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# Independence Day celebration



SUN photos/Randi Pierce, Clayton Chaney  
Numerous Fourth of July events were held over the patriotic holiday weekend, among them the inaugural Stars and Strips Stroll, a fireworks display, Freedom Float, Pagosa Springs Community Band concert, Park to Park Artisan Market and 75th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo.



# Weak monsoons could ‘ramp up,’ drought remains

**By Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Country could see above-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation in mid-July, according to the National Weather Service (NWS) Climate Prediction Center's outlook for July 14-18.

That aligns with Pagosa Weather's July 8 forecast that suggests, "Weak monsoon activity will ramp up next week," though the organization notes later in its forecast, "The 8-14 day period... Weak monsoon activity will ramp up. We'll see more showers and thunderstorms most afternoons, but I don't see any big soakings on the horizon."

The NWS forecast for Pagosa Springs indicates a chance of showers in the coming days, beginning with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon on Thursday, July 10. That pairs with a forecasted high near 89 and winds expected at 10 -15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

The low Thursday night is expected to be around 46 degrees, with winds at 5-10 mph and gusting as high as

■ See Monsoons A12

# County discusses support for amendment to Prop. 123

**By Clayton Chaney**  
Staff Writer

During a July 1 worksession held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), Commissioner Warren Brown explained that he is working to have Colorado Counties Inc. push forward an amendment to Proposition 123 as a legislative priority.

He explained that, "we as a county committed to" building 45 workforce housing units within three years between projects spearheaded by the

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) and Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County.

"We are finding a couple challenges," Brown said, explaining that the 100 percent area median income (AMI) limit is making it challenging to find qualified applicants to be approved to purchase a home.

Brown described the Archuleta County AMI level as "relatively low" while mentioning that the ask is for the state to consider a variance on the AMI

■ See Amendment A12

# County discusses reassessing land use regulations to address property use concerns

**By Clayton Chaney**  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) recently discussed the possibility of reassessing the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations (LUR) to address outdoor storage concerns.

Development Director Pamela Flowers explained, "What we're gonna discuss today is what the regulation currently says, and how that has changed prior to the last time we talked about outdoor storage."

She noted that, currently, the LUR divides outdoor storage into two sections: individual and commercial.

"Previously, there was no distinction," Flowers said, indicating the old regulation did not allow storage of a recreational vehicle (RV) outside of a home.

Now, "you can do that, there's no regulation," Flowers explained, noting the current regulation is less restrictive than before.

■ See Regulations A9

# Disagreement over ranch, reservoir between water boards continues

**By Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) solidified their unwillingness to reach a compromise over the potential sale of the Running Iron Ranch at a June 30 joint work session.

PAWSD moved to sell the ranch (which PAWSD and the SJWCD jointly own) in the fall of 2024 against the

opposition of the SJWCD, which is working to plan and build a reservoir at the site.

The ranch was purchased by PAWSD and the SJWCD in 2008, with PAWSD using loans from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to finance the project.

Disputes over the sale led to PAWSD suing the SJWCD in December 2024 in an attempt to get a judge to rule that the 2015 three-way agreement

■ See Disagreement A6

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## OUR VIEW

### Keep public meetings public

Thursday afternoon, we logged on for the San Juan Water Conservancy District's (SJWCD's) special meeting, interested in what the next chapter of the ongoing disagreement over Running Iron Ranch might hold.

While the SJWCD noticed the gathering as a special meeting to hold an executive session, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), which jointly owns the property with the SJWCD, noticed it as a joint work session.

We were intrigued.

But what happened during the meeting quickly fell to second place when we witnessed the SJWCD tell someone they couldn't record the public meeting (you can) and then remove a different member of the public from the meeting.

The same member of the public was removed again following the executive session.

We immediately found it ridiculous that a member of the public would be removed from a public meeting without disrupting the meeting in some manner.

Both times, the member of the public, who had logged on via Zoom using only a first name, was asked in the Zoom chat

to identify themselves or they would be removed. Before much time had gone by, they were gone.

We'll note others were also logged on using only their first name or using some variation of a name that was not a full name, and they were not treated in the same manner. Perhaps the board knew or assumed they knew who these people were, but we're not sure. We only saw inconsistent treatment.

From watching the Zoom chat, it was unclear if the member of the public who was later removed was even fully admitted to the meeting before being asked to identify themselves or if they ever knew they were asked to identify themselves.

After the member of the public was removed the second time, we emailed the SJWCD asking for an explanation for why they would remove a member of the public multiple times when others who were identified in the same way were allowed to attend.

We're not satisfied with board president Candace Jones' answer: "It's a practice developed in response to past Zoom bomb experience. I have attended other public meetings in which people online are asked to identify themselves for the record so it is

not unprecedented to make that request."

Just because it's not unprecedented doesn't mean it's right. The SJWCD is a tax-collecting district that must follow open meetings laws. There is no requirement in the law that individuals must identify themselves when attending a public meeting to observe.

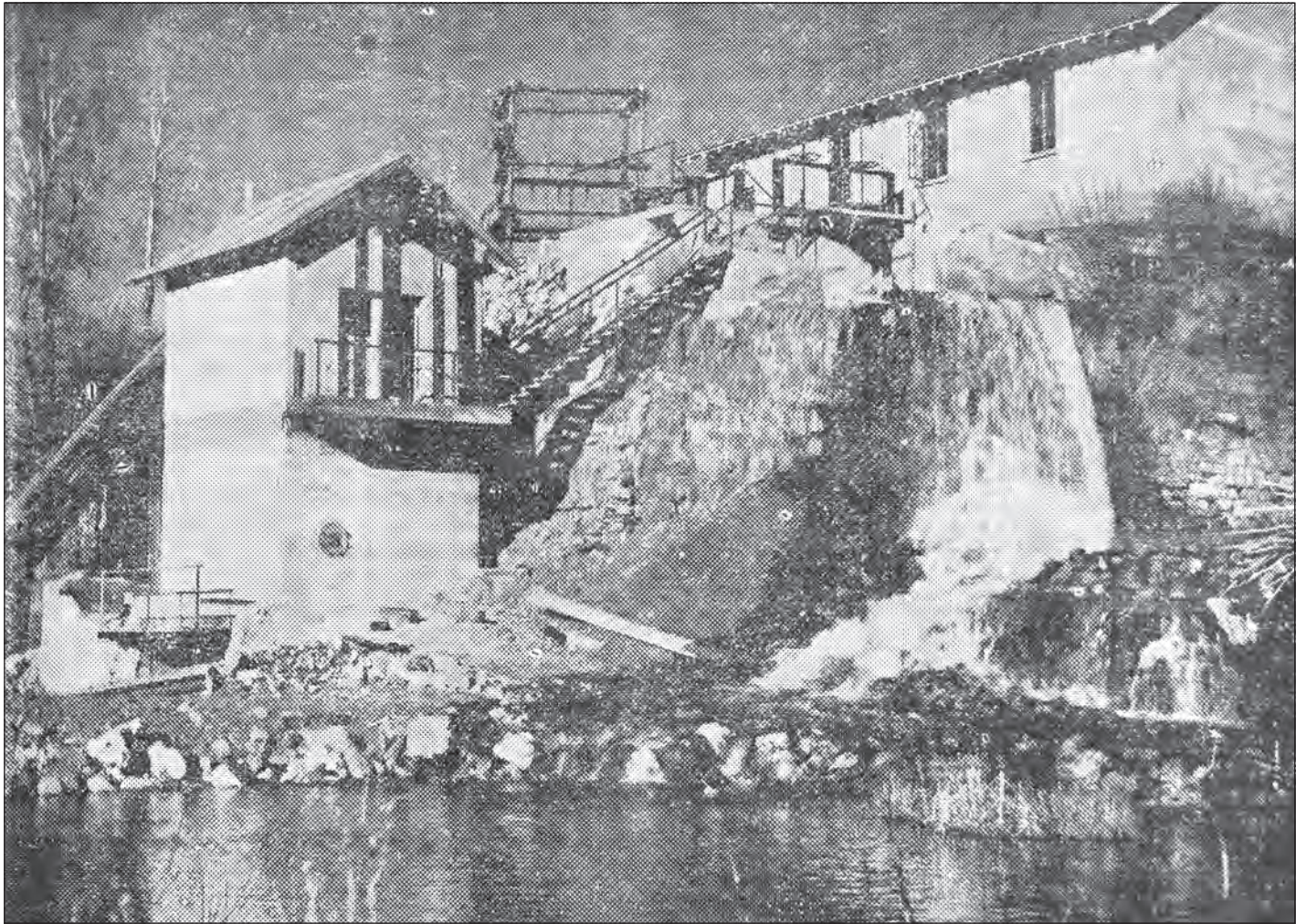
Instead of increasing security through other methods, such as using a webinar format or seeing how other governmental entities prevent inappropriate content, the SJWCD opted to take the route of removing people who likely call this community home and pay taxes to that district.

There are a multitude of reasons why someone may not identify themselves publicly, especially via Zoom chat: not knowing how to access the chat function (or even that it exists), having stepped away for something like a glass of water or to take their dog outside before the meeting begins or resumes, listening on a phone without staring at the screen, feeling uncomfortable identifying themselves in public, etc.

We expect the SJWCD to revisit how open its meetings are and do better. We, the taxpayers, deserve it.

Randi Pierce

## LOOKING BACK



From the July 30, 1954, Pagosa SUN — THE NEW HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT in Pagosa Springs that the La Plata Electric Association will dedicate Tuesday, August 3, is shown in the above photograph. Present for the ceremonies will be top REA and State officials as well as National dignitaries. Included in the celebration plans is a giant barbecue which will be open to all residents of this area.

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## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
July 10, 1925

**Pagosa Springs** was one "dead" burg on July 4th — we know, because we spent the day here, but not as a holiday.

**Sam Ruybalid and family** were Pagosa visitors Monday from Pagosa Junction, where Sam conducts a pool hall. He informs us that the celebration there on the 4th was very successful, there being a good attendance and a great deal of interest in the races, sports and dances provided by the society staging the event. His brother, Genio, knocked out his opponent from Chama in the first round of their bout, while his young son, Sam Jr., won his bout nicely.

**Scores from Pagosa Springs and Archuleta county** attended the 4th of July celebrations given in other Basin towns, and all report enjoyable times.

**The Archuleta County Boosters Club** now has on hand a considerable number of the advertising folders, just off the Sun press, ready for distribution. Residents desiring to have folders mailed to prospects in other cities and states should leave the names and addresses with the secretary, Chas. F. Rumbaugh, at the Liberty theatre.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
July 7, 1950

**The 1950 Red Ryder Round-Up** broke all records for attendance this year with one of the largest crowds ever present at any show here. The attendance figures at the grounds show a crowd of more than 3,000 people for the two-day show, with two-thirds of them present for the second day.

In all respects this was one of the best celebrations that this county has ever had. The parade both days, under the direction of H. Ray Macht, drew acclaim from all who saw it and was the largest in the number of floats that has been held to date. When strung out the parade was nearly a mile long and the streets were packed with spectators from all over the country. There were many fine floats and the winners could compete for prizes in any celebration.

There were many colorful highlights of the two day rodeo, with each afternoon's performance starting with the grand entry of contestants and performers. The entry was followed each afternoon by a full program of rodeo events and races. The weather was perfect for the show, with a small shower each afternoon, just before the show, cooling the valley. Many outside people expressed complimentary opinions of the new grounds and the view from the stands.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
July 10, 1975

**Red Ryder Roundup** has been here and gone. The celebration was outstanding in every way. Crowds were large, the parade was terrific, rodeos were very fine, and the weather stayed relatively nice. Out on the highways traffic was extremely heavy but only one serious accident was reported by the Colorado State Patrol

The presence of Fred Harman was missed. Mr. Harman was ill over the holidays and was unable to ride in the parade or attend the rodeos. He is one of the West's most colorful characters and has done much to help develop and promote the Red Ryder Roundup.

One of the nice things about the Red Ryder Roundup is the number of former residents that arrive to visit and enjoy the holidays. High school graduation class reunions are held, there are many family picnics and gatherings, and many get-togethers of all kinds. It is always nice to see former local residents on the street and around town.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
July 6, 2000

**The paving of several roads in Fairfield Pagosa** should be finished in two or three weeks, according to Roxann Hayes, the Archuleta County engineer.

Included among the roads scheduled for paving are Vista Boulevard, Bonanza Avenue, the west end of Park Avenue, and portions of North Pagosa Boulevard. The work is being financed from proceeds of the \$6.5 million bankruptcy settlement among Fairfield Communities Inc., Archuleta County, and Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.

Completion of all these projects will bring to an end nearly all of the work anticipated in the settlement agreement.

"There may be a few small items remaining," Hayes said, "but this pretty well wraps up the work scheduled. When these paving projects are completed, we'll look at how much money we've spent, how much money we have left, and go from there. I expect to finish all of the bankruptcy road work this summer."



## Weather data

Date	High	Low	Precipitation	Moisture	Type	Depth
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7/2	85	44	T	NA	NA	NA
7/3	77	50	0.03	NA	NA	NA
7/4	80	45	0.17	NA	NA	NA
7/5	85	41	0.00	NA	NA	NA
7/6	87	43	0.00	NA	NA	NA
7/7	82	47	0.00	NA	NA	NA



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Dear Editor:

Lois Higgins

Dear Editor:

I recently read an article in The Atlantic, “America’s Incarceration Rate Is About to Fall Off a Cliff”.

What a happy coincidence for them that the recently passed omnibus bill includes so much funding for our very own gulag to house undocumented immigrants. I'm sure Laura Loomer, our president's unofficial advisor, was not thinking of the benefits to that industry when she posted her desire to feed 65 million immigrants to Florida alligators. That number is not the number of undocumented immigrants, but the total of all Hispanics in our country. She seems nice.

The bill Republicans passed provides \$170.7 billion for immigration enforcement — \$51.6 billion to build a wall; \$45 billion for ICE detention facilities, an increase of 265% and more than the prison system budgets of all 50 states combined; and \$29.9 billion for ICE enforcement, a threefold increase. The Congressional Budget Office estimates an increase of \$3.4 TRILLION to the deficit over the next decade. Breaking immigration laws is a misdemeanor and our president has expressed interest in

This obscene bill slashes funds for public welfare — Medicaid, food stamps, small farmers and more, while providing tax breaks for rich people. The administration is clawing back congressionally appropriated funds for schools, foreign humanitarian aid, public broadcasting and more. One local project now on hold is the installation of the last mile of fiber to Aspen Springs and San Juan River Village residences. Our schools, hospital, public health, human services, forests, and food programs are some areas where we will see the impact of these cruel policies. National policy decisions actually do have local impact.

Staffing cuts to National Weather Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are currently in the news because of the floods that carried away all those young girls who were sleeping in their cabins at camp in Texas — there was no warning or alert. This predictable tragedy highlights how government can actually be helpful and the reactions from people like Greg Abbott and Holy Mike Johnson illustrate the cruelty and cluelessness of those currently in charge: What can we do but pray? That is actually what they are saying. To them I offer a quote from their God directed at smug religious hypocrites: Isaiah 1:15 — “When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood”.

Lee Stopher

**By Clayton Chaney**

Staff Writer

The changes were presented by Planning Manager Owen O'Dell, who explained the request for changes came from the Archuleta County Planning Commission after a "controversial" proposal in a rural area, noting the planning commission felt the applicant did not have a "very large reach" with the number of neighboring and nearby property owners who were required to be notified.

O'Dell indicated that, previously, public notice requirements were for adjacent properties within 500 feet, explaining, "So, as you can imagine, those larger parcels [are] really only notifying a handful of people."

He explained that the planning commission asked for staff to "make some adjustments" on the mailed, posted and public notice requirements.

He then explained the next change defines a minimum size requirement for signs to be posted on the subject parcel.

“Previously, there was no indication for minimum sign size,” O’Dell said, explaining the Planning Department has been using 2-foot by 3-foot signs.

He indicated the planning commission requested the minimum size to be 12 square feet.

O'Dell then went on to explain the third change in the public notice requirements, saying, "This is where the conversation really started," which has to do with mailed notice requirements.

O'Dell explained the planning commission requested that a minimum of 15 property owners be notified of a public hearing event through a mailed

If the minimum of 15 is not met, then property owners within 500 feet of the subject property would be notified, with that distance increasing by 500 feet until the minimum is met.

O'Dell noted that it would be possible that an applicant could end up having to notify more than 15 minimum.

O'Dell also explained that the 500-foot increment was based on the previous mailed notice requirement of

Commissioner Warren Brown asked who would be paying for the signs.

