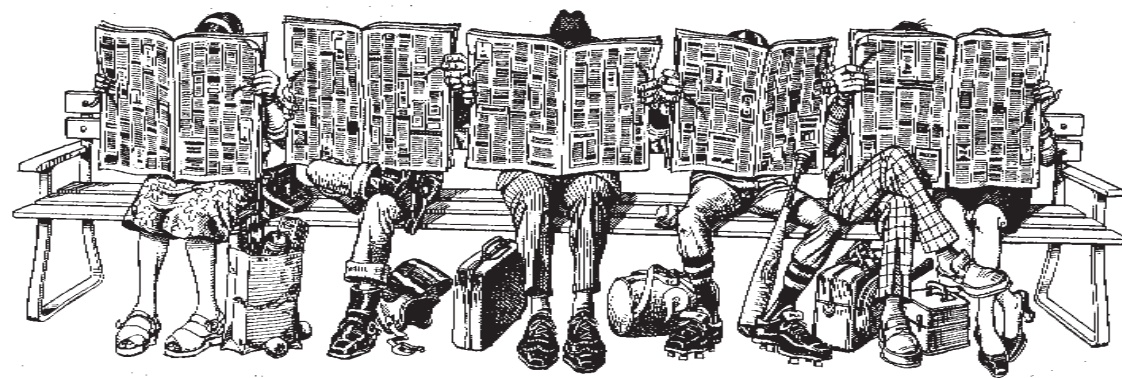
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Public Notices

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON AUGUST 6, 2024

Larry Lunsford has applied for Pagosa Highland Estates AMENDMENT 2024-01 FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 463XZ and Lot 460XZ in Sec: 26 Twn: 36 Rng: 2W, at 59 Knife Edge Place, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-094). The property is zoned PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on August 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published July 18 and August 1, 2024 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (241384)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON AUGUST 6, 2024

Stephen Rinaldi has applied for Pagosa Alpha Section AMENDMENT 2024-02 FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 15-6A and Lot 15-6B in Sec: 15 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W, at 1343 Wheeler Place, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-104). The property is zoned Agricultural Estates (AE). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on August 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published July 18 and August 1, 2024 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (241387)

FOR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON AUGUST 22, 2024

INTER-MOUNTAIN PROPANE LLC has applied for a Board of Conditional Use Permit, Outdoor Storage to operate their Propane Business on the Parcel in TWN 35, RNG 2W, at 1061 Clocman Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-120). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL

RANCHING (AR). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on August 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published August 1 & 15, 2024 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (242605)

FOR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON AUGUST 22, 2024

Omar Pereyra has applied for a CONCRETE BATCH PLANT BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT on the Parcel in Cox East Allison Subdivision, Lot 3, Sec 14 Twn 32, Rng 6W, at 20420 State Hwy 151, Arboles, CO (PLN24-105). The property is zoned COMMERCIAL (C). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on August 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published August 1 and 15, 2024 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (241986)

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: August 1, 2024
Town of Pagosa Springs
551 Hot Springs Blvd.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
(970) 264-4151
kharko@pagosapris.com.gov
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Pagosa Springs.
REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 17, 2024, the Town of Pagosa Springs will submit a request to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for the release of CDBG funds, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Build Pagosa Regional Workforce Center
Purpose: The Build Pagosa Regional Workforce Center project will consist of design and construction of a permanent 5,000 - 15,000 square foot building. The vocational building will house the delivery of in-person Pagosa Springs High School CTE (career and technical education) courses including but not limited to building trades, agricultural, medical such as EMT and First Aid, culinary, and business education. In-person and remote college courses will also be delivered during non-school hours, along with various other community events including fundraisers, student events and competitions, and career fairs.
Location: At roughly 800 S. 8th St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, just north of Pagosa Springs High School.
Estimated Cost: Roughly \$600,000 in CDBG with total project costs of roughly \$6.25M.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The Town of Pagosa Springs has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), therefore, is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file with the Town of Pagosa Springs at 551 Hot Springs Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 in the Administrative Services Department. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Friday 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Administrative Services Department at 551 Hot Springs Blvd., PO Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. All comments received by August 16, 2024, will be considered by the Town of Pagosa Springs prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Pagosa Springs certifies to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs that David Harris in his capacity as Town Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Colorado Department of Local Affairs' approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Pagosa Springs certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are made on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Pagosa Springs, (b) the Town of Pagosa Springs has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before the approval of a release of funds by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs; or (d) another Federal agency, acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504, has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Bret Hilberry, Environmental Compliance Officer, at bret.hilberry@state.co.us. Potential objectors should contact bret.hilberry@state.co.us to verify the actual last day of the objection period. David Harris, Town Manager
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PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) plans to submit a Prop 123 Grant application to the State of Colorado, Department of

Local Affairs (DOLA). Prop 123 provides funds for municipalities, counties, or tribes that have committed to increasing their affordable housing stock above a baseline amount and jurisdictions that have state-accepted commitment filings to increase affordable housing.

The application being considered would request up to \$750,000 for Phase 2 of the Chris Mountain II Workforce Housing Project. It is estimated that approximately 100% of the funds would benefit low and moderate-income persons. Permanent involuntary displacement of neighborhood persons or businesses is not anticipated. Should it later become necessary to consider such displacement, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement. If no feasible alternatives exist, required/reasonable benefits will be provided to those displaced to mitigate adverse effects and hardships. Any low- and moderate-income housing which is demolished or converted will be replaced.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Emily Lashbrooke in person at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 4, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or by mail at PO Box 1183, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or by email at Emily@pagosapris.com a minimum of 3 days prior to a scheduled hearing so that appropriate aids can be made available.

Please contact Emily Lashbrooke in person at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 4, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or by mail at PO Box 1183, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or by email at Emily@pagosapris.com to request a public hearing for citizen views and questions related to:
• The proposed Prop 123 application for this project; and
• Community development and housing needs, including the needs for low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be addressed through the Prop 123 program; and
• The performance of the PSCDC in carrying out its community development responsibilities; and
• Potential historical effects.
A copy of the application(s) as submitted to the State will be available for public review at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 4, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
Written comments are also welcome and must be received by August 2, 2024, in writing to PO Box 1183,

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or Emily@pagosapris.com. Oral and written comments will be considered in deciding whether to submit an application for the proposed project. Written summary information will be available at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 4, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 until August 2, 2024, on any Prop 123 application(s) the PSCDC intends to submit to the State.

Information and records regarding the PSCDC proposed and past use of Prop 123 funds are available at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 4, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Published August 1, 2024 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (242415)

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Case Number:
2024 PR 30068

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of CELINA VALDEZ, Deceased; Case Number 2024 PR 30068.
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of ARCHULETA, County, Colorado on or before November 20, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.

Amos L. Soignier, Esq.
Soignier Law Firm, LLC
2855 Main Ave., Suite B101
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during the specified check-in time frame.

Tour tickets can be purchased directly from the guide with cash only. Note: If no one has signed up for the tour by online reservation within the allotted time frame, the tour will not run. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

Our Solar System

Our Solar System program is offered on a Friday each month which affords the best viewing of the moon's surface using a telescope. Although the focus will be on the moon and its diverse qualities, other night sky objects will be identified and studied, as well as a presentation explaining the significance of the night sky to the Ancestral Puebloans.

This special sky opportunity affords an exclusive view of heavenly bodies from a place where the Ancestral Puebloans lived, observed and studied the celestial skies daily more than 1,000 years ago.

At this altitude, nights begin to cool rapidly after sunset, so an appropriate jacket and other gear will enable you to remain comfortable. Also suggested are lawn chairs; a regular flashlight, a flashlight with a red lens (available for \$4); and blankets, pillows and cushions. Note: The program will be adjusted according to current weather conditions and take place as scheduled.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

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

Making a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center is the only way to guarantee a spot for this program. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable. Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the program.

Walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must arrive during the specified check-in time frame. Those tickets can be purchased directly at the gift shop. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

Perseid meteor shower viewing

Drive to Chimney Rock National Monument's upper-mesa parking lot to designated areas for optimum viewing of the annual Perseid meteor showers — a family-friendly way to experience nature's night-time wonders in serenity and silence.

Bring a chair, cushion or blanket to sit or lie down outside your car. A coat is a good idea, too, since the temperature can drop 20-30 degrees after sundown.

Members of the local San Juan Stargazers astronomy club, as well as volunteers of Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, will be on hand to coordinate and enhance this event.

Check-in is at the Colo. 151 entrance gate. Please adhere to the check-in timeline. The gate will be promptly locked at the end of that time.

One ticket will be issued per car. The ticket cost is \$5 per car. Make a reservation through the Recreation.gov website or the call center. Recreation.gov charges a \$1 reservation fee that is nonrefundable.

Reservations will be cut off 12 hours prior to the start of the tour. Last-minute arrivals will be accommodated if space is available. They will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and must arrive during the specified check-in time frame. Tickets can be purchased directly from the guide with cash only. No refunds will be issued for no-shows.

Stars and Galaxies

The Stars and Galaxies Program is offered on a select Friday each month when the earth is closest to the new moon. When a new moon occurs, the night sky is at its darkest, highlighting thousands of stars against the vast blackness of space — a unique experience at Chimney Rock, isolated from the artificial lights of modern-day civilization.

This special sky opportunity affords an exclusive view of heavenly bodies from a place where the Ancestral Puebloans lived and observed and studied the celestial skies daily more than 1,000 years ago.

Featured will be a presentation explaining the significance of the night sky to the Ancestral Puebloans. Telescopes will be utilized to observe several different sky objects in our

Milky Way galaxy, which looks to the naked eye like a dense, low cloud. In actuality, it is millions of light years away and contains billions of stars.

At this altitude, nights begin to cool rapidly after sunset, so an appropriate jacket and other gear will enable you to remain comfortable. Also suggested are lawn chairs; a regular flashlight, a flashlight with a red lens (available for \$4); and blankets, pillows and cushions.

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Purchasing tickets

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

purchased online or through the call center.

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

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

To purchase your required activity pass, you can:

- Purchase your activity pass in advance at Recreation.gov.
- Download the Recreation.gov mobile app to purchase your pass in advance or arrive on-site and use the app to provide payment (Android or iOS) by scanning the on-site QR code.
- Arrive on-site and pay cash.

