



Photos courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Daniel Cammack, who grew up in Pagosa Springs, is presented with Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s Outstanding Biologist of the Year. Cammack is CPW’s Southwest Region native aquatic species biologist. At the ceremony Aquatic Wildlife Branch Assistant Director Matt Nicholl presented Cammack with a wood burned art piece of a roundtail chub. Attending the ceremony were Cammack’s uncle, CPW Southwest Region Senior Aquatic Biologist James N. White and Cammack’s grandfather, James R. White. According to CPW, Cammack has long been a critical member of the CPW staff for his conservation work with our native aquatic species such as boreal toads, roundtail chub, bluehead sucker, flannelmouth sucker and Rio Grande chub and sucker. He also contributes to work with native cutthroat trout species. An email from the agency notes, “Cammack’s work has been critical, highlighted in last year’s decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] to not list Rio Grande chub and sucker under Endangered Species Act protections. He works tirelessly with partners from the USFWS, New Mexico, National Park Service and numerous other partners on the conservation of those species and to increase their populations in their historical waters.”

One fatality in ATV crash

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

One individual died following an ATV crash on a ranch on Stevens Lake Road early Wednesday morning, June 11.

Archuleta County Undersheriff Robert Hill reported Wednesday morning the incident is believed to have occurred sometime between a little before midnight on Tuesday, June 10, and 1 a.m. on June 11.

The crash involved a four-seater ATV, he reported, with a fatality.

Archuleta County Coroner Brad Hunt explained the deceased is a 19-year-old from Texas, but declined to release additional information due to the ongoing investigation.

One individual — Austin James Brown, 20, of Beaumont, Texas — was arrested on charges that include driving under the influence, vehicular homicide-DUI, criminally negligent homicide, manslaughter-reckless, alcohol-under 21 possession/consumption and weapon-prohibited use.

No additional information was available as of early Wednesday afternoon, with Hill noting the incident remains under investigation.

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‘Stars and Stripes Stroll’ walking parade planned for Fourth of July

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At the June 3 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis informed the council that his staff had “determined that a walking parade would be the best course of action” for this year’s Fourth of July celebration at Yamaguchi Park.

Due to the Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT’s) highway reconstruction project, the council decided on March 4 that it will forgo a traditional motorized parade for this year’s celebration, opting instead for a celebration at Yamaguchi Park that will lead into the annual fireworks display, fire danger permitting.

At that meeting, Mayor Shari Pierce said, “My heart wants us to have a parade for our community, but my head tells me it’s not really gonna be feasible because of the construction and traffic and lack of parking.”

Although the council decided on a stationary celebration at the park, some on the council hoped that some form of a parade could still happen.

“So, I feel like the motorized parade is off the table,” Pierce said, asking the council what it thought about a “stationary parade on 6th.”

She expressed that she hoped a small parade-like event could be organized for the youth, with Lewis suggesting that honoring “our veterans and first responders could be part of that,” saying that “town staff would come up with something.”

At the June 3 meeting, Lewis told the council that the walking parade would be called the “Stars and Stripes Stroll,” and it would honor veterans and first responders in the community.

He explained that the walking

■ See Parade A8

Dispatch board approves resolution to move forward with dissolving current agreement

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Thursday, June 5, the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board voted unanimously to approve resolution 2025-01, which was presented by dispatch board chair and Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) Director of Emergency Medical Services Jason Webb.

Webb explained that the board has been discussing possible options for how the combined dispatch board would operate if it were to dissolve the current intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the county, Town of Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and PSMC.

Webb explained the combined dispatch board had a “good discussion” during its last meeting about “trying to find ways to alter the IGA to be more fitting to what our needs were.”

Webb mentioned there was “definitely consensus of maybe we should move forward with dissolving the IGA,” whatever that process might look like.

Webb noted that information was

■ See Dispatch A8



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

New storm drain installation takes place along U.S. 160, with 110 feet of 18-inch reinforced concrete pipe that connecting the upstream inlet structure to the downstream structure at 2nd Street where it crosses U.S. 160.

County discusses discoveries related to road maintenance

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a June 10 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard from Road and Bridge Manager Eric McRae about road maintenance agreements and requirements in subdivisions throughout the county.

“We have discovered quite a few resolutions,” McRae said, explaining those resolutions date back “quite a ways.”

McRae explained that over the past 10 months he has been researching and looking for any documents relating to the county’s puzzle and mystery of why its Road and Bridge Department is “constantly struggling.”

McRae noted that he is not done researching the matter and is “open to more documents to hit the table,” mentioning he’s found documents dating from 1976 to 2006.

“This topic affects our entire community,” he added.

McRae explained that when a plat is accepted by the county, the document is stamped, signed and dated with legal dictations and waivers. One of those dictations states that streets are a right of way dictated to the public for vehicle traffic and utility access.

“This is giving the subdivision the

■ See Maintenance A6

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OUR VIEW

Be safe this summer

Summer has barely begun, but we've already seen, heard about and reported on a number of dangerous situations that could have been prevented.

On our way to the office Wednesday morning to seek information on a fatal crash, we watched a driver drive through the downtown construction zone in a line of traffic while clearly looking at a phone that was taking his attention off the road. Few things get our blood boiling as much as people blatantly choosing to not be safe and putting others' lives in danger.

And, with summer just beginning, we know things will only get busier. We'll have more kiddos out on their bikes and playing outside, more pedestrians strolling through town and, of course, a lot more traffic. Many will follow the rules, but some won't.

We have to expect the unexpected and do our part to keep ourselves and others safe so we aren't left mourning needless losses.

Whether you're walking, biking or driving, know the rules and laws, and ensure those you're with also know the guidelines and laws associated with your activity.

Then, continue to be cautious and aware of those who don't know the laws or, sadly, don't care about them.

Look for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists everywhere. They can be hard to see and, in the case of motorcycles, the new lane-filtering law has changed what drivers can expect from motorcycles.

Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and never pass vehicles stopped at crosswalks.

Drive the speed limit. If you need to speed to get where you're going, learn to set your alarm for earlier. It's nobody else's fault that you're in a hurry, and they shouldn't have to pay the price for your poor decisions.

When you're on a bike, follow the rules of the road and drive the same direction as traffic. Obey signs, signals and road markings just like if you're driving car. Assume others don't see you, and stay alert and focused.

When you're walking, walk on sidewalks whenever they're available. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic, but stay as far from traffic as possible. Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, and look for vehicles in all directions before crossing.

In the case of our downtown construction

zone, only cross at designated, open crosswalks. Never hop the barriers to enter the construction zone.

Never drive impaired or distracted. No matter how short the distance you're traveling, no matter if you think you're "fine" to drive or whatever else you may think, it's not worth it. It puts not only you, but everyone around you at extreme risk.

According to the Colorado State Patrol (CSP), 1 in 3 fatal crashes last summer involved an impaired driver.

The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day — known as the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer — historically sees a spike in roadway crashes and fatalities across the state, the CSP reports. During the 100 Deadliest Days period in 2024, 221 people were killed on Colorado roads, and about one-third of those fatal crashes involved an impaired driver. Last year, there were 3,325 serious injuries on Colorado roads, and more than half (55 percent) occurred between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Let's not add to the statistics.

Be safe, and let's have a great summer.

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the June 11, 1987, Pagosa SUN — HOG HEAVEN — Earl Gibbs of Pagosa Springs found out that the farther you go, the deeper it gets. Earl competed Sunday in the 1st Annual Mud Madness mud bog races. Earl had a moment to ponder his mucky fate before a tow truck rescued him from the bog.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 12, 1925

The inevitable result of poor business methods in the general assembly is seen in the announcement that the revenues of the state for the current biennial period will be inadequate, by some \$700,000, to meet the appropriations made by the legislature. Fortunately Colorado has a law that forbids the payment of appropriations for which there is no revenue and fortunately also appropriations are classified in the order of their importance, so that the excess and unpaid appropriations will be those that are not for the primary needs of the state.

Four new cases of diphtheria were reported in this county during the past week, they being the three children of Frank Duran at Kearns and Bo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Henry of Chromo. Mrs. Candido Maez of the Henderson & Nevins sawmill near Dyke is still in quarantine for the disease, but will be released shortly. All are under quarantine and getting along nicely with the exception of the Henry case. Bo, who is sixteen years old, was taken ill Sunday and has been desperately ill for several days, his condition being reported about the same this morning.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 9, 1950

Early American history dating back to 1776 will be revived in Pagosa Springs on Friday, June 16, at 11 a.m. with the arrival of the Independence Liberty Bell — symbol of the Treasury's 1950 Saving Bond Drive.

The full-scale model Liberty Bell will echo the nation's copper cloaked history with the true harmonic tone of the original world-famed symbol that heralded the Declaration of Independence.

Silenced since 1835, when it cracked while tolling at the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall the original tone of the Voice of Liberty has been recreated by the nation's copper industry as its contribution to the Treasury's Independence Drive.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 12, 1975

The new court house addition is now occupied and more room for various operations is available. The new structure was started just west of the main building last year and was occupied in late May.

Moving operations there have been completed. The new addition houses the Welfare Department and the County Commissioners office and meeting room. The building is one story high and provides much needed space for the two departments.

The space occupied in the main building by the Welfare Department will become the office of the planning commission. The space used by the commissioners will be used for additional room for the operations of the County Clerk's office.

The planning commission offices had been located in the jury room and that will now be used only for jury room and law and justice functions. County work loads have increased considerably for all offices and departments in the past few years. The additional space will help the crowding problem.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 8, 2000

It's not a new idea.

What's new are the numbers.

As in \$7,031,292.

Now, property owners pondering the annexation of three residential subdivisions into the Town of Pagosa Springs have some tentative costs to analyze as they assess their options.

The three subdivision in question are Pagosa in the Pines Units 1 and 2 and Lake Pagosa Park, which occupy tracts of land north and west of the junction of Piedra road with U.S. 160.

According to Pagosa Springs Town Administrator Jay Harrington, the town has been approached several times during the past few years by different groups of property owners considering annexation of the three subdivisions.

A standard response to questions about annexation centered on the need to bring infrastructure in the subdivisions (particularly the streets) up to town standards.

Following a recent inquiry, town staff asked an engineering firm to prepare preliminary cost estimates for necessary street improvements in the three subdivisions. The completed estimate was given to representatives of a group of property owners and was reported to members of the Town Board at their June 6 meeting.

The preliminary cost estimate of \$7,031,290 was derived from an analysis of each of the three subdivisions.



Weather data

Date	High	Low	Precipitation			
				Moisture	Type	Depth
6/3	67	48	0.49	NA	NA	NA
6/4	65	40	0.4	NA	NA	NA
6/5	66	41	0.05	NA	NA	NA
6/6	72	37	0.00	NA	NA	NA
6/7	77	38	0.00	NA	NA	NA
6/8	78	40	0.00	NA	NA	NA
6/9	76	40	0.01	NA	NA	NA



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Affordable housing surcharge

Dear Editor:

Charging those who work here, to build affordable housing for those who might move here in the future drives those who already have affordable housing to leave. It's too expensive to live here. The PAWSD Affordable housing surcharge and all the other well-meaning local taxes do not serve anyone already here. This is an unintended consequence that has real power to drive locals to move somewhere more affordable. Many of us that work because we need to and own a home that now would be called "affordable housing" are seriously considering leaving. Once we sell, our homes will no longer be affordable. I live in the only affordable housing in our community – a mobile home in a mobile home park. I should be a recipient of these taxes NOT taxed. The least expensive workforce home is \$325,000. That is not affordable and a home the homeowner will never be able to realize the full market value when selling. The home is deed restricted. No one wants that.

Realtor.com's median home list price in Pagosa is \$675,000. How many working families can afford that, few. Before you start committing money to those who have not yet arrived, don't drive those who are already here by over taxing them. We've learned nothing from all the other Colorado Mountain towns that have gone through this same painful change from being a great mountain town to a service community for the rich. Stop the taxes.

Beverly Compton

Start from scratch

Dear Editor:

I recently received an email from our Representative Jeffrey Hurd regarding his vote for the budget bill. I had asked him why, after he had claimed he was going to protect Medicaid, he voted for the bill. He said it was to give tax cuts to median income families and to preserve the child tax credit. There are many things wrong with this bill; loss of Medicaid funding is just one of them. This is an open reply to him.

While families with median income will keep the tax cuts, the poorest families who make up to \$40,000, will not be able to take advantage of the child tax credit because they do not make enough to pay taxes, and they will have to pay the regressive inflationary tariffs, will see greatly reduced SNAP benefits, and may lose ACA insurance subsidies or Medicaid. All for the top 1% of earners to get 25% of the tax cuts. Middle class earners lose renewable energy credits, and will face the same inflationary tariff costs. Additionally, there is no reason Congress could not preserve tax reductions for low income and middle class earners while raising taxes for the wealthy. You and I need to pay our fair share because we are profiting from the labor of low income workers.

This bill is so far from perfect that it should be trashed. Start from scratch, imagining what our country could be if we really cared for each other.

Lynn R. Frederick

Setback variance request

Dear Editor:

An article appeared in the June 5th edition of the Sun referencing our denied setback variance request. I appreciate that this item was included as I think our commissioners have a duty to fairly apply regulations in our county and it is important that property owners understand it is not being done. Mr Ranson indicated concern with precedence setting, and our experience in attending meetings and hearing stories from other residents was that those that do not apply for permits or for variance requests and instead are caught and request post-hoc approval are the ones granted those variances by these commissioners, even when county liens are being levied against the property in question. It is unfortunate that our commissioners are rewarding bad behavior rather than consistency in applying/following the rules across

Letters

all the residents of Archuleta County. Those that play by the rules are being knocked down while those that break them are being rewarded. Doesn't seem fair or impartial does it?

Valarie Groves

Cultivated salmon

Dear Editor:

I was thrilled to learn the Food and Drug Administration granted regulatory approval for San Francisco based company Wildtype to sell its cultivated salmon in the United States. The product will debut at select restaurants. For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from animal cells, without slaughter. It offers a number of potential environmental, public health and nonhuman welfare benefits.

"Wildtype's achievement is a watershed moment for domestic seafood production and for the cultivated protein industry overall," said Dr. Suzi Gerber, executive director of the Association for Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Innovation. "Food technologies meet the highest safety standards, and can play a vital role in healthy American diets, while strengthening our food system's domestic production and resilience."

Despite such progress, significant technological challenges remain for cultivated meat to reach price parity with incumbent, slaughtered options. Thankfully, these can be overcome with increased public funding for cellular agriculture research. Any politician interested in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, pandemic risk, and the suffering we inflict on animals should support this forward thinking effort.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Conn.

Los Angeles

Dear Editor:

I write this letter as a part-time resident of Pagosa Springs, someone who splits time between my home here and my home in California. One day, I hope to make this my full-time home. Until then, I continue to care for my mother and stay connected with family and friends back in California. So I apologize in advance for raising an issue that may seem beyond our small town's immediate concern—for now.

You may be seeing conflicting reports about what's happening in Los Angeles. Some describe riots. Others speak of peaceful protests. It's hard to know what to believe just by watching the news or scrolling through social media. My advice: don't passively consume these headlines—talk to people you know. California is a big state, and chances are most of us know at least one person there. Reach out. Ask them what they're seeing and feeling on the ground.

From the conversations I've had with friends in Los Angeles and nearby communities, these events are not just "protests." They are expressions of deep fear and frustration from families trying to protect one another. People are scared—not of violence, but of what the federal government is doing to their neighbors, to their

coworkers, to their friends. They feel powerless and unheard. So they stand up the only way they can—with their voices, their presence, and their pride.

It's hard to imagine this kind of unrest reaching a town like ours. But if it did—how would you respond?

Some frame this as a response to an "invasion" of illegal immigrants. They say it's necessary to restore law and order. I understand the desire to feel safe and protect one's family, but that desire cannot come at the expense of other families' safety or dignity. Without measure and restraint, all we're left with is fear—and that fear now exists on both sides.

And that fear is what's fueling not only the protests, but the growing resistance to ICE and federal enforcement tactics.

The use of fear as a political tool cannot be what makes America great again. Fear is what tears a country apart.

In the days ahead, you will see more headlines, more images of burning cars, and more people in pain. But I ask you—look closer. Don't settle for easy conclusions.

These are my opinions. Yours may differ. But please: form your own. Be active, not passive.

Sincerely,
Ed Matlack

How did we get here?

Dear Editor:

How did we get here?

A graduating HS honor student, one of many eighteen-year-olds detained and deported without parents or family. Are we safer now? Hey ICE, wasn't it supposed to be drug dealers and rapists?

Seniors anxious that 401Ks won't cover their retirement because fiscal chaos destabilizes financial markets. Hey Mr. Speaker, how great is that?

Grocery prices soaring out of control. Certainly, they can't still be blaming the previous administration? Oh, yes! they can. Hey Trump-Vance platform writers, is that egg on your face?

Allies and adversaries skewering TACO tariffs. Our allies don't trust us. We've lost the respect of the international community. Putin is not our friend. Hey DT, a great big parade doesn't replace cogent, consistent, and coherent policy.

■ See Letters A4

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of June 16-21

Work activity

- Crews are making progress on the water main and service lines. Everyone's patience is appreciated in the 200 block during the water shut down.
- Electrical work continues in the 100 to 300 blocks. This work encompasses installation of conduit for sidewalk lighting and flashing crosswalk signage, as well as a multi-duct conduit for future Colorado Department of Transportation and Town of Pagosa Springs communications.
- Work continues on storm drain installation.
- The 2nd and 4th Street intersections on the north side of U.S. 160 will remain closed until utility and drainage work is complete.

Overflow parking available

- The overflow parking lots that the Town of Pagosa Springs has worked on are now open at 323 Hot Springs Boulevard and 811 San Juan Street. Other public parking is available throughout the downtown.

Watch where you walk

Pedestrian crosswalks will be open at 1st, 3rd and 4th streets. Mid-block crossings between 4th Street and 5th Street will be closed, but the crosswalk at 5th Street will remain open.

Mountain Express Transit bus stop information

The River Center stop, #18, has moved to 1st Street and U.S. 160 in front of the museum. Bus stop #19, 2nd Street and U.S. 160, has moved to 2nd Street and Lewis Street.

Safety tips for pedestrians

- Watch where you are going. Do not enter the work zone or climb over work zone safety barriers. Construction work may be fascinating, but always prioritize navigating the work zone as safely as you can.
- Pay attention to posted signs in the project area and follow all workers' instructions. Cross streets only at open crosswalks or intersections; walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- Be alert for moving construction vehicles and other unexpected hazards, which often move sud-

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Lorrie ‘Yia Yia’ Colvert Carpino

The most loving, caring and accepting soul ever created, Yia Yia, born Feb. 16, 1930, left us on May 30, 2025.

Lorrie Carpino opened her arms to all who entered her life and adopted the young and old, many in Pagosa Springs. She made lasting impressions on so many lives and will be fondly remembered. Lorrie and her husband, Paul, relocated to Pagosa Springs in 1992 after a thrilling time in Denver, Colo. She was the right hand (administrative assistant) to the head coach of the Denver Broncos, Red Miller, and even has a Su-

per Bowl ring. Naturally, she would tag along with family to team parties, spring training and Super Bowl 13. Later, in Denver, she was with the state of Colorado, training what she called “baby judges” with the Judicial Department.

Retiring in Pagosa to be near family, she and Paul were often found on the shores of Lake Pagosa, always outside fishing or having the



neighborhood over for “pizza on the lake.” And a game of cribbage was always nearby. She raised five very diverse children in five years in western Montana while Paul was busy with his master’s degree and smoke jumping Montana wildfires. She had, for years, two to three children at a time in cloth diapers, sadly taking her time away from her gifted artistic talents.

Paul preceded her in death after nearly 75 years of marriage. She is survived by all five children: Lynne Hutton (Rick), Cathy Carson, Paul Carpino (Cinda), Betsy Carpino (Jim), John Carpino (Luanne); 20 grandchildren (including Trevor and Ty Peterson locally); and many

great-grandchildren. Her desire is to be buried next to her dear “daddy” in Missoula, Mont., where a memorial will soon be held. In the meantime, plant a tree for her or a bed of flowers.

Services

John Snider

Friends and family will remember John Snider at a celebration of life service this Saturday, June 14, at noon at the Archuleta County Colorado State University Extension Building. Bring a dish to share and a funny story about John to tell.

Fire district board elects president, other roles

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) held a regular meeting Tuesday, June 3, at which a new vice president and secretary/treasurer were elected. PFPD board member Leroy Lattin was re-elected as the board’s president.

PFPD board member Jim Prutsmann was elected as vice president and Linda Lattin was elected as the board’s secretary/treasurer. All positions were unanimously approved by the board.

Other news

PFPD attorney Dino Ross men-

tioned to the board during his report that “a couple of legal advisements” will be coming to the board, specifically mentioning that the state has approved a new bill allowing mobile food trucks to operate in other jurisdictions than where it received its fire code inspection.

“An odd one that the legislature passed,” Ross said, explaining, “if a food truck is approved by any fire code authority, basically anywhere, you have to honor that.”

Gov. Jared Polis signed House Bill 25-1295, “Food Truck Operations,” on May 20, which establishes a definition for “mobile retail food establishment” to mean “a retail food establishment that is operated from a vehicle, can change location, and is intended to

operate from a commissary kitchen,” according to the bill’s summary from the Colorado General Assembly.

The bill summary also notes that the bill establishes “that a fire safety permit that has been issued to a mobile retail food establishment by a local government is valid in any other local government jurisdiction.”

According to the bill summary, the permit is valid if the permit was issued by a local government that has adopted the most recent international fire code or a fire code that has incorporated minimum standards for mobile food establishments developed by the division of fire prevention and control. The permit must also have been issued after completing an inspection by a

certified fire inspector.

Also during the meeting, PFPD Chief Robert Bertram explained that the district is planning to add to its training facilities, bringing in additional CONEX containers.

Bertram explained that the containers will allow the district to make its training “a little bit more realistic,” noting the containers allow for more versatile setups.