O'Dell explained the county has always paid for the signs.

"I really like this concept," Commissioner John Ranson said.

Commissioner Veronica Medina requested that language be added to clarify that any social media notices would be treated as a “secondary” notification.

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## Chamber of Commerce announces new executive director

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

It is with excitement of the future and sadness of leaving something that has been such a large portion of my life that I write this article.

Most of our community knows that I have announced my retirement effective Dec. 31 of this year.

The Chamber Board of Directors has hired my replacement. I welcome Sandy Douthey to the position as the next executive director of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

In the next couple of months, we'll let Douthey tell her own story of coming to Pagosa Springs. It's not so different than many of our stories. In a nutshell, Douthey comes to Pagosa from Sherman, Texas. She and her husband have visited Pagosa many times and decided they wanted to make this community their new home.

We are pleased to have Douthey join our team as she and I will be joined at the hip for the next few months. In passing on this torch, I decided to look back and see what changes the Chamber might have made in the past 20 years.

Twenty years ago, I inherited an artisan market that had already been very successful. Yet we have grown this event from about 50 vendors to 100 this year.

Twenty years ago, we inherited WinterFest activities. We created the Penguin Plunge allowing nonprofit agencies a "fun" — albeit cold — way to raise money for their organizations. We passed on the Anything Goes Downhill Sled Race to Build Pagosa, which now runs Sledz on Rez and uses this opportunity to raise significant funds for the organization.

We've added a bonfire and, in conjunction with skijoring, are working to make WinterFest the ColorFest of the cold months.

Twenty years ago, there wasn't a car show. This year we celebrated our 16th anniversary for the car show with more than 100 cars participating each year.

Twenty years ago, ColorFest was a hot air balloon rally and a wine and cheese tasting party in the parking lot of the Visitor Center. ColorFest now is a three-day event with a 10,000-square-foot tent, a beer tasting event added and three events rolled into one weekend.

And, this year, we are adding another event, Grillin' and Distillin' to our event repertoire. This BBQ cook-off and whiskey-tasting event will take place in August and will hopefully grow into another production to engage both locals and visitors.

I talk about events as they are a significant source of the Chamber's income while also being created to draw visitors to the community to help our tourism-based economy. We would not be able to produce these events without the support of all the sponsors for each of the events. We are grateful for your support and hope in some way that you have benefited from the sponsorships.

We have also grown our business base. Twenty years ago, everything was manually recorded. We have upgraded to a database system and twice have enhanced the hosting service to meet our growing needs. As have most of our businesses, we have updated our website multiple times to offer a responsive site and a more user-friendly site.

We now offer a tiered membership system that offers benefits geared to what your business needs are. We have produced educational sympo-



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Sandy Douthey has been chosen to be the next executive director of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce following Mary Jo Coulehan's retirement at the end of the year.

siums and forums to help you grow your business or become more business savvy. The most recent was this year's Building Business Excellence Forum, which we hope to expand and produce for years to come. We just need your engagement.

There are many more activities that I have seen change, most I believe for the better. We'll be talking more about these other improve-

ments in the next few months.

When I replaced Sally Hameister, everyone said I could not replace her. I had no intention to. My intent was to take her successes and build upon them. I hope that Douthey will do the same and the businesses will support her in that effort. Thank you for giving me the best job in Pagosa.

Douthey and I will be shadowing everywhere around town in the next couple of months and I look forward to introducing her. Pagosa is my home, and I will continue to live here, albeit less frequently, as I pursue my passion, which is travel. And, hopefully, I'll have more time to actually speak to you instead of running around with my hair on fire.

Thank you, Pagosa businesses. You are the reason leaving this job is so hard.

And, please, welcome Douthey as we make this transition.

## Obituary

### Harold Wayne Walls

Harold Wayne Walls, 83, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Saturday, June 28. He was born Jan. 30, 1942, in Belton, Texas, the youngest of 13 children, to Alma and Jesse Walls. His parents were farmers, and many of his siblings assisted with the farm work.

Early in life he worked as a medical lab director. Wayne and his first wife, Betty Walls, lived in Houston, Texas, and later New Braunfels, Texas, with their son, Theodore (Ted) Walls. They owned and operated a thriving river outfitting business on the Guadalupe River. He was active in river conservation in the 1970s and 1980s, founding the Reeking Regata Canoe Race on the Buffalo Bayou, drawing attention to a natural resource that was terribly polluted. Through his efforts with the Houston Canoe Club, the city cleaned up the river and the name was changed to the Sweet Water Buffalo Bayou Race, and is still an annual event. During this time, Wayne explored and made first descents of many Canadian and Mexican rivers.

In 1989, Wayne married Nancy Lu-Walls. They owned and operated Big Bend River Tours in Lajitas, Texas; Rocky Mountain Outpost in Durango; and Wilderness Journeys and Pagosa Rafting Outfitters in Pagosa Springs. Wayne was a pioneer, rafting the first descent of the Upper Animal River below Silverton above Durango. Subsequently, he offered commercial trips on the Upper Animas, and on the Piedra and San Juan Rivers here in Pagosa Springs. He and Nancy have been active in coaching Special Olympics on the local and state levels. They were foster care parents to 31 children, one of whom they

adopted later in life.

Wayne was generous and multi-talented. His creativity led him to design and construct his own white-water boats. Wayne's kind, generous spirit was infectious, felt by all whom he touched. An amazing, gifted whitewater wizard, he explored wild, uncharted rivers in Mexico and northern Canada, and especially loved his trips down the Grand Canyon. Wayne loved sharing stories of his daring adventures. Co-founder of the Totally Happy Campers band, Wayne delighted in singing and playing his djembe for local gigs.

Feeding and watching the beautiful birds on his back porch was another one of Wayne's passions. In the winter, his sights focused on downhill skiing. Summers found him camping, raising veggies in his greenhouse, exploring the national parks, and traveling far and wide. School year passions included helping first-graders with reading, and coaching Special Olympics: skiing, basketball, softball and bowling.

Wayne was predeceased by his parents, Alma and Jesse Walls; brothers Raymond, Ed and Donald; sisters Doris, Mot, Faye, Dot, Wilma and Betty; and son Rick.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Nancy, Pagosa Springs; son Ted Walls

(Diane), Ashfield, Mass.; first wife Betty Walls, Austin, Texas; sister Annette Bates (Marc), West Columbia, Texas; daughters Virginia and Delta Buck, and son Dalton Walls, Pagosa Springs; grandchildren Noah and Hale Walls, Ashfield, Mass.; Rose and Leona Buck, Pagosa Springs; Shaun Blancher (Jenelle) Grenfell, Saskatchewan, Troy and Trevor Blancher, St. John, New Brunswick; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren, foster children and their offspring from all over the U.S. and Canada.

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# Education

## Charter school board hears student performance results

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Director Emily Murphy presented the board with last school year's student testing data from Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) standardized testing during the board's June 18 meeting.

Murphy explained that DIBELS tests are administered at the beginning, middle and end of the school year for kindergarten through third-grade classes.

Murphy noted some "celebrations" in this year's results, with 80 percent of students in the kindergarten class scoring above the benchmark.

She also noted that the second-grade class increased the number of students scoring in the "blue" category, "which is the highest category you can score, from 5 to 37 percent."

Murphy also mentioned that all students receiving intervention services made higher than expected growth.

"One hundred percent of them," she added.

The third-grade class "cut the number of students scoring in the red by 50 percent," Murphy said, with the "red" category being the lowest category.

Murphy also highlighted that the school moved 38 percent of students out of the red category in one year, which is higher than the national average of 21 percent.

"Our DIBELS has been really awesome," she said.

Murphy then went on to discuss the results of the NWEA testing for math and reading.

"We didn't quite hit our growth goal this year with our math," she

said, explaining that doesn't mean that students did not grow, but that the goal of 42 and 50 percent was not reached.

According to slides presented by Murphy, students in grades six through eight "were at or above the national average in achievement."

Murphy also explained that the school began the year with planned consistent math intervention times, but that the interventionist left half-way through the year.

"The position was not filled," she said.

She explained that the plan is for the middle school-level math teacher to have intentional small group intervention time intended to provide "consistency for small groups that require that."

In regard to the school's reading performance data, "we were above our goal for our growth in reading for NWEA," Murphy said, noting the school hit the 60th percentile this year.

She commented that the middle school grade levels did "amazingly well," noting that grades six through eight were at the national average for achievement and growth.

She also noted that all grades, one through eight, reached their growth goals for the year, "which we've never had happen either."

Murphy mentioned that the first- and second-grade classes increased achievement scores by almost 10 points, "which is almost unheard of."

Murphy explained that the school began the year with three grade levels performing at or above the national average and ended the school year with five grade levels performing on those levels.

"We continue to see these increases each year," she said.

PPOS board treasurer Pamela

Meade commented that it is "great," noting the school "not only decreased your lowest percentiles, but also increased your highest percentiles."

She added, "That's pretty cool."

Murphy commented that the curriculum being used is "very interdisciplinary," with a lot of art, music, oral assessments, writing prompts and Socratic seminars.

"There's a lot of varying levels of assessment which I think helps kids stay engaged," she said.

### School accountability committee update

PPOS board secretary Bill Hudson provided the board with an update on his research into the school's responsibilities in having a school accountability committee (SAC), explaining there are no "special allowances for small charter schools," in regard to the number of people required to be on the committee.

Hudson explained that in his conversations with Murphy, the idea of the school's family council serving as the SAC was brought up, noting that it would hold at least four meetings throughout the year, "in addition to whatever other meetings you're holding."

Hudson noted, "We do need a staff person on there," as well as one teacher, the school principal, three parents, an adult member of an organization recognized by the school and at least one person from the community.

"It's gonna be their job to make sure they have all of those," Hudson said, explaining it is not the school board's job to make sure all of those positions are filled on the SAC.

PPOS board member Catherine Siebel asked if the board is required to ask the SAC if all of those positions are filled, with Hudson replying, "I think

we will," noting to "trust but verify."

Hudson also commented that it is one of the jobs of the SAC "to solicit parents to serve."

Murphy explained that she was planning to meet with the family council to discuss the possibility of it also serving as the SAC.

In an email to The SUN, Murphy explained that the meeting went "well," and that, "our Family Council next year will act as SAC for four of their meetings."

### Playground update

During the June 18 meeting, Murphy also provided the board with a brief update on the status of the school's new playground, indicating that six days of work were lost due to weather, but that the project manager, David Pribble, is "very optimistic" about making up time.

The original completion date was scheduled for Aug. 11, but will likely be pushed back by one week, Murphy explained.

She noted that per grant requirements, the playground must be complete by sometime in October.

Murphy also commented that she hopes to have the playground complete and ready for kids to enjoy by the first day of the upcoming school year, which is Aug. 18.

In a July 3 email to The SUN, Murphy explains that playground equipment has been delivered, "and, if it goes according to schedule, will be fully installed within two weeks."

She adds, "The stem walls are in, and the irrigation is scheduled to be installed next week."

"We're so excited to see the development."

She also noted the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts is working on a mural project in the school's lobby.

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## Disagreement

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between PAWSD, the SJWCD and the CWCB governing the management of the property and the reservoir project allows PAWSD to sell the ranch without the SJWCD's consent.

Litigation in the case is still ongoing.

At a May 29 special meeting, the PAWSD board heard a proposal for purchasing Running Iron Ranch from Trey Fricke of Zipper Valley Ranch, which included an easement which would allow for the creation of a 3,000 acre-foot (AF) reservoir on the ranch and a contribution of \$10,000 a year to reservoir planning from the purchaser.

The SJWCD's most recent goal was to create a reservoir with a size of 11,000 AF.

Fricke's proposal would also place spending and grant acquisition conditions on the district developing the reservoir. The purchase price of \$10.4 million that Fricke offered would be sufficient to pay off all of PAWSD's debt on the property.

PAWSD initially received a proposal from Fricke to purchase the ranch in the fall of 2024 and continued to negotiate with him in private up until the public presentation of the offer, according to PAWSD board member comments at previous meetings.

At PAWSD's request, Fricke also provided his proposal to the SJWCD in the fall of 2024, but that board declined to meet with him and publicly stated its unwillingness to sell the property, a decision that led to condemnation by the PAWSD board at their meetings and contributed to the district's eventual lawsuit.

Due to Fricke's desire to avoid paying taxes on the sale of another ranch in Texas by purchasing a new property, which he explained at the May 29 work session, his offer to purchase the Running Iron Ranch would expire on July 11.

The June 30 work session occurred at the PAWSD administrative offices where PAWSD board meetings are

held, with PAWSD board members seated in chairs behind a large desk and SJWCD board members seated in the public seating area and interspersed with members of the public and other meeting attendees.

Much of the approximately two-hour work session focused on discussion of community water demand, with the boards largely agreeing that PAWSD's current reservoirs are sufficient.

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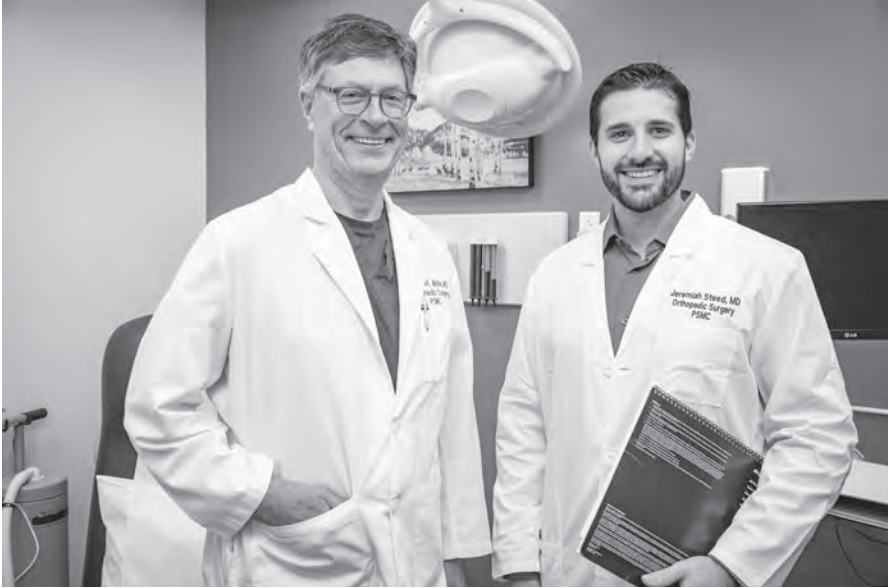
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# Disagreement

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ficient to meet future municipal water demand in PAWSD’s service area, but disagreeing on the need for further water modeling and what other water demands might occur in the future.

This discussion was frequently tense, with board members trading barbs and reiterating grievances and disputes from the long, conflicted history of the reservoir project and from the recent clashes between the boards over the sale.

Several times, PAWSD chairman Gene Tautges threatened to end the meeting due to escalating disputes between board members.

The boards also discussed the details of the proposal from Fricke, including an offer from Fricke himself, who attended the meeting, that he would double the size of the easement to allow for a 6,000 AF reservoir if the SJWCD is concerned about a 3,000 AF reservoir being insufficient.

PAWSD board member Bill Hudson, who serves on the PAWSD Running Iron Ranch subcommittee that has been in discussions with Fricke, also suggested that PAWSD might be willing to contribute \$75,000 a year for five years to the reservoir project.

Following Fricke’s proposal, Tautges asked what the boards could do at the work session to move the proposal forward.

“I’m just afraid that if we carry this on much further, nobody’s going to get a reservoir anywhere,” Tautges said.

He then attempted to explain the legal dispute between PAWSD and the SJWCD over the three-way agreement, which led to a dispute between him and SJWCD president Candace Jones over the meaning of the agreement.

PAWSD board member Alex Boehmer asked if Fricke’s offer to potentially double the size of the reservoir easement would “move the needle” for the SJWCD board.

“Is there any negotiating we can do to try to make this deal work, or is this just a no, a solid no?” Boehmer asked.

Jones commented that the SJWCD is pursuing a path forward.

She explained that the PAWSD board was asking the SJWCD if it would be willing to risk losing a piece of property that could benefit the community while the water supply in the area is declining.

She added that planning for potential decreases in water supply and increases in demand needs to be done now, but that she did not believe this planning could be finalized in 10 days.

“There could be a path forward, but not under the gun of ... 10 days ...” Jones said.

“So, the answer is no,” Boehmer interrupted.

Tautges stated that he would like to hear from other SJWCD board members about if they believed a compromise would be possible on Fricke’s proposal.