Interagency, Access, Senior, Military and fourth-grader park passes are accepted for national monument access.

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

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

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that runs the gift shop and interpretive programs/tours at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest.

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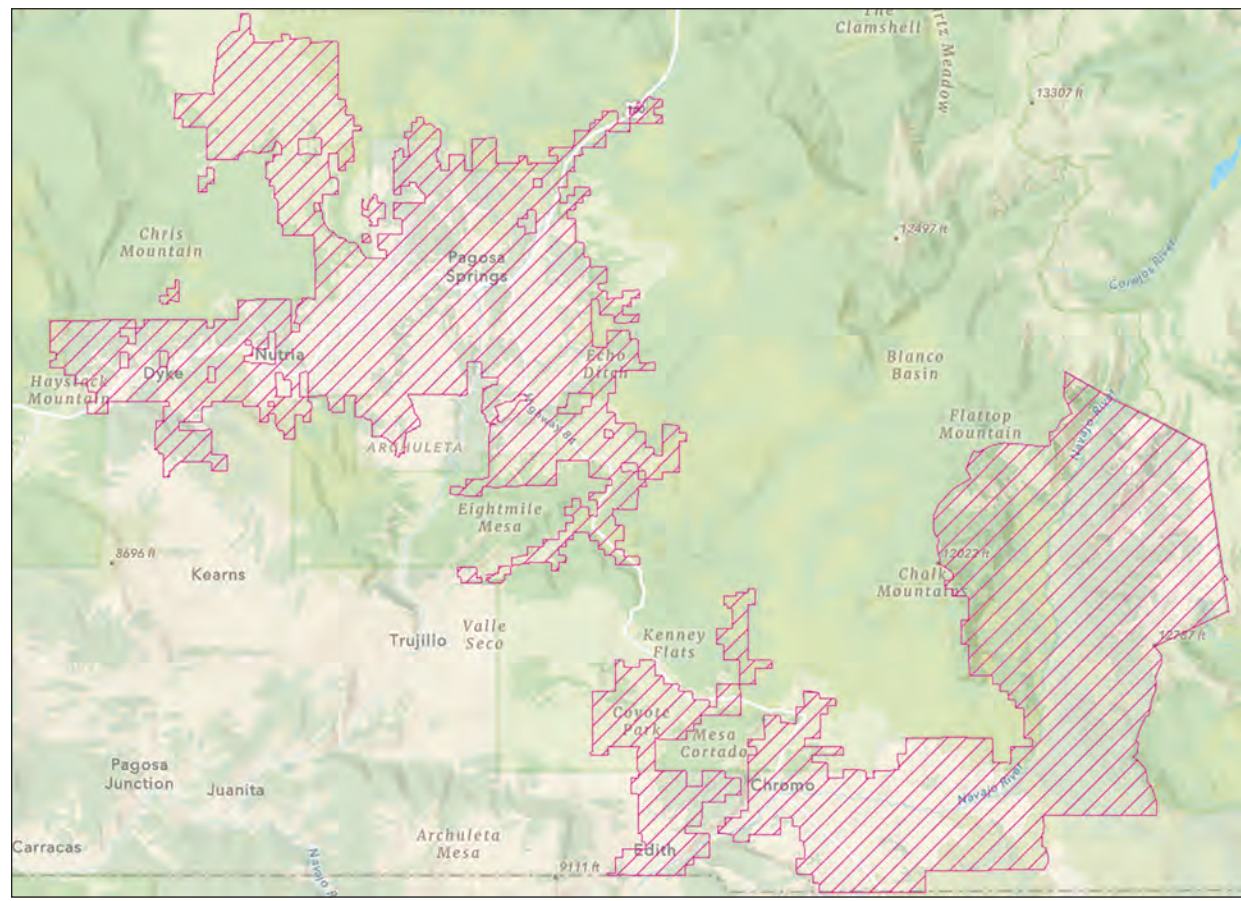
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The boundaries of the Pagosa Fire Protection District are shown in pink on a map of Archuleta County. Those areas outside of the pink lines are not within the Pagosa Fire Protection District boundaries, although some areas in the western portion of Archuleta County not included on the map are served by the Los Pinos Fire Protection District and the Upper Pine Fire Protection District.

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Fees

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be charged to the insurance of the person receiving the response if they are insured.

The fees are not expected to be a significant revenue source for the district, he commented, but are intended to raise awareness among residents about whether they live in the fire district or not and to highlight the issue of the district responding to calls outside its boundaries.

Bertram stated that the district is not obligated to respond to calls outside its boundaries and may not do so if an incident within its boundaries consumes all its resources.

However, he commented, the PFPD consistently responds to calls outside of the district and, to his knowledge, has not yet encountered a situation where it did not have the resources to respond to all calls in the area, whether out of district or within it.

"We're going to do everything we can to try to help these people out," he said.

Bertram explained that, when the district responds to an incident outside its boundaries, it spends money but does not receive any compensation because those outside the district do not pay property taxes to the PFPD.

He added that, since the district does not receive compensation for these responses, they are being subsidized by its taxpayers within the district.

Bertram stated that many responses outside the district are especially expensive due to the long distances involved and the rough terrain of many outlying areas.

Considering and potentially implementing fees for responses is a tool to increase awareness of this problem and a step toward a long-term solution, Bertram stated, which could include including more individual properties into the district or going to the voters to expand the boundaries of the district to encompass a larger portion of the county.

Both of these approaches, he explained, would help eliminate the issue of the district responding to calls outside its district by ensuring that more or all of the county is within a fire district and that all who live in the area are contributing property taxes toward the fire service they receive.

PFPD Business Manager Tomi Bliss explained in an interview that one of the major points of confusion among the public at and before the PFPD board's last public hearing on the out-of-district fees was whether they lived in the fire district or not.

She stated that many were not sure how to determine whether they live in the district or not, though she commented this is relatively simple to do.

In an email to The SUN, Bliss elaborates on the process for looking up whether a property is in the fire district.

She indicates that residents can visit the Archuleta County assessor's website at <https://www.archuleta-county.org/44/Assessor> and navigate to the property records search tab on the page.

From there, Bliss states, residents can click on a link to the property records search application and then search for their property in the search bar.

She indicates that, once a property is found, the resident should note down the information contained in the "TAXAREAID" field.

After this, the property owner should go back to the assessor's website and locate the abstract of assessment for the current year by navigating to the abstract of assessment tab and then clicking on the link to the current year abstract, Bliss states.

On the abstract, Bliss explains, the resident should look in the "tax dist" column on the abstract and locate the taxing district that matches the information in the "TAXAREAID" field they previously wrote down.

After this, she states, the property owner can determine if those in that tax district pay any fees to a fire district by checking if there is a number in the "fire dist" column, which lists the mill levy paid by members of the taxing district to a fire district.

If there is a number in the column,

that indicates that the property owner does pay taxes to a fire district, Bliss states.

If the number listed is 8.363, the owner pays taxes to the PFPD, Bliss indicates, since this matches the 2023 mill levy for the PFPD.

A mill levy of 9.500 indicates that the property owner pays taxes to Los Pinos Fire Protection District and a mill levy of 12.138 indicates that the property owner pays taxes to Upper Pine Fire Protection District, Bliss added.

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'A Timeless Tradition': 73rd annual Archuleta County Fair Aug. 1-4

Staff report

The 73rd annual Archuleta County Fair is Aug. 1-4, with the event set to feature a number of timeless traditions.

The fair will be open at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, located at 344 U.S. 84, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

Admission to the fair is free, though tickets must be purchased for some events.

Thursday's events will feature a number of 4-H shows, including goats, alpacas, poultry and swine.

Friday's events will again include 4-H'ers showing their animals, as well as shows by Wildman Phil and his exotic animals; the annual pie-eating contest; the Bares, Broncs 'n Bulls Rodeo and Tough Enough to Wear Pink event; and more.

Saturday will feature the 4-H showmanship clinic, horseshoe pitching, Wildman Phil, the 4-H Master Show-

manship competition, an open rodeo, the perennially popular 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner and more.

Several awards will also be handed out Saturday, including Homemaker of the Year, the fair honorees and royalty, and the Conservationist of the Year.

The event will draw to a close at 2 p.m. on Sunday following events such as the 4-H parent/Master Showmanship Contest, Kids' Rodeo and more.

The Exhibit Hall, kids games, educational and informational displays, a mechanical bull and more will be open each day of the fair.

Live music at this year's fair will include a concert by Ricochet at 8 p.m. on Thursday, live music and dancing to the Bo DePena Band at 9 p.m. on Friday, live music by the San Juan Mountain Boys at 4 p.m. on Saturday, and live music and dancing to Tylor Brandon on Saturday.

For more information, visit www.archuletacountyfair.com.

Live Performers



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Meltdown on Main: Bluegrass Cadillac, 5:30 p.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

Saturday

East Side Market: Michael Dae Hanlon, 11 a.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5:30 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.

Sunday

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San Juan Stargazers announce star party, Perseid viewings

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

On Saturday, Aug. 3, there will be a San Juan Stargazers Club Star Party at Cloman Park (near the airport, so no laser pointers) for people to bring their own telescopes, especially if they want to consult with others about a question or to share a new discovery.

This will be available also for the general public and anyone who has a telescope packed away in a closet or their basement and would like to have club members look at it, come at 8 p.m. (before dark).

Hopefully someone can figure out how it works and if it needs some kind of repair. This will be a "working star party," but we may find some special deep-sky objects to share with the group.

If it is cloudy or rainy, of course, we need to keep our scopes dry.

August events

In August we have three regular events at Chimney Rock National Monument.

On Friday, Aug. 2 will be a joint Chimney Rock Interpretive Association/Stargazers night sky program called Stars and Galaxies, with the gate opening at 7:15 p.m. and program beginning at 8:15.

On Aug. 9 will be the night sky program called Our Solar System, when we focus our telescopes on the moon. The gate will open at 7 p.m., with the program starting at 8 p.m.

We will also have a third night sky program because of the change in the position of the moon called Stars and Galaxies on Aug. 30. The gate will open at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7:30.

