

Peaceful protests



SUN photos/Shari Pierce

Multiple peaceful protests and events took place in downtown Pagosa Springs, expressing both support for and frustrations with the current presidential administration. A reported 500 or so took part in the “No Kings” protest.

Investigation into arson at county offices ongoing *County services remain available*

By Clayton Chaney and
Randi Pierce
Staff Writers

A June 12 act of arson at the county’s offices at 449 San Juan St. left the county working to relocate those offices and meet deadlines related to property valuations and property tax payments.

At approximately 1:19 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) and Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a burglar and fire alarm at 449 San Juan St., according to a press release from the PSPD. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered an active fire inside the east end of

the building.
The press release explains that crews entered the structure and successfully contained and extinguished the fire, which was limited to two office areas on the first and second floors.
It notes the offices are home to the Archuleta County assessor and county clerk.
Both sustained moderate to severe fire and smoke damage, according to the PSPD. Fortunately, the building was unoccupied at the time, and no injuries or fatalities were reported.
“Preliminary evidence collected at the scene indicates that the fire was intentionally set,” the press re-
■ See County A7

Town experiencing critical wastewater situation, holds listening sessions

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Monday, June 16, shortly after announcing that its wastewater system is experiencing critical situation, the Town of Pagosa Springs held the first of a series of listening sessions about the challenges of funding necessary repairs to its aging wastewater system, which is operated by the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID).

The town’s notice to PSSGID users and the community Monday urges users to minimize stress on the system due to pump failure.

The town has titled the campaign to fix its troubled sewer system, “S.O.S. (Saving Our Sewers): Investing in the Future of our Wastewater System.”
Town Manager David Harris led the session, with Public Works Director Karl Johnson also on hand to answer questions about the sewer system.
A consensus emerged between the audience and town officials that the crux of the problem stems from a past decision to abandon the old downtown lagoon sewer treatment system and replace it with the current
■ See Wastewater A6

Fire hydrant testing complete

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the June 12 meeting of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors, District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey provided a final update on PAWSD’s efforts to test fire hydrants in the community.

Ramsey explained that testing of the approximately 1,100 hydrants connected to the PAWSD system had been completed by the hydrant test-

ing contractor slightly less than two weeks before the meeting.
Of these hydrants, seven would need to be replaced and 32 had “significant problems” that PAWSD staff would work on, Ramsey stated.
He added that some others would require maintenance such as painting.
Ramsey indicated that PAWSD staff would work on developing a plan for future testing and maintenance of hydrants building off these results.
■ See Hydrant A6

Three Archuleta School District board positions up for election in November

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Three spots on the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) will be up for election this November.

During its regular meeting held on Tuesday, June 10, the BOE voted unanimously to approve a resolution for the district to participate in a coordinated election with the

county clerks and recorders’ offices of Archuleta and Hinsdale counties.
BOE president Bob Lynch described the resolution as a “routine” matter.
“We have three board seats that are up for election,” Lynch said.
Heather Schultz, human resource director and liaison to the BOE, explained that the three director positions up for election this year
■ See Election A6

Commissioners discuss going to ballot for lodging tax increase

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its June 10 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the possibility of proposing a lodging tax increase for unincorporated parts of Archuleta County.

Commissioner Veronica Medina initiated the discussion, explaining that the state passed House Bill 25-1247, allowing counties to increase their lodging tax rate up to 6 percent, along with allowing for expanded uses of lodging tax revenues. The bill was signed by Gov. Jared Polis

on May 13.
Medina mentioned that this may be “potentially one way that we could get more money” to go toward the county’s infrastructure needs.
She explained that Archuleta County currently has a lodging tax rate of 1.9 percent and the Town of Pagosa Springs has a lodging tax rate of 4 percent.
“This would only be for county lodging tax,” Medina clarified, explaining that roughly 70 percent of the county’s lodging tax revenue stems from short-term rentals (STRs).
She noted that the county receives approximately \$500,000 in revenues

annually through its current lodging tax rate, adding that if the county were to raise its rate to 4 percent, projected annual revenues would come out to around \$1 million.
“We need to make the tourists pay for coming here,” Medina said, explaining that raising the lodging tax may be a way to do that.
She also mentioned that STR owners and property managers have expressed to her that increasing the lodging tax rate is “doable.”
She went on to explain that under the new bill, counties have the ability to “expand the use” of their lodging tax revenues.

According to the bill summary from the Colorado General Assembly, the expanded use of those funds can include public infrastructure maintenance or improvements, or enhancing public safety measures by funding local law enforcement, fire protection services and emergency medical services.
“This would be expanded use that this would be able to go towards,” Medina said, referring to public infrastructure maintenance.
She also noted that the same rule still applies under the new bill in that at least 10 percent of lodging tax revenue
■ See Lodging A8

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OUR VIEW

Enough is enough

The recent acts of political violence and acts intending to harm government facilities and others are absolutely heartbreaking and show a vile, disgusting side of America that, very unfortunately, appears to be becoming more and more prominent.

Even locally.

Our phone rang early the morning of Thursday, June 12, with local officials seeking help in getting the word out to the public about an act of arson that took place in multiple county offices early that morning, closing the offices.

More about that incident and its aftermath appears in this week's issue, but we'll note this story is evolving, and we'll continue to follow it.

The county is still working through challenges relating to the incident and the investigation into it is ongoing, meaning answers to all our questions — like what the motive may have been — aren't currently available.

We do know that inflicting such damage on a government facility (or any facility), no matter the reasoning, is inexcusable.

We encourage anyone with information that may help with the investigation to contact the Pagosa Springs Police Department via the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center at (970) 731-2160.

Then, Saturday, news broke of multiple politically motivated shootings in Minnesota, including the assassination of Min-

nesota state lawmaker Melissa Hortman. Hortman and her husband were both murdered, with another state lawmaker, John Hoffman, and his wife also shot multiple times. Thankfully, Hoffman and his wife are expected to survive.

Officials reported investigators found a hit list of public officials from several states in the suspect's vehicle, and that the suspect had been to the homes of other lawmakers.

Officials called the crimes "the stuff of nightmares."

The crimes follow multiple assassination attempts against Donald Trump while he was running for office, an arson attack on Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro's residence, the murders of Israeli Embassy staffers and more.

And both Republicans and Democrats are warning about rising political violence targeting elected officials, with lawmakers stating they receive death and violent threats regularly.

It's sickening. And enough is enough.

We can be — and should be — better than this.

We need to remember the lesson many little kids are taught: Use your words when you're upset.

Call or email lawmakers with questions and suggestions, not insults and threats. Listen to each other. Understand that while we don't all agree, we all want this country

to be strong and prosperous.

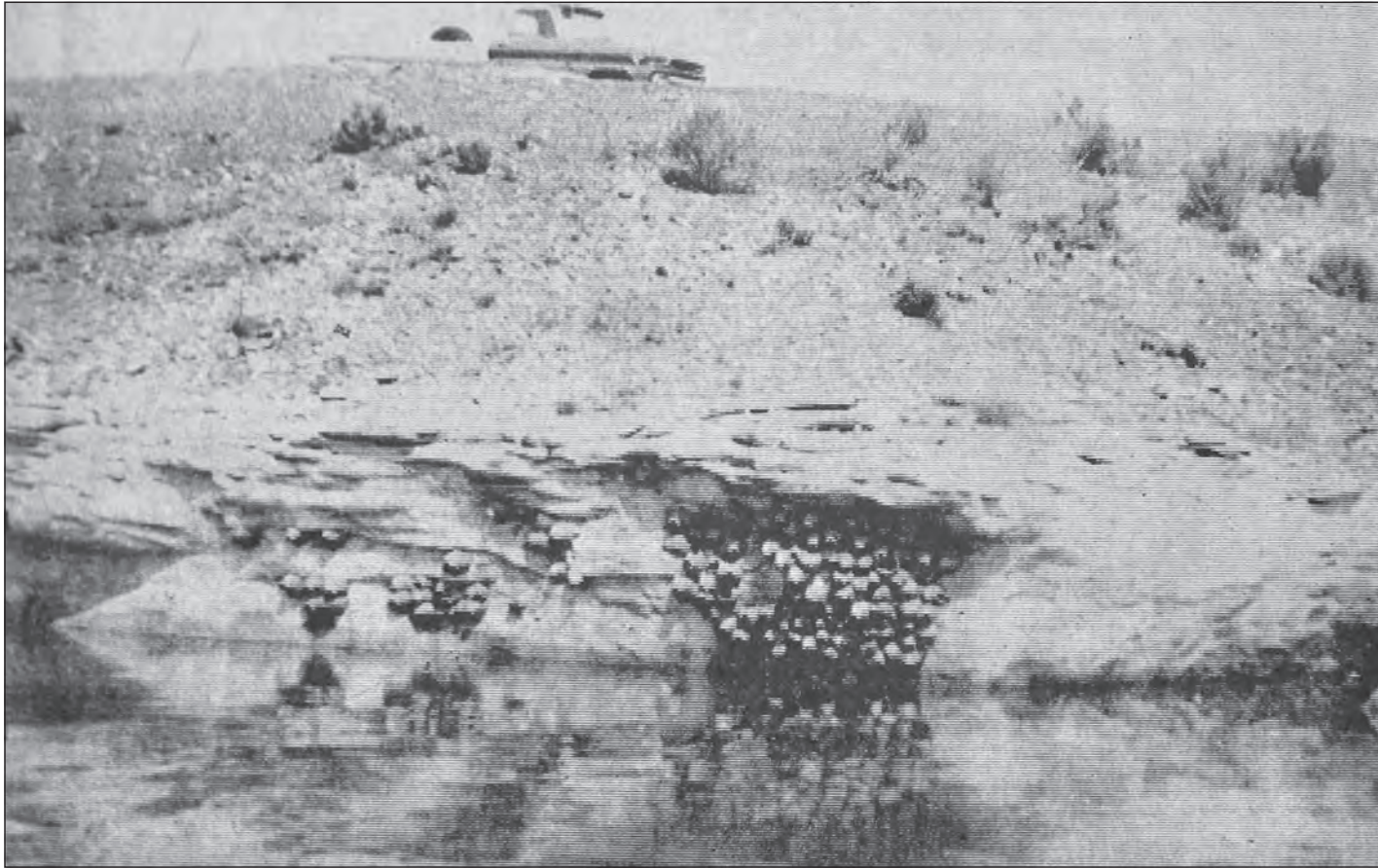
We're reminded of a speech by Jeff Daniels' character in the HBO news drama "The Newsroom" (which started in 2012) about the fact that the United States is no longer the greatest country, but used to be.

While we fully admit the show is a work of fiction, the writers hit the nail on the head on a few points. In part, the character, Will McAvoy, a news anchor, states: "We sacrificed, we cared about our neighbors, we put our money where our mouths were, and we never beat our chest. We built great big things, made ungodly technological advances, explored the universe, cured diseases, and cultivated the world's greatest artists and the world's greatest economy. We reached for the stars, and we acted like men. We aspired to intelligence; we didn't belittle it; it didn't make us feel inferior. We didn't identify ourselves by who we voted for in the last election, and we didn't scare so easy. And we were able to be all these things and do all these things because we were informed. By great men, men who were revered. The first step in solving any problem is recognizing there is one — America is not the greatest country in the world anymore."

Let's work more to not identify ourselves and others based on who ballots were cast for and focus on making this country a better, safer place — together.

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the June 20, 1968, Pagosa SUN — LOSING HOME — Swallows have nested in the banks along the Piedra for years. The rising water at Navajo Lake, however, will soon back water up over the mud nests along the rocks. The nests can be seen in the foreground and just a few feet more of water will find the nests under water.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 19, 1925

A Pagosa Springs establishment changed hands on Monday when Homer McKinley disposed of the Manhattan Cafe to Mrs. H.E. Williamson, who took possession the following day and is now conducting this popular restaurant.

The county eighth grade graduates held their commencement exercises at the Methodist church Wednesday evening, eleven of the total of fifteen graduates being present.

Those present appeared on their program, some in musical numbers, others in readings, recitations and class prophesy. The program was well received by the audience, and pronounced as one of the best class commencements it had been their pleasure to witness.

The complete list of graduates follows: Arthur Barry, Myron Catchpole, Rose Ford, Nellie Hotz, Pagosa Springs; Elton Henry, Clara Loucks, Chromo; Gilbert Loring, Yellowjacket; Geo. Holliday, Dyke; Artie Mowbray, Ola Ealum, Arboles; Violet Pargin, Annie Abeyta, Piedra; Dorothy Selby, Bayles; Louis Sappington, Lillian Russel, Coyote Park.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 16, 1950

At the regular meeting of the Town Board on Wednesday night of last week a great portion of the evening was spent on discussion of the water situation and complaints regarding it from various local residents. The town is at present installing a new, large pump, which will improve the situation a great deal. The water shortage and troubles of the past few weeks have been occasioned by necessary work in the pump house in connection with the installation. The work will soon be completed and then the water supply will be better than it ever has. In the meantime watering hours will be enforced as set forth in a notice elsewhere in the SUN. The board also instructed the marshal and water commissioner to collect all delinquent water accounts or turn the water off.

The marshal was instructed to pick up all dogs without tags. The board has published a notice regarding this stating that the dog tax ordinance will be strictly enforced. If you value your pooch, you had better get him a license.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 19, 1975

The School Board decided Tuesday night that the Red Ryder Roundup committee would be permitted to hold a dance at the high school gym this year. This decision was reached after representatives of the committee and several interested citizens appeared to protest the no-dance policy for the gym.

However, in the vote taken the Board stated that only charitable or community organizations would be permitted to have dances in the gym. Too, the motion stated that there would be no more public dances after December 31 of this year at the gym. Reasons given were mainly wear and tear on the floor there and the expense of maintaining, or replacing the floor.

The planning commission this week heard requests for variances from subdivision regulations. One was in the Trujillo area, the other on Four Mile Road. Requests for variances have been frequent and the planning commission indicated that where land was being sold off strictly for the purpose of selling, more rigid application of the subdivision regulations could be expected.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 15, 2000

Errors in the original plat survey at Lake Forest subdivision may or may not be serious enough to cause major problems but the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association is willing to spend up to \$15,000 to find out.

That was the outcome of a long discussion Thursday spurred by General Manager Walt Lukasic who said initial research indicates some errors may be as little as 8 or 10 inches but others could be 10 feet or more per lot.

"We need a starting point to find out where the errors are and how significant they are," he told the board of directors. "We are specifically worried about whether they'll affect street and utility line easements."

He asked the board for authorization to contract a survey and creation of an overlay for the original plat map so that specific lot variances can be located. "We need to know how far the domino effect may have reached," he said.



Weather data

Date	High	Low	Precipitation	Moisture	Type	Depth
6/10	77	44	0.00	NA	NA	NA
6/11	79	39	0.00	NA	NA	NA
6/12	83	43	0.04	NA	NA	NA
6/13	82	41	0.00	NA	NA	NA
6/14	85	41	0.00	NA	NA	NA
6/15	88	40	0.00	NA	NA	NA
6/16	87	40	0.00	NA	NA	NA



Letters

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Roots of violence

Dear Editor:

The political assassinations in Minnesota last weekend were shocking, but not surprising. Donald Trump's rally cry on January 6, 2020, fired up a mob turned loose on the Capitol. He tried to hide the violence

Commissioners discuss community issues, agenda norms

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During the items of mutual interest portion of the June 10 work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner John Ranson brought up multiple items for the board to consider.

"I have something I want to bring up," he stated, explaining that after attending multiple public meetings over the past few weeks he requested for the matter of the selling of Running Iron Ranch with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and the San Juan Water Conservancy District to be put on the BoCC's work session agenda.

"So, I just want to bring up a few points that I think are important," explaining there is a time constraint with the matter, as there is currently an offer on the table for the two districts to consider and that a decision is needed by July 11.

