



County donates properties to Archuleta County Housing Authority

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a special meeting on Tuesday, July 22, at which the board approved Resolution 2025-40, approving donating and transferring 11 county-owned lots on Bonita Drive to the Archuleta County Housing Authority (ACHA) for the purpose of developing workforce and low-income housing.

The conversation on the matter began at a BoCC work session on July 16 that occurred before a meeting later the same day where the BoCC originally scheduled to vote on the resolution, along with deciding to accept or reject an affordable housing financing fund land banking loan commitment for \$200,000.

Those matters were both tabled during the July 16 BoCC meeting.

During the July 22 special BoCC meeting, Commissioner Veronica Medina informed the BoCC that the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) board decided to withdraw its application for the land banking financing loan/grant.

During the July 16 work session, County Manager Jack Harper explained that the county attempted to sell the 11 lots on Bonita Drive, ■ See Properties A8



Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon

This year's Archuleta County Fair Royalty Court is Princess Sophia Ellis, Queen Olivia Mazur and Junior Princess Nora Forrest. The 74th Archuleta County Fair takes place from July 31 through Aug. 3 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

Archuleta County Fair royalty, honorees announced

Sharon Jennings
Archuleta County Fair

Visitors to the 74th Archuleta County Fair July 31 through Aug. 3 are likely to see the Royalty Court, three remarkable young women selected to represent our community at this year's fair: Queen Olivia Mazur, Princess Sophia Ellis and Junior Princess Nora Forrest.

These dedicated ladies are not only proud to wear their crowns, but they also embody the spirit of Archuleta County. Attending local schools, actively participating in 4-H, each of these young leaders

is committed to giving back to our community. Their enthusiasm and passion for service make them exceptional role models for all of us.

Mazur has varied interests ranging from wrangling horses to serving as an accompanist at her church. She taught piano and dance lessons as she enjoys sharing her skills with others. Mazur will be attending college in the fall to pursue her dream of becoming an equine veterinarian. She also plans to continue focusing on her love for music. She is excited for the future and the opportunities ahead.

■ See Fair A8



Super Volunteer Ashley Torres



Super Superintendent Lisa Vail



Rendering courtesy Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library will close next week to prepare for the beginning of construction to expand and renovate its building. The library will continue to operate out of the facility while construction takes place.

Breaking ground: Library expansion project set to begin next week

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library will begin its \$5 million expansion project next week as it closes down from Aug. 4-9 to construct a new entrance and walkway from the west side of the building.

So far, the project has been funded entirely by private donations and grants through the

state.

Director Barbra Brattin explained the project is scheduled to take place in phases, and that approximately \$800,000 is still needed in order to complete the third and final phase, which entails creating new garden areas all around the building.

Brattin indicated that the library is confident that it will be able to raise the remaining funds needed "by the time the bills are due."

The first phase will involve expanding the current building's footprint from approximately 7,300 square feet to almost 11,000 square feet, which will create a "substantial meeting room," along with a new children's room with a door connecting to a new children's garden that will be located near the current front entrance of the building, Brattin explained.

"All of this is gonna get torn up and redone," ■ See Library A9

Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition shares survey findings with town, county

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its joint work session held on Monday, July 28, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and Pagosa Springs Town Council heard an update from members involved in the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC), as well as about the results of a recent community survey.

Bob Milford and Pagosa Springs Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadowski briefed the BoCC and council

on where the PARC is in its process and highlighted key findings from the community survey.

Milford explained that PARC began about a year ago with a grant awarded from Colorado Parks and Wildlife's regional partnership initiative.

Milford mentioned that Great Outdoors Colorado has announced it will contribute \$50 million over the next five years to 21 regional partnership initiatives across the state.

Milford also indicated that the ■ See Recreation A14

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the July 17 article "More than 67,000 visit county over Fourth of July holiday" that 67,200 people visited between July 2 and July 6.

In fact, 62,700 people visited.

The SUN regrets the error.

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OUR VIEW

A timeless tradition

This week and weekend will feature one of Archuleta County's longstanding traditions — the Archuleta County Fair.

In addition to being the biggest event of the year for 4-H'ers, the fair is also a time to celebrate parts of Archuleta County's past and present, as well as the talent of our community. It's also another chance for fun as summer draws to a close.

This year's fair will be the 74th iteration and, as its motto states, it is a "timeless tradition."

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

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

Throughout the weekend you'll find showmanship competitions for youngsters and a range of animals, from alpacas to poultry, swine and beef, and more.

The showmanship competitions lead up to some of the biggest and most humorous parts of the fair: Saturday's 4-H Chuck-

wagon Dinner and the 4-H Livestock Auction, and Sunday's parent showmanship competition.

But the fair isn't all 4-H, and there's something for everyone.

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

It's fun to see what our community's talented artists, bakers, brewers, gardeners and more put forward, and to see what the judges favor each year. We leave the Exhibit Hall feeling inspired and with more ideas for our ever-growing list of projects and new things we'd like to try.

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

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

Every year we find ourselves chuckling at perennial favorite Wildman Phil as he presents exotic animals to kids and their parents (and at the reactions of the kids

to those animals). The pie-eating contest, which seems to grow exponentially each year, makes for a fun time, whether you're a participant or spectator. The BMX show will also return this year, with talented riders showing off a variety of stunts.

This year, we also plan to watch That Hypnotist Edward Wunder and watch locals and visitors try their hand at blow-up barrels racing, the nail- and stake-driving contests, three-legged race, corn hole tournament and more. Another new event this year bringing something different to the lineup is the medieval armored combat demonstration.

There are also multiple rodeos throughout the fair that honor the county's heritage, including the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo, Open Rodeo and Kids' Rodeo.

The fair will also feature several live music offerings again this year, with an open mic night Thursday, Bo DePena taking the stage on Friday, and the San Juan Mountain Boys and Brett Hendrix performing Saturday.

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

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 31, 1925

The county health officer suggests that, owing to the prevalence of considerable bowel trouble in this county at present, all drinking water should first be boiled.

The Edith school district, No. 2 is preparing to construct a new 20x30 school house in the upper Coyote Park section of the district. The stone work will be done by Elick Maitlen of the lower Stollsteimer, who passed through Pagosa Saturday for that point.

An auto party consisting of Leonard, Orval and Miss Thelma Houser and Miss Julia Patterson left Saturday morning for Pueblo, where upon trading in the Houser Hupmobile for a new Cleveland sport-model touring car, they proceeded to Denver, where Miss Patterson will visit with friends. The others returned home late Monday night, making the trip from Denver in slightly more than fifteen hours' running time.

The county recently purchased a fine new check protector for the use of the county treasurer. It is strictly the last word in perfection.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 28, 1950

Tony S. Lopez of Arboles has reenlisted as a Pfc. in the Army for a period of three years, according to Sgt. Lanman of the Durango Recruiting Office. Pfc. Lopez has volunteered for assignment in the Far East Command.

With the wheat ready to harvest, the clover practically ditto and the second cutting of hay crowding close, the farmers are stepping lively, starting earlier, working later trying to crowd two day's work into one.

Returning home from Pagosa Friday we ran afoul of some bad roads. Sudden torrential rains had filled every arroyo, from the Harmon Clark place down the river for about five miles, with rocks, trash and debris until the road was nearly impassable. In one place we moved large rocks from the road, in another we side-stepped a tree in our path. The old Stollsteimer was thick and soupy. When we arrived at home we found it had only sprinkled. It all adds up to a lot more work for our road crew when they already have a full schedule.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 31, 1975

A public meeting on the proposals for the beautification of the river and adjoining areas last week indicated that the project can be very beneficial to the community.

Suggestions from those in attendance dealt mainly with the plans for the parking fill, the town park, and a short stretch of river front. It was indicated that a rock facing on the parking fill next to the river may be built, with trees and shrubbery planted in the appropriate places. The river bank will be cleaned up and a walkway is planned along the east bank of the San Juan. Suggestions were made that historical information signs might be built and that the bank surrounding the football field could be landscaped.

These suggestions, along with the plans already made will help beautify the park area. It is possible that some work will be done on the park proper. Plans are that the hot mineral water fountain on the fill will also have a catchment basin and an adequate drain channel to the river.

No suggestions were made to rename the area, which is now simply known as, "the Parking Fill."

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 27, 2000

Concerned that a private development proposed for construction at the top of Wolf Creek Pass may have negative impacts on Archuleta County, county planners have compiled a list of issues they feel Mineral County has not adequately reviewed during preliminary plan public hearings.

A 287.5-acre, winter-summer destination resort called The Village at Wolf Creek is being proposed for construction on Wolf Creek Pass immediately adjacent to the Wolf Creek Ski Area.

"At full build out, The Village at Wolf Creek could have a population of 5,000 people, about one-half the current population of Archuleta County," said Mike Molica, the director of county development for Archuleta County. "That kind of change has to have a huge impact on our county."

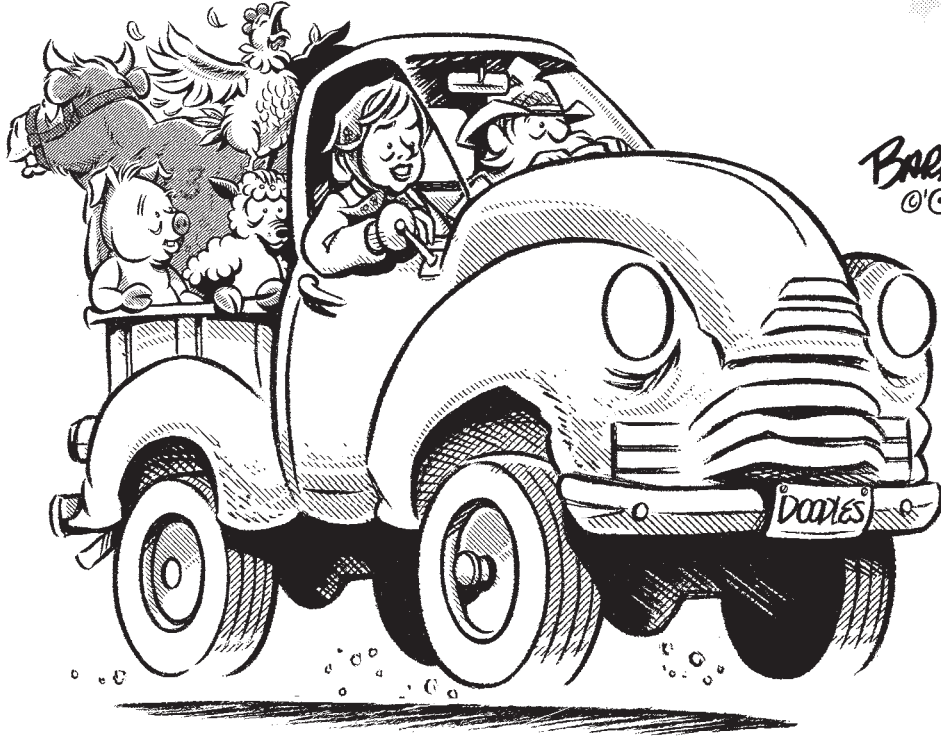
Because the Village at Wolf Creek is located in Mineral County, all development and building permits must be obtained through that county. The Village is being treated as a planned unit development according to Mineral County regulations.



From the July 31, 1986, Pagosa SUN — RECORD TURNOUT — Mercy Sanchez, left, was one of the 836 persons who cast their ballots in the ballot box during Tuesday's Upper San Juan Hospital dissolution election. Mrs. Helen Schoonover, right foreground, and the three other election day's judges were busy until 9 p.m. counting and tabulating the ballots.

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7/23	83	50	0.52	NA	NA	
7/24	81	51	0.10	NA	NA	
7/25	83	46	0.06	NA	NA	
7/26	82	49	0.00	NA	NA	
7/27	85	44	0.00	NA	NA	
7/28	86	52	0.00	NA	NA	



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Climate change

Dear Editor:

We continue to read about devastation from wildfires and strong storms. Climate scientists say we will see more as a result of climate change.

To reduce air pollution that causes climate change we must reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. Senator Lindsey Graham said, "CO2 emissions generated by man is creating our greenhouse gas effect that traps heat, and the planet is warming."

Our government needs to do much more to promote clean energy, such as wind, solar, and geothermal, and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. This includes restoring tax credits for clean energy--not reducing them.

I encourage readers to email their U.S. Senators and Representative. Joining Citizens' Climate Lobby and similar groups is another great way to fight climate change.

Make earth great again. There is no planet B.

When our grandchildren ask what we did about climate change, let's have an answer.

Sincerely,
Gary Jump
Itasca, Ill.

Social Security

Dear Editor:

As of August 1, my social security check will get a face lift. I will receive an additional 185 dollars every month. That is the amount I am currently paying for parts A and B — hospital and doctor bills. I am Korean War veteran and am eligible to be treated at veterans hospitals. I have availed myself of those wonderful free benefits twice.

I am a naturalized American citizen. I came to the USA from Germany in 1946 at age 13. Now at 92, my vision and hearing has diminished, but my spirit is stronger than ever. I enjoy life to the fullest and I am so very grateful that Jesus has become a personal and daily reality. Although I am retired, I am not tired because I live life with purpose and precision.

I surrendered my driver's license last February. Friends and neighbors are now giving us a hand with shopping, cooking, cleaning, yard work, and house repairs. Our friend Jon Hudson gets the mail for us from the cluster boxes on Lake Pagosa. But I still do what I can, but very slowly and carefully. The other day I was able to get our garbage disposal working again.

We love living in Pagosa Springs on Lake Pagosa. We have been in the same log cabin castle since 1977. We live on the west-end of the lake. We see the most glorious sunrises and sunsets. We have a swing under our willow tree, We planted the tree many years ago. It is our outdoor chapel. Come and swing with us.

A neighbor dubbed me, Peter, "the pajama man". That title fits. It has stuck. I have renamed Cloud Cap Avenue "Cloud Cap River" because that's where I go fishing for souls.

Attention veterans in Pagosa, maybe your monthly Social Security check can also get a facelift ??? And thank you Pagosa Springs for making room for us, for Peter and Rebekah Laue.

Peter D. Laue

Public lands giveaway

Dear Editor:

A mandate to sell millions of acres of public lands did not make it into

President Trump's mega tax bill signed during July, but Congress still passed a bill that ransacks public lands. To use a hunting term, the Reconciliation bill passed by Congress "gutted" public lands habitat protections in favor of resource extraction.[3]

Hunter Randy Newberg (host of "Fresh Tracks," "On Your Own Adventures," and "Hunt Talk Radio") said on his July 18 Fresh Tracks Episode 106, "The considerations previously given to wildlife and important habitat like wintering range, migration corridors ... those protections just went ... it's like let's turn this into an industrial landscape wherever we can ... it really opens the gates ..."[4]

The Reconciliation bill was a public lands giveaway in disguise. The Trump administration has now implemented the statutory framework for their energy dominance agenda by directing that logging and mining along with oil, gas, and coal extraction Trump all other uses on our multiple-use public lands. Although the deed to our public lands may not have been handed over directly to private industry, the Reconciliation bill ditched decades of balanced multiple-use public lands policy in favor of one group, billionaire buzzards.

For a summary of the Reconciliation bill's public lands provisions see this July 11 post by Jim Pattiz ("They Gutted Public Lands in the Reconciliation Bill - And No One's Talking About It") on his More Than Just Parks substack. In Jim's words, "Every single piece of this would be bad on its own. Together, it's the most aggressive dismantling of public lands protection in American history." [5]

"Go read this bill, I think it's a few hundred pages," Randy Newberg said. "The summary ... a complete giveaway!" [6] It's a sucker-punch to all Americans, but as military strategist Sun Tzu said, "In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity." [7] As America's first conservationists, hunters have a century-old tradition of protecting public lands habitat and fighting those driven by myopic greed. The billionaire buzzards have overreached badly and underestimate our resolve. [8] We will not give up or give in. Join us! [9]

David Lien from Colorado Springs, Colo., is a hunter, author, and former Air Force missile launch officer. [10] In 2014 he was recognized by Field

& Stream as a "Hero of Conservation." [11] This commentary is his personal opinion and not that of any other group or organization.

[1] David Lien is a former Air Force officer and author of Hunting for Experience II: Tales of Hunting & Habitat Conservation.

[2] David A. Lien. "A Higher Calling." Association of Air Force Mis-sileers (AAFM) Newsletter: March 2011, p. 4.

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David Lien
Colorado Springs, Colo.

National debt

Dear Editor:

35.8 000,000,000,000 take note of this number. It is our current national debt. In 2008 the number was 10.8

■ See Letters A4

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of Aug. 4-9

Work activity

Concrete paving operations begin

- The project is about to hit a major milestone with concrete paving work planned to begin overnight on Thursday, July 31, from 1st to 3rd streets. The second phase of the paving work on 1st through 3rd streets is planned to take place overnight on Wednesday, Aug. 6.
- The majority of project paving operations will take place at night, which will reduce impacts to the traveling public. Trucks will start rolling in around 7 p.m. and continue until 7 a.m.
- Paving operations will begin at the east end of the project, near 1st Street, and continue to the west.

Work activity this week

- Installation of light pole foundations continues from 1st to 3rd streets.
- The 2nd Street and 4th Street intersections on the north side of U.S. 160 will remain closed until utility and paving work are complete.
- Utility work will begin in front of Pagosa Springs Middle School from 3rd Street to 4th Street, followed by sidewalk demolition. The plan is to have utility work, sidewalk reconstruction and paving in front of the school completed in advance of the first day of school on Sept. 2.