He also mentioned that the containers can be expanded upon, adding, they can do “lots of good stuff” with the containers.

The next PFPD board meeting is scheduled for July 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the district’s administration office, located at 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

PAWSD, fire district report progress on fire flow waivers

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors heard updates from staff about progress on finalizing a fire flow waiver document with the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and on its hydrant inspection program at a May 29 special meeting.

This followed an extensive discussion at a May 22 meeting between the board and PFPD Chief Robert Bertram about the need for the fire district to provide documentation when it approves projects where flows of water for firefighting are lower than fire code standards to reduce PAWSD’s liability in the event of a fire.

At that meeting, the board and Bertram agreed to move forward with

having staff and the two districts’ attorneys draft a letter providing such a waiver of fire flow requirements that could be given to PAWSD when projects are approved with flows that do not meet the code.

PAWSD District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey offered the update, explaining that PAWSD staff, Bertram and the legal counsels for both districts met earlier in the day on May 29 to discuss the waiver letters.

He explained that the PFPD is in charge of determining the fire flow requirements and that it needs to provide a letter taking responsibility for projects not meeting the fire code and removing PAWSD’s liability for these shortfalls.

Ramsey described the meeting as “fairly productive.”

PAWSD Programs Manager Renee

Lewis added that the PFPD agreed that it does not currently have a procedure for waivers and is willing to present PAWSD with a draft waiver letter to address this deficiency soon.

She commented that she would “push it pretty hard” since PAWSD has projects currently in the approval process that require such waivers.

PAWSD board member Bill Hudson commented that it was “good to hear” that there was “positive discussion.”

Lewis commented that it was “very positive” and that the May 22 meeting was the first time that a PFPD fire chief had attended a PAWSD meeting that she could remember.

“I was very encouraged, and he was very cooperative today,” she said. “I’m really looking forward to working with them. I think this will be an

improvement not only for us but also for them.”

Hydrant testing update

Ramsey also provided an update on PAWSD’s efforts to test fire hydrants in the area, explaining that, by that time, about 960 hydrants had been tested and inspected out of 1,125.

He estimated that the contractor PAWSD hired should be done with testing in the next two weeks.

Ramsey added that a relatively limited number of issues have been identified.

He stated that the project has identified seven hydrants with severe issues, fewer than 1 percent of the hydrants tested, although about 300 have minor repairs or maintenance that will need to be done on them.



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Millions of dollars spent stroking the president’s ego. Hey sycophants, this is a bottomless pit. Too much is never enough with this guy. That beautiful (no-strings, of course) new Air Force One. That beautiful (clearly urgent) new White House ballroom. That beautiful (self-congratulatory) military parade. That beautiful (self-serving) tax cut for the mega-wealthy.

Millions of Veterans and Medicaid recipients are projected to lose health care while the Big Ugly Bill adds trillions (with a “t”) to the national debt. Hey Mr. Cave-in Hurd, you’re not strengthening Medicaid. Let’s be honest. You’re inflicting a great deal of pain on your most vulnerable constituents in service to your big-money donors who are ruining - oops! - running this country.

Medical research grants canceled. Arts and Sciences trashed. Cultural centers hijacked. Museums and libraries censored. Environmental and weather monitoring canceled. National Parks critically understaffed. FEMA handicapped. Hey Nazi-wannabes, reaching for great new lows, are ya? Succeeding at that.

Have we lost our common sense?

Our ability to grasp basic math? Our self-respect? Our humanity? There is nothing in Trump’s extreme agenda that speaks of greatness. It all adds up to a mean-spirited, short-sighted money and power grab.

Hey clear-eyed Americans, please speak out before it gets even worse.

Hurd (DC) 202-225-4676.

Sincerely,

Kathy Muth

Budget bill, police state

Dear Editor:

Our US representative, Jeff Hurd, came to town and told us how compassionate he is (wanted to be a priest) and then went ahead and voted for the bill that will cut food stamps and Medicaid for his constituents. I wrote to him about this, pointing out that cutting food and medicine for his poorer constituents didn’t seem very compassionate, especially since they are in service to extending tax cuts for the obscenely wealthy and corporations.

Jeff wrote back that ending the tax cuts would cost his average constituent about \$1400. I call BS on this. Averaging the taxes of his richest and

poorest constituents is very misleading. Lower income people pay lower taxes than the wealthy — if the middle or working class needs a tax break after the Trump tax breaks expire, then our representatives could actually do their job and legislate — you know, come up with a fairer tax law. We have endured over 40 years of the trickle down/supply side experiment and it is a failure — it has resulted in funneling vast fortunes away from the middle class and into the coffers of the obscenely rich who, as it turns out, do not reinvest and hire more people — they just hoard and buy back shares. It’s time they pay their share and this should be an obvious first step in resolving the deficit issue.

The Medicaid cuts in this bill endanger the survival of our local Medical Center. Additionally, it claws back billions of dollars for manufacturing projects, some of which are incomplete — some of which is broadband for rural areas. It ends programs that help small farmers, notably the Farm to School and Farm to Food Bank programs, which was a \$2 billion market for farmers. Also, this bill prohibits states from enacting any laws controlling AI for 10 years! There is more ter-

rible in this bill and I had intended to spend this whole letter admonishing Jeff Hurd but then our president mobilized the National Guard in California.

People, this is bad. Our president wants to be an autocrat and obviously doesn’t care about state rights — he did not consult with California’s governor when mobilizing those troops and his Immigration czar, Tom Homan, has 500 marines at Camp Pendleton on alert — to combat US citizens who are exercising their first amendment rights.

That bill Hurd signed adds astonishing amounts of funding to ICE. Since no one is coming across the border anymore, that means that all of the action will be in our cities and towns. They are taking away the people who work, at their work. Not criminals, but workers and neighbors. These people pay taxes and never ever get to access any of the entitlements of tax paying citizens — they pay in but never withdraw. Once ICE gets around to Big Ag and the meat packing plants, food is going to get even more expensive. But that will be only one of the many inconveniences of living in a police state.

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Business

Tourism board, town council approve moving restricted funds for new multipurpose event center

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Plans for development for a new seasonal ice rink and multipurpose event center at Yamaguchi Park South were presented to the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board in April by Brian Collabolletta, who represented the nonprofit board spearheading the multipurpose pavilion (MPP) project.

During the tourism board's April 2 meeting, Collabolletta explained that the nonprofit originally planned to go after grant funding two years ago in order to construct a roof at the ice rink previously located at South Pagosa Park.

However, the Town of Pagosa Springs ended up pursuing the same grant for a different project, delaying the MPP's roof project, he noted.

The tourism board unanimously approved recommending the transfer of \$500,000 from reserves into a line item in the town's trust/impact fund, according to a May 6 Pagosa Springs Town Council agenda brief prepared by Tourism Executive Director Jennifer Green.

Green then met with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on May 13 during a work session, informing the BoCC that the town council approved the request, allowing the pavilion project to leverage the \$500,000 as a cash

match to pursue grant funding.

Green explained that, in 2023, both the BoCC and town council approved moving \$500,000 from lodging tax reserves into a restricted fund that was "earmarked for an event venue."

She explained that, at that time, the tourism board did not have a specific location or project in mind and that "the intent was to put money aside for the future opportunity of perhaps using it ... for a grant match."

Green mentioned that the board assumed whatever project did come up would be expensive and the likelihood of coming up with matching funds "would be difficult" if funds were not already set aside.

Green explained that Collabolletta has worked with the MPP for years, noting, "The tourism board has been very supportive of all their efforts."

Green explained that the MPP faced challenges running the ice rink at the South Pagosa Park location without a roof. She indicated that the MPP nonprofit is proposing to develop a pavilion that would have a refrigerated ice rink that could operate five to six months out of the year.

Green also mentioned that the nonprofit has identified new funding opportunities and requested the tourism board to use the \$500,000 as matching funds for possible grants.

Green noted that the tourism board agreed to do so, adding that

the matter was then presented to the town council and "they also agreed."

Green also mentioned that the worst-case scenario would be that the MPP is not awarded grant funds and the \$500,000 "remains intact and will not be spent."

Green went on to explain the venue would be a "year-round event venue as well," also noting, "We do not have the specifics on how the venue will be managed or run."

She explained that the nonprofit is looking into operating the venue and that "those details can be worked out down the road."

Green described the issue of who would be managing the venue as a good problem to have and that the ice rink would provide a "great winter activity" while not being as dependent on Mother Nature.

"So that is the ask before you guys," Green stated to the BoCC.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented on the venue being built as a year-round event center, "yet in the plan I don't see a single thing that speaks to anything other than the ice rink, Zambonis, food truck, bleachers, warming shed, skate shack."

Brown noted that it is all very specific to the ice rink, asking if this could be a "place we could bring maybe a festival."

Green explained that having a covered venue is beneficial for op-

erating the ice rink and that it would also allow for potential events, noting the town's stage would be able to fit under the covered area.

"It would turn into an event venue," she said, explaining the ice could be covered for different events.

"So, there are opportunities to do that," Green added, noting that retractable side walls may also be featured in the venue's design.

Green mentioned that restrooms have not been factored into the design yet, but noted that there would be ample parking at Yamaguchi Park South.

Green also noted that in speaking with Collabolletta, "they have a lot of donors that are willing to put money in if the town and county put money in."

The overall cost of the venue is \$3.5 million, according to Collabolletta's presentation to the tourism board.

In an email to The SUN on Thursday, May 29, County Manager Jack Harper indicated there is no set timeline as to when the BoCC will discuss approving the transferring of funds.

The next BoCC meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, at 398 Lewis Street.

Additional information on the proposed multipurpose pavilion can be found in the April 17 issue of The SUN in the article, "Tourism board recommends funding for multipurpose pavilion, ice rink."

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After 11.5 years, Elizabeth Marsh, left, will be stepping down as the executive director for the Southwest Colorado Accelerator Program for Entrepreneurs, with Heather Otter, right, stepping into the role.

Commissioners approve design for new Cloman transfer station

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting held on Thursday, June 5, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved a design for the future transfer station utilities at Cloman Park, along with an additional auxiliary building.

The BoCC previously approved \$37,000 in December 2024 to be used for an engineer and architect to assist the county with the design and layout of the new transfer station.

During the June 5 meeting, public works director Mike Torres presented the matter to the BoCC, explaining that the new request is for \$19,000,

which would be used to design the utilities — including water, electric, sewer and gas — as well as the additional auxiliary building.

He mentioned that staff initially thought there would be enough room for storage, but, "Just with the amount of growth we've seen over the years and people wanting to recycle, we thought while we were designing this we might as well design an auxiliary building to the southwest corner of the ... allotted piece of property for the transfer station."

Torres noted the additional auxiliary building would be 50 feet by 50 feet and approximately 17 to 18 feet tall.

"It'll give us the ability to store plastics, more paper and cardboard,

and items that can't get wet and be out in the elements," he said.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if the previously approved funds and the additional \$19,000 were included in this year's budget, which Torres confirmed.

Torres noted the project has been budgeted for the past two years.

"I appreciate your forward thinking on this," Brown said, noting that it will be more cost-effective for the county to do this now.

Commissioner John Ranson asked for clarification if the previously approved funds came out of the county's budget or from a grant.

Torres explained both the \$37,000 and \$19,000 came out of the capital budget for the transfer station.

He also noted that the county budgeted \$200,000 for this process, adding that he is hopeful those funds will go toward some preliminary construction work this summer, "if we have time."

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Maintenance

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ability to perform maintenance on right of ways," McRae said.
He went on to explain that his first discovery was a resolution from 1998 that was an agreement between the county and 12 subdivisions stating the county would provide road maintenance in those subdivisions for a period of five years.

McRae later noted those 12 subdivisions include Blue Lakes Estates, Holiday Acres, Echo Lake Estates, Log Park, Teyuaken, Continental Estates, Pagosa Hills, Pagosa Peak Estates, Pagosa Pines, Piedra Park (Arboles), Spring Estates and Pagosa Lakes.

McRae explained that during the five-year timeframe, the community was to hold a vote on deciding to continue maintenance through "some sort of mill levy."

"That proposal was voted down," McRae added.

He then explained that he continued to dig up information and old documents to see what the county may have agreed to or not in terms of road maintenance.

He mentioned that the documents date as far back as 1976 and that most of the county's subdivision roads began being developed in the 1970s.

The next discovery McRae spoke about was the Fairfield bankruptcy agreement, explaining the county agreed to maintain the arterial roads within the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA).

He also indicated that another resolution from 2002 was discovered in which the county accepted platted roads as public roads.

McRae explained it was at this time when the community was to vote on whether or not to continue maintenance.

"And who voted it down?" Commissioner Veronica Medina asked.

"I believe the public, from my understanding," McRae replied.

He reiterated that he is still open to new discoveries and documents that might present other information.

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McRae noted that the Road and Bridge Department is maintaining a "very large percentage of roads that we were never designed and staffed to deal with."

He mentioned that the department currently has 17 staff members — the same amount it had in 1976.

McRae commented that financial struggles over the years have caused the department to grow and shrink, also noting that today's crews are using improved equipment.

"But, we are working tirelessly and constantly chasing our tails," he said.

McRae commented again that he is open to any more recently dated discoveries and that he is looking to "finalize this story so that we can make an educated, mature decision as to what we can do to satisfy the needs."

He encouraged the community to become involved and educated on the matter to see if creating homeowners associations (HOAs) or metro districts could help, or to find ways for the county to be able to fund the department to handle the workload, "which we're obviously not able to do efficiently now."

McRae commented that the county can't "keep kicking the can down the road" and that "it's time this conversation happens."

He explained that he's been working with the county for approximately 17 months and when he's asked questions or receives complaints, he goes looking for answers in the county's documents.

"This is the situation we're all in," he added.

Medina asked for clarification on if the 12 subdivisions listed in the 1998 resolution were subdivisions that the county would take care of.

McRae explained that over the past 20 years the department has tried to help address complaints, "and I think that's why we're in the position we're in now."

He mentioned that the Road and Bridge Department would assume it was their responsibility and now are dealing with issues of being overrun with work.

"Unfortunately, it's our problem now to fix," he said, explaining that some of the subdivisions are quite small, while others are significantly larger, describing it as a "very unbalanced list."

Brown also asked for clarification about if the county agreed to maintain those 12 subdivisions for a period of five years, though the county has continued to maintain those roads beyond the agreement period, with McRae confirming that is the situation.

"I think we're all here to serve the public the best we can," McRae said, explaining that his predecessors were probably just trying to keep people on drivable roads.

He also noted that maintaining roads was likely not as challenging when the county had a smaller population, claiming the county's population has doubled over the past 10 years.

Public Works Director Mike Torres joined McRae, explaining the expected costs it would take for the county to assume maintenance responsibility for all of these roads would be around \$2 million.

He explained there would be costs with extra equipment and additional staff, as well extra materials.

"We all know how expensive it is to get gravel to Pagosa," Torres added.

McRae also noted that there would be a cost in assuming roads that are not built to county standards.

"The county has definitely gone

above and beyond when compared to these discoveries," he added.

McRae explained the county is investing approximately \$1.2 million into the Vista subdivision, which has historically been "greatly ignored," in his opinion.

County Manager Jack Harper asked for McRae to speak about how tax dollars are spent on roadways.

McRae indicated that each household contributes roughly \$30 to \$60 of taxes that go towards roadways.

"We all pay taxes here," McRae said, explaining a common complaint is that constituents pay taxes, yet their roads are in poor shape, adding that "the truth is" those tax dollars "are spread thin."

He noted that the HUTF provides about \$2,400 per mile, explaining the county uses those funds to plow snow in the winter.

"We lose money plowing snow," he added, clarifying that the county plows throughout all subdivisions in the county.

"We are discussing summertime maintenance," McRae said.

Brown then explained that metro districts receive their own HUTF dollars, as it is passed through the county.

"They get those fundings to perform their own maintenance," Brown said, explaining that's why there are not county plows on some roads.

McRae noted metro districts operate in Aspen Springs, Loma Linda and the San Juan River Village.

McRae also noted that HOAs do not qualify for HUTF monies.

He mentioned that some of the "benefits" of metro districts is that they give subdivisions the "power to control their community."

He explained that metro districts are required to be approved by eligible voters in the district's boundaries, approved by the local municipality and must provide at least two services.

He noted those services could include road maintenance, fire protection, parks and recreation, mosquito control, sanitation, solid waste disposal, transportation and water supply, television relay and translation, or safety protection.

"Metro districts are independent governmental entities that provide public service that go beyond what counties or municipalities can provide," McRae said, also noting that metro districts are able to apply for grant funds.

Interim county attorney Lance Ingalls explained that since counties are immune for liability of roadways, the county has discretion on what level of maintenance on any roadway is appropriate.

He mentioned that it is common for counties to have more roadway needs than what it can cover in its budget.

Commissioner John Ranson described the topic as a "big deal," commenting, "I don't want to kick the can down the road anymore."

McRae mentioned he hopes the county can come up with a clear policy and something "better for the future."

Brown commented that it seems the county is getting to the discovery of the "systemic cause" of its road challenges.

Medina noted the county has increased its Road and Bridge budget every year since she's been on the BoCC, and that it has pulled funds from the general fund to do so.

"I just hope that the public sees this is a transparent conversation," McRae added.

Torres encouraged residents in these subdivisions to become in-

volved in finding a solution.

McRae also noted that no decisions would be made "anytime soon."

Medina expressed appreciation for McRae's perspective on the matter "and not just doing what we've always done, because as we see, that model is broke."

Ranson also commented that he wants the topic to remain "front and center," and that oftentimes conversations like this are had and nothing is done.

"I don't want this to be one of those items," Ranson said.

Landfill regulation opposition

During the same work session, Torres informed the BoCC that he met with the coalition of municipalities that are fighting against the state's proposed Regulation 31, which would require additional methane monitoring and control on landfills.

He explained the coalition is planning to be represented by Chris Colcasure, an attorney with Beatty and Wozniak.

"They would like our participation in helping with some of the expense to obtain him and keep him working for us," Torres said, explaining they are asking for any amount from \$1 to \$20,000.

Torres suggested that the county could contribute \$10,000.

He also explained that the county's landfill is located on Southern Ute land, but the documents "clearly stated" that it is required to follow regulations set by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and would therefore be subject to Regulation 31.

Ranson explained that Mesa County spearheaded the effort to oppose the regulation and is donating "a lot of money" to this, as well opposition to other mandates.

"Might be a good investment," Ranson said.

Brown also expressed support, stating, "I think it's important to be a good neighbor" in helping to share the expense.

Medina commented that, "obviously we're not making a decision," but explained there is sufficient funding in the county's attorney fund and that if \$10,000 is sufficient, then staff could be directed to look at the budget and have the funds pulled from the attorney fund.

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Water conservancy talks reservoir project with Sen. Cleave Simpson

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 9 meeting, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors spoke with Colorado Sen. Cleave Simpson about its needs in developing a reservoir at Running Iron Ranch.

The SJWCD is currently engaged in litigation with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) over its attempt to sell the ranch where the reservoir would be located despite the opposition of the SJWCD.

The discussion opened with Simpson introducing himself and explaining that he represents Senate District 6, which includes Archuleta County, and that he lives in Alamosa and serves as manager for the Rio Grande Water Conservation District in the San Luis Valley.

SJWCD president Candace Jones thanked him for coming and noted that he had briefly toured the Running Iron Ranch property prior to the meeting.

Jones then explained the history of the reservoir project, stating that the reservoir creation effort has its origins in efforts in the 1970s to secure conditional water rights for storage in Colorado.

She stated that the district was formed in 1987 with the goal of making progress on utilizing these conditional rights to create water storage in the area.

The district looked at several locations for a potential reservoir, Jones stated, including Hidden Valley Ranch, which was its top choice.

However, after the ranch was sold, efforts shifted to creating a reservoir on the Running Iron Ranch, she explained.

The size of this potential reservoir was limited to 11,000 acre-feet (AF) following litigation between the SJWCD, PAWSD, Trout Unlimited and other parties about the reservoir's impacts on instream flows in the San Juan River, Jones stated.

She explained that the Running Iron Ranch was purchased in 2009 with a \$1 million grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCBC) awarded to the SJWCD and \$9.2 million in loans to be repaid by PAWSD.

Following this purchase, relationships between PAWSD and the SJWCD, which had shared most of their board members and worked closely together, deteriorated, Jones stated.

The loan from the CWCBC was restructured in 2015, Jones stated, with the loan divided into two tranches, including one to be paid off in the next 20 years and encompassing the amount of the original debt, and another encompassing the accumulated interest on the loan to be paid off once the first tranche is repaid.

PAWSD's loan payments are about \$260,000 a year, Jones indicated.

She added that the loan restructuring agreement also outlined a timeline for the reservoir project, including a 20-year planning period from 2015 to 2035.

She commented that this period was likely intended to allow the districts time to plan how to move forward on the reservoir in a "less acrimonious environment," although she noted that this environment has never materialized, to the detriment of the SJWCD.

Jones noted that this acrimony has hindered the district's ability to raise money since funders are less interested in supporting a project that includes an unwilling partner like PAWSD.

She explained that the PAWSD board does not believe that the community needs a reservoir and wants to exit the project and free itself of the associated costs.

Jones indicated that the SJWCD is willing to work with PAWSD to find a way to leave the project, which could include raising funds, finding a new partner to support the project or creating a new arrangement with the CWCBC.

She commented that issues with estimating water needs have also been a barrier to the project.

Although the SJWCD commissioned a water demand estimate in 2022 that showed the 11,000 AF reservoir size would be necessary to satisfy holistic water demand in the future, she explained that this estimate did not create consensus and that more detailed analyses would be difficult without cooperation from PAWSD.

Simpson asked how many people the reservoir could serve for irrigation.

Jones stated that there are some ranches and other agriculture to the south along U.S. 84 and that the Park Ditch, which the reservoir would be connected to, runs in that direction.

However, she added that agricultural water needs in the area have generally been expected to decline

due to increased development.