We need volunteers for all of these programs, so if you can help, call Joan before she calls you. If you want to attend, come out without a reservation because there should be room.

The Perseid Meteor Shower Program this year will be on Aug. 12 and 13 which is peak viewing. The entrance fee is a donation. Both nights the gate will open at 7:30 p.m. and the program will start at 8 p.m. Sunset will be at 7:58 p.m., so people need to be settled in the upper parking lot before dark.

This is a special relaxed night for those loving to be at Chimney Rock to have the night sky entertain us, as it did

for the ancient people for thousands of years.

Our August monthly meeting will be on Aug. 22, at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street. There will be social time at 6 p.m. The program at 7 p.m. will provide an opportunity for everyone to bring your eclipse pictures and

stories to share with the club. If you are not a member, but went to some exotic location, please feel welcome to come and share your experience. We had members from Mexico to Maine and many places in between. This should be super fun sharing.

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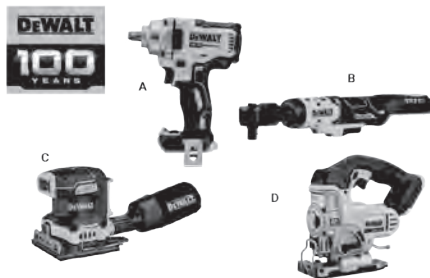
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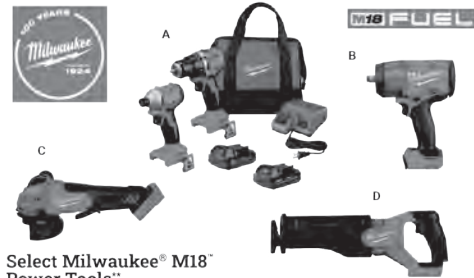
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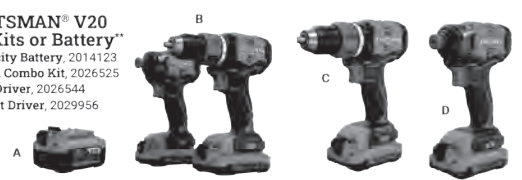
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Art auction to raise funds for Seeds of Learning

By Terrie Frahm
Special to The PREVIEW

Here is your chance to own a Tinguely original.

On Sunday, Aug. 11, Dr. Roy Tinguely, who is one of the six dancers for the Seeds of Learning fundraiser Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, will be holding a public auction of his personal work.

In addition to his obvious interest in painting and ballroom dancing, Tinguely is one of our surgeons at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

As part of his effort to raise important funds for Seeds of Learning, he will be holding this auction at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive, in the lobby following the Thingamajig Theatre Company's Sunday matinee performance of "Escape to Margaritaville."

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served, with a cash bar, while patrons preview and bid on Tinguely's colorful and creative works.

The auction will begin at 6 p.m. on Aug. 11. There will be approximately 10 to 15 of Tinguely's creations. These can be previewed at the Center for the Arts next week.

All proceeds will go to support Seeds of Learning, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) early education program that serves many of our underprivileged and at risk children in our community.

One of Tinguely's pieces has been



Photo courtesy Terrie Frahm

Dr. Roy Tinguely, one of the stars of this year's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, a fundraiser for Seeds of Learning, will raise funds through an art auction featuring his works on Aug. 11. One piece incorporates the thumbprints of the school's students.

created uniquely incorporating the thumbprints from some of the Seeds of Learning children.

Please come for the afternoon of fun at our wonderful Thingamajig Theatre and stay for the art auction to support Tinguely's efforts to raise the much-needed funds for the children at Seeds of Learning.

Tickets to Margaritaville may be purchased online by going to <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36033> or calling the box office, (970) 731-7469.

The annual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars takes place on Saturday, Aug. 17. Tickets are available by going to the Seeds Of Learning website, <https://growingseeds.org/dwtps/>.

Stargazers

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The team members of Sisterhood of Steel overflow with enthusiasm and include Paula Miller, Danielle Leentjes, Robin Brobst and Nadia Werby. The team is one of several set to compete for the Pagosa Prada Award and raise funds for Rise Above Violence at the Oct. 5 Runway for Rise event.

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Runway for Rise tickets set to go on sale Aug. 26

By Dee McPeek
Rise Above Violence

On Oct. 5, the spotlight will come up and multiple models will sashay to raise funds for Rise Above Violence at the second annual Runway for Rise.

The Sisterhood of Steel team has every intention of raising the most money for Rise and taking home the coveted 2024 Pagosa Prada Award.

“Through our participation with Runway for Rise, we hope to help women in our community harness their strength, courage and independence to create better lives for themselves and for future generations,” the team states.

This unique event promises to be even better than last year. With audience awards, a wine pull, an

accessory auction and over-the-top recycled outfits, the night will be jam-packed with fun.

A successful fundraiser requires a host of sponsors to help cover expenses. The generosity of businesses and individuals allows all the proceeds from ticket sales and cash voting to go directly to program support.

Rise is one of the oldest and most respected nonprofits in Pagosa Springs. In 2023, Rise Above Violence served 351 victims, had 2,694 client interactions, provided 7,372 services and answered 812 Hotline calls.

For more information, contact Annie Gian at annie@riseaboveviolence.org. Get Oct. 5 on your planner and join us for a rousing good time.

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Sixteen women representing 11 universities and five sororities gather on July 25 at the Pagosa Panhellenic gathering. Pagosa Panhellenic meets informally and is open to women affiliated with a collegiate sorority.

Pagosa Panhellenic gathering draws 16

By Sherry Spears
Pagosa Panhellenic

Pagosa Panhellenic met recently for a gathering of sisters. Sixteen women representing 11 universities and five sororities enjoyed an

afternoon of catching up with old friends, meeting new friends and sharing the bond of sisterhood across badges.

Pagosa Panhellenic meets informally and is open to women affiliated with a collegiate sorority.

The planning committee consists of Lisa Scott, Pi Beta Phi; Joni Rose, Pi Beta Phi; and Sherry Spears, Delta Delta Delta.

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Project sanctuary announces two new board members

By Heather Ehle Ray
Project Sanctuary

Project Sanctuary is honored to announce the appointment of two new members to the board of directors to help support the nonprofit's work in helping at-risk military families heal and move forward in life.

This brings the board member total to 15.

"We're excited to expand our board with two new directors who will bring much-needed expertise and insight to our work through their mental health and financial expertise," said Project Sanctuary Founder and CEO Heather Ehle Ray. "We have worked diligently to ensure Project Sanctuary's board and leadership represents a variety of passionate and diverse professionals willing and honored to serve our military families".

The new board members began their term with Project Sanctuary effective July. The two new board members are:

- Audrey Hockman, licensed mental health counselor.

Hockman is an Air Force veteran, married to an Air Force veteran, currently residing in Pagosa Springs. She is an advocate for health, healing and serving others.

Hockman is successful in counseling and working with diverse/

multicultural, multiage populations currently and during her military career. She brings a wealth of experience and passion working in multiple healthcare settings to include non-profit, military, clinics and hospitals.

- Stephanie Otero, CPA.

Otero currently serves as the associate director, not-for-profit section for the American Institute of CPAs. She comes to Project Sanctuary with a background in nonprofit leadership alongside her professional accounting and financial experience. With a true understanding of how nonprofits operate, Otero is committed to driving financial sustainability and amplifying the impact of Project Sanctuary.

Ehle Ray continues, "These extraordinary individuals are joining us at a very exciting time as Project Sanctuary continues to grow and as we celebrate our 300th therapeutic retreat in Stanwood, Wash., this July.

"Project Sanctuary has supported 2,565 military families since our first retreat in 2007."

Since its inception, Project Sanctuary has focused on one mission: to transform, empower and heal military families.

Providing relationship reconnection, communication and conflict resolution, financial habitude and mental health/well-being in an immersive therapeutic retreat environ-

ment, Project Sanctuary has built a national reputation for delivering the support military families need and deserve.

Offered in multiple locations around the United States, Project Sanctuary retreats are staffed by licensed counselors, certified recreational therapists and culturally competent military veterans and are open to military family members, caregivers, active-duty personnel and veterans.

Pre- and post-retreat case management services are provided by our social work team, ensuring that our families are supported and moving forward. Project Sanctuary believes when one person serves, the whole family serves, and all are given the tools and resources needed to start and continue their healing journey.

To learn more about Project Sanctuary, please visit <https://project-sanctuary.us> or Info@projectsanctuary.us.

Project Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in Pagosa Springs.

Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group to meet virtually Aug. 6

By Dion Hollenbeck

Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group

The Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Our group consists of survivors of prostate cancer and men who have been diagnosed with prostate issues, including BPH and cancer.

We discuss experiences with

resources, diagnosis and treatments for the disease. Anyone is welcome.

For more information and a Zoom invite, please contact prostategroupdro@gmail.com.

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Dr. Joanna Estes to be guest speaker for End-of-Life Education group

By Joan Mieritz
End-of-Life Education

End-of-Life Education is the name of the meetings arranged by a volunteer group of concerned community members who want to complete their lives with the same quality and responsibility as they have lived.

We have been discussing many topics related to the end of life.

Our next meeting will be Aug. 19, with the time being 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. using the Ruby Sisson Library's

large meeting room. If you would like to bring cookies, coffee and tea will be available.

Dr. Joanna Estes will be speaking. Estes is an amazing woman who will share relevant information from her long experience of being an MD and dealing with death. Her main emphasis will be Colorado's End-of-Life Options Act, which covers access to medical aid at the end of life. She will answer questions. This may be a very important talk that you won't want to miss.

This will be our eighth meeting and will be the last gathering for this year's session. We will meet again in the winter of 2025 with a few of the same guest speakers, but also some new ones.

One of the new topics will be near-death experiences led by a doctor who has written a book and has personally had that experience. We also will have a speaker who is a religious education consultant connected to the Ute, Navajo and Hopi people. There will be more doctors speaking and we will again have two working sessions to get all the end-of-life paperwork completed and signed by a doctor, which is a really big accomplishment.

Feel welcome to join us. We have been meeting for six months, but participation varies for each speaker and time.