Sidewalk demolition is slated to begin this week in front of Pagosa Springs Middle School. This will lead to pedestrian detours around the demolition site. Please utilize crossings at Hot Springs Boulevard and 3rd Street to navigate around the demolition. Use the pedestrian flags provided by the town to cross 3rd Street.

- Excavation is planned for geothermal utilities near Tennyson Sculpture Park and Gardens in mid-August. Pedestrians need to plan for sidewalk detours around the work at this location in the near future.
- Saturday work will continue on the project for the foreseeable future.

Watch where you walk and park

- Pedestrian crosswalks will be open at 1st, 3rd and 4th streets. Mid-block crossings between 4th Street and 5th Street will be closed, but the crosswalk at 5th Street will remain open.
- Overflow parking lots are open at 323 Hot Springs Blvd. and 811 San Juan St. Other public parking is available throughout the downtown.

Safety tips for pedestrians

- Watch where you are going. Do not enter the work zone or climb over work zone safety barriers. Construction work may be fascinating, but always

prioritize navigating the work zone as safely as you can.

- Pay attention to posted signs in the project area and follow all workers' instructions. Cross streets only at open crosswalks or intersections; walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- Be alert for moving construction vehicles and other unexpected hazards, which often move suddenly and quickly. Stay off your phone when crossing the street or walking near the work zone.

- Look out for traffic before crossing the street make eye contact with drivers so you know they see you.

Safety tips for drivers

- Look out for pedestrians and bicyclists everywhere, at all times, and especially in areas near schools, parks, shopping areas and transit stops.
- Slow down as you approach the work zone. Give workers extra room and be prepared to stop.
- Stop before a crosswalk, not in it.
- Obey all traffic signals. All light signals are operational and must be obeyed.
- Put your cellphone down. Never drive distracted or impaired.

Please be alert when you are traveling through the new traffic configuration or visiting the downtown businesses, as heavy equipment will be frequently moving throughout the project limits.

Traffic impacts

- Motorists could expect up to 15-minute delays at various times through the work zone as equipment may need to be moved.
- There will be two-way traffic flowing in the eastbound lanes of U.S. 160 through the first season of operations.
- A 10-foot width restriction will remain in place 24/7 through Dec. 1.
- During inclement weather, project engineers will assess the roadway and work location to make determinations on work continuing depending on safety concerns for workers and commuters.
- Working hours are Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and subject to change.

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Kevin Emmett Dunn

Kevin Emmett Dunn — Kev-Bob to friends and family — lived a full and inspiring life. He was a son, husband, father, brother-in-law, uncle and friend to too many to count. He was born in West Frankfort, Ill., Jan. 18, 1952, to Robert Emmett Dunn and Mary Cavelli (Dunn) Rissi, and died June 23, 2025, after spending his last years, at his request, in Colorado. He was well-loved by all who knew him: sons Kerry (Philadelphia), Michael (Pagosa Springs) and Jeremy (Denver); brothers-in-law Carter Christensen (Orlando) and David Houdeshell (Stuart FL); nephews Reid and Justin Houdeshell; along with friends who became family, Randall and Trish Davis, of Pagosa Springs, and lifelong friend, Davey Arnold, of Cocoa, Fla. It was a testa-



ment to his loving spirit that he stayed close to Katie (Dunn) Schwartz, mother of his children, spending holidays, etc. with Katie and her husband, Howard, who were happy to welcome him into their home. Kevin was a self-taught musician with exceptional talent and a clear tenor voice that made him a welcome addition to bands from Florida to Colorado. He started out a carpenter and became a master craftsman, never working for anyone other than himself while providing for his family and following his dreams. His humor, zest for life and warm heart will be sorely missed. A celebration of his life will be held in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Saturday, Sept. 27. Everyone is welcome. Donations in his honor can be made to Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, <https://mhopus.org/>.

Edward Howard Griggs IV

Nov. 30, 1979-July 19, 2025
Edward Howard Griggs IV, 45, passed from this world to Heaven on July 19, 2025. He was a Purple Heart recipient and highly decorated combat veteran who put his life on

the line for all Americans.
He was the gunner of a military vehicle when it hit an improvised explosive device (IED). He was thrown from the vehicle and suffered a severe traumatic brain injury (TBI), severe TBI headaches and severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He served seven plus years in the Army until his medical discharge. He served combat tours in Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq.
He was an avid Avalanche hockey fan. He loved to bowl, hike, snow mobile, rock hunt and was one of the best snowboarders on the mountain.
He looked forward to each time his beloved daughter Kaylee would visit him. He loved and cherished her so much.
He was very active in Vets4Vets, Honor Guard and the American Legion. He attended Pagosa Bible Church and a men's combat veteran Bible study. He was a very talented



man and jack-of-all-trades. He loved working on car engines. He could remove an engine, fix it and put it back quicker than anyone else. He helped many with their car problems.
He leaves behind his precious beloved daughter, Kaylee Cheree Griggs, of Shepherdsville, Ky.; his parents, Edward H. Griggs III and Karen Lee (Duntz) Griggs, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; two brothers, Chris Griggs, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Mike Griggs, of Chicago, Ill.; his sister, Chérïana Griggs (Sergey Lossev (fiancé)) of Oakland, Calif., Amy Cheree Griggs (Kaylee's mother) of Shepherdsville, Ky., several aunts and uncles, many cousins and friends.
He was dearly loved and will be missed immensely.
The celebration of life ceremony will be on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at noon at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colo., followed by a full military honors ceremony at 2:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park, 220 Vista Blvd., Pagosa Springs, Colo.
Those who would like to make a donation in Eddie's memory may send it to: Vets4Vets, P.O. Box 5331, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Fire district to amend pension requirements

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Trustees is looking to amend the district's bylaws concerning volunteer firefighter requirements necessary to be eligible for pension.
During a regular meeting on July 1, the board unanimously approved a motion to bring back an amendment to the board's bylaws at its next meeting in October.
The amendment would remove the public education event participation requirement, which currently requires volunteer firefighters to attend at least two public education events per year in order to be eligible for pension.
PFPD Chief Robert Bertram explained to the board that in order to be eligible for pension, the current bylaws require volunteer firefighters to complete 36 hours of training, and

respond to 12 calls and attend two public education events per year.
He noted that, according to state statute, the only requirement the district is required to have in place for volunteer firefighter pensions is the 36 hours of training.
Bertram mentioned that through the years the district has had people ultimately not meet all three requirements, noting the district's policies to be an active member have always had those requirements.
"We haven't held to that over the years," he said.
Bertram explained that last year the district changed its pension requirements "to keep everything the same," in that if someone is able to meet the requirements for active membership, "you should then be qualified for pension, not the other way around, with less requirements for pension than to stay active on the fire department."
Bertram also noted that multiple

members were not able to attend public education events last year.
"That's been something that has not regularly been done," he said, noting the district has had record-keeping errors, "but ultimately we're not holding everybody accountable for the same thing."
Bertram commented that he was trying to decide if this should be a "sticking point" or if the public education event participation requirement should be eliminated, mentioning the majority of public education events happen during the week when volunteer firefighters are working other jobs.
He also clarified that the board would not be able to make an official change to the bylaws during the July 1 meeting, noting an amendment to the bylaws would be proposed at the board's October meeting.
"But, I'd like to look at eliminating the event requirement for pension," he added, explaining, "As a department, we can make additional [requirements]," other than the statutorily required 36 hours of training.
Bertram also commented that with having a good pension fund, "you have a little bit higher requirements than the average membership. It should be kind of an incentive. We've done it the opposite way around."
He explained that, over the years, some people could've gotten credit for pension based on the 36-hour training requirement, but never attended a public education event or responded to a call.
He noted public education "is one of our weaknesses across the board."
PFPD's attorney, Dino Ross, explained that 36-hour statute requirements have been in effect since the

1980's.
"[Public education] is not in there and it wouldn't qualify as training hours, so that's an additional requirement that isn't required by the statute," Ross said.
Bertram clarified that the public education event requirement was added to the district's pension requirements last year "to align with our current policies."
Bertram went on to explain that the district's policies are in place in order for members to remain active year to year, and that if the district were to hold everyone accountable over the years for those who did not meet the requirements, "they shouldn't continue the following year as a volunteer because they didn't meet the requirements."
He noted that all that was required for pension before the changes made last year was the 36 hours of training.
Board member James Martin suggested doing a "hard final cut doesn't seem appropriate" and that the district may want to phase in the requirements to be fair, noting these "not earth-shattering issues to begin with."
Bertram commented that the district relies on its volunteers mainly for "training and calls are where we really need 'em," and that he'd rather have volunteers commit to meeting those requirements than attending public education events.
Martin commented that volunteers signed up to help fight fires, "not entertain people."
The board then unanimously approved a motion for Bertram to bring back a proposed amendment in October to remove the public education event requirement for volunteer firefighter pension eligibility.

Archuleta County Republican women to host luncheon, speakers on Aug. 9

By Beverly Cuyler
Archuleta County Republican Women

Colorado mom Erin Lee will be the featured speaker at a luncheon on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Her Supreme Court case seeks resolution of the question of whether parents or the state have the right to direct decisions regarding our birth children.

Come hear Lee tell her story and talk about the ongoing legal efforts.
Lee is also feature in the recent documentary "Art Club."
Also speaking will be Durango mom Cindy Stein.
This event is hosted by the Archuleta County Republican Women. RSVP by Aug. 3 to Melinda at mrsratliff732@gmail.com or Beverly at acrwvp@pm.me to receive details.

Letters

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trillion. Our debt has more than tripled in 16 years and is out of control. All the letters to the editor are against cutting someone's favorite program. Nobody mentions that we can't afford it. Donald Trump, Elon Musk, Rand Paul and several other prominent Republicans are trying to address the problem. I have not heard of one Democrat say anything about it. JFK & Ronald Reagan both cut taxes and the economy improved, but they could not do anything about the national debt and there is a good reason for it. Blame Congress. Congress, both Democrats & Republicans want to keep their earmarks in the budget. That's why we have tunnels for turtles, Million dollar bathrooms in national parks, bridges to nowhere and many other stupid projects we don't need.

This will not stop until voters get fed up and start electing representatives who don't promise everything to buy votes. It's too bad that Ken Buck resigned in disgust of what he was seeing. Tom Coburn (now deceased) was another Senator who pointed out the idiotic pending projects put forth by congress. These are the kind of people we need to keep in office. Let's vote for people who will address the spending problem and kick out the ones who promise something for nothing. If we don't control our spending, China is ready to step in and be the dominant nation in the world. Look out when that happens!
John Meyer

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Business

Multiple August events on tap

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Of all the months, event season really seems to culminate in August. With the month always beginning with the Archuleta County Fair, this year July 31 through Aug. 3, almost every weekend has one big event or another.

The Chamber was able to fill one of those weekends this year with an event we hope to grow in the upcoming years just as we have ColorFest.

That event is Grillin' and Distillin', which will be held at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds on Aug. 23.

We are looking for backyard BBQers to participate. We know you are out there, and we know family and friends rave about your grilling sensations. Now is the time to show your grilling prowess locally at the Grillin' and Distillin' event.

Applications for this event are on the Chamber's website, www.pagosa-chamber.com. There will be bragging rights and also prizes. We also have some great distilleries joining us at this inaugural event. So, whether you are a BBQ enthusiast or a spirit or whiskey fan, we have both tastes covered. There will also be live music with a Pagosa favorite, Tylor Brandon, and SolOverLuna, who rocked the tent last year at ColorFest.

Tickets for this event for either the tasting or general admission are available online at www.pagosa-chamber.com.

Back to the county fair: Volunteer slots are still available for a myriad of

Archuleta County Democratic Club to hear about town wastewater issues

By Lynn Frederick
Archuleta County Democratic Club

The Archuleta County Democratic Club will meet on Aug. 4 at Coyote Moon at 11:30 a.m.

The topic of discussion will be the Town of Pagosa Springs' wastewater problems.

David Harris, town manager; Karl Johnson, public works director; and Leonard Martinez, board member of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District, will explain the situation in the town and the alternative proposals for fixing the problem. Although this is a town issue, the resolution of it may impact the entire county financially, so it is important that we have all the correct facts.

The Archuleta County Democratic Club meets every month with a speaker presenting at noon.

The club gives local Democrats the opportunity to meet with other Democrats and to hear speakers from the community, to meet candidates for local and national offices, and to hear about topics of timely interest. All are welcome to attend.

Please plan to come by 11:30 a.m. to order lunch before the presentation begins. Having cash will expedite ordering. For more information, email lynnfrederick1@gmail.com.



positions. This is a great way to give back to the community and enjoy the county fair as well. With your volunteer position you get entered into a drawing for some cool prizes, as well as admission to the event of your choice when you complete a shift. Again, this a great way to enjoy the activities and help out. Don't miss the annual 4-H Chuckwagon BBQ followed by the Livestock Show on Saturday, Aug. 2. But there is so much more to the fair than just these highlighted events, including lots of activities for kids, rodeos, vendors, exhibits and live performances.

Also in August is Seeds of Learning's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, to be held on Aug. 16 at the Ross Aragon Community Center. This year's stars include community leaders and business owners: Nicole DeMarco, Cindi Galabota, Matt Kossler, Ben Lawrence, Ernesto Renteria and Calie Skinner. You don't want to miss out on tickets. Even if you can't go to the event, support the organization by voting for one of the stars mentioned. Vote at www.DWTPS.org. Vote often and with a lot of dollars.

Another nonprofit event is the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado's Labor Day Kickoff Concert on Aug. 28 at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club from 5 to 7 p.m. The live music will be Soul Fire. The Community Foundation will

again be granting \$10,000 to an Archuleta County nonprofit. This is a major gift for one of our nonprofits, so come and support the activities that contribute to this gift and many other grants that the Community Foundation is engaged in.

Live music also continues in August with ComFest on Aug. 15 at Yamaguchi Park with Band Kamp. Don't miss out on this free musical event hosted by the Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Department.

On Aug. 27, the Wednesday Wine Walk supporting the downtown businesses will also take place. Tickets for this event are only \$10 and people can enjoy shopping and sipping wine from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. along the 400 block of Pagosa Street. Come out and support our downtown businesses who are affected by the construction project. All proceeds go to the Downtown Construction Grant Program.

With the weather in the evenings being a mild, comfortable temperature, we should be getting out enjoying all the free and low-cost activities provided for us.

This article is only about the events in August — wait for September. And, remember, ColorFest tickets are also on sale for the Friday night Passport to Pagosa or Saturday's Bands and Brews event. Visit www.pagosachamber.com for more information and tickets.

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Public weighs in on potential ballot question to increase to Archuleta County’s lodging tax

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, July 23, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held its second community listening session, providing the opportunity for members of the public to give feedback and suggestions on a potential ballot measure to increase the lodging tax in unincorporated parts of the county.

The county currently has a lodging tax rate of 1.9 percent and the Town of Pagosa Springs has a lodging tax rate of 4.9 percent.

Commissioner Veronica Medina explained that under the Colorado House Bill 24-1247, concerning the expansion of county lodging tax, the highest rate the county could impose is 6 percent.

Public comment started with community member Bill Hudson, who claimed “the lodging industry is apparently making three times as much money as they were in 2012,” explaining that, according to data from Visit Pagosa Springs, the lodging industry generated \$416,000 in tax while last year’s numbers were predicted to be at \$1.4 million.

Hudson also provided information on average home prices in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association during those times, claiming that in 2012 a single-family home in that area cost less than \$200,000 and is now going for more than \$500,000.

He also stated that, according to the recent housing needs assessment adopted by the county and Town of Pagosa Springs in April, only one-third of community residents could afford a \$320,000 home.

Hudson commented that a “weird thing” is going on in the community where there is a “really successful” lodging industry and a “horrible situation for the workforce.”

He went on to reference a chart, noting that it focuses on using additional lodging tax revenues on road

improvements and maintenance.

“I don’t think roads are three times as worse of a problem that we had in 2012,” Hudson said, in reference to the county’s roads while noting the Road and Bridge Department has been doing a “fantastic job.”

“This community is not taking care of its workforce,” Hudson added, urging the commissioners to dedicate some amount of lodging tax funds toward workforce housing.

According to the bill summary from the Colorado General Assembly, the expanded use of lodging tax funds can include public infrastructure maintenance or improvements, or enhancing public safety measures by funding local law enforcement, fire protection services and emergency medical services.

Medina commented that she has expressed wanting to use lodging tax funds for infrastructure, and workforce housing as another option, and give “some money to emergency medical services.”

She noted that the county will have to specifically say what the lodging tax funds will be used for on the ballot question.

“I’m certainly an advocate for housing,” Commissioner Warren Brown said, adding that the only way a ballot question will pass is if it is kept as simple as possible.

Brown mentioned that roads affect all income levels as everyone has to use them, noting the county has pulled money from its reserves over the past five or six years in order to address road needs.

Brown added that if the county doesn’t continue to keep its roads “proper,” it’ll end up back in the same situation.

He also mentioned that “a lot of effort and money” has gone into workforce housing recently, noting those efforts should not stop either.

Brown then mentioned the county needs to focus on two things — being roads and public safety — “because

both of those it doesn’t matter what your income is, you need both of those.”

Brown commented that he was appreciative of the input, noting he’s “not married” to the idea, but that when ballots are brought to voters, “I think we have to be very specific.”

Commissioner John Ranson commented that he didn’t think any of the commissioners were looking to use additional lodging tax funds solely on roads.

Ranson explained that the county’s road fund balance has gone from approximately \$9 million down to \$2 million in the last four years, noting it needs to be replenished with “some kind of revenue stream.”