Jones stated that there is no storage for water used by the PAWSD Snowball Water Treatment Plant that serves downtown Pagosa Springs and that the reservoir could provide storage for this plant if there was no water available in the San Juan River, although this would require building a pipeline to connect the reservoir and the plant.

PAWSD received an offer from Zipper Valley Ranch in the fall of 2024 to purchase the Running Iron Ranch at a price that would repay PAWSD's debt and provide land to build a 3,000 AF reservoir and has been supportive of it, Jones stated.

According to the proposal presented by Zipper Valley Ranch representative Trey Fricke at the May 29 meeting of the PAWSD Board of Directors, this purchase would include an easement for the construction of a reservoir, but would provide no construction funding for the project from the developer.

Similar to the current agreement between the SJWCD, PAWSD and the CWCBC, this proposal would place the burden of finding design and construction funding for the reservoir on a local water district and would impose an approximately 10-year timeline, including fundraising deadlines and reporting requirements, for the project.

Outside of the easement, the only contributions from the developer to building a reservoir would be \$10,000 a year to support project engineering and the potential to negotiate with the CWCBC to have it forgive a portion of the loans and contribute this to project funding, although these negotiations have not formally begun and this would occur at CWCBC discretion.

At the meeting, Jones raised concerns that the water modeling and engineering needed to properly plan a reservoir has not been done, although she commented that there might be monetary value in selling the portions of the ranch that are not used for a reservoir.

She closed by commenting that she wants to get many of the outstanding questions about reservoir sizing and structure answered to help the project move forward.

SJWCD board member Rob Hagberg explained that the 11,000 AF reservoir would require purchases of property from the U.S. Forest Service and a private landowner to encompass the land that would be inundated.

He added that a smaller reservoir would have issues with siltation and would require measures to address it, as well as potentially not meeting the district's needs.

Simpson asked how the district has defined its water needs.

Hagberg commented that the district has struggled to assess these needs, although it is interested in many needs beyond municipal water, including recreation, forest health and agriculture.

Jones explained that the SJWCD commissioned a water needs study from Wilson Water Group in 2022, which incorporated municipal, recreational and some agricultural water needs.

She also noted that the project is not purely intended to address PAWSD's needs and that the SJWCD understands that PAWSD wants to leave the project.

Jones then referenced earlier public comments from PAWSD board member Bill Hudson stating that the voters have previously rejected ballot measures to raise taxes to fund elements of the reservoir project by large margins, highlighting that "there's a big difference between what the voters will vote to pay for and what the voters want."

She noted that the voters also rejected funding for Archuleta County to build a new jail, although they have supported initiatives for the Archuleta School District.

Jones pointed out previous poor planning by local governments that has led to significant expenses and commented, "I don't want to the reservoir end up with the same model of somebody comes in and says, 'Sell it to me on the cheap and I'll help you build the next big thing,' and then they're like, 'Yeah, we never really meant to do that,'" Jones said. "So, that's what I get concerned about."

Simpson commented that information was helpful and asked what the district wants him to help with.

Jones stated that the district would like Simpson's assessment of if there is the potential for an arrangement with the CWCBC or another group to relieve PAWSD of its debt and keep the property in public hands while the SJWCD works on reservoir funding and construction.

She also commented on and criticized a "bright idea" previously offered by Fricke to use eminent domain to take more land for the

reservoir and stated that, once the property is sold, it will likely be permanently gone.

Jones commented that the water rights the district holds for the reservoir would be impaired by losing the property.

Simpson asked if the SJWCD has engaged with Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) or the CWCBC Southwest Basin Roundtable about approaches to maintain ownership of the property.

Jones commented that the district has engaged with these groups and kept them informed about the situation, although she noted that potential funders are deterred by the district "having to drag along an unwilling partner."

In response to a question from Simpson, Jones explained that it would cost about \$10.4 million to purchase the property and remove PAWSD from the project.

She added that having collaborative partners on the project would be valuable, although she commented, "I'll tell you, to not have the weight of the constant naysaying and sniping and general distaste in the community would be a huge relief."

Hagberg commented that the SJWCD would like the state to indicate that it is interested in and supportive of water storage in the area, which would be critical since the work would likely require state or federal funding.

Without this support, Hagberg stated that he does not personally see how the project could move forward.

SJWCD board member Bill Nobles commented on his concerns about the public losing access to the water and his desire for the water to stay in the community.

He added that future water needs for the area have not been clearly established and that the reservoir could serve a variety of purposes, including supporting future municipal water needs or providing alternative water sources in the case of wildfire.

Simpson asked how much analysis of water needs was incorporated in the 2022 CWCBC Basin Implementation Plan for the area.

He added that much of the demand data might already be available.

Jones and Nobles commented that water needs in the community were not addressed in the plan.

Jones continued that more data is needed and that the community needs to determine how to "work together on water" which would involve various groups "stepping up to our roles."

She commented that reducing the financial burden on PAWSD might be a step toward a "less acrimonious conversation," although she added that this could also occur independent of this work.

SJWCD board member Randy Cooper commented that another problem is the cost of building the reservoir.

He cited a 2008 estimate of the reservoir cost which placed the cost of a 12,000 AF reservoir at \$47 million and the cost of the reservoir and infrastructure to transport water to a PAWSD treatment plant at about \$180 million.

He noted that costs likely have risen since then, although he stated that the SJWCD could likely build a dam at the location for less than \$200 million.

Jones explained that the district is working on engineering to create a more current estimate of the costs and to give the community more information to make "informed decisions."

She commented that, if the reservoir is not justified by this research, then she could "go and enjoy my retirement" but, if this is not true, that the data could be used to continue developing the project.

She added that the SJWCD is actively litigating to prevent PAWSD from selling the property and criticized how the Zipper Valley Ranch proposal would include purchasing the water rights associated with the reservoir and potentially taking them out of public hands.

Although comments from SJWCD and PAWSD board members have suggested that a previous offer from Zipper Valley Ranch would include such a purchase, the proposal present at the May 29 PAWSD meeting did not include the purchase of water rights associated with the reservoir, as Jones claimed, although it did include the purchase of water rights for irrigation on the property.

Jones then thanked Simpson for attending the meeting.

Simpson stated that he would try to reach out to the CWCBC and discuss the project and that he is involved in the approval of a water projects bill every year, although he noted that he had not seen it include a water project of this exact form in the past.

Jones commented that she would appreciate his outreach and assistance.

Later in the meeting, the SJWCD board heard a public comment from SWCD board member J.R. Ford relating to the discussion with Simpson.

Ford commented that the opposition to Archuleta County building a new jail was rooted in concerns about the size of the jail and a desire to have it scaled to the community, not in opposition to the county building one.

"I think that's a great example of what some of us are trying to tell you guys," Ford said. "We're not against the reservoir, we're against the reservoir not being scaled for what our community really needs."

Ford commented that the board would need public buy-in and support in the grant funding process since funders would ask about it.

He stated that the district "can't say that" it has such support and this will harm its grant situation.

He suggested that the district speak with Fricke more and determine whether his proposal would be unsuitable and what the reasons for this would be.

"Because just saying we're not interested because we won't have public access or whatever the other reasons are, I don't think's going to go over well with the community," Ford said.

Ford added that the district could also request a mill levy tax increase to allow it to take the Running Iron Ranch from PAWSD and pay off the debt.

He noted that the SJWCD board lost a public vote about whether the community wanted to build a reservoir at its proposed 11,000 AF size and then, a few months later, arranged a deal with the CWCBC for loan funding when the public had just rejected the project.

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Dispatch

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presented to each of dispatch's respective executive boards "to try to identify a path forward for that."

He explained he worked with PSMC's chief administrative officer and legal counsel, Ann Bruzzese, to come up with the resolution being presented to the dispatch board.

"Our board received the information very well," Webb said, noting there was no "major opposition" to it other than wanting to have a clear plan going forward, mostly from the perspective of maintaining continuity of services.

Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux, PFPD Chief Robert Bertram and County Manager Jack Harper each indicated that they had also read the resolution prior to the meeting.

Harper noted that the resolution still needed to be passed onto the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and the county's legal counsel.

"I personally don't have any questions about it," Harper said.

Webb explained the idea in the resolution is the agencies agreeing on "wanting a county-based dispatch system under the sheriff's office, which is what we effectively did as emergency action under the current IGA."

In its last meeting of 2024, the dispatch board approved a resolution giving operational oversight of the dispatch center to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

During the June 5 meeting, Webb mentioned that change was made due to difficulties with the dispatch center maintaining staff and leadership, and that the change provided support and structure needed for the dispatch center, "which we all felt was pretty needed" for success.

Webb added, "I think over the months that we've done that, we've seen very good things," noting staffing levels have increased and there have been "less drops in service due to infrastructure."

Webb went on to explain that the intent is to provide accountability to work through, as well as an administrative structure for the ACSO to provide service once an official date of action happens.

"They're effectively already providing the oversight," Webb said of the ACSO.

Bruzzese interjected, reminding the dispatch board that it is not the "decider" of whether or not to terminate the IGA, noting that the BoCC, Pagosa Springs Town Council, PFPD

Board of Directors and PSMC's board of directors are the ones who "can make that call."

She noted that because of this, the resolution was written "intentionally soft," with the recommendation from the dispatch board that a plan be developed.

Bruzzese also noted that the PSMC board expressed it "wouldn't touch this for obvious reasons until there's a very clear plan," adding that everybody's obligation is to ensure 911 services.

"I'm not here as the lawyer," Bruzzese said, explaining that the county's attorney would need to be involved.

She went on to explain that, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the state passed a statute that allows local governments to "impose another surcharge for 911 services."

She explained that there is still the state 911 cell surcharge (approximately 12 cents a month), and the statute gives the ability of the local governing board to decide to impose an additional surcharge by address.

She commented that she was unsure if the county was already doing that, asking, "Are we collecting as much revenue from that source as can be done to deliver appropriate care?"

Bruzzese also commented that other counties in the state operate in a similar manner with an IGA, and that Archuleta County's combined dispatch board is supposed to be a governing board under the current IGA.

She suggested that the resolution could be written to allow for the combined dispatch board, from time to time, to pick a user agency that would be the "managing party," noting that would give room if in the future to change operational role from the ACSO to a different user agency.

Bruzzese explained that she anticipates statements from the other executive boards about the challenges associated with that.

She explained that the idea, as of now, is that each user agency is putting money into the dispatch center and therefore should have a "say so."

She explained that if the dispatch center becomes a county-based operation, each user agency would lose its say so.

Webb explained that point was discussed during the dispatch board's previous meeting, noting that members felt when dispatch needed something "there was an inability to provide support and service to the

agency as needed."

Le Roux acknowledged those concerns, adding that through his tenure with the county either as sheriff or director of emergency operations, "our contribution has been disproportionate to almost everybody else" over the years, with the exception of PSMC.

"We've taken an active role regardless of where the facility was," Le Roux added.

Le Roux also commented on the issue of each user agency having a "say," noting the ACSO consistently receives 55 to 60 percent of the dispatch center's call volume.

Earlier during the meeting, Interim Emergency Communications Director Elizabeth Blizzard provided a communications report indicating the dispatch center received a total of 1,686 calls for service in April, with the ACSO responding to 1,010 calls.

For the month of May, the dispatch center received a total of 1,921 calls, with the ACSO responding to 1,105 of those calls.

"We are the biggest response agency. We have the most numbers and we have the most calls by far and the decision making is all equal," Le Roux said.

He explained that there is equal decision making from the dispatch board, though "we put in the most operationally."

Le Roux questioned if that was efficient, noting he wanted to raise that point and adding, "Certainly we're the busiest and we're involved the most, yet everything is equal and at no point in any incident that we've had has any other board member, or board of that board member's representation, been involved."

Blizzard also explained that the dispatch center went to the Public Utilities Commission in 2021 to raise its surcharge to the maximum of \$2.25.

"They are not currently allowing a raise," she added, noting that once another raise is allowed, the dispatch center will pursue it.

Webb explained that is not included in the resolution being presented, though it could be something for the board to explore.

Bertram noted that he did not have any concerns with the resolution being presented, other than that a contract for services would be needed.

Webb explained the resolution was written for us "to be cooperative with the county as we work through these issues."

Webb also clarified that the dispatch board will continue to operate "as we have been operating" with holding regular board meetings, including the emergency action taken to move operational oversight of the dispatch center under the ACSO.

Bertram motioned to accept the resolution as written, which was seconded by Le Roux and unanimously approved by the board. Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock was not present at the meeting.

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Reservoir

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districts is we sit amongst our group hearing what the needs are and we decide we're going to drag the public along, and that doesn't work very well, and I really feel that's kind of where you guys are at," Ford said.

He concluded that the public does not buy into the project and that, unless it does, it will be difficult for the SJWCD to show public support to funders and receive money.

Jones responded that she is "so tired" of reviewing the history of the project and that she would like to move forward with a process to clearly establish the needs and cost for the reservoir so the public can review it.

"Because, otherwise, it's chicken and egg," she said. "And all we have is people dragging stuff out of some closet somewhere covered with dust and we go back over and over and over again and the history. ... I want

to move us forward and I absolutely agree with you that we need public buy-in, and I think we need the information to be able to show people what their options are."

Ford commented that the SJWCD is not using the public buy-in it has through actions like rejecting community-generated growth rate and water needs data and instead using contradictory studies by outside consultants.

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Parade

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parade will take place about 3 p.m., about one hour prior to the live music starting at Yamaguchi Park and that the parade would last about 15 minutes.

An agenda document on the matter states that staff "will extend an invitation to families to walk behind our veterans and first responders around Yamaguchi Park."

"This walking parade will not be an event to advertise, protest, or politicize your opinion but to encourage the celebration and recognize the sacrifices that have occurred for our

independence," the document states.

Lewis noted that this type of parade was determined to be "the best option" to avoid any road closures and that it would only take "limited staff," three to five employees, to put it on.

"It would prevent any road closures that would occur by any type of rolling parade, and it would limit the amount of staff needed," he said.

He added, "We want to get the community involved, tourists involved, everyone is welcome to walk behind these brave people to honor them."

The parade will stage and start at

the park's restrooms and end at the music stage, taking the strolling parade most of the way around the park grounds, he explained.

"I appreciate you working this out for us," Pierce said.

Council member Leonard Martinez asked, "Where are we on the fireworks?"

"As far as I know, it's just weather permitting, so as we get closer we'll see how we stand with things in regard to moisture and then ultimately a decision will be made," Lewis responded.

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Education



Charter school board elects president, other roles

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors appointed two board members to three-year terms and elected a board president, vice president, secretary and treasurer during its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 21.

Board member Jesse White self-nominated for president of the board, which was unanimously approved, and board member Catherine Siebel nominated herself for the vice president role and was also unanimously approved.

Two board members also nominated themselves to continue holding their same positions, with Pamela Meade as the board's treasurer and Bill Hudson as the board's secretary. Both were unanimously approved.

Hudson's and Meade's board terms were both extended for three more years after their previous terms ended in May.

The PPOS board now has six active members, including Hudson, Meade, White, Siebel, Lawrence Rugar and Chris Frederics.

Rugar joined the board in 2022, with his current term coming to an end in May 2026. White joined the board in 2023, with his current term ending in May 2027. Meade has been on the board since 2023, with a new term ending in May 2028.

Hudson is the board's longest-serving member, joining in 2017. His new term ends in May 2028. Siebel was appointed to the board in May 2024, with her term ending in May 2027.

Frederics is the board's newest member, joining in May, with a three-year term ending in May 2028.

School Accountability Committee

Later during the meeting, the PPOS board discussed possible options for the structure of its School Accountability Committee (SAC), with White initiating the conversation.

White explained that Frederics would be taking on the responsibility of coordinating the SAC and how information would be relayed to the board of directors.

Rugar noted that he wanted to see results of student, staff and parent surveys, noting that "the data is important" and the "surveys are absolutely worthless if we don't get to discuss the results of it."

Siebel noted that previously surveys were distributed three times throughout the school year: beginning, middle and end, noting, "The end of year one is locked and ready to go."

She explained that there is still some discussion on how to disseminate the surveys and that the board won't have data until next year.

Meade mentioned that there will be a report from the board representative in the future to the SAC, but asked for clarification if the SAC is

something that the board representative attends or if it is a board-run committee.

White explained that Frederics was previously on the SAC, and more questions were asked about how the committee operates.

Frederics mentioned he didn't have a "strong memory of this role" and wanted to know more about the boundaries of the SAC and board of directors.

"I truly have never understood what precisely they're in charge of,"

Murphy described the SAC as a "space where parents can get information about policies and procedures within the school, ask questions, make complaints."

Siebel said, noting that she understands the accountability aspect, "but, like, I don't know what that means in the day to day."

Frederics responded to Siebel's comment by stating he would try to deliver the "most unfiltered belief of that committee I possibly can to you."

He explained that it is essentially a way for "parents to be involved," noting that sometimes can mean through a parent-teachers association.

Frederics added it is "essentially structured a way that is required by [Colorado Department of Education] for administrators to deliver information to parents so they can give them feedback."

He noted that the SAC does not have any authority, but is a way to loop parents into the decision making of the school.

PPOS School Director Emily Murphy explained that she is required to be at every SAC meeting, noting she could be the one who presents information from the SAC to the board.

Murphy described the SAC as a "space where parents can get information about policies and procedures within the school, ask questions, make complaints."

Siebel then asked if complaints from the SAC would then go to Murphy and on to the board of directors. "Ideally, no," Murphy said.

Siebel then asked for clarification

on who would make complaints to the board.

"It doesn't seem like going through a director in any case is the ideal pathway," she added.

Siebel then asked that, if it is the board's job to convey information to families, "which I firmly believe in," then what is the right pathway for complaints to be made to the board?

Siebel suggested that the order should not be Murphy to the board and then to parents.

"Well, I mean, if it's operational questions, it should come from [Murphy] because she understands the operations," Hudson responded, noting that if it has something to do with operations then that has to do with the board of directors.

Siebel then asked who the person the board would be communicating with is.

Murphy mentioned that it makes sense to have information from the board pass through the administration to parents.

"This has been a thing for, like, over a decade," Frederics commented, explaining that every school in Colorado has to have a SAC and that there is not a "one-size-fits-all" policy.

Frederics went on to explain that, in his opinion, "I would say we already have many avenues for parents to be engaged," noting that could be through becoming a board member or through the parent council.

"I don't think we need one," he added of the SAC, explaining the intent of this policy is so there is "no way a parent could feel excluded from the process of influencing the school in their small way."

Murphy noted that the school would be excluded from receiving federal funding if it says it does not have a SAC.

Rugar asked if members of the SAC are all parents of students, with Meade explaining there are parents and nonparents on the SAC.

Meade also explained that the SAC needs to have a principal, one instructing teacher, three parents of students enrolled and at least one adult member of an outside organization.

Murphy noted that because PPOS is so small, the school does not have the same requirement of having at least seven members.

Hudson commented that he would be "glad" to do some research and find out exactly what the school is required to have and prepare a recommendation to be presented at the next board meeting.

The next PPOS board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18,

at 5 p.m. at 3133 Cornerstone Drive.

The meeting is also available to view via Google Meets. The link for the meeting can be found on the school's calendar online at <https://pagosapeakopenschool.org/family-calendar-3/>.

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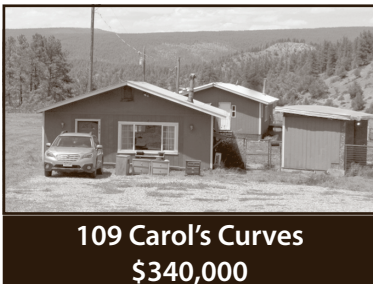


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109 Carol's Curves
\$340,000

MLS # 824583

The mobile home portion of this residence is 500 square feet. 1304 square feet is stick built. There is also a small cabin built in 1993, 576 square feet with bath and studio kitchen. The 1.2 acres is partially fenced for dog's and the acreage is all usable. The house has large picture windows with very nice views. There are 3 outbuildings, the septic has been inspected.



1001 Soaring Eagle Court
\$925,000

MLS # 822945

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:
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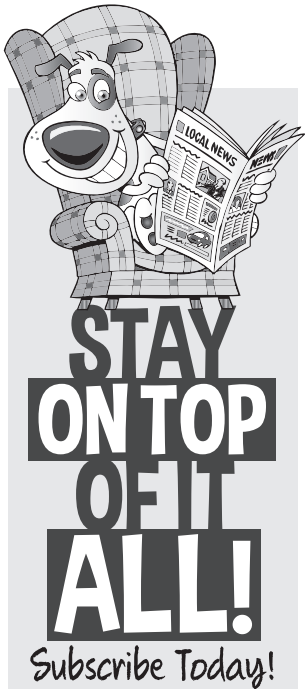
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Local

Rachael Berndt

Rachael Berndt, of Pagosa Springs, was named to Southeast Missouri State University's Dean's List for undergraduate academic achievement during the spring 2025 semester.

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Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students from across Rotary District 5470 gather in Pagosa Springs for a year-end celebration that included soaking in the hot springs, cookouts, a visit to the Wolf Creek Ski Area and a group photo at the iconic Continental Divide sign atop Wolf Creek Pass.

Rotary Youth Exchange students celebrate year-end in Pagosa Springs

By Lisa Scott and Terri House
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students from across Rotary District 5470 gathered in Pagosa Springs for a memorable year-end celebration filled with adventure, connection and cultural exchange.

Hosted by the Scott family and Pagosa's own exchange student, Tommy Nigro, of Italy, the weekend included soaking in the hot springs, cookouts, a visit to the Wolf Creek Ski Area and a group photo at the Continental Divide sign atop Wolf Creek Pass.

A highlight of the weekend came Friday evening, when Nigro prepared authentic Italian pizzas from scratch for a potluck dinner with members

of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs. The evening was filled with stories, laughter and the warm fellowship that defines Rotary.

The students spent the weekend camping under the stars, playing football and sharing reflections on their exchange experiences in the United States. It was a fitting celebration of friendship and global understanding — cornerstones of the RYE program.