Ranson commented that some have expressed that the county does not have a "dog in the fight," noting that same sentiment was also expressed by some when the community was investigating the status of PAWSD's fire hydrants.

"I believe that this goes back to working together," Ranson added, suggesting the BoCC could possibly sign a letter of support, or at least be included in the conversation, noting the BoCC does not have a say in the matter.

Ranson further explained that it's the job of the commissioners to "protect our voters, citizens," and that the decision of selling the Running Iron Ranch affects the community as a whole.

He noted that it's costing PAWSD's ratepayers \$500,000 annually, "and that's why I think we got a dog in this fight."

for history by pardoning the convicted criminals who attacked, destroyed, injured, and killed.

Since Inauguration Day 2025, the talk and tactics of the Trump administration, its supporters in Congress, and right-leaning news, podcasters, and influencers have been a steady drumbeat for destroying, demeaning, and dehumanizing. Think about wholesale elimination of federal agencies (much of it illegal), broadside attacks on universities, cultural institutions, and law firms (also mostly illegal), and brutal treatment of immigrants and protesters, including use of force against members of Congress and local officials in New Jersey and against a U.S. Senator in California. Trump's objectives are revenge and retribution. Anyone who disagrees with him is an "enemy" who, he says, should be impeached, jailed, investigated, or deported (even

if they are U.S. citizens). Trump's moral compass is stuck on HATE.

Last week, Speaker Mike Johnson, who holds himself out as a person of deep Christian faith, called for California Gov. Gavin Newsome to be tarred and feathered, a gruesome form of vigilante punishment meted out in this country into the 20th century. Johnson's moral compass is not lined up with Christian teaching.

Trump called the assassinations "terrible," and Johnson condemned them. That's not enough. They need to take responsibility for their role in fomenting the violence. They tossed the match and have been fueling the fire every day for six months.

The legacy of Donald Trump and Mike Johnson is political assassination by domestic terrorists. How can anyone think they have this country heading in the right direction?

Candace Jones

For more information on the proposal for purchase of the ranch, see "PAWSD hears proposal for purchase of Running Iron Ranch" in the June 5 issue of The SUN or at www.PagosaSUN.com.

Ranson also brought up concerns about requested items not being included on the BoCC agendas.

"I am a little frustrated," he said, explaining it has nothing to do with his fellow commissioners.

Ranson stated that over the past five work sessions, there have been three topics he requested to be on the agenda that did not make it.

"I've asked three times for something to be put on that didn't make it on," he said.

He explained that, during his previous tenure as a commissioner, work sessions were the most productive meetings of the BoCC held.

"I do believe this is the one opportunity for the three of us to actually talk," Ranson said, explaining that regular meetings typically do not produce the same sort of conversations.

He encouraged the commissioners that a change should be made to allow for any of the three commissioners to request for an item to be out on the agenda.

"I think we've done good stuff, but I didn't run to approve liquor licenses," he added, explaining that he is frustrated with some projects going on in the county, specifically noting the commissioners have been waiting for a "general quote" on the construction of an administration building.

"We can have that in 48 hours," Ranson said.

He then suggested the BoCC attempt to coordinate a day-long retreat, noting there is "so much on the plate."

He added, "I want to do a little bit more for the taxpayers than approve liquor licenses."



Obituary

Penny Searles

Penny Searles, 77, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2025, in Alva, Fla. She was born on Oct. 2, 1947, in Middletown, Ohio, to Robert Boyd and Pat (Juanita) Boyd. Penny lived a life marked by warmth, humor and grace. Penny was the beloved wife of the late Robert Searles. Together they built a family that became her greatest joy and legacy. She is lovingly remembered by her children: Jason Oliver (Hilarie), David Searles (Judy) and Michael Searles (Heather). Her grandchildren — Keegan Searles, Robert Searles, Sloane Wolfe, Mason Searles and Jack Searles — brought her immense pride and happiness. Penny and her husband were the proud owners of St. John Dental, where they served the community of St. John Virgin Islands with warmth and professionalism for many years. Her compassion, dedication and gentle spirit made her a trusted caregiver and friend to countless residents and visitors alike. Her nurturing heart, quiet strength and ever-present smile will be deeply missed by all who knew her. A private celebration of Penny's life will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers,

the family asks that donations be made in her memory to a local animal rescue or gardening charity.

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The SUN generally does not edit letters, but reserves the right to do so.

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of June 23-28

Work activity

- Crews are making progress on the water main and service lines.
- The project team is working on plans to install a large waterline under U.S. 160 next week which would complete that work around 2nd Street. More details on that operation will be shared on Friday, June 20.
- 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 on 4th Street.
- 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.
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Business

April sales tax collections up 9 percent compared to 2024

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Sales tax collections in Archuleta County continue to increase in month-to-month comparisons with 2024.

According to data released by Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton on June 5, overall sales tax collections for April of this year increased 9.32 percent compared to figures from 2024. That equates to \$117,621.93 more received in April 2025 than in April 2024.

Sales tax collections have been up every month through April of this year compared to 2024 figures. Sales tax collections in January were up 3.96

percent, or \$67,565.22 more than January 2024; February collections were up 11.64 percent, or \$143,191.44 more than February 2024; and March collections were up 9.12 percent, or \$129,489.44 more than March 2024.

Eaton notes that the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County jointly received a total of \$1,379,034.06 from the April sales tax and retail marijuana sales tax revenues, with \$688,303.83 going to the county and \$690,730.23 going to the town.

Categories that were up in comparison to April 2024 according to Eaton's data include:

- Construction at .14 percent, or \$49.18.
- Manufacturing at 106.01 percent, or \$65,331.11.

- Retail trade at 5.31 percent, or \$36,188.26
- Information at 14.16 percent, or \$3,637.54.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 5.32 percent, or \$9,902.64.

- Other Services (except Public Administration) at 14.34 percent, or \$3,301.19.
- Miscellaneous at 4.73 percent, or \$9,793.39.

Eaton's data also identifies categories that were down in comparison to April 2024, which include:

- Finance and Insurance at 44.46 percent, or \$808.14.
- Real Estate, Rental and Leasing at 14.96 percent, or \$3,626.58.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 39.56 percent, or \$6,146.66.

PAWSD approves fire flow approval letter format

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At a June 12 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved the formatting of a letter from the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) providing the district's approval for fire flow levels on new developments.

How the PFPD manages certifying that new projects have sufficient amounts of water available for fire fighting has been a point of contention between PAWSD and the PFPD

in recent months, with the PAWSD board and staff raising concerns that the PFPD having an insufficiently clear approval process could open PAWSD to liability for insufficient flows if a fire was to occur.

PAWSD Programs Manager Renee Lewis opened the discussion, explaining that the board was presented with a letter giving the PFPD's determination that a planned development by Inter-Mountain Propane on Cloman Boulevard meets the fire flow requirements.

Previously, this project was expected to fail to meet the require-

ments of the fire code, although the PFPD had, in previous letters and discussions, indicated a potential willingness to accept these flows even if they were lower than the requirements.

However, the June 10 letter from the PFPD about the project states that it surpassed the requirement of 1,750 gallons per minute (gpm) of fire flow, producing 1,760 gpm.

A similar June 10 letter from the PFPD also indicates that a Town of Pagosa Springs fire hydrant expansion project along U.S. 160 which was expected to fall below fire flow requirements also surpassed the 1,500 gpm fire flow requirement.

At the request of the PAWSD board, PFPD Chief Robert Bertram spoke to explain the changes in the volume of fire flows.

Bertram explained that, in the process of testing hydrants for the town's project, he identified "some discrepancies" in the testing methods for hydrants.

He stated that hydrant testing had been done by testing flows when one 2-inch cap was removed from the hydrant, but that it did not consider flows if all caps (including two 2-inch caps and one 4-inch cap) were removed, which would represent the flow of all water available in the pipe for firefighting.

In the calculations, he stated that the PFPD assessed how much flow would come from the fully opened hydrant at a water pressure of 20 pounds per square inch (psi) since anything lower than this would interfere with drinking water standards.

He added that fire flow in the fire code refers to what water is available in the line at 20 psi, not how much comes out of the hydrant.

PAWSD board chair Gene Tautges clarified that the PFPD would be considering "pipe flow" in the pipes, not "hydrant flow" from the hydrants.

Bertram expressed agreement with this assessment.

Following further discussion, the board moved on to discuss what action the board needed to take on the letters from the PFPD.

PAWSD District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey commented that the board was considering approving the Inter-Mountain Propane inclusion and that the letter is only a portion of this, meaning that action was not needed.

However, Lewis added that the board might want to formally approve the formatting of the letter and vote that it is acceptable to the PAWSD board since the PFPD had previously provided letters in formats that the board found unacceptable.

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Biz Beat



Bank of the San Juans proudly announces the election of Tami Duke as the new chairman of its board of directors. Duke succeeds Tom Melchior, who has served as chairman since the bank's founding 27 years ago and is one of its original three founders.

A respected Durango businesswoman and former vice president at Bank of the San Juans, Duke brings more than three decades of banking and business experience to the role. Her election marks a new chapter in the bank's continued commitment to its customers, employees, and the communities it serves.

Duke's banking career began in 1993 at her hometown institution, Bank of Jackson Hole. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wyoming in 1998, she relocated to Durango and joined Bank of the San Juans. Over a 12-year tenure, she held multiple roles, ultimately serving as senior credit officer.

Duke was elected to the Bank of the San Juans Board of Directors in 2023. Regarding her election as chairman, she stated, "I am excited to serve the bank and its customers in this new capacity. I was proud to be present in 1999 when the bank adopted our mission statement — 'We exist to help people achieve their dreams' — and I look forward to applying my experience to help further that mission."

Clean mobility transportation survey launched

By Kyle Rickert
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) have teamed up with the Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE). Our aim is to enhance local transportation options, and your opinion counts.

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Photo courtesy Nathan Nichols

The Chamber's Choice award at the Pagosa Springs Car Show went to the 1952 Willys Overland pickup owned by Rich White, of Pagosa Springs.



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The Pagosa Springs Car Show's People's Choice award went to the 1958 Chevrolet Impala entered by Dennis Sandoval, of Espanola, N.M.



Photo courtesy Nathan Nichols

Best in Show at the Pagosa Springs Car Show last weekend went to the 1962 VW single cab owned by Brian Nagel, of Leadville, Colo.

Water district manager announces upcoming departure

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors discussed the upcoming departure of District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey and approaches to hiring a replacement at its June 12 meeting.

Ramsey explained to the board that he had spoken with PAWSD board chair Gene Tautges and PAWSD board member Alex Boehmer last month and explained that, once the Snowball Water Treatment Plant expansion project is done, he would resign from his position at the district.

He added that this will likely happen six to eight months in the future.

Ramsey stated that he wanted to give the district "plenty of time" to find a replacement and that his departure time can be flexible depending on the district's needs.

At the meeting with Tautges and Boehmer, Ramsey stated that they discussed several potential recruitment options, including recruiting from within or a statewide or national search.

Letter

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that the board liked the letter format and contents for situations where fire flow is met.

The board then unanimously approved a motion approving the format.

Following this, the board also briefly discussed the complexities that would be involved in the letter discussing fire flows for the town's hydrant project, with Ramsey noting that the letter from the PFPD for this project would provide assurances to the town that the project would meet flow standards and would be able to be included into the PAWSD system.

Bertram added that he met with town representatives and they expressed comfort with moving forward with the project given the fire flow results.

The board then unanimously approved the inclusion agreement for the Inter-Mountain Propane project with the new fire flow letter.

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Wasterwater

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rent system, which pumps PSSGID’s wastewater 7 miles uphill to the Vista Wastewater Treatment Plant operated by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

One audience member, who described himself as a mechanical engineer, suggested that “very poor decisions have been made,” regarding the decision and implementation of the current system, which uses a series of pump and lift stations to transport PSSGID’s wastewater.

Mayor Shari Pierce, who was also on hand at the session, said, “We agree that these were bad decisions, and thank you for pointing that out.”

A town-produced handout states that the PSSGID currently maintains about 17 miles of sewer pipes, with 325,000 gallons of sewage pumped per day, serving 1,500 households.

The average age of pipe in the system is 50 years old, with approximately one-third of the system either failing or needing critical repairs, the handout states.

These damaged and aging pipes have been described by Johnson and other town officials as “category 4 and 5” problems within the system.

According to the handout, \$15 million is “needed now” to upgrade these pipes.

To make matters worse, Harris informed the audience that, “as of this afternoon, Pump Station #2 has failed, on top of a previous issue related to a recent lightning strike.”

An emergency notice was sent out to PSSGID customers stating that “this combination of failures is putting extreme pressure on the remaining system, which has already been working overtime while replacement parts arrive.”

The notice asks users to “limit the amount of water going down the drain in all forms” to minimize strain on the system, urging users to “only flush solid waste and minimize flushing liquid waste, take shorter showers and baths, and avoid using the sink, washing machine and dishwasher.”

It adds, “We urgently need community-wide support to minimize stress on the wastewater system until repairs can be made.”

Late Tuesday morning, July 17, Harris provided an update on the situation, explaining that town staff got one of the pumps at Pump Station #2 up and running and that the town rented a crane truck from Bayfield to move a pump from Pump Station #1 to Pump Station #2 to keep it operational.

Harris added the emergency recommendations to limit water going down the drains will remain in effect until further notice.

The failure of Pump Station #2 is just the latest in a long series of problems with the pump and lift station sewer system since it was implemented in 2016.

In 2023, the town hired Roaring Fork Engineering to conduct a comprehensive study of the system to help get a grasp of the magnitude of the problems.

Roaring Fork suggested that a merger between the PSSGID and PAWSD might be in the best long-term interest of the community and that a downtown treatment plant might be necessary.

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A recent memorandum of understanding (MOU) between there PSSGID and PAWSD states, “There remains uncertainty as to the long-term viability of the [district’s] main pipeline and two pump stations.”

The PSSGID’s “collection system suffers from clogging, root intrusion ... and pipe deterioration, resulting in significant intrusion and inflow due to the advanced age and deferred maintenance,” the MOU states.

To tackle the first phase of critical repairs, the town went out for revenue bonds to pay for about \$4 million in repairs of the immediate category 4 and 5 problems with the system.

Category 4 and 5 repairs are currently underway.

However, the town still faces millions of dollars of repairs beyond the category 4 and 5 problems. It has been estimated by the town’s financial advisor Joey McLiney that the total proposed sewer projects in the coming years will amount to about \$40 million and, if the town decided to add a new downtown sewer treatment plant, this number

would double.

Harris explained at the session that the number is more like \$80 million to \$100 million to do all the repairs and for future infrastructure needs.

In 2025, the total revenue coming in from customer fees and taxes and grants equals only \$1.8 million, with current monthly sewer fee rates standing at \$71.25.

The PSSGID has the power to raise these fee rates, without an election, to pay for the repairs and future infrastructure needs, but McLiney and town officials have stated that the necessary rate increase would be untenable for many residents.

Harris explained the monthly fee would need to rise to about \$155 to pay for the system’s needs, and that this would hit the 30 percent of the town’s population who live in “poverty” or on “fixed incomes” too hard to be a sustainable funding solution.

He added that the town is trying to figure out a way to “spread the peanut butter out” in a way that is reasonable and fair to all community members.

For several months, the Pagosa Springs Town Council has been considering a 1 percent increase to the town-only sales tax as a solution.

This would need to be passed by town residents in a town-only election to take effect, and the council hired Slate Communications in April to help guide its messaging for the possible sales tax election in November.

Harris noted that the sales tax increase would spread the tax burden out to visitors and town residents alike, as county and regional residents and tourists also shop, eat and use the facilities in the Town of Pagosa Springs.

He explained that the average resident would see about a \$15 per-month increase in grocery and shopping costs, but McLiney later explained that this would be a “wash” for town residents because the sales tax increase would allow the PSSGID to actually lower rates by the same \$15.