End-of-life can be a difficult topic which seems to be better handled when we join together to deal with it, since all people are faced with it. Most people find that topics like this are actually empowering and helpful for living life to the fullest. It can be very positive and affirming, and there is so much to learn.

DivorceCare support groups to offer fall sessions for adults, kids

By Holly Shook
Centerpoint Church

DivorceCare is a national program developed by Church Initiative with experts and lay people who have experience with the journey of divorce.

You are not alone on the path to healing. You will find caring people who understand the issues you face and practical counsel for decision making and managing your stress.

Centerpoint Church is offering this 13-week program with a series of videos followed by a discussion group. Some examples of the videos you will watch are "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness" and "Kid Care."

Meetings will run from 4 to 5:30 p.m. each Saturday from Aug. 24 to Nov. 16.

The church is located at 2750 Cornerstone Drive in Pagosa Springs.

You may go online to register for the class by going to www.divorcecare.org. Click on "Find a group" and follow the prompts or register in person at the class. You may join up at any time

during the 13 weeks.

There is a fee of \$20 for your workbook. Scholarships are also available.

DivorceCare for Kids

We are excited to announce that we will begin a program for your children ages 5 to 12, who are also going through the journey of divorce.

DivorceCare for Kids, DC4K, is a kid's program that will meet simultaneously with the adult program, discussing the same topics. This will allow the parents and kids to discuss what they are learning.

Our program is designed to keep your children safe while meeting with other children who are going through life-changing issues of divorce.

Our program uses games, stories, music, videos, book reading, crafts and prayer. Snacks will be provided. There is no fee for this program. Parents do not have to attend the DivorceCare class for their children to attend.

For more information, contact Jim Shook at jshookup@gmail.com or contact the church at (970) 731-2205.

GriefShare support group to start fall sessions Aug. 24

By Holly Shook
Centerpoint Church

GriefShare is a network of thousands of small support groups meeting worldwide to provide a safe place for those experiencing the death of a loved one.

With GriefShare, you will learn how to walk through the journey of grief with others, as we learn together, how to move from mourning to joy.

This is a 13-week program offering biblical concepts for healing from your grief over the death of your loved one.

The support group meets weekly and provides a welcome environment for those grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent or other family member or friend.

Centerpoint Church is offering this program to our community on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Session dates are Aug. 24 to Nov. 16.

Three key elements work together to assist you in the healing process: a video segment on grief-related topics from professionals as well as lay people, a discussion facilitated in a group setting and a personal handbook for you to use as you choose.

Regardless of how long it has been since your loved one passed, the grieving process is vital to healing.

Centerpoint Church is located at 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Jon Duncan is the pastor. There is no cost.

For more information, call Marie Rascoe at (970) 946-9379 or Centerpoint Church at (970) 731-2205.

You may also register or learn more about GriefShare by visiting www.griefshare.org. Click on "Find a Group" and follow the prompts to register online, or you may register at the first meeting.

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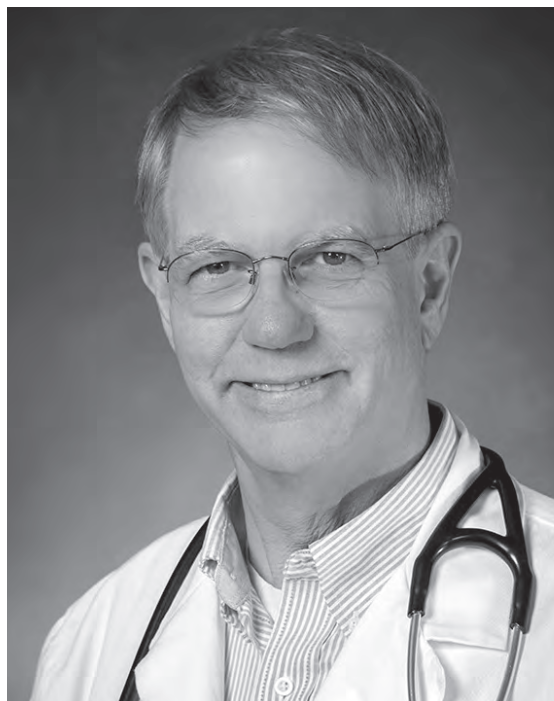
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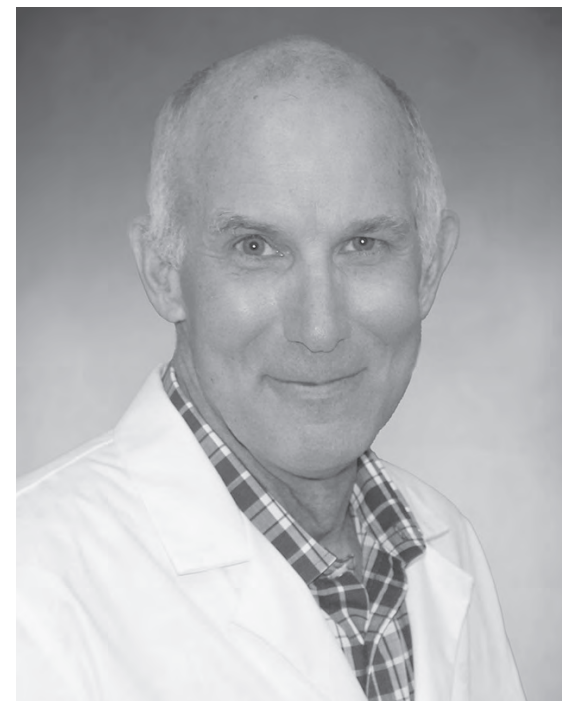
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Unitarian Universalists to hear about 'From Separation to Wholeness'

By DeAnna L. Hoyle
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

A unique opportunity for Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship occurs this month as we host two UU guest ministers.

It has been some time since we have had a visiting professional, and we are honored to have the Rev. Ron Phares this Sunday, Aug. 4, at 10:30 a.m.

It is a rich opportunity to hear a wider view of UU perspectives. Regular attendees and all those interested in living more fully into curiosity and openheartedness are invited to join us. Our services are a mix of traditional worship elements and eclectic moments which may include meditation, poetry, music and readings from a variety of wisdom traditions.

Phares stated, "I'm a nerd for spirit, for the ecstasy of meaningfulness, but it wasn't until I attended a UU church that I found my proverbial team to play for. I've dedicated my life to it ever since. The thing I think I'd most like you to know about me is that I feel deeply called to aid and abet the shifting of our paradigm from one of separation and control to one of partnership and mutual care. The two primary places I try to do that are in my family and in my ministry."

Sunday's theme is entitled "From

Separation to Wholeness," and Phares will share his reflection that UUs recognize that we live in an interdependent world, but do we live that way? Interdependence is unquestionably life-abetting.

He poses the following questions: "Why is it so hard to live in a way that is intentionally in harmony with interdependence? How do we move into this radically counter-cultural life-way?"

A father, husband and an ordained minister in the UU faith tradition since 2010, Phares will offer insight on the timely topic of interdependence.

Phares serves All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Colorado Springs, where he serves as minister, beginning his second year there.


Pagosa UU continues its focus of being a UU Welcoming Congregation, and in that spirit, we invite all people, regardless of their sexual or gender expression, to attend. As a spiritual community we strive to do good, grow spiritually and make friends.

Join us in-person at our services, normally held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m. Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak.

Joining us through Zoom is also

an option using the following meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305>.

Visit our website, www.pagosauu.org, to find our current newsletter with other offerings.



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New Thought Center to meet Sunday

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 4 will be "The History & Spirituality of Gregorian Chant" with Shelly Sinclair.

"We cannot live in a world that is not our own, in a world that is interpreted for us by others. An interpreted world is not a home. Part of the terror is to take back our own listening, to use our own voice, to see our own light." — Hildegard Von Bingen, sacred nun, songwriter and singer of Gregorian Chant.

Come and share love and enlightenment while deepening your spiritual practice and building community at the New Thought Center, every Sunday.

Upcoming events

Every Thursday, 6 p.m.: Illuminations. Various subjects and speakers. A love donation will be accepted.

Join our Facebook page for announcements: Pagosa New Thought.

Aug. 1, 6 p.m.: "Flower Essences Angelic Influences and Healing" with Shayla White Eagle at Xanadu. Call or text for directions, (970) 510-0309.

Aug. 8, 6 p.m.: "Facing the Shadow, Embracing the Light: A Journey of Spirit Retrieval and Awakening" by Niara Terela Isley.

Aug. 23, 5-7 p.m.: Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours. There will be live music, refreshments and food.

Sept. 13-14: "Blessing of the Animals." Tickets are on sale now. Contact (970) 510-0309.

About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members' life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an all-inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the Good Vibe Tribe that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

The SpiritHeart Band provides live music every Sunday. We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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





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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22nd annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta a huge success

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

If you weren't down at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds the afternoon and evening of Saturday, July 27, along with several hundreds of others, then you missed out on the highly anticipated 22nd Annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta put on by the Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta committee of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI).

This group of more than 10 different families, ASI board members and community volunteers came together over the last eight months to rekindle the fondly remembered Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiestas for a second year in a row.

The day's activities actually kicked off earlier in the day by Pagosa Peak Open School for the ribbon cutting of a bronze sheep herder sculpture by talented artist Chad Haspel.

The Town of Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Springs Arts Council, ASI's Spanish Fiesta committee and the Spanish Fiesta royalty youth/families joined together to present a brief oral history about sheep herding and the rich Hispanic heritage in Archuleta County.

Then the Archuleta County "fiesta" grounds opened at 2 p.m. and guests started arriving early to grab food and beverages, check out the vendors, and catch acknowledgment of the class of 2024 Spanish Fiesta BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) Scholarship recipients.

This year, eight youth and elders were awarded \$1,000 scholarships to pursue their educational goals from funds raised from last year's fiesta.

All funds raised by the fiesta go toward services/programs to support the older adults of Archuleta County through the services of ASI and a Spanish Fiesta BIPOC scholarship fund to benefit youth and elders.

The emcees for the 22nd Annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta were the distinguished Pagosa Springs Council Member/Spanish Fiesta Committee member Leonard Martinez, and Elsa White, Archuleta County treasurer/public trustee and Spanish Fiesta committee member, who facilitated the event in both English and Spanish.