Students attending the celebration and their host Rotary Club included:

- Pagosa Springs: Tommy from Italy.
- Grand Junction: Felipe from Brazil and Jerry from Thailand.
- Aspen: Tarek from Chile.
- Carbondale: Vaclav from the Czech Republic.

- North Fork Valley: Eszter from Hungary.
- Delta: Bruno from Argentina.
- Montrose: Darinka from Slovakia.

- Salida: Honoka from Japan.
- Vail/Edwards: Luisa from Spain.
- Crested Butte: Shirin from Germany and Filip from Poland.

Other Rotary clubs hosting students this year, though not present at the weekend event, included Durango, Telluride and additional students in Carbondale. This year, 18 students participated in the RYE program across the district.

Lisa Scott, Pagosa Springs' RYE coordinator, organized the weekend along with committee members Ronnie Doctor and Marianne DeVoght. Other RYE coordinators attending

and participating in the weekend activities included John and Tami Stroud from Carbondale, Sally Corcoran from Vail/Edwards, and Kristi Redlinger from Grand Junction.

The RYE program officially celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2025, but its roots run deep. Rotary clubs have been facilitating international student exchanges since the 1920s, making it one of Rotary's longest-running and most impactful programs. It became an official program of Rotary International in 1975 and continues to open hearts and minds around the world.

For more information or to become a host family, visit PagosaSpringsRotary.org or mountainandplainsrye.com.

San Juan Rangers announce scholarship recipients

By Tina Heffner
San Juan Rangers

Formed in 1963, the San Juan Rangers (originally the Colorado Mounted Rangers) has been a service organization in the Pagosa Springs area.

For many years, the members provided ambulance service as well as search and rescue. More recently, the volunteers provide security, traffic and crowd control for local events in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies and event sponsors.

We are proud to recognize four Pagosa Springs seniors for their outstanding accomplishments through the San Juan Rangers Scholarship Fund. These individuals epitomize the values that are at the heart of our future leaders and we are honored to be able to reward their efforts.

The recipients will each receive a \$500 scholarship to the college of their choice: Colt Lewis, James Jolley, Tristan Frame and Kylie Ketchum.

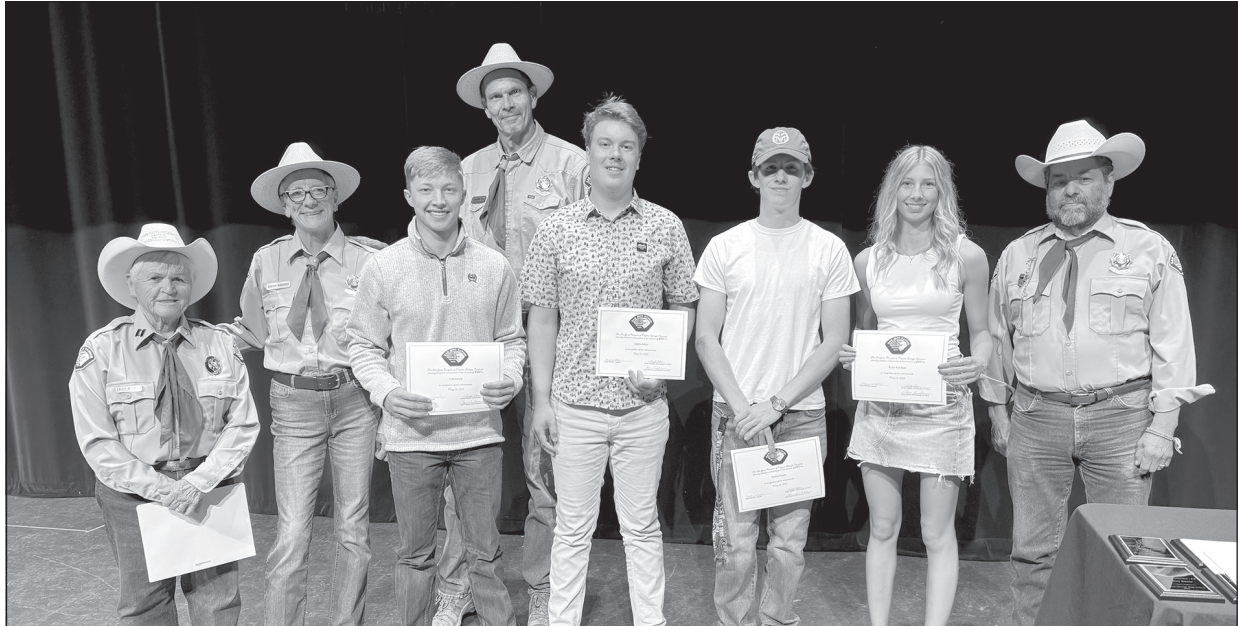


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Four recipients — Colt Lewis, James Jolley, Tristan Frame and Kylie Ketchum — receive scholarships from the San Juan Rangers. Presenting the certificates are Laura Metallo, captain; Sandy Eriksen; John Eriksen; and Santos O'Canas.

Pagosa Springs Middle School releases fourth-quarter honor roll

By Anjelica Gallegos
Pagosa Springs Middle School

Pagosa Springs Middle School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter.

The following fifth-grade students made the honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Gage Bobbit, Ainsley Bracken, Talan Branson, Steele Forrest, Johnson Gentry, Rafe Halterman, Juniper Hertzke, Loretta Hinojosa, Violet Hutcherson, Beatrice Iverson, Kaden Kares, Stetson Koehler, Xane Laursen, Daleysa Lucero, Josiah Lucero, Lucy Lyons, Evelyn Mendoza, Kenzie Miller, Zaen Mitchell, Jeri Moeller, Kaci Moeller, Jaxen Nielsen, Jariah Portnell, Anna-Beth Ray, Sierra Rich, Bianca Rivera, David Rivera, Paige Rogacki, Smith Saylor, Yatara Schrader, David Smith and Kai Smith.

The following fifth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Louis Carroll, Ziva Logacz, Sadie Matyniak, LeAnna Miller, Tanner Mote, Penelope Peck, Scarlett Roque, Eleanor Samu and Kensington Wallace.

The following sixth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Jacob Adams, Aariah Archuleta, Kiley Braun, Taylor Cole, Dekklyn Fiorenza, Chauncey Forster, Savannah Graves, Cora Jackson, Colle Looper, Sebastian Lujan-Parra, Dylan Luna, Christopher Martinez, Sage Merrill-Exton, Chase Osborn, Deililah Powell, Hannah Richards, Rystle Ross, Samuel Sanchez, Tyson Sewell, Jaxon Sherman, Damien Turk, Lilyan Vega and Kadence Zander.

The following sixth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Brooke Anderson, Grant Bliss, Wynnona Buchner, Wyatt Buck, Merick Halterman, Tia Henson, Kai Mathews-Davey, Kiara Patel and Riley Sanders.

The following seventh-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Kiana Bennett, Kenzy Bowdridge, Breland Bridges, Charlie Bridges, Callie Carothers, Keyonnah Daniels-Wesley, Shiloh Degelman, Gavino Dozal-Navarez, Kayleen Gonzalez, Elijah Hanto, Maddison Hunke, Kadence Inez, Cooper Laner, Avitt Lee-Shaw, Scarlett Lovier, Mia Lucero, Eduardo Marinelarena, Ari Martinez, Derek Mendez-Cordova, Oliver Mendoza, Lucy Modern, Eloise Ridley, Karlie Rose, Kadence Shawver, Neitzey Shepherd, Jonas Strom, Trent Tator, Micah Tyler, Colten Ulibarri and Tevey Zissman.

The following seventh-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Elias Becker Sweeden, Adam Candelaria, Kyleah Coss, Miles Dempster, Olivia Diffey, Asher Smith, Livia Souza, Harlee Taylor, Tuff Terrazas, Jaycee Wallace, Michael Wells

and Francis Witting.

The following eighth-grade students made honor roll with 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: John Archuleta, Nathalia Arvizo, Rylan Ash, Marcela Barnas, Charlie Barraza-Haymaker, Bentley Briscoe, Taylor Carpenter, Treson Cotts, Veda Deitemeyer, Samson Dennis, Fox Dietsch, Christopher Dozier, Lilly Gallegos, Kazi Gonzalez, Ward Halterman, Cole Hancey, Aliana Hoffschneider, Elijah Julian, Analisa Kappauf, Elisa King, Delaney Kirkham, Bruce Kubelka, Logan Lamoreaux, Whitley Lucero, Ahrianna Martinez, Jimena Moreno-Echavarria, James Morgan, Desmond Murphy, Juliana Ortiz, Chatwin Pickering, Laken Pitcher, Alan Renteria and Lily Rogacki.

The following eighth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Drake Anderson, Laila Arrieta, Abigail Barrera, Avery Book, Kylie Coleman, Jayce Davidson, Olive Fladwood, Alexander Forster, Corinna Galabota, Quinn Howard, Raleigh Iverson, Derek Johnson, Ember Liverett, Brynn Looper, Kelsey Matyniak, Arya Patel, Lily Peck, Valeria Pereyra, Bella Postolese, Dylan Rivera, Evelyn Rohwer, Zyan Souza and Avery White.

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Outdoors



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Members of the Oak Canyon Dancers from the Pueblo of Jemez, N.M., perform a trio of contemporary traditional dances on Sunday, June 8, as part of the Life at Chimney Rock celebration at Chimney Rock National Monument. The performance included a raven and warrior dance, a friendship round social dance in which spectators were involved, and a winter dance.

CRIA Lecture Series to feature David Bouquet speaking on ‘Rock Art in the Southwest’

By Ana L. Murray
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Join local geology and archaeology enthusiast David Bouquet for a free public lecture, “Rock Art in the Southwest,” on Wednesday, June 25, in the Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 434 Lewis St.

The doors will open at 5:45 p.m., and the lecture will begin promptly at 6 p.m.

This engaging presentation will introduce various types of rock art to showcase some of the oldest known examples from around the globe, as well as providing a visual journey of Puebloan rock art sites across the American Southwest, with a map highlighting their presence in monuments, national and state parks, and lands managed by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The lecture will also delve into the important work of the Northwest New Mexico Site Steward Program, which helps protect culturally significant lo-

cations that lack formal preservation.

Attendees will be treated to stunning photographic examples of rock art panels from prominent sites including Hovenweep National Monument, Bears Ears National Monument, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Chaco Culture National Historic Park and Mesa Verde National Park.

Of special note will be a discussion addressing the irreplaceable Puebloan and Navajo rock art lost during the creation of Navajo Lake in 1962. The presentation will conclude with a conversation about potential rock art at Chimney Rock National Monument.

A short Q-and-A session will follow the approximately one-hour lecture.

Bouquet has volunteered at Chimney Rock National Monument for the past five years. He holds degrees in geology from Louisiana State University and the University of Kansas, with a focus on sedimentary rocks. His passion for the connection between geology and archaeology has driven him to explore numerous Puebloan

petroglyph sites throughout the Four Corners region.

This event is free and open to the public. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn more about the fascinating history etched into the stone landscapes of the southwest.

The lecture is free to attend; however, donations are welcome. Additionally, canned goods for the church’s food pantry are greatly appreciated.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association’s (CRIA’s) free lecture series offers the opportunity each year for the public and CRIA volunteers to enjoy a speaker whose topic typically relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

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

For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrock-co.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association announces fifth annual youth workshops

By Ana Murray
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is excited to announce its upcoming summer Youth Workshops, now in its fifth year.

The workshops, scheduled for June 24, July 8 and July 22, offer elementary-aged children the chance to explore the rich history and natural beauty of this iconic landmark.

Led by mostly retired school teachers, the Youth Workshops are designed to provide children with a unique, hands-on experience at the monument while fostering their creativity and appreciation for nature.

“We’re thrilled to be celebrating the fifth year of our Youth Workshops,” said Denise Fisk, CRIA volunteer. “The program continues to grow and provides an amazing opportunity for children to connect with nature, history and the arts. We’re proud to offer a hands-on educational experience that’s led by such passionate and knowledgeable volunteers.”

This year’s workshops will feature

a variety of engaging activities, such as rock wrapping, feather art, printmaking, weaving in the round, creating a clay ocarina and learning how to make a nature journal.

The day kicks off with a “hike with a theme,” allowing participants to learn about the natural and cultural significance of Chimney Rock while exploring its breathtaking landscapes. After lunch, children will immerse themselves in activities that tie into the theme of the day, ensuring both fun and education go hand in hand.

Parents have shared how much their children have enjoyed these workshops over the years.

One parent commented, “This was the fourth year my daughter has attended and she is still just as excited as the first.”

Another said, “My son looks forward to these fun learning workshops. I also enjoy a few minutes for myself. Thank you for all the knowledge, and I hope my son can be a part of this experience next year.”

“She is always excited about the activities. The facilitators are warm

and welcoming. The education provided has been great fuel for her mind and follows her interests,” said one parent about their child’s experience.

Another shared, “I love that this incorporates the outdoors, history, and geology. The volunteers are wonderful, and I am glad our son could be involved. Good value also.”

The workshops are open to elementary-aged children, and parent volunteers are always welcome to join in the fun and learning.

CRIA encourages parents to register early. Call (970) 731-7133 or go to chimneyrockco.org for more information and to secure a spot for your child. Don’t miss out on this incredible opportunity for your child to experience Chimney Rock National Monument in a way that’s both fun and educational.

CRIA and the San Juan National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, are working in partnership to preserve and develop educational opportunities about the significant archaeological, cultural, geological and biological resources at Chimney Rock National Monument.

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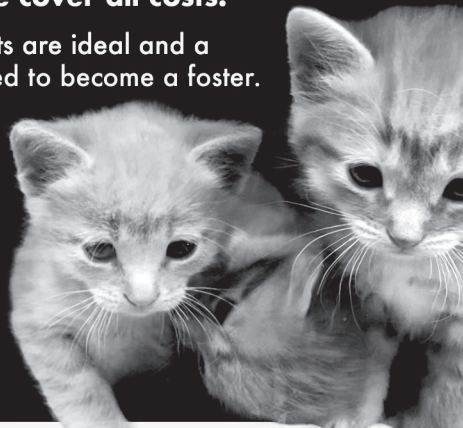
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Volunteers from various recreation groups in Pagosa Springs celebrate National Trails Day on June 7. The group celebrated the day with an extensive cleanup and trail maintenance at Treasure Falls east of town. The workers included members of San Juan Back Country Horsemen, San Juan Outdoor Club and DUST2. About 25 volunteers, ranging in age from 5 to 75-plus, filled garbage bags with litter and cleared overgrowth along the Falls Trail. One generous volunteer provided his skid steer and expertise to build grade dips on the trail to help lessen erosion. This year volunteers were also able to improve the access from the Treasure Falls observation point down to Treasure Creek. Other workers used weed-whackers to trim the grassy island along the roadway, pulled invasive weeds and spruced up the parking area. “The great volunteer turnout and their hard work demonstrates a true commitment to caring for and preserving our public lands. We are extremely grateful,” noted John Nelson of the San Juan Back Country Horsemen, which organized the National Trails Day event.

Residents urged to be ‘bear aware’

By John Livingston
Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Black bear activity is picking up across Colorado, and several of the state’s mountain communities are already dealing with conflicts between humans and bears.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has responded to several incidents of attractant-based behavior from bears this year across the western half of the state. Many of those incidents were tied directly to bears trying to access trash, bird feeders and other attractants, including hobby chickens.

CPW District Wildlife Manager Cody Rarick wants to remind the community to be aware of bear activity and offers tips on how people can do their part to keep bears wild.

“Bears are up and active,” Rarick said. “The majority of conflict calls we receive are generally based around preventable issues. Unsecured trash, bird feeders, hobby chickens and unlocked vehicles make up the bulk. We had a mass failure in our local acorn production last year, and it led to bears looking for other food sources for their calorie needs. If natural food sources aren’t available, it can greatly increase the potential for human-bear conflicts.”

The vast majority of conflicts be-

tween people and bears can be traced to human food, garbage, pet food, bird seed or other attractants. When people allow bears to access food, a bear’s natural drive to eat can overcome its wariness of humans, resulting in what biologists call habituation. Bears that get too comfortable around people can destroy property or even become a threat to human safety.

“Conflict potential between humans and bears increases when human food sources draw bears into our communities,” said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Adrian Archuleta. “Bear conflict management becomes increasingly challenging when sows and cubs are present. In a perfect world, we’d work collectively to avoid scenarios where bears learn at an early age to associate towns and trash with food, creating generational issues. The reality is that CPW cannot allow highly habituated, dangerous bears to reside in our communities, so we need to be proactive in avoiding those situations.”

Archuleta credited the Pagosa Lakes community for its work in investing in bear-resistant trash cans through CPW’s Human-Bear Conflict Reduction Grant.

“With that being said, all of our communities need to remain vigilant in their efforts to keep bears

out of trouble on an annual basis,” Archuleta said.

Being near wildlife usually delights Colorado residents and visitors. But, when wildlife gets too close, the risk of conflict increases, and wildlife often pay the price. The key to avoiding conflict is keeping wildlife from getting too close in the first place.

“Complacency is what hurts our bears,” said Archuleta. “Don’t let a low bear conflict year deceive you — we live in bear habitat and we should consciously avoid bear conflict every year regardless of conditions.”

It is critical to remove easy access to food. Unsecured trash remains the leading cause of bear conflict in Colorado. Residents should also keep pet food inside, not leave out water, and burn food off barbecue grills and clean them after each use. For properties with fruiting trees or bushes, pick fruit before it ripens and clean up fallen fruit to avoid luring wildlife to your yard.

CPW recommends not feeding birds. Bird feeders, including hummingbird feeders, attract bears and other wildlife and can contribute to the spread of disease. Commonly, bird feeders are what starts the conflict cycle with bears. Even feeders hung high in trees or on homes can be reached by bears that will eagerly climb trees, invade porches and break

poles to reach the high-calorie treat.

Never leave food, trash, coolers, air fresheners or anything with strong smells — makeup, lotion, sunscreen — in your vehicle or in the bed of a truck. Roll up your windows and lock your vehicle, as bears can and often will break partially rolled windows and open unlocked doors.

It is also tremendously important to close and lock home windows and doors, including garage doors and pet doors. Bears that enter a dwelling regardless of circumstance are generally deemed a threat to human safety.

“Just a moment of forethought and considerate action on your part can save a bear’s life,” Rarick said. “If a bear is around your property, do your best to haze it away and make it feel uncomfortable being near humans. Yell, bang pots and pans, set off car alarms, use bear spray, slingshots or other means to haze bears away and make them associate people with discomfort. For those who have chickens, livestock or bees, a properly charged electric fence has always proven to be the best defense.”

CPW appreciates getting any reports of bear activity early so intervention and education can take place before behavior escalates to conflicts. To report bear activity, call the CPW Durango office at (970) 247-0855.

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Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association sincerely thanks the LPEA Round Up Foundation for the \$600 grant awarded on May 19. This support helps fund our free lecture series, sharing Chimney Rock’s cultural and natural significance. We’re grateful for your commitment to education, preservation and community enrichment.

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POSITION OVERVIEW

The Advertising Account Executive is responsible for managing client relationships, developing advertising strategies, and ensuring client satisfaction. This role requires a blend of sales, marketing, and communication skills.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Client Management:

- Act as the primary point of contact for assigned clients.
- Build and maintain strong, long-lasting client relationships.
- Understand clients' business objectives and advertising needs.

Strategy Development:

- Collaborate with internal teams to develop effective advertising campaigns.
- Present campaign proposals to clients and negotiate terms.
- Monitor campaign performance and adjust strategies as needed.

Sales and Business Development:

- Identify and pursue new business opportunities.
- Prepare and deliver sales presentations.
- Engage in networking activities.
- Meet and exceed sales targets.

Reporting and Analysis:

- Provide regular reports on campaign progress and results.
- Analyze data to identify trends and insights.
- Present findings to clients and internal teams.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Marketing, Advertising, Business Administration, or a related field.
- Proven experience in sales or account management, preferably in the advertising industry.
- Strong communication, negotiation, and presentation skills.
- Ability to build and maintain client relationships.
- Excellent analytical and problem-solving abilities.

SKILLS

- Client Relationship Management
- Sales and Business Development
- Strategic Planning
- Communication and Presentation
- Data Analysis

Interested candidates should apply directly with an email message and resume to Jim O'Rourke at jorourke@orourkemediagroup.com. Feel free to provide Linked In credentials as well.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

June 3 — Warrant arrest, Navajo Trail Drive.

June 3 — Theft-\$300 to \$750 shoplifting, concealment of goods, Navajo Trail Drive.

June 4 — Criminal mischief \$300 to \$1,000 business, Harman Park Drive.

June 4 — Criminal attempt to commit Class 4 felony, third-degree burglary-safe or vault, criminal mischief \$20,000 to \$100,000 business, Navajo Trail Drive.

June 4 — Information only, Care-free Place.

June 4 — Cruelty to animals-neglect/mistreatment, Ute Drive, Cloman Boulevard.

June 4 — Warrant arrest, Ute Drive.

June 5 — Agency assist, Badger Place.

June 5 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Golden Pond Place.

June 5 — Unauthorized use of financial transaction device, Shenandoah Drive.

June 5 — Vicious dog with injury-bodily injury to domestic animal, information only, Bob's Place.

June 6 — Second-degree burglary-no force entry-nonresidence, second-degree criminal trespass, resisting arrest, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, U.S. 84.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

May 26 — Information only, North 8th Street.

May 26 — Sexual assault on a child-statutory rape-no force, Loma Street, East Pagosa Street, County Road 600.

May 27 — Harbored vicious animals prohibited, North 7th Street.

May 27 — Violation of custody, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 28 — Careless driving, failed to give information and/or aid after damaging another vehicle, failed to notify police of accident, West U.S. 160.

May 28 — Criminal attempt to commit, theft-\$20,000 or more-other (includes gas), Eaton Drive.

May 28 — Menacing-misdemeanor, South 9th Street.

May 28 — Theft/intend to deprive person, trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.

May 30 — Hit and run failed to remain on scene of accident-damage only, Aspen Village Drive.