McLiney also suggested that the sales-tax increase is his favorite option because it would allow the PSSGID to “pay cash” for most of the sewer repairs, rather than going into

debt, adding that after about three years of the tax being in place, the town would generate enough revenues to pay for more than half of the immediate repairs needed.

Some in the audience asked why the town would not extend the sales tax increase into the greater county, with businesses also being located outside of the town’s limits.

The audience expressed that they wanted the county residents to share the burden of fixing the town’s sewer system since county residents use town facilities and also experience the town being the central hub of the community for shopping, dining and congregating.

Harris explained that extending the sales tax increase into the county would require a countywide vote and that this could make it more difficult to pass the measure.

Pierce added that it would be “too short of a time period to educate that many people,” suggesting that extending it to a countywide vote would make it more difficult.

Archuleta County Commissioner Veronica Medina, who was in the audience, agreed that the county should do its part in helping the town out, suggesting that if the county increases its lodging tax that it could, perhaps, break off 1 percent to help the town’s sewer system.

She explained that she’d need at least one more commissioner to be on board with the idea, and that she’d bring it up at the next Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) meeting.

Others in the audience suggested that the town should also raise its lodging tax.

When Harris went around the room, the audience appeared to be in agreement that the 1 percent sales tax increase was the best solution to pay for the sewer system.

One audience member said, “It’s gonna take a village” to solve this problem, saying that the sales tax increase is the best available option.

The town held a second listening session on Tuesday, June 17, with a third listening session scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, in the Ross Aragon Community Center, located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. derek@pagosasun.com

Hydrant

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PAWSD board member Alex Boehmer expressed surprise that all the hydrants that needed replacement were located uptown and that no downtown hydrants needed to be replaced.

In response to a question from PAWSD board chair Gene Tautges, Ramsey stated that the cost of replacing the hydrants would be about

\$70,000.

Ramsey added that all hydrants provided water and that the primary reason hydrants needed to be replaced is that they could not be turned off.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh commented that this was “great news” and thanked all the people involved with the project. josh@pagosasun.com

Election

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include District 1 and District 5 for four-year terms, and District 4 for a two-year term.

Schultz will also serve as the district’s designated election official for the 2025 regular biennial school election, according to the resolution.

BOE member Tim Taylor currently serves as the District 1 director. Taylor was appointed to the board in September 2020 and elected to the board in November in 2021.

BOE member Butch Mackey currently serves as the District 5 director after being appointed to the board in January 2022 and then elected to the board in November 2023.

BOE member David Iverson currently serves as the District 4 director after being appointed to the board in September 2024.

ASD board members are term-limited after serving their second full term.

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Local reporting matters.

Manager

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wide search.

In an interview, Ramsey explained that he will likely stay in the community and seek out another job instead of entering full retirement, but that he has not yet determined what he is going to do.

He added that he feels it is time for PAWSD to have new leadership and to have “fresh eyes” to look at the problems the district faces.

At the meeting, Tautges suggested that the board form a subcommittee to look at the district’s recruitment options and suggest an approach.

PAWSD board members Bill Hudson and Glenn Walsh indicated support for the subcommittee approach, with Walsh adding that internal recruitment might hinge on if PAWSD has other staff interested in

the position.

Walsh added that the district might also need two staff members to cover the district manager and district engineer positions Ramsey currently fills.

Walsh suggested that the board could potentially discuss the issue further at a future meeting.

PAWSD board member Bruce Jones commented that he would support forming a subcommittee to look at options for recruitment and report back to the main board, thus helping facilitate further board discussion.

Tautges asked who would want to serve on the subcommittee.

Following a discussion, the board unanimously voted to appoint Tautges and Boehmer to a subcommittee to investigate options for recruiting a new district manager.

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A joint arson investigation is now underway involving multiple agencies, including the PSPD, PFPD, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. PSPD Chief William Rockensock reported Monday that the investigation is continuing, with no additional information available for release. Authorities are urging anyone with information related to this incident to contact the PSPD via Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at (970) 731-2160.

County offices remain closed, services still available

The offices located in the San Juan Street building will remain closed until further notice, but services continue to be available.
Motor vehicle registration renewals can be done online at <https://dmv.colorado.gov/registration> or at a DMV kiosk in La Plata County: <https://comvexpress.com/locations/durango-city-market>.
Treasurer Elsa White extended the second-half tax payment deadline to today, Thursday, June 19.
White encourages constituents to bring their coupon, leave a phone number and make sure physical addresses match paperwork.
White will also be accepting walk-in payments at the county's administration building at 398 Lewis St.
The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) also unanimously approved numerous deadline extensions for the assessor's office during its regular meeting held on Tuesday, June 17.
During the same meeting, county officials indicated plans for other departments to relocate.
Additional updates will be posted at www.PagosaSUN.com as they are available.
Call the main county office line at (970) 264-8300 with questions and check www.archuletacounty.gov for more updates.

Special meeting

The BoCC held a special meeting on Monday, June 16, at which County Manager Jack Harper provided updates on the condition of the old courthouse building, along with possible options of temporarily relocating county departments.
"We did get to walk the building," he said, explaining that 100 percent of the portion of the building the county currently leases has smoke damage.
He mentioned there were two broken windows and that a Molotov cocktail resulted in some burned and charred papers.
He also noted the office in which the Molotov cocktail was thrown was extensively burned, adding that only two offices "really sustained fire damage."
Those two offices were the elections office, which Harper mentioned "did have some valuable equipment in the room that was melted," and the assessor's office.
He noted that the assessor's office is 100 percent lost.
He further explained that the insurance company has been contacted and that nothing can be removed from the building until the adjuster is finished evaluating the damage, noting the county is moving all of its staff out of the building.
Harper also noted that a total of 27 county employees have been impacted by the incident.
Harper then began to present potential temporary solutions, noting

that the owner of the building — Ronnie Urbanczyk — met with him and Commissioner Warren Brown on-site and invited the county to move its offices from the current space to the other side of the building.
Harper noted that the other side of the building has been restored and wired, but that there is no furniture.
Harper also indicated that Brown had spoken with Urbanczyk about "potentially leasing the west side parking lot as well."
Harper mentioned that it would take about four days for the county's Information Technology (IT) Department to handle issues getting computers and networks set up.
Harper went on to mention that the county won't know the extent of the damage in the building, including its computers and furniture, until the insurance adjuster finishes evaluating the building.
He noted the county was already in the process of getting a few new computers.
Commissioner Veronica Medina then asked for input from other county elected officials, noting it is "very generous" of Urbanczyk to offer the space, "but I would like to hear from the elected on whether or not they would like to move."
Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta explained she would prefer to stay in her current motor vehicle office, claiming her office's equipment can't be moved.
"I don't know that moving over to the other side would work for us," she said.
White also expressed desire to stay in her current office "if at all possible."
Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott expressed that it is important for her team to stay together, explaining that her biggest concern is meeting upcoming deadlines.
She noted those deadlines are for mailing out notices of determinations and values.
"So, all of these deadlines are quickly approaching, so that's my biggest concern," she said.
She noted that she would be before the BoCC again to ask for extensions on those deadlines, and that she has reached out to the state.
Tully-Elliott explained that she wants taxpayers to know, "we will do everything possible to make sure that they have their due process."
IT Coordinator Gabe Cersonsky explained that the county has about six laptops that could be distributed amongst employees, but noted that access to some information may not be possible and that departments may be competing for those laptops.
"I think everybody realizes the gravity of the situation and the limited resources we have and the situation," Medina said, explaining that the county is trying to make sure the public "understands where we are and the stuff we're trying to do to make sure we're still serving the constituents in the best manner possible."
Commissioner John Ranson asked if moving the assessor's office would be helpful, and what kind of delay that might have.
Medina explained that moving just one department may not be an option.
"If the two biggest departments

don't want to move, I don't know if that's an option," Medina said.
She then mentioned that there may be an option to move the assessor's offices upstairs where the Human Resources (HR) Department currently is, and have HR move elsewhere.
"We're really at the mercy of the insurance company right now," Medina said, explaining their findings will dictate if the county is allowed to stay in the building at all.
Harper noted that "one of the good things" about moving the offices to the other side of the building would be keeping the same address for those offices.
Medina commented, "But I think that's not an option ... so, can you move on?"
Harper then explained another option is to move HR to the Department of Human Services building, and other employees to a recently vacated space at Nick's Hanger.
He noted another option is to utilize space in the commissioner's chambers at 398 Lewis St. "for one of the offices."
He also explained that if the Mountain Express Transit (MET) were to stay in Nick's Hanger for a temporary amount of time, that would leave the new MET building available for use.
Harper noted the new MET building is a "true public-facing building" that is wired and ready to go.
The last scenario Harper mentioned was that the county could lease modular buildings and place them in the far west corner of Harman Park.
Medina then explained that another "big question" that has been asked by staff is if staff will be paid during this time.
Finance Director Chad Eaton explained that the county may possibly be able to be reimbursed through its insurance, noting it is the commissioners' decision to keep paying staff or not.
Medina noted that it is typically written into the insurance policy, noting that it's not the county's or staff's fault as to why they are unable to keep working.
"But we definitely need to address the issues," she added.
The BoCC unanimously approved administrative leave pay for employees whose offices are located at 449 San Juan St. during its regular meeting held on June 17.
During the June 16 special meeting, Brown expressed thanks to county staff and responders to the fire, explaining that "it was just coincidental, frankly" that he and Urbanczyk were meeting to discuss extending the lease on the property.
"Which, Mr. Urbanczyk graciously indicated he would be willing to do under the same terms and conditions that we currently have," Brown said, explaining that was "just verbal" and would need to be finalized.
During a regular work session held by the BoCC on Tuesday, June 10, Brown informed the board that he was planning to meet with Urbanczyk to discuss the possibility of the county extending its lease at the building for one more year.
The county sold the old court-

house building to Urbanczyk in April 2022 for \$550,000 and five years of free rent, valued at \$80,000.
During the work session, Brown explained that the extension would give the county the option to stay housed in its current location throughout the U.S. 160 reconstruction project.
"Good job if that comes to fruition," Ranson said.
"It's exciting," Medina added.
Brown also added, "It's very promising."
During the June 16 special meeting, Brown mentioned "there is certainly smoke damage" and that he is concerned staff would be "working in conditions that are less than favorable."
Brown also commented that it'd likely be two weeks, or longer, for the insurance adjuster to finish evaluating the damage.
Medina mentioned that many services for constituents are still available online, "and constituents are still being served."
She also mentioned there is a "very rough plan" for employees in the assessor's office to work remotely.
"So, there is still county business being conducted, just in a different way than it has been," she said.
Brown acknowledged the preferences of other elected county officials wanting to stay in their current office, while noting the departments could be relocated to the other end of the building in less than two weeks.
He mentioned it is not his preference "that this happened ... but again I really think that we ought to consider that as an option because we're going to be in limbo for a time, going the other route."
Ranson mentioned the county needs to take into consideration what the electeds prefer, noting this may also help speed up the process in developing a new administration building.
"I think we've got to move forward," Ranson said.
"I would definitely like to respect the electeds opinion on what they want to do," Medina added, but reiterated it may not be the county's decision based on what the insurance adjuster finds.
"We don't know until we hear back from insurance," she said.

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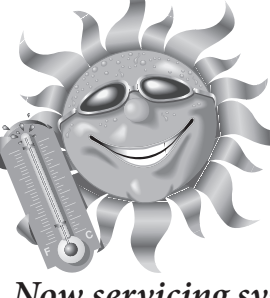
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Lodging

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enue is to be used for marketing and advertising of local tourism.

“So, that’s still required in statute,” Medina said, explaining that is not something the BoCC nor the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board decides.

She went on to explain that the BoCC may by resolution approve a proposal for increasing the county’s lodging tax rate for registered voters of unincorporated areas of the county to vote on.

She noted the matter would have to go to the ballot.

She also explained that if the county seeks to use lodging tax revenues for a specific purpose, that must be specified on the ballot, noting the county would need voter approval for specific allocations of those funds.

The deadline to have the issue put on the ballot is Aug. 11, Medina indicated.

She noted that going from roughly \$500,000 to \$1 million in lodging tax revenues is not a huge leap, “but it is additional funds” that could help with other needs in the community.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that based on the numbers presented by Medina, an increase to 6 percent on the lodging tax rate would equate to approximately \$1.5 million annual, explaining that he wants to be clear in that this is not going to solve the county’s road maintenance needs, though it would be something “that would help us.”

Brown also mentioned that the community has not been a “fan” of tax increases “for nearly anything,”

but raising the lodging tax rate would transfer some of those “burdens upon visitors.”

He acknowledged that increasing the lodging tax rate may dissuade some visitors, but noted that lodging establishments in many metropolitan areas have higher tax rates and additional fees.

“We continue to go,” he added. Brown mentioned that the county and community should give this “thorough consideration.”

Commissioner John Ranson also expressed support for a possible lodging tax increase, commenting, “I like the thought of this,” explaining that visitors would be paying their share for using the county’s infrastructure, specifically for roads.

Ranson mentioned that if the county were to move forward with proposing a lodging tax increase, he’d like to have specifics “nailed down” so that the community can see exactly what the money would be spent on.

Ranson also commented that the increase would translate to roughly \$4 a night.

Ranson also expressed concerns with the county attempting to have the matter on the ballot for this year, noting that the county should be “well ahead” of where it is now in the process.

“That is a concern for me,” he said, noting he believes the issue could be approved by voters, but not within the given timeframe.

Ranson also noted that the going to the ballot next year may be challenging as well, considering other

matters that may also be on the ballot, like a possible bond election for Archuleta School District.

Brown noted that it is not the county’s fault for being delayed on the ballot process as the bill was just recently approved by state legislation.

Medina added that the lodging tax increase would not be a tax on the county’s constituents, adding that she has been told by multiple constituents “this is an easy sell.”

She explained this would not be increasing property taxes or sales taxes, adding, “this is coming straight from the tourists when they stay here.”

Medina also mentioned that she would be open to considering raising the rate to 6 percent, and that this is an opportunity “that we should not shy away from.”

Medina acknowledged Ranson’s concerns about other ballot measures possibly coming in 2026, saying, “There is no way that I would want to be on the ballot next year.”

Medina also acknowledged that “there’s a lot to be done” if the county wants this on the ballot for this November’s election.

Brown commented that he would like a community survey distributed to see what the general consensus is amongst constituents on whether it’s a good idea or not for the county to go to the ballot this year.

Ranson suggested the BoCC hold a community meeting to specifically discuss the matter and inform the public on the possibilities of what uses the revenues could be used for.

In a later interview, Ranson explained the county is planning to have a public meeting in early August and have a survey distributed before then.

Tourism agreement

Following the conversation on raising the lodging tax rate, Medina informed the BoCC that during the last joint meeting between the BoCC and Pagosa Springs Town Council on May 19, it was agreed on replace the word “marketing” with “promotion” in the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the town and county regarding the tourism board.

Medina explained that state statute specifically says “advertising” and “marketing.”

“We have to call that out,” she added.

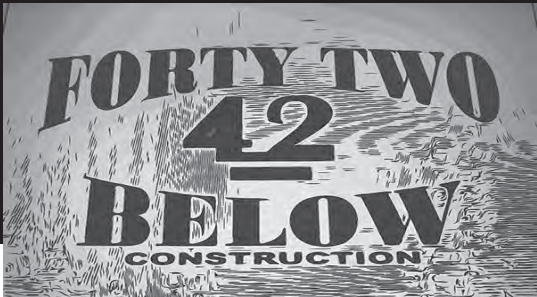
Medina went on to explain that “a lot of questions” have come up with a new lodgers’ association that has been formed, noting that the tourism board gets its direction from elected officials from the county and town.

Medina suggested that if constituents have questions about or concerns about how money is being spent or not spent, “I think they would be better served if they were to ask the electeds, versus Jennie (Green).”

Green is the executive director of tourism, employed by the town.

Medina also suggested that questions could be directed to Pagosa Springs Town Manager David Harris.