Up next on stage were the 2024 Spanish Fiesta royalty youth, who gave speeches about their leadership experiences and community service opportunities they have been involved in over the past several months as they have worked to promote this year's fiesta.

Dance performances by Ballet Folklorico de Durango started sharply at 3 p.m. and reflected the multiple different regions of Mexico.

The American Legion Honor Guard then joined the community

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under the big tent to honor veterans in attendance and lead the attendees through the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the national anthem.

Next on stage was Tejano singer Candace Vargas and her band Northern 505, who continued into the afternoon and early evening with high energy and music to get the crowd dancing and moving.

After a brief intermission, the emcees acknowledged the many sponsors, volunteers and vendors who came together to make the event memorable.

The Spanish Fiesta Youth royalty made a final appearance before Ballet de Durango wrapped up the 6 o'clock hour with a final dance set.

The evening continued with much jubilation and dancing when Darren Cordova Y Calor took to the stage at 7 p.m. for a three-hour set of music. The evening wrapped up by 10:30 p.m.

ASI is so grateful to all the families, attendees, sponsors and volunteers who made the 22nd Annual Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta possible and such a huge success this year.

This year's event was the second year of a three-year implementation plan to bring back the fiestas in their full capacity.

This year the Spanish Fiesta Committee worked closely with past royalty to establish the Spanish Fiesta Youth Royalty organization with the hopes to nurture leadership and community service opportunities for Hispanic/Latino youth in Archuleta County.

Next year we plan to add more components to the fiesta to fulfill our commitment to the community to fully re-establish the fiesta in Pagosa Springs. We welcome anyone and everyone to attend future planning meetings and thank the community again for all your support and enthusiasm in celebrating the diverse heritage of Archuleta County.

For more information about the Pagosa Springs Spanish Fiesta, please contact Rose Chavez at (970) 264-2167 or rosa@psseniors.org. Stay tuned for future Spanish Fiesta meetings in The SUN.

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.

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.

T'ai Chi Chih

The Senior Center offers T'ai Chi Chih with accredited instructor Patti Popovich each Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the dining hall to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the

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guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

Farmers market vouchers

If you love to shop at the Pagosa Farmers Market, are 60 or older, or if you are 200 percent of poverty, please call Deb Herera of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging at (970) 403-2164 to put your name on the list for \$50 in vouchers to redeem for local foods.

Then, visit the Pagosa Farmers Market any Saturday during the growing season (starting July 6 and running through the end of September) to redeem your vouchers.

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

Pagosa Springs Share lunch Monday through Friday

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

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$6, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under the age of 60.

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

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or

for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

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

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, 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.

Monday, Aug. 5 — Philly cheesesteak on hoagie roll, baked cheesy cauliflower, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 6 — Pork tenderloin with gold raisin, ginger sauce, roasted potatoes, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 7 — Asian chicken salad, pork potstickers with dipping sauce, fruit salad and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 8 — Chicken fajitas, tortillas, pinto beans, garden salad, fruit, flan and milk.

Friday, Aug. 9 — Fish sandwich with tartar sauce, sweet potato fries, 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.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

Meals on Wheels volunteer opportunities

Do you love your community and have a passion for helping your fellow community members live their healthiest lives? ASI has multiple volunteer positions to deliver hot healthy meals via our Meals on Wheels service to homebound older adults.

The time commitment is about three hours per day. We'll provide you with training materials. If you are interested, contact Rose Chavez at rosa@pseniors.org.

Mobile food pantry service

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its para-transit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to

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SLEEP IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEART

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For, apparently, the health of your heart depends on the quality of sleep you receive.

Read today's excerpted research. Hopefully, it'll put you to sleep!

A 2011 European Heart Journal review of 15 medical studies involving almost 475,000 people found that short sleepers had a 48% increased risk of developing or dying from coronary heart disease (CHD) in a seven to 25-year follow-up period (depending on the study) and a 15% greater risk of developing or dying from stroke during this same time.

Interestingly, long sleepers -- those who averaged nine or more hours a night -- also showed a 38% increased risk of developing or dying from CHD and a 65% increased risk of stroke.

Researchers caution that the mechanisms behind shortened and prolonged sleep and heart disease aren't completely understood. "Lack of sleep doesn't necessarily cause heart disease," says Phyllis Zee, MD, PhD, professor of neurology and director of the Sleep Disorders Program at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. "It really increases the risk factors for heart disease."

One 2008 study from the University of Chicago found a link between shortened sleep and increased coronary artery calcification (calcium deposits), "a good predictor of subsequent coronary artery disease," says researcher Diane Lauderdale, PhD, professor of epidemiology at the university's Pritzker School of Medicine.

Lauderdale's study also revealed that shorter sleep predicted worsening hypertension (high blood pressure). "For most people, blood pressure falls at night," she says, "so it could be that with shorter sleep it's just not enough for that dip to take place."

Source: "How Your Sleep Affects Your Heart Not enough zzz's? Too many? Both can affect your cardiac health." By Christina Boufis. <http://www.webmd.com>

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

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dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of six free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 2.

Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

Supporting ASI

Please support our ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County.

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or please visit our website, <http://www.psseniors.org/> (donation button). Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information about Archuleta Seniors Inc., please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

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Are you 70 and half years old or better? Do you have an IRA from which you need to take a distribution? Did you know you can make charitable donations directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution, up to \$100,000 per year? The donation from the account would be payable to Archuleta Seniors Inc. and sent to P.O. Box 344, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. This gift option is called the IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution.

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Free solar energy program available for income-qualified people

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Next Tuesday, Aug., 6 from 4 to 6 p.m., your library will host a Sunnyside Community Solar event to help income-qualified members apply for a special solar subscription program for current residential La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) members to avoid the hassle and expense of installing home solar panels.

This program allows those with an annual income under 80 percent of the area median income to access clean energy from a shared solar array and receive credits on their electric bills.

Information needed to apply includes your LPEA account name and number, address, number of people in the household and documentation of income.

The first 100 qualified applications are guaranteed acceptance. The program opened July 1 and closes Aug. 29. You can apply online with the Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency, or 4CORE, at <https://fourcore.org/sunnyside/> if you can't attend the library session.

Summer Reading Program underway

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

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

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

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

Legal clinics will resume

Your library is one of six in our state chosen by the Colorado Access to Justice Commission to restart the free legal clinics.

They will happen from 2 to 3:40 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month starting Aug. 14. We will start with five patrons each month, 20 minutes per patron.

We will use a Zoom platform that can translate from English to the patron's primary language. To reduce our no-show rate, we will start with just one waitlisted patron per month.

Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer



attorney. To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic" with your first name and phone number to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library.

Virtual author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue in August with three more opportunities for you to interact with New York Times best-selling authors and ask questions.

For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Wednesday, Aug. 7, at noon will give you an all-access pass behind the scenes at the space station with Dr. Jennifer Lavasseur, curator at the Smithsonian.

Thursday, Aug. 15, at noon will showcase Irena Smith, Ph.D., discussing "The Golden Ticket to College Admissions is Not What You Think: Redefining Success for Parents of Teens."

On Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. we'll interact with Shelby Van Pelt, novelist and author of "Remarkably Bright Creatures," about a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us Friday, Aug. 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session playing Xbox on the big screen.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO Club on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours to free build.

Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, Aug. 5, at our free gathering from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Supplies will be provided.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. For information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396.

Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is no minimum skill level needed.

Note this group now meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

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Wednesday this month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for free sessions to uncover the mysteries of gems, minerals, crystals and rocks.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

Dungeons and Dragons

Today, Thursday, Aug. 8, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Create a character and join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

Writers Guild

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us share the word about these classes.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources.

No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but please bring your device's charger and passwords with you.

Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Activities calendars

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Downloadable books

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Thrillers, suspense and mysteries

"Wilderness Reform" by Matt and Harrison Query is set in a remote camp in Montana for troubled teens. "Forget Me Never" by Susan Wittig Albert is a China Bayles mystery about a prominent citizen's secret about to be exposed. "A Death in Cornwall" by Daniel Silva is a Gabriel Allon art mystery involving a looted Picasso. "Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Shadow" by Brian Freeman is a Jason Bourne spy adventure. "Storm Child" by Michael Robotham is a Cyrus Haven and Evie Cormac psychological thriller. "Eruption" by Michael Crichton and James Patterson is a thriller completed by Patterson after Crichton's death. "The Conditions of Unconditional Life" by Alexander McCall Smith is an Isabel Dalhousie mystery. "Camino Ghosts" by John Grisham is set on a Florida barrier island where its ownership is in dispute as a corporate developer arrives. "Confessions from the Dead" by James Patterson and J.D. Parker happens in a small New Hampshire town with a zero crime rate before the story begins. "Indian Burial Ground" by Nick Medina is a mythological horror story set on a reservation.

Other novels

"Crow Mary" by Kathleen Grissom is a historical love story following the Cypress Hills Massacre. "Jackie" by Dawn Tripp is a novelist's look at the life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

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"The Great River" by Boyce Upholt is a sweeping natural history of

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"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." — Arthur Ashe (1943-1993), American professional tennis player who won three Grand Slam titles in singles and two in doubles. Ashe was the first Black player selected to the U.S. Davis Cup team, and the only Black man ever to win the singles titles at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open tennis tournaments — three of four majors in the tennis world.

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A miracle, not a coincidence

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Have you ever encountered a divine appointment? God uses everything to line up everyone to make it happen. It's called a miracle, not a coincidence.

A miracle happened at the dentist office. I said to the dentist, "This has been a divine appointment. The Lord went to great lengths to get me here."

He smiled, "Yes. You don't know the half of it. For me, it started this morning with a podcast."

I responded, "For me, it started with a toothache." I went to the dentist in Pagosa to find I needed a root canal and a crown. They didn't do those, and would send me to Durango for the work to be done.

That's when dread, panic and worry began. No dental insurance and a lot of money out of my pocket. I asked the Pagosa dentist, "What's the least I have to do? I'll wait."

"The tooth needs immediate attention. You can't afford to kick the can down the road."