SJWCD board member Charles Riehm stated that he did not believe a compromise could be reached in 11 days, although he expressed belief that a compromise might be reached in a larger time window.

He added that the size of the reservoir would be driven by further engineering work that is not complete and that the SJWCD is not ready to settle on a definitive reservoir size with the information it has available.

Tautges commented that he appreciated Riehm’s honesty and stated that he believed, if Fricke’s offer was not seriously considered, it is likely that no reservoir will ever be constructed.

SJWCD board member Randy Cooper then spoke, starting by commenting about the fact that he had wanted to contribute to the previous conversations and have his questions answered, but that he had not been called on.

He then raised concerns about the lack of transparency around the profits and expenses experienced by PAWSD during its ownership of the ranch.

Cooper concluded that he agrees with Jones that the SJWCD is not ready

to accept Fricke’s offer.

SJWCD board member Susan Nossaman commented that Tautges, who assumed the position of PAWSD board chair in May following the end of previous chair Jim Smith’s term, was the first to discuss the offer with the SJWCD.

She stated that PAWSD did not ask the SJWCD about having a joint meeting in the fall of 2024 when the boards first received the offer from Fricke.

Nossaman commented that she was glad that PAWSD finally requested a joint meeting, but felt negatively about PAWSD suing the SJWCD in December 2024 and “trying to push us into a corner.

“And, when Bill says, ‘Well, all you’ve gotta do is drop the lawsuit,’ he’s putting that on us that we aren’t the ones that started a lawsuit.”

Tautges asked if Nossaman’s answer was that no compromise is possible, which Nossaman confirmed.

SJWCD board member Joe Tedder commented that the SJWCD has been working to relieve PAWSD’s debt on the Running Iron Ranch property for two years, with efforts this year being stymied by the ongoing litigation between the districts.

Tedder noted that the PAWSD board and particular board members have a bias on the issue, but asked the board to see the issue from the SJWCD’s point of view, pointing out that it was making progress on developing financial partners and engineering for the reservoir.

“The process was moving and suddenly we get process interruptus by a threat to sell,” Tedder said.

He added that the reservoir planning process is slow and that he wants to continue that process.

Tautges interrupted to ask Tedder if his answer was no, which he confirmed before attempting to provide a clarification on his answer, which was cut off by Jones and Tautges.

SJWCD board member Rob Hagberg commented that he found Fricke’s proposal attractive and that he found him a “genuine person.”

He added that the possibility of a 6,000 AF reservoir is “interesting,” but that the SJWCD is still in the midst of a process, and its planning and efforts to relieve PAWSD’s debt were being inhibited by the conflicts between the boards and PAWSD’s lawsuit.

“So, there’s nothing we can do to move you out as long as that’s going on and every grant agency in the world wants public support and other sorts of things which we have been unable to engender,” Hagberg said.

He commented that the district has been able to provide valuable public education to the community, although this effort has been “disparaged” by certain PAWSD board members.

“So, my answer is no, but I’m flexible,” Hagberg said.

SJWCD board member John Kappelman commented that he agreed with other board member comments that the SJWCD is engaged in a lengthy planning process.

He added that there is “no rational basis” for the 3,000 AF or 6,000 AF reservoir sizes proposed by Fricke and that the SJWCD would only know what an appropriate reservoir size is once more planning is done.

He concluded that he does not agree with or accept Fricke’s offer.

Tautges commented that there appeared to be “absolutely no room for compromise,” although he noted that PAWSD has enough water for domestic water needs.

He added that PAWSD cannot cover agricultural and recreational water needs due to its institutional responsibilities and that asking PAWSD to cover these costs is unfair.

SJWCD board member Bill Nobles commented that the boards were “a day late and dollar short.”

He stated that he liked the possibilities, but that he would need to see a contract in writing and be able to make changes to it.

Tautges asked him if his answer was no.

Nobles stated that he does not believe negotiating a contract in 10 days is feasible, although he stated he would be interested in the 6,000 AF reservoir if it was put in writing and negotiated for the benefit of PAWSD and the residents of the community.

He added that “it’s not really been us that’s been dragging our feet on this. This has been an issue with PAWSD for a while.”

He stated that he understands that PAWSD has larger financial issues and noted that Hudson had told him that the costs associated with the ranch are not a large budgetary issue for PAWSD.

Nobles concluded that he did not believe the contract could be completed in 10 days, although he would like to see it.

Fricke commented that the documents for the proposal had been available to both boards for at least a month.

Jones noted that the SJWCD received the documents on May 29.

She then stated that the agreement would include construction financed by the public “for Mr. Fricke to have a private lake.”

Tautges and Jones then disputed if having no public access to the reservoir would be problematic, with Tautges noting that there is no public access to several of PAWSD’s reservoirs, which were partially built with SJWCD support.

Tautges added that he felt the meeting was over and that he hopes the SJWCD understands the consequences.

Jones countered that she hopes that PAWSD understands the consequences if its decision is wrong.

She began to speak about public views and engagement with the reservoir proposal before Tautges halted her and asked Hudson to speak, as Hudson

previously requested.

Hudson commented in response to Kappelman that the reservoir sizes in Fricke’s proposal met the water needs expressed in a Wilson Water Group study commissioned by the SJWCD and that he was willing to accept these calculations in this report, although he had voted against accepting the report due to other objections about its content when he was serving on the SJWCD board and the board considered the report.

Jones began speaking over Hudson, commenting that the figures he cited reflected the low estimate for water demand contained in the report.

This led to a clash between her and Hudson about her interrupting him.

Following this, Hudson stated that he believes that accepting Fricke’s offer is the only possibility that the SJWCD will have of creating a reservoir since no other buyer would pay \$10 million and allow the creation of a reservoir on the property.

Hudson concluded by expressing hope that the SJWCD would consider Fricke’s offer and reiterating that PAWSD sued the SJWCD due to it publishing a statement opposing the sale of Running Iron Ranch and not considering Fricke’s offer in 2024.

Kappelman stated that his comments about Fricke’s reservoir size numbers being “out of the blue” were in reference to these sizes having no engineering basis.

Hudson then attempted to interrupt Kappelman, but Kappelman continued, noting that Hudson was now trying to interrupt him despite accusing others of doing the same to him.

Kappelman stated that the SJWCD is trying to determine the best size for the reservoir, which it currently believes to be around 11,000 AF, and commented that Fricke’s offer provided no engineering justification for the size of the reservoir.

He concluded that the lack of an engineering justification was his reasoning for opposing the offer and believing that the reservoir sizes in Fricke’s offer came “out of the blue.”

Tautges stated that he appreciated Kappelman’s comments and was preparing to close the meeting because “we’ve got your answer; the answer’s no.”

Following Tautges commenting on how the entire community would experience the “consequences of this action,” the meeting ended, with both boards separately adjourning.

■ See Disagreement A9

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# Regulations

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She went on to explain that commercial outdoor storage is defined as “any sort of equipment, vehicle or special mobile machinery ... that would be considered commercial outdoor storage.”

Flowers then explained that the types of vehicles have been defined to lay out different categories of vehicles and which types are allowed within certain zoning areas and property sizes.

She noted that, under the old regulation, the only place where commercial outdoor storage was allowed would have been in commercial or industrial zoned parcels, with permit approval.

“Now we’ve allowed commercial outdoor storage in two categories, principal or accessory,” Flowers said, explaining that the principal category means “basically it’s a vacant lot and the only thing you’re doing is storing ... equipment.”

She then explained that an accessory use would mean there’s a principal use on the property such as a resi-

dence and the accessory use would be partially storing equipment.

Flowers also noted that principal category outdoor storage is allowed for properties zoned agricultural ranching or agricultural estates, and in commercial and industrial zones.

She added that commercial outdoor storage as an accessory use “is allowed in any zone except [agricultural] forestry” with a home occupation permit.

“All of that is less regulation,” Flowers added in comparison to the previous regulation.

Flowers provided more information on outdoor storage of vehicles on properties zoned commercial and industrial, indicating that the quantity of vehicles allowed to be stored on the property is “dependent on the availability of sufficient parking and access to and on the parcel.”

She explained that parcels smaller than two acres are limited to no more than one commercial vehicle of either vehicle category.

Vehicle categories are separated by classes one through five, which are

vehicles up to two axles and no more than six tires, “essentially up to a dually,” Flowers commented, explaining that class six and above are for vehicles with three or more axles and more tires.

Parcels that are two to 10 acres in size can have no more than three class one commercial vehicles, Flowers mentioned.

“So, if you’re 10 acres or larger, we’re not putting a limit on you, and we’re not limiting the categories of equipment you can have,” she added.

Flowers explained that there is no limit to any combination of commercial special mobile machinery (SMM) and vehicles associated with agricultural properties.

“SMM and farm equipment for businesses are exempt from limits and requirements,” she said.

For residentially zoned properties, Flowers explained the quantity of vehicles allowed to be stored on the property is also dependent upon its size, noting that parcels smaller than two acres are allowed no more than one vehicle that falls in the class one

through class five categories.

Parcels that are larger than three acres are allowed no more than three class one through class five vehicles.


Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that Flowers had provided a review of the current LUR, “but the reason why we’re here today ... specifically, what is the rule and how has it changed?”

Flowers explained that the particular parcel in question during the work session is 12 acres in size, falling into the rural residential zone, which she explained has no limit for the amount of class one through class five vehicles.

“The only thing that’s required to have it is, have to have a home occupation permit for the business,” Flowers added, explaining there is no home on the property yet, just a storage building.

“Technically, I can’t issue a home occupation permit without a home,” Flowers said, explaining there are several vehicles on the property that all fit within the previously mentioned categories.

■ **See PAWSD A10**



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# Disagreement

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**SJWCD special meeting**

Following an executive session to discuss the Running Iron Ranch at a July 3 special meeting, Jones offered further comments and justifications for the SJWCD’s position on the sale of the Running Iron Ranch and Fricke’s offer.

Jones noted that the SJWCD’s responsibilities include long-term planning for water demand, which has not been done comprehensively in the community.

She added that it is “tempting” to accept an offer to build an 11,000 AF reservoir, but she noted that the SJWCD already has the opportunity to build such a reservoir and the buyer is not offering more beyond that.

She added that the buyer was offering terms that are “not practical” for meeting the conditions the buyer set.

Jones stated that, under the three-way agreement, the SJWCD has 10 more years for reservoir planning, although she noted that PAWSD disputes this.

However, she commented that giv-

ing up 10 years of planning time in exchange for conditions that are unlikely to be met would be irresponsible.

Jones added that there are also ambiguities in Fricke’s proposal about if his purchase would include gaining control of the water rights owned by the SJWCD.

She stated that the SJWCD believes that there are opportunities for discussion with PAWSD and for finding partners to build a reservoir.

However, she noted that reservoir planning and construction takes time and that compelling the SJWCD to “do something in two or three years ... is really not a fair or appropriate place to expect this board to concede.”

She also expressed disappointment with the “dynamics” of the previous joint work session and expressed her desire for a work session where board members from both boards would sit around a table and be able to discuss the issues for which the work session was called.

Jones noted that the topic of the June 30 work session was supposed to be domestic water use, but that it “kind of veered off into a different direction.”

Tautges, who attended the SJWCD meeting, apologized for those issues, and Jones expressed her appreciation for that.

She added, in response to accusations that the SJWCD had “drug our heels” about having a joint work session, that she had invited a joint work session between the boards through correspondence with Smith previously, but that other PAWSD board members stated that they had not been notified about this invitation.

She concluded that the SJWCD board would welcome and invite future opportunities for productive discussions with PAWSD.

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# Regulations

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She went on to explain that the property does not meet the conditions for accessory use either, because there is no physical use of a residence.

Flowers noted that the “goal” is to have the property owners to have an agreement signed with the county, noting that agreement would have milestones and timelines outlined for developing the property.

Flowers added that once a home is built, a permit can be issued, “making them fully compliant.”

Medina indicated that the LUR was changed in 2024, and that the county knew the property in question has not been in compliance, asking why it’s been a year later and the agreement to bring the property owners into compliance has not been worked out yet.

Flowers explained that she has had conversations with the property owners and the contract is currently being finalized, adding that with other projects going on, this hasn’t been the “highest priority.”

“That’s all I can say,” she added. Commissioner John Ranson asked how the current situation differs compared to before 2024, with Flowers explaining, “Previously, it wouldn’t have been allowed at all.”

She noted that the outdoor storage on the property wouldn’t have been allowed because of the rural residential zoning.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he spoke out against the changes that were made to the LUR, explaining his reasoning was “to try and keep residential, residential.”

Brown explained that people buy homes in areas with certain expectations about what the properties around them will be used for, noting that businesses need to be kept to commercially zoned areas.

Flowers was joined by Mike Knapp, a local property owner who expressed frustration with commercial operations on the property being discussed.

Knapp claimed that there is an unfair advantage to businesses “that are following the rules,” noting the uses and zoning designation do not line up.

“You’re avoiding all of the inspections that keep the county safe,” he said, noting the situation has been going on for nearly two years now, questioning the agreement between the county and the property owners.

“Why would we agree to let someone break the rules and expect other people to follow the rules? I just don’t understand it,” Knapp said.

Ranson commented that there have been “several” of these types of situations that pop up, noting this particular one has gone on for a while now.

“I personally think it’s something we need to relook at,” he said in reference to reevaluating the LUR changes.

“We gotta either enforce ‘em for the people that ... are being affected, [or] why do we even have ‘em?” Ranson said, adding, “I do have concerns on this.”

After comments from the audience, Medina interjected, explain-

ing that Flowers had addressed the concerns.

“We failed our constituents by not acting in a timely manner,” Medina said, also noting the situation has gone on for more than a year, adding the county should have had a discussion on the matter some time ago.

“We should’ve been enforcing the rules, and we didn’t,” she said. “For whatever reason, we didn’t.”

Knapp then proposed that the county look at changing the regulations back to what it had before the most recent changes were made in 2024.

“That has created all these problems,” he said, claiming the current LUR puts the county out of alignment with its zoning districts, proposing the BoCC take it to a vote “to change it back to what works for rural residential versus industrial.”

Knapp went on to mention that businesses can’t compete fairly with those who are “skirting all the rules,” specifically noting the differences in taxes between a commercial and residential property.

“I would propose we take this to a vote to change the land use code to be more in line with the zoning,” he added.

Multiple comments from public members were made in regard to more regulations infringing on people’s freedoms, which were met with comments of how using a property improperly is also infringing on people’s freedoms.

Medina explained that public comment is usually not allowed during regular BoCC work sessions, but allowed for multiple people to speak.

She went on to explain that she supported the changes made to the LUR, stating, “I did vote for this because, one, we can’t even enforce the regulations that we have on the books.”

She commented that the changes lessened the regulation and the county still “didn’t enforce it.”

“I’m about less government,” Medina added, noting, “People should be allowed to use their property, within reason, how they want to use their property.”

Medina used the example of having multiple cars on a property, and that if the property owner purchased those vehicles without anyone’s help, “I don’t need my neighbors to regulate what I’m doing.”

Medina also explained that she chose to live in the county outside of a homeowners association (HOA) to avoid being overly regulated about what she could do on her own property.

She then mentioned that once it becomes about public health and safety, “then that’s a problem.”

“Absolutely, that’s when we need to step in,” Medina said, adding that people have a “reasonable responsibility to be able to enjoy [their] property.”

Medina also noted that for her to be in support of going backward with the LUR to enforce more regulations, “I don’t think it’s gonna happen.”

Knapp commented that he agreed

with much of Medina’s statements, but questioned how the county would go about addressing certain health and safety concerns, “cause I agree with everything you said,” noting there were two matters being discussed with zoning and the use of the property.

Knapp added that vehicle service and maintenance is not allowed in rural residential zoning, claiming that is what is going on at the property in question.

He explained that the use of the property as a commercial business in a rural residential area “is the problem.”

Knapp commented that the situation is different than just storing trailers, explaining that fuel trucks are coming in to fill up at 5 a.m. and drivers are training to back up trailers on the property “pretty much all year.”

“I’m an American, I want freedoms. My freedoms are great as long as they’re not infringing on somebody else,” he said.

Flowers commented that the county can’t prevent anyone from driving their vehicles on and off their property, regardless of what time it is.

“The county has failed our constituents by not doing what we needed to do over a year ago,” Medina said, “but a lot of this sounds like really a dispute between neighbors.”

She commented that she understands noise concerns, adding that if the situation could’ve been handled between neighbors, “we may not be having this conversation. We may not be having commissioners talk about changing regulations to go backwards and be more restrictive.”