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Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. For more information, visit: <https://pagosapeakopenschool.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=d1FFV0JlcGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, password: 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

Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting. 6 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

Tuesday, July 1

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

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Wednesday, July 9

Archuleta County Fair Board meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

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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/>.

Thursday, July 17

Archuleta County Board of Health meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

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Education



Archuleta School District Superintendent Rick Holt, left, presents tokens of appreciation commemorating the decades of service to the school district by basketball coach Wes Lewis (in photo on left) and Chris Hinger in honor of the men retiring from their respective roles.

School district approves budget, cellphone policy and curriculum

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 10, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) unanimously approved multiple items, including its 2025-2026 budget, district cellphone policy and a new middle school social studies curriculum.

The budget was first presented to the BOE during its May 13 regular meeting by Finance Director Eric Burt.

During that meeting, Superintendent Rick Holt praised Burt's efforts in preparing the budget, mentioning this is the earliest he has been presented with a budget proposal, eliminating the need for the board to hold a special meeting following the Memorial Day holiday.

During the June 10 meeting, Burt explained there was just "one slight change" from the budget presented in May, noting the "that is in the grants fund."

In an email to The SUN, Burt explained that the district's Title I funding allocation for the 2024-2025 school year was \$415,000, and will drop to \$410,000 for the 2025-2026 school year, a decrease of 1.2 percent.

Burt also notes in his email that the district had "some carryover" from the 2023-2024 school year that pushed the 2025-2026 figure closer to \$460,000.

During the meeting, Burt mentioned that the district has received its initial allocation of title funding, noting it is waiting on Title II, III and IV allocations.

BOE member Tim Taylor asked if the state has those funds and are in the process of deciding how to allocate monies to districts.

"I don't know if the state is in pos-

session of those funds yet," Burt answered.

Holt explained that the federal budget has been approved for all title elements, noting there's "no chance right now of this next year's federal funding allotment changing. There's plenty of chances of that changing for the following year."

In an email to The SUN, Holt explains that the secretary of education is suggesting the federal government cut funding for migrant education, which is part of Title I funding, and funding for English learners under Title III.

During the meeting, Holt noted the district does not access much funding for "migrant ed," but that it does access funds for English learners.

When asked about the budget process by the BOE, Burt stated, "I think it went very well," explaining all deadlines were met and lots of input was received from all departments.

Taylor commented the district is "fortunate" to have an overall program funding increase of 3.2 percent, or \$626,496 more.

Other highlights noted in the budget presentation include a 3 percent raise for all employees, a starting teacher salary of \$53,194, a projected flat student enrollment count at 1,535 and total program funding of \$19,616,827.

Burt's budget presentation can be viewed in its entirety at https://www.mypagosaschools.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=579787&type=d&pREC_ID=1072133.

Cellphone policy

The BOE also unanimously approved a new cellphone policy for the district during the June 10 meeting, with BOE president Bob Lynch explain-

ing the policy was being presented for discussion and the board could choose to approve the policy or approve it as a first reading to be brought back with any edits.

Holt explained the policy being presented was "cleaned up" to be in line with the board's previous discussion on the matter.

Holt also noted the policy "does not outline procedures," as those will be in student and staff school handbooks.

BOE member David Iverson indicated he had no edits on the policy, calling it a "high-level policy," while noting that the practice part will be "interesting."

"Hit the mark on the policy side," Iverson added.

Taylor also indicated satisfaction with the policy, stating, "I'm actually quite happy with it."

According to the policy attached in the meeting's agenda, the BOE "believes personal technology devices are unnecessary distractions."

The policy also notes that students may not use personal technology devices "or have them on their person at school during the day" and that they must be placed in a backpack or bag.

The policy goes on to mention that any violation will result in "temporary confiscation."

Use of personal technology devices during off-campus activities will be at the discretion of the activity supervisor, the policy explains.

Middle school curriculum

After piloting a new social studies curriculum at Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) during the spring semester, the BOE unanimously voted to approve adopting the curriculum from Teachers' Curriculum Institute (TCI),

during its June 10 meeting.

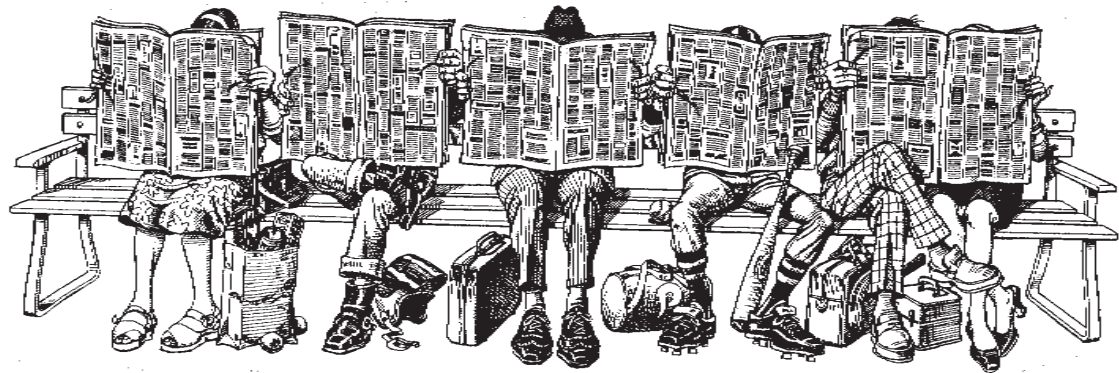
PSMS Assistant Principal Jane Ash briefed the BOE on the school's "path over the last four years," explaining that former principal Chris Hinger led the school in "adopting guaranteed and viable curriculum."

Ash explained that math was the first curriculum adopted by the school four years ago, and that an English language arts curriculum was adopted two years ago, with a science curriculum adopted and implemented this past year.

"So, that left social studies as one of our core content areas without a guaranteed and viable curriculum," Ash said, explaining that teachers have done a great job of creating their own curriculum, but that adopting a curriculum would provide support,

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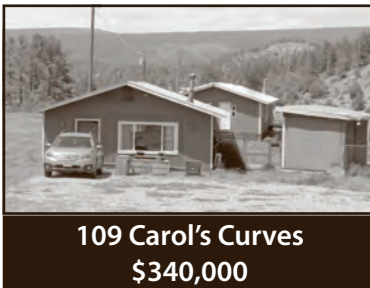


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Colorado Department of Education releases preliminary state-level results from 2025 state assessments

Colorado Department of Education

On June 11, the Colorado Department of Education released preliminary results from the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), PSAT and SAT assessments administered this spring to Colorado public school students in grades three through 11.

Families can now access their students' CMAS scores directly through the Family Score Report Portal at <https://familyportal.pearson.com/CO>.

"We wanted families to have early access to their students' results so they could celebrate areas of strength and seek support where needed," said Colorado Education Commissioner Susana Córdova. "We're encouraged to see improvement in statewide

scores in several areas. However, this release includes only limited data — we don't yet have information about how different student groups performed, which has historically been an area of concern for Colorado."

In August, the CDE will publicly release final results — including state, district and school-level data, disaggregated results and growth information.

Key takeaways from the preliminary state-level scores include:

- Steady student performance in English Language Arts (ELA), with slight increases in the percentage of students meeting grade-level expectations in grades five, six and eight, and a more substantial gain in grade seven.
- In math, Colorado's elementary and middle school students con-

tinue to demonstrate strong progress, with notable year-over-year gains in grades four through eight and an upward trend since 2021.

- Overall, CMAS scores are at or above pre-pandemic levels in all grades except grade four (ELA) and grade eight (ELA and math).
- SAT results for 11th-grade students improved in both reading and writing and math compared to last year.
- PSAT 9 scores remained steady in reading and writing but declined in math, while PSAT 10 scores increased in math and decreased in reading and writing.

"Providing timely access to assessment results gives families a clear view of year-end academic progress and helps identify summer support needs," said Chief Assessment Of-

ficer Christina Wirth-Hawkins. "By releasing preliminary state-level data now and making individual scores available through the Family Portal, we're reinforcing our commitment to informing families, educators and the community about Colorado student achievement before heading into the new school year."

More information about state assessments is available on the department's website, and families can access their child's results at the CDE Family Portal. To access this information, parents and guardians must have their child's State Assigned Student Identifier (SASID). Parents can find this information on prior year CMAS reports, in their district's student information system, if available, or by contacting their district's assessment coordinator.

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The Chama Peak Land Alliance (CPLA) is a diverse group of conservation-minded landowners committed to embracing and practicing responsible land, water and wildlife stewardship in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico.

The CPLA is pleased to announce its selection of three graduating Pagosa Springs High School students to receive the 2025 CPLA Conservation Scholarship: Olivia Nehring, Sofia Sottek and Hannah Schultz.

The scholarship program is presented in partnership with the Naranjo Ewbank Family Foundation, Rancho Oso del Pardo and private donations.

The CPLA offers scholarship opportunities to graduating high school seniors at Escalante and Pagosa Springs high schools to support advanced studies at any university or technical college. Student applicants were asked to write an essay about their future plans along with their thoughts on conservation and their career plans.

"These scholarships are important for us, our partners, and for the next generation of conservationists," said



Olivia Nehring



Hannah Schultz



Sofia Sottek

Caleb Stotts, CPLA executive director. "These essays from our graduating seniors are always a breath of fresh air and one of the most enjoyable parts of our community work."

Included below are short excerpts from the recipient's essays.

"As Brook Hampton said, 'Children still need a childhood with dirt, mud, puddles, trees, sticks, and tadpoles.' I hope my toys will instill a lifelong love of the outdoors in kids, as they have strengthened mine," wrote Nehring.

Schultz wrote: "This act of service is one of our most important ones. This way our cans and plastic can be reused allowing there to not be any waste. Our recycling system also permits students a place to put their trash and makes it a less percentage of it ending up outside on the ground."

Sottek wrote, "When I go off to college this fall, I aim to learn how to wisely use our earth's resources. In regards to my profession, I know I want to make a positive impact

whether that means studying marine biology and environmental sciences, preserving our oceans and land, or creating my voice through theatre and film screen acting."

CPLA, the Naranjo Ewbank Family Foundation, Rancho Oso del Pardo and our members wish the recipients and the graduating class of 2025 the best of luck.

More information on the CPLA scholarship, the recipients and other CPLA programs is available on our website, www.chamapeak.org.

School

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technology and interventions.

"So much more than any individual teacher can do, all tied to the Colorado state standards," she added.

PSMS social studies teachers Amy Owen and Naomi Lindquister presented the curriculum to the board, explaining that the Social Studies Department currently does not have a curriculum and has some outdated

materials.

Lindquister explained that Teach TCI is a "comprehensive curriculum" and will be implemented for fifth through eighth grades.

Owen added that the curriculum is "inquiry based," explaining the goal is to get away from just "feeding" students information and to "get more into social studies" with hands-on activities and examining primary documents,

"which are incredibly important."

Lindquister also mentioned the curriculum is "flexible," allowing it to be conducted in-person or virtually, and that with it being a comprehensive curriculum, there's "seamless connection between grade levels."

Lynch commented on the price attached with the curriculum, asking if the total of \$42,942 is for a six-year license.

Ash explained that there is also a year-to-year option, but explained that the six-year license offers quite a bit of savings, describing it as a "far better deal."

Ash also commented that the curriculum has gotten a lot of support from teachers and shows their confidence in the program.

"Sounds exciting to me," Taylor commented.

End of Life Education to hold final summer meeting on June 26

By Joan Mieritz
End of Life Education

End of Life Education, which usually meets the third Thursday of the month, will have its final meeting of the summer on Thursday, June 26, the fourth Thursday, at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St.

Use the parking lot with the side entrance into the kitchen and fellowship hall. The main doors into the church will remain locked.

The program will begin at 1 p.m. with time for visiting, coffee, tea and treats. There will be several topics of discussion since we will be completing all the activities of this session and, so to speak, tying up loose ends.

Dr. Pam Kircher facilitated our last meeting on May 15, when she decided we needed more time for discussion on this topic. She is a retired family practice and hospice doctor. Her book, "Love is the Link: A Hospice Doctor Shares Her Experience of Near-Death and Dying," tells her own experiences, as well as some of the experiences of her patients and their families.

Our open discussion gave us a chance to share near-death and related experiences. There will be an opportunity to continue this discussion, also with time for questions.

In May there were many questions about the Colorado End-of-Life Options Act, making available medical aid in dying for terminally ill individuals with a prognosis of six months or less to live to request and self-administer medical aid-in-dying medication.

We will review this information and must remind people that although it is available, it is not like "fast food." It is delivered to your house, but it takes time to go through the various steps needed. You must plan ahead and give the process the needed time. We will be able to give names of doctors available to help. I am encouraging people in the group to share the information they

have acquired.

If anyone has something they would like to share, this will be the last opportunity for now, so please be ready to share.

One of the most important things that is needed for end of life is the patient's directive to withhold cardiopulmonary resuscitation. There are three forms to fill out in the booklet about your right to make health care decisions. Federal law requires that you must be given information on advance directives at the time you are admitted by any hospital, nursing home, HMO, hospice, home health care or personal care program that receives federal funds (Medicare).

We have used this booklet as part of our program so people can get a heads

up on the paperwork rather than wait until a more stressful time. We will have copies available and help available to get these filled out and turned into the medical center.

It was decided that the official program should end around 2:30 or 3 p.m., but people can remain in the fellowship hall for socializing, discussions, support, etc. until 4 p.m.

Our programs are free, but people attending can bring canned food for the church pantry or make a cash donation in appreciation for using the room. Attendance varies for each program, so feel welcome to come and bring friends.

This is not the most pleasant topic, but it is reality and what the wise person does to be responsible for themselves

and to their family.

It is planned that another session of End of Life Education will be held starting in November with a book study on past lives.

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Outdoors



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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

A traditional American rodeo is a must-see event.

Join the fun as cowboys and cowgirls from various states compete for prizes and prize money the sanctioned rodeo series known as the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo.

The rodeos are Thursday, 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.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. The event is filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining affair.

Each rodeo begins with a presentation of flags waving from westerners on horseback and the American anthem. Rodeo clowns are both entertainers and bullfighters. Their

primary job is to protect the cowboy and prevent a tragedy with dangerous livestock. Between activities, the clown will work the crowd.

The antics of the clown cannot be predicted, but often include singing, dancing, joking and pantomimes within the act. Other rodeo events are interspersed with a variety of other activities like the mutton bustin' contest and the Daisy BB gun raffle.

Mutton bustin' is a crowd-pleasing event. Cowpokes, 6 years and younger, will test their strength and stamina by riding a sheep as long as they can hold on. This contest is held daily, with 10 new contestants each leaving the arena with a special prize and the overall winner, the boy or girl recording the longest ride, receiving an authentic Red Ryder Rodeo belt buckle.

Tickets are available online and at the gate prior to the event. The cost

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

Concessions are available throughout the event, and the beer garden will be selling drinks and snacks.

The rodeo has a long history in Pagosa Springs and was named after Red Ryder, who was the feature cowboy character in the popular long-running western comic strip created by Stephen Slesinger and artist Fred Harman. Red, and his horse Thunder, was a tough cowboy who lived on Painted Valley Ranch in the Blanco Basin in the San Juan Mountains. He and his sidekick, Little Beaver with his horse Papoose, dealt with the bad guys of the day. The comic strip was wildly popular and ran from 1938-1964 in 750 newspapers.

The Western Heritage Event Cen-

ter, the organization that produces the rodeo, invites everyone to share in preserving the history and tradition of the American west.

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

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June, July important months for San Juan Stargazers

By Joan Mieritz

San Juan Stargazers

July 16-18 will be a wonderful, valuable opportunity for telescope people in the San Juan Stargazers. Steve McAllister of the Westcliffe Observatory will be in Pagosa Springs for special telescope training.

He has unbelievable talent and skill working with telescopes and wants to share it with us. We just need to be there and be prepared.

Night sky programs

We have two night sky programs in June for special preparation.