I bit down on the decayed tooth and went through the ceiling. "OK. I'll have to bite the bullet on this one."

I asked for the costs. When they told me, the amount sent me through the ceiling again. I asked, "Am I paying for you a vacation home in the Caribbean?"

I stewed for a week before the appointment in Durango. My friend asked, "What's wrong?"

"I'm a nervous wreck. Just don't know what to do. It's going to cost a lot of money for one tooth." Then I felt the pain. "I don't have a choice. I need to follow through with the appointment."

The first dentist's office took X-rays, and the new dentist also required a full set of X-rays in his office. "But why? I'm paying double for X-rays." The answer. "He wants his own X-rays."

It would take four trips to Durango. I had a map of the location. I went around the block several times. Hidden in an alley, in the middle of town, I finally found his office. I was ready to turn around and go home. The first trip was X-rays. Next day the root canal. The third day, a build up for the crown and the fourth, the crown.

I was still not sold on all of it, but the pain drove me to the dentist's chair. The day didn't seem like it was pointing to a miracle, a divine appointment, just a dreaded get-it-done kind of day.

Period.

The dentist came in with a blinding white smile. The cost of the experience didn't give me a blinding smile.

After asking if I wanted music and what kind, they turned on contemporary Christian music.

I closed my eyes and prayed. For two hours I took the dentist into

Artist's Lane

God's throne room with me.

The dentist worked and I prayed. With the dentist's steady hand, I sat quietly, knowing something was happening in the spirit world.

He finished after two hours and he was amazed it went so well. Better than he expected, he said, "God was on our side; it went wonderfully."

"Oh, you must be a Christian."

He said, "No, but I'm getting there."

"I know. I was in the throne room praying for you and me. He wants to bless you."

He said in a sad tone, "I heard a podcast today on the way to work. The world is so dark and sad."

"I know I have felt the darkness for a long time, too." He helped me out of the chair and we went into the hall. He pulled me to the end of the hall and whispered, "We can't talk politics in the office."

"I'm not talking politics. I'm talking Jesus. There is no logic to all that is going on. Only God knows."

He said, "Logic has brought me to this point. All this horrible stuff happening, logically, I can't process it."

I reassured him, "It's not going to take logic, but faith in a relationship with Jesus. You must trust Him to make sense. He's written the story and we win."

He jumped 2 feet in front of him, "You mean a leap of faith?"

"Yes, that simple."

With those beautiful white teeth, he gave a sheepish grin and nodded. "OK."

I went to the counter, pulled out my checkbook and wrote out a check. At that moment, the darkness dissipated, a light shown and I heard the angels singing. Then a peace in my spirit covered me, and I heard, "His soul is worth a lot more than this check. God can take care of the money."

Two miracles happened at that moment. In my heart and the dentist's heart. It took a toothache to line me up with God and His perspective about money. The dentist needed someone to open the door and explain the simple act of accepting Jesus as his savior.

Final brushstroke: Sometimes God has to shake heaven and earth in order to get us lined up for a super-

natural encounter. The dentist's soul was in as much pain as the ache in my jaw. I almost missed the miracle.

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

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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 Brewer's blackbird.

This is one of the dark-colored birds whose identity can be confused that we commonly find here in summer. The medium-sized male Brewer's blackbird when seen in sunlight exhibits an iridescent combination of black, midnight blue and metallic green colors. His yellow eyes are piercing and his bill is straight and dark.

European starlings can also appear iridescent in summer, but have yellow beaks and dark eyes. More frequently, Brewer's males here are confused with the glossy, larger common grackle that also has a yellow eye, but has a longer tail and heavier bill.

Brewer's blackbirds are common in western urban and rural open habitats. On long legs, they walk across the ground with jerky back-and-forth head movements. They may ride the backs of livestock to pick off bugs and wade in shallow water. In summer they consume lots of insects, including those considered agricultural pests, but most of the year seeds and grains sustain them.

During the breeding season, they utilize a variety of sites, often near water, for nesting. They will build a nest in treetops, low shrubs, cattails, on the ground or in a tree cavity. Three requirements of nesting habitat that must be met are: suitable nest sites, guard perches for the males and short grass foraging opportunities nearby.

Like barn swallows, Brewer's blackbirds are fierce nest protectors that will dive-bomb people who get too close to the nest. Males watch over nest colonies from guard perches and will harass predators, including owls, gulls and hawks. Camouflaged brownish females lie low on the nest when males sound the alarm.

Since the early 1900s, Brewer's blackbirds have taken advantage of human habitat alterations that have created more open space to expand their range eastward. When they move into territory occupied by common grackles, they displace the grackles from rural habitats, who then move into the cities.

Partners in Flight places Brewer's blackbirds on the list of Common Birds in Steep Decline due to long-term population declines.

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Thursday, Aug. 1

Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m.-midnight, Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit 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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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- 10 Mixed in with
- 14 Pointless
- 15 Go to the polls
- 16 Tomato type
- 17 Hopeless undertakings
- 19 Lake vessel
- 20 Furtively
- 21 Cleaning aid
- 23 Make smooth
- 24 College offerings
- 25 Raspy-voiced
- 28 Baby's headwear
- 29 Not yet known, for short
- 30 Hollywood's Hawke

- 32 Small pies
- 35 Quick note
- 37 Lingerie fabric
- 39 Tackle box item
- 40 Full of baloney
- 42 Bishop's assistant
- 44 Stage signal
- 45 Nike rival
- 47 Reached the top of one's game
- 49 Acting fitfully
- 51 Enthralled
- 52 Manet or Monet, e.g.
- 53 Pursue, as a lead
- 57 Cancel
- 58 Light up
- 60 Slender reed
- 61 Well-groomed
- 62 Jeweler's weight
- 63 Tear up
- 64 Marvin of Motown
- 65 Primary

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- 3 Fifth out of five, say
- 4 Place for pollen
- 5 Pass away
- 6 Seed structure
- 7 Promising
- 8 Supped
- 9 Teacher's unit
- 10 Like the koala or sloth
- 11 1987 movie starring Cher
- 12 Bitmap, for one
- 13 Goes out with
- 18 Stocks and such
- 22 Fourth down option
- 24 Like a witch's hat
- 25 Webmaster's code
- 26 Outdated wedding vow word
- 27 Great respect
- 28 Hand-dyed fabric
- 31 Mayhem
- 33 Test choice
- 34 Future flower
- 36 Biased
- 38 Flamethrower fuel
- 41 Catches on
- 43 Carbon copy
- 46 Like a winter wind
- 48 Keyless, as music
- 49 Enjoy deeply
- 50 Dig deeper
- 51 Way to go
- 53 Whip
- 54 "Star Trek" speed
- 55 Bryce Canyon locale
- 56 Anti-fur org.
- 59 Grazing spot

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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.

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

Friday, Aug. 2

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.

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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.

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.

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

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

Stars and Galaxies Program. 8:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is offered when the earth is closest to the new moon, when the sky is at its darkest. A video presentation will be followed by a presentation explaining the significance of the night sky to the Ancestral Puebloans. Telescopes will be used to observe several different sky objects. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12, and under 5 are free. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Saturday, Aug. 3

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.

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

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

Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m.-midnight, Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit www.archuleta-countyfair.com.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Sunday, Aug. 4

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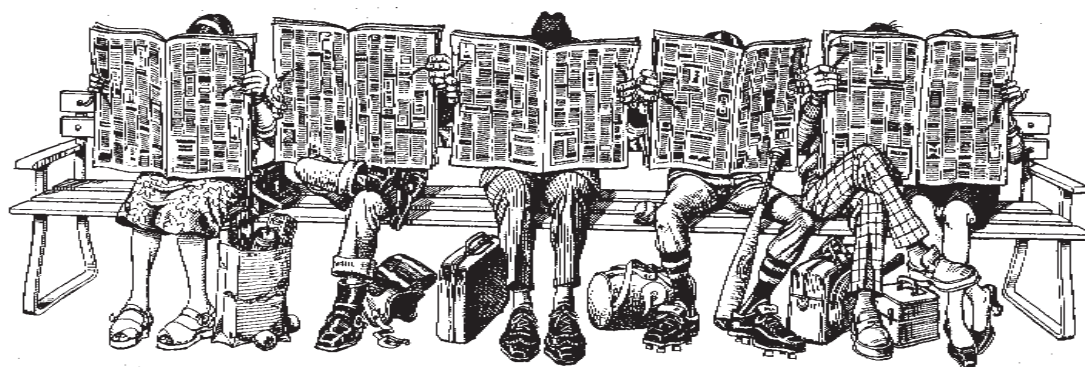
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Monday, Aug. 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, Aug. 6

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

are welcome.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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.

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.
LPEA Sunnyside Community Solar Program. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about this free program for income-qualified LPEA members. Help with applying will be available.

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

Conversational Spanish. 4:30-5:30

p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required.

Geology Tour. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This

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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.

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

Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group. 6:30 p.m., Zoom. The group consists of survivors of prostate cancer and men who have been diagnosed with prostate issues, including BPH and cancer. Discuss experiences with resources, diagnosis and treatments for the disease. Anyone is welcome. For more information and a Zoom invite, contact prostategroupdro@gmail.com.

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 pagosa-wetlands@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

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

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

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

Virtual Author Talk: Dr. Jennifer Levasseur. Noon, virtual. Listen live or recorded. "Your All Access Pass Behind the Scenes at the Space Station" with Smithsonian Curator Dr. Jennifer Levasseur. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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

Center.

Teen Rock Hounds. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Get together with friends to uncover the mysteries of gems, minerals, crystals and rocks.

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 5-7:15 p.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.

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

Thursday, Aug. 8

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

Geology Hike. 9 a.m., Piedra River, San Juan National Forest. A free hike led by geologist Dave Bouquet. Preregistration is required at sjma.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.

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.

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.

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

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

Friday, Aug. 9

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

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

Tween/Teen Survival Skills. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Could you survive alone in the wilderness? Make a survival kit that fits in a soap box.

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

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

Saturday, Aug. 10

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.

Birding at Chimney Rock. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A fun and casual two-hour guided bird walk. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up, and \$10 for ages 5-12. Registration is required 12 hours in advance via rec.gov. For more information, visit 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 pagosawetlands@gmail.com.