Knapp responded, noting again how this issue has lasted nearly two years, commenting that “there has been a failure to protect everyone’s rights that lives in residential area.”

He added that if the county is going to change the rules to let people do whatever they want, then “let’s just get rid of all the rules.”

“Some people are expected to follow rules, other people are not,” he added. “That sounds like a good ol’ boys’ club.”

County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini commented that even if the county is able to issue an occupancy permit for the property, it still does not address the concerns being brought forward.

Flowers indicated that the agreement between the county and the property owners would not change how the property is being used.

Ranson commented that he “believe[s] in freedom,” noting that people who live nearby also have freedoms.

“People need protection that buy these homes,” he said, adding, “I’d be bothered by this.”

In response to a commenter from the audience stating they disagreed with Knapp, Medina explained that the setting was not a court setting and merely an “opportunity for constituents to voice their concerns.”

Medina also explained that the county can not enforce HOA rules, noting that some HOAs may have

more restrictive rules than the county does.

Knapp claimed that original enforcement of the county’s regulations would have prevented the current situation, with Flowers disagreeing.

Knapp also noted that he agrees that RVs should be allowed to be stored on residential properties, but he “can’t imagine why” the commissioners wouldn’t want to get together to review the LURs.

“Let’s be some common sense,” he said. “I would hope you guys would look at it.”

The property owner commented that more restrictive regulations would affect anybody in his industry and add cost that would be put on to their consumers.

Medina indicated that at least two commissioners want to bring the matter back for a later discussion about potential changes.

“You need guys like me,” the property owner commented, explaining the community needs builders.

Ranson commented that there might be a “better way to draw this up,” noting this is just one instance being discussed.

He noted that if the county does look to make any changes to the LURs again, he encouraged the county to get the word out.

Medina responded by explaining that it is the responsibility of everyone to be aware of when county meetings occur.

“It is the responsibility of everybody to be aware of when our meetings are. They have never changed,” she said.

She explained the BoCC holds a regular work session at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday and a regular meeting the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

“It is publicly noticed,” Medina said, explaining that notices are published on the county’s website and at its administration building at 398 Lewis St.

Medina noted that people will attend meetings after a decision is made, stating, “I wasn’t notified,” explaining that notices for public hearings are published in The SUN and online.

She added that when people show up after a decision is made, “because you weren’t part of the conversation, that’s not necessarily our fault all the time.”

She acknowledged that it is the county’s fault for not enforcing its regulations properly.

Medina also mentioned that agendas for meetings are posted on the county’s website at archuletacounty.gov, usually on Fridays.

“You can see what’s on those agendas,” she said.

Medina went on to explain that she agrees the county needs to make sure it is communicating, “but it’s not only our responsibility to make sure we’re communicating, constituents of our community ... It’s their responsibility to make sure there’s not something on the agenda that is directly affecting them. We can only do so much.”

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# Outdoors

## Weminuche Audubon presentation to focus on aquatic insects

By Jean Zirnhelt  
Weminuche Audubon Society

The Weminuche Audubon Society invites you to join us at our July 16 meeting when Patti Spindler introduces us to the diversity of macroinvertebrate life that exists in our rivers, streams, wetlands, ponds and lakes. Included are the insect forms found floating on the surface, hiding under rocks or living on the bottom that fish and many birds rely on for food. We think that you will be amazed to discover how alive our waters are.

This is a topic of special interest to our members who have been documenting the nesting success of American dipper for the past five years. These amazing songbirds dive in the river, swim, and walk along the bottom to forage for insects that live in healthy, fast-moving water. Our volunteer educators who assist with fall environmental education classes at Four Mile Ranch wade in the creek with elementary students to see what is living there. We welcome this opportunity to increase our knowledge of aquatic life. Spindler is a Pagosa Springs resi-

dent and Audubon member who is a retired aquatic ecologist from Arizona. She now works as a consultant for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, where she worked on water quality standards, stream and lake monitoring, and macroinvertebrate bioassessments for the past 30 years. She will present some fun facts about aquatic insects and what bioassessments can tell us about the health of our rivers. The public is invited to join us for our meeting on Wednesday, July 16, at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis St.

We will gather at 6 p.m. for socializing, and the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Please enter through the side door off the parking lot or let us know to open the main door for handicap entry. In appreciation for our meeting space, we welcome donations of nonperishable food for the church food bank. Prior to the meeting, a link to join on Zoom will be posted on the events tab of our website, [weminucheaudubon.org](http://weminucheaudubon.org), for those unable to join in person.

## Alzheimer's and extreme heat: exercise caution

By Jim Herlihy  
Alzheimer's Association of Colorado

As temperatures rise, extreme heat can have a significant impact on everyone's safety, but these conditions can be especially stressful and confusing for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias. "Alzheimer's disease causes a number of changes in the brain and body that may affect the individual's safety, including changes in sensitivity to temperatures," said Jim Hammelev, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. According to a study by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), people living with Alzheimer's were 6 percent more likely to die on an extremely hot day, with an added 6 percent increased risk for individuals with previous hospital admissions for atrial fibrillation. There are more than 7.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, including 91,000 Coloradans. Planning ahead for weather changes, including extreme heat, can prevent injuries and help a person feel more relaxed and less overwhelmed. "People living with Alzheimer's and other dementias can be more vulnerable than normal during extreme weather because their judg-

ment may be impaired and they may be unable to communicate their discomfort," said Hammelev. "It's important to take extra precautions with these individuals during periods of extreme heat or other severe weather conditions." The Alzheimer's Association is offering important safety tips for caregivers and families dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias to prepare for the hot days ahead: • Make a plan. Family and friends should prepare accordingly and make plans to regularly check in on a person living with Alzheimer's during periods of extreme heat. Arrange alternative plans for cooler spaces if air conditioning is unavailable, and dress in loose-fitting, light clothing. • Pay attention at night. Keep people living with Alzheimer's cool by using fans and keep the air conditioning on. At night, low temperatures can still exceed 75 degrees with little fluctuation in humidity levels, making for difficult sleeping conditions, heightened anxiety and increased agitation. • Prepare for behavioral changes. Research shows that heat can increase agitation and confusion in people. Try to remove behavioral triggers by addressing the person's physical needs related to the heat, then tending to their emotional needs.

• Stay hydrated. Increased water intake is essential to maintaining good hydration and health during extreme heat. Know the signs of heat exhaustion to avoid heat stroke. Dehydration may be difficult to notice in a person living with Alzheimer's, as signs like increased fatigue, dry

mouth and headache may be difficult to detect. People taking diuretics, sedatives or certain heart medications may not sweat as much as others, but this does not mean they are not hot. • Stay indoors out of the sun. Heat ■ See Heat A15

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# Monsoons

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Friday's forecast drops to a 10 percent chance of showers in the afternoon, with a high near 88 and winds at 5-10 mph in the afternoon gusting up to 20 mph.

The chance of showers increases to 30 percent on Saturday afternoon, according to the NWS, with a high near 86.

The forecast continues to predict a chance of showers and the highs in the mid-80s from Sunday into early next week.

## Drought

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, all of Archuleta County continued to be in drought as of July 1 — the most recent drought map available.

The northwest portion of the county is listed as being in moderate drought, most of the county in severe drought and 10.64 percent of the eastern portion of the county in extreme

drought.

It notes, "The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary."

## River conditions

The San Juan River in Pagosa Springs was running at 41.9 cubic feet per second (cfs) as of noon on Wednesday, July 9, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

The July 9 median streamflow for July 9 is 255 cfs, according to the USGS, with the mean flow for the same date being 447 cfs.

According to 89 years of data, the lowest river flow on July 9 came in 2002, when the river's streamflow was at 16.4 cfs.

The highest streamflow for that date came in 1995, when the river was at 2,290 cfs.

Pagosa Weather's Shawn Prochazka notes the current river conditions can be fatal for fish.

In an email to The SUN, Prochazka notes, "Pagosa area streams in the

lower elevations are low and warm. Hooking, fighting, and releasing trout is often fatal in these conditions."

Prochazka explains he did a river flow and temperature study on the San Juan River in 2023 — a year he notes there was a decent snowpack followed by a bad monsoon.

He notes the highest temperature he recorded on the San Juan River that year in Pagosa was 78 degrees, which it hit multiple times that August.

The average diurnal change between the low temperature and the high was 15 degrees, he notes.

But, according to Prochazka, "2025 is worse."

He wrote, "Our mountains had 50-60% of snowpack and our monsoon has been slow to start."

After acknowledging the river's streamflow, he adds water temperatures "climbed into the trout danger zone" starting the afternoon of June 18.

Prochazka suggests fishing early, being done by 1 p.m., and fishing above 10,000 feet.

"Thankfully our trout can move around in streams and find cooler water for refuge. A large die-off is unlikely. But harassing the trout while they're already stressed will often lead to dead trout," he wrote, adding, "Let's protect our streams and our trout!"

## Fire restrictions in place on public lands

Public lands in the area continue to fall under Stage 1 fire restrictions.

On July 1, the U.S. Forest Service moved into Stage 1 restrictions for its lower-elevation lands and the Bureau of Land Management moved lands managed by the Tres Rios Field office, including lands in Archuleta County, into the restrictions.

As of Wednesday, July 9, no fire restrictions were in place for Archuleta County, with Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux noting the office continues to actively monitor the situation.

For more on the fire restrictions currently in place, visit [www.Pagosa-SUN.com](http://www.Pagosa-SUN.com).

# Amendment

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limit under Proposition 123 to be raised to 130 or 140 percent.

Brown then provided a specific example of a nurse who did not qualify for one of the PSCDC's homes because of \$200 in casino winnings.

Brown noted this is "the exact target group that we're looking to house with workforce housing," explaining those are ones providing critical services to the community.

Brown also noted other applicants that did not qualify for a home made anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 too much.

He explained that with the legislation, "there are abilities to adjust to most every set of circumstances that come in except for this particular set of circumstances."

He added that it is important for the community to be able to adjust this limit "to cover a wider range of folks that are coming in and applying and need homes, and want to make their home here and raise their kids here and provide these critical services."

Brown indicated that State Sen. Cleave Simpson is a "strong proponent" of the initiative and is "willing to lead the charge," also noting that La Plata County is a co-sponsor.

"I think that there is strong support for this," he said.

Brown added that, through phase one of the PSCDC's housing project, there were a number of "unknown hurdles" the PSCDC has had to work through.

"To get this successfully across the line, we need to be able to make some adjustments," Brown said.

Commissioner John Ranson explained that he recently was informed on the matter with the timeframe the county has to build 45 homes, "and the potential that this \$1.9 million could potentially come back and bite us at the county."

He added, "That bothers me."

Ranson noted that the county needs to do "whatever we can do to get that requirement done."

Brown noted that he is aware of just one group that is opposed to the proposed amendment, which is from the Denver area.

Development Director Pamela Flowers explained the county has a three-year commitment under Proposition 123 to build 45 homes. The PSCDC completed phase one of its affordable housing project this year, building 10 homes in the Trails and Chris Mountain II subdivisions.

Medina asked if there is a way to

have the timeframe extended, with Flowers indicating there is not.

"As it's originally done it's a three-year commitment," Flowers said.

She went on to explain that the consequence for not achieving the 45 homes "is not that we have to give back the grant money," but that it means the county would not be able to apply for Proposition 123 funding for at least one year.

"We're not giving back any money if we don't hit the 45," she said.

Flowers also explained that the More Housing Now grant the county received for \$1.9 million was for utility work.

Medina noted the county has completed a housing needs assessment, describing it as "really vague," while asking how the assessment helps support the request to change AMI limits.

She also commented that 10 of the 45 homes have been built and four of those have been sold, "and that's been a struggle."

Flowers commented that the housing needs assessment points to "a significant need" for rental units in the community.

"Which I've been saying," Medina commented.

"There is a need that it does meet," Flowers said in regard to the home ownership units, adding that a lot of people who need housing aren't ready to buy for many reasons.

Flowers noted that for those who are ready, "it's kind of criminal" for them not to qualify for a home because of making \$1,000 too much.

Flowers explained that the housing needs assessment indicates the county needs 1,400 housing units over the next 10 years, though they're "not all rentals," but more than half are.

Medina then mentioned that when considering information from the housing needs assessment, in her opinion, raising the AMI limit to 130 or 140 percent "is way too high. Way too high."

She commented that the market the project is trying to attract is likely around 110 to 125 percent.

"For our community and who we're looking to serve, that to me is just not where we should be. I think that's way too high," Medina said in regard to raising the AMI limit to 130 or 140 percent.

Flowers explained that the housing needs assessment shows what income levels are across the county, "and it would agree with you."

She explained that 140 percent is high and noted that the flexibility to raise the AMI limit that high would also let the county raise the limit to 110 per-

cent, or whichever level is appropriate for certain projects.

Flowers went on to mention that the idea behind raising the AMI limit as high as 140 percent is that the legislative amendment is "intended to open up the option for every community."

She also noted that the BoCC has the power to decide each project's AMI level limit.

Brown commented that the work being done with the amendment is "trying to make it appetizing for communities that have more despair than we do."

Flowers then explained that part of the housing needs assessment process was supposed to let jurisdictions apply for a rural resort exemption that would allow them to ask for an adjusted AMI limit.

Several of those applications have been rejected by the state, she explained, noting that the amendment would eliminate that process and let jurisdictions set their own limit, up to a certain level.

"This makes that almost not necessary," she added.

Medina then casked PSCDC Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke for her comments on the matter.

Lashbrooke clarified that with the More Housing Now grant application, the county and PSCDC did promise to build 45 homes in four years, with that also including Habitat for Humanity.

She explained that the contract that was accepted by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) outlines the county's deliverables.

"We provide the infrastructure to at least 45 homes within the grant period of time with the intention to build 45 homes in four years," Lashbrooke noted as the deliverables according to the DOLA contract.

The PSCDC has built 10 homes in the past year, which are targeted to be sold to Archuleta County residents between 80 to 100 percent AMI.

According to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, the 2024 AMI levels for Archuleta County for one person's income ranging from 80 to 100 percent translates to an annual salary of \$52,800 to \$66,000.

Medina then asked again about the possibility of an extension on the project if the goal of 45 homes is not met.

"No that's not how Prop 123 is written," Lashbrooke replied, explaining they have three years left to "fulfill the commitment of our obligation."

She went on to explain that if the goal is not met then the entities would have to take a year off before applying

for Proposition 123 funding again, noting that may also affect other projects in the community.

"It would affect any project in the community that's looking to increase affordable housing for a one-year period of time, is what I understand," Lashbrooke said.

She further explained that it would only affect projects within the jurisdiction of the entity that does not meet its goal in the DOLA contract.

Medina commented that the project is using a different model "of what's really needed," with having homes for sale rather than for rent, noting that phase two of the PSCDC's housing project is planning to use the same model for having homes for sale, which she disagrees with.

"Because we're having trouble selling them," she said, noting there are multiple reasons as to why, suggesting that raising the AMI limit will not help the current situation.

"There may be other reasons bigger than us that we may not meet the 45 homes within that timeframe," she said.

Flowers explained that in order for the county to meet its commitment, only a building permit needs to be issued for 45 housing units, clarifying that the homes do not have to be sold in order for the county to fulfill its commitment.

Medina then commented that the situation doesn't sound as dire "as maybe the picture we're trying to paint."

"I just have real concerns," she added, in regard to Brown's initial suggestion of having the AMI limit raised to 130 or 140 percent.

Brown explained that if the amendment moves forward there will be multiple opportunities for more discussion before a final amendment is proposed.

"I think if we start low, we're gonna end lower," he added, agreeing that the 130 to 140 percent AMI level is "beyond what we need here," but that other communities might need to go that high.

Lashbrooke mentioned that the PSCDC had 23 applicants in phase one who were disqualified because they made less than \$1,000 too much annually.

"We need some flexibility in this housing opportunity process," she said, noting that this project is the only portion of Proposition 123 funding that is going toward home ownership.

Lashbrooke also agreed that the housing needs assessment shows the community needs housing units for the 120 percent AMI level "and that's what

■ See Amendment A13



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# July 15 final day to register for 2025-2026 Rangers youth soccer

By Abigail Karas  
Pagosa Youth Soccer

Pagosa Youth Soccer is wrapping up registration for the 2025-2026 season, with the final deadline set for Tuesday, July 15.

After a strong season last spring, the club is excited to welcome returning players and new faces alike.

The Rangers continue to focus on technical skill development, teamwork and a positive environment where young athletes can grow — both on and off the field.