Ranson commented that, otherwise, it leaves the county with no other option than to keep pulling from the general fund.

“The piggy bank’s not big,” he said.

In response to a question from the audience, Medina explained that it is her preference “that we go to ballot this year.”

She added that “it is a necessity” for all the reasons previously discussed.

“Where we as elected officials historically have failed is not taking the time to thoroughly educate the community and to have community stakeholders involved in moving this forward,” Brown said, explaining that timing has to be right when going to the ballot.

He noted that the county may have a better chance of successfully passing the ballot question “if we put the time in” and educate the community on what is being asked.

“I think that we shoot for the ballot next year,” Brown said, noting that the process needs to start soon.

Ranson explained that during his meetings with Colorado Counties Inc., it appears that lots of counties across the state are considering the same thing, but that only a few are planning to go to the ballot this year.

Ranson mentioned that he “likes” the concept, “but I think we’re too late for this year” and that if it fails the first time, going back to the ballot for a second time would be even more difficult.

“That usually doesn’t bode well,” he said, noting that other entities in the community like the Archuleta School District may also be going to the ballot next year.

Ranson also mentioned that he would like to do a survey of the community to gauge the appetite for raising the lodging tax.

“I’m right in there,” Brown commented, mentioning there is no need to go to the ballot if the community has no appetite for approving it.

Ranson commented that the county will need to do the same thing for its new administration building.

Hudson suggested the county could invite members of the community to be on a committee to focus on the matter, indicating that might encourage a larger turnout.

Medina then mentioned that she’s spoken with people in the community who have expressed both “pros and cons” on the matter.

One audience member commented that the Road and Bridge Department has not been expanded in quite some time, with Medina noting it has been 30 years.

The audience member suggested that if the community knew that the Road and Bridge Department hasn’t been expanded it would realize “it’s not our taxes going to that.”

The audience member also stated

that raising the lodging tax rate is a way to get tax money into the Road and Bridge Department “without having it impact your wallet.”

Brown then explained that every year the county receives rural school monies from the state based on a federal formula that helps fund schools in communities with rural land.

He noted that every year he has been on the BoCC, it has delegated the entire amount to the school district and explained that the county could keep a percentage of those funds.

Brown went on to explain that the tourism industry is starting to be referred to as an “extraction industry,” meaning visitors come and spend money, but they also use the local infrastructure and generate trash, “and this is a way of funding maintenance, repair for that extraction in a number of ways, particularly the roads that we’re looking at here.”

Hudson then commented that the county approving the formation of PLPOA without making it create a metro district was “a big mistake.”

He mentioned the county “could try to repair that mistake that was made by telling PLPOA, ‘Form a metro district if you wanna take care of your neighborhood roads.’”

Hudson also claimed the county has enough money to take care of the main roads, “but the county can’t afford to take care of all those neighborhood roads.”

Jesse Hensle spoke next, commenting on the tourism industry being referred to as an extraction industry and asking if the county has specific roads earmarked for maintenance or improvements with the additional lodging tax funds that would be collected.

Brown answered that he was unaware of any “large picture drawn up” and explained the county had a committee for roads that had come to an end.

Ranson suggested the BoCC hold a retreat to go through budget matters, noting, “We’re more fortunate than other counties.”

He explained that if the county can find some savings and apply it to roads, “We have to address them.”

Hensle questioned how much tourists actually use and impact the county’s roads, suggesting it is mostly the constituents that use them.

Brown provided data in regard to calls received by the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office from July 3-6, claiming the agency received 179 calls during that time, and 74 percent of those calls were from numbers the agency has never received before.

He mentioned that, to him, that data suggests a very “high number of people coming in and extracting those services.”

Brown added that “it doesn’t matter” what level the issue was.

“I think that’s pretty significant,” he said.

In response to a question from the audience, Medina explained that the county is trying to leave the tourism board and Tourism Executive Director Jennifer Green “out of this conversation,” and that if it goes to the ballot it is because it’s “what the people want.”

Medina also explained that the majority of the county’s lodging tax comes from short-term rentals.

“They do explore the county as a whole,” she added.

Green, who attended the session virtually, stated, “I want to be Switzerland on this matter, and I think it’s in the best interest of the tourism board to have that stance, as well.”

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Colorado Department of Local Affairs

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs’ (DOLA) Division of Local Government (DLG) awarded \$15 million across 50 projects in Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grants from the latest application cycle, which closed in March 2025.

Among those recipients is Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

PSMC will receive \$150,000 for facility safety upgrades to reduce risks to medical staff and patients while strengthening health care access and workforce stability.

“Rural infrastructure helps ensure all Coloradans have access to clean and safe drinking water, housing and safe facilities. By supporting this work in all corners of Colorado, we can ensure that our communities thrive,” said Gov. Jared Polis.

“Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance funds support projects across our state that are unlikely to happen without this funding,” said DOLA Executive Director, Maria De Cambra. “Over half of the projects awarded during this cycle support drinking water and wastewater systems, critical for the health and safety of Colorado communities.”

This grant program facilitates essential community improvements, including water and wastewater systems, resilient public facilities, comprehensive plans, and housing infrastructure.

Examples of other projects funded this cycle include:

- The City of Yuma will receive \$850,000 to replace an aging cast-iron water line. This will enhance service

reliability, support future growth and prevent costly emergency repairs.

- As the Town of Granby recently celebrated the grand opening of Phase 1 of Nuche Village workforce housing, DOLA continues its support for this development by providing \$750,000 for Phase 2 infrastructure, which will feature a robust water preservation plan.

- The Town of Iliff will receive \$112,500 for the construction of a town hall. The town currently leases a small space out of the Head Start School that is inaccessible to the public.

- Fort Garland Water and Sanitation District will receive \$105,000 to complete a water system master plan to prevent future system failures and to provide a safer, more reliable water system.

- Garfield School District #16 will receive \$66,500 for design, drawings and construction documents for a new child care center to support working families and aid local businesses through better workforce retention and recruitment.

The EIAF program assists counties, municipalities and special districts that are socially and/or economically impacted by the development, processing or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels.

Funds are derived from the state severance tax on energy and mineral production and from a portion of the state’s share of royalties paid to the federal government for mining and drilling of minerals and mineral fuels on federally owned land.

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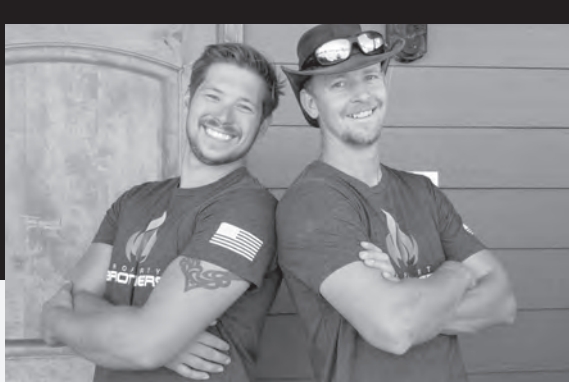
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Back-to-school clinics to offer sports physicals, vaccines and free heart screenings for local youth

By **Chenni Hammon**
Archuleta County

As summer winds down and families prepare for the upcoming school year, Archuleta County Public Health is making it easier for parents to check off important health requirements with two special back-to-school clinics this August.

These clinics will offer everything from routine childhood vaccines to affordable sports physicals and free heart screenings for young athletes.

The clinics will be held on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 1 to 5 p.m., and again on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Archuleta County Public Health office is at 502 S. 8th St.

Appointments are highly encouraged and can be made by calling (970) 264-2409, though walk-ins will be accepted as space allows.

Dr. Julie Buchner will be providing

sports physicals for just \$40, offered on a self-pay basis. Insurance will not be accepted for these visits, but the low cost aims to make them accessible to as many families as possible.

In addition, Archuleta County Public Health is partnering with Who We Play For, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing sudden cardiac arrest in youth athletes.

As part of the sports physical, every child aged 10 and older will receive a free heart screening — a service that could potentially detect hidden heart conditions before they become life-threatening. The cost of these screenings is being fully covered by Archuleta County Public Health.

Routine childhood vaccinations will also be available at the clinics, as well as during regular hours every Wednesday and Thursday throughout the year. These vaccines are free

for children who are uninsured or enrolled in Medicaid.

Families with private insurance are encouraged to visit their regular medical providers for routine immunizations. However, public health staff are happy to help families check their child’s vaccine records and answer any questions.

To support continued access to lifesaving heart screenings, donations will be accepted at the clinic events to help fund additional screenings for youth in the community.

Archuleta County Public Health encourages all families to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure their children are ready — physically and safely — for the school year ahead.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Archuleta County Public Health at (970) 264-2409.

Former La Plata County jail commander charged with 117 counts of invasion of privacy

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

On July 23, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) announced it has charged a former La Plata County Jail Commander Edward Aber, 62, with 117 counts of invasion of privacy for sexual gratification, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and one count of first-degree official misconduct, also a Class 1 misdemeanor.

According to a CBI press release, these charges stem from an investigation initiated on Jan. 2, when the CBI was contacted to assist the La Plata County Sheriff’s Office.

“The investigation into Aber, who was promoted to Jail Commander in 2018 and granted administrative access to evidence.com in 2019, focused on his alleged inappropriate viewing of sensitive video footage,” the press release explains. “Aber was placed on administrative leave in July 2024 following allegations of unlawful sexual contact with female

inmates and the sexual harassment of numerous female employees. While no charges were filed regarding the alleged sexual contact with inmates, Aber resigned in July of 2024 during the sexual harassment investigation.”

It adds that investigators believe 117 different female inmates’ strip search videos were allegedly accessed and viewed by Aber, multiple times, between Feb. 14, 2019, and Jan. 14, 2024.

Archuleta County had inmates

housed at the facility from April 2015 until January 2020, according to Archuleta County Undersheriff Robert Hill.

The CBI did not disclose any additional information about the inmates involved in the allegations.

“The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt,” the CBI press release notes.

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Great Colorado Payback closes fiscal year with record returns

Colorado Department of the Treasury

The Colorado Department of the Treasury’s Unclaimed Property Division closed out the 2024-2025 fiscal year with record-setting results for the Great Colorado Payback, the state’s program to return unclaimed property to its rightful owners.

The division paid more than 86,000 claims totaling nearly \$79.9 million, marking a 22.5 percent increase in funds returned over the previous year and capping off five years of sustained growth, operational improvements and increased transparency.

Five years of progress

Since 2019, the Unclaimed Property Division has transformed its operations to better serve Coloradans, returning more than \$338 million to individuals, businesses, nonprofits and local governments across the state.

This year, the Division resolved 190 percent more claims than in 2019, when it closed almost 30,000 claims.

With a strong focus on efficiency and accountability, the division has dramatically shortened processing times and improved its outreach strategy. After verification, the average claim takes just 11 days to process and under two days to pay.

Colorado recently strengthened the program by passing HB 25-1224, also known as the revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. The legislation updates reporting requirements and enhances consumer protections, supporting the program’s long-term growth and efficacy.

“This legislation brings Colorado’s unclaimed property laws into the modern era so the department can continue to exceed benchmarks and protect the private unclaimed dollars we hold in trust,” said Leah Marvin-Riley, policy director for the Colorado Department of the Treasury. “These updates will accelerate our work to return missing money while maintaining our fiduciary responsibility to safeguard taxpayer dollars.”

Your money is waiting

The Great Colorado Payback is urging Coloradans to visit GreatCO-Payback.com to check whether they, their family, friends or businesses are owed money.

Archuleta County Fair Rodeo Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night



Friday, August 1st, 6:30 p.m. | Archuleta County Fairgrounds
To benefit PSMC’s Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

Bares, Broncs & Bulls
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2025 Archuleta County Fair Schedule

Thursday, July 31st thru Sunday, August 3rd
Fairgrounds on Highway 84 & 160



Fair Events — Thur., July 31-Sun., Aug. 3 Every Day of the Fair

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

Thursday, July 31st - Fair Officially Opens

9:00am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Opens	Extension Building
9:00am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am	Goat Shows: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10:00am – 4:00pm	CAM's AG Academy	4-H Hall
12:00pm	4-H Turkey Show & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
12:30pm	Kids Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
1:00pm	Adult Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
1:30pm	Women's Nail Driving Contest	Fairgrounds
2:00pm	Men's Stake Driving Contest	Fairgrounds
2:30pm	Three-Legged Race	Fairgrounds
3:30pm	Kids Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
4:00pm	Three-Legged Race	Fairgrounds
4:30pm	Women's Nail Driving Contest	Fairgrounds
5:00pm	Adult Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
5:30pm	Men's Stake Driving Contest	Fairgrounds
6:00pm	Swine Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6:00pm	Cornhole Tournament	Activity Tent
7:00pm-11:00pm	Open Mic Night w/ Eric Wade & Trey Brooks	Activity Tent
8:00pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Closes	Extension Building
11:00pm	Fair Closes	Fairgrounds

Friday, August 1st

9:00am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Opens	Extension Building
9:00am	4-H Rabbit Show	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am	Lamb Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10:00am	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
10:30am	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
11:00am	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
12:00pm	Chicken Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
12:30pm	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Gomez Store – Historical Building Open	Old West Town
1:00pm	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
2:00pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
3:00pm	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
3:30pm	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
4:00pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Horseshoe Pitch Practice	Horseshoe Pits
6:00pm	4-H Beef Show & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6:30pm	Pink Pony Race	Rodeo Arena

7:00pm	Rough Stock Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Event	
8:00pm	Exhibit Hall and Stith Room Close	Extension Hall
9:00pm-Midnight	Live Music/Dance – Bo DePen Band	Activity Tent

Saturday, August 2nd

8:30am	4-H Showmanship Clinic Hughes	Pavilion
9:00am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9:00am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am	Horseshoe Pitching	Horseshoe Pitch
9:30am	BMX Show Fairgrounds	
10:00am – 5:00pm	Gomez Store- Historical Building Open	Old West Town
10:00am	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
10:00am	4-H Master Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10:30am-11:30am	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
10:30am	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
11:00am	That Hypnotist Edward Wunder	Activity Tent
11:00am	Open Rodeo	Red Ryder Arena
11:30am	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
12 noon	Sunday's Kids' Rodeo Entry Deadline	Extension Building
12 noon	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
1:00pm	That Hypnotist Edward Wunder	Activity Tent
2:00pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
3:00pm	That Hypnotist Edward Wunder	Activity Tent
3:00pm	Homemaker of the Year Award	Extension Building
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
3:30pm	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
4:00pm-6:30pm	Live Music – San Juan Mountain Boys	Activity Tent
4:30pm-6:30pm	4-H Chuckwagon Dinner, a benefit for 4-H Cowboy Poetry	Activity Tent
	Awards: Honorees, Conservationist of the year	
	2025 & 2026 Royalty	
5:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction Bidder/Add-on Registration	Hughes Pavilion
6:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction	Hughes Pavilion
8:00pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building
9:00pm – Midnight	Live Music/Fair Dance – Brett Hendrix	Activity Tent

Sunday, August 3rd

8:00am- 9:00am	Kids' Rodeo Check-In	Red Ryder Rodeo Arena
9:00am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9:00am-2:00pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am-11:00am	Pancake Breakfast/PSHS Girls Basketball	Fundraiser Activity Tent
9:00am	4-H Parent/Master Showmanship Contest	Hughes Pavilion
10:00am	Kids' Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
10:00am	Medieval Armored Combat	Fairgrounds
11:00am	Three-Legged Race	Fairgrounds
11:30am	Kids Blow-up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
12:00pm	Adult Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
1:00pm	Medieval Armored Combat	Fairgrounds
2:00pm	Livestock Animals Released	Hughes Pavilion
	See 4-H Office for Schedule	
2:00pm	Fair Closes until next year	Fairgrounds
2:00pm-4:00pm	Release of Open Class Projects/Premiums Paid	Exhibit Building
2:00pm-4:00pm	Release of 4-H Projects	Stith Room

Subject to change.

Properties

■ **Continued from front**
which were taken over by the county through tax foreclosure.

Harper indicated that most of the bids received on those lots did not meet even 50 percent of the minimum bid.

In 2023, the BoCC donated a total of 35 lots in the Trails and Chris Mountain II neighborhoods, not including the Bonita properties, to the PSCDC to develop as workforce housing units.

Medina commented that she “wasn’t originally for giving all of them to them.”

Medina also expressed concerns about the “devil in the details,” which she indicated were holding fees that had to be paid on those lots to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and to the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA).

“All of those fees, which none of us thought about, which has become a huge burden,” she said.

PSCDC Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke explained that when the PSCDC applied for the land banking financing loan, it was tied to the Bonita properties, explaining that if the county wants to donate the Bonita properties to the ACHA, then the loan would not be received.

She went on to explain that PSCDC’s intention was to use the funds from the land banking loan to purchase the Bonita properties from the county and request the BoCC to put the \$200,000 into the workforce housing fund “and then let that pay for the holding fees for anybody that’s working on workforce housing.”

She noted if the county were to just donate the properties, “then that eliminates our grant and we’re gonna throw away \$200,000.”

Medina explained that the land banking loan was being referred to as a grant, “but it’s actually a loan,” noting it would have a 2 percent interest for five years or until the loan is forgiven.

Medina noted that if housing units weren’t developed within five years, the term would be extended and “then you’re still paying that 2 percent on that \$200,000 loan,” explaining that it is not a grant until the loan is forgiven when housing units are built.

“All of the interest is deferred,” Lashbrooke said, explaining there would be no payment until the five-year mark, when the landscape is assessed to see if housing units were built with certain area median income (AMI) and deed restrictions. “Then it will waive the interest and the loan,” Lashbrooke added.