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

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

Chess Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to play chess with quick lessons and game time or practice your skills. All ages and abilities are welcome.

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.

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

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs 40th Anniversary Luau. 5-8 p.m., Community Center. The evening's events will include stories from the early days of the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Polynesian luau dancers, Tahitian drummers, a fabulous dinner by a local caterer, live and silent auctions, and other fun activities. Visit PagosaHumane.org for tickets.

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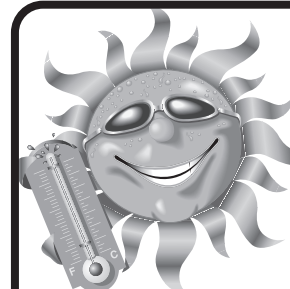


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Alzheimer's disease blood tests could improve diagnosis in primary care

By Jim Herlihy

Alzheimer's Association of Colorado

As highly accurate blood tests for Alzheimer's disease are moving closer to use in physician's offices, new research suggests that they may revolutionize the accuracy of diagnosis and provide a cleaner, quicker path to research participation and treatment, according to data reported at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) 2024 in Philadelphia and online.

Dementia is often underdiagnosed — and if it is diagnosed by a clinician, many people nonetheless are unaware or uninformed of their diagnosis, according to the 2024 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report. Blood tests for Alzheimer's are demonstrating in research that they could significantly improve a clinician's accuracy and confidence, provide greater accessibility and a platform for enhanced communication.

Blood tests that show the most promise for identifying Alzheimer's-related changes in the brain assess phosphorylated tau (p-tau) protein, an Alzheimer's biomarker that can build up before patients show signs of cognitive impairment. Increases in the specific marker p-tau217 over time correlate with worsening cognition and brain atrophy. The p-tau217 test also predicts the likelihood of amyloid plaques in the brain, which are another biomarker for Alzheimer's and the target for recently approved treatments.

"Blood tests, once they (a) are confirmed in large populations to be more than 90 percent accurate and (b) become more widely available, show promise for improving, and possibly redefining, the clinical trial recruitment process and the diagnostic work-up for Alzheimer's," said Maria C. Carrillo, Ph.D., Alzheimer's Association chief science officer and medical affairs lead. "While at this time doctors in primary and secondary care should use a combination of cognitive and blood or other biomarker testing to diagnose Alzheimer's, blood tests have the potential to increase the accuracy of early diagnoses and maximize the opportunity to access Alzheimer's treatments as early as possible for better outcomes."

When considering use of a blood test, the Alzheimer's Association Appropriate Use Recommendations for Blood Biomarkers in Alzheimer's Disease should be carefully followed.

To help guide health care professionals in incorporating blood tests for Alzheimer's in their clinical practice, the Alzheimer's Association has convened a panel of clinical and subject-matter experts and is leading the preparation of clinical practice guidelines for the use of blood biomarkers in Alzheimer's, which was previewed at AAIC 2024.

Blood test can improve

diagnosis

A large study, reported for the first time at AAIC 2024, shows that blood tests can do a better job of accurately detecting Alzheimer's than both primary care doctors and specialists who were using traditional diagnostic methods.

In the study, 1,213 patients were tested with the PrecivityAD2 test (known as "APS2"). It uses a combination of plasma phosphorylated-tau217 to not-phosphorylated-tau217 ratio (known as %p-tau217) and the ratio of two types of amyloid, and it significantly outperformed clinicians in this study.

- Among 698 patients seen at memory clinics, APS2 was around 90 percent accurate at identifying Alzheimer's disease, while specialists were 73 percent accurate.

- Among 515 patients seen in primary care, APS2 was also around 90 percent accurate; primary care physicians were 63 percent accurate at identifying Alzheimer's.

Researchers observed that the APS2 test was highly accurate even in patients with comorbidities, such as kidney disease, which are common in older patients seen by primary care physicians.

"Notably, these were the results of blood samples that have been shipped bi-weekly for analysis from primary care units, which is similar to routine clinical practice," said lead author Sebastian Palmqvist, M.D., Ph.D., at Lund University, Lund, Sweden. "These results were especially impressive considering that older populations in primary care often have medical conditions that can influence or vary the concentrations of p-tau217."

"We see this as a major step towards global clinical implementation of an Alzheimer's blood test," said senior author Oskar Hansson, M.D., Ph.D., also at Lund University. "It highlights the need for Alzheimer's biomarkers in making a correct diagnosis more of the time. The next steps include establishing clear guidelines for how an Alzheimer's blood test can be used in clinical practice, preferably by implementing these tests first in specialist care and then in primary care. This work is currently ongoing."

The research reported at AAIC is funded in part by the Alzheimer's Association and is simultaneously published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Research shows blood tests could identify cognitively unimpaired people for clinical trials

Including people at earlier stages of Alzheimer's in clinical trials could potentially help identify treatments that may be effective when symptoms are mild or absent. A study reported at

AAIC 2024 found that p-tau217 blood tests could provide a simple and accurate selection tool for identifying cognitively unimpaired patients who likely have amyloid-beta plaques in their brains.

The researchers analyzed samples from 2,718 cognitively unimpaired participants across 10 different studies who had available plasma p-tau217 and amyloid-beta PET imaging or CSF samples.

They found that plasma p-tau217 can positively predict (with a range of 79-86 percent) the likelihood that a cognitively unimpaired person would also test positive for amyloid-beta pathology on an amyloid PET scan or CSF biomarker.

Adding the results from the amyloid-beta CSF test or an amyloid beta PET scan to the analysis after a positive blood sample improves the positive prediction to 90 percent or above, and thereby confidence in the presence of amyloid in the brain using a plasma p-tau217 test.

"If these numbers hold up and are replicated and confirmed by other independent labs, this approach may reduce the need for lumbar punctures and PET scans for Alzheimer's diagnosis by 80 or even 90 percent," said Gemma Salvadó, Ph.D., lead author of the study and an associate researcher at Lund University. "Our results support that plasma p-tau217 positivity alone may be sufficient as a selection of cognitively unimpaired, amyloid-positive participants for many clinical trials."

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Popular board games through the years

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Board games remain timeless, despite the popularity of video games and mobile gaming. Ask any person about a favorite game they may have played, and it's likely some traditional board games will be at or near the top of the list.

Some may be interested to find out which games were the most popular the year they were born or garnered their fair share of devotees during their childhood. Here's a look at popular games throughout the '70s, '80s and '90s, courtesy of researchers with Popular Mechanics.

- 1974: Connect Four combined the strategies of tic-tac-toe and checkers into this strategic game.
- 1975: Pay Day involved getting through a calendar month paying bills and other expenses. It's basically balancing the budget in game form.
- 1976: Whosit? had players trying to guess their opponent's secret identity.
- 1977: Electronic Battleship added noises to the regular game of trying to sink battleships to make play

more exciting.

- 1978: Simon required players to improve their pace in this heart-racing memory game.
- 1979: Guess Who was another game of figuring out a person's identity by asking questions.
- 1980: Can't Stop had players rolling pairs to see how long their luck would last.
- 1981: Trivial Pursuit became the most well-known of trivia games.
- 1982: Sequence combined a card game with a board game and included up to 12 players for big game nights.
- 1983: Topple asked players to stack colored pieces high on the board without having the tower topple.
- 1984: Balderdash was all about having players bluff their way through definitions of words and more.
- 1985: Pictionary required players to channel their inner artists to draw the words on the cards so teammates could guess.
- 1986: Fireball Island involved moving around the board to retrieve a giant ruby from the top of a moun-

tain.

- 1987: Jenga was another stacking game, but instead of piling pieces on top, it involved removing pieces without toppling the tower.
- 1988: Mall Madness came out during the height of the shopping mall boom. Players used a credit card to buy everything on their shopping lists.
- 1989: Taboo forced players to try to describe the word on the card without using the forbidden words listed below.
- 1990: Crocodile Dentist required players try to pull out crocodile teeth without triggering the jaws to snap shut.
- 1991: Atmosfear incorporated an interactive component through use of a VHS tape. The Gatekeeper popped up on screen to keep the game unexpected.
- 1992: Terrace appeared as a prop on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and then gained popularity in real life.
- 1993: 13 Dead End Drive required players to escape from a booby-trapped house.
- 1994: Pylos involved being the player to place the last marble at the top of the pyramid.

Diagnosis

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Blood tests could drastically reduce wait times for Alzheimer's diagnosis and treatment

Approved Alzheimer's treatments are indicated for people with mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's or mild Alzheimer's dementia, and they must have confirmed amyloid-beta biology in the brain. Therefore, it's important to identify people who might benefit as early in the course of the disease as possible.

Right now, there are often lengthy wait times to complete comprehensive testing for an Alzheimer's diagnosis due to the limited number of Alzheimer's specialists, and variable and often inequitable access to PET imaging or the expertise required for CSF analysis.

Research reported at AAIC 2024 suggests that using high-performing blood tests in primary care could identify potential Alzheimer's patients much earlier so specialists can determine if they are eligible for new treatments.

The researchers used a well-established forecasting model to predict wait times for people eligible for treatment, accounting for both the limited number of Alzheimer's disease specialists and the growing older population.

The model included the projected U.S. population of people 55 and older from 2023 to 2032 and compared two scenarios. The first was that primary care clinicians would decide whether or not to refer a patient to an Alzheimer's disease specialist based on the results of a brief cognitive test. The second was that they would also factor

in the results of a high-performance blood test and assume that a blood test would be given to individuals testing positive for early-stage cognitive impairment in primary care, and referrals to specialty care would be informed by the test results.

The model suggests that by 2033, people will wait an average of nearly six years (70 months) to understand if they could be eligible for new Alzheimer's treatments if their primary care doctor only used brief cognitive assessments to make referrals.

If blood tests were used to rule out Alzheimer's, the average wait times would be reduced to 13 months for Alzheimer's patients because far fewer patients would need to see a specialist.

Researchers also determined that if blood tests and brief cognitive assessments were used at the primary care level to rule in the possibility of an Alzheimer's diagnosis, wait times to understand eligibility for new treatments would fall to less than six months on average because of reduced demand for Alzheimer's specialists and the additional capacity now available for CSF or PET testing.