May 30 — Violation of protection order-criminal, driving under restrain-alcohol/drug-related, stop sign-fail to stop, fail to yield right of way-emergency vehicle, warrant arrest, East Golf Place.

May 30 — Trespass warning, East Pagosa Street.

May 30 — Theft-less than \$50 shoplifting, criminal impersonation-felony, Aspen Village Drive.

June 1 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Pagosa Street.

June 1 — Restraining order violation, Pagosa Street.

June 1 — Theft M, Aspen Village Drive.

June 1 — Information only, South 10th Street.

June 1 — Careless driving, failed to stop at stop sign, Village Drive.

June 1 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, harbored vicious animal prohibited, South 7th Street.

June 2 — Motor vehicle theft, Rock Road.

June 2 — Complicity, second-degree assault, menacing-felony-aggravated-nonfamily-weapon, South 9th Street.

June 2 — Prohibited noise/noise in excess of permissible levels, Pagosa Street.

June 3 — Nuisance/animal running at large, North 1st Street.

June 4 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Aspen Village Drive.

June 5 — Reckless driving, Eagle Drive.

June 5 — Criminal mischief, Pike Drive.

June 5 — Information only, San Juan Street.

June 5 — Nuisance/animal running at large, South Pagosa Boulevard.

June 6 — Possession/consumption open container of alcohol in public, trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive/Pagosa Street.

June 6 — Obstructing peace officer or fireperson, shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment.

June 7 — Assault, Hot Springs Boulevard.

June 7 — Agency assist, North 6th Street/U.S. 84.

June 8 — Nuisance/animal running at large, South 9th Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

May 27 — Augusta Happ, shoplifting/alters or exchanges pricing labels, fine and costs — \$85.

May 27 — Jacob Kovacs, criminal trespass, five days incarceration.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 19 — Rhonda Jeanelle Baxstrom, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

May 20 — Joan Fuchs, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.

May 21 — Wilfredo Calderon, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

May 21 — Robert Clinchard, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

May 21 — Ryan M. Fisher, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

May 21 — Adam Paul Hirshberg, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

May 21 — Mauricio Garcia-Flores, careless driving, fines and costs — \$238.50.

May 21 — Lukas E. Madrid, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

May 22 — Kyrstie Nicole Gordon, driving ability impaired-with prior, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 10 days electronic surveillance, two

years probation, fines and costs — \$1,920.50.

May 23 — Joyletta Vicenti, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

May 23 — Cody Robert Dreher, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

May 23 — Victoria Lastinger Connell, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.

May 23 — Laurie L. Bible, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

May 23 — Edmund Evensen, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$142.50.

May 23 — Travis W. McPeak, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$126.50.

May 23 — Ronald Toland, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

May 23 — Christine Marie Reynolds, passed when prohibited, fines and costs — \$170.

May 23 — Tristan Jay Boris, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.

May 23 — Alexus Haleigh Kiphart, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

May 23 — Talya V. Morales, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

May 23 — Cy J. Mueller, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$314.50.

May 23 — Cade Smith, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

May 23 — Susan Stedman, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

May 23 — Carman Theys, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$124.50.

May 23 — James Charles Trujillo, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$225.

May 23 — Joshua Talamante, lane usage violation, fines and costs — \$137.50.

May 23 — Heather Ayres, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

May 28 — Johan Antonio Guillen, driver under 18-pass not wear seat belt, fines and costs — \$96.50.

May 28 — David Montoya, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

May 28 — Patrick Coleman, burning prohibited item, fines and costs — \$55.

May 28 — Brett H. Bailey, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$101.

May 28 — Michael A. Seymour, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

May 28 — Tristan Connor McDonald, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

May 28 — Katlynn Kaminski, dog at large, dog at large, dog at large, fines and costs — \$56.

May 28 — Jacob Richard Carter, driving under the influence-with prior, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation, five days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$1,209.50.

May 28 — Jacob Richard Carter, driving under the influence-with prior, 48 hours community service, 24 months probation, 30 days elec-

tronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$1,920.50.

May 28 — Charles Bentley Lyons, driving under the influence-with prior, 24 months probation, 48 hours community service, 15 days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$1,920.50.

May 30 — Tasha Vigil, speeding 10-19 over limit, lane usage violation, fines and costs — \$356.50.

May 30 — Tasha Vigil, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

May 30 — Coleen Marie Weigand, tail lamps/reflectors, fines and costs — \$65.

May 30 — Tanya Marie Jesue, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

May 30 — Anthony Duane Gasper, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

May 30 — Anthony J. Chatagnier, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$177.50.

May 30 — Jeramiah Kohl Hawkins, driver's license-driving outside class, fines and costs — \$72.50.

May 30 — Terence Michael Nez, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

May 30 — Christopher Lee Tressler, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

May 30 — Daniel A. Tarngo Dominguez, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

May 30 — Dusty Brooks Spencer, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 21 — Boone Zeuscullen Hill, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 12 months probation, 60 days jail, 305 days jail suspended imposition, fines and costs — \$903.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

May 19 — Adam Troy Belmear, driving under the influence-with 3+ priors, 120 days jail, 48 hours community service, 24 months probation, fines and costs — \$2,754.50.

May 19 — Michael Christopher Hanley, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, six months jail, fines and costs — \$258.50.

May 19 — Michael Hanley, felony menacing-real/simulated weapon, 1 year Department of Correction, fines and costs — \$428.50.

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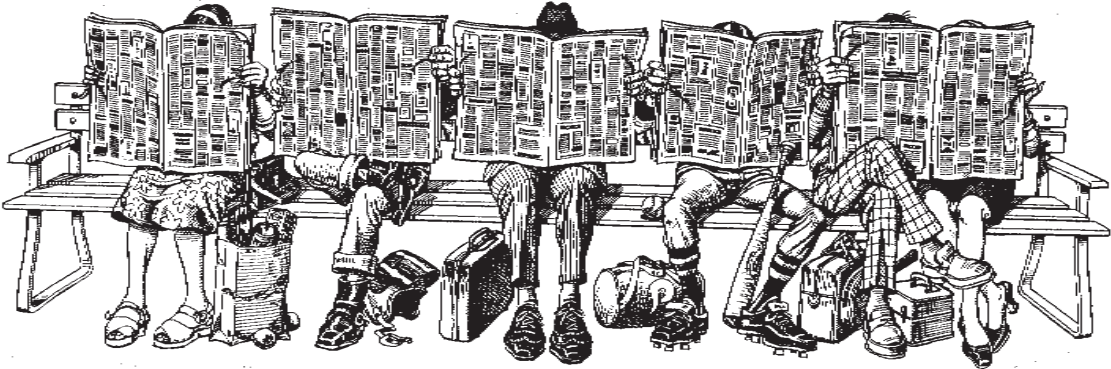
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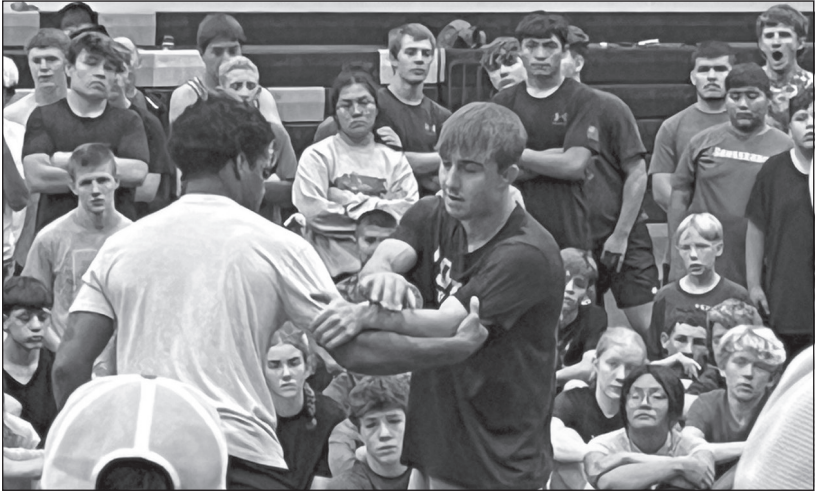
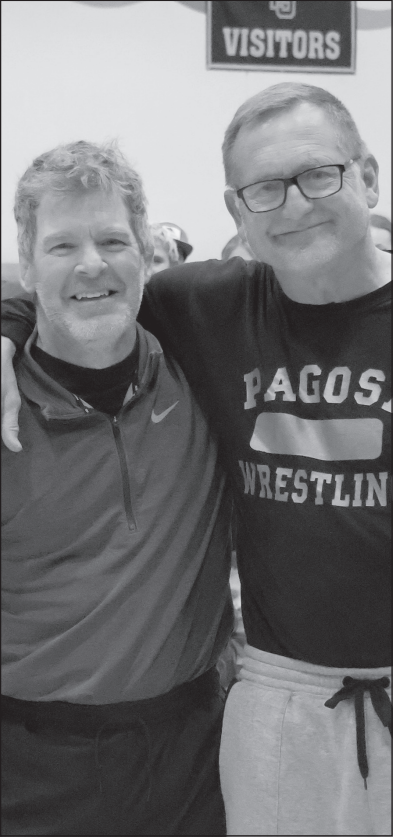
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Public Notices

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ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
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Phone Number: 970-264-8160
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Daniel L. Fiedler #47816
160 Tailsman Drive, Suite D-6
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970-507-8528
Case Number 2025CV030026
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v.
Defendants:
The Testate and Intestate Successors of HAROLD
HORPE, deceased, and All Persons Claiming by,
through or under such Decedent, and All Unknown Per-
sons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of
This Action,
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF: TRACI SAMMETH
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL
UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST
IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to ap-
pear and defend against the claims of the Complaint to
Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta
County District Court in this action, by filing with the
clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are
required to file your answer or other response within 35
days after service of this summons upon you. Service
of this summons shall be complete on the last day of
publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained
from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the
Complaint in writing with 35 days after the date of the
last publication, judgment by default may be entered
against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the
Complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to
the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado
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OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE
1 WEST, N.M.P.M., ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLO-
RADO.
Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of May, 2025.
Is/ Daniel L. Fiedler
Daniel L. Fiedler
First publication: June 5, 2025
Last publication: July 3, 2025
Published June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 2025 in *The*
Pagosa Springs SUN. (265870)
DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO
WATER RESUME
(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the
state court website at: www.coloradojudicial.gov.)
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLI-
CATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the
following is the resume of all water right applications
filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of
May 2025, for Archuleta County.
2025CW5 Archuleta County. Applicant: W Dia-
mond X, LLC, c/o Tracy Mosher, PO Box 817, Pagosa
Springs, CO 81147. Structure: Waste Water from Mesa
Ditch. Legal Description: In the NE1/4 NE1/4, Section
36, T36N, R2W, N.M.P.M., UTM coordinates, Easting:
322613.65, Northing: 4132082.27 (NAD 83, Zone 13)
(not exact due to the nature of irrigational wastewater).
Source: Mesa Ditch from Four Mile Creek, a tributary to
the San Juan River. App. Date: Spring 2008. Amount: 3
cfs (absolute). Uses: Irrigation. Application for Absolute
(Surface). See Application for further details. (6 pages
including exhibit)
THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGO-
ING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY
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ERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OB-
JECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED
BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until
the last day of July 2025, to file with the Water Clerk, a
verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as
to why a certain application should not be granted or
why it should be granted only in part or on certain con-
ditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must
also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's
attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service
shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by
Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$192.00; Forms are available
through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judi-
cial web site at www.coloradojudicial.gov; Jason Poyer,
Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106,
Durango, CO 81301; 970-247-2304)
Is/ Jason Poyer
Water Court Specialist
Published: before June 30, 2025
Published June 12, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.
(266712)
FOR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON JUNE
26, 2025
PROJECT SANCTUARY is renewing their WIL-
DERNESS LODGING ESTABLISHMENT BOARD
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT on the Parcel in the
SW1/4NE1/4 of SEC 13, T2N 34N, R1G 1W, at 1099
Blue Creek Rd, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-153).
The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).
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Archuleta County Development Services-Planning De-
partment, 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 June 26,
2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meet-
ing Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via
Zoom Link.
Published June 12, 2025, and June 26, 2025 in *The*

Pagosa Springs SUN.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Roger Westley Paradis a/k/a Roger W. Para-
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Case Number 2025PB30020
All persons having claims against the above-named
estate are required to present them to the personal rep-
resentative or to the District Court of Archuleta, County,
Colorado on or before October 12, 2025, or the claims
may be forever barred.
Juanita Paradis
8930 Jefferson Drive
Buena Park, CA 90620
Published June 12, 19 and 26, 2025 in *The Pagosa*
Springs SUN. (266719)
The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an applica-
tion for "Sketch Major Design Review" for the Pagosa
Auto Rents Parking located at 103 Majestic Drive. The
applicant is proposing the development of a parking lot
to support an auto rental business.
The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing
on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the
Sketch Major Design Review Application, in person at
551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote atten-
dance via the Zoom meeting platform. Public comments
will be made in person and over Zoom. To access the
meeting agendas and staff reports, click the Round
Minutes and Agendas tab located along the bottom of
the photo on the Town's website home page at pagosa-springs.co.gov. You may also view the application at
mvpagosa.org/proposed-development-projects.
We encourage interested parties to contact the Plan-
ning Division prior to the public hearing dates, with any
questions at either 970-585-8636 or ktunnell@pagosa-springs.co.gov. Written comments received 7 days
prior to the meeting or public hearing will be forwarded
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paper for specific dates and times.



Photo courtesy Lea Leggett

The 75th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo will be held July 3-5 at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds. Tickets are available online at www.pagosarodeo.com and at the gate prior to the event. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children. Box seats are available and can be purchased by calling Diana at (970) 749-3492.

75th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo set for July 3-5

By Diana Talbot

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo held annually in Pagosa Springs.

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

The rodeos are July 3 at 6 p.m., July 4 at 2 p.m. and July 5 at 6 p.m. at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds.

Tickets are available online at www.pagosarodeo.com and at the gate prior to the event. The cost is

\$20 per adult and \$10 for children. Box seats are available and can be purchased by calling Diana at (970) 749-3492.

Concessions will be available throughout the events.

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

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

Mutton Bustin' is always fun and full of laughs as boys and girls, 6 years old or younger, dawn helmets

and vests prior to mounting a sheep, gripping a rope tied around the chest of the sheep and hanging on while the sheep races out of the chute as it opens. Ten contestants each day vie for the coveted belt buckle that is given to the daily winner with the longest ride time. Every rider goes home with a Daisy BB gun.

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

Red Ryder was the main cowboy character in the popular western comic strip created by Stephen Slesinger and artist Fred Harman that ran for more than 25 years in news-

papers all over the country.

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

More rodeo information is available by calling (970) 749-3492, emailing dtalbot111@gmail.com or visiting www.PagosaRodeo.com.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, June 12

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

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors special meeting. 4 p.m., PAWSD Administrative officers, 100 Lyn Ave. or by Zoom. For more information, visit <https://www.pawsd.org/district-business/public-meetings/>.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., PAWSD Administrative officers, 100 Lyn Ave. or by Zoom. For more information, visit <https://www.pawsd.org/district-business/public-meetings/>.

Monday, June 16

Saving Our Sewers community meeting. 6-8 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Boulevard. Join members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council and staff to learn about the critical funding shortage the town sewer is facing and options to fix it and share your thoughts. Child care for ages 5-12 is available if requested by noon on June 13. Call (970) 264-4151, ext. 0 to schedule.

Tuesday, June 17

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>.

Saving Our Sewers community meeting. Noon-2 p.m., Com-

munity Center, 451 Hot Springs Boulevard. Join members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council and staff to learn about the critical funding shortage the town sewer is facing and options to fix it and share your thoughts.

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://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Main Street Advisory Board Cone Zone update. 5:30 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Renderings of the U.S. 160 reconstruction will be unveiled.

Wednesday, June 18

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. For more information, visit: <https://pagosapeakopen.school.org>.

Saving Our Sewers community meeting. 6-8 p.m., Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Boulevard. Join members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council and staff to learn about the critical funding shortage the town sewer is facing and options to fix it and share your thoughts. Child care for ages 5-12 is available if requested by noon on June 13. Call (970) 264-4151, ext. 0 to schedule.

Friday, June 20

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting

room, 398 Lewis St. View on Zoom using meeting ID 836 9543 6522 and password 146408.

Monday, June 23

Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners joint work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Tuesday, June 24

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>.

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. View the meeting on Microsoft Teams using meeting ID: 248 378 716 11, passcode: g2ZTGA.

Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Thursday, June 26

Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m. Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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Grand opening for Archuleta County’s new transit facility set for June 28

By Chenni Hammon
Archuleta County

The grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Archuleta County’s new Mountain Express Transit (MET) Facility will be held on Saturday, June 28, from 10 to 11 a.m., at 83 Harman Park Drive.

Free and open to the public, residents are encouraged to see what has been over a year in the making, and to take in the iconic view offered by the MET’s brand-new all-window lobby setting.

The event will showcase the MET fleet, a meet and greet with transit operators and drivers, and showcase the interior of the 5,900-square-foot building.

The project has been in the works since 2019 and is funded by a combination of grants, including Colorado Senate Bill 267, and the Federal 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program. Together, these grants provided \$4.5 million in funding, supplemented by a \$622,000 local match.

The new facility will serve as the central hub for MET operations, featuring a main bus terminal, a public lobby and administrative offices. It will be ADA-accessible, include ticketing options, and has the potential to connect with the Town-to-Lakes Trail project, promoting multimodal transportation throughout the region.

The MET is more than just a transportation service — it’s a community on wheels. Drivers are known for their kindness and for going the extra mile to assist riders with groceries, help up the stairs, and offer directions or local recommendations. Long-time riders know they can count on the MET not only for a ride, but for a reliable, caring service.

Paratransit riders, especially seniors, have come to depend on MET drivers who help them safely complete essential errands. Many of these riders have been with MET for years and are considered part of the MET family. A new “Kudos Book” has been started to document the many thanks and heartfelt notes from passengers who rely on this essential service.

History of the MET

What began in 1999 as a small-



Photo courtesy Chenni Hammon and Andrew Mylroie

Archuleta County will celebrate the opening of its new Mountain Express Transit (MET) facility on June 28. Archuleta County MET staff include Program Coordinator Andrew Mylroie, Raphaella Dietrich, Mont McAlister, Nancy Walls, LaVonne Rababah, Stephen Brown, Russ Hortsman, Anthony Rackham, Chris Ilg and Larry Garcia.

town transit dream, the MET has grown into a vital service for Pagosa Springs and surrounding communities. Although the MET was retired shortly after its launch for reasons long forgotten, its story didn’t end there. Thanks to the dedication of former coordinator Debbie Olson Condrey, the MET was revived in 2009 with just two buses making four daily runs to 22 stops.

Since then, the MET has been steadily expanding. In 2014, the fixed-route service grew to include eight one-hour loops covering uptown and downtown Pagosa Springs. Today, the system provides 10 trips a day, serving 27 stops across town.

In April 2021, the MET extended its reach with a weekly Monday route to Arboles, helping seniors get to Pagosa Springs for lunch at the Pagosa Senior Center and to run important errands.

Later that year, in October, a Thursday route to Durango was added, opening access to more health care and other essential services not available locally. With advance scheduling, this route can even pass through Arboles to drop off or pick up passengers in Ignacio, further

bridging the gap between rural and urban services.

The fleet has seen some exciting changes, too. After a long wait, the MET received its first bus with the brand-new logo in 2022, and a second followed in 2024.

Looking ahead, the team is working on acquiring an all-electric van for paratransit services and three propane-powered buses. These efforts reflect the MET’s commitment to reducing emissions and creating a cleaner future for Archuleta County.

Ridership has grown alongside the service.

Back in 2020, the MET provided around 5,000 rides annually to area seniors. In 2024, that number climbed to 6,400. Overall, MET drivers logged 91,000 miles and provided more than 11,000 rides to residents and visitors alike.

The MET has grown from three drivers in 2020 to a staff of nine drivers, one dispatcher and one coordinator. All vehicles are ADA-accessible, and every driver is PASS (Passenger Assistance, Safety and Sensitivity) certified, receiving extensive training to ensure passenger protection and comfort.

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ARTS & LIFE

Pagosa Springs Car Show

Friday and Saturday • June 13 and 14 • Yamaguchi Park



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The 16th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show will take place June 13 and 14 at a new venue — Yamaguchi Park.

Live Performers

Thursday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Karaoke with DJ Marcus, 6 p.m.
Pagosa Springs Golf Club: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5:30 p.m.
The Pagosa Bar: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

Friday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Jamie and the Dreamers, 6 p.m.
Meltdown on Main: Unexpected Em, 5 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

Saturday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Totally Happy Campers, 7 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.

Sunday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Christopher Cody Meacham, 5 p.m.

Monday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.

Tuesday
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.

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16th annual car show coming to Yamaguchi Park

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The return of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Car Show will occur Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14.

Due to construction, the event will take place in beautiful Yamaguchi Park.

The Chamber is excited for this venue. First off, the background will be one of Pagosa's beautiful parks with the river close by. If you bring the kids, they'll have the opportunity to play on the myriad amenities the park has to offer. In addition, there are bathrooms, more shade and the cars will be parked along 5th Street on the concrete. There is also plenty of parking for spectators at the high school.

Fifth Street will be closed to through traffic beginning Friday around noon. Access to the pickleball courts and park is still available; however, players will need to walk over from the first gravel lot or the high school. Spectators to the Car Show should enter the event from 8th Street, park in the high school lot and walk over to 5th Street.

The festivities kick off on Friday night at 5 p.m. with a great new group, The Orange Whip Blues Band. Local musical talent Brooks Lindner brings a new band to the community with The Orange Whip.

Enjoy a first look at all the classic and new cars, motorcycles and even vehicles in the process of being restored. There will be a number of delicious food vendors on site as well as a "beer" garden serving up craft beers, wine and cocktail beverages. Attendees will be able to stroll with their food and beverages all along 5th Street. The evening will close out at 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 14, will start with registration for the participants beginning at 7 a.m. The Show and Shine opens up to the public beginning at 9 a.m., and viewing will continue until 2 p.m.