On Friday, June 20, there will be a night sky program at Chimney Rock National Monument, with the gate open from 7:30 to 8 p.m. for visitors and telescope operators to arrive.

Visitors need to stay in the lower parking lot for check-in and program directions. They will not go to the upper parking lot until after 8 p.m. and will need help from the telescope operators at that time to park their cars since they will not be able to drive through the parking lot since it has telescopes.

For the night sky visitors first there will be an astronomy talk, then a hike to the pit house and Great Kiva. Upon return to the parking lot, Judith Jubb

will do her tour of the night sky, which will be followed by telescope viewing.

Club telescope operators can proceed to the upper parking lot to set up their telescopes as soon as they arrive. If you have brought your telescope, park in the upper or first area of the parking lot where we usually set up scopes. Park on the near end and set up telescopes at the far end. If you will be setting up the club telescopes, park in the lower part by the upper restroom and telescope storage area. Get the scopes set up and get to work finding whatever is visible. Ask for help when needed.

Paul Kriescher will be in charge of the visitor viewing and he may be the only one actually doing the night sky program depending on numbers. He will know about visitor attendance and can help divide up the telescopes between general training and the program.

Other telescope leaders working on the training include Dr. Andy Green, Pat Hasenbuhler, Rob Hagberg, Aaron

McCraken, Mark Rosczyk and Randy Cooper. Everyone with a telescope who will be working with McAllister should be at one or both night sky programs to be practicing with your scope.

On Friday, June 27, there will be another night sky program at Chimney Rock with a similar format, but with improvements realized on June 20. It will include the same starting time and schedule. Please be at both night sky programs if possible.

We will not have an article in the paper about appointments and activities when McAllister is here in July. We will be sending out email blasts since McAllister will not be available to the public, just to club members.

This is a last chance to join the club to be able to work with McAllister. Call Joan Mieritz at (303) 995-2888 to leave a message with your name, phone number and email address if you want this opportunity.

You will need to be an active member indicating commitment in the future.



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Thingamajig Theatre Company’s summer rep season in full swing

By Tim Moore
Thingamajig Theatre Company

The 2025 summer rep season has roared to life in Pagosa Springs, delivering an audacious mix of laughter, debauchery and, yes, Elizabethan-era musical theater satire.

Audiences have already been treated to “Something Rotten!,” the sly, riotously irreverent Broadway hit, and, just this past weekend, they braved the thrilling descent into jazz-age excess with the opening of Andrew Lippa’s “The Wild Party.”

This weekend, the temperature rises again as both productions return in full production. “The Wild Party” will play Friday, June 20, at 7 p.m., followed by “Something Rotten!” on Saturday, June 21, at 7 p.m. If you’re the kind of theatergoer who likes your musicals shaken, not stirred, this pairing hits the sweet spot between biting parody and feral sensuality.

“Something Rotten!” is the kind of show that practically smirks at its own cleverness, and rightly so. Conceived by Karey and Wayne Kirkpatrick with John O’Farrell, the show tosses Renaissance England into a Monty Python blender, producing a farcical feast of scrambled Shakespeare, meta-musical references and chorus lines that won’t quit. It’s the kind of crowd-pleaser that Broadway critics pretended to sniff at but secretly watched twice. It earned 10 Tony nominations in 2015, winning one for Christian Borle’s outrageously self-delighted Shakespeare.

“The Wild Party,” by contrast, is a velvet-gloved gut punch. Lippa’s adaptation of Joseph Moncure March’s 1928 narrative poem isn’t so much a musical as it is a psychological mas-



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Dan Morrison stars as The Minstrel (among many other characters) in “Something Rotten!,” playing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 21.

querade ball with jazz hands.

Lippa’s score lurches between torch-song confessions and percussive mania, giving the ensemble plenty of chances to bare their souls and, occasionally, their teeth.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, the next chapter of the season is already in motion. Rehearsals are underway for “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder,” a pitch-black Edwardian comedy that skewers class, greed and serial homicide with astonishing grace.

Winner of four Tony Awards in 2014, including Best Musical, this clever show follows the hapless Monty Navarro as he discovers he’s ninth in line to inherit a family fortune and decides to eliminate the competition. One by one. With songs.

The score, by Steven Lutvak and Robert L. Freedman, is all champagne bubbles and arsenic, light, effervescent and laced with poison. Think “Downton Abbey” meets “Sweeney Todd,” only with a higher body count and better hats.

Inattentive driving crashes down 19 percent in first five months of new law

Colorado Department of Transportation

In the first five months of the year, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) responded to 1,161 crashes involving inattentive driving, a 19 percent decrease from the 1,432 crashes that occurred during the same span in 2024.

This is promising news ahead of the summer driving season, a time when traffic deaths tend to spike.

As of Jan. 1, 2025, holding a cell-phone or other mobile device while driving is illegal under the hands-free law. Hands-free accessories are permitted. The law is intended to reduce the number of crashes that involve inattentive or distracted drivers.

To encourage safe driving this summer, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is urging every Coloradan to continue to keep their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel. Penalties for violating the new hands-free law start with a \$75 fine and two license suspension points for the first offense. First-time violators can have the charge dismissed if they provide proof of purchasing a hands-free accessory. Repeat offenders face higher fines and more license suspension points.

Five months after implementing the new hands-free law in Colorado, preliminary data shows that traffic deaths are down 11 percent from this

time last year. Since January, there have been 217 fatalities on Colorado roads. This data follows the trend of declining traffic fatalities observed in Colorado since a peak in 2022. Distracted driving remains the third leading cause of traffic crashes in Colorado.

The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is known as the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer, during which Colorado historically sees a spike in fatal crashes.

In 2024, there were 220 traffic fatalities in Colorado during this timeframe, accounting for 32 percent of all fatalities during the year.

Impairment, speed, not buckling up and distracted driving are the top factors in fatal crashes in Colorado.

July 2023 was the most deadly on Colorado’s roadways in the past decade with 91 fatalities.

“Handheld technology is all around us, making it increasingly tempting to text and drive or glance at your phone at a stoplight. Travel safe this summer and drop the distraction — no notification, text or call is worth your life,” said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the CSP. “With more motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians out and about during the warmer months, it’s more important than ever to focus on the road and your surroundings. Distracted driving

deaths are entirely preventable.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, at 50 mph, a driver travels the length of a football field during a five-second glance at their phone. A seemingly harmless text or scroll through social media could cause a crash or serious injury to yourself and others.

A CDOT report from 2024 shows that distracted drivers are involved in up to 11 percent of traffic fatalities.

“Summertime fun begins with safety behind the wheel. Distracted driving puts you and other motorists at risk,” said CDOT Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. “Whether you’re headed to a pool party, Rockies game or Red Rocks concert, put your phone down and pay attention to the road. You could prevent a crash or serious injury on our roads.”

In line with Colorado’s decrease in traffic deaths, distracted driving and fatality trends in other states with distracted driving laws also show that following law implementation, distracted driving rates fell, saving lives.

In Michigan, a 2023 law banning hand-held cellphone use led to a 12.8 percent decrease in distracted driving crashes within the first year. In Ohio, fatal crashes involving a distracted driver declined by 19.4 percent following a ban on hand-held cellphone use.

Now is the time to stop using your

“A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” will open June 27 at 7 p.m., and if the first two productions are any indication, this rep season is shaping up to be less a curated festival than a theatrical roller coaster engineered by a cabal of mad geniuses.

All shows are playing at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive, through August. For tickets and show information please visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

mobile devices and pay attention to the road, according to CDOT.

CDOT urges all drivers to acquire hands-free accessories such as dashboard mounts and car speakerphone systems to comply with the new law.

The law includes exemptions for individuals reporting emergencies, utility workers, code enforcement officers, animal protection officers, first responders and individuals in parked vehicles. These exceptions ensure that critical communications are not hindered in emergency or essential service situations.

For more information on the law, visit codot.gov/handsfreeco.

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The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 08/14/2025, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 6/19/2025 Last Publication 7/17/2025 Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun **IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;** DATE: 04/17/2025 Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Danita S. Alderton #37275 Altman, Keilbach, Lytle, Parlapiano & Ware, P.C. 503 N. Main Street, Suite 125, P.O. Box 333, Pueblo, CO 81003 (719) 545-7325 Attorney File # 326 Justins Rd The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose. Published June 19, 26, July 3, 10 and 17, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (264828)

DISTRICT COURT ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number: 970-264-8160 Attorney for Plaintiff: Daniel L. Fiedler #47916 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

970-507-8528 Case Number 2025CV030026 Plaintiff: TRACI SAMMETH v. Defendants: The Testate and Intestate Successors of HAROLD HOPPE, deceased, and All Persons Claiming by, through or under such Decedent, and All Unknown Persons 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 appear 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 more particularly described as follows: THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4NE1/4) OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, N.M.P.M., ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO. Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of May, 2025. /s/ 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)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON JULY 1, 2025 Craig Risk has applied for RIO BLANCO SUBDIVISION A AMENDMENT 2025-01 FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lots 15, 16, 19, 10, and 21X. Vacating a portion of Wilshire Court ROW, and a Minor Lot Line Adjustment, Creating Lot 15XZ and Lot 21XZ in Sec: 28 Twn: 34 Rng: 1W, at 92 Wilshire Court, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN-25-049). The property is zoned RESIDENTIAL (R). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@archuletacounty.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 1, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published June 5 and 19, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (266106)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON JULY 1, 2025 Lucia Gonzales has applied for GONZALES MINOR SUBDIVISION A AMENDMENT 2025-01 FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 1-B in Sec: 15 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W, at 335 Rob Snow Road, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN-25-047). The property is zoned RESIDENTIAL (R). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@archuletacounty.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 1, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published June 5 and 19, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (266104)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON JULY 1, 2025 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public hearing to consider revising the County Land Use Regulations. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review at the County Development Services Department 970-264-1390 and on the County Website. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at which time all interested parties will be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public hearing. Published June 5 and 19, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (266109)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON JULY 15, 2025 Cynthia Cornett has applied for Cox East Allison AMENDMENT 2025-01 FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 4AZ and Lot 4BZ in Sec: 14 Twn: 32 Rng: 6W, at 119 Co Circle, Ignacio, CO (PLN-25-057). The property is zoned COMMERCIAL (C). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PLANNING@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published June 19, and July 10, 2025, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (267084)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON JULY 15, 2025 PROJECT SANCTUARY is renewing their WILDERNESS LODGING ESTABLISHMENT BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT on the Parcel in the SW1/4NE1/4 of SEC 13, TWN 34N, RNG 1W, at 1099 Blue Creek Rd, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-153). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published June 19, and July 10, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (267085)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Roger Westley Paradis a/k/a Roger W. Paradis, Deceased Case Number 2025PR30020 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before **October 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)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Scott Alan Gray, Deceased Case Number 2025PR30022 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before October 20, 2025, or the claims may be forever barred. Thomas F. RuBane, Attorney for the Estate 2922 Akron Ct Denver, CO 80238 Published June 19, 26, and July 3, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (267082)

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Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office
May 27 — Careless driving, South Pagosa Boulevard/Bonanza Avenue.
May 27 — Warrant arrest, South 6th Street.

May 27 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, stop sign-fail to stop, Bonanza Avenue.

May 28 — Weapon-prohibited use-drunk with gun, illegal discharge of a firearm, possess weapon by previous offender, first-degree burglary-armed, theft-\$2,000 to \$20,000-other (includes gas), criminal mischief \$1,000 to \$5,000 business, first-degree criminal trespass, first-degree criminal tampering, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, South 9th Street.

May 28 — Criminal mischief under \$300 private, domestic violence, resisting arrest, Buttercup Drive.

May 29 — Information only, County Road 146.

May 29 — Criminal mischief \$5,000 to \$20,000 private, information only, West U.S. 160.

May 29 — Information only, County Road 500.

May 29 — Lost/found property, Navajo Trail Drive.

May 29 — Lost/found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 30 — Fourth-degree arson-endanger building or occupied structure damage, third-degree criminal trespass, County Road 700.

May 30 — Information only, County Road 146.

May 31 — Impound, Lakewood Street.

June 1 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

June 1 — Warrant arrest, Indian Land Road.

June 2 — Criminal mischief \$1,000 to \$5,000 private, Elkhorn Lane.

June 2 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160/ South Pagosa Boulevard.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

June 10 — Lost/found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

June 10 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.

June 12 — Sealed, San Juan Street.

June 12 — Restraining order, Country Center Drive.

June 12 — Marijuana prohibited under age of 21/less than 12 ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia for marijuana accessories-under age of 21, San Juan Riverwalk.

June 13 — Unsafe backing, driving under the influence of alcohol, Talisman Drive.

June 14 — Criminal mischief, Aspen Village Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards
No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

June 3 — Calvin Brown, overtaking vehicle in crosswalk, fines and costs — \$61.

June 4 — Alisin Anna Vigil, disorderly conduct-unreasonable noise, 10 hours community service, fines and costs — \$36.

June 4 — Brylan Andrew Morland, driving ability impaired-with prior, 364 days jail suspended imposition, 20 days jail, 48 hours community service, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,520.50.

June 4 — Donald Vanness, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

June 4 — Steve Daniel Newton, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

June 4 — William Cohen, improper pass-sign/markers, fines and costs — \$149.50.

June 4 — Katie Marie Toner-Antoniazzi, driving under restraint-alcohol-related, fines and costs — \$208.50.

June 4 — Guillermo Galindo Palmas, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

June 4 — Timothy J. Decker, fail to yield right of way/left turn, fines and costs — \$142.50.

June 4 — Ponce Jonathan Armendariz, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

June 4 — Nicholas E. Cronon, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.

June 5 — Joshua Leigh Soniat Du Fossat, violation p/o-civil-att, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$844.50.

June 5 — Samuel Carmona, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$85.

June 6 — Joshua Jiminez-Shaffer, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

June 9 — Gabriel Guzman-Bhagan, driver’s license-driving without, fines and costs — \$72.50.

June 12 — Joseph Paul Lussi, overtaking a school bus, fines and costs — \$126.50.

June 12 — Joseph Burkett, careless driving, fines and costs — \$238.50.

June 12 — Miguel Sandoval, careless driving, fines and costs — \$238.50.

June 12 — Elijah Ernest James Guthrie, disorderly conduct-unreasonably noise, 10 days jail, fines and costs — \$61.

June 12 — Devon William Phone, improper mountain driving, fines and costs — \$149.50.

June 12 — Christopher Goeffrey West, controlled substance-possession Schedule I/II/III/IV/V, one year probation, fines and costs — \$1,791.50.

June 13 — Richard Glenn Gotcher, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

June 13 — George Wallace Martin, driver’s license-no commercial license, fines and costs — \$131.50.

June 13 — Christopher Allen Westen, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

June 13 — Joel Steven Hellwege, burning without a permit, fines and costs — \$54.

June 13 — Paul Anthony Gallegos, burning without a permit, fines and costs — \$54.

June 13 — Daniel James Aitken,

registration-unregistered vehicle, license plate not automatically readable, fines and costs — \$299.50.

June 13 — Olsi Vrap, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.

June 13 — Harold Rivas Beaty, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

June 13 — William Charles Gittings, driving under restraint, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$277.50.

June 13 — Ernesto Medina-Montawez, driver’s license-driving without, fines and costs — \$107.50.

June 13 — Cynthia Lynne Monor, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

June 13 — Shawn Osborn, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$124.50.

June 13 — Jorge Perez-Perez, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

June 13 — Jane Margaret Rivera, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

June 12 — Thomas J. Espinoza, menacing, 30 days jail, one year probation, fines and costs — \$903.50.

June 12 — Adam Allen Golden, criminal mischief-\$300 to \$1,000, 20 days jail, fines and costs — \$258.50.

June 12 — Kamerahn Bass, drug paraphernalia-possess, fines and costs — \$182.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

June 5 — Octavio Avila, controlled substance-possession >4g Schedule 1/2, resisting arrest, 180 days jail, one day unsupervised probation, 12 days jail, fines and costs — \$2,011.50.