Teams will be capped again this year due to high interest, so early registration is encouraged.

The program is open to players born between 2007 and 2017. Skill assessments will take place in August, and the season will begin shortly after. For registration and program

details, visit [www.pagosayouthsoccer.org](http://www.pagosayouthsoccer.org).

## Summer Skills Clinic July 14-16

Pagosa Youth Soccer and the Pagosa Springs High School soccer program are teaming up to host a joint summer skills clinic this month. All proceeds will go directly to support both programs.

The clinic will run July 14-16 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the high school practice fields.

It is open to players ages 7-14, and the cost is \$150. It's a great way to build skills, meet other players and support local youth soccer. To pre-register, email [registrar@pagosayouthsoccer.org](mailto:registrar@pagosayouthsoccer.org).

## Still seeking coaches

The club is also looking to add a



Photo courtesy Shantilly Brewer

**The U-12 Pagosa Youth Soccer Rangers celebrate a win during a previous season. Registration for the 2025-2026 season will close Tuesday, July 15.**

few strong coaches to the program this season. If you're passionate about youth soccer and interested in

supporting local athletes, reach out to [doc@pagosayouthsoccer.org](mailto:doc@pagosayouthsoccer.org) for more information.

# Public Notices



**ARCHULETA COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
RFP Issue Date: June 19, 2025  
RFP Title: Workers' Compensation Third Party Administrator  
RFP Questions Due: 7/18/2025  
Proposals will be received until: 8/1/2025  
For additional Information please contact: Mitzi Bowman @ mbowman@archuletacounty.gov

**ARCHULETA COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS**  
**COUNTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**1. PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:** The Archuleta County Board of Commissioners by and through its Human Resources Department is accepting proposals for the purchase of a WORKERS' COMPENSATION THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR as specified herein from a source of supply that will provide prompt and efficient service to the County.  
**2. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:** The proposal must be received before the due date and time as specified in this Solicitation. The Contractor is responsible for addressing the envelope as indicated below. If the submittal arrives late, it may be returned unopened. Address the envelope(s) as follows:  
Archuleta County HR  
PO Box 1507  
Pagosa Springs CO 81147  
**3. TERM OF AGREEMENT:** This is a one-year agreement with the option of four one-year renewals.  
**3.1. OPTION TO RENEW FOR FOUR (4) SUBSEQUENT YEARS:** The prices or discounts quoted by the Contractor in its Proposal shall prevail for the first one-year term of the Agreement, at which time the County shall have the option to renew the Agreement for four (4) subsequent one-year proposals to negotiate price for each renewal term. Continuation of the Agreement beyond the initial period is a county prerogative and not a right of the Contractor. This prerogative will be exercised only when such continuation is clearly in the best interest of the County and upon budget approval.

**4. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**  
4.1. The successful Contractor will be required to sign an Agreement substantially similar to the Sample Agreement in Appendix A. The County reserves the right to add or delete provisions to the form prior to Agreement execution.  
4.2. Issuance of this Solicitation does not commit the County to award any Agreement or to procure or Agreement for any equipment, materials or services.  
4.3. If a formal Agreement is required, the Contractor agrees and understands that a Notice of Award does not constitute an Agreement or create a party interest in any nature until an Agreement is signed by the Awardee and the Board of County Commissioners and/or their authorized designees.  
4.4. Contractor is responsible for reviewing the form Agreement and understanding the terms and conditions contained therein, including, but not limited to, insurance requirements, indemnification, equal opportunity, non-appropriation, and termination.  
4.5. Contractor's Response must state its willingness to enter into the form Agreement or Contractor shall identify and include any proposed revisions they have for the form Agreement. Any proposed revisions made by the Contractor after the County Notice of Intent to Award the Solicitation may be grounds for rescinding said Notice. The identification on of willingness to enter into the standard Agreement is for general purposes at this time, but is part of the evaluation process and must be included. There may be negotiations on a project-by-project basis that provide clarification.  
4.6. Incorrect Pricing/Invoicing: As part of any award resulting from this process, Contractor(s) will discount all transactions as agreed. In the event the County discovers, through its Agreement monitoring process or formal audit process, that material or services were priced/invoiced incorrectly, Contractor(s) agree to promptly refund all overpayments and to pay all reasonable audit expenses incurred as a result of the non-compliance.  
4.7. The County may, during the term of the Agreement and any extensions/renewals, request additional work at other locations throughout the County by the successful Contractor.  
**5. METHOD OF AWARD** - It is the intent of the County to award an Agreement to the Contractor who provides the best value for Archuleta County.  
5.1. Pricing MUST be submitted in a separate sealed envelope.  
5.2. Evaluation criteria, other than costs, are evaluated first. After rating the written Responses, costs are then considered against trade-offs such as satisfaction of requirements in the Solicitation, qualifications, risk and incentives, and financial condition of the Contractor.  
5.3. The County reserves the right to conduct negotiations with Contractors and to accept revisions of Responses. During this negotiation period, the County will not disclose any information derived from Responses submitted, or from discussions with other Contractors. Once an award is made, the Solicitation file and the Responses contained therein are in the public record.  
5.4. Questions which arise during the Response preparation period regarding issues around this Solicitation, purchasing and/or award should be directed, via email, to Mitzi Bowman, Human Resources Director, [mbowman@archuletacounty.gov](mailto:mbowman@archuletacounty.gov). The Contractor submitting the question(s) shall be responsible for ensuring question(s) is/are received by the County.  
**6. INTERPRETATION:** Any official interpretation of this RFP must be made by an agent of the County who is authorized to act on behalf of the County. The County shall not be responsible for interpretations offered by employees of the County who are not agents of the County.  
**7. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING:** Archuleta County encourages cooperative purchasing in an effort to assist other agencies to reduce their cost of bidding and to make better use of taxpayer dollars through volume purchasing. Contractor(s) may, at their discretion, agree to extend the prices and/or terms of the resulting award to other state or local government agencies, school districts, or political subdivisions in the event they would have a need for the same product/service. Usage by any entity shall not have a negative impact on Archuleta County in the current term or in any future terms. The Contractor(s) must document any governmental agency concerning the placement of purchase orders/agreements, freight/delivery charges, Contractual disputes, invoices, and payments. Archuleta County shall not be liable for any costs or damages incurred by any other entity.  
**8. Budget will not be disclosed.**  
**9. By submitting this proposal, the Contractor warrants and certifies they are eligible to submit a proposal because their company and/or subcontractor(s) is/are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in a transaction by any Federal, State or local department or agency.**  
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**ARCHULETA COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
SCOPE OF WORK**

**I. INTRODUCTION**  
Archuleta County is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced firms to provide a **WORKERS' COMPENSATION THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR**.  
**II. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**  
Failure to provide the required information may deem your submittal non-responsive. Items which must be included in the response/submittal to be accepted and evaluated:  
• Proposal  
• W-9  
• Pricing Form (In separate marked and sealed envelope)  
• Contractor's Certification of Compliance (Signature required)  
• Contractor's Statement (Signature required)  
• References Form - Four (4) recent projects of similar size and scope or complexity  
• Vendor Information Form  
• One (1) marked, ORIGINAL proposal. One (1) USB with a single PDF formatted proposal and four (4) paper hardcopies of the proposal.  
**III. RESPONSE FORMAT**  
Failure to respond in the required format may deem your submittal non-responsive.  
**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:** ONE (1) hardcopy proposal marked ORIGINAL, ONE (1) electronic original version (USB with a single PDF formatted proposal document) and four (4) PAPER COPIES of the proposal submittal. The Proposal must be received at the time and place specified on the first page of this Solicitation. Submittals should be prepared simply and economically by providing a straightforward, concise description of the Contractor's ability to perform the requirements of this Solicitation. Failure to submit the required number of copies may deem the Contractor non-responsive. The electronic copy shall be an EXACT reproduction of the original documents provided. All sections shall be combined into a single PDF electronic document.  
**PRICING MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE. THERE MUST NOT BE ANY PRICING INFORMATION WITHIN THE HARD COPY PROPOSALS.**  
1. Provide Proposal submittal without reference to Archuleta County logo.  
2. Proposal shall be in an organized and easy-to-find format.  
3. Profile of the Firm (if applicable) - State whether your firm is local, national, or international.  
**Also include the following:**  
a. The Firm's key contact name, phone number and email address for this project.  
(Your Firm's "Project Manager").  
b. The size of the firm and the size of the local office.  
c. Number and nature of the professional staff to be assigned to the project on a full-time basis.  
d. Number and nature of staff to be assigned to this project on a part-time basis.  
e. Identify the supervisory and management staff who will be assigned to the engagement. Provide resumes identifying each person that will be assigned to this engagement.  
f. Provide any substantiated complaints against the firm in the last three (3) years and any outstanding litigation.  
**IV. BACKGROUND:**  
Archuleta County is seeking a Workers' Compensation Third Party Administrator (TPA) for its Workers' Compensation Fund and is looking for comprehensive services to manage and administer these claims.  
The County is particularly interested in a Third-Party Administrator who can offer creative, innovative approaches, with a proven track record, that allows the County to contain or reduce costs.  
Provide annual data for the calculation of the County's experience modification factor.  
**V. SCOPE OF WORK**  
1. Review and process all workers' compensation claims.  
2. Create files and conduct the necessary investigations in consultation with the County.  
3. Establish and maintain reserves on the basis of most probable final cost.  
4. Obtain medical reports and pay medical bills as required by statute. Monitor treatment for appropriateness.  
5. Admit or deny claims, with prior approval from the County, in accordance with statutory guidelines based on investigation and analyses of medical information.  
6. Pay disability benefits on admitted cases in a timely manner. Obtain medical verification on continuing disability before payment.  
7. Outline claim strategy regarding defense and further claim handling in accordance with settlement authorization by the County.  
8. Refer claims to authorized counsel when necessary.  
9. Assist the County with defense of litigated cases when requested.  
10. Investigate and refer files for subrogation, where appropriate.  
11. Refer cases to vocational rehabilitation in accordance with State requirements.  
12. Appropriately document all files.  
13. When requested, provide copies of all written correspondence to medical care providers, claimants, attorneys, rehabilitation counselors, investigators, State agencies and the County as their interests may require.  
14. Attend hearings, pre-hearings and settlement conferences as needed.  
15. Reports to excess insurer per policy requirements.  
16. Provide monthly cumulative check register, giving a summary of all medical, indemnity and other payments for that month.  
17. When requested, quarterly vendor reports.  
18. Provide 1999's to vendors.  
19. Provide annual data for the calculation of the County's experience modification factor.  
20. Analysis of claims data.  
21. Monthly performance/experience reporting to include trend analysis.  
22. Reports for annual self-insurance permit renewal and loss runs for IBNR.  
23. Provide annual benchmarking report.  
24. Provide quarterly staffing on all open claims.  
25. Provide consultation on best practices including return to work program.  
26. Assist with development of long-range goals, objectives and strategies including recommending innovative ideas and new products, proven programs and services to ensure a cost-effective workers' compensation program.  
27. Provide telephone consultation as needed.  
28. Provide RMSIS that allows for direct/online claim entry and County access to view claim information.  
29. Provide a comprehensive range of services, including fee scheduling, pharmacy management, specialist network, diagnostic referrals, DME, investigations, set asides and bill payment.

• Provide full transparency of all fees with specific details for services provided including:  
o Monthly/Annual Fees  
o Per Claim Fees  
o Special Project Fees  
o File Conversion Fee, if any  
o All other fees  
o Specifically itemize fees in your proposal and then provide one singl  
**VII. EVALUATION CRITERIA**  
All proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:  
• Expertise and experience of the representative(s) that will be assigned to your account.  
• Understanding of the services requested and outlined in the STATEMENT OF WORK.  
• Innovative or creative solutions offered in proposal  
• Location and availability of the personnel assigned to the County's account  
• Administration Fees for services provided  
A second phase may be incorporated in the procurement process, in which the Evaluation Committee will invite a limited number of vendors who received the highest scores during phase one to provide an oral presentation. If the Committee incorporates this second phase, the numbers of vendors who are invited to provide oral presentations will be determined by the Committee after the written Proposals have been scored. The evaluative score from the oral presentation will be used to determine the successful supplier.  
**END OF STATEMENT OF WORK**  
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**ARCHULETA COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**  
RFP Issue Date: June 19, 2025  
RFP Title: Third Party Administrator for County Employee Insurance Benefits  
RFP Questions Due: 7/18/2025  
Proposals Due Date: 8/1/2025  
For additional information, please contact:  
Mitzi Bowman, Human Resources Director  
Email: [mbowman@archuletacounty.gov](mailto:mbowman@archuletacounty.gov)  
**I. PURPOSE / BACKGROUND**  
Archuleta County is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced Third Party Administrators (TPAs) to provide administrative services for the County's fully insured employee benefit plans. These include medical, dental, vision, prescription drug, COBRA, FSA/HRA/HSA, and related benefit administration. The selected TPA must have a strong history of compliance, customer service, employee support, and innovative solutions for cost control and plan management.  
**II. TERM OF AGREEMENT**  
The County intends to award a one-year contract with the option to renew annually for up to four (4) additional one-year terms based on performance and budget approval.  
**III. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**  
The successful TPA will be required to enter into a contract substantially similar to the County's standard form. Vendors must indicate acceptance of the terms or submit proposed changes. Any discrepancies post-award may result in disqualification.  
**IV. SCOPE OF WORK**  
The selected TPA shall provide a comprehensive range of administrative services, including but not limited to:  
• Claims coordination with insurance carriers  
• Stop-loss claims support  
• Customer service with dedicated account representatives  
• Secure online portal for employees and HR  
• Enrollment and eligibility administration  
• COBRA, FSA, HRA, and HSA administration  
• Monthly and annual reporting with data analysis  
• Open enrollment support  
• Plan design consultation and cost containment strategies  
• Wellness program integration or coordination  
• Transparent fee structure with itemized pricing  
**V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**  
To be considered, proposals must include:  
• Proposal Narrative  
• W-9 Form  
• Pricing (in a separately sealed envelope)  
• Contractor's Certification of Compliance (signed)  
• Contractor's Statement (signed)  
• References for four (4) similar clients  
• Vendor Information Form  
• One (1) original, four (4) hard copies, and one (1) USB with a PDF version  
**VI. EVALUATION CRITERIA**  
Proposals will be evaluated based on the following:  
• Experience and qualifications of the proposed team  
• Understanding of the County's needs and the services requested  
• Technology capabilities and reporting tools  
• Innovation in service and cost control  
• Fee structure and transparency  
• Customer service and reference feedback  
**VII. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**  
All proposals must be received by the deadline indicated above. Proposals must be submitted in hard copy and digital format as specified. Pricing must be in a separate sealed envelope. Any questions must be submitted in writing to Mitzi Bowman by the specified deadline. Published June 26, July 3, 10 and 17, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (267609)

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Original Beneficiary(ies): Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association  
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County of Recording: Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: August 08, 2017  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.): 21704686  
Original Principal Amount: \$100,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$89,071.57  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
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DATE: 05/08/2025  
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:  
Shay L Denning #36736  
Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, P.C.  
100 North Broadway, Suite 2900, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-8865 (405) 263-4277  
Attorney File # WARDEN  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE  
NO. 2025-003**  
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On April 17, 2025, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
Original Grantor(s): Justin Schroeder  
Original Beneficiary(ies): L&CO, LLC, a New Mexico Limited Liability Company  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: L&CO, LLC, a New Mexico Limited Liability Company  
Date of Deed of Trust: September 22, 2017  
County of Recording: Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: September 29, 2017  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.): 21706008  
Original Principal Amount: \$11,500.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$4,209.95  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
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**LOT 645 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, according to the plat thereof filed for record August 3, 1971 as Reception No. 74689, Archuleta County,**

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NO. 2025-004**  
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On May 8, 2025, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
Original Grantor(s): Donald L. Clark and Mary E. Clark  
Original Beneficiary(ies): Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association  
Date of Deed of Trust: December 09, 2009  
County of Recording: Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: December 14, 2009  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.): 20900087  
Original Principal Amount: \$85,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$37,953.61  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
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**Lot 8X, a consolidation of Lots 7 and 8 of Block 5, BIEDER PARK SUBDIVISION NO. 4, pursuant to a Resolution Approving the Consolidation of Certain Lots in Archuleta County, Colorado recorded March 8, 2000 as Reception No. 20002323. Purported common address: 254 Deer Park, Arboles, CO 81211.**  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
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DATE: 05/08/2025  
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:  
Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, P.C.  
100 North Broadway, Suite 2900, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-8865 (405) 263-4277  
Attorney File # CLARK  
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**State of Colorado  
Purported common address: 326 Justin's Road, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
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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 #37725  
Altman, Keilbach, Lytle, Parliapiano & Ware, P.C. 503 N. Main Street, Suite 125, P.O. Box 333, Pueblo, CO 81003 (719) 545-7325  
Attorney File # 326 Justin's Rd  
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Attorney File # WARDEN  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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Original Grantor(s): Donald L. Clark and Mary E. Clark  
Original Beneficiary(ies): Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association  
Date of Deed of Trust: December 09, 2009  
County of Recording: Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: December 14, 2009  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.): 20900087  
Original Principal Amount: \$85,000.00  
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## Public Meetings

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**Pagosa Springs Main Street Cone Zone Care and marketing work session.** 4 p.m., Hidden Track, 251 Pagosa St. B. See town website for more information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

### Monday, July 14

**Pagosa Springs Saving Our Sewers public meeting.** 6-8 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center dining room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for more information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

### Tuesday, July 15

**Pagosa Springs Saving Our Sewers public meeting.** Noon-2 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for more information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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

### Wednesday, July 16

## Heat

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**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/>.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 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/>.