All day long you can vote for your favorite cars for the People's Choice award. The entertainment for Saturday will be The Rockin N Rebels playing classic tunes and highlighting some great "car show-type" music of the 1950s and 1960s. Stick around for the day, as at 2 p.m. the chic-styled pinup girls will take to the stage for the Classic Pin-Up Girl contest. This contest is an added festivity to the annual Car Show. Then, at 2:30 p.m., the awards ceremony will begin with awards being given out in each class, as well as the Chamber Pick, People's Choice and Best in Show categories.

Please remember that 5th Street will be closed from noon on Friday,

June 13, until approximately 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. Access to the park and the pickleball courts is still possible by entering through 8th Street, with parking either in the gravel lot at the corner of 5th and Pirate Drive or in the high school parking lot.

Those who would still like to enter their vehicle into the show may do so either online at www.pagosachamber.com or at the show either Friday or Saturday. We look forward to another great Car Show at a new venue. Join us at Yamaguchi Park for the 16th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show.

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Curtains Up Pagosa will perform “Matilda the Musical” on the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium stage for three evening shows at 7 p.m., June 26, 27 and 28, with a 2 p.m. matinee on June 28.

Pagosa youth ready to shine in Curtains Up Pagosa’s ‘Matilda the Musical’

By Anthony Aldwell
Curtains Up Pagosa

“Matilda the Musical” will burst onto the Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) stage in just two weeks. What makes this production special is the predominant role of Pagosa’s young actors. Twenty-seven children and young adults from our community are featured in CUP’s version of “Matilda”, as they sing and dance their way through the heartwarming story of a young girl who overcomes challenges at home and school by utilizing her special powers to help her classmates and

teacher. With the end of the Pagosa Springs school year, preparations have intensified, with the cast learning their roles during energetic three-hour rehearsals most week nights. Co-Director Krisha Doocy notes, “It’s been an absolute joy to be part of Matilda. I’ve been so impressed by our young performers: Their ability to learn songs, choreography, and staging with such dedication is truly inspiring.” “Matilda” will be performed on the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium stage for three evening shows at 7 p.m., June 26, 27 and 28, with a 2

p.m. matinee on June 28. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased online at www.onthe-stage.tickets/show/curtains-up-pagosa/68110da13759390f617ea068 or at the door prior to the performance. CUP is your community theater, utilizing the talents of actors, theater technicians and the Pagosa Springs Community Band. We survive only through the generosity of sponsors, hundreds of volunteer hours and certainly through your attendance at our productions. We hope to see you at “Matilda.”

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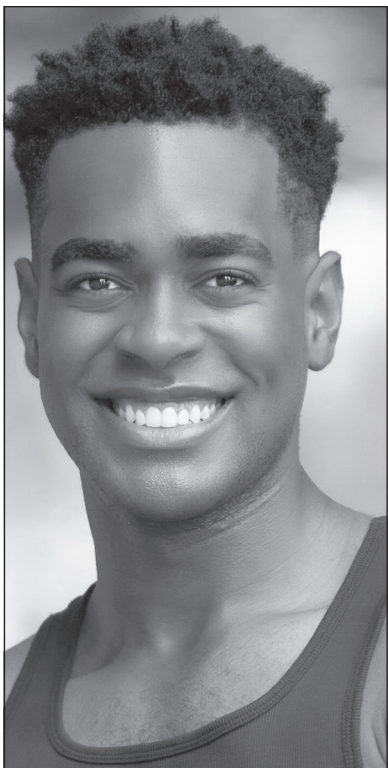
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Samantha Luck stars as Queenie and Caleb Barton as Black — two strangers colliding in a night where nothing stays hidden for long — in “The Wild Party,” opening at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Friday, June 13.


‘The Wild Party’ to open at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts June 13

By Tim Moore
Thingamajig Theatre Company


When Andrew Lipka’s “The Wild Party” opens at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts (PSCA) on Friday, June 13, at 7 p.m., it won’t be easing you into the summer theater season — it’ll be shaking the walls with jazz, gin and emotional fireworks. And, yes, the date is Friday the 13th. Consider it a warning — or an invitation. Staged by Thingamajig’s 2025 Summer Repertory Company, the same ensemble that delighted audiences with “Something Rotten!,” this production trades Elizabethan slapstick for something far smokier

and more dangerous. But, the commitment to sharp storytelling and stellar performance remains unchanged. At the center of this roaring bacchanal is Samantha Luck as Queenie, a vaudeville performer with a taste for danger, and Trevor Brown as Burrs, her volatile partner whose love curdles into something darker. Seeking distraction (or perhaps destruction), they host a party in their Manhattan apartment. As the night unfolds, so do betrayals, temptations and the arrival of a mysterious outsider, Black (played by Caleb Barton), who turns more than just

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Health care workshops announced for youth interested in the medical field

Healthy Archuleta

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Healthy Archuleta has partnered with the Drexel University College of Medicine to offer Archuleta County youth a chance to learn more about health care careers.

The first session will be Tuesday, June 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Department of Human Services conference room.

Dara Bright, Ph.D., will talk about health care careers.

Bright will discuss the different types of health care careers, such as traditional and nontraditional careers, and what classes to focus on now to get into health care.

Bright is an educator with more than eight years of experience providing learning and career advisement to students.

Bright's formal training and expertise are centered around equity and community-informed measurement practices. Bright's scholarship delves into the crossroads of the opportunity gap in higher education and the unique challenges confronting marginalized students.

Recently awarded a CADRE Fellowship, her research critically addresses the inequitable and oppres-

sive systems that obstruct opportunities for students of color. She earned her doctorate in education with a focus on quantitative methods, assessment and evaluation. She also holds a Master's of Science in public policy from Georgia Tech and a bachelor's from the College of William and Mary.

The second session will be Thursday, June 19, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., where three Drexel medical students will share their experience about med school.

Specifically, each student will share their specific path to medicine and the obstacles they overcame to get into medicine. As third- and fourth-year medical students, they'll share what it's like to be a medical student and what they do each day.

Tomas Fencl is a fourth-year student applying to general surgery. He will be here to tell you that you don't need to have everything figured out right now; he didn't figure this path out until he was almost 30. He misses Colorado and hopes to make it back whenever his training allows it.

Ashley Dillon is a third-year medical student at the Drexel University College of Medicine. Currently, she is not sure what specialty of medicine she is interested in, but is excited to hopefully find her niche this year

during her clinical rotations. She is originally from a small town in rural Wyoming and can understand the difficulties surrounding rural medicine, but also how daunting it can be to pursue a career or education that can take you out of your community. She is so excited to talk to the youth more and share her journey as well as answer any questions that they may have on pursuing college, medicine or anything in between.

Jahan Aslami grew up in Loveland, Colo., attended the University of Colorado Boulder, and earned his master's degree at Colorado State. He left Colorado for medical school when he was accepted to the Drexel University College of Medicine. He is currently starting his fourth year of medical school after finishing up a research year with the Orthopedic Surgery Program at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. He got involved with this program to strengthen his application for an orthopedic residency, hopefully back home at the University of Colorado.

Please join us at the Department of Human Services conference room for both events. No registration is required. To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, please visit our website at www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org or send us an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

Open

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Queenie's head.

Adapted from Joseph Moncure March's infamous 1928 poem, "The Wild Party" is equal parts glitter and grit. Lippa's score doesn't mimic the jazz age; it grabs it by the collar and makes it sweat. The music is bold and unrelenting, veering from smoky ballads to full-throttle ensemble numbers with the kind of energy that's built to thrill.

This is not a show that plays it safe. But it is a show that plays it big. And for audiences who crave theater with teeth, drama that dances on the edge, "The Wild Party" delivers.

A note for patrons: This is an

R-rated production featuring adult themes, stylized violence, sexual content and strong language. But its purpose isn't to shock, only to illuminate. Behind the sequins and shadows is a story about people grasping for connection in a world that won't slow down.

So, yes, come to the party. But don't expect a tidy night of laughs and light jazz. This is a show that swings between seduction and con-

sequence, beauty and danger, ecstasy and ache. It's bold. It's theatrical. And it just might leave you thinking long after the music stops. Come curious. Leave changed.

Andrew Lippa's "The Wild Party," directed and choreographed by Pia Wyatt, will be at the PSCA through August.

For tickets, please visit pagosa-center.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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19th Hole Concerts to continue Thursday

By Joan Ward
Archuleta Seniors Inc.

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado, in partnership with the Pagosa Springs Golf Club, is sponsoring the second of four 19th Hole Concerts this Thursday, June 12.

The featured artist this week is Jackson Mountain Ramblers, and the featured nonprofit is Project Sanctuary.

Project Sanctuary is honored to be selected to participate in its first 19th Hole Concert Series.

Project Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit organization headquartered in Pagosa Springs. Project Sanctuary was founded in 2007 based on the principle that when one person serves, the whole family serves in the military, and understanding the best way to support the troops meant creating an organization that supports the entire family.

Project Sanctuary is a leading provider of therapeutic retreats and ongoing support for military families by reconnecting and empowering the entire family toward healing.

Throughout the year, Project Sanctuary hosts six-day therapeutic retreats offered at no cost to military families.

Since 2007, Project Sanctuary has hosted 313 therapeutic retreats, serving a total of 2,659 participants.

Patriot Pines is the Project Sanctuary retreat center, located off U.S. 84.

Project Sanctuary is excited to

connect more with the local community and extend a sincere appreciation to its new hometown. It is always seeking dedicated volunteers to assist with retreats.

To connect with Project Sanctuary, please visit website at www.projectsanctuary.us or send an email to info@projectsanctuary.us.

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

The 19th Hole Concerts are held every Thursday in June from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

The cover charge is a \$10 donation that supports the four nonprofits selected through the month of June. Corporate sponsors cover event expenses, allowing all proceeds at the end of the series to be pooled and distributed equally to the featured organizations. The collaborative approach to the concerts is vital to their success.

Schedule

June 12: Project Sanctuary, Jackson Mountain Ramblers — country, folk and pop.

June 19: Build Pagosa, Bo DePeña — Americana and country.

June 26: San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, Max Miller — jazz.

The policy is to cancel in the event of lightning. If you want to check

the status of a concert, check www.swcommunityfoundation.org for the most up-to-date information.

For more information about the 19th Hole concert series, contact the Community Foundation at (970) 375-5807, ext. 3.

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Introducing the male stars of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Cory Henderson
Seeds of Learning

This year’s Pagosa stars are getting ready to put on their dancing shoes and prepare for their night on the dance floor. Each star will be matched with a talented coach, who will lead them through this performance of a lifetime to support Seeds of Learning.

This year’s fabulous male stars include Ben Lawrence, Ernesto Renteria and Matt Kossler.

Lawrence

“Ben is thrilled to be making his debut in Pagosa Dancing with the Stars. Originally from Dallas, Texas, Ben moved to Pagosa in 2021 and instantly fell in love with the community. Recent performances include the ... burlesque show, where he has been able to harness his love

for theater and grow his confidence on and off stage. Although he credits his teachers from his younger years in Texas, Ben would also like to thank the Pagosa community for not only accepting him, but celebrating him. Ben is very excited and honored to be chosen to perform and work with Seeds and hopes to give the young generation the same passion for performing that he has.”

Renteria

“My name is Ernesto Rafael, and I’ve had the honor of calling Pagosa Springs home for nearly 20 years. Throughout that time, I’ve worked in the service industry, always grateful for the kindness, support, and respect this wonderful community has shown to me and my family.

“It fills me with pride to join this meaningful cause, supporting the youngest and most vulnerable mem-

bers of our town. I’m excited to take on this new challenge and, through it, give back to the community that has given me so much.”

Kossler

“Matt and Tasha have been married for 19 years and are the proud parents of five amazing kids, all between the ages of 6 and 11. Their family has called Pagosa Springs home for the past six years, and they’ve loved being part of the vibrant local community.

“In that time, you’ve probably seen them around town — managing in local hospitality spots, showing up at school events and parent-teacher conferences, cheering from the sidelines at youth sports games, or simply enjoying a quiet moment with a journal and a cup of coffee at one of Pagosa’s cozy coffee shops.

■ See Dancing on next page



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Dancing

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“These days, life is full with the exciting adventure of opening their own restaurant, but Matt and Tasha never shy away from making time for what matters. Dancing for Seeds of Learning is one of those things. It’s not just fun — it’s meaningful.

“Four of their daughters have attended Seeds of Learning, and their family has seen firsthand the difference this incredible early childhood program makes in the lives of young children and their families. That’s why this fundraiser is so close to their hearts.

“Vote for Matt — not just because he’s bringing the dad moves, but because he’s dancing with purpose, passion and a whole lot of heart for the kids and families of Pagosa Springs.”

Tickets and voting information

These three male stars will be joined with three more female stars to compete for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy.

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

Voting is now open. Start voting online today. Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the fabulous trophy and bragging rights. You can vote for as many stars as you would like as many times as you want. But, more importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining Seeds of Learning’s tuition mission to provide affordable, high-quality early childhood education in Pagosa Springs.

All tickets include voting for your favorite star, a dinner served by our fine-dining restaurant, a fabulous show that is sure to entertain and open dancing during voting.

Ticket sales will open to the public at 9 a.m. on June 16 with limited tickets. Watch our website and the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars Facebook page, facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/, for specific instructions on ticket purchase.

Seeds of Learning is a nonprofit,

standalone preschool serving approximately 58 preschoolers year-round, ages 2.5 to 5 years old. The critical proceeds from this event help offset the actual cost for providing quality early learning, making it possible for many of the children at Seeds to attend. Please help support the most vulnerable population in Pagosa Springs — our children.

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- Discover why we’re falling short on funding
- Explore options to fix it:
 - 1% sales tax increase
 - Property tax increase
 - Monthly fee increase
- Ask questions. Share your thoughts.

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Monday, June 16*	Tuesday, June 17	Wednesday, June 18*
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Unitarian Universalists to hear program on ‘Pilgrimage: A Journey to a Sacred Place for a Holy Reason’

By De Anna Hoyle
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship’s June 15 Sunday Service is entitled “Pilgrimage: A Journey to a Sacred Place for a Holy Reason” by Julie Loar, member of the Pagosa UU Fellowship.

She is not only a long-time friend of many here in Pagosa, but also a highly-awarded author of eight books and more than a hundred articles.

Loar has served on the board of the UU Fellowship and has held several board positions with a variety of community organizations. We welcome Loar back to our midst, knowing her ability to engage and inspire us.

Here is a brief synopsis of her presentation this Sunday: People from every culture have taken spiritual pilgrimages for thousands of years, journeying to sacred sites to experience rapture, guidance or to find meaning and purpose. I believe that pilgrims seek the heart of the sacred, longing to touch transcendence, to feel the heat of cosmic fire or glimpse the cloak of mystery. What is the difference between a sacred journey and vacation?

Loar will explore how we might travel more consciously and deeply, returning with widened horizons and a more open heart.

Dharma group meditation practice update

Speaking of open hearts, the weekly meditation at Pagosa UU will

take the rest of June off, so there will be no meditation this Sunday.

Beginning July 6, Dharma group practice is moving to 7 p.m. Sunday evenings. All are welcome. Practices will alternate weekly between a shorter, 45-minute meditation practice and a longer, 90-minute meditation practice plus dharma talk. Just bring a kind heart and an open mind. We can even help you find those.

Can’t attend in person? Join us on Zoom. Please email info@pagosauu.org for joining instructions and to be added to our dharma group email. Stay in touch, and look for announcements about our upcoming summer river, mountain and forest outdoor meditation group practices.

Our teacher is an experienced, certified meditation instructor and authorized dharma teacher, for over 18 years a student of Lama Migmar, Harvard Buddhist chaplain. We look forward to seeing you in July.

We are located at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. We offer Zoom streaming of our service, and a link to join online can be found at PagosaUU.org, where you will find our current newsletter with information on all our programs.

As Unitarian Universalists, we draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope and courage, building on the foundation of love. Across congregations and communities, we make supportive promises to ourselves and to one another. One manifestation of those shared promises is our Unitarian Universalist Association.

Pagosa Springs Catholic Community announces 10th annual Vacation Bible School

By Shanna Robb
Pagosa Springs Catholic Community

For the past 10 years, the Pagosa Springs Catholic Community has hosted a fun-filled week of activities for kids between in Pre-K through middle school at its outdoor Vacation Bible School (VBS).

This year’s theme is “Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace.” Children will enjoy a variety of faith-based crafts, music, games and interactive Bible stories based on Joseph and the technicolor dreamcoat.

VBS will be held in the church’s open-air pavilion and daily refreshments will be included.

The 2025 VBS schedule is 9 a.m. to noon June 23 through June 27. The cost is \$40 per child for the entire week. Register online or stop by

the Parish Office during business hours for in-person registration and payment.

VBS and the Parish Office are located at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. To register online, visit ihmjp2.org/vbs-registration.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 German automaker
- 5 Russian news agency
- 9 Litter noises
- 13 Chimney pipe
- 14 Something to kick
- 15 Medicinal plant
- 16 Cabbie's customer
- 17 Mental lapse
- 19 Ski resort's wish
- 21 Left the free-way
- 22 TV remote button
- 23 Telethon donors
- 24 Declares
- 26 Preserved, in a way
- 28 Enjoys a book
- 29 Cut back
- 30 "Cast" anagram
- 34 Go for the gold?
- 35 Cameroon's capital
- 38 Gardening tool
- 39 Part of a.k.a.
- 41 Be an omen of
- 42 Grammarian's concern
- 44 Tree trimmer
- 46 Donut filling
- 47 Comes about
- 50 Insomniac's wish
- 52 Loved to pieces
- 53 Made jump, maybe
- 56 Wrongdoer
- 58 Confused state
- 59 A long time
- 60 English subjects?
- 61 Dublin's land
- 62 More, in a saying
- 63 Word after dial or earth
- 64 Like some decisions

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- 1 "Tip" or "rip" finish
- 2 Map out
- 3 Spaniards and Serbs
- 4 Not on the windy side
- 5 Recipe units
- 6 Genesis victim
- 7 Knight's title
- 8 Jogged untogged
- 9 Roald Dahl title character
- 10 Upper crust
- 11 Serenader, maybe
- 12 Drops in the mail
- 14 Lukas of "Witness"
- 18 Wheel turner
- 20 Fastidious
- 23 Building block
- 24 Harp, in Italy
- 25 Calf meat
- 27 "All in the Family" spinoff

- 31 New England lake
- 32 Like some restaurant orders
- 33 "Scene" homophone
- 36 Plentiful
- 37 Swiss math great
- 40 Crush
- 43 Is in a tizzy
- 45 Snorkeling spot

- 47 Muslim porter
- 48 Old saying
- 49 Ends of the earth
- 51 Metallica drummer Ulrich
- 53 Knock for a loop
- 54 Pound of poetry
- 55 "Star Trek: _____ Space Nine"
- 57 Pigeon sound

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Some 40 Archuleta Democrats and friends enjoyed the sunshine at a recent happy hour. The Archuleta Democrats are scheduling more events downtown in the coming months to help boost local businesses during road construction. To learn more, go to ArchuletaDems.org.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

Save the date for the following activities at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center:

- June 19, 6 p.m.: Thursday Healing 101 Class. A six-week series on energy work, spirit work, polarity balance, crystal layouts, blessings and more with Shayla Azriel. The cost is a \$20 donation. Contact (970) 510-0309.
- June 20, 6 p.m.: Solstice drumming circle and potluck and Xanadu. The cost is a \$10 donation.
- June 21, 7 p.m.: Solstice Dance. Tickets, \$15, are on sale for the live music outdoor celebration. Call or text (970) 510-0309.
- July 11, 7 p.m.: Illuminations on “The Benefits and Uses of Lavender” with Susanne Bryant.

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The SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is a 501(c)(3). We are an all-inclusive community honoring all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine. We are the “Good Vibe Tribe” who practices Science of

Mind principles of positive thinking. The vision of SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is to empower each participating member to become their “best self.” Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through self empowerment and awareness of the creator’s divinity.

We welcome local talents to share

gifts, aptitudes and knowledge.

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



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Spiritual Experiences Group to explore benefits of gratitude

By Laurah Brock Young
Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Have you ever had one of those days when nothing seems to go right and you have an attitude to match? Have you ever wished for a way to bring a loving heart into focus instead of a negative attitude? There are ways to help yourself during troubling times. It's called the gratitude attitude. Gratitude is a spiritual law. "ECKlopedia," the Eckankar Lexicon by Harold Klemp, states, "Abundance flourishes in a grateful heart; gratitude is the secret of love." Gratitude is a spiritual discipline, helping us appreciate all aspects of

our lives. Being grateful has been linked to increased happiness and overall well-being, as well as the ability to be more loving. How do we bring this abundance into our lives? Join this discussion sponsored by Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs: "Experience the Benefits of Gratitude— Abundance Flourishes in a Grateful Heart." Share your stories and listen to others. Learn new techniques to help create a gratitude attitude. Drop in. We'd love to meet you. We are meeting on Sunday, June 15, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., at 1 p.m. Eckankar sponsors this free event.