June 5 — Brandin Shane Whomble, controlled substance-manufacture-Schedule 1/2, weapon-possess/previous offender, driving ability impaired-with 3+ priors, 30 months Department of Corrections, 30 months Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$2,855.50.

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Colorado State Patrol offers reminder on seat belt laws

Colorado State Patrol

Lifelong habits begin early, so the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) urges parents to become familiar with Colorado’s child restraint and graduated driver’s licensing laws regarding seat belts.

“It is a primary offense for children under 18 to be without a seat belt or improperly restrained in a vehicle,” explained CSP Trooper Kent Trimbach, Colorado Child Passenger Safety Program Coordinator. “This means you can be pulled over without committing any other traffic infraction because the bottom line is kids are relying on you.”

In addition, teen drivers can also be pulled over if they or any of their passengers are seen without a seat belt. In 2024, CSP issued 976 seat belt citations to drivers aged 16-21.

“We can’t promise that you’ll never argue about seat belts as your child turns into a driver, but the odds are in your favor if your family consistently uses seat belts from day one,” stated Trimbach. “Make it a rule that the car doesn’t move until all belts are on.”

Every drive or ride should start with a click. If wearing a seat belt is all your child or young driver has ever known, you have increased your child’s chances of survival by 65 percent in the event of a crash.

Colorado’s seat belt laws for youth

Teens: Colorado’s graduated driver’s licensing law requires all drivers under 18 and their passengers, regardless of age, to be properly restrained. This is a primary enforcement, meaning teens can be pulled over simply for not wearing a seat belt or having passengers without seat belts.

Children: Colorado’s child passenger safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under the age of 18 in the vehicle.

Colorado’s child restraint law requires children 17 years old and younger riding in a vehicle to be properly restrained regardless of seating position. Following are child restraint statutory

requirements by age and size of a child.

Colorado child restraint requirements

- Less than 2 years of age and weighing less than 40 pounds: Properly secured in a rear-facing child restraint system in the rear seat of the vehicle.

- Less than 1 year to 2 years, and weighing more than 40 pounds: Must be in the back seat if one is available, can be in a forward-facing child restraint system or rear-facing child restraint system.

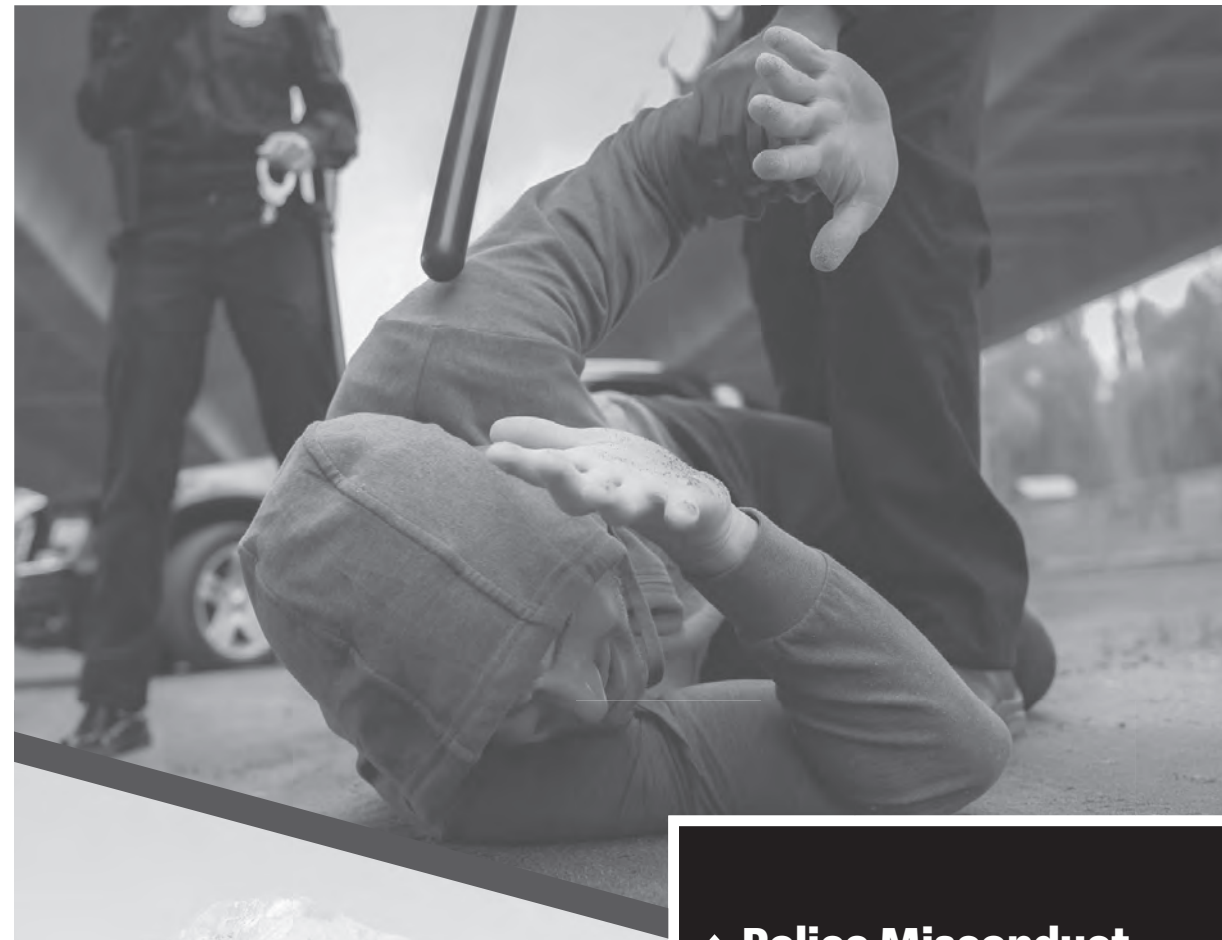
- Two years and up to 4 years, and at least 20 pounds: Must be in the back seat if one is available, can be in a forward-facing child restraint system or rear-facing child restraint system.

- At least 4 years and over 40 pounds: Must be in the back seat if one is available, properly secured in a child restraint system, such as a booster seat, according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

- Children up to 9 years: Must be in the back seat if one is available, properly secured in a child restraint system,

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Spanish Fiesta royalty

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The outgoing and incoming Spanish Fiesta royalty were honored at Saturday's Spanish Fiesta event. Above: The 2025-2026 royalty were crowned on Saturday, June 14. In the back row are Tesla Morris, royal court; Lillyan Vega, princess; Ana Lucia Romero Gallegos, queen attendant; Hadassah Trujillo, princess attendant; and Amaryah Trujillo, junior princess. In the middle row are Bella Postolese, queen and Anthony Rodriguez, king. In front is David Trujillo, prince. Left: The outgoing royalty capped off their year of service with Saturday's event. The royalty are involved in raising money for scholarships for graduating youth to attend college, visiting the assisted living homes, picking up trash around our community, and are involved in various other community events. The outgoing royalty are queen Dazia Villarreal, junior princess Cambria Herrera and princess attendant Annissa Chavez.

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‘Matilda the Musical’

June 26-28 • Pagosa Springs High School auditorium



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Matilda, with her Curtains Up Pagosa castmates, are ready to sing and dance in their entertaining musical next week. The cast will present four performances of “Matilda the Musical” June 26-28 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Live Performers

- Thursday**
Pagosa Springs Golf Club: Bo DePena, 5:30 p.m.
The Pagosa Bar: Karaoke, 8 p.m.
- Friday**
Meltdown on Main: Status Crowes, 5 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.
Yamaguchi Park: Nik Parr and The Selfless Lovers, 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.

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Curtains Up Pagosa to present 'Matilda the Musical' next week

By Anthony Aldwell
Curtains Up Pagosa

Our community theater, Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP), will present four performances of "Matilda the Musical" next week on the Pagosa Springs High School stage with a local cast of 37 actors, 11 theater technicians behind the scenes and 12 pit musicians from the Pagosa Springs Community Band.

Demonstrating the experience and leadership of our community's theater talent, this show rocks under the guidance of co-directors Krisha Doocy and Gus Palma, choreographers Pat Doocy and Sophie Martinez, musical director Leo Baughman, and stage manager Amelia Berndt, all of whom have played a variety of roles over past years as key members of the CUP company.

CUP is grateful for the continued support for set design and construction by Michael and Michele Berndt and our creative costume designer, Elizabeth Baldwin.

The role of Matilda will be played by a newcomer to CUP, Addy Hart, who has performed with the Pagosa Springs Dance Academy for the past four years, and Kylie Coleman, who shined in CUP's "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and "Once Upon a Mattress."

Another new talent to our stage is Jeanie Abbas, who plays Matilda's empathetic teacher, Miss Honey, and has considerable theater experience at Denver theaters and was recently seen on Pagosa's Thingamajig Theatre Company stage in "The Odd Couple."

Other CUP favorites from past shows include Pat Doocy as the sadistic principal Trunchbull, Kaitlen Smith as Mrs. Wormwood, Hunter Swinehart as Mr. Wormwood, Allen Domingo at the escapist Miles Rogue as Sergei, Grace Thompson as the doctor, and several of the 27 young adults and children in the energetic ensemble.

"Matilda the Musical" is based on the 1988 novel "Matilda" by Roald Dahl, the acclaimed author of "James and the Giant Peach."

The musical's narrative centers on Matilda Wormwood, a precocious young girl who loves reading and possesses a keen sense of justice. She uses her wit and telekinetic powers to right the perceived wrongs in her life and the lives of those closest to her.

This show originally opened in London in 2010 and is still playing there to packed audiences as the

15th longest running production in London's West End history.

"Matilda" will be performed on the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium stage for three evening shows next week at 7 p.m. — on Thursday, June 26; Friday, June 27; and Saturday, June 28 — and a 2 p.m. matinee

on Saturday, June 28.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors, and can be purchased online at curtainssuppagosa.org or at the door.

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The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado’s 19th Hole Concerts will continue this Thursday, June 19. The featured artist this week is Bo DePeña with Americana and country, and the organization is Build Pagosa.

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 four 19th Hole Concerts, which continue this Thursday, June 19.

Last week’s concert had an attendance of 244 people.

The featured artist this week is Bo DePeña with Americana and country, and the organization is Build Pagosa.

Build Pagosa supports job-ready skills taught to high school students through career and technical education programs, and will soon build a regional workforce center to add adult opportunities in the skilled trades, ensuring a labor force that

meets workplace demands for the foreseeable future.

It is here to help generations break away from the cycle of low-paying hourly jobs and toward prosperity. Through private-public partnerships, the nonprofit provides financial support and workforce training.

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 ex-

penses, 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 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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Pagosa Pride celebration set for June 21

By **Pauline Benetti**
Pagosa Pride

On Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Town Park will host a Pride celebration.

The LGBTQ+ community with friends and family will gather to mark the second year of this event in Pagosa Springs.

The event epitomizes the sentiment expressed by Mahatma Gandhi so long ago: "Unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization."

The day will begin with an opening ceremony at 11:30 a.m. that will include the keynote speaker, native Pagosan, Kat Martinez, Ph.D (they/ them), speaking on "Lessons in Building Loving Community" based on life experiences as a world traveler and university associate professor and assistant dean. Currently, Martinez creates trainings for a nonprofit in Boulder County.

Folks will also learn of state legislative progress on matters relevant to the LGBTQ+ community as well as listen to the reading of the Town of Pagosa Springs proclamation establishing "that the month of June 2025 is recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month and encourages all

residents to respect and honor our diverse population and celebrate and build a culture of acceptance and affirmation."

Following that will be a time for folks, kids and adults, to enjoy music from DJ Wise Man, drag trivia, community visioning, the kids' art corner, face painting, the photo booth (come in costume) and to visit the various nonprofit resources and more.

At 1 p.m., Angelina Waterman, M.A., will present a unique interactive educational talk aimed at both affirming LGTBQ+ members and informing their supportive community with a blend of storytelling, behavioral science and simple wellness tools.

At 1:30 p.m., everyone, kids and grownups, will gather for a parade. Here's where costumes will be on display and judges will be making their selection for first prize. Folks will gather back at Town Park following the parade for a Celebratory Poetry reading and to hear the first-prize costume award announcement, as well as the winner of the \$50 gift certificate to a local store.

Our community has come together in this moment of divisiveness to celebrate diversity — an uncommon event and one to ponder.

Hear these relevant thoughts ex-

pressed by John F. Kennedy in his 1963 Commencement Address at the American University: "If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal."

Local businesses and individuals have come together to support this event sponsored by the interfaith community: the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Community United Methodist Church and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

For more information, see the Pagosa Pride Facebook page or email to pagosapride@gmail.com.



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Adventure Clubs for all ages set for June 24-26

Child Evangelism Fellowship

Five Adventure Clubs are scheduled for June 24-26. They include a Bible story with drama and activity, a memory verse, high-energy songs, games, crafts, snacks and more games.

The clubs are two hours of fun and learning, and it's free. Come and bring your friends.

Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: For those 6-12 years old and 3-5 years old in separate groups.

Archuleta Housing Corp. Site B, 375 N. 5th St., 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: For those 5-12 years old.

Vista Estates, 129 Fireside Drive,

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.: For those 5-12 years old.

Aspen Springs, park at 981 Ute Park Drive, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.: For those 5-12 years old.

All of the clubs will have the same program. You are welcome to choose the time and location that best fits your schedule.

Questions? Please contact Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or (303) 901-5290.

These Adventure Clubs are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) and local churches. For more information, visit www.coloradocef.org. Please register at <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/961153>.

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This summer, youth interns will learn about the work of Healthy Archuleta while also developing a broader understanding of the issues in food and health care access that exist within our local community.

Healthy Archuleta welcomes new summer interns

Healthy Archuleta

Summertime has come back around to Archuleta County, and with it comes warm weather, fun activities, and opportunities to embark on new and exciting ventures.

At Healthy Archuleta, we have no shortage of exciting new ventures to embark on this summer.

For the third consecutive summer, we have brought on another incredibly smart, hardworking and talented group of youth summer interns.

Jessie Elledge, Patelynn Gross, and Andrew Rodriguez are the three youth interns who will be working on a variety of different projects for

Healthy Archuleta.

The projects range from researching and developing plans for a community food hub to creating a volunteer outreach plan for local youth in the community to get involved in our work.

In doing this work, the interns will learn about the work our organization has done while developing a broader understanding of the issues in food and health care access that exist within our local community.

Each of these three youth interns brings a unique background and life experience that will tremendously benefit us in informing the projects that our organization has planned to

work on over the summer.

We hope the experience they gain as youth interns working for Healthy Archuleta will continue to influence them to live their lives in a healthier and sustainable way while expanding their knowledge and capacity for the careers that lie ahead of them. We couldn't be more excited for this year's youth summer internship.

To keep up with the amazing things happening with our youth interns this summer, make sure to follow Healthy Archuleta on our social media pages and visit our website, www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org.



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Life chooses us, learning to embrace it

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Denny Hamlin, NASCAR and Indy driver, said the morning of the 2025 Indy race, “A driver doesn’t choose this track, it chooses you.”

What did he mean? Is it like life? Life chooses us for certain things even when we don’t seem to fit.

With NASCAR and Indy drivers, some don’t fit, but they have an overwhelming desire to race. An accident left Samuel Schmidt, a former Indy race car driver, a quadriplegic. He would race again, if he could. Billy Monger, a double amputee, even Armani Williams, diagnosed with autism, were chosen to race. It’s in their blood.

It’s not if a person fits what others think, it’s inside of them. Their desire will push them to do things that don’t make sense to others. They are determined to do it no matter what.

I didn’t fit in certain circles of people whose leaders didn’t think a woman should teach or lead. To teach and lead were the attributes that screamed inside of me; they needed a place to express their existence. Frustrated for years, I kept studying and learning.