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

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors meeting.** 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. For more information, visit [pagosapeakopen-school.org](https://pagosapeakopen-school.org).

**Pagosa Springs Saving Our Sewers public meeting.** 6-8 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center dining room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for more 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/>.

**Pagosa Springs Main Street Heritage and Culture Committee work session.** 3 p.m., Town Hall, first floor conference room. See town website for more information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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

### Friday, July 18

**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, July 21

**San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting.** 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive Suite 5. Visit [www.sjwcd.org](http://www.sjwcd.org) for more information.

### Tuesday, July 22

**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/>.

**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.

### Wednesday, July 23

**Community listening meeting for Archuleta County's proposed lodgers' tax increase.** 6-7:30 p.m., The Springs Resort Ponderosa Room, 323 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Archuleta County Fair Board Meeting (volunteer dinner).** 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84. For more information, visit <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

### Thursday, July 24

**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/>.

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# 75th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo



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The 75th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, presented July 3-6, featured cowgirls and cowboys competing for prizes and showing their skills in a variety of traditional events.

## Commissioners discuss potential assistant county attorney position

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, July 1, County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini spoke to the board about posting an assistant county attorney position.

"It's my understanding that this is something the county was contemplating doing even prior to my coming," she said.

Prior to the hiring of Giovannini and following the departure of former county attorney Todd Weaver, the county took down the assistant county attorney job posting, which had been vacant for multiple months before Weaver resigned.

"I envision this position as being more than half for [the Department of Human Services, DHS] and all the different child support," Giovannini stated during the July 1 work session.

She explained that the hope is that the position would be able to assist with other projects, as well, but highlighted that at least 50 percent of work would be related to DHS cases, "because I do think that's the greatest need."

DHS Director Heidi Martinez explained that her department is currently using an attorney based out of Denver for DHS cases.

Giovannini added that using the attorney based out of Denver has been "a little over budget and that is a concern."

She explained that the cost is currently variable depending on the case load and travel required for each month, and that having someone in-house would keep those costs "much more predictable."

Martinez noted that the county has been paying up to \$600 every

other month for the attorney's travel fees.

She also explained that there are times when it is more beneficial for clients to be able to communicate in

person with an attorney.

"I'm glad to see this moving forward in a real way," Commissioner Warren Brown commented.

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# Aspire's Barn Bash

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July 10, 2025

# Aspire’s Barn Bash to return July 26

By Nicole Cotts  
Aspire Medical Services and Education

After last year’s unforgettable 25-year celebration at Keyah Grande, Aspire is excited to bring back its highly anticipated Barn Bash, a beloved community tradition filled with music, food and fun.

The event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on July 26 on beautiful Reservoir Hill, welcoming friends and supporters for an evening of celebration and fundraising.

The Barn Bash will feature live music from Bo DePeña and band, delicious local fare and another highly anticipated drawing full of exciting prizes.

You can purchase a table of eight or an individual ticket and it includes a delicious catered dinner, dessert, a drink ticket and live music to accompany the breathtaking views. Tables and event tickets are on sale at [aspirepagosa.org/barnbash](http://aspirepagosa.org/barnbash).

Sponsorship opportunities are still open for local businesses looking to support a great cause. Contact Nicole at (970) 264-5963 for more information.

Thanks to the generosity of our local businesses and friends, Aspire is selling tickets for a chance to win more than \$6,000 in prizes. These tickets can be purchased ahead of time at [aspirepagosa.org/barnbash](http://aspirepagosa.org/barnbash) or at the event for \$25 or in a bundle of 10 for \$200. You do not

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These prizes include, but are not limited to:

- **Date Night For A Year:** Generous gift cards for a variety of date nights/days — at least one a month for the whole year. This package has about a \$1,000 value.

- **Art Package:** Includes two original pieces from local artists.

- **Carnivore Package:** 50 pounds of USDA ground beef, one-quarter of a pasture pig processed and packaged, a \$150 gift certificate, and a YETI Tundra 34-quart hard cooler. This package has a value of about \$1,500.

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- **Pagosa Shopping Spree:** \$1,000 Shopping Spree at a local sporting goods outdoors store, in addition to \$50 at a consignment store, a coffee stop, and a gas card to get you across town. This package is valued at about \$1,075.

- **One-week Stay** at on the island of Crete in Greece: Check out the cozy maisonette in old town Chania at [marielcorner.gr](http://marielcorner.gr). This prize package includes the week-long stay, but does not include airfare. This package as a \$1,000 value.

All proceeds from the Barn Bash directly support  
■ See Bash on next page

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**Coyote Moon Lounge:** Karaoke Party with DJ Marcus, 6 p.m.  
**The Pagosa Bar:** Karaoke, 8 p.m.

**Friday**  
**Coyote Moon Lounge:** Retro Cats, 7 p.m.  
**Meltdown on Main:** Status Crowes, 5 p.m.  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Ron Lowe, 5 p.m.

**Saturday**  
**Coyote Moon Lounge:** Vincent Koehl 7 p.m.  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.

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

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# Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society to meet July 12

By Carolyn Paschal

Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society

The Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society will hold its next monthly meeting on Saturday, July 12, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

We will begin with a short business meeting where you can learn about the upcoming activities of our society and the topic of future programs.

Following the business meeting, we will view a video from RootsTech 2025 entitled "Beyond the Brick Wall: Strategies for Pre-1850 U.S.

Research." The presenter will be Julia Anderson, a research specialist at the Family Research Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Anderson begins by introducing pre-1850 research. She then reviews pre-1850 record types, explains some helpful strategies and presents some research tips. The bulk of the presentation is a case study to demonstrate how all of this can help you find answers to your pre-1850 research questions.

This presentation will also be very helpful for those beginning genealogy researchers on how to properly organize and document your research.

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The Friends of the Library’s annual book sale will be July 17-19 at the Community United Methodist Church, offering books at great prices to support the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

# Friends of the Library summer book sale set for July 17-19

**By Katie Dobbins**  
Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

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The public is invited to tour the Farmington New Mexico Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., July 17 through August 2 (closed Sundays). The temple is located at 4400 College Boulevard.

During the open house, all are welcome to come inside, feel the peace, and experience the beauty and purpose of the temple. No tickets are required. More information is available at [FarmingtonTempleNM.org](http://FarmingtonTempleNM.org).

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Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta will host its next Garden Conversation on Saturday, July 12, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

## Healthy Archuleta plans Garden Conversations, Garden Adventures for kids

Healthy Archuleta

Join us this Saturday, July 12, for the next Garden Conversation.

These Garden Conversations are from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, located downtown in Centennial Park next to the Riverwalk.

Garden Conversations are a place for community members to enjoy the garden, talk with fellow gardeners and have a conversation with local gardening experts. Bring a beverage and a chair and join us for a fun morning in the garden.

### Garden Adventures

Starting this month, the Pagosa Springs Community Garden is also offering Garden Adventures for families.

Garden Adventures is a family-friendly way to get kids learning and having fun in the garden.

Aimed at elementary-aged children and their families, this program is all about getting to know our downtown community garden — how plants grow, why gardening is

good for us and how it can help our whole town.

We have four Saturday morning sessions planned over the summer, with hands-on activities that are easy to join — starting at 9 a.m. Kids will need to come with an adult who stays to hang out and help out if needed.

Come grow with us. We will try to have ample supplies; however, these activities are first-come, first-served. Please plan on arriving on time. There is no charge for supplies.

July 19: Make a plant buddy. We will be decorating small pots with googly eyes and paint to create our own plant buddies to take home. We will fill the pots with indoor-friendly plants that grow into our buddies' hair.

Aug. 2: Brighten the garden. Our garden needs some new signs. Come help members of the community garden paint signs and rocks to add color and information to our garden. This activity is appropriate for most ages. Adults are encouraged to participate.

Aug. 16: We will be exploring the

garden and harvesting our artist tools. We will be using flowers, leaves,

■ See Adventures on next page

## S.O.S. SAVING OUR SEWERS

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- Learn how our sewer system works and where it is troubled
- Understand who's responsible (PSSGID + PAWSD)
- Discover why we're falling short on funding
- Explore options to fix it:
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  - Other funding options
- Ask questions. Share your thoughts.

Attend an upcoming meeting and be part of the solution!

Monday,  
July 14\*

6-8 p.m.

Community Center  
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Tuesday,  
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12-2 p.m.

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Wednesday,  
July 16\*

6-8 p.m.

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\*Childcare (ages 5-12) available if requested by Friday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m. Call 970-264-4151 x0.



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## Open Houses

Saturday  
July 12th



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Register at both open houses and you will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to Cork & Board.



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Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

The 2023 cast of “Newsies Jr.” celebrates another successful youth theater camp production a joyful tradition continued this year with “James and the Giant Peach Jr.,” set to hit the stage July 12 and 13.

# Adventures

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sticks and whatever else nature provides to make beautiful paintings to take home.  
Aug. 30: Stained glass mosaic. We will be using nature and craft supplies to make our own stained “glass” windows. Come create a

beautiful piece of art and capture the last signs of summer to take home with you.  
**For more information**  
For more information about our downtown community garden, space availability or to offer help, please

contact PagosaSpringsCommunityGardenCo@gmail.com.  
For more information about Garden Conversation and the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, please visit our website, www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org, or send us an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com

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# Young Performers to take the stage in ‘James and the Giant Peach Jr.’ July 12 and 13

By Tim Moore  
Thingamajig Theatre Company

This weekend, audiences have the chance to witness something truly special: Two casts of young actors will bring “James and the Giant Peach Jr.” to life on the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts stage.

Performances are Saturday, July 12, and Sunday, July 13, featuring our Cast A and Cast B ensembles.

Cast A will perform at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, July 12, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 13. Cast B will perform at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 13.

Based on Roald Dahl’s classic tale, this high-energy musical tells the story of young James as he escapes from his cruel aunts and sets off on a journey across the ocean with a magical crew of oversized insect friends inside a giant peach.

This production is the culmination of an intensive theater camp where local kids have spent weeks learning lines, building confidence, making friends, and discovering the power of collaboration and creativity.

From vocal warm-ups to blocking scenes and learning choreography, the kids have been immersed in the full theater experience.

More than just a show, “James and the Giant Peach Jr.” represents the joy, discipline and magic that comes from working as a team — and it’s a celebration of what young artists can achieve with the right encouragement.

## Three professional shows in full repertory

In addition to “James and the Giant Peach Jr.,” Thingamajig Theatre Company’s 2025 summer rep season is in full swing with three professionally produced shows running in repertory:

- “Something Rotten!” — A hilarious, musical comedy that imagines the world’s first musical — set in 1595. Two struggling playwright brothers try to outshine William Shakespeare,

leading to a riotous mix of mistaken prophecy, Renaissance drama and show-stopping numbers.

- “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” — A darkly funny, Tony-winning musical in which a charming underdog discovers he’s eighth in line for an earldom — and sets out to eliminate the competition. One actor plays all eight doomed heirs, and the result is a tour-de-force of comedic timing and invention.

- Andrew Lipka’s “The Wild Party” — A steamy, Jazz Age musical full of ambition, betrayal and unrelenting rhythm. This electrifying piece captures the roaring spirit of the 1920s while asking what happens when the party goes too far.

Audiences can catch different shows each night of the week. With rotating performances and a dynamic ensemble of professional actors, no two evenings at Thingamajig are the same. Whether you’re in the mood for big laughs, twisted love or a toe-tapping time machine back to Shakespeare’s day, there’s something for everyone.

## Broadway Gala tickets now on sale

Mark your calendars: Thingamajig’s annual Broadway Gala is set for July 29, and tickets are on sale now.

This is our biggest night of the year, featuring unforgettable performances by our summer repertory company, a festive atmosphere and a highly anticipated live auction.

Auction items help fund our year-round programming and community engagement, including scholarships for youth programs, artist housing, and the production of bold, professional theater here in Pagosa Springs.


The community’s generosity at this event has helped sustain and grow the theater’s impact over the years, and we’re excited to celebrate with everyone again this summer.

Come for the glamour, stay for the heart, and know that every ticket and every bid helps keep the lights on

and the stories on stage.


Thingamajig Theatre Company’s 2025 summer rep season is playing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts through Aug. 30.

For tickets and show information, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731.SHOW (7469).



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Tickets are available now for the exciting Broadway in the Mountains gala fundraising event on Tuesday, July 29, at 5 p.m. that will showcase the talents of Thingamajig Theatre Company’s summer musicals cast, including Caleb Barton. The gala’s online and live auctions offer unique experiences with actors. Gala tickets are \$150 and are on sale now at [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

# Tickets available now for Broadway Gala fundraiser for Thingamajig Theatre Company

By Carole Howard  
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Tickets are available now for the exciting Broadway Gala fundraising event on Tuesday, July 29, at 5 p.m. that will include a cabaret-style evening showcasing the talents of the Thingamajig Theatre Company’s brilliant summer musicals cast and an opportunity to bid on unique private events with the actors.

Longtime fans of actor Dan Morrison will be delighted to know that he will return to his role as the energetic, exuberant spirit of the event.

It’s all part of an elegant evening of live music and entertainment at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts to raise funds for Pagosa’s only professional nonprofit live theater.

As well, beginning July 15, Thingamajig fans have the opportunity

to place online advance bids on multiple one-of-a-kind interactions with the actors whether or not you are attending the gala. If you want to be added to the theater’s email list for this and other notifications, send your email address to [thingamajig-box@gmail.com](mailto:thingamajig-box@gmail.com).

## Gala tickets available now

Only about half of the costs of Thingamajig productions are covered by ticket sales. The remainder of the theater’s funding comes from private donors, business sponsors, grants and proceeds from this annual Broadway Gala fundraiser — the most important event of the year to keep the theater up and running.

Tickets are \$150 for the dressy gala evening and are on sale now on the

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# Gala

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theater’s website at [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Here’s a new addition to the gala fun this year: When you buy your ticket, you can note your favorite Broadway song and — for a donation — have it sung by one of the actors at the event.

Other highlights of the evening include a catered meal served by the actors. There will be a cash bar with tips going to the actors.

## Unique auction items

A look at just three of the one-of-a-kind live auction offerings gives you a good idea of what special enjoyment will be available to you if you are among the many lucky winners.

One is a progressive dinner for 10 people where the actors chauffeur you and your friends to four incredible locations where you’ll enjoy serenades along with wine and cocktail pairings to go with a multicourse meal prepared by the cast.

Another unique opportunity is hosting the entire cast at your home for a sing-along — around a campfire or not, your choice — so you can enjoy their music with your family and friends.

Also a remarkable auction item is a trip for two to New York City with Thingamajig co-founders Tim and Laura Moore where you’ll join them as they audition potential actors to perform in next year’s summer musicals. This trip also includes visiting with past Thingamajig performers, enjoying dinners out in the Big Apple and shows on Broadway. Airfare is not included.

## Gala fun

“We know from previous galas that our guests have been surprised and delighted by the evening’s festivities — and especially the clever and creative auction opportunities,” said Laura Moore, executive director of the theater. “We are deeply grateful

for everyone’s support because the exciting musicals that folks are seeing on stage this summer — and all our other productions throughout the year — would not be possible without the funding raised at the gala.”

## Hit Broadway musicals

Thingamajig has earned a reputation as one of the premiere venues for live professional theater in Colorado. Talented actors, singers, dancers, directors and designers have come from as far away as New York City and California to present another blockbuster summer season.