It is an individual, creative practice to experience our unique relationship with the Divine. To join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>. To learn more about Eckankar, visit <https://www.eckankar.org> or <https://eckankar-colorado.org/>

Workshop to focus on earthworms, vermicomposting

By Cindi Galabota
PREVIEW Columnist

Earthworms, the unsung heroes of our gardens, often get a bad rap. Perhaps it is because they are a little slimy and dirty. Maybe it is because Aristotle called them "intestines of the earth." However, earthworms play a crucial role in our ecosystem, aiding in soil health and decomposition. Let's learn a few facts about earthworms. Earthworms are a type of worm in the phyla Annelida. Annelids are segmented worms with more than 22,000 species. Some live in marine environments, while others live in moist, terrestrial environments. Several species of earthworms live in Colorado, including the nightcrawler and the red earthworm. Earthworms are hungry. Their diet consists of dead plants, fallen leaves and even dead animals. They need a relatively moist soil environment that has a near-neutral pH. Worms improve soil structure and can even help to clean contaminated soils by breaking down environmental pollutants and turning them into nontoxic molecules. They burrow channels, leaving space for water to be drained away from the surface and stored in the soil. The more worms, the healthier the soil. Worms are also important in the food chain as they provide a protein-rich source of food for animals such as our local robins. Worms can be a helpful component of your garden for all the reasons mentioned above. They can also make great composters, eating your food scraps and creating a natural, odor-free compost. Vermicomposting is a fun, easy way to recycle your food scraps and create compost that enriches your soil and promotes

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plant health. Your CSU Extension office will be offering a vermicomposting class on June 28 at 10 a.m. You will learn about the biology of earthworms and the benefits to composting. You will also build your own worm composting bin that is easy to maintain. The class will take place at the CSU Extension office, and preregistration is required. The class is free, but there is a \$20 materials fee to build a worm bin. To register, please call us at (970) 264-5931 or visit <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/>. **Email list** Do you want to be added to our email distribution list to learn about upcoming programs and the latest resources? Email cindi.galabota@colostate.edu to be added to our list. Or, to learn more about the many programs, resources and services offered by Colorado State University (CSU) Extension, visit <https://extension.colostate.edu>. **CPR and first aid classes** CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month at the CSU Extension office, generally on the third Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register. Check out the online option on our website, <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/>.

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ANSWER:

Free fossils fun today plus plans set for library construction and summer book sale

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Today, Thursday, June 12, is a special all-ages archaeology and fossils event from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

You'll be able to hold and examine both real and replica artifacts as well as tools used in the field as you learn from archaeologist Paul Landrum, an expert on this fascinating field of science.

Coming to us from Durango, he is president of the San Juan Basin Archaeological Society, and he will bring interesting items to touch and look at.

As well, we have two kits with replica fossil artifacts and tools from the Colorado State Library to display.

Summer book sale plans

Mark your calendar for the hugely popular Friends of the Library book sale in July at the Community United Methodist Church located downtown at 434 Lewis St., when you can take advantage of great bargains on books of all genres for all ages while helping the Friends raise money for your library.

July 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. is the members-only early shopping opportunity — and if you are not a member, you're welcome to join at the door. Annual memberships are \$15 per person or \$25 per family. Lifetime memberships are \$150 per person.

July 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and July 19 from 9 a.m. to noon, the book sale is open to the public.

To prepare for the book sale, the Friends are organizing a book drive on June 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the library parking lot, where they will accept gently used books — and you'll get a coupon for a free book. Please note that damaged books will not be accepted.

Here are the guidelines for your donations:

Books on time-sensitive topics that can quickly become out of date are wanted only if they have been published within the last five years. These subjects include politics/current events, health and medicine, sports/exercise, business, technology, science, education and travel guides. Not accepted are reference materials, textbooks and nonprint material like CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray, VHS or cassette tapes because they do not sell at the Friends sales.

Last chance for book donations

Book donations to the summer book sale outlined above is the last chance you have to donate books to your library for the next 12 months. That's because we expect to be breaking ground for our expansion construction on Aug. 1. In anticipation, we are clearing out as much as we can so we can stay in the building during the construction.

Library News

Holiday closure

Your library will be closed next Thursday, June 19, for Juneteenth, a federal holiday celebrated to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States.

Reading rewards

Pick up your free Summer Reading Program bingo sheets every week at the library through Aug. 1. Then, complete activities to earn rewards throughout the summer and a chance to win a grand prize. There will be awards for different age groups: infants and preschool, youth aged 5-11, tweens and teens, and adults.

Watch for details with dates and times of Summer Reading events and activities in future "Library News" columns throughout the summer. And, pick up the Summer Reading Program flyer at the library so you don't miss any of the free programs, events and activities available to you and your family.

Friday arts and crafts

Every Friday through Aug. 1, we are hosting special free all-ages events from 1 to 2:30 p.m. with experts leading sessions on different arts and crafts skills.

Tomorrow, June 13, is fiber arts and wearables, when we'll create a quilt square or potholder. June 20 will showcase photographer Mark Langford helping us explore life through a lens. June 27 will feature Jesse Krebs, survivalist and "Alone" star, teaching us to make a survival bracelet. All materials will be provided.

Online author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks with New York Times bestselling authors continue in June with one more talk for you to watch live on Zoom or via a recording later. For details and to register go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

June 24 at 2 p.m. will feature Katherine Applegate on "Living the Otter Life," a children's book in verse for those in the third through sixth grades.

Bilingual storytime tomorrow

Join beloved retired high school Spanish teacher Mable Martinez Barber from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 13, for Hora de Cuentos, a bilingual storytime. Children will enjoy a story and singing in both English and Spanish as well as a craft and free play together, all aimed at building early

literacy skills.

Adult knitting and needlework

Join new and experienced knitters on Saturday, June 14, for our

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VOLUNTEERING SHOWN TO HELP WITH DEPRESSION

Investing time with others may be the new prescription for those who deal with depression. See today's excerpt.

Studies of the relationship between volunteering and health demonstrate that there is a significant relationship between volunteering and good health: when older adults volunteer, they not only help their community but also experience better health in later years, whether in terms of greater longevity, higher functional ability, or lower rates of depression.

These findings are particularly relevant today as Baby Boomers—the generation of 77 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964—reach the age typically associated with retirement.

We know that Baby Boomers in their late 40s to mid-50s are volunteering at a higher rate than earlier generations did at the same age.

However, efforts should be made to not only maintain current levels of volunteering among Baby Boomers, but to keep those Baby Boomers who already volunteer, serving in the future by providing substantial, challenging, and fulfilling volunteer experiences. The results of such efforts will not only help solve community problems, but simultaneously enhance the health of the growing number of older adults.

Source: "The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research." <http://www.nationalservice.gov/>

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

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Dr. Ben Lowe

Creation Care Pagosa to host program on ‘Environmental Stewardship Through the Eyes of Faith’

Creation Care Pagosa

On Sunday, June 15, Creation Care Pagosa will welcome Dr. Ben Lowe, executive director of A Rocha USA (<https://arocha.us/meet-ben-lowe>), and author of “Green Revolution: Coming Together to Care for Creation.”

Lowe will be presenting a special program on “Environmental Stewardship Through the Eyes of Faith.”

His talk will take place at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC), 434 Lewis St.

As a researcher and published author, Lowe’s work spans continents and disciplines, from studying how fishing communities in East Africa adapt to ecological decline, to examining shifts in evangelical attitudes toward climate change here in the U.S.

In his own words, “Much of conservation involves understanding and managing people — our values, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors. Most of my ongoing research is focused on religious and ethical dimensions of environmental conservation.”

A Rocha is an international, Christian-based organization supporting

conservation projects world-wide to promote the well-being of the environment and all people who depend upon creation for sustenance.

Whether you are deeply involved in environmental work or just beginning to explore how faith connects with environmental stewardship, this is an evening you won’t want to miss.

A dessert pot luck will follow Lowe’s program, so please consider bringing your favorite dessert to share. If you have questions, please email the CUMC at secretary@cumcps.ccsend.com or Herb Grover at hgroverco@gmail.com.

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free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project. Any type of needleworker is welcome.

Changes for conversational Spanish

The conversational Spanish group now gathers on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 4 to 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity to practice your Spanish in a free group setting. No minimum skill level is needed.

Brain fitness program Monday

In a community partnership program, Judy is leading a free Ageless Grace exercise program at the Pagosa Senior Center Mondays from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

It is a brain fitness program consisting of 21 simple exercises designed for all ages and abilities,

performed while sitting in a chair. The Senior Center location was chosen so participants have more privacy as they exercise.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 16, for amateur musicians of all abilities to play, sing and jam with other people.

Adult DIY Tuesday

At the free adult DIY next Tuesday, June 17, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. David will be here to talk about all things fly-fishing.

Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

Writers Guild

Every Thursday 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.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays.

Taylor helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smart-phones 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.

Note there will be no Tech Time on June 19 because of the holiday.

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.

Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays

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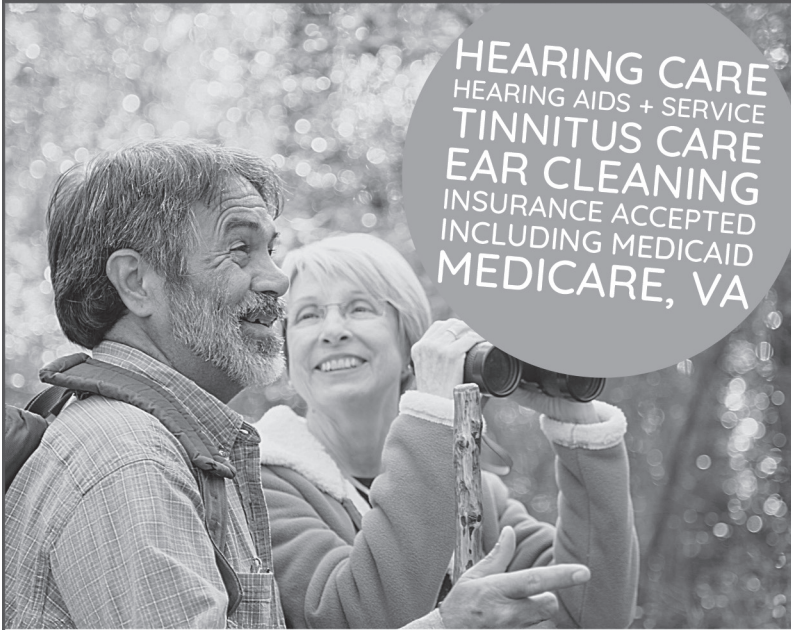
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from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No appointment is necessary.

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Activities calendars

Pick up monthly events calendars at the library so you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family.

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Large print

"The Ladies Road Guide to Utter Ruin" by Alison Goodman is book two in the Ill-Mannered Ladies series. "See How They Hide" by Allison Brennan is a Quinn and Costa thriller. "The Last Sunrise" by Anna Todd is a romance set in Spain. "The Quiet Librarian" by Allen Eskens begins when a woman learns her best friend has been murdered. "South of Nowhere" by Jeffery Deaver is a Colter Shaw thriller.

"The Tenant" by Frieda McFadden deals with a new tenant who brings strange experiences to the owner's house. "Great Big Beautiful Life" by Emily Henry tells of two writers competing for the opportunity to

write an heiress' biography. "One Golden Summer" by Carley Fortune features a reunion of two women at a lake. "Sealed with a Hiss" by Rita Mae Brown is the latest in the Mrs. Murphy mystery series.

DVDs

We have seasons four, five and six of "Call the Midwife." "Landman" is an upstairs/downstairs tale of rough-necks and billionaires working in the world of West Texas oil rigs with stars including Billy Bob Thorton and Demi Moore. "Dune Prophecy" is the first season of the HBO series. "Resistance: They Fought Back" documents the many Jewish resistance efforts in the Warsaw Ghetto. "The Accountant" is a thriller starring Ben Affleck as an autistic genius with forensic and other skills vital to solving criminal activities.

Novels

"My Name is Emilia Del Valle" by Isabel Allende is a historical novel featuring an adventurous female reporter covering the war in Chile. "The Emperor of Gladness" by Ocean Vuong features a young man saved from suicide by an elderly woman with dementia. "Tough Choices" by Linda Byler is book three of the Amish Stepping Stones romance series.

Quotable quote

"Circana BookScan data shows book sales are up – there were more than 797,000,000 print books sold in the U.S. last year, up 2 percent from 2023 and 14 percent from 2019. The contemporary women's fiction category ... ended 2024 with a nearly 30 percent increase in sales over 2019 numbers." — Figures cited in Time

magazine's May 28 issue.

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PAGOSA SCENE . . .

RODS, REELS AND ROTARY

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Scene ... Members of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs enjoy a day of fly fishing lessons, birdwatching and a picnic at River Center Park on June 5. Swapping meetings for mountain air, the group shared laughter, fellowship and a few casting tips.



Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, June 12

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.

'Fissuring out the Past' Ice Caves Loop Geology Hike. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., ice caves. The event is free, but registration is required at sjma.org/events.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join a docent for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth. 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.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic

view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Outreach Camp: Archaeology and Fossils. 12:30-1:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Hear from an expert on this fascinating field of science. You'll be able to hold and examine real and replica artifacts, and tools used in the field.

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.

Tai Chi. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Senior Center. Free for those 55 and better.

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)

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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 Grace's warbler.

June is the month of an affliction known as warbler neck. It is the result of spending too much time with your head tilted back while focusing binoculars on the treetops in search of the small, often colorful migratory birds known as warblers. In the company of people who love spying on birds, the condition can be contagious.

Warblers belong to a large family of birds, the Parulidae, with more than 115 different species spread throughout North, South and Central America, and the Caribbean. They are vocal, active insectivorous birds that are a challenge to track. Most have thin, tweezer-like beaks designed for capturing insects.

Fifty-six warbler species spend time in the United States and Canada. Spring migration coincides with leaf out, when tiny caterpillars are hatching to feed on leaves. Warblers eat a huge number of these insects before they can do serious damage to trees.

The Grace's warbler is a specialist of mature pine forests in parts of the southwest United States and areas to the south. Here it stays in the ponderosa treetops, where it gleans small branches, twigs and clumps of needles to catch insects and spiders. Sometimes it sallies out to snatch an insect flying by. It usually stays well away from the tree trunk, even building its tiny woven nest inside a pine needle cluster near the outer edge of a tree.

Measuring less than 5 inches, the Grace's is one of the smallest warblers. Its upperparts are gray, it has two white wingbars, and the bright yellow of its throat extends above the eyes. Tracking its song in the treetops is the best way to find its location.

Because its territories are large, nests are well hidden and individuals are a challenge to follow, the Grace's warbler is one of the least-studied birds in the United States. It is known to be a victim of brown-headed cowbird nest parasitism.

Likely due to a loss of mature pine forests in the United States and Mexico, Grace's warblers are on the Partners In Flight watch list for species in serious decline.

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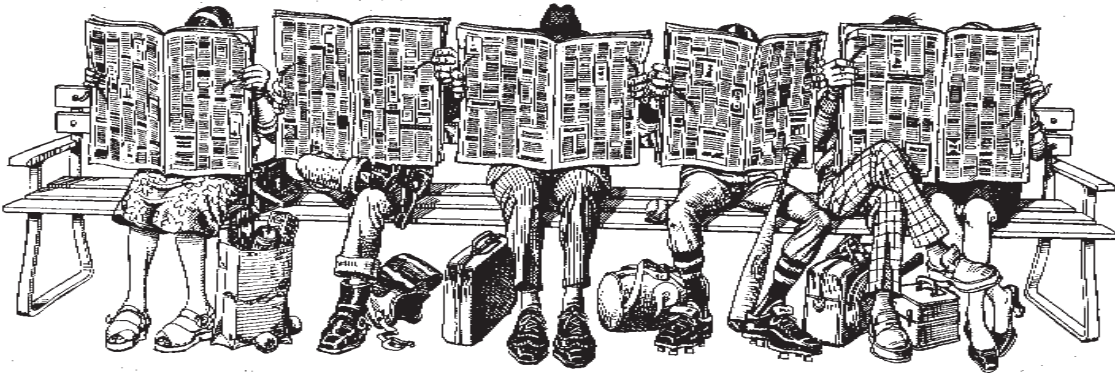
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264-2209 for more information.

19th Hole Concerts. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Live music by the Jackson Mountain Ramblers. The cover charge is a \$10 donation that supports the season's four nonprofits.

Seminar: Abundant Health with Chuck and Sarah Riehm. 6-7:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Chuck and Sarah Riehm will speak on "Blue Zones: Nine Lessons for Living Longer from the People Who Have Lived the Longest."

Friday, June 13

Mysteries Tour of Chimney Rock.

8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Hora de Cuentos (Bilingual Storytime). 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. An educational hour of reading and singing in Spanish, as well as free play and building early literacy skills.

Summer Reading Crafts. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Fiber arts for all ages. No registration is required.

Stroll of the Three Sisters Tour. 1:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour along the Mesa Village Trail, where they will learn about an agricultural village and the crops and other foods grown and gathered there. Tickets are \$15 for ages 13 and up and \$8 for ages 5-12. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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.

Pagosa Springs Car Show. 5-8 p.m., Yamaguchi Park.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The Wild Party.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit

pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Saturday, June 14

Riverwalk Wetlands Tour. 8 a.m., Centennial Park. Participants should bring water, hats, sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at the native plants garden next to the geothermal domes. Leave dogs at home. Tours will not occur during inclement weather.

Conversations in the Garden. 9-10 a.m., Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

Pagosa Springs Car Show. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Yamaguchi Park.

Pagosa Springs Scrapbook and Crafters Club. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your creative and scrapbooking projects and share time with other crafters. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

'Kick Out the Clowns' Rally. Noon-2 p.m., downtown. Gather at Town Park, then march through the downtown with preplanned pit stops/rally points. It will be one of 250 marches happening across the U.S. For more information, email psequalitymarch@gmail.com.

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

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The Wild Party.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Sunday, June 15

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To tour this home go to:
<https://pspixeltree.com/33-Fawn-Ct>



109 Carol's Curves
\$340,000

MLS # 824583

The mobile home portion of this residence is 500 square feet. 1304 square feet is stick built. There is also a small cabin built in 1993, 576 square feet with bath and studio kitchen. The 1.2 acres is partially fenced for dog's and the acreage is all usable. The house has large picture windows with very nice views. There are 3 outbuildings, the septic has been inspected.




1001 Soaring Eagle Court
\$925,000

MLS # 822945

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>



324/356/294 Sparrow Circle
\$330,000

MLS # 821243

3 separate lots 4.5 Acres total with no HOA or Covenants. This 2-bedroom 1 bath home is purged and is in very good shape. This is a very solid home with a well-constructed snow shed over the top. There is a 2-vehicle carport and a workshop behind the carport. There is a road behind the house going up the hill to get to a couple of nice building sites. The views are amazing up there. This is an awesome property and if needed the two vacant lots could be sold separately.




65 Caballero Drive
\$725,000

MLS # 823461

This home is perfectly located on approximately an acre of land in the Pagosa Lakes area. Open the back door and a 700 sq ft deck will provide additional space for a BBQ grill, plenty of outdoor seating, and a new hot tub for your relaxation and enjoyment. 4 beds/2.5 baths with 2,350 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0khZeKE-G0




X Tall Pines Place
\$265,000

MLS # 821844


35+ acres in Alpine Lakes Ranch with amazing views of Navajo Peak and the San Juan Mountain range. This property has a number of nice building sites with year-round road maintenance, central water and underground utilities at the road. The subdivision borders thousands of acres of National Forest and hunting is allowed. This is a wonderful property for your horses and it is only 18 miles from town.

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Monday, June 16

Mysteries Tour of Chimney Rock.

8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Brain Fitness and Mobility. 10-10:45 a.m., Senior Center. For anyone 21 and older.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Archuleta County Democratic Club. 11:30 a.m., Coyote Moon. Archuleta School District board president Bob Lynch and Superintendent Rick Holt will speak about school building improvements.

Stroll of the Three Sisters Tour. 1:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour along the Mesa Village Trail, where they will learn about an agricultural village and the crops and other foods grown and gathered there. Tickets are \$15 for ages 13 and up and \$8 for ages 5-12. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Musicians of all abilities are invited to jam and sing with others.

Tuesday, June 17

Chimney Rock Through the Ages

Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your

current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta

County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Stretching and Mobility Class.

10-11 a.m., Senior Center. A stretching and mobility class for those ages 55 and up.

Health Care Career Workshop for

Youth. 10-11:30 a.m., Archuleta County Department of Human Services conference room. Healthy Archuleta has partnered with the Drexel University College of Medicine to offer youth a chance to learn more about health care careers.

Great House Tour.

10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Adult DIY. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join David to talk all things fly-fishing.

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

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

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

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

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.

Riverwalk Wetlands Tour. 7 p.m., Centennial Park. Participants should bring water, hats, sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at the native plants garden next to the geothermal domes. Leave dogs at home. Tours will not occur during inclement weather.

Wednesday, June 18

Family Storytime.

10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mysteries Tour of Chimney Rock. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an

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

Thursday, June 19

Chimney Rock National Monument Fee-Free Day. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join a docent for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth. 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.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Live music by Bo DePena. The cover charge is a \$10 donation that supports the season's four nonprofits.

Friday, June 20

Summer Solstice Sunrise Tour. 4:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program provides a unique pre-dawn experience to view the sunrise from atop the mesa, timed to take in the sun's rays as light slowly fills the landscape. Afterward, a tour of the archaeological sites will be conducted, highlighting the importance of such celestial events to the ancient ones. The fee is \$20 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 5-12 and free for those under 5. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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Summer Reading Crafts. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Photography. No registration is required.

Stroll of the Three Sisters Tour. 1:15

p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour along the Mesa Village Trail, where they will learn about an agricultural village and the crops and other foods grown and gathered there. Tickets are \$15 for ages 13 and up and \$8 for ages 5-12. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Read with Maple, the therapy dog who loves stories.

ComFest. 5:30-8:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Enjoy live music.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The Wild Party.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Tour of the Night Sky Program. 8:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour program focuses on the Ancient Puebloans who once lived here and studied the night skies along with interactive talks about the life cycle of a star, categories of galaxies, telescopes and other topics. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Saturday, June 21

Birding at Chimney Rock Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour is presented in partnership with the local chapter of the Audubon Society and affords a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about birds that are native to the area. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Riverwalk Wetlands Tour. 8 a.m., Centennial Park. Participants

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19th Hole Concerts to continue June 12

By Joan Ward
PREVIEW Columnist

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado, in partnership with the Pagosa Springs Golf Club, is sponsoring the second of four 19th Hole Concerts this Thursday, June 12.

The featured artist this week is Jackson Mountain Ramblers, and the featured nonprofit is Project Sanctuary.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) was the featured organization last week, and we are sincerely grateful to the Community Foundation for including us.