Just by being where others thought I didn’t fit, I was a threat. Possibly I didn’t know how to keep my mouth shut. I’m sure I thought I was the smartest one in the room. With in-depth study, I revered the Bible for 60 years as my mission in life. I constantly read commentaries, and I studied Greek for five years, always being prepared and excited to teach.

I ran past the knowledge of other leaders who held their coveted places and titles. I was always the odd per-

Artist’s Lane

son out without a title or place but with a fiery passion that could have burned a house down.

For years, I’d say, “I don’t fit there.” Then I’d go somewhere else, and I didn’t fit. What was that all about? I’d cry out to God, “Why do I have this burning passion so strong in me and I don’t fit?”

Eighty years of living has brought some eye-opening experiences. Even though this old body is breaking down, I feel like I’ve graduated into new and higher learning and am ready to teach. I realized that Life (God) choose me for these hard places. Oh me, why did it take a lifetime being a square peg in a round hole to know this? And, yes, I have found my place and, yes, I’m still learning.

My Sweet Al has found his place. He is a die-hard fan of the Indy 500 Race. This year, the 109th Indianapolis 500 was no exception as Al sat in his easy chair for the long 500 miles. He watched Palou take the lead late from Marcus Ericsson and hold onto victory for a win — the IndyCar championship leader’s first win on an oval.

The Indy 500 race has always been a part of our family. It seems that the Indy track chose the Andretti family also. Mario won only one race in 1969. I remember thinking after 29 starts and all the losses he suffered that he needed to give up driving. He

had grown old and pudgy and didn’t fit in the car. Mario didn’t pay me any mind. He continued to drive. What did I know about his life? It wasn’t about him fitting, but what was in him that made him continue.

Michael, his son, also won a race. This year, Marco experienced an

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Calling all crafters: General entries open for 2025 Colorado State Fair

Colorado Department of Agriculture

From poets to quilters, bakers to whittlers and photographers to potters, Colorado artists and artisans are invited to compete for “Best in Show” at the 2025 Colorado State Fair.

The state fair has a competition category for everything from the whimsical (the Pet Rock or Funniest Pet Photo competitions) to the sublime (fine arts competitions that include oil paintings, watercolors, sculptures and more), to the delicious (all those baked goods and pantry items) and even the weird (misshapen veggies).

It’s all part of the excitement of the 153rd Colorado State Fair, along with rodeos and concerts, fair food and carnival rides.

“The General Entry contests provide a platform for creators of all kinds, from those crafting in their home kitchens to those working in their art studios. The diverse range of submissions shows the rich cultural tapestry of Colorado,” said Colorado State Fair General Manager Andrea Wiesenmeyer. “From fine arts to culinary creations, we take immense pride in providing a platform for these individuals to share their passion and creativity with the entire state.”

Competitions are now open to

enter, and the deadline is July 16 for most competitions. Check coloradostatefair.com for specific details, as deadlines for particular categories can vary.

The Colorado State Fair’s Fine Arts Competition is one of the longest-running contests, allowing artists from around the state to showcase their finest works. The competition has expanded to include eight categories in 2-D and 3-D art. Any art created by generative artificial intelligence will be judged under the Digital Art category, and any use of AI software must be explicitly stated.

Pantry competitions include cakes, candy, canned fruit or vegetables, yeast or quick bread, pickles, preserves, pies and more. Exhibitors who compete in at least 12 different Pantry divisions can earn the title of “Royalty of the Kitchen” or “Youth Kitchen Royalty” for competitors who are 18 and under.

The fair also hosts a hobby wine, craft beer and homebrew competition. Those winners have just been announced at ColoradoStateFair.com.

Farm and Garden divisions include produce — broccoli, cabbage, corn, peppers, tomatoes and gourds — as well as fruit, herbs, field crops, and baled hay. The competitions

even include “Nature’s Oddities,” such as Most Misshapen Fruit or Oddest Vegetable.

The special contests categories range from Funniest Pet Photo to the Pet Rock Competition. The special contests also include a cupcake baking competition, where home bakers are asked to bake beautiful and delicious desserts. Entries will be judged on appearance, creativity and taste.

Coloradans can also submit their creations and pay entry fees online. In-person entry registration will take place through the front doors of the Fine Arts Building on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Once construction is completed in the Palace of Agriculture, in-person entry registration will move back to its usual location in the general entry office.

The fairgrounds will be closed June 19 in observance of Juneteenth and July 4 for Independence Day. Experts in each category will judge items, and winners will be revealed on the first day of the fair.

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unfortunate incident on the opening lap and crashed in turn one. The newscaster talked about the Andretti curse. There is something that ties the Andretti family to the Indy track. It’s like Hamlin says, “The track chose them.”

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is no ordinary race track. A driver will step onto the track and bend to kiss the brick. Then they listen to the traditional song, which has been sung since 1946. Each year, with pride, Indiana native Connor Daley cries in his race car when he hears Jim Cornelison sing “Back Home Again in Indiana.”

I stirred Hamlin’s statement in my mind. What are the things that seem to have been chosen us in life? Definitely, this little town of Pagosa

Springs. In 1965, just kids ourselves, with no sense, but with something pulling us, we bought land and became part of the wilderness experience. Many friends have moved away, but something has tied us to this town, no matter what has come or gone. Pagosa has chosen us as it has for many.

Final brushstroke: When something happens that we can’t explain, I can see the whys today. It makes perfect sense. So, when Hamlin says the Indiana race track chooses the drivers, I understand what he is saying. Life has chosen us and when we learn to embrace it, we will know we belong, even if we don’t fit.

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19th Hole Concerts to continue June 19

By Joan Ward
PREVIEW Columnist

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

The featured artist this week is Bo DePena, and the featured nonprofit is Build Pagosa.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) was the featured organization the first week, and we are sincerely grateful to the Community Foundation for including us.

Tai chi

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 ASI at (970) 264-2167.

Senior News

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 Townhomes).

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.

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

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General Entry and Fine Arts categories include: Amateur Art, Arts and Crafts, Beer and Wine, Dolls, Agriculture Mechanics, Fine Arts, Floriculture, Needle Arts, Pantry, Porcelain Art, Quilts, and Farm and Garden.

The Special Contests categories include: Poetry, coloring for all ages, Pet Rock and Funniest Pet Photo.

More information on each category, including specific entry requirements, can be found at <https://coloradostatefair.com/competitions/general-entry-fine-arts/>.

The fair will showcase competition winners during the entire 11 days of the 2025 Colorado State Fair, from Aug. 22 to Sept. 1, in the Creative Arts and Fine Arts buildings.

Visit the Colorado State Fair website, coloradostatefair.com, for additional details.

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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.

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

Bingo

Please note that there will be no bingo on Friday, June 27.

The Senior Center usually hosts free community bingo games twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The dates in July are July 11 and July 25.

Participation is free, and all we ask is you bring yourself and a friend for an hour of joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required.

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.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 5 Not quite shut
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- 15 Bit of baby talk
- 16 "Easy on Me" singer
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- 3 Kind of column
- 4 Reef predator
- 5 Tainting
- 6 Condiment container
- 7 Highly capable
- 8 Diameter halves
- 9 Poor one
- 10 Object of worship
- 11 Amazon drop-offs
- 12 Kagan of the court
- 13 Bowler's button
- 18 Coin opening
- 22 In a clingy manner
- 24 Amphitheater
- 26 Many miles away
- 27 Additional
- 28 Judicial officer
- 30 Recoveries
- 33 Understood
- 34 Perfect model

- 35 Make corrections
- 36 Cub Scout groups
- 41 Bad-mouthed publicly
- 45 Excitement
- 46 Start to "got a clue"

- 47 SAG member
- 49 1965 march site
- 50 Basket material
- 52 Emerald Isle
- 54 Resting on
- 55 Cola lead-in
- 56 2000 film, "____ Brockovich"
- 59 Slugger's need

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Senior

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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.

Monday, June 23 — Beef taco and cheese salsa, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, June 24 — White lasagna with spinach and mushrooms, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, almond cookies and milk.

Wednesday, June 25 — Zuppa Toscana soup, ciabatta bread, squash casserole, garden salad, fruit, tiramisu and milk.

Thursday, June 26 — Chef salad with ham, turkey, Swiss, cheddar, avocado and egg; tomato basil soup; cheesy garlic toast; fruit; and milk.

Friday, June 27 — Closed.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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Mahjong

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

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

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any

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Mindful drawing

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

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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.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

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Library director details plans for construction starting Aug. 4

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Library staff are deep into planning to minimize disruption to programs and patrons as construction is set to begin Monday, Aug. 4, on the first phase of your library's long-awaited expansion.

Digging up the current parking lot will be the first step, signaling the start of the project.

Initial construction involves creating a new entrance to the library on the west side of the building facing the elementary school. The new addition will feature a large program room that can accommodate 100 people or be divided in two for smaller groups, as well as a children's room and an adjacent children's garden.

Eagerly awaited improvements like these will happen only with some temporary dislocation to library operations as construction proceeds, according to Barb Brattin, library director.

"But the good news is that we are staying in the building during construction," she said.

The circulation desk will remain in place with your dedicated, knowledgeable staff there to help you, but you'll enter the building by a different route. Parking will move to a new lot west of the library, on property donated by Margaret and Jim Wilson, which you'll enter off U.S. 160.

You'll have the same copy, fax and print services available, but fewer computers and no meeting rooms during construction. Children's programs will move temporarily to the Turner



Reading Room, and the Hershey and Chimney Rock Collections will go into storage to make this happen. Inside bathrooms cannot be accessed, so porta-potties will have to do.

Brattin pointed out that she and her team are still looking for a space elsewhere in the community to temporarily house programs like after-school tutoring, adult crafts and book clubs.

"We're determined to keep disruptions to a minimum as construction proceeds over the next two years," Brattin said. "We're excited because we know the end result will make the temporary interruptions more than worthwhile as the new building will provide so many of the facilities our patrons have requested for a very long time."

Brattin pointed out that the expansion is totally paid for by private donations and grants — not taxpayer money — that has raised \$4.2 million. As an example, she cited a \$840,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Fundraising continues for upgrades to the existing building.

"All of us on staff are already dreaming of the new and improved programs and services we'll be able to offer when the construction is

complete," she said.

Last chance to donate books

To prepare for the forthcoming Friends of the Library book sale July 17-19, the Friends are hosting a book drive next Saturday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the library parking

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Library

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lot, where they will accept gently used books — and you'll get a coupon for a free book at the summer book sale. Please note that damaged books will not be accepted.

This is the last chance you have to donate books to your library for the next 12 months because of our expansion construction (see above). In anticipation, we are clearing out as much as we can so we can stay in the building during the construction.

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.

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.

Holiday closure

Your library is closed today,

Thursday, June 19, for Juneteenth, a federal holiday celebrated to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States.

Tie-dye for teens/tweens

Save the date of next Friday, June 27, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., when teens and tweens are invited to a free summer tie-dye party where you will decorate a canvas tote bag for yourself. All supplies will be provided.

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.

June 20 showcases 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.

Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, June 20, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Maple, a therapy dog who loves stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

LEGO play Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO play on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

Pokemon Club Saturday

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HELPING OTHERS WILL HELP WITH YOUR CHRONIC PAIN

Today's excerpt is a personal account of someone who deals with their own chronic pain by investing time with others.

One of my biggest coping techniques for living with chronic pain is distraction. I like to stay so busy that I don't have time to notice how badly I feel.

Volunteering accomplishes this task and so much more. Volunteering takes us out of ourselves, out of the house, out of our solitary environment and into opportunities to see that we're not alone.

Even if you can't get out of the house, there are many opportunities to volunteer right from your own home.

Pain tends to isolate us from friends and family. We may feel "trapped" in our homes or our own bodies.

Spending time (whether outside the home or volunteering online) outside of ourselves gives us an opportunity to develop/re-establish relationships. Whether it's helping people who are living with pain as well — or anyone in need — from elderly people just in need of a companion to children in need of homework help, volunteering can introduce you to wonderful people you never would have met otherwise I have always volunteered. As a child and teenager, it was at church. As a Marine, I volunteered to serve my country. And later in life, I found a whole community of people living with pain and found that when I help them, I'm actually helping myself. Spending time with such wonderful people in TPC's chat room or discussion forums gives me perspective. I see people who are dealing with so much more than I am and I'm able to pull myself out of the cocoon of pain and my own personal pity party and get back into the world. I've met so many amazing people who give me hope and encouragement and the time I spend volunteering comes back to me ten-fold in renewed strength and motivation.

Source: "Volunteering in Pain." By Carolyn Noel. <http://paincommunity.org>

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

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for you. Bring your cards to a fun free all-ages event on Saturday, June 21, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. when you can play games with others who feel the same way.

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.

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, adult services librarian, 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.

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 today, 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.

Note there will be no ESL class today, June 19, because of the holiday.

Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No appointment is necessary.

Note there will be no PALS time today, June 19, because of the holiday.

Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

How-to and self-help

“ChatGPT,” “Cybersecurity” and “Creating a Business Plan” are “For Dummies” guides. “Starting and Building a Nonprofit” is a Nolo guide. “Tree Houses Within Reach” by Derek Diedricksen teaches you how to build 30 cabins, playhouses and getaways. “Social Media Marketing for Your Business/second edition” by Carol L. Morgan shows how to build on your website and brand. “How to Design a Garden” by Pollyanna Wilkinson is a step-by-step guide. “Square Foot Gardening” describes a growing method to harvest more food from less space.

Other nonfiction

“Smithsonian Plants and Fungi” is an illustrated guide to more than 1,000 different species. “Rockhounding Colorado” helps you find, collect and prepare the state’s gems and minerals. “How Economics Works” is a DK is a simple, visual guide.

DVDs

“Miss Austen” is the PBS Masterpiece drama. “The Outfit” is the thriller starring Mark Tylance. “Green and Gold” tells of a dairy farmer and his family trying to save their farm. “Companion” is a sci-fi dark comedy. “Agatha Raisin” is a murder mystery set in a small Cotswolds village. Disney’s “Aladdin” is a two-movie set.

Novels

“Passions in Death” by J. D. Hobb features homicide Det. Eve Dallas. “Slow Dance” by Rainbow Rowell follows two friends who meet again after 14 years of being apart.

Quotable quote

“If you dream it, you can do it.” — Coco Gauff after winning the French Open women’s tennis tournament on June 7. This was her second career Grand Slam singles title and a come-from-behind triumph three years after playing her first final on

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PAGOSA SPRINGS CAR SHOW

PREVIEW photos/Shari Pierce

Scene ... taking in the sights at the 16th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show. The event had a new location this year at Yamaguchi Park, but still featured numerous interesting and unique automobiles, as well as live music, contests and more.



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 yellow-breasted chat.

In spring, this is a bird with a lot to say. If you are searching a dense thicket for the source of rather unbirdlike noises — including whistles, cackles, chuckles, hoots and gurgles — this may be your guy.

The lemon-yellow breast and white spectacles are stand-out features on this olive-gray bird. For its size, it is big-headed and has a long tail. In summer the chat breeds across much of the United States. It is only reported in our area between May and August before departing to Central America for the winter.

The yellow-breasted chat was formerly classified in the warbler family, but it didn't quite fit in there. DNA studies suggest a relationship to members of the blackbird family, but enough differences in behavior and anatomy have earned this bird its own family, where it is the only member.

These birds are seldom heard or seen during much of the year, but it can be a different story during breeding season, when males may be conspicuous, entertaining with their strange songs from an exposed perch. To attract a mate, the male may perform a musical display flight, singing while flapping his wings with legs dangling. He even frequently sings at night.

The yellow-breasted chat is often associated with water, but also can be found in shrubby vegetation of forest edges, logged areas, fencerows and abandoned farmland. It feeds on a variety of insects and spiders gleaned from foliage. Half or more of its diet consists of wild fruits and berries. Although not normally a feeder bird, some that winter in the northeast will come to suet feeders.