She also noted that “there’s plenty of time for the county to be the holder of those properties after we do the transaction and let the housing authority build.”

Medina explained that there had been conversation about using the \$200,000 for developing housing and that with holding fees costing around \$16,000 per year on each property,

the \$200,000 wouldn’t go a long way. “I think that’s a bigger conversation,” she added.

Medina also commented that grant funding oftentimes comes with “a lot of handcuffs” with trying to stay in compliance with certain restrictions that may be imposed.

“I’m not really for chasing grants to chase a grant,” she said, noting there is “cheaper money” available.

Lashbrooke mentioned the PSCDC initially took on housing as a project because it was asked to and that there wasn’t much else going on in the community other than the Rose Mountain Townhouse project.

Medina also mentioned that she didn’t know the ACHA “actually existed” and that the county did not approach them originally “because ... I didn’t know that they really existed, that they were an actual Archuleta County Housing Authority.”

She noted that workforce housing became an economic development issue all over the state, “but it’s not meant to be a forever thing.”

She also commented that she attempted to work with the ACHA early in the process before considering the land banking financing loan option, but that “there was just some miscommunication there.”

In response to a question from Commissioner John Ranson, ACHA board vice chairman Clifford Lucero explained that if the language in the land banking grant/loan states the lots can be transferred, “then it’s fine.”

Commissioner Warren Brown explained that he has been on the PSCDC since it started its housing project, which was intended to support the “missing middle” class, noting that it’s difficult for those folks to afford to live in the county, “but yet we need their skilled labor to provide all the services from end to the other.” He added that if the Bonita properties are transferred to the ACHA, “I think that we need to have kind of the same expectations that have been placed on the [PSCDC],” in regard to a timeline for build out and a request for proposal (RFP) process.

“Obviously the housing authority has experience in this,” Medina commented, while also praising the PSCDC’s work in its first phase of its workforce housing project, which built 10 homes.

She went on to explain that now the ACHA is “willing to take on this new opportunity,” noting that it’s the

“right thing to do” with the Bonita properties to let the PSCDC get back to economic development and have the ACHA do a housing project.

Medina also commented on Brown’s point of wanting financial updates and reports from the ACHA, noting the BoCC typically doesn’t get that from the PSCDC, other than a quarterly update.

“Those are things we typically don’t get; that’s not information we’ve received,” she said.

Questions about the county’s and PSCDC’s requirements for the More Housing Now grant that awarded \$1.9 million to the county in 2024 from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) were raised in regard to if 45 homes would need to be built or if simply providing the infrastructure to 45 lots would meet the requirement.

Lashbrooke indicated that DOLA Regional Manager Patrick Rondinelli wanted to renew the contract, while Medina noted that, according to what is actually written in the contract, the requirement should be met by simply having the infrastructure provided to at least 45 lots.

Brown then asked, “Do we have reason to believe the [PSCDC] would not perform?”

He also commented that the PSCDC took on a housing project “that’s never been done here before by a single entity, government or private.”

Medina mentioned that Lashbrooke and the PSCDC board have previously expressed that it’s time for them to get out of housing.

“This is the Housing Authority’s lane. They’re able and willing to do it,” she said.

Medina also mentioned that she didn’t know the ACHA “actually existed” and that the county did not approach them originally “because ... I didn’t know that they really existed, that they were an actual Archuleta County Housing Authority.”

Medina explained that it is not about the PSCDC doing anything wrong or not performing, but that it’s not necessarily its lane.

She commented that it “just makes sense” to have the ACHA perform a housing project with everyone staying in their own lane and doing “what needs to be done.”

Brown agreed with Medina’s comments about entities staying in their own lane, unless there is a need that is not being filled.

Brown mentioned that the ACHA historically has been involved in low-income housing projects.

ACHA Executive Director Anissa Griego explained that the Rose Mountain Townhome project serves residents in the 30 to 60 percent AMI range, while the project currently under construction near Walmart will serve either 30 to 60 percent or 40 to 80 percent AMI levels.

Griego also noted the ACHA was able to obtain a \$1 million grant to renovate its Casa De Los Arcos property.

“So, we have our hands in a whole bunch of housing,” she said.

Brown explained that he has “no issues” with donating the Bonita properties, but commented that the county needs to be careful about the remaining properties that have already been donated to the PSCDC, “because that’s not the commissioners lane, speaking of staying in our lane — that’s the board decision with the [PSCDC]. They’re not owned properties by the county.”

Brown also mentioned that he has no doubt that the ACHA would be able to complete a project on the Bonita properties.

Brown then commented that he would like to get input from other people involved in this project, such as the homeowners and other locals, to see what the community “can collectively do.”

“I don’t really think it’s ... a local conversation. I think it’s the county gave the lots to the [PSCDC],” Medina commented, noting that she has heard from multiple PSCDC board members that they are ready to get out of the housing business.

Medina went on to mention the housing needs assessment recently

adopted by the BoCC and Pagosa Springs Town Council shows there is a need for rentals, “and we don’t have that.”

She explained that it’s not the goal to keep everyone in rentals, but that it is a first step in being able to build up and save to afford to purchase a home.

The discussion was interrupted with Rondinelli joining via phone to provide information and clarification on the More Housing Now grant requirements.

He explained that the grant is for infrastructure to be built to support affordable housing, and technically there is “nothing that says you guys couldn’t consider transferring who’s building the homes — there’s nothing in the contract that would say you can’t do that.”

He mentioned that the BoCC should consider the expectations when it was awarded the grant that the county would be on “a pretty aggressive schedule” to try and get 10 plus homes built each year.

He commented that even though that is not a requirement built into the grant, “that expectation is currently associated with this contract.”

Rondinelli went on to explain that “if you’re still able to meet that plan, great, we’re good,” noting the county knows what’s best for its community.

He confirmed that, according to the language in the grant, the only recruitment is that 45 single-family home lots in the Trails and Chris Mountain II neighborhoods would be provided with the infrastructure needed to develop the properties.

Brown asked if the county were to “draw the line” at just providing infrastructure to the lots, if that might affect future grant considerations.

Rondinelli explained it’s not an easy yes or no answer, explaining there are multiple factors that could affect that.

As long as the county continues to strive to meet the goals and stays in communication with DOLA, “we’re fine with that,” he said.

Lucero chimed in noting that the ACHA has history building and that the Colorado Division of Housing built approximately 100 homes in the southwest region during the 1980s and ‘90s.

Lashbrooke commented that she does not mind who builds the homes, but that her main concern is not wanting to obligate the ACHA to build 45 homes if that is not something it is capable of doing.

Ranson noted that he has confidence in the ACHA and Lucero, while Medina noted that 10 of the 45 homes have already been completed.

Lashbrooke added that five more homes are about to go under contract to build.

In a later interview, Lashbrooke explained that the PSCDC voted via email to approve a contract with BWD Construction to have five more homes built as part of the phase two of the PSCDC housing project.

Lashbrooke explained that, according to the PSCDC’s bylaws, the board is allowed to conduct a vote on matters via email.

“So, our board made a decision that they would entertain a contract with the contractor for phase two,” Lashbrooke said during the July 16 work session.

She noted the PSCDC initially considered other options as the contract with BWD included a 3 percent increase in costs, but that the board asked BWD to reconsider and “they were able to reduce their costs.”

Lashbrooke noted that modular options have been “ruled out” for now.

Lashbrooke also explained that the PSCDC board has expressed concern in releasing the liability of 45 homes having to be built and would want to be reimbursed for holding costs.

“There’s money owed on the properties at this point,” she said.

Lashbrooke also commented that she was not “fighting” to keep the lots, but that she just wants “to do the right thing.”

She added, “I have only tried to

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Fair

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Ellis loves to write and enjoys public speaking. She spent time on the stage and was a competitive dancer. Her favorite school classes are English and science (in particular anatomy) and she would like to be a surgeon in the future. She has been a teacher’s assistant at school. Ellis enjoys traveling and time with family.

Forrest has been raising chickens and this year is raising turkeys for the 4-H program. Her favorite part of raising poultry is having them chase and follow her around. Her interests are riding horses and playing basketball.

Super Superintendent, Super Volunteer named

Volunteers are critical to the operation of fair, and we appreciate each one of them. They handle everything from setting up the fairgrounds, serving on the board, coordinating entertainment, overseeing games and more.

Two special volunteers, Super

Superintendent Lisa Vail and Super Volunteer Ashley Torres, were selected for their outstanding service to the fair over the past several years.

Vail served on the fair’s Board of Directors for several years and during that time also served as the Exhibit Hall coordinator. Since leaving the board, she has continued to help set up and organize the Exhibit Hall, assisted with registering exhibits received for display, and provided directions to new fair team members.

Torres is a creative powerhouse who actively helps wherever she has been asked, from updating signs advertising the fair to assisting with the Tough Enough Pink Rodeo event.

We also remember folks who have recently passed away but who offered vital support to the fair and 4-H programs over the years. They had an impact on the fair, on the 4-H family, and on the people with whom they worked and served. We honor their memory.

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Library

■ **Continued from front**

Brattin said, noting that the expansion will involve ripping up the row of parking closest to the south end of the building.

She also noted that the first phase will be the longest of the three phases and is expected to last 10 months as crews are planning to be able to work through the winter.

Next week while the library is closed, a new entrance from the west side of the building will be constructed, along with a hallway leading to the current circulation desk.

Brattin noted that visitors will need to access the parking lot from U.S. 160 in order to enter the building.

Once phase one is completed, renovations will begin inside the northern portion of the building, with that work set to include replacing carpet, adding new paint and upgrading electrical systems in the building, Brattin noted.

She went on to mention that phase three of the project will include “all the fancy stuff with the garden,” explaining the new garden will wrap all the way around the building.

Brattin mentioned that, weather pending, the project should be com-

pleted next summer.

As for how the library plans to operate through construction, Brattin explained that a new temporary kids’

As for how the library plans to operate through construction, Brattin explained that a new temporary kids’ corner was created in the northern end of the building which has more natural lighting.

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She explained that some of the publicly available computers have been relocated to the northern end of the building, as well.

Brattin also mentioned that once the project is completed, the new entrance to the building will be located

Properties

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work with the housing authority.”

During the July 16 meeting, three items were tabled from the new business portion of the agenda, which included making a decision on the resolution to donate the Bonita properties, the land banking financing loan/grant and consideration of support for the PSCDC to donate 10 to 15 lots to the ACHA.

Before the matters were tabled, the BoCC initially considered the resolution to donate the Bonita properties, with Brown commenting that donating the properties for workforce housing to be developed would be more beneficial to the community than accepting a \$1,500 bid on each property.

“We would benefit more as a community to donate these parcels of land, to have workforce and low income housing developed on them, than we would for selling these and accepting some of these bids that are ridiculously low,” he said.

Medina explained that if the properties are donated to the ACHA — a quasi-governmental entity — the properties would be restricted for workforce housing.

Ranson motioned to approve the resolution, but ultimately rescinded his motion.

Lashbrooke interjected after Ranson’s initial motion, asking how the BoCC could consider the resolution before considering accepting the land banking financing grant/loan.

Lashbrooke went on to explain that the PSCDC had heard comments that the community was unhappy with the donation of the properties and that the land banking funds could be used to purchase the properties, with the county then setting that money aside in the workforce housing fund.

“I thought it looked better for the community,” she said, explaining the \$200,000 would come as a grant, indicating the requirements would be fulfilled.

She went on to state that she was not trying to overcomplicate things and that she is excited about the ACHA taking on a project, “but is this county so rich we can throw away this \$200,000 that could help everybody that’s working on workforce housing? I don’t believe we should throw this grant away.”

“It’s not that the county is so rich we can turn down a grant,” Medina replied, indicating that the ACHA has expressed there are other grant opportunities available.

Medina added that by accepting the land banking funding, it might obligate the ACHA to something it may not be comfortable with.

Ranson indicated he was “struggling” with the matter.

Brown indicated that it would not obligate the ACHA to anything as the PSCDC would be taking on the loan/grant.

Ranson also mentioned that he wanted to speak with the ACHA about the matter.

The items were then tabled with the intention of holding a special meeting on July 22 to make a decision.

Lucero and Griego joined the BoCC during a work session held on July 22, with Lucero commenting, “this has come a long ways.”

He also indicated the ACHA will look for a grant “that will fit for the project that we’d like to do, which would be single-family homes.”

He noted the homes could be either rental or for sale, depending on the grant that the ACHA goes after.

Lucero commented that the ACHA’s vision is to have something

that fits the community with units that are not all “the same build.”

Griego commented that, “Obviously we have proven that we can develop these properties,” noting the ACHA is excited for the opportunity for another project.

Brown asked when the ACHA would anticipate starting a project and how many units it may build.

Lucero explained that the hope is to apply and hear back for a grant by the end of the year, to be able to start a project next year, noting there are potential savings when building in volume.

“Volume is where you can build cheaper,” he said, explaining that next year the ACHA might not build any homes, but, depending on grants, it might build 11 units the following year.

Ranson mentioned that “rentals, to me, would be big.”

Medina noted that Lashbrooke was not in attendance during the July 22 work session, but explained that Lashbrooke had informed Brown and Ranson that the PSCDC board decided to withdraw its landbanking loan/grant application.

Brown commented that the PSCDC took on a substantial financial risk to get its project started and that he would like to see the ACHA commit to having at least one unit built per year “to have some skin in the game.”

Medina replied, saying, “I find that question a little rude.”

She explained that the PSCDC was not asked the same question and that the BoCC was “very generous when those properties were given.”

“We never asked that of the [PSCDC] and they had no track record of building,” she added.

Griego explained that the Bonita lots are not that large and that some of the lots may have to be consolidated in order to build on them.

Brown clarified that he had no intention of offending anyone with his question and that it was a “business-related question.”

Lucero noted that the goal is to have a project underway within two years.

Ranson commented that Brown’s question wasn’t offensive, but that he knows Lucero well and he has “no reservations” about the ACHA being able to successfully complete a project.

“Everything’s on the table and I think that’s what needed to happen,” Lucero commented.

During the July 22 special meeting, the BoCC unanimously approved the agenda, removing the item to consider accepting or rejecting the land banking financing loan/grant.

Harper presented the Bonita property resolution to the BoCC, explaining that the county agrees to pay holding and tap fees on the properties until units are developed.

According to language included in the July 22 special meeting agenda under the resolution to approve donating the Bonita properties, “This agenda item requests that the Board approve the donation of eleven vacant land lots on Bonita Drive for development as low-income housing. The County intends to pay the TAP fees and Authority fees on the lots until such time as development is complete.”

Harper then reviewed multiple changes to the resolution that were made after it was posted on the county’s website on July 18.

Harper explained that one of those changes includes changing language to reflect that the county received a request to transfer the lots. He also

where the current garden access is on the west side of the building.

The Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends has helped raise funds for the project and is currently running a campaign called 100 Extraordinary Women, Brattin mentioned.

She explained that the goal is to raise \$100,000 for recognizing 100 women in the community, with \$1,000 donated for each woman.

Brattin noted that the women being recognized will have their names engraved on one of the new walls at the library.

For more information on that campaign and different donation options, visit <https://100extraordinarywomen.com/ruby-m-sisson-memorial-library/>. The program offers a onetime, yearly or monthly donation option.

“We’re still short,” Brattin said in regard to the total funding needed to complete each phase of the project.

She explained that the garden portion of the project will be left out until the library is able to raise enough funds, but noted that the construction company is wanting to know

sooner rather than later as materials will be cheaper to purchase now.

Brattin also mentioned that the building is being designed to be “solar ready” for when the library is able to come up with funding to have panels installed.

She noted that it’ll cost approximately \$50,000 to have the solar panels installed and that she will be pursuing a grant from the state to help with those costs.

She mentioned that conduit for an electric vehicle charging station will also be installed during the project and she is pursuing another state grant to have a charging station installed in the library’s parking lot at a later point.

With the disruptions and loss of space during the expansion project, Brattin explained that some of the library’s programs will be relocating to other venues in the community and that more temporary options may be needed in order to continue to offer some programs throughout the construction period.

For more information on the project, the library and more, visit www.pagosalibrary.org.

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Brown questioned if the county is agreeing to pay holding fees or tap fees, with Harper indicating just holding fees.

Brown then explained that he intended to abstain from voting on the matter. The resolution was then approved with Ranson and Medina voting in favor.

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Outdoors



Members of the high school and middle school cross-country teams summited Graham Peak on July 25. The peak was their second peak of the summer and part of their quest to cover 150 miles this summer ahead of the fall season.

Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association to present ‘The Chaco Phenomenon’ three-part lecture series

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to announce its upcoming lecture series featuring “The Chaco Phenomenon,” a captivating three-part program that explores the rise and fall, influence and legacy of the Ancestral Puebloan Chaco Culture — and its enduring connection to Chimney Rock National Monument.

The series will take place over three consecutive Fridays in August at 6 p.m. in the Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall. The doors will open at 5:45 p.m. Each lecture will feature a distinguished expert in Southwestern archaeology and anthropology.

Lecture 1, “Chaco Canyon — Its

Origins, People, and History,” will be on Aug. 15 at 6 p.m.

Presented by G.B. Cornucopia, retired National Park Service archaeologist and longtime interpretive ranger at Chaco Canyon, this talk will trace the roots of the Chacoan culture, from its early inhabitants and monumental architecture to its peak influence and eventual decline. Cornucopia, a pioneer in Chaco’s astronomy programs, brings decades of field experience and a passion for ancient skywatching traditions.