Caregiver support group postponed

ASI is postponing the caregiver support group until further notice. Please check this column and the ASI Facebook page for future updates on this community resource.

Tai chi

The Senior Center is offering tai chi with accredited instructor Patti

Senior News

Popovich each Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Senior Center dining hall located in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Please note that there will be no classes on June 19 and 26. Please also note that, starting in July, the classes will be held at Yamaguchi Park from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The class is intended to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

Tai chi is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes are free for older adults (age 55 and better) and class will last approximately 1 hour. No special clothing or equipment is required.

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

Produce Box Program

ASI, in partnership with TerraWalk Farms and Nourish Colorado, is launching its second season of the Produce Box Program for seniors (55+) in Archuleta County.

Through this Community Supported Agriculture initiative, eligible participants will receive weekly boxes of fresh, local, organic produce from June to mid-October.

Eligibility requirements: You must be a current or new ASI client (Meals on Wheels, congregate, pick-up/Grab-N-Go meals) or a resident of low-income senior housing (e.g., Casa De Los Arcos, Rose Mountain Homes).

Please note that the “Self-Survival Food Lecture Series” is canceled.

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

Participants pick up their boxes at the Pagosa Senior Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

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LEGO Play. 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.

Pagosa Pride Festival. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Town Park. The event will include a land acknowledgment, jams, a keynote speech, trivial, art, food, a kids' corner, nonprofit resources and more. For more information, visit the Pagosa Pride Facebook page or email pago-sapride@gmail.com.

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

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history

of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Flute Music at Twilight Program. 6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program begins with a guided, short walk through a mesa village followed by live Native American flute music accompanied by a deepening night sky to reveal celestial bodies. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Something Rotten!' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Sunday, June 22

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The doors will open at 5 p.m., with early-bird games starting at 5:45 p.m. and regular bingo games beginning at 6 p.m. No alcohol or outside and food and beverage are allowed. For more information, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at (970) 903-7815.



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Senior

■ continued from previous page Scrapbooking and crafters club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking and Crafters Club continues to hold monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., within the dining hall in the Senior Center.

This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, and we invite all creative individuals to come and share ideas, connect with new and old friends, learn/share creative techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together. Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group.

Help us create an intergenerational community. Those ages 18 and older are welcome. For those youth age 17 and younger, we kindly request an adult chaperone accompany them.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com and you will receive notification each month of the upcoming meeting, along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking and more.

Mexican Train dominoes

A new group is forming and will meet on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Stretching and mobility class

Community members are invited to attend free weekly classes every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

The stretching and mobility classes for older adults (age 55 and up) are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

Bingo

The Senior Center hosts free community bingo games twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming bingo dates include June 13 and June 27.

Bring yourself and a friend for an hour of joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes from local businesses for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required. Help us create an intergenerational community.

All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with

an adult chaperone. Seats are first come, first served.

For more information, contact ASI at (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

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

Salmansohn brings to our conversations a variety of topics designed to stimulate discussions within a safe and comfortable environment as we explore our well-being and shared experiences.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with others living within the Archuleta community for friendship and togetherness.

Snacks will be provided. Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, is a get-together created for those who wish to continue the conversation. This opportunity is typically from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., following Senior Conversations.

The group occasionally reconvenes as an informal gathering at various local restaurants.

Share lunch Monday through Friday

Open to all. 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.

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.

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

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, June 12 — Beef Frito pie chili with sour cream and cheese, wilted spinach and onions, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday, June 13 - Split peas and ham soup, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Monday, June 16 — Chicken and broccoli crepes with Gruyere cheese, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday, June 17 - White lasagna with spinach and mushrooms, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday, June 18 — Pork tenderloin with blackberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, June 19 — Closed for Juneteenth.

Friday, June 20 — Chicken and dumplings, roasted butternut squash,

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

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Meals on Wheels

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

Mobile food pantry service

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its 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 communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

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

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Bridge

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

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Hand and foot card game

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

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

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Board vacancies

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

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The **TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY** category will end with our June 12 edition.

All deadlines for any classified category will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

A new category, MISCELLANEOUS, will be created. The MISCELLANEOUS category will run at the beginning of the classified advertisements. The deadline for this category will be 10 a.m. on Tuesday. *If there is a holiday, the deadline may change. Please look for an ad in the newspaper stating any change.*

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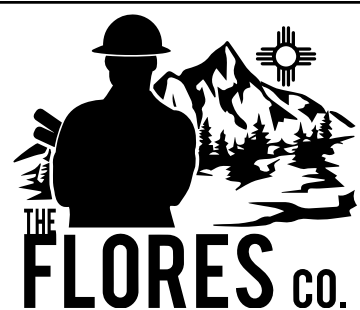
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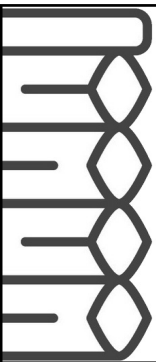


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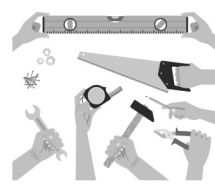
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2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

HELP WANTED



Archuleta Housing

Archuleta Housing has an immediate opening for a person with maintenance experience. This position involves taking care of small repairs and general maintenance of 65 apartments and common area grounds at 4 sites. Ability to take direction, work as a team or independently is needed. Must have valid driver's license and submit to a background check.

Starting wage depending on experience.

Please contact our office with any questions at (970)398-1860, or email us your resume.
office.archhouse@gmail.com
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HOUSEKEEPER. 3 bedroom, 3 bath home, monthly cleaning. (808)330-2000.

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LANDSCAPE LABORERS WANTED. Must have own transportation. Call for an application. Good pay for good help. (970)946-2277.

LIKE GUNS OR GUITARS? Come sell them for us. The San Juan Trading Post is looking for a sales person. Computer literacy and ability to lift 45 lbs. is required. Starting at \$15/ hour, part-time. Stop by in person at 635 San Juan St.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE to help with ranch and yard work, help with machinery. (970)731-4707.

MALT SHOPPE NOW HIRING. Apply in person between 9a.m. and 2p.m.

HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING. Positions available for Service Counter Assistant and part-time Bookkeeper. Computer skills a must. Monday –Thursday 7 to 6. Apply in person at Piedra Automotive, 505 County Road 600, Pagosa Springs.

OWNERS, THERE IS A LONG TERM RENTAL SHORTAGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS. We have a waiting list for approved tenants. Need all types of rentals. Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! Rocky Mountain Realty & Rentals (970)507-1192.

PART -TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Community United Methodist Church in Pagosa Springs is seeking a friendly, organized Administrative Assistant to manage office operations and support the pastor. This is a **part -time position** (16 hrs/week, Mon–Thurs, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM). The **Administrative Assistant** is often the first point of contact at our welcoming and inclusive church. To apply, email your resume to Rev. Ken Daniell at pastor@cumcps.org.

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME FRONT DESK Opportunity. Are you friendly, organized, and customer-focused? We are looking to add a reliable and enthusiastic member to our team! Shifts may include a combination of mornings, days, nights, and weekends. Our front desk is open 8a.m. to 10p.m. daily, including holidays. Download application at www.pshotsprings.com or stop by to pick one up. Resumes/ applications can be emailed to: sales@pshotsprings.com, Attention Front Desk Position or dropped off at Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 140 Hot Springs Blvd.

PINE VALLEY RENTAL, busy equipment rental yard is seeking a reliable, self starting shop/yard person. Must have experience in mechanics, diesels, hydraulics, electrical work, and be knowledgeable of heavy equipment plus small engines. CDL is a plus but not required. Must have own transportation. Full time, Monday -Friday 8-5. Please call (970)731-4410 Or Email ppine000@century-tel.net. 391 Bastille Drive.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

HILLSIDE INN IS LOOKING FOR two housekeepers. Housekeeper responsibilities include (but not limited to): performing a variety of cleaning activities (bathrooms, rooms, hallways), make beds, ensure all rooms are cared for and inspected according to standards, etc. Depending on the amount of rooms, shifts are usually from 8a.m.- about 1p.m. or 2p.m. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Email Natalie your resume to hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

JOIN OUR TEAM

ADVERTISING
ACCOUNT
EXECUTIVE





O'Rourke Media Group is recruiting for an Advertising Account Executive. We're seeking a proven sales professional that has a demonstrated track record of driving growth and new business development. Great opportunity for an experienced media sales rep, recent college grad or those looking to make a career change from outside of the media business. We offer an excellent compensation plan ranging from \$50K to \$100K+, great support and training, a fun work environment and lots of autonomy.

OMG is a family-owned, diversified media company that was formed in 2018. Originally just a holding company that owned a few newspapers, O'Rourke Media Group (OMG) has established itself as an industry-leading, digital media company comprising a cutting edge digital agency and an impressive group of award-winning, hyper-local print newspapers and niche magazines. OMG now operates in eight states, 36 markets with over 50 publications and hyper-local websites. For more company information, please go to our website at www.orourkemediagroup.com.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Advertising Account Executive is responsible for managing client relationships, developing advertising strategies, and ensuring client satisfaction. This role requires a blend of sales, marketing, and communication skills.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Client Management:

- Act as the primary point of contact for assigned clients.
- Build and maintain strong, long-lasting client relationships.
- Understand clients' business objectives and advertising needs.

Sales and Business Development:

- Identify and pursue new business opportunities.
- Prepare and deliver sales presentations.
- Engage in networking activities.
- Meet and exceed sales targets.

Strategy Development:

- Collaborate with internal teams to develop effective advertising campaigns.
- Present campaign proposals to clients and negotiate terms.
- Monitor campaign performance and adjust strategies as needed.

Reporting and Analysis:

- Provide regular reports on campaign progress and results.
- Analyze data to identify trends and insights.
- Present findings to clients and internal teams.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Marketing, Advertising, Business Administration, or a related field.
- Proven experience in sales or account management, preferably in the advertising industry.
- Strong communication, negotiation, and presentation skills.
- Ability to build and maintain client relationships.
- Excellent analytical and problem-solving abilities.

SKILLS

- Client Relationship Management
- Sales and Business Development
- Strategic Planning
- Communication and Presentation
- Data Analysis

Interested candidates should apply directly with an email message and resume to Jim O'Rourke at jorourke@orourkemediagroup.com. Feel free to provide Linked In credentials as well.

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NEWSPAPER REPORTER — We are searching for a talented reporter to fill a full-time position in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Our journalists are driven to find stories that matter to our community and are dedicated to fairness, accuracy, and ethics. The successful candidate for this position is someone who knows how to cover hard news but also loves to write about people and their passions. They know that a good interview is often a good conversation and know when to ask the tough questions, but also when to listen. The ideal candidate has exceptional writing skills and is willing to put in the extra effort and research to deliver an engaging story. Preferred qualifications for this position include: Degree or diploma in journalism, or a related field; At least 1-3 years of experience as a reporter with experience covering hard news and feature stories or experience at a college newspaper; The ability to meet tight deadlines and report the news as it happens; Superior language, writing and editing skills; Strong photography skills; Able to work a variety of schedules, including evenings, nights and weekends; Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills; Ability to work in a fast-paced environment; A valid driver's license and a reliable vehicle; Willingness to live in or near Pagosa Springs, Colorado. If this sounds like the perfect position for you, we would love to hear from you! To apply, please send your resume, letter of interest and relevant samples of your work to Chad Richardson, Vice President of News, crichardson@orourkemediagroup.com. Company Benefits: We offer competitive compensation plans and employees are eligible for medical, dental, vision, life insurance benefits, paid time off and our 401 (k) savings plan. This is an excellent opportunity for career development and growth within the company O'Rourke Media Group is a fast-growing company that owns and operates hyper-local, community newspapers, websites, niche publications and a full-service digital agency. We are family-owned and mission-driven to save newspapers and local media companies by investing in the people, resources and technology needed to thrive for many years to come. We believe that every community can benefit from a well-run, properly resourced, local newspaper and website. Our News teams produce hyper-local, high interest local news and accurate and trustworthy reporting. Our Sales and Digital Fulfillment teams bring omnichannel advertising solutions to local businesses in the communities we serve. O'Rourke Media Group now operates in nine states and 38 markets with 51 publications and hyper-local websites. We started from ground zero in December 2018, totally bootstrapped, confident and with an entrepreneurial mindset.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY SHELTER animals need you. Do you dream of a career working with animals who need you? The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs has an opening for a full-time Animal Care Specialist. Must love to work with animals AND people, spend time outdoors in all kinds of weather, and get a lot of exercise throughout the day. Previous dog and cat handling experience is a plus. A positive attitude is a must. PTO, additional sick time, and great shelter and thrift store discounts as benefits. Hourly rate \$16.00- 16.50 DOE. Apply online <https://pagosahumane.org/> or stop in the Shelter and complete an application. Come join our team caring for the homeless pets of Pagosa Springs.

HELP WANTED

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOW HIRING!



Archuleta School District

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*"Success for Every Student —
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for the following full-time position:

Chief Operations Officer

Seeking an experienced, dynamic leader to oversee district operations including maintenance, custodial services, safety, transportation, and facility management. The ideal candidate will bring strong leadership, project management, and technical expertise to ensure the district's physical infrastructure supports optimal educational outcomes. Requirements: Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred); leadership and project management experience. Salary: \$98,110-\$108,031 (based on experience).

Benefits include (but are not limited to) PERA retirement, life insurance, optional health/dental insurance and paid discretionary days.

**You belong on the
Archuleta School District Team!**



For more details and to apply for these positions click on "Job Postings" on the following web-site: www.mypagosaschools.com
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ELITE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL, a division of Bruin Waste Management, LLC is a rapidly growing organization with services expanding the Western Slope of Colorado.

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What You'll Do:

Develop, implement, and optimize digital marketing campaigns across multiple platforms-Search Engine Marketing, SEO, Facebook, Video and much more. Plus, have a competitive advantage by including our own Pagosa Springs SUN digital and print audience.

Bring cost-effective, website development opportunities to local businesses to help build long-term, win-win partnerships.

Analyze campaign performance and generate actionable insights to maximize ROI.

Collaborate with clients to understand their business goals and create tailored marketing strategies.

Stay ahead of industry trends and identify new opportunities for growth.

What We're Looking For:

2+ years of experience in digital marketing, preferably in a consultancy or agency role.

Proven expertise selling digital advertising solutions.

Strong analytical skills with proficiency in tools like Google Analytics, Ads Manager, and SEMrush.

Exceptional communication skills and a client-first mindset.

A passion for creativity, strategy, and measurable results.

Why Join Us?

Competitive salary + performance-based incentives.

Access to professional development and growth opportunities.

Be part of a collaborative, innovative, and supportive team.

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Ready to take the next step in your career?

Send your resume and a brief cover letter to
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CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Pagosa Springs SUN is recruiting for a dynamic, versatile customer service representative. This position is required to work at our office at 457 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Hours 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Job Responsibilities

Account Management: Support the Advertising Department with account management activity that’s associated with customers running ads in The SUN, PREVIEW, special publications and on our digital platforms. **Administrative:** Handle postal paperwork, insertion order processing and payment processing for advertising and subscriptions. **Service:** Provide personable, friendly customer service answering phones and interacting in person with customers that visit the office. **Communication:** Serve as a point of contact for internal and external communications. Answer phones, respond to emails and direct inquiries to the appropriate team members. **Project assistance:** Assist with special projects and initiatives as needed.

Requirements

3-5 years of experience working in an office. Excellent attention to detail and accuracy in data entry. Strong organizational and time management skills to meet payroll deadlines. Excellent communication skills on the phone and through all communication channels. High level of proficiency in MS Excel and other Microsoft Office applications.

Compensation Range/Benefits

\$17-\$20/hour depending on experience level. Eligible for medical, dental and vision benefits on the 1st of the month after 30 days of employment. Eligible to enroll in the company’s 401 (k) retirement savings on the 1st of the month after 90 days. The company matches 50% of your contribution up to 2.5% of total compensation. 16 days of PTO plus 4-5 paid holidays. Opportunity for advancement and career growth within the company.

About the Company

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YARD SALES

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ESTATE SALE. Everything must go. Friday, June 13, 7a.m. 73 Brook Drive, off Vista Boulevard.

LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING Yard Sale! Real oak furniture, misc. tools, lawn mower, kid's toys, home decor, dishes, cookware, linens, bedspreads, clothes, jewelry and more! June 20-21, 8am -2pm both days. Location: 2530 E Hwy. 160 in Pagosa Springs, right before Day Lumber.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE. 164 Haystack Place, Aspen Springs. June 13 and 14, 8a.m. until 1p.m. Too many items to list, 15' R Pod camper, 50" flat TV, 1979 Shovelhead Harley Davidson, 1998 Fatboy Harley Davidson, Harley miscellaneous parts, furniture, electric cement mixer, power tools, miscellaneous tools.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 9a.m. -3p.m. Antique sewing machine, cedar chest, camping and sporting goods, tools, housewares, file cabinets and more. 145 Evans Ct. in Meadows IV.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 8a.m. -2p.m. Yard Sale. 313 Shadow Place (Meadows 2). Kitchen and household items. Sports and camping gear.

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Send resume to tsteadmon@archuletacounty.org or call (970)264-8424.

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1, 2 AND 3 BEDROOMS. Call (720)869-8877. Hickory Ridge Apartments.

3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH, great location. Lake Pagosa access and boat storage. Nice interior finishes: hardwood, ceramic, built-ins. Two decks, greenbelt, fully furnished or not, very upscale western -style furniture. Long term /short term. \$2,500 per month. Available August 1. (970)398-9136.

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DOWNTOWN UNITS FOR RENT. New 3 bedroom, 2 bath unit. Granite countertops, all appliances and utilities included. Porch and patio. \$2000/ month. (318)347-6100.

FOR RENT — 2 BEDROOM, 1-1/2 Bath Duplex. Located on E. Golf with patio and 1 car garage. Washer and dryer included. Pets considered. Long term rental, \$1700/month. 303-210-7369.

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RV SINGLE SITE on 5 acres. Paved hilltop location at end of cul de sac. No traffic. Mountain views. 1 mile south Ace Hardware. City water, septic, 30 A electric. \$800 /month. Burt (619)992-9100.

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HOMES FOR SALE

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FOR SALE BY OWNER. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, Chris Mountain Ranches, gated subdivision, 1-1/2 miles west of City Market. 35 acre lot, 3,600 sq. ft. house under roof, 1,200 sq. ft. workshop. \$1.6 million. John, (970)946-0293.

GREAT STARTER HOME. Two bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Fenced yard. \$320,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

HOME FOR SALE. 3200 square feet on 3 acres. 181 River Forest Drive. See on Zillow. Agents welcome. \$740K (970)585-9181.

MOTIVATED SELLER, PRICE REDUCED to \$530,000. Located across the street from National Forest access. 10 minutes from grocery store and other amenities. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage family home. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

PRICE REDUCED. 3 BED 2 BATH 2 car garage. 3.9 acres. 5 shares of water. Detached 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage apartment. Great views. \$560,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

HOMES FOR SALE

TWO BEDROOMS, TWO BATHROOMS, manufactured home with 6" walls on secluded acre. Large back deck with view of meadow and trees. Insulated pump house and 225 sq. ft. log bunk house /studio. Property is on a cistern and propane. (970)731-3814, afternoons /evenings. \$305,000.

OPEN HOUSES

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Observing Father’s Day when Dad has Alzheimer’s

By Jim Herlihy

Alzheimer’s Association of Colorado

More than 30,000 men living with Alzheimer’s disease in Colorado, many of them fathers, will be the focus of attention on Sunday, June 15, as families celebrate Father’s Day.

Family dynamics can be upended when a parent is living with Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia. It’s important to recognize that sadness, confusion and a sense of loss can make family gatherings challenging.

The Alzheimer’s Association advises families to take into consideration the adjustments being made, both by fathers as well as their families.

“It is not unusual for family members to feel a sense of loss because of the changes their loved one is experiencing as a result of the disease,” said Jim Hammelev, executive director of the Alzheimer’s Association of Colorado. “How families ultimately choose to celebrate the occasion will be influenced by the stage of the disease experienced by their loved one.”

In the early stages, a person with Alzheimer’s may experience minor changes. Some may withdraw and be less comfortable socializing, while others may relish seeing family and friends as before.

As the disease progresses into the middle or late stages, the person will require a greater level of care. He may have a more difficult time communicating, become more easily frustrated or angry, and act out in unexpected ways.

The Alzheimer’s Association offers the following tips for families to help make Father’s Day an enjoyable one:

- Take a person-centered ap-

proach. Keep the focus on appreciating your dad and his company. Focus on what is enjoyable for the person with Alzheimer’s, such as looking at family pictures or the person’s favorite food. If he gets overwhelmed in large groups, a small, quiet gathering may be preferable.

- Keep it simple. Consider a celebration over a lunch or brunch at home where the person is most comfortable. Ask family or friends to bring dishes for a potluck meal or have food delivered by a local restaurant or grocery store.

- Join in. If the person with Alzheimer’s lives in a care facility, consider joining in any facility-planned activities.

- Don’t overdo it. Sticking to the person’s normal routine will help keep the day from becoming disruptive or confusing. Depending on the person’s stamina, plan time for breaks so the person can rest in a quiet area away from noise and crowds. Perhaps take Dad for a drive, play his favorite music, or write a story about Dad and what he means to you.

- Adapt gift giving. Encourage safe and useful gifts for the person with Alzheimer’s. Diminishing capacity may make some gifts unusable or even dangerous to a person with dementia. If someone asks for gift ideas, suggest items the person with dementia needs or can easily enjoy. Ideas include an identification bracelet, comfortable clothing, favorite foods, photo albums, checkers or dominoes. Suggest gifts in solid colors. A lightweight robe is a nice gift for Dad in any stage, but avoid confusing patterns.

- Educate yourself/find support. Learn more about Alzheimer’s in the Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver

Center at alz.org/care. There you can also find more tips on supporting a family member with Alzheimer’s, join the ALZConnected online community and find more information about your local Alzheimer’s Association chapter services and programs. Go to Alz.org for more information or call the free 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

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