"Our results suggest using blood tests to identify potential candidates for treatments could make a significant difference in treating people with early Alzheimer's," said Soeren Mattke, M.D., D.Sc., lead author of the study and director of the Brain Health Observatory at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. "Currently, eligible patients are falling outside of the treatment window because it takes so long to receive a diagnosis. An easy-to-use blood test could help address that problem."



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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.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Employment.

THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is seeking to hire a **Public Works Coordinator** in the Public Works Division. The individual selected for this position will perform a variety of entry level, skilled and technical duties related to the construction, installation, maintenance and repair of Town's streets, sidewalks, alleys, sanitation and geothermal utilities. 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 and select *Employment*.

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 and select Employment.

TRIMMER WANTED. We are looking for a trimmer to join our Pagosa Craft team. Pay is based per pound. Flexible hours- Previous trim experience preferred. 21+ only, MED badge required. Please bring a resume into the store at 127 Goldmine Dr.

UPSCALE RESALE HIRING part-time employee, weekdays only. No weekends. Pick up application at 117 Navajo Trail Drive #B or email resume to upscalersale07@gmail.com.

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.

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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

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

GAS STATION, CONVENIENCE STORE comes with nine long-term leases, high producing. \$1,650,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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DEAL OF THE SUMMER! Great for fall excursions. 2020 LANCE bumper pull TRAILER, model 2375. Original owner, used twice, new. ~~\$40,000~~ \$35,000. Call or text (970)749-4640.

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NEW 20' CONTAINERS FOR SALE or rent. We deliver to homes or businesses. Pagosa Springs Storage (970)731-0007.

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STACKED ROCK TILES by Shaw. Approximately 50 sq. ft. of 6" x24" cream, tan, gray mix tiles. Pick up only. (254)459-2762.

TWO 50-GALLON STEEL DRUMS with lids. Used, great condition, \$45 each. Can be seen on Thursday or Friday at Pagosa Springs SUN, 457 Lewis Street.

USED HOBIE MIRAGE REVOLUTION KAYAK. Caribbean blue, 13 feet 5 inches long. Perfect for fishing or just cruising. Includes paddle, cart, peddle drive, and seat. Very good shape, has been stored inside. \$860. Light weight luggage trailer by Pulmor, can be used to haul kayak and light enough for a 4 -cylinder vehicle. \$850. Call or text (970)903-0861.

FOR SALE

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.

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THREE STALL HORSE BARN with breeze-way and tack room. For rent, long term in Meadows with pastures. Or use for storage. (970)946-2728

TRIMMING AND SHOEING. Accepting new clients. Uncooperative and special needs horses welcome. Offering training and tune-ups. (719)285-3584.

PETS

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer, www.PagosaHumane.org.

AKC FRENCH BULLDOG PUPPIES. Ready to go Aug. 7. Full DNA, chipped, wormed, shots, 30 days insurance, lifetime support. \$3,500. (719)640-6404. www.DuneView-Frenchies.com.

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AUTOS

1997 JEEP SAHARA WRANGLER. 119k Hard top, great shape, custom seats. \$7,500. (970)507-0226.

2001 BUICK LESABRE 122k miles. FWD. Sold as is. Mechanically sound. Body in great condition. \$2,800 OBO. (310)245-0555.

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GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL! 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE. 2000 Wide Glide. 8k miles, new tires/ carb, stage 1 mod, HD custom paint. Never stored o.s. \$9k. (512)618-2930.

YARD SALES

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

BIG TWO FAMILY YARD SALE. Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and 3rd, 8a.m. until rain. 144 Wildwood Drive off Piedra. Vintage wicker, lots of furniture, gas fire pit, outdoor furniture, infrared sauna, two folding bikes, household, boat, split rails chainlink. Great deals on plumbing tools and parts, 2010 Subaru, 29 foot Sprinter fifth wheel (two slides).

EOFF ESTATE SALE. Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and 3rd. 8a.m. sharp. Ranch full of stuff. Antiques, horse tack, Chevy Aveo, Massey Ferguson tractor, Trail Magic goose-neck horse trailer, yard tools, elk antlers, furniture, household items, decorative items, patio furniture, air compressor, tools, camping, tractor implements, hay elevator, squeeze chute, standing fuel tanks, two dirt bikes, truck bed tool boxes and tons more. Downtown Pagosa, turn North on 2nd Street, turn onto County Road 200 (Snowball Road). House 2370. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

LARGE ESTATE /BUSINESS SALE Thursday, Friday and Saturday -1st, 2nd, and 3rd. 8a.m-5p.m. All new items. Too many items. Come scrummage through the boxes. Unbelievable sale of the century. Diamond C Antiques /Branding Iron BBQ, 3961 E Hwy 160. Antiques, tools, furniture, restaurant supplies /equipment, dishes, retro clothes and LOTS more. Hurry before we throw it away. Everything must go!

YARD SALE. Plumbing supplies and tools, drywall tools, furniture, power tools, household items, big BBQ, washer and gas dryer, two cast fireplaces with legs, tile saw, grout and thin set, and engine stand. Friday and Saturday, 7 -2. 121 Lemon Court.

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

2000 SF (WITH ADDITIONAL LOFT STORAGE) flexible commercial/ industrial space on the western side of Pagosa Springs. 15' Ceilings with 2 14' overhead garage doors. 3 Phase Electric. Will be delivered as a shell space ready to be customized. Available August 1st. \$2,100. (415)999-7931, raswheeler@gmail.com.

2000 SQ. FT. SHOP/ WAREHOUSE 14x 14 overhead door. Restrooms and natural gas. Good parking. \$1700 per month. Call Doug (970)946-3762 or (970)731-4792.

4 OFFICE SPACES. Freshly remodeled, \$400-\$525. Well suited for spa services, 140-270 sq. ft. Beautiful spacious restrooms. (970)946-3232.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE for rent on 2nd floor with private bathroom. \$400/ month including utilities and WiFi. No smokers. No pets. (970)946-2728.

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

OFFICE SPACE DOWNTOWN in the Metropolitan Hotel. \$470 a month. Jacques (970)946-7636.

PAGOSA VALLEY PROPERTIES: Offering "Aspen Plaza ProSuites" These are Professional Office Suites available for Long Term or Short Term rental from 100 SF to 205 SF, priced from \$264-\$669/ month. We also offer Hourly, Daily, or other Membership options for even more flexibility. Also, Large Conference/ Event Room Available. Call (970)889-2022 for more information.

HOMES FOR RENT

UPSTAIRS SMALL EFFICIENCY APARTMENT. \$700 a month. No pets. No Smoking. Water, Gas and Electric included. Call (970)946-0369.

VACATION RENTALS

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1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH apartment, centrally located. Ground floor entry. Water, sewer, gas, fiber optic Internet included. Available October 1st. (970)946-8687.

3 BEDROOM 1200 sq. ft. 5 minute walk to Pagosa Lake. Washer/ dryer, dishwasher, etc. Some utilities paid. No pets. \$1,550. Call John for details and photos (720)960-4910 or (303)881-1407.

3 BEDROOM 2 BATH furnished condo on Lake Hatcher. 6 months lease. \$2200/month. Deposit required. Available November 2024. (720)333-1622.

3 BEDROOM 2 BATH with storage unit. Access to lake, park and rec center. \$1,900. (719)850-8680.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH RENOVATED double-wide mobile home. Covered porch. No smoking. Pets will consider. Washer / Dryer. Parking undercover for two vehicles. Storage. Quiet country setting. 10 minutes from town. \$1400 /month. Deposit. Available end of August. (970)264-6779. Please leave a message.

BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM HOME. Top of the water shed. 4 miles out Snowball Road. Huge mountain views. Live water. Irrigated. One minute to National Forest and trout streams. \$3200. (970)946-6274.

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LONG TERM RENTALS AVAILABLE! Contact Team Pagosa by calling (970)731-8599 or visit teampagosa.com to see listing pictures. TP-12: Lightly furnished studios/ rooms for rent -pets may be accepted- \$795- \$1195/ month. TP-21: Rustic unfurnished 2 bed 2 bath mobile on 3 acres with large covered deck and patio, water must be hauled -pet friendly- \$1800/ month. TP-22: Furnished lakefront 3 bed 2 bath apt. with air conditioning, large parking space, deck and lake access, all utilities included with visionary internet, small dogs considered- \$2500/ month. TP-24: Unfurnished 2 bed 2 bath, 1 car garage duplex unit, recently remodeled, centrally located -pet friendly- \$1800/ month. TP-26: Unfurnished 3 bed 2 bath 2 car. Wood burning stove. Lake Hatcher area. Pet OK. \$2250/ month.

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BAR AND GRILL IN ARBOLES on 1 Acre for \$450,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

DOWNTOWN, MULTI-FAMILY .52 acre -3 lots, views, close to river, all utilities available. \$500,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

LARGE BUILDING AND LAND in prime business location. \$1,250,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

OPEN HOUSES

OPEN HOUSE. Saturday, August 3rd, 10 -12. 165 Twin Creek Circle.

HOMES FOR SALE

HOME FOR SALE. 3200 square feet on 3 acres. 181 River Forest Drive. Motivated seller. \$730K (970)585-9181.

MOTIVATED SELLER. Artesian well, hobby farm. Two bedroom, two bath. 1.7 acres. No HOA. \$650,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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1.1 ACRE WITH TALL PINES on flat buildable land with drive in. NO HOA! \$70k. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.19 ACRES WITH VIEWS OF NAVAJO LAKE. All utilities nearby. \$99,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.2 ACRES, MOUNTAIN VIEWS, electricity near, No HOA, close to town. \$35,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

1.48 ACRE LAND. Highway frontage. \$99,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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5.25 ACRES Mountain views flat buildable. Located between Allison and Ignacio. \$95,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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The Keyes Team
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1001 Soaring Eagle Court
2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2073 sq. ft., 36.44 acres. This home has an additional family room in the walkout basement. The views are Amazing in Navajo River Ranch. Gate code: #9928



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303.618.7423

\$995,000
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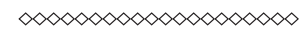


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