Lecture 2, “The Chaco Culture — Its Influence, Outliers, and Decline,” will be on Aug. 22 at 6 p.m.

Join Tori Myers, executive director of the Salmon Ruins Museum, as she delves into the geographic and cultural reach of the Chacoan world.

Myers will discuss the intricate network of outlier communities such as Chimney Rock, as well as the social, religious and linguistic ties that bound them to Chaco Canyon. Her work emphasizes both scientific archaeology and the storytelling power of artifacts and cultural memory.

Lecture 3, “The Chimney Rock Great House and Chaco Regional System,” will be Aug. 29 at 6 p.m.

Presented by Dr. Susan Ryan, executive vice president of the Research Institute at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, this lecture focuses on the Chimney Rock Pueblo itself — its community and the role it played within the Chacoan regional system. Ryan’s presentation will highlight the broader implications of archaeological study in understand-

ing community development and cultural identities.

Admission is free. This series offers a rare opportunity to hear from some of the region’s most respected voices in Southwestern archaeology and to deepen your understanding of one of North America’s most fascinating ancient cultures.

Donations are welcome. Canned goods for the church’s food pantry are greatly appreciated.

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

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that offers interpretive programs at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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Audubon Rockies seeking volunteers for Four Mile Ranch programs

By Keith Bruno
Audubon Rockies

It’s hard to believe, but it’s that time of year again where we start thinking about fall. For us at Audubon Rockies, that means thinking about Four Mile Ranch programs.

Known to many as “Hershey Ranch” (previously owned by the Hershey family), it’s a special place where students connect with the landscape at a place that, in some cases, their parents visited many years ago.

Though we’re only able to host students in the fall for a single visit, it tends to be a formative classroom culture-building day outside at the beginning of the school year. It’s our intention that students walk away with a deeper connection and respect for the San Juan Mountains.

It is the commitment of volunteers that has made this program a success from its inception.

Each year, approximately 20-25 volunteers lead groups of students through the forests and bottomlands at the ranch, collectively hosting more than 800 regional students.

We’re in need of volunteers. Can you spare a few days to make a difference in the life of a child?

Join our team of volunteer educators in helping to foster an appreciation of the natural world in area youth.

An established program of ecology-focused lessons designed for elementary students, we provide field trips for regional schools and home-schooled groups.

Audubon Rockies and San Juan Mountains Association staff will provide a three-day training.

We’ll meet in the Ross Aragon Community Center East Conference Room from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Aug. 25, for a program orientation and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day on-site at the Four Mile Ranch

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Town council sets goals, priorities for upcoming budget season

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At a July 17 work session, the Pagosa Springs Town Council reviewed and updated its goals and objectives, carving a vision for future budget priorities.

The council went over its important budgetary priorities, ranking each issue in tiers, with tier 1 being a top priority and tier 3 being the lowest.

The top four major goals and objectives from the previous year were staffing, workforce housing, road maintenance, and parks and trails maintenance.

Out of these four, the council decided to keep workforce housing, road maintenance, and parks and trails maintenance as tier 1 budget priorities, with staffing moving down to tier 2.

On the issue of staffing, the council agreed that the issue should move from a tier 1 priority to a tier 2, with Police Chief Bill Rockensock on hand to explain that his department is about three people short of being fully staffed.

Rockensock noted that the police department recently lost two officers, and that the department was already looking to add one more position, leaving three vacancies.

It would add about \$200,000 to the annual budget to add a third position, he explained.

Town Clerk April Hessman added that “one of our biggest problems is getting people moving here, because of housing.”

On the issue of workforce housing, council member Leonard Martinez said, “I don’t see this one dropping to tier 2, strategically speaking.”

“We need to think more expansively about how we solve the problem without necessarily being builders or landlords,” council member Gary Williams added.

In 2022, the town entered into a pre-development contract with Texas-based developer Servitas to build workforce housing at the town-owned Enclave site, a 3 acre property in Aspen Village south of Walmart.

Servitas proposes to build 70 units on the site, with 12 of those being townhome ownership units and the remainder being multifamily rental units, with the project aiming to provide housing for those earning between 60 percent and 140 percent of the area median income (AMI).

The entire project would average 90 percent AMI for the rental units.

Council member Brooks Lindner asked if workforce housing could be moved to a tier 2 priority since the town might be “thinking we don’t want to be in the business of developing workforce housing anymore, but, rather, supporting it” in other ways.

He expressed that he wondered what the budgetary impact would be if the town made this shift.

Council member Matt Deguise,

“We want to continue, to the best of our ability, with the road maintenance plan, so that way roads aren’t falling too far behind in disrepair that would then cost us even more money to fix them in the future,” council member Madeline Bergon replied.

agreeing with Martinez, suggested that he didn’t see it necessarily as a top budget priority, “but it’s definitely one of the top issues in the town and should remain a top priority for us.”

Pierce noted that the council would keep it at tier 1 “for now” and then if the town ultimately makes the decision to get away from the development side of workforce housing in the next few months, there would be enough time to deprioritize it before the budget is crafted.

On traffic management, parking and road maintenance, Pierce said, as far as the budget goes, “we’ll be spending a whole lot of money on that in the next year with the [Colorado Department of Transportation] project.”

Williams and Martinez suggested that the money for this issue would still get prioritized regardless of what tier the issue ended up on.

Williams noted that road maintenance is a basic function of government, “and we are gonna do it, whether it’s in tier 1, tier 2 or tier 3. So, what’s the difference?”

“We want to continue, to the best of our ability, with the road maintenance plan, so that way roads aren’t falling too far behind in disrepair that would then cost us even more money to fix them in the future,” council member Madeline Bergon replied.

Bergon added that if it’s a “core function,” it should “always” remain tier 1, with Pierce saying that “less emphasis” is put on things in the lower tiers.

Road maintenance will stay a tier 1 priority for the council.

On parks and trails maintenance, Lindner said, “For me, it’s still in the top tier. We’re a tourist town, and when we have good tourist infrastructure, i.e., parks and trails, it serves our economic engine well.”

Pierce noted that the council would leave this as a tier 1, but would “focus more on the maintenance aspect” of parks and trails in the budget.

The lower-tier priorities from the previous year included land acquisition policy, the geothermal system, tourism, public arts and historic preservation.

Out of these, only the town’s geothermal system moved up to a tier 1 priority.

Martinez suggested that he wants the Town of Pagosa Springs to own the water rights to all of the geothermal resources in town, adding that he believes this should be a tier 1 priority.

“That’s the only way we can ensure that this unique asset is going to be here long after we are all gone, because if you leave it to the private sector, it could be cut up until it destroys itself,” Martinez said, arguing that the “legal fight to win the water rights” would cost the town money and should be a budget priority.

Williams added that The Springs Resort has not paid the rate the town set in an ordinance, which reset the geothermal rate the town charges the resort for geothermal water, and the town would likely “need to go to court” over the issue.

“The Springs [Resort] maintains that they own the water that we send them, and we passed an ordinance that raised the rates ... and they haven’t paid for that, because their lawyers sent our lawyers letters, yada yada, and so ... we’re gonna need money to go to court,” he said.

Williams continued, “This is not an antagonistic issue with The Springs; it’s a simple legal issue. They think this and we think that. I’m not casting aspersions on The Springs or anything. It’s just, from everything I’ve read, it’s clear from the agreement that they signed in 2009 that we all admit it’s the town’s water ... and they’re maintaining that it’s their water and shouldn’t have to pay for it.”

Lindner agreed with Martinez that it should be a tier 1 priority.

“I agree about the importance of this and the meaning of it to this place and the sense of place. I mean, it’s the whole reason this place exists, right?” Lindner said. “And to Gary’s point, preparing for possible future litigation, we need to budget for that. I think we should be improving the system and thinking about ways we can use this water, economic diversification, etc.,” Lindner said.

Bergon replied, “How cool would it be if we set the standard for how other communities use geothermal resources?”

The council decided to move geothermal to a tier 1 priority.

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Friday, Aug. 1

Colorado Parks and Wildlife virtual meeting. 10 a.m., virtual. Colorado Parks and Wildlife meeting to hear county commissioner feedback and help inform the agency's new 10-year strategic plan. For more information, visit <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

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 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 Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting. 5:30 p.m., district administrative office, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, visit <https://www.pagosafire.org/>.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

Archuleta County Local Weed Advisory Board meeting. 9:30 a.m., Road and Bridge conference room, 1122 U.S. 84. For more information, visit <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board. 4 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Springs Town Council, Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/> or <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

Thursday, Aug. 7

Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information, visit <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

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 School District Board of Education meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St. For information, visit <https://www.mypagosaschools.com/>.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

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

Thursday, Aug. 14

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave. or via Zoom. View on Zoom using meeting ID 886 0969 7683 and passcode 223708. For more information, visit pawsd.org.



Change of Name
Name of Garrett Evan Funk-Gray is requested to be changed to Garrett Evan Funk.
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38.103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2025-004

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On May 5, 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.): 20909887
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.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Lot 8X, a consolidation of Lots 7 and 8 of Block 5, PIEDRA 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.
Puported common address: 254 Deer Park, Arboles, CO 81121.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 09/04/2025, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 7/10/2025
Last Publication 8/7/2025
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THIS NOTICE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 05/05/2025
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(s):
Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, P.C.
100 North Broadway, Suite 2900, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-8865 (405) 283-4277
Attorney File # CLARK
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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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel.: 970.264.8160
Plaintiff:
Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
v.

Defendants:
Kelly Brady, et al.
Case No.: 2025CV30027
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley (51651)
Eck, Conley & Richardson, PLLC
700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
Tel. 479.242.5906
Email: ir@ecrlegal.com
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): Jean G Wicker, James E Wicker, Don W Vickroy, Marita M Vickroy, Samuel David Killinger, Harry A Crissman, Mae Louise Crissman, Carl A Thornton, L Jerilyn Thornton, Mintia L Wilson, Thomas O Wilson, Jr
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an *in rem* action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Peregrine Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Published in the *Pagosa Springs Sun*
First Publication: July 24, 2025
Last Publication: August 21, 2025
/s/ Christopher B. Conley
Christopher B. Conley
Published July 24, 31, August 7, 14, and 21, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (269309)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON AUGUST 19, 2025
Travis and Sarah Troxteal have applied for a REZONE on the Parcel in RURAL SE: 9 Twn: 34 Rng: 1W 4 TRACT OF LAND IN THE SW4 TRACT DESC 170368 IN SW4; 9-34-1W 187840-341 TRACT DESC. at 5503 US HWY 84, Pagosa Springs, CO (PL-RE-ZONE-25-017). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on August 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
Published July 24 and August 14, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (269315)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACTION FOR TREASURER'S DEED 2025-002

To all current occupants, owners, parties of interest, and to all others listed on the mailing list on file at the Treasurer's Office:
You are hereby notified that on June 25, 2025, the Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado, sold a tax lien on the following property at public sale to ANNEE G KUEHLER ("COP HOLDER"):
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision: PAGOSA DEVEL SUB 1 Lot: 9 PORTION OF AND-: Lot: 11 PORTION OF PD 1 Lot: 9 PORTION OF AND-: 2W
FLEET EQUIP
CAMP EQUIP/SUBSCRIPTS/LABOR/TRANSIT SVC
\$59,781.53
RUNOUT
E GATEWAY RIVER PARK PURCH/CONSV
TRUST/WATER UTILITIES
\$48,080.63
GRAVEL/FUEL SURCHARGE
\$34,635.32
CNTY P-CARD PURCHASES
\$34,107.54
WATER FLOW ENG/DOS ENG SVCS
\$27,248.50
\$27,063.13
\$23,073.49
BDY CAMERAS CONT
\$22,950.00
ASTRO SYSTEM ESSENTIAL PLUS PKG
\$20,226.50
CNTY FUEL
\$20,037.07
FAIR 2025 ENTERTAINMENT
\$20,000.00
INMATE MED SVCS
\$18,274.06
CNTY FUEL
\$18,047.52
PARTS/SUPPLIES/REPAIR SVC
\$17,872.90
INMATE MED SVCS/SUPPLIES
\$16,000.00
YEAR END AUDIT
\$12,647.22
CNTY ELECTRIC UTILITY
\$12,591.22
BROADBAND
\$10,363.09
EQUIP RENTAL
\$9,875.00
EMPL BENEFITS
\$8,644.13
CONTRACT SVCS
\$8,568.00
LEACHATE RADIOS & RAS
\$8,490.40
MNTLY LEASE AGREEMENT
\$8,333.34
EMPL BENEFITS
\$8,139.26
FAIR 2025 PRIZES
\$7,870.00
TRANSIT FACILITY CONSTRUCT
\$7,402.26
CNTY SEWER UTILITY
\$7,242.36
CNTY LANDLINE UTILITY
\$6,559.49
PARTS & SUPPLIES
\$6,471.40
LF Q1 RPTING/WQ65 OWTS Q1 FEES/PHD CERTS
\$6,423.28
AUTOPSY FEES
\$6,000.00
LEGAL SVCS
\$5,950.00
CITY ENG SVCS
\$5,250.77
PARTS & SUPPLIES
\$5,236.23
CNTY CELL PHONE USAGE & DATA
\$5,213.81
LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SVCS
\$5,000.00
SD MOBILE COLPOSCOPE
\$5,000.00
FAIR 2025 SHOW
\$5,000.00
ANN ASSESS/STMT BAL
\$4,966.44
CNTY NATURAL GAS UTILITY
\$4,762.19
POSTAGE/MAILING SVCS
\$4,590.43
SEMINAR
\$4,580.00
HERBICIDE MATERIALS
\$4,083.16
R&B SUPPLIES
\$4,038.06
CNTY/INMATE SUPPLIES
\$3,998.73
REPAIR SVC
\$3,721.95
CNTY COPIER LEASE & USE
\$3,227.63
FLEET EQUIP
\$2,873.00
CONTRACT SVCS
\$2,500.00
SFTWR SUBSCRIPT
\$2,369.04
SFTWR MAINT
\$2,326.00
METERED POSTAGE
\$2,040.01
REPAIR SVC
\$1,955.00
JANLT SUPPLIES
\$1,954.04
EMPL BENEFITS
\$1,919.08
BODY/PAINT JOB
\$1,785.40
REPAIR SVC/SUPPLIES
\$1,686.52
WINDSHIELD REPLCS
\$1,650.00
COL TESTS
\$1,650.00
RENEWALS
\$1,600.94
PEST CONTROL SVCS
\$1,594.02
PARTS/SUPPLIES/EQUIP/SM TOOLS
\$1,580.63
TRANSIT FACILITY TESTING
\$1,561.27
TESTING & COLLECT
\$1,550.00
INMATE SUPPLIES
\$1,545.60
FAIR 2025 BAND DEPOSIT
\$1,500.00
FAIR 2025 BAND DEPOSIT
\$1,500.00
GRAVEL
\$1,320.54
HCCO
\$1,250.00
CNTY SUPPLIES
\$1,237.22
PLOW PARTS
\$1,179.00
PER DIEM-IACME CONF/REIMB-POSTAGE
\$1,127.14
CNTY TRASH UTILITY
\$1,108.76
FLEET SUPPLIES
\$1,096.80
CNTY PUBLICATIONS
\$1,092.99

8/7/2025
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PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN
You may track the Public Auction date on the Treasurer's website:
The property may be redeemed at any time before the actual public auction.
Dated: July 10, 2025
/s/ Elsa P. White
ELSA P. WHITE, TREASURER of Archuleta County, Colorado
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Firma Marie Lucas
Case Number 2025 PR 30026
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta, County, Colorado on or before November 24, 2025 (date), or the claims may be forever barred.
Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Leonard Olia Rice, Deceased
Case Number 25PR5
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before Nov. 18, 2025, or the claims may be forever barred.
Jon T. Rice
1156 E Peacock St.
Meridian, ID 83642
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Linda Jean Daley
Case Number 2025 PR 30027
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta, County, Colorado on or before December 1, 2025, or the claims may be forever barred.
Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the **DAVIS ESTATE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST** is the trade name under which the living man, Jacob-Lee: Davis, transacts all business and affairs. The Trust exists for the protection, administration, and growth of its property and assets. Declaration of Trust was filed with the Colorado Secretary of State on **06/20/2025, ID# 20251679884**, and recorded with the Rio Grande County Clerk and Recorder on **06/23/2025, Reception # 20250405571**. All correspondence shall be directed to the Trustee at: **PO BOX 561, PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO 81147**

This notice affirms the standing of the living man and the lawful operation of the Trust.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Tierra Piedra Ranch, LLC (TPR), PO Box 1959, Arboles, CO 81121, (970)259-5691, (the "Applicant/Operator") has filed an application for amendment of Limited Impact (110) Construction Materials Operation Reclamation Permit M-2009-08M5 with the Colorado Mined Reclamation Board (the "board") under provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. The operation is known as the Tierra Piedra Gravel, in Archuleta County, and is located in the NW ¼ of SE ¼ Sec 16, T33N, R05W, 10th (NM) PM. The proposed date of commencement is approximately 1 September 2025, and proposed date of completion is 31 December 2030. The proposed future use of the land is water resource and pasture. Additional information and the tentative decision date may be obtained from the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (DRMS), 1313 Sherman Street,

Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567 and the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder, 449 San Juan Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or the above-named applicant. A complete copy of the application is available at the County Clerk's Office and at the DRMS office.
Comments concerning the application and exhibits must be in writing and must be received by DRMS by 4 PM of 11 August 2025.
Please note that under provisions of C.R.S. §34-32.5-101 et seq, comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.
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PUBLIC NOTICE ARCHULETA COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
The Archuleta County Board of Equalization (CBOE) will sit to review the assessment of all taxable property located in Archuleta County, as prepared by the Archuleta County Assessor, and to hear appeals from determinations of the Assessor on August 4, 6, 7 and 11, 2025 (if needed). Hearings will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado.
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE SAPPHIRE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
By this publication the SAPPHIRE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST Certificate of Assumed Name is publicly recorded in Office of County Clerk, ROCKWALL, TEXAS file number 20250200000345. For the benefit and protection of the living woman :Christa-Annette: Dalrymple this Trust is the lawful security for the estate/ trust known as CHRISTA ANNETTE DALRYMPLE, with the living-woman acting in full capacity as the executor and registered-owner of said estate/trust. With the mailing-location for this Trust as: 478 JOHNS LN, ROYSE CITY, TEXAS [75189]. The living-woman :Christa-Annette: Dalrymple is not the corporate-owner or decedent NAME known as CHRISTA ANNETTE DALRYMPLE, but is the sole living beneficiary, executor, and entitlement-holder thereof. The NAME, CHRISTA ANNETTE DALRYMPLE is property including all tangible and intangible assets and identifying data of the Trust, and may not be used, claimed, or assigned by any individual, agency, or entity without the express written permission of the Trustee or Registered-Owner. For the viewing of the public record: the Trust Declaration filing is recorded in the OFFICIAL RECORDS OF PIIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA filing-number 20251714045 and a recording fee of thirty-four dollars and five cents (\$34.05).
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE WHITE ROCK REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
By this publication the WHITE ROCK REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST Certificate of Assumed Name is publicly recorded in Office of County Clerk, ROCKWALL, TEXAS file number 20250200000344. For the benefit and protection of the living man :Evan-Kent: Dalrymple this Trust is the lawful security for the estate/trust known as EVAN KENT DALRYMPLE, with the living-man acting in full capacity as the executor and registered-owner of said estate/trust. With the mailing-location for this Trust as: 478 JOHNS LN, ROYSE CITY, TEXAS [75189]. The living-man :Evan-Kent: Dalrymple is not the corporate-owner or decedent NAME known as EVAN KENT DALRYMPLE, but is the sole living beneficiary, executor, and entitlement-holder thereof. The NAME, EVAN KENT DALRYMPLE is property including all tangible and intangible assets and identifying data of the Trust, and may not be used, claimed, or assigned by any individual, agency, or entity without the express written permission of the Trustee or Registered-Owner. For the viewing of the public record: the Trust Declaration filing is recorded in the OFFICIAL RECORDS OF PIIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA filing-number 20251714045 and a recording fee of thirty-four dollars and five cents (\$34.05).
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Request for Quotes: Dairy
The Archuleta School District #50 JT is accepting quotes for a single company to provide district-wide dairy milk products for the school year 2025-26 that meet the Federal and State nutritional requirements. Quotes will be accepted until 2:00 pm, Friday August 8, 2025, at the Archuleta School District #50 JT Administration Building, P.O. Box 1498, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 with a copy also being emailed by that date and time to tstevens@pagosa.k12.co.us or eburt@pagosa.k12.co.us. Copies of the complete RFQ can be found on the District's website at www.mypagosaschools.com in the "District" section, under Bids / RFPs / RFQs. Alternatively, specifications can be obtained at the District Administration Office, Monday - Thursday from 8am-4pm, or by sending an email to eburt@pagosa.k12.co.us.
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Request for Quotes: Pizza
The Archuleta School District #50 JT is accepting quotes for a single company to provide district-wide freshly made whole wheat crust pizzas for the school year 2025-26, utilizing fresh ingredients and meeting the Federal and State nutritional requirements. Quotes will be accepted until 2:00 pm, Friday August 8, 2025, at the Archuleta School District #50 JT Administration Building, P.O. Box 1498, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 with a copy also being e-mailed by that date and time to tstevens@pagosa.k12.co.us or eburt@pagosa.k12.co.us. Copies of the complete RFQ can be found on the District's website at www.mypagosaschools.com in the "District" section, under Bids / RFPs / RFQs. Alternatively, specifications can be obtained at the District Administration Office, Monday - Thursday from 8am-4pm, or by sending an email to eburt@pagosa.k12.co.us.
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel.: 970.264.8160
Plaintiff:
Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
v.

Defendants:
Jeffrey Martin, et al.
Case No.: 2025CV30028
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley (51651)
Eck, Conley & Richardson, PLLC
700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
Tel. 479.242.5906
Email: ir@ecrlegal.com
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): Connie Young, surviving joint tenant with right of survivorship of Ron A Richardson, deceased; Katherine L Robinson, surviving joint tenant with right of survivorship of Douglas C Robinson, deceased
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an *in rem* action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Teal Landing Condominiums for failure to pay assessments to Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
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ARCHULETA COUNTY MAY 2025 PAYABLES VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
COLORADO TITLE SVCS	2901 CORNERSTONE DR PURCH	\$2,515,891.43	CHUCK'S EXPERT SVCS	TECH SVC CALLS	\$1,081.25
BUILDINGS BY DESIGN	TRANSIT FACILITY CONTSTRUCT	\$352,662.09	AZTEC MACHINE & REPAIR	PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$1,052.76
LA PLATA CNTY TREASURER	DA SHARED EXPENSES	\$287,042.93	ALSCO	CNTY CLEANING SVCS	\$1,029.20
UMB BANK	CONST COP INT	\$183,450.01	CO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS	CCW BCKGRND CHKS	\$1,023.00
CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	EMPL BENEFITS	\$166,910.52	ROSEBERRY'S PLUMBING & HEATING	PLUMBING REPAIR SVC	\$933.41
WAGNER RENTS	EQUIP RENTAL/REPAIR SVCS/PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$106,233.14	J D KUTZKO	CONTRACT SVCS	\$925.00
DESERT MOUNTAIN CORP	MAG CLK	\$79,236.00	MASA	EMPL BENEFITS	\$910.00
PS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP	BROADBAND & ECONOMIC DEV	\$62,500.00	ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS	FLEET SUPPLIES	\$898.20
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SFTWR ANN FEES	\$61,854.64	JUSTICE BENEFITS	SCAAP MBRSHSP	\$869.88
ECHO IT CONSULTING	COMP EQUIP/SUBSCRIPTS/LABOR/TRANSIT SVC	\$59,781.53	SOURCE OFFICE & TECHNOLOGY	CNTY COPY PAPER	\$833.25
NONSTOP ADMINISTRATION & INSURANCE SVCS	RUNOUT	\$51,477.29	W BROWN	PER DIEM-NACO W I-REG/CCI SUMMER CONF	\$785.00
TOWN OF PS	E GATEWAY RIVER PARK PURCH/CONSV	\$48,080.63	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	CNTY SUPPLIES	\$780.44
	TRUST/WATER UTILITIES	\$48,080.63	CO CUSTOM LIFT	ELEVATOR INSPECT	\$780.00
C & J GRAVEL PRODUCTS	GRAVEL/FUEL SURCHARGE	\$34,635.32	BOB BARKER CO	INMATE SUPPLIES	\$734.19
WELLS FARGO	CNTY P-CARD PURCHASES	\$34,107.54	FERRELLGAS	PROPANE	\$730.99
DAVIS ENGINEERING SVC	WATER FLOW ENG/DOS ENG SVCS	\$27,248.50	TERRY'S ACE HARDWARE	CNTY SUPPLIES	\$704.13
TRANSWEST TRUCK TRAILER RV	FLEET EQUIP	\$27,063.13	BRANTLEY DISTRIBUTING	FLEET SUPPLIES	\$698.20
AXON ENTERPRISE	BDY CAMERAS CONT	\$23,073.49	J HARPER	PER DIEM-CCI SUMMER/CCMA CONF	\$678.20
VAL'S VIP CLEANING	CNTY CLEANING SVCS	\$22,950.00	D DOWNING	REIMB-TRVL CLIENT NEEDS	\$677.40
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	ASTRO SYSTEM ESSENTIAL PLUS PKG	\$20,226.50	PATAGONIA HEALTH	MNTLY SUBSCRIPTS	\$596.70
FLYERS ENERGY	CNTY FUEL	\$20,037.07	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$549.84
ARLIN LEP	FAIR 2025 ENTERTAINMENT	\$20,000.00	HWY 160 AUTO WASH	VEH MAINT	\$548.75
AXIS HEALTH SYSTEM	INMATE MED SVCS	\$18,274.06	J RANSON	PER DIEM-CCI SUMMER CONF	\$543.20
WORLD FUEL SVCS	CNTY FUEL	\$18,047.52	M ROSS	RFND PLNG PERMIT	\$500.00
INLAND KENWORTH US	PARTS/SUPPLIES/REPAIR SVC	\$17,872.90	MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND AND SECURITY	REPAIR SVC 8 PORT SWITCH	\$429.00
SHAMROCK FOODS	INMATE MED SVCS/SUPPLIES	\$16,000.00	J ALONZO	PER DIEM-CTER CONF/REIMB-PRKG	\$421.00
HINKLE & COMPANY PC	YEAR END AUDIT	\$12,647.22	ASPIRE MEDICAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION	MEN'S CLASSES	\$

Wolf Creek Challenge



The Pagosa Pickleball Club hosts the third annual Wolf Creek Challenge Friday, July 25. The competition consisted of six teams from South Fork and six teams from Pagosa Springs, with the Pagosa Pickleball Club team members prevailing 25-11 in total matches won. Pagosa's teams included Greg and Beth Michalak, Steve and Laurie Taub, Don Wilcop and Cindy McNown, Bryan Ellis and Jane Wang, Bert Brown and Jeff Borher, and Laura Kokinski and Chris Kaufman.

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Recreation

■ **Continued from front**
consulting firm PARC is working with — SE Group — is planning to hold community meetings in September and October to get “more input from everybody.”

Gadomski reviewed results from the recent surveys, explaining where were two rounds of surveys that generated approximately 1,400 responses from people living inside the PARC’s boundaries, which includes all of Archuleta County, and parts of Mineral, Hinsdale and Southern Ute areas.

She noted that more than 50 percent of the survey responses came from residents living in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association area, with a lot of respondents indicating they recreate three to four times a week.

Gadomski mentioned that the top activities included hiking, walking and running in the summer, with 60 percent using town parks and trails.

She explained that top winter activities include skiing and snowboarding, snowshoeing and Nordic skiing.

Gadomski also noted that approximately 1,000 respondents indicated they recreate on U.S. Forest Service land, and 800 indicated they recreate on town property.

She went on to explain that when asked about the vision of where recreation is going within the PARC boundary, some common things that respondents want to see included respecting and protecting nature and natural resources, youth programs, multiuse trails, a recreation center, and local discounts.

In regard to the conservation vision, respondents expressed the importance of fire mitigation, wildlife corridors, shared stewardship, overdevelopment and leave-no-trace practices, according to Gadomski’s presentation.

“The Town of Pagosa [Springs] is kind of leading with having excellent to good amenities, which is where a lot of our parks are,” Gadomski said, explaining that is what respondents indicated when asked about the current recreation experience and amenities in the community.

She also explained that PARC wanted to understand barriers that people are facing when accessing recreation opportunities, noting that the biggest barrier to indoor activities is that they are cost prohibitive.

The biggest barrier in accessing outdoor recreation opportunities seems to be crowdedness, Gadomski indicated.

She explained that “most people” want to see more multiuse paths and

nonmotorized trails, along with other outdoor winter activities such as ice skating and ice hockey opportunities.

Gadomski mentioned that the need for mountain bike-specific trails and more aquatic options were also common responses.

According to Gadomski’s presentation, some of the positive things recreation users have noticed over the past three to five years in the community include disc golf and pickleball court improvements, added restrooms and shaded pavilions, as well as river access and signage improvements.

Some negatives identified by respondents included crowding of areas, trash, disregard for regulations, impacts on natural resources, winter reliability, trail conditions, restrooms and user conflicts.

When asked what areas are important to consider with recreation management, 70 percent of respondents indicated that they want to protect natural resources and wildlife, Gadomski mentioned.

Three maintenance locations were also identified through the survey responses — the Turkey Springs area, Pagosa Peak area and Coyote Hill, according to Gadomski’s presentation.

The survey then asked about funding sources, with respondents ranking “increasing a lodger’s tax” as the highest preferred option, Gadomski explained.

She noted that the option ranked the second highest was a sales tax increase.

Gadomski then spoke about the possibility of forming a recreation district, explaining that “people are unsure,” mainly because they want more information on what that would entail.

“But, it seems overall there is support for how we could form a rec district within the PARC boundaries,” she said.

Gadomski mentioned the area has a strong volunteer base, with 29 percent of respondents indicating they already volunteer in the community

and 41 percent indicating they are interested in volunteering.

She also explained that more than 25 percent of respondents indicated they are willing to pay more than \$5 a month to support conservation, and maintain and improve recreation opportunities.

Gadomski also noted PARC has identified issues “that we can solve just by working together,” using the example of having portable toilets at trailheads instead of pit toilets because the Forest Service does not have enough money to service pit toilets as frequently as needed.

Council member Madeline Bergen commented, “I’m really glad there’s an organization out there getting all of the agencies in the same room to talk.”

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he hopes Mineral and Hinsdale counties are at the table “and they’re coming with a check book, not just a, ‘You guys go ahead and figure it out and we’ll use it,’ because that does seem to happen a fair amount for our region, that the town and county lay out the money and the other communities benefit from it, which I’m all good with, but they need to participate in some level.”

He commented that contributions could come through in-kind donations or monetary contributions, stressing the importance of other entities actively participating and contributing whatever resources possible.

“Because this community cannot handle it all for all of these groups,” he added, noting his appreciation for PARC’s work.

Council member Leonard Martinez commented that he appreciated the consideration of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, stating that it has resources, but “they’re going into funds on the East Coast.”

He explained that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe may want to contribute similar investments to something locally.

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Celebrate ‘A Timeless Tradition’ at this week’s Archuleta County Fair

By Tabitha Hart and Emily Martinez
Archuleta County Fair

The 2025 Archuleta County Fair is underway, and you won’t want to miss this incredible event.

This year, we have an exciting schedule packed with activities for everyone to enjoy.

Come support our dedicated 4-H members as they proudly showcase the animals they’ve been working with all year. Marvel at Wildman Phil and his exotic animals, experience the thrill of Shred BMX and be captivated by That Hypnotist Edward Wunder.

Join us for medieval armor demonstrations, thrilling rodeos, a variety of live performances, vendors, delicious food trucks and live music.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 31, to Sunday, Aug. 3, at the fairgrounds.

Admission to the fairgrounds is free. Bring your friends and family for a memorable experience filled with fun, excitement and community spirit.

We can’t wait to see you there.

Please go to archuletacountyfair.com for the full daily schedule and hours of the fair.

Music, magic and memories

Dust off your boots and grab your cowboy hats — this year’s entertainment lineup promises fun for all ages, featuring a mix of music, magic, rodeo thrills and family-friendly activities.

Held at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, the fair blends rich Western heritage with high-energy performances and down-home charm. Whether you’re in it for the animals, rodeo action, live music or just delicious

food, there’s something for everyone this year.

Live entertainment highlights

Thursday, July 31

- Come down to the Hughes Pavilion and cheer on our 4-H kids as they showcase all their hard work and beautiful animals!

- Are you competitive? Test your skills in various competitions. This year, we will be holding a women’s nail-driving contest, a men’s stake-driving contest, kids’ and adult blow-up barrel races, and three-legged races.

- The Cornhole Tournament will begin at 6 p.m. under the Activity Tent. All proceeds go to the high school volleyball club. Be on the lookout for the signup and get your tossing arms ready.

- New this year, Open Mic Night with Eric Wade and Trey Brooks, from 13th Hour, will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. Warm up those vocal cords, tune those guitars and serenade the crowd with your amazing talents.

Friday, Aug. 1

- Head down to the fairgrounds and check out some fantastic shows by Shred BMX, and Wildman Phil and his exotic animals.

- The historical Gomez store will be open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m.

- Check out all the 4-H animal showings throughout the day in the Hughes Pavilion.

- Put on your cowboy boots and hat and make your way to the rodeo arena at 6:30 p.m. for the Pink Pony Race and the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rough Stock Rodeo.

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Live Performers

Thursday

Coyote Moon Lounge: Karaoke 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: The Status Crowes, 5 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon Lounge: The Dead Marshals, 7 p.m.

Sunday

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

Monday

Coyote Moon Lounge: The Kirbys Music, 5 p.m.

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San Juan Stargazers to meet Aug. 7

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

On Thursday, Aug. 7, the San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club will hold its regular monthly educational meeting.

The Aug. 7 meeting will be at the regular time of 6 p.m. for the social hour and at our regular location — the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. Please use the convenient parking lot and side door that leads into the kitchen and then fellowship hall. We keep the front doors to the church sanctuary locked.

During our social hour we have coffee and many kinds of drinks, plus people usually bring treats such as a dessert or a snack for those who didn't make it home for dinner. If you haven't brought something in a while, please grab a treat to share with the group.

This social hour is a great opportunity to visit with friends and to ask

questions about astronomy. Usually there is plenty to talk about.

At 7 p.m. we will begin our educational program, which this month will be a presentation from Great Courses. These presentations are normally amazing and the one for Aug. 7 is exceptionally so.

It tells about our early solar system and how the early planets were not simply formed in their orbits, but migrated into place. There also was

much commotion caused by bombardment of asteroids.

Everyone is usually overwhelmed with wonder at what they have learned from these presentations. This one may also be pretty entertaining.