The chat breeds in habitats of impenetrable briary tangles that suit its secretive nature. Females especially spend much of their life close to the ground, where they nest in low, dense vegetation. Although pairs are mostly monogamous, nestlings of the same brood sometimes have different fathers, and males may also have more than one partner.

The yellow-breasted chat is one of our fun summer birds to be on the lookout for now.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.



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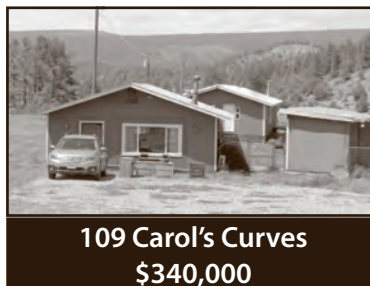


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\$1,000,000

MLS # 824532

This meticulously cared for full-round log cabin, up-town near Lake Forest, spans 2,732 square feet, featuring 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. Relax on the covered deck or backyard patio while taking in stunning mountain views. Inside, the open floor plan connects the great room with a cozy fireplace to a modern kitchen boasting granite countertops, high end appliances, and an island for extra prep space. The primary bedroom and bathroom are conveniently located on the main floor. A 2-car garage connects through the laundry area. Upstairs has two bedrooms and a full bathroom, while the lower level offers versatile space for entertainment or an office, plus a fourth bedroom set up as a bunk room with a full bath nearby.

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.

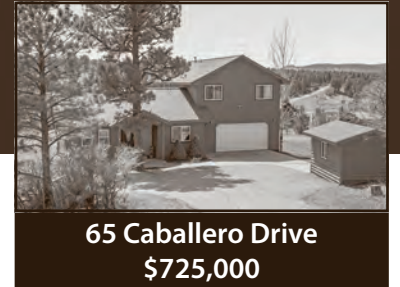


1001 Soaring Eagle Court
\$925,000

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>



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:
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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.



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\$265,000

MLS # 821844

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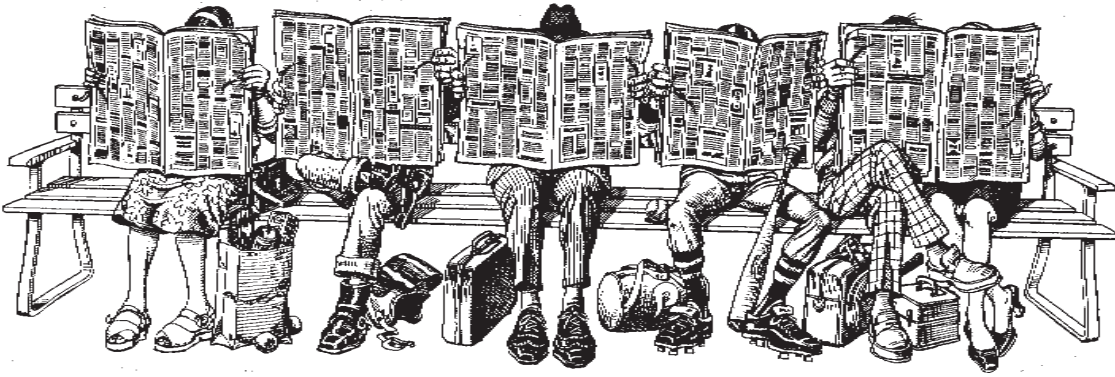
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Wednesday, June 18

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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Health Care Career Workshop for Youth. 2:30-4 p.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.

19th Hole Concerts. 5:30-7:30 p.m., 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.

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ument. 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 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.

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.

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 pagosapride@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

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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.

Monday, June 23

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.

Vacation Bible School. 9 a.m.-noon, Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Kids in pre-K through middle school can enjoy a variety of faith-based crafts, music, games, interactive Bible stories and refreshments. The cost is \$40 per child for the week. Register online at ihmjp2.org/religiouseducation or at the parish office during business hours.

Brain Fitness and Mobility. 10-10:45

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Conversational Spanish. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required.

Health Insurance Literacy Jeopardy. 5-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about health insurance with Archuleta County Public Health Department Health Navigator Madeline Sutton.

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Adventure Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For ages 3-12. There will be a Bible story with drama and activity, a memory verse, high-energy songs, games, crafts and snacks. Contact Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or (303) 901-5290 with questions. Register at <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/961153>.

Adventure Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Archuleta Housing Corp. Site B,

375 North 5th St. For ages 5-12. There will be a Bible story with drama and activity, a memory verse, high-energy songs, games, crafts and snacks. Contact Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or (303) 901-5290 with questions. Register at <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/961153>.

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.

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.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Cork 'N Board. The cost is \$20 and includes iced tea and water. All women are welcome. Please try to carpool or come early to park and walk a bit. An RSVP to (970) 946-1895 by Sunday, June 22, is required.

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.

Adventure Club. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Vista Estates, 129 Fireside Drive. For ages 5-12. There will be a Bible story with drama and activity, a memory verse, high-energy songs, games, crafts and snacks. Contact Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or (303) 901-5290 with questions. Register at <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/961153>.

Adventure Club. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Aspen Springs park, 981 Ute Park Drive. For ages 5-12. There will be a Bible story with drama and activity, a memory verse, high-energy songs, games, crafts and snacks. Contact Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or (303) 901-5290 with ques-

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English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 25

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Adventure Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. For ages 3-12. There will be a Bible story with drama and activity, a memory verse, high-energy songs, games, crafts and snacks. Contact Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or (303) 901-5290 with questions. Register at <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/961153>.

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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.

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.

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

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

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Adventure Club. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Vista Estates, 129 Fireside Drive. For ages 5-12. There will be a Bible story with drama and activity, a memory verse, high-energy songs, games, crafts and snacks. Contact Connie Porter at frank.connie@coloradocef.org or (303) 901-5290 with questions. Register at <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/961153>.

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Lecture: Rock Art in the Southwest. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Join local geology and archaeology enthusiast David Bouquet for a lecture presented by the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. The doors will open at 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 26

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.

Vacation Bible School. 9 a.m.-noon, Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Kids in pre-K through middle school can enjoy a variety of faith-based crafts, music, games, interactive Bible stories and refreshments. The cost is \$40 per child for the week. Register online at ihmjp2.org/religiouseducation or at the parish office during business hours.

Early Summer Wildflowers and Edible/Medicinal Plants Hike. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required at sjma.org/events.

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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.

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19th Hole Concerts. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Live music by Max Miller. The cover charge is a \$10 donation that supports the season's four nonprofits.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Matilda the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Based on the 1988 novel "Matilda" by Roald Dahl. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased at www.onthestage.tickets/show/curtains-up-pagosa/68110da13759390f617ea068 or at the door.

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Summer Reading Crafts. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. 3-D art and decor. No registration is required.

Stroll of the Three Sisters Tour. 1:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Mon-

ument. 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.

Summer Tie-Dye Party. 3-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Tweens and teens are invited to decorate their own canvas tote bag. All supplies will be provided.

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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 28

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.

Vermiculture Workshop. 10 a.m., CSU Extension, 344 U.S. 84. Join CSU Extension Director Cindi Galabota to learn about the vital

role worms play in healthy soils and build your own worm composting bin. There is a \$20 materials fee. RSVP at (970) 264-5931 or archuleta.extension.colostate.edu.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chim-

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Dancing with the Pagosa Stars tickets now on sale

By Cory Henderson
Seeds of Learning

Tickets for the most anticipated event in Pagosa Springs this summer are on sale next now.

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

You can witness this spectacular event for yourself on Aug. 16 at the Ross Aragon Community Center, with the doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Please visit the Seeds of Learning website at dwtps.org for additional ticket purchase instructions and for

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

Tickets include a delectable meal designed especially for you by Pagosa's favorite five-star-rated fine dining restaurant, a cash bar, an incredible playlist and dancing, and a dazzling show by Pagosa's star celebrities and their professional dance partners.

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

You have enriched the lives of our next generation by giving them the tools to learn, as well as skills to navigate emotional and social challenges. Your investment in our children's future success benefits our entire community and we cannot thank you enough. We hope you will join us.

Unitarian Universalists to recap Pagosa Pride festivities at Sunday service

By De Anna Hoyle
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Join us, the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship for Action Sunday (held the fourth Sunday of each month) as we share and celebrate Pagosa Pride.

As an LGBTQ+ affirming and welcoming congregation, we will gather as a community to recap the Pagosa Pride festivities held in Town Park on Saturday, June 21.

The website for the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) states, "For 25 years we have worked hard to make sure lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people are full members of our faith communities. Being welcoming means striving for radical inclusion, and creating spaces that honor every part of our identities, backgrounds, and experiences."

The Pagosa UU Fellowship is working on recertification of the Welcoming Congregation status through the UUA, and is serving as one of the faith community supporters of the Pagosa Pride event.

We invite those interested in

hearing more about the Welcoming Congregation process to join us on Sunday, June 22, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This will be a relaxed setting to bring your curious heart into a community centered in love. Future interfaith programs and services are being planned that we hope will deepen the connections and inclusion for all of our diverse community. More information will come soon. Stay tuned.

Pagosa UU Fellowship is located at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. We also offer Zoom services the first and third Sundays of the month. Find our current newsletter at PagosaUU.org for the link to join, and to find our current programs.

As a reminder, the Buddhist meditation group and practice is on hiatus for the remainder of June, and will resume at a new time in July.

And, looking ahead to June 29, another fifth Sunday this month, we once again invite you to consider rest as a spiritual practice. Whatever you decide to do, let it renew your spirit and guide you toward a deeper peace.

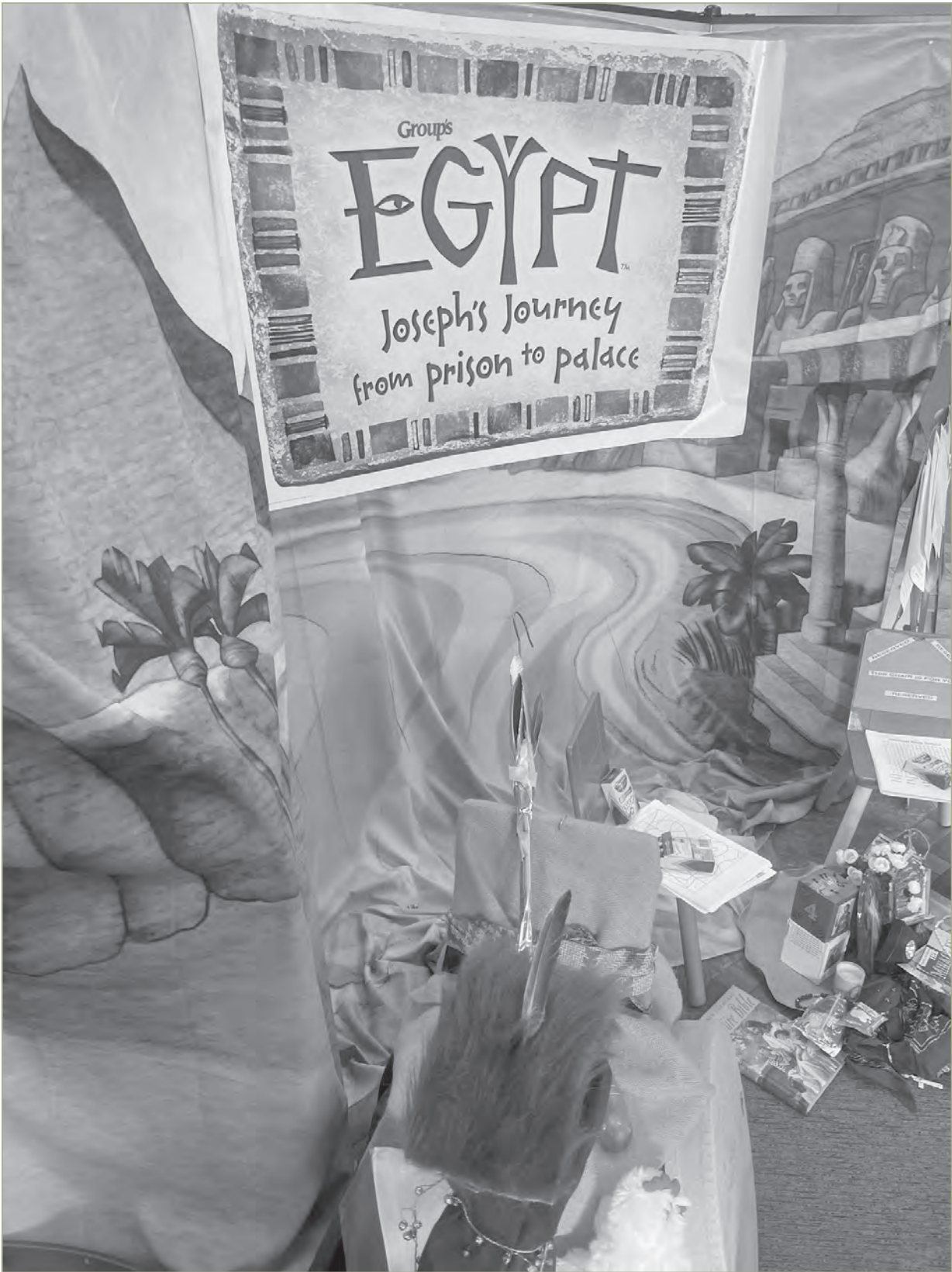


Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Catholic Community

The Pagosa Springs Catholic Community will hold its vacation Bible school June 23-27. Registration for all kids pre-K through middle school is open. It will be held daily from 9 a.m. to noon at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church. The cost is \$40 per child and includes refreshments. Visit ihmjp2.org/vbs-registration for details.

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Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters to get help with your project, or sit and knit.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'Matilda the Musical.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Based on the 1988 novel "Matilda" by Roald Dahl.

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.
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Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs members rolled up their sleeves on May 31 to clean up a stretch of U.S. 160 on Put Hill, continuing their long-standing commitment to community service. The effort is part of Rotary's ongoing dedication to making a tangible difference locally and globally — because at the heart of Rotary is a simple but powerful mission: “Service Above Self.”

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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 20, 6 p.m.: Solstice dance, drumming circle and potluck at Xanadu. A love donation will be collected.
- July 11, 7 p.m.: Illuminations on “The Benefits and Uses of Lavender” with Susanne Bryant.

About us

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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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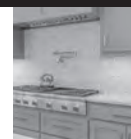
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Weed management: grass-like plants

By Ethan Proud and Cindi Galabota
PREVIEW Columnists

Proper identification is the first step in weed management, as not all control techniques are effective on each plant species or family. One of the trickiest plant groupings to differentiate are the grass-like plants, or graminoids.

Grasses belong to the family Poaceae, and graminoids like sedges and rushes are usually lumped in and referred to as grass — despite belonging to distinctive plant families. Sedges form the Cyperaceae family, while rushes are classified as Juncaceae.

That's quite a bit of Latin just to say these similar looking plants are substantially evolutionarily different. All three plant families are important parts of a prairie ecosystem. Their root systems help prevent soil erosion, they sequester carbon, serve as forage for grazing animals and provide habitat for pollinators.

Graminoids fill different niches in the environment. Some prefer the margins of woodlands, boggy areas or streambanks, but certain species can be problematic as they are not selected for grazing by livestock and start to crowd out desirable forage.

Control of grass-like plants can be tricky. Repeated mowing can simulate overgrazing, though these species have evolved to be grazed. Hand-pulling is great if it's an annual species, but won't be effective on a perennial species. That leaves herbicide control as the go-to for managing these species.

If you assumed they were all grasses, then you would be opening yourself up to non-target damage — especially if you were trying to regain ground for a hay meadow or pasture from a species like common rush. Common rush and sedges can

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be treated with certain broadleaf herbicides.

That being said, how do you tell the difference between grass-like plants? The first step is to feel the stem and recite a little rhyme: rushes are round, sedges have edges and grasses have joints from the top to the ground.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

Vermiculture workshop

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