There are a total of 37 in the cast and crew here this summer to make that happen.

Three Broadway musicals are on stage in rotation until the end of August:

“Something Rotten!” is a hilarious musical comedy about two playwright brothers in Elizabethan England who are struggling to compete with the huge success of their contemporary and rival William Shakespeare.

“The Wild Party” is a steamy, thought-provoking prohibition tale about self-indulgence and decadence in the roaring twenties, with R-rated content making it not suitable for younger audiences.

“A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” is a musical comedy about a low-born Englishman who learns he is ninth in line for an earldom, so he creates a plan to get rid of the eight heirs in his way.

Artistic Director Tim Moore said, “I’m not surprised our audiences are enjoying these amazing shows and performers. They represent a return to narrative theater, works that are based on storytelling with great music.”

Ronald Dahl’s “James and the Giant Peach Junior” on July 12 and 13 will be the theater’s Whatchamawhozits children’s summer camp musical. The kids are being

coached by the summer professional actors in another example of Thingamajig living up to its mission of providing educational opportunities for local youth.

## More about Thingamajig

Thingamajig Theatre Company is an award-winning professional non-  
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# Humane Society of Pagosa Springs seeking board members

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

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The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs isn't just another nonprofit; we've been a beacon of hope for our community's most vulnerable animals for over 40 years.

What we're looking for:

- **Commitment:** Board members need to attend regular meetings, actively participate in discussions and contribute to the ongoing work of the organization. We're looking for individuals who are dedicated to making a difference and are willing to invest their time and energy in our cause.
- **Expertise:** While no specific background is required, we value diversity of experience and expertise.

Whether you have skills in fundraising, marketing, finance, law, veterinary medicine or other areas, your unique perspective and talents will be invaluable to our organization.

• **Integrity:** We are committed to upholding the highest standards of honesty, transparency and accountability in everything we do.

• **Team player:** Collaboration is at the heart of our work. We're looking for individuals who want to work as part of a team, respect diverse viewpoints, and contribute to a positive and supportive organizational culture.

If you're ready to make a difference in the lives of animals and become a part of something truly meaningful, we want to hear from you. To express your interest in joining our board of directors, please email us at [hspresident@pagosahumane.org](mailto:hspresident@pagosahumane.org) by July 30.

Together, we can create a brighter future for animals in need.

## Gala

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profit theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented cast and crew come from across the U.S. to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round.  
The theatre was founded in 2010. Its mission is to provide high-quality theater experiences at a low

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- 5 Authoritative order
- 10 Chevron rival
- 14 Earring holder
- 15 Turkish bigwig
- 16 Can't do without
- 17 High point
- 18 Imprudent
- 20 Handlebars, et al.
- 22 Not quite right
- 23 Kind of whale
- 24 Gradual absorption
- 26 Where Pearl City is
- 28 Pure
- 31 Ali Baba's cry
- 36 Pipe thread type
- 37 Go a few rounds
- 38 Popeye and Bluto
- 40 Persona \_\_\_\_ grata
- 41 Just makes, with "out"
- 43 Rejected
- 45 Wisconsin observatory
- 47 "Hello" or "Goodbye"
- 48 "Little Fires Everywhere" author Ng
- 51 Lent a hand
- 55 Spooks
- 57 Type of gland
- 59 Backsides
- 61 Land division
- 62 On the safe side
- 63 Pool problem
- 64 Norse thunder god
- 65 Texter's "I didn't have time for it"
- 66 Airplane wing parts
- 67 Canal zones?

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- 4 Cessna's company
- 5 Heroic poem
- 6 Nova Scotia university
- 7 British \_\_\_\_
- 8 Deep cleft
- 9 Little bit
- 10 Shaman's doctrine
- 11 Word after heat, fire or water
- 12 Mediocre grades
- 13 Bettor's concern
- 19 Arrangement holder
- 21 Pile up
- 25 Cook too long
- 27 Final transport
- 29 Cream additive
- 30 Give temporarily
- 31 Comply with
- 32 Finder iab

- 33 Worked out
- 34 European peak
- 35 Danger for Stuart Little
- 39 Biblical mount
- 42 Summer pest, slangily
- 44 Rile up
- 46 Otherwise
- 49 Divulge
- 50 Gene Autry's Texas birthplace
- 52 Russian retreat
- 53 Typo
- 54 Batik artisans
- 55 Petty quarrel
- 56 Campaign event
- 58 Exploits
- 60 UK fliers, briefly

**Answers to Previous Crossword:**

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# Not a coincidence: why survivors with disabilities face more abuse

By Phoebe Schroeder  
Rise Above Violence

July is Disability Awareness Month.

At Rise Above Violence, we're taking this time to examine a difficult truth: People with disabilities experience abuse at far higher rates than the general population. But, why is that?

We like to think abuse is rare, sudden and obvious when it happens.

But, often, it isn't.

It's subtle, strategic and hiding in plain sight.

Because in abusive relationships, the goal is control. And control often starts with a calculation: Where is this person most vulnerable?

In a culture that prizes self-reliance, needing help can feel like failure. Many people with disabilities live on fixed incomes and rely on others for meals, transportation, medical care or mobility. But what happens when that help turns harmful?

If survivors speak up, they risk losing the very support they depend on.

If they stay silent, the abuse continues.

That's not a real choice.

When daily life involves navigating barriers others may not see, needing help can quietly become a trap.

People with disabilities are five times more likely to experience domestic violence.

Women with disabilities face even higher risks — they're three times more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted.

And these statistics only scratch the surface. Studies estimate that 70 to 85 percent of abuse cases against disabled adults go unreported.

So, why is that?

Because when abuse presents not only as bruises or threats, but also as control or neglect — when what's missing is as harmful as what's done- it often goes unseen. And unreported. Sometimes abuse looks like:

- "Skipped" medications.
- A "broken" mobility aid.
- A "missed" ride to the doctor.
- A service animal threatened or harmed.
- "Forgetting" to help with meals or hygiene.

To someone causing harm, a person with disabilities may seem easier to isolate and harder to believe, not because disability makes someone weak, but because the world makes it easier by making basic needs hard to reach and control easier to take.

Many survivors with cognitive, communication or mental health disabilities know their credibility will be questioned before their safety is considered.

And when someone controls access to food, housing or medical care, they hold enormous power.

That power is reinforced by something harder to see — the quiet assumptions many of us carry without realizing it:

- That people with disabilities are less reliable narrators of their own lives.
- That care, even when harmful, is

better than none.

Abusers count on this. They rely on people thinking:

- "They're overreacting."
- "They can't manage on their

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# Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado announces grants to regional youth-serving nonprofits

**By Rachel Rosenthal**  
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado recently announced \$50,000 in grants to youth-serving nonprofits across southwest

Colorado. As part of celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Community Foundation is raising \$100,000 to provide unsolicited grants each quarter to nonprofits serving the five counties, 10 towns and two sovereign nations of southwest Colorado. A one-to-

one matching donation allowed the Community Foundation to amplify its impact this quarter. Quarter one grants went to nonprofits addressing basic human needs, while second quarter granting focused on nonprofits the serve middle and high school youth by providing enrichment opportunities and mental health support. The nonprofits receiving SPUR grants for the second quarter are as

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- “It’s probably just a misunderstanding.”

So, survivors face impossible choices:

- Stay silent or risk losing stability.
- Report the abuse and lose their caregiver.

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ANSWER:

# Grants

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- Pagosa Springs: San Juan Mountain Association/Audubon Rockies.

The San Juan Mountain Association and Audubon Rockies are partnering to develop a fly-fishing/river restoration after-school program for middle school students in Pagosa Springs.

- Cortez/Mancos: School Community Youth Collaborative.

The School Community Youth Collaborative promotes positive behaviors that reduce substance abuse and violence among youth in Montezuma County.

- Ute Mountain Ute: Youth Workforce Training.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe proposes a culturally rooted workforce development program for middle and high school youth.

- Dolores/Mancos: Dolores Rotary Club.

The Dolores Rotary Club takes students from Dolores and Mancos to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference in Colorado Springs every June, helping students develop interest in essential leadership skills.

- Durango: Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center.

The Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center was founded to create a supportive community for 2SLGBTQ+ youth in Durango.

- Ignacio/Southern Ute: Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe serves youth of the Southern Ute Reservation and Ignacio by providing opportunities to connect and grow.

- Bayfield: Stillwater Music.

Stillwater Music is committed to ensuring that every child, regardless of financial barriers, has access to quality music education.

- Dove Creek: Students Tackling Unhealthy Decisions.

Students Tackling Unhealthy Decisions works to prevent substance use and abuse among youth in Dove Creek by giving them the skills to be able to make healthy decisions.

- Rico: Karma Tutors Impact Fund

The Karma Tutors Impact Fund's objective is to champion educational equity by providing free individualized tutoring services to underserved youth in Dolores County.

- Silverton: Silverton Youth Center.

The Silverton Youth Center is the only program that exists in Silverton to provide safe, structured activities for middle and high school students.

- Southwest Colorado: Fort Lewis College athletics.

Funding will provide all area youth access to any home FLC athletics event free of charge (excluding postseason), providing firsthand collegiate experience while demonstrating pathways to higher education for area youth to aspire to.

"We wanted to celebrate our 25th anniversary in a meaningful way," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "Our generous donors have given us an opportunity to provide impactful grants to nonprofits serving our communities' across different sectors."

ing our communities' across different sectors."

If you would like to support the Community Foundation's SPUR Fund with a donation or learn more about how you can partner with us to create a canopy of support for local nonprofits, visit [www.swcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.swcommunityfoundation.org).

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So here are three great ways to maximize your supply of oxygen and get all the health benefits.

Morning breathe-and-stretch. Stand tall, arms straight over your head. Inhale deeply and, as you bend forward, exhale (slowly); bring your fingertips toward your toes. (You don't have to touch them!) Then, inhaling, slowly stretch back up to your original position. Repeat three times.

Mid afternoon re-energizing breath. Sitting, rapidly inhale through your nose and exhale through puckered lips — about three times a second — until you are out of steam. Your diaphragm should go up and down. It's tough, but try to do it for a full minute.

Sweet-dreams breathing. Stretch out and put your right hand on your upper chest and your left hand over your belly button. Inhale and let the air fill your belly and push it out so it's big and full. Then slowly and evenly exhale and let your belly button sink way down to your spine. Don't force it; just relax. Easy in and full-bellied; easy out and flat-bellied. Repeat 10 times. Z-Z-Z!

Source: "DRS. OZ AND ROIZEN: Breaths of fresh air."

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

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# Unitarian Universalists hold annual picnic

By De Anna Hoyle  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The annual fellowship picnic of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalists (UUs) included singing, poems and good food.

We spoke of ways we want to continue to hold space for welcoming a community of diversity and inclusion.

We invite all those seeking a place of open hearts and minds, lifelong learners with a touch of the divine, to join our small but growing community.

The Pagosa UU Fellowship also hosts a Buddhist meditation practice led by Dan Dempster, local artist, certified meditation instructor and authorized Dharma teacher.

Dempster studied for more than 18 years as student of Khenpo Migmar Tseten, Buddhist chaplain at Harvard University.

We are fortunate to have this mindfulness offering, and newcomers are always welcome as those more experienced deepen their practice.

Dempster states, “These are simple yet profound and beautiful practices based on cultivating the Four Immeasurables (love, compassion, joy and equanimity). Please bring your favorite cookies to share over tea. Come regularly to deepen your practice. Attending group practice will also encourage, support and reinforce your daily home practice.”

Join us at Pagosa UU in uptown Pagosa Springs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sundays. Calm-abiding, Tonglen and mantra practices are followed by a short Dharma talk and discussion. This is a great way to end one week and prepare to begin another.



Photo courtesy De Anna Hoyle

The annual Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship picnic included singing, poems and food.

The idea of moving our practice time to Sunday evening has been met with great enthusiasm. Enjoy the weekend with family and friends, have an early dinner and finish it off with beautiful and authentic meditation practices. This is a great way to end one week and prepare to begin another. All are welcome. Just bring a kind heart and an open mind. We can even help you find those.

Sunday, July 13 will be another shift to our normally scheduled small group, Going Deeper.

Many of the fellowship’s members will attend the Sunday worship on the Pine River with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Durango. They hold an annual retreat for UUs in our Four Corners area, and it is a joy to gather with friends in this beautiful setting. It is also an opportunity to hear from UU ordained ministers. We will carpool from the fellowship

at about 9 a.m. for the 10:30 service. If interested, you can email us or simply meet to carpool.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

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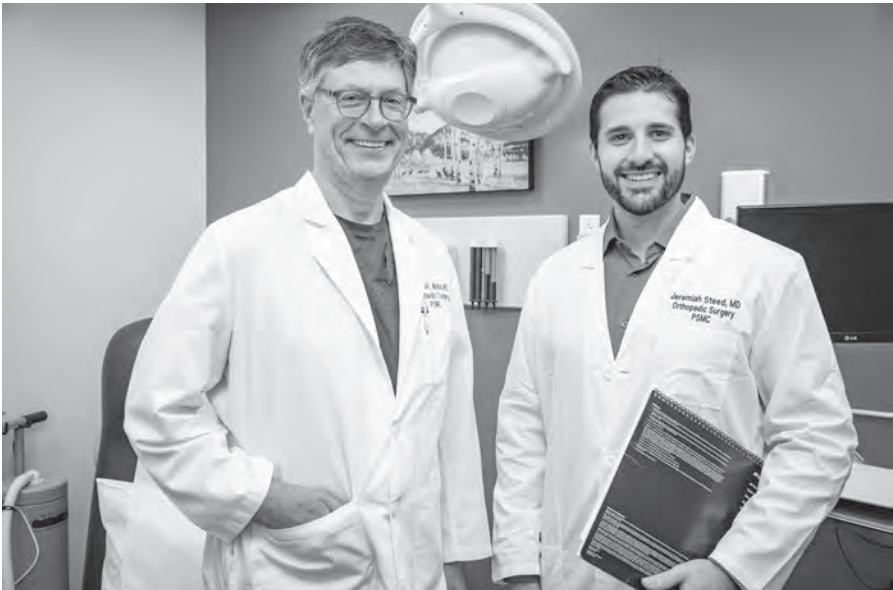


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# The crosshairs of the predator

By Betty Slade  
PREVIEW Columnist

I considered myself innocent of the ploy of today's evil. But, like a bird, unaware of the net spread to trap anyone in its sight, I fell into the trap.

A familiar friend's name popped up in my email. I clicked, and my computer froze. I realized I was "hacked." The screen read, "Don't shut down your machine or attempt to unlock it. Call this Microsoft support number." I gave consent by calling.

"... If sinners entice you, do not consent ... For their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood. Surely, in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird ..." (See Proverbs 1:10-19 NKJV).

I called the number. I talked to a foreign voice and followed his instructions. He asked about my online banking. He said money had been taken out. I couldn't open my computer to see. I told him I needed to call my son. After a long conversation, I said, "I'm calling my son." The voice on the other line hung up.

When I talked to my son, he asked what kind of information I gave these people. I told him little, but probably too much. I was concerned about my computer and bank account, so I did what they asked. My son warned me to just hang up. Don't push any buttons, don't give them any cellphone information — any of it will open their machine into your account.

The innocence of our children is also hanging in the balance. The ways of the world have bombarded their minds with technology and lurking predators. My friend said she was surprised when her 10-year-old grandson said a word

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that only adults use. "Where did he pick that up? Not from us!"

"Probably on the internet, at school or television." I responded with a shake of my head, perplexed by how far we have allowed ourselves to spiral down into the gutter of life. The topic immediately turned to the difference in conversations today and the last 20 years, and how current knowledge is acceptable. "How did we get where we are today?"

"Years ago, I heard a neighbor cursing and yelling at her children. I told Al then, 'She doesn't know she is teaching her children that it's OK to use those words. One day, they will accept those words as normal.'"

"Thirty years ago, our son-in-law edited the violent parts from the Disney movies before he'd let our two grandchildren watch them. At the time, I thought that was a little extreme, but today, I'm looking at things differently. Give an inch, they will take a mile."

Every generation brings its own tolerance. I'm thankful we raised our children in the '70s and '80s. In Pagosa, they were shielded from outside influences.

"Happy Days" was one show they watched. All the other shows were fuzzy. We wished for a better television, but didn't get it. There was no social media and our family interacted with each other. Computers came in

the '90s.

My friend continued, "In my day, we were raised by parents of the '40s where people didn't air their thoughts about sex. Period. My mother would have been too embarrassed to talk about it. I didn't get that talk."