This summer we have had some wonderful night sky programs for the public at Chimney Rock National Monument on Friday nights.

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Fair

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• End the night in your dancing shoes under the big Activity Tent dancing to the one and only Bo De Pena Band.

Saturday, Aug. 2

• Continue the Fair fun by checking out our new show from That Hypnotist Edward Wunder, as well as more shows from Shred BMX and Wildman Phil.

• Check out and try your hand at horseshoe pitching at the newly renovated horseshoe pitch.

• Don't miss out on the delicious 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner with live music by the San Juan Mountain Boys.

• In the Hughes Pavilion, check out the 4-H Livestock Auction and bid on some animals before heading over to the Activity tent to dance the night away to Brett Hendrix.

Sunday, Aug. 3

• Sign your kids up for the kids' rodeo, which begins at 10 a.m.

• Participate in some fun fair contests throughout the day.

• Check out some of our local medieval armor fighters.

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Everyone is welcome at this weeks’ 74th annual Archuleta County Fair, taking place July 31 through Aug. 3 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

Archuleta County Fair set for this weekend

By Cindi Galabota
PREVIEW Columnist

The tents are up, projects are on exhibit, the animals are in place — it must be time for the Archuleta County Fair.

Celebrate 74 years of “A Timeless Tradition” at the county fair July 31 through Aug. 3.

The fairgrounds are located at 344 U.S. 84. With the support of several sponsors, the fair is free to all for general admission (rodeos and dances incur a separate fee) and is the highlight of the year for youth, adults and families throughout the county.

It’s a time for our residents and visitors alike to celebrate our western heritage and enjoy great food, entertainment and exhibits. To learn more about the fair, visit <https://www.archuletacountyfair.com>.

Stargazers

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In August we will be gathering on Monday, Aug. 11, and Tuesday, Aug. 12, for the Perseid meteor showers. They are supposed to be really good this year. The gate will open at 7:30 p.m.

Each carload of people will be interviewed to find out their interests, needs and ages of children. People will then be assigned a parking and viewing location. People with young children need to be in an especially protected area. Some adults will be able to hike with carry-along chairs to a special location with an open view of the sky in all directions.

People from Pagosa Springs are always welcome to attend programs without a reservation. This is a great opportunity to enjoy Chimney Rock’s super dark skies. It is an especially relaxing time to experience our very precious national monument much like the ancient people did. We may or may not be setting up telescopes, but we will be doing tours of the night sky. At this altitude, nights begin to cool rapidly after sunset, so bring

Extension Viewpoints

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There is truly something for everyone in this year’s fair. For our kids and kids at heart, there will be a variety of shows, games and entertainment throughout the weekend. Attendees will want to see Wildman Phil and his exotic animals, a big draw every year. Women can show off their strength at the nail driving contest. You will not want to miss the BMX show and the medieval armored combat show. To learn about all the entertainment, check out the fair schedule at <https://www.archuletacountyfair.com>.

appropriate layers of jackets, blankets and pillows for sitting on and covering up with to remain comfortable. Also suggested are fold-up, carry-along chairs, a regular flashlight and a flashlight with a red lens (which we have for sale and which does not interfere with night vision).

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine (available again in hard copies), which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25 per individual or family.

You can join the club at any of our meetings or on our website. Memberships can also be renewed online and the renewal deadline for next year is Sept. 30.

Check out our continuously changing website, sanjuanstargazers.org, with new information and spectacular photos. We can be your connection to our extraordinary universe.

www.archuletacountyfair.com.

Make sure to visit the exhibit hall and Hughes Pavilion to view all the great work and dedication shown by our county’s 4-H youth. There will be livestock shows throughout the weekend.

Saturday afternoon is the deli-
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Thursday, July 31st thru Sunday, August 3rd
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Fair Events — Thur., July 31-Sun., Aug. 3

Every Day of the Fair

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

Thursday, July 31st - Fair Officially Opens

9:00am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Opens	Extension Building
9:00am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am	Goat Shows: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10:00am – 4:00pm	CAM's AG Academy	4-H Hall
12:00pm	4-H Turkey Show & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
12:30pm	Kids Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
1:00pm	Adult Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
1:30pm	Women's Nail Driving Contest	Fairgrounds
2:00pm	Men's Stake Driving Contest	Fairgrounds
2:30pm	Three-Legged Race	Fairgrounds
3:30pm	Kids Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
4:00pm	Three-Legged Race	Fairgrounds
4:30pm	Women's Nail Driving Contest	Fairgrounds
5:00pm	Adult Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
5:30pm	Men's Stake Driving Contest	Fairgrounds
6:00pm	Swine Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6:00pm	Cornhole Tournament	Activity Tent
7:00pm-11:00pm	Open Mic Night w/ Eric Wade & Trey Brooks	Activity Tent
8:00pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Closes	Extension Building
11:00pm	Fair Closes	Fairgrounds

Friday, August 1st

9:00am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Opens	Extension Building
9:00am	4-H Rabbit Show	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am	Lamb Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10:00am	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
10:30am	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
11:00am	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
12:00pm	Chicken Show: 4-H, Open Class & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
12:30pm	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Gomez Store – Historical Building Open	Old West Town
1:00pm	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
2:00pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
3:00pm	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
3:30pm	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
4:00pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Horseshoe Pitch Practice	Horseshoe Pits
6:00pm	4-H Beef Show & Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
6:30pm	Pink Pony Race	Rodeo Arena

7:00pm	Rough Stock Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Event	
8:00pm	Exhibit Hall and Stith Room Close	Extension Hall
9:00pm-Midnight	Live Music/Dance – Bo DePena Band	Activity Tent

Saturday, August 2nd

8:30am	4-H Showmanship Clinic Hughes	Pavilion
9:00am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9:00am	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am	Horseshoe Pitching	Horseshoe Pitch
9:30am	BMX Show Fairgrounds	
10:00am – 5:00pm	Gomez Store- Historical Building Open	Old West Town
10:00am	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
10:00am	4-H Master Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10:30am-11:30am	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
10:30am	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
11:00am	That Hypnotist Edward Wunder	Activity Tent
11:00am	Open Rodeo	Red Ryder Arena
11:30am	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
12 noon	Sunday's Kids' Rodeo Entry Deadline	Extension Building
12 noon	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
1:00pm	That Hypnotist Edward Wunder	Activity Tent
2:00pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
3:00pm	That Hypnotist Edward Wunder	Activity Tent
3:00pm	Homemaker of the Year Award	Extension Building
3:00pm-4:00pm	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
3:30pm	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
4:00pm-6:30pm	Live Music – San Juan Mountain Boys	Activity Tent
4:30pm-6:30pm	4-H Chuckwagon Dinner, a benefit for 4-H Cowboy Poetry	Activity Tent
	Awards: Honorees, Conservationist of the year 2025 & 2026 Royalty	
5:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction Bidder/Add-on Registration	Hughes Pavilion
6:30pm	4-H Livestock Auction	Hughes Pavilion
8:00pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building
9:00pm – Midnight	Live Music/Fair Dance – Brett Hendrix	Activity Tent

Sunday, August 3rd

8:00am- 9:00am	Kids' Rodeo Check-In	Red Ryder Rodeo Arena
9:00am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9:00am-2:00pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00am-11:00am	Pancake Breakfast/PSHS Girls Basketball	Fundraiser Activity Tent
9:00am	4-H Parent/Master Showmanship Contest	Hughes Pavilion
10:00am	Kids' Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
10:00am	Medieval Armored Combat	Fairgrounds
11:00am	Three-Legged Race	Fairgrounds
11:30am	Kids Blow-up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
12:00pm	Adult Blow-Up Barrel Race	Fairgrounds
1:00pm	Medieval Armored Combat	Fairgrounds
2:00pm	Livestock Animals Released	Hughes Pavilion
	See 4-H Office for Schedule	
2:00pm	Fair Closes until next year	Fairgrounds
2:00pm-4:00pm	Release of Open Class Projects/Premiums Paid	Exhibit Building
2:00pm-4:00pm	Release of 4-H Projects	Stith Room

Subject to change.

22nd annual Duck Race set for Aug. 9

By John DeMarco
Knights of Columbus Council 7560

The ducks are ready to hit the water.

The Knights of Columbus Council 7560 is having its 22nd annual Duck Race and Picnic at Yamaguchi Park on Aug. 9.

Get ready to purchase some (plastic) ducks for a chance to win the race and bring home some prize money.

There are five opportunities to win, and all prizes are cash. First place prize is \$1,500, second place is \$750 and third place is \$500. There are also two randomly drawn ducks to win cash prizes of \$125 each. Tickets are only \$10. Buy some ducks and maybe you will win some bucks.

The day will start in Yamaguchi

Park at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9th, with music by the Retro Cats; a food court with burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks; a beer garden; and games for both kids and adults.

The ducks hit the water and the race begins at 3 p.m. You will not want to miss it, but you need not be present to win.

Tickets are available at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd., Silver Dollar Liquor and at the park on race day. Come out for an exciting day of food, fun and fellowship and get in on the action.

Purchase tickets and your lucky duck just might add some extra cash to your wallet.

All proceeds help the Knights of Columbus support the many non-profits within our community.

Viewpoints

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cious Chuckwagon Dinner, a fundraiser for Archuleta County 4-H. Buy your tickets early as they sell out every year. The 4-H Livestock Auction follows the dinner on Saturday evening. Bid on your favorite animals and support our 4-H youth.

Start your Sunday with a pancake breakfast, made and served by the Pagosa Springs High School girls' basketball team before watching the Kid's Rodeo.

So, don't miss this year's Archuleta County Fair — there is truly something for everyone. For information about the fair and to see a fair schedule, visit <https://www.archuletacountyfair.com>.

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Saturday August 2



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MLS # 824532

This meticulously cared for full-round log cabin, uptown near Lake Forest, spans 2,732 square feet, featuring 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. Stunning mountain views. The open floor plan connects the great room with a cozy fireplace to a modern kitchen boasting granite countertops, high end appliances, and an island for extra prep space.

To tour this home go to: <https://pspixeltree.com/33-Fawn-Ct>

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
Trevor Brown (Monty Navarro) takes his shot — literally — during the D'Ysquith family dinner while Dan Morrison valiantly portrays a relative whose days (and aim) are numbered in “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Thingamajig Theatre Company’s summer season entering final weeks

By Laura Moore
Thingamajig Theatre Company

After a summer of standing ovations, great houses and unforgettable performances, Thingamajig Theatre Company is heading into the final weeks of its 2025 Summer Repertory Season at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

This season’s trio of rotating productions has brought bold comedy, emotional storytelling and dazzling theatricality to Pagosa Springs. Audiences have enjoyed the outrageous

musical romp “Something Rotten!,” the jazz-age decadence of Andrew Lippa’s “The Wild Party” and the clever wit of “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder,” where one actor takes on eight wildly different roles all destined for delightfully comic misfortune.

With professional actors, designers and musicians from across the country calling Pagosa home each summer, Thingamajig’s productions continue to rival those in much larger markets while offering the intimacy and personal touch that only a home-


town theater can provide.
As Artistic Director Tim Moore
■ See Season on next page



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Limited tickets remain for Seeds of Learning’s final Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Cory Henderson
Seeds of Learning

Get your tickets now for the final Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. Six Pagosa celebrities and their coaches will dance their hearts out to win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. You can witness this spectacular event for yourself on Aug. 16 at the Ross Aragon Community Center, where the doors will open at 5:30pm. We still have a limited number of tickets on sale, so purchase your ticket now at register.dwtps.org before they’re gone. No tickets will be available at Seeds of Learning. Tickets include a delectable meal, a cash bar, an incredible playlist for dancing, and a dazzling show by Pagosa’s Star celebrities and their professional dance partners. Can’t make it to the event but still want to support Seeds and your favorite star? Visit vote.dwtps.org and vote today. Every dollar equals one vote, and you can vote for multiple stars as many times as you’d like. Help us continue to enrich the lives of our next generation by giving them the tools to learn, as well as skills to navigate emotional and social challenges. Your investment in our children’s future success benefits our entire community, and we cannot thank you enough. We hope you will join us.

Season

■ continued from previous page notes, “In the digital age, it’s easy to assume you can always hit ‘rewind.’ But live theater doesn’t work that way. These actors, this chemistry, these sets they only exist right now. Once the season ends, it’s gone forever.” The 2025 season will close on Aug. 30, and performances are selling quickly. If you’ve been meaning to catch a show or want to come back for another, you still have time, but not much. Don’t miss your chance to be part of a truly special summer experience. Tickets and information are available at pagosacenter.org or by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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This is an awesome 3bedroom, 3.5 bathroom, 3.68 acres tucked into the woods in a gated community. All three bedrooms are en suite and the living area on the second floor is to die for. The whole family can fit into the gourmet kitchen and the decks are all covered, with a hot tub. There is a wood burning fireplace in the great room and one on the covered deck off the dining. The views from inside and outside are incredible and the privacy is worth noting. The garage is large; there is a barn which can be used to store toys or horses. MLS# 826465 \$1,375,000.00



33 Fawn Court
\$949,000
MLS # 824532
This meticulously cared for full-round log cabin, up-town near Lake Forest, spans 2,732 square feet, featuring 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. Relax on the covered deck or backyard patio while taking in stunning mountain views. Inside, the open floor plan connects the great room with a cozy fireplace to a modern kitchen boasting granite countertops, high end appliances, and an island for extra prep space. The primary bedroom and bathroom are conveniently located on the main floor. A 2-car garage connects through the laundry area. Upstairs has two bedrooms and a full bathroom, while the lower level offers versatile space for entertainment or an office, plus a fourth bedroom set up as a bunk room with a full bath nearby. To tour this home go to: <https://pspixeltree.com/33-Fawn-Ct>



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>



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\$1,225,000
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Discover an exceptional single-level home in the prestigious Ranch Community, nestled on a sprawling acre-plus lot. Meticulously crafted with every detail in mind, this residence exudes quality and sophistication. The thoughtful design features three spacious bedrooms and two bathrooms, seamlessly integrated with an open-concept kitchen, dining, and living area—perfect for modern living and entertaining. A dual-sided gas fireplace, connecting the living room and primary suite, creates a warm, inviting ambiance for cool evenings. Step outside to the expansive covered deck, complete with a private hot tub, ideal for relaxing while soaking in breathtaking sunsets. Positioned at the end of a tranquil road, this home offers serenity and convenience, with Lake Pagosa just a short stroll away and a premier golf course nearby. Properties of this caliber are rare—don’t miss the opportunity to own this extraordinary retreat. MLS# 826768



471 Deer Trail
\$356,000
MLS # 826138
Discover your mountain retreat in this 2 bedroom, 1 bath log cabin, in Aspen Springs 1 on well-maintained Deer Trail, just a half-mile from Hwy 160. This 1,205 sq. ft. cabin features a living room, dining area, modern kitchen, and a full bath on the main level, with two bedrooms upstairs. The kitchen boasts new cabinets, countertops, and flooring. A wood stove enhances the cabin’s ambiance. The property is equipped with a state-of-the-art water filtration system, including reverse osmosis, water softener, and on-demand hot water, professionally installed.



109 Carol’s Curves
\$299,000
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.



324/356/294 Sparrow Circle
\$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.



X Tall Pines Place
\$255,000
MLS # 821844
35+ acres in Alpine Lakes Ranch with amazing views of Navajo Peak and the San Juan Mountain range. This property has a number of nice building sites with year-round road maintenance, central water and underground utilities at the road. The subdivision borders thousands of acres of National Forest and hunting is allowed. This is a wonderful property for your horses and it is only 18 miles from town.



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Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company
Jesse Kortus channels swagger, eyeliner and Elizabethan ego as William Shakespeare in “Something Rotten!” at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, pictured here moments before belting his Act II anthem, “Hard to Be the Bard.”

Panhellenic gathering planned for Aug. 26

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

Panhellenic sisters will gather Tuesday, Aug. 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Alley House Grille. The event will feature appetizers and a cash bar. A \$10 donation at the event is requested to assist in covering the cost of the appetizer and beverage service. We look forward to welcoming the traditional attendees, as well as new faces, to this special event, so please help us by spreading the word and finding the sorority sisters in your neighborhoods and friend circles. The event was revived in 2023 and two events were held in 2023 and

2024, where more than 30 sorority women gathered. The planning committee consists of Sherry Spears, Delta Delta Delta; Joni Rose, Pi Beta Phi; and Lisa Scott, Pi Beta Phi. For planning and food preparation, please let us know you are attending. Call or text Spears at (940) 887-9208 or sherrykayspears@sbc-global.net. In 2006, an initial luncheon was held to celebrate and share in our collegiate sorority roots. The luncheon continued for 11 years and disbanded without volunteers to organize another event. Spears leads re-establishment of these fun events.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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14 Quotable Yogi
15 Shivery fever
16 Pressing need?
17 Throw out
18 Calligrapher's skill
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22 Salon goo
23 Panache
24 Religious recluse
26 Campus life
29 Ancient numerals
30 Java holder
31 Type of brake
33 Mechanic's place
36 Flubs
38 Buy alternative
40 Texas flag feature
41 Main squeeze
43 Actress Delany
45 Sister of Zsa Zsa
46 Some rescue ops
48 Morgue denizens
50 Misconduct mark
52 "Passing" actress Negga
53 Pub's brew
54 Restocked rations
59 Octopus' arms
61 Past its prime
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63 Clothing fuzz
64 Burial places
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7 Many a moon
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10 Military address
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12 "Haystacks" painter
13 Author Madeleine L'___
19 Plant swelling
21 Immediate kin
25 Fourth planet from the sun
26 Iowa State's home
27 Short-spoken
28 Covenants
32 Scoundrel
34 Some ___ all...