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PREVIEW photos/Clayton Chaney

Scene ... listening to the Pagosa Springs Community Band perform its annual Fourth of July concert on the lawn of The Springs Resort. The band performed a number of classical familiar patriotic songs.



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Then she breathed a sigh of relief. I said, “I didn’t get that talk, either. Now sex is freely spoken of. This is another example of what has captured our children’s attention today.”

How much do children know? Parents must protect their children. We, the elderly, are prime targets to be trapped in the scammer’s net. Our children now must protect us. Our son immediately called our bank. Our accounts were not compromised. A hold was put in place. Passwords were changed.

Final brushstroke: The young and old and in-between are in the cross-hairs of the predator. Boundaries for the innocent have been shattered. Hackers and scammers are stealing from those unaware. The battle continues to wage against good and evil stealing children’s innocence and the elderly’s retirement. Everyone’s well-being hangs in the balance.

Send your comment to [bettyslade.author@gmail.com](mailto:bettyslade.author@gmail.com).

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# Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

The finches of North America is a diverse group of species that includes the rosy-finches of alpine tundra; siskins, crossbills, house and Cassin's finches, and evening and pine grosbeaks of forested areas; and the goldfinches that inhabit more open, brushy areas. Its members are colorful birds with stout, conical bills adapted to eating seeds.

American goldfinches breed later than most other North American songbirds. Not until late July and August, when many young of other songbirds are already on their own, does this one nest. They time their breeding to coincide with the abundance of seeds in late summer and use the down of thistle to line their nests.

Unlike many migratory bird species that travel long distances to take advantage of a bounty of insects to feed their young, American goldfinches are vegetarians that only eat an insect inadvertently. They eat a variety of seeds from weeds, flowers, trees and grasses. Parents feed regurgitated seeds to young in the nest. On this strict vegetarian diet, cowbird chicks that hatch in a goldfinch nest cannot survive.

Goldfinches rely on small size and dexterous legs and feet to climb plant stems and hang onto seed heads to harvest seeds unavailable to heavier birds. They display a preference for composite flowers with tightly packed seeds in the center. They love the plant we often fight, musk thistle. At feeders, they prefer Nyjer and black oil sunflower seeds.

Male American goldfinches molt into their canary yellow plumage in spring, so different from their drab brown winter colors that it seems they have just migrated in, when in fact they have been around all the time. A black forehead and black wings with white markings set off his bright yellow. Breeding females have black wings, but their yellow is duller and their backs are olive-colored.

You can plant for goldfinches and other seed eaters with native wildflowers like coneflowers, sunflowers, asters and native thistles. Just don't deadhead your flowers when they have gone to seed. Leave them standing for late-season food.

For information on events, visit [www.weminuchaudubon.org](http://www.weminuchaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/).



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All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

## Thursday, July 10

**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.

**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 wooden cross.

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**Tai Chi.** 1:30-2:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Hosted by the Senior Center. Free for ages 55 and older.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

**PALS Adult Education.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Full Moon Program and Early Tour.** 6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Combine the Full Moon Program with an early, guided tour of the Mesa Village Trail to create a four-hour event. The cost is \$30. For more information and tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the

Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

## Friday, July 11

**A Mystery 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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

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**Summer Reading: Performing Arts.** 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Play with local performers.

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

**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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

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

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## Saturday, July 12

**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.

**Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour.** 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the

anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

**Conversations in the Garden.** 9-10 a.m., Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

**Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society.** 10 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Following the business meeting, the video "Beyond the Brick Wall: Strategies for Pre-1850 U.S. Research" will be shown.

**Pagosa Springs Scrapbook and Crafters Club.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your creative and scrapbooking projects and share time with other crafters. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

**Great House Tour.** 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops

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**Whatchamawhozit Summer Theatre Camp Presents 'James and the Giant Peach Jr.'** 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

**Whatchamawhozit Summer Theatre Camp Presents 'James and the Giant Peach Jr.'** 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

**Whatchamawhozit Summer Theatre Camp Presents 'James and the Giant Peach Jr.'** 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

**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](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

## Sunday, July 13

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

ney 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.chimney-rockco.org](http://www.chimney-rockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

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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, July 14

**A Mystery Tour of Chimney Rock.** 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National

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- Soccer Summer Skills Clinic. 8-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School practice fields. Hosted by Pagosa Youth Soccer and Pagosa Springs High School soccer. Open to players ages 7-14. The cost is \$150. To preregister, email [registrar@pagosayouthsoccer.org](mailto:registrar@pagosayouthsoccer.org).
- 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.
- Plant Walk. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wolf Creek Pass summit. Join certified herbalist Lake McCullough for a leisurely walk up Lobo Overlook Road, stopping to learn about the flowers and medicinal plants along the way. Call ahead to (970) 398-0923 to reserve a spot. There is a 15-person maximum.
- 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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.
- Archuleta County Democratic Club. 11:30 a.m., Coyote Moon. The speaker will be Rebecca Tenpenny of the Pagosa Community Initiative.
- Plant Walk. 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Wolf Creek Pass summit. Join certified herbalist Lake McCullough for a leisurely walk up Lobo Overlook Road, stopping to learn about the flowers and medicinal plants along the way. Call ahead to (970) 398-0923 to reserve a spot. There is a 15-person maximum.
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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.
- Tuesday, July 15
- Soccer Summer Skills Clinic. 8-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School practice fields. Hosted by Pagosa Youth Soccer and Pagosa Springs High School soccer. Open to players ages 7-14. The cost is \$150. To preregister, email [registrar@pagosayouthsoccer.org](mailto:registrar@pagosayouthsoccer.org).
- Coffee and Kiddos Playgroup. 10-11 a.m., Aspire Medical Services and Education, 602 S. 8th St. For those with kids ages birth to 3 years old.
- 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.
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- Adult DIY: Calligraphy 101. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library.
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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
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**Be Prepared for An Emergency.** 5 p.m., CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. The program will last approximately 2.5 hours and cover topics such as how to safely prepare for and recover from emergencies, the weather forecast for Pagosa Country, the health of our forests, and more. For more information, call (970) 264-5931 or email [cindi.galabota@colostate.edu](mailto:cindi.galabota@colostate.edu).

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## Wednesday, July 16

**Soccer Summer Skills Clinic.** 8-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School practice fields. Hosted by Pagosa Youth Soccer and Pagosa Springs High School soccer. Open to players ages 7-14. The cost is \$150. To preregister, email [registrar@pagosayouthsoccer.org](mailto:registrar@pagosayouthsoccer.org).

**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.

**Mountain High Gardeners.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Join a

roundtable discussion about what is going on in your garden. What is going well and where are you struggling? All types and experience levels are welcome.

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

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

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**Pagosa Springs High School Booster Club.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School.

**Weminuche Audubon Society.** 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Patti Spindler will introduce the variety of macroinvertebrate life that exists

in our rivers, streams, wetlands, ponds and lakes. Social time will begin at 6 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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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 wooden cross.

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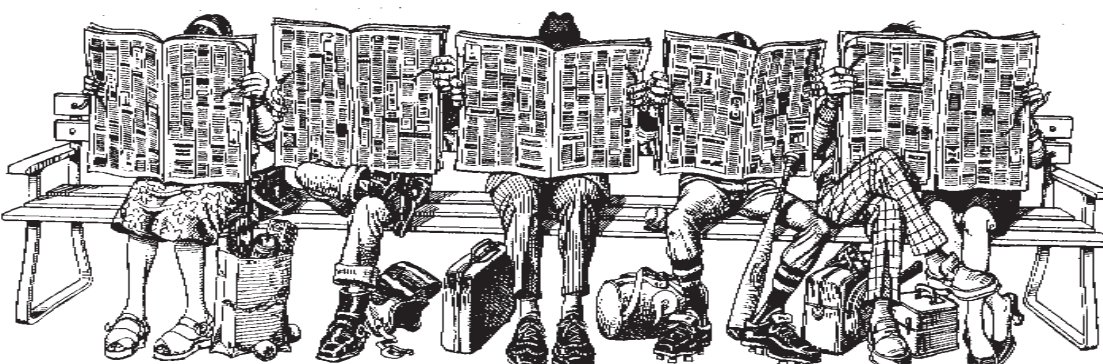
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**Tai Chi.** 1:30-2:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Hosted by the Senior Center. Free for ages 55 and older.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Wilderness with the Audubon Society.** 2:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Keith Bruno from the Audubon Society's Community Naturalist Program will talk about birds, their camouflage coloring and other fun facts.

**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.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale: Members-Only Sale.** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Members can shop early and receive discounts. Memberships can be purchased at the event.

**PALS Adult Education.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**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](http://pagosacenter.org) or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

## Friday, July 18

**A Mystery 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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale.

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

**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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

**Summer Reading: Paper Arts and Printables.** 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Relaxation crafts: coloring, calligraphy and paper mache.

**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](http://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.

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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](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

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To tour this home go to:  
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**109 Carol's Curves**  
**\$320,000**

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**  
**\$695,000**

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.

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**\$325,000**

MLS # 821243

3 separate lots 4.5 Acres total with no HOA or Covenants. This 2-bedroom 1 bath home is purged and is in very good shape. This is a very solid home with a well-constructed snow shed over the top. There is a 2-vehicle carport and a workshop behind the carport. There is a road behind the house going up the hill to get to a couple of nice building sites. The views are amazing up there. This is an awesome property and if needed the two vacant lots could be sold separately.



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# Join the Senior Center for health and fun

By Joan Ward  
PREVIEW Columnist

Why does Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) have programs, classes and games in addition to healthful lunches and other services? What's so important about having a place to gather?

The National Institute on Aging (www.nia.nih.gov) states: "Everyone needs social connections to survive and thrive. But as people age, they often find themselves spending more time alone. Being alone may leave older adults more vulnerable to loneliness and social isolation, which can affect their health and well-being. Studies show that loneliness and social isolation are associated with higher risks for health problems such as heart disease, depression, and cognitive decline."

The risk is higher for decreased cognitive function and dementia when isolated.

The NIA notes: "Also, too little social activity and being alone often may make it more difficult to perform everyday tasks such as driving, paying bills, taking medicine, and cooking."

So, join us at the Pagosa Senior Center and attend a stretching and mobility class, play mahjong or win a prize playing bingo. This is good for your health. Besides, coming to the Senior Center means you don't have to clean your house to have people there.

Our activities are listed below. You can also pick up an activity schedule at the Senior Center or get it on our website at <https://www.psseniors.org/activities.html>.

For more information about any of the activities, call us at (970) 264-2167.

## Save the date for high tea

ASI will be hosting high tea from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. on July 24 in the Senior Center dining room. Come by and try our cucumber sandwiches and scones. All ages are welcome.

## Senior Conversations

Join us every Monday 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, fostering friendship and togetherness.

Snacks will be provided.

Afterward, stay for 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.

## Senior News

### Stretching and mobility weekly class

Community members are invited to attend free weekly classes every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The stretching and mobility classes for adults age 55 or better are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

### 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.

### Bridge

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

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

### Hand and foot card game

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

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

### Mindful drawing

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

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This

activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

### Mexican Train dominoes

A new group is forming and will meet on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

### Tai chi

Tai chi classes are held at Yamaguchi Park from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

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 one hour. No special clothing or equipment is required.

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

### Bingo

The Senior Center usually hosts free community bingo games twice a month on Friday afternoons from

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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.

## 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](mailto:copenhavercreative@gmail.com) and you will receive notification each month of the upcoming meeting, along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking and more.

## Brain fitness program

The Ageless Grace Brain Fitness Program will not be held during the summer.

## 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 Senior Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

## Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join local elders, their friends, family and community at the Silver Fox’s Den in person for delicious meals Mondays through Fridays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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. Pickup via our convenient portico is also 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.

## Community Cafe menu

Please note that occasionally the menu must be changed at short notice.

Thursday, July 10 — Beef meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and pearl onions, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday, July 11 — Black bean smoked tempeh and butternut squash, quinoa rice, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Monday, July 14 — Garlic ginger pork ribs, herb couscous, glazed carrots, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, July 15 — Greek spinach and feta pie, pita chips and artichoke dip, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, July 16 — Teriyaki chicken with pineapple and peppers, rice, snow peas, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, July 17 — Baked cod with white wine tomato basil sauce, asparagus, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, July 18 — Beef Marsala, baked potatoes, peas and pearl onions, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

## Mountain Express Transit senior paratransit services

Seniors over the age of 60 can be verified to receive services through Mountain Express Transit’s (MET’s) discounted paratransit services, free bus rides and pick up at your home to bring you to the Senior Center for lunch.

To become eligible, there is a form to complete. Call the Archuleta County MET at (970) 264-2250 for information.

## 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.

No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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# SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure  
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

The July 13 Sunday service at 11 a.m. will be a sacred water wheel ceremony with Shayla Azriel: “Invoking the Divine Water Blessing with Sacred Geometry.”

It will be held at Xanadu. Set intentions for land and tree blessing for the planet. We will set stones using sacred geometry and prayer to bless those participating and their families.

A love donation will be collected.

Text or call (970) 510-0309 for directions.

### Upcoming events

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

- July 11, 7 p.m.: Illuminations presentation on “The Benefits and Uses of Lavender” with Susanne Bryant.

- July 13, 11 a.m.: Sacred water wheel ceremony at Xanadu. A love donation will be collected.

### About us

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

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

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge.

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

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Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

### Mobile food pantry service

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

### Text reservations

Don’t forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

### Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 403-6759 for an appointment and where to meet.

### Board vacancies

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

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

Please stop by our offices at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. to pick up an application or call (970) 264-2167 for more information.

### Support the Senior Center

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

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or please visit our website: <http://www.psseniors.org/> (donation button).

Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc.

Another way to donate: Are you 70.5 years old or better? Do you have an IRA from which you need to take a distribution? Did you know you can make charitable donations directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution, up to \$100,000 per year? The donation from the account would be payable to Archuleta Seniors Inc. and sent to the address above. This gift option is called the IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution.

We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information about ASI, please visit <http://www.ps-seniors.org/>.

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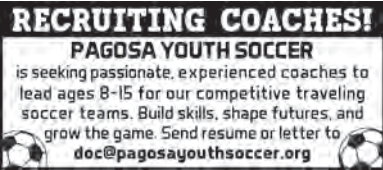
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# Class to focus on being prepared for an emergency

By Cindi Galabota  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Archuleta County Colorado State University (CSU) Extension office, Archuleta County Public Health Department, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and Pagosa Weather are pleased to offer an emergency preparedness program entitled, "Be Prepared for an Emergency" on Thursday, July 15.

It will be held at 5 p.m. at the CSU Extension building, located at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds at 344 U.S. 84.

This free program will last approximately 2.5 hours and cover topics such as how to safely prepare for and recover from emergencies, the

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weather forecast for Pagosa Country, the health of our forests, emergency resources, and more.

Light snacks and drinks will be offered.

Preregistration is not required for this free program.

For more information, please call CSU Extension at (970) 264-5931 or email Cindi Galabota at [cindi.galabota@colostate.edu](mailto:cindi.galabota@colostate.edu).

### Email list

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### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month at the CSU Extension office, generally on the third Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.

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

# Colorado Department of Human Services releases plan on aging

Colorado Department of Human Services

Colorado is leading the way in improving and developing resources to support all of us as we age. The state's first-ever Multi-Sector Plan on Aging, which serves as a blueprint for these comprehensive plans, is now available on the Multi-Sector Plan on Aging website, <http://bit.ly/3len3WG>.

This is the first year of the 10-year plan, and reports and initiatives will be developed and released annually.

The plan lays out five high-level goals:

- Support age-friendly, connected communities.
- Develop a health care system that supports older adults.
- Sustain and tailor long-term services and supports.
- Bolster Colorado's economy.
- Prioritize economic security for older Coloradans.

"There's no better time than now to join us. For the first time in our

state's history, more Coloradans are older than 60 than are younger than 18," said Kristine Burrows, CDHS's senior specialist on aging and the state's expert on Colorado's aging strategy. "We encourage everyone to read the plan, think of ways we can work together and what you can do in your own community to not only support older adults, but to also honor their contributions, resilience and vitality."

The PDF is available at <http://bit.ly/4kttgLT>.



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### POSITION OVERVIEW

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

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Client Management:

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

#### Strategy Development:

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

#### Sales and Business Development:

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

#### Reporting and Analysis:

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

### QUALIFICATIONS

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

### SKILLS

- Client Relationship Management
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- Communication and Presentation
- Data Analysis

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