35 Notable times
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47 Unemotional
49 Particle of light
50 Piece of information
51 Justice Kagan
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57 Italian island
58 Office fixture
60 Daycare charge

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Library closes for a week and some activity locations will change

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We will close next Monday, Aug. 4, through Saturday, Aug. 9, to keep you safe as construction begins on our expansion project.

During this time, we will be constructing a new entrance and walkway from the new parking lot to the west and also building a temporary wall to separate our inside service area from construction activity.

We will welcome you back to our temporarily reduced library space via a new entryway on Monday, Aug. 11.

Construction will take place in phases.

Phase one, which begins next week, will build out the expansion. Then, during phase two, the library will move into the new space while the remodel of the existing space is completed. That work will update the inside of our existing building and create two new areas — a dedicated teen room and a makerspace lab.

Phase three will result in a beautiful garden for community gatherings and peaceful natural enjoyment.

Breaking ground now means we have one year to raise the last \$800,000 needed to fully fund the expansion and renovation of our beloved library. We are grateful for any contribution you can make to this important project.

Summer reading finale party tomorrow

Tomorrow, Aug. 1, marks the end of our hugely successful Summer Reading Program. We will gather from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for a free, fun celebration that will include games, activities, the grand prize drawing and refreshments for all ages.

Activity locations will change

Given that we will have much less space for our operations and no meeting rooms during construction, several of our regular activities and special events will happen in other locations.

For example, we are very grateful to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church for their generosity allowing our ESL, Conversational Spanish and Knitters Circle activities to take place on their premises at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Please check the listings in this column and on your library's website at <https://pagosalibrary.org> for location changes throughout the construction. If no other location is mentioned, the activity will stay at your library.

Note that during the week of Aug. 4-9 the only activity taking place will be Conversational Spanish on Monday, Aug. 4, at St. Patrick's.

No more book donations, please

Library News

Regretfully, Director Barb Brattin has made the decision to cease accepting book donations for a year beginning immediately.

The reality of operating in a much smaller space while construction happens on the first phase of your library's long-awaited expansion has made the action a necessity.

Library staff are deep into planning to minimize disruption to programs and patrons during construction. Digging up the current parking lot will be the first step, signaling the start of the project on Monday, Aug. 4, which is expected to continue through June 2026.

Initial construction involves creating a new entrance to the library on the west side of the building where you'll enter through the community garden.

The new addition will feature a large program room that can accommodate 100 people or be divided in two for smaller groups, as well as a children's room and an adjacent children's garden.

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

"But, the good news is that we

are staying in the building during construction," she said.

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

You'll have the same copy, fax and print services available, but fewer computers and no meeting rooms during construction.

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

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

Brattin pointed out that the expansion is totally paid for by private donations and grants — not taxpayer money — that has raised \$4.2 million.

As an example, she cited a \$840,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Fundraising continues for upgrades to the existing building.

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Conversational Spanish

The Conversational Spanish group will meet Monday, Aug. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity to practice your Spanish in a free group setting. No minimum skill level is needed.

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Mysteries and thrillers

"Paranoia" by James Patterson and James O. Born is part of the NYPD Det. Michael Bennett series. "The Cornwalls Are Gone" by James Patterson and Brendan DuBois features Amy Cornwall, Army intelligence officer. "The Institute" by Stephen King is a sci-fi horror story about kids confronting evil.

Other novels

"Firebird" by Juliette Cross is a romantic fantasy set in Rome. "The Original Daughter" by Jemimah Wei features the relationship between a sister and an unexpected sibling. "Isabella Nagg and the Pot of Basil" by Oliver Darkshire is a fantasy reimagining a heroine of Boccaccio's "Decameron." "Lights Out" by Navessa Allen is an Into Darkness dark romance.

DVDs

"Fallout" is season one of this video game series. "Beauty and the Beast" is a two-movie collection of the Disney classic. "Sinners" features two troubled brothers, including one played by Michael B. Jordan, returning to their hometown to start again.

How-to and self-help

"Stoic Empathy" by Shermin Kruse is a guide to assessing the dynamic of any situation and defusing danger in conflicts. "What Color is Your Parachute?" by Richard N. Bolles is a job hunter's workbook if you are searching for a new job or career. "Grass Isn't Greener" by Danae Wolfe is an everyday conservationist's guide to

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"How to Store Your Garden Produce" by Piers Warren helps you enjoy homegrown goodness year-round. "Lavender for All Seasons" by Paola Legarre is a gardener's guide to growing and creating with lavender. "Building a Parenting Agreement That Works" is a NOLO guide to creating successful child custody agreements. "Quick-Books Online for Dummies" by David H. Ringstrom, CPA, is aimed at small business owners. "Moral Ambition" by Rutger Bregman is a guide to using your talents to help solve the world's biggest problems.

Books on CD

"Dogged Pursuit" by David Rosenfelt is an Andy Carpenter mystery. "Wayward Girls" by Susan Wiggs, based on a true story, features six teens confined to a Catholic reform school. "Rage" by Linda Castillo features Kate Burkholder as chief of police. "Edge of Honor" by Brad Thor is a Scot Harvath thriller. "The Woman in Suite 11" by Ruth Ware begins with an invitation to the opening of a luxury Swiss hotel. "Return to Sender" by Craig Johnson is a Walt Longmire adventure. "Dragonfly in Amber" by Diana Gabaldon is book two in the Outlander saga, the basis for the Starz series. "A Mother's Love" by Danielle Steel tells of a woman dealing with empty-nest feelings. "It Takes a Psychic" by Jayne Ann Krentz writing as Jayne Castle features a para-archaeologist.

Other nonfiction

"A Flyfisher's Revelations" by Ed Van Put is a memoir by this highly successful fly fisherman and conservationist who looks back on his experiences and lessons learned over more than 50 years. "Boys Who Rocked the World" by Michelle Roehm McCann explores the lives and skills of young men who have been heroes throughout history and also currently including cellist Yo-yo Ma.

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"You will probably have people tell you to pace yourself, try not to rush, you're still young. And that might be the right advice. But I also want you to consider where being young and unknown could be an advantage. Go fast when you need to go fast.

"It's easy to hear the voices telling you to pace yourself and take your foot off the pedal. But I've found that once you start fast, you can go further than you think you can. ... Don't be afraid to take the lead. Sometimes you just have to go for it — and find out what you're capable of." — Katie Ledecy,

commencement speech at Stanford University on June 15. She is the most decorated female swimmer in history and the most decorated American woman in Olympic history, with a total of 14 Olympic medals, including nine golds.

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ANSWER:

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

No reverse and a little cranky

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

Wahoo — I passed my physical therapy driver's test. It's been one year since I went over a 55-foot drop-off on U.S. 160. I was scraped, bruised, broken and banged up; I thought my days were done. But, I've been liberated. I'll be driving again.

They put new parts on me — a monitor to read my heart, an object on my arm, and casts on my right ankle and left wrist. My motor still works, tires patched up, not safe for long trips, but the pistons turn the crankshaft and give me energy to keep going.

This accident has proven to be a blessing. I received so much love from family and friends, such kindness and respect from doctors and physical therapists. I learned to be a little more compassionate and merciful to others. There is no point of return — only now gathering up the things I learned, letting go of losses and loving more.

I told my physical therapist I feel like that old banged-up 4Runner sitting in our front yard on its last leg. My Sweet Al's 1997 Toyota junker was looking at the Bayfield bone yard — until our sons-in-law got it running.

They emptied whatever out of the gas tank and put in new gas. They cleaned up the interior, strapped on new seat covers, scrubbed the floor mats, painted the rusty bumper and gave it an Armor All shine. Now Al is sitting high in his new love. Even though he's limited to driving only around our property, he's also been liberated and feels like he's arrived in a new car.

In our Bible study, Dave Branon's words resonated with me. "I fell in love. She was a beauty. Sleek. Clean. Radiant. As soon as I spied the 1962 Ford T-Bird at the used car lot, her shiny exterior and killer interior beckoned me. So I plunked down ... and bought my first car. A problem lurked inside my prized possession ... she got a little cranky. She had no reverse."

It was like a metaphor for our marriage. We started with a new, shiny

Artist's Lane

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feeling, with plans for a great ride, but then a problem or two came our way — no reverse and we got a little cranky.

Once committed, there is no reverse. We couldn't go back. We had to proceed with what we knew, take what we learned on our ride together and hopefully become better because of it. With no reverse, God has and can fix what is broken. I know; the Lord has done it for us. It's called forgiveness.

My Sweet Al and I have not been that easy to live with, not that no-

ble, not that spiritual, but God has worked in us all these years. We couldn't reverse what we were going through, but we could back off and give God space to work. We are still broken, but God has changed our thinking and doing, and set us on a path that has made us better.

As Al and I sit every morning, enjoying a cup of coffee together, I thank the Lord we still have each other for one more day. Getting older, slower and forgetful by the minute, our time is sweeter than ever. It's good we didn't have a reverse gear, or we might have taken another road.

Final brushstroke: Whether it's an accident or an old junker fixed up for a few more miles, Al sits high in his Toyota loving it and I'm happy writing about it. There is no reverse, but there is forgiveness that has opened our hearts to each other. Life is worth fighting for.

Readers' comments

Send your comment to betty-slade.author@gmail.com

"Hi Betty,

"I really appreciate your article and your thoughts & feelings agree with Bible prophecy, which I'm sure is where you receive them by studying it. I am a Christian. I am one of Jehovah's Witnesses in our community and I just wanted to let you know that your humble concern of your own faith to hold you up under such persecution is very heartwarming. We can be encouraged and strengthened through Scripture, God's inspired Word and through like-minded ones.

"Thank you. With Big Warm Christian Love Michelle. MD H. Pagosa Springs, CO."

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What is the condition of your soil?

By Eric Fisk
PREVIEW Columnist

“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.” — Matthew 13:19.

Jesus tells His disciples of the prophecy of Isaiah, who lived about 700 years earlier, saying, “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive” (Isaiah 6:9-10).

Jesus continues, “For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts, and turn, and I would heal them.”

Then He said, “But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it” (Matthew 13:17).

The parable of the sower/soils has deep meaning and truth. The above quotations are examples of this. If you are still reading this, chances are that seeds have fallen from the sower’s bag onto your path and have landed on some of your soil. You may have a bit of understanding, yet doubt in your heart could turn you away from this dialog at any moment. Is that how you feel right now? Keep reading.

The parable of the sower describes four different types of soil, where seeds of truth may be sown or dropped. In Matthew 13, Jesus speaks from a boat on the water to great crowds of people on a beach. He wanted all to hear, yet likely most could not understand what He was saying. In fact, He needed to clarify why He spoke in parables and the meaning of this one to His disciples. Read Matthew chapter 13, verses 1- 23.

What is the condition of your soil? Maybe it’s a thin dusting on a rocky path, where the birds can pick away the seeds. Psalm 14:1 states, “The fool says in his heart ‘there is no God.’ They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.”

Do the lies of this world have you shut down before even starting? Are you any closer to an awakened heart than when you first heard? Have your given seeds been devoured? Just know more and richer soil may increase in your life for new seeds to take hold.

Maybe your soil is a light covering over a rocky field, where there is no depth for faith to root deeply, thus withering when the heat gets turned up by the world.

This is a picture of the persecution for even thinking about seeking the truths of Christianity, where your so-called friends ridicule you, or your job is being threatened by some ridiculous policies and managers about proselytizing. In other countries, it

A Matter of Faith

may even be your life that is at stake. In simple terms, you are scared of the consequences for believing. Or, maybe you are excited to hear there is a way to make sense of this world.

All the chaos you thought was normal insanity is not normal at all. It is just insanity in a fallen world. Reasons behind the chaos begin to be understood. But then, something happens to a “really good guy” and you recall a ridiculous question that is thrown around like candy at a parade: “Why would a good, benevolent God let bad things happen to good people?”

You wrestle with this for less than an hour and determine that you just can’t believe in a God like that. You throw out what little faith you had like a hot potato. Or, maybe you latch onto a verse you don’t understand because you don’t research the true meaning and that stops you from any more scripture reading. The roots of your newly planted seeds wither, because they are not being fed properly. The only thing that grows is the layer of dust on your Bible, but dust alone doesn’t grow seeds.

Maybe your seeds fall into soil polluted by thorn seeds. Your faith begins to grow and you get some depth of roots. You find yourself in the most unlikely of places, a church. With all their teachings, you are on your way to becoming a fair disciple of a religion. You have read their statement of faith, maybe without even understanding it. You make some friends, because some of the church’s greeters treated you with “love” when you first went through their doors.

Later, down the road, gossip ruins some of your relationships. Maybe there is infidelity between leaders and congregation members. Maybe a prosperity-style gospel is taught. Perhaps, you go about your life as before, hanging out with the same old friends, having drinks, smoking weed, cussing like a sailor or whatever tickles your fancy. These are the thorns that can choke out your faith. This is probably the most likely reason people get lax with their faith.

Worse than the collapse of an individual’s faith is the false teachings of some religious systems. When so-called Christian churches stray from the explicit teachings of the Bible, things can unravel quickly. Satan is an expert at getting people to doubt God’s word or keeping them teaching false doctrines. The best of Satan’s lies are the closest to the truth. Some churches really emphasize a few passages in the Bible to build their doctrines around. These lies can be subtle, yet widely accepted. But if misunderstanding can be clarified by

other verses that more closely align to the heart of God and His will, then the teachings are false. Still, churches are made up of people, none of whom are perfect. Their weeds may need to be pulled up by the roots before they infect the whole garden.

Finally, there is good soil. This is soil that has been supplemented well and is acceptable to receive seeds. Maybe it has compost in it, the rotting useless growth being heaped up as we go about our lives. It should also have fertilizer (manure) in it.

The world will not miss the chance to pile heaps of manure on your life. The deeper the manure, the richer the soil. Those who have been dealt the worst this world can dish out, or choose to embrace “friends” that reek of the manure they are pushing, sometimes end up with soil so rich that when the seed of truth is dropped in, it grows rapidly.

When God changes the crap of this world into useful fertilizer, the world is seen as it really is. Understanding is possible. Theological study is easier to grasp. Questions are pondered at deeper levels. Answers are revealed.

This soil retains moisture as it is watered by the truth of God’s word, through the Holy Spirit.

What is the condition of your soil? Everyone has enough manure piled on them to grow seeds. But, there is a choice as to which seeds you will tend to. Will you continue to nurture the weed seeds, all the worldly things that go against God’s will? Will you let your faith be choked out? Or will you feed your garden to grow understanding and hope?

With fertile soil, you can nurture seeds of life. It will take many trials to make it rich enough, but it’s worth it in the long run. Yet, poisoned soil can only lead to death. The poison is every thought that is against God’s life-giving essence.

Are you an advocate for God or do you embrace the world and its problems? Do you embrace life or death?

No matter what you have done in your life, know that seeds dropped in your soil may grow quickly toward the life-giving power of Jesus. He understands. He took on all the world’s manure, so He will grow good seeds in those who can hear His voice.

In John chapter 10, verses 27-30, Jesus lays it out well: “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

Seek hope and life today through His written words.

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Unitarian Universalists to hear lecture: 'Hope is an Unfinished Story'

By De Anna Hoyle

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Drag shows and clergy collars are not phrases you typically hear at church, but you'll hear this and more on Sunday morning, Aug. 3, at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship.

We will share a streamed lecture entitled "Hope is an Unfinished Story" by the Rev. Sean Neil-Barron, associate minister at Foothill Unitarian in Fort Collins, Colo. The Sunday service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Neil-Barron explores the spiritual practice of hope-making—where faith isn't belief or proof, but the stubborn insistence that we belong to each other, and we're not letting go.

In this sermon originally shared at the 2025 UU General Assembly in June, Neil-Barron shares that we need to remember how to make hope follow us when the way forward disappears under our feet.

He addresses the question "how do we trust that what emerges through raw, real relationship will transform us through trust, rupture, and repair, into something the world desperately needs?"

This message is not to be missed. It is at the heart of the gospel of Unitarian Universalism. We invite all those with curious minds and hearts to join us at 10:30 a.m. for this enlightening talk.

August schedule

Following is the August schedule for the Pagosa UU Fellowship Sunday Services and Programs.

- Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m.: Going Deeper Sharing Circle.

This facilitated, small-group setting is where we invite sharing and deep listening practice. We explore the themes of recent topics and leave space for reflection and for whatever else is on our hearts. Come make friends and

practice the art of listening with others. Light refreshments are offered.

- Aug 17: "Love at the Center," by Mary Ocken, lay leader of the UU Fellowship of Durango. Love is at the center of our UU values. Love is also central to many of the spiritual traditions. We will explore love as a key spiritual value and how it is fundamental to who we are as human beings.

- Aug 24: There will be no programming this week. Practice acts of kindness. We are on hiatus from our Action Sunday. Stay tuned for future programming.

- Aug 31: Rest Sunday. A time for rest and renewal, and an invitation to ask yourself, how does it feel when gratitude and hope reawaken the heart to what's around you?

In keeping with these mindfulness practices, we also offer space for weekly meditation with a trained teacher of Buddhist meditation. We are grateful for the expertise Dan Dempster brings to our community of spiritual practice. He states that building regular practice with these simple yet profound practices can assist in cultivating peace of mind; calmness of body; developing patience, kindness and awareness; and to diminish pain, conflict and stress. New-to-meditation and experienced practitioners are welcome.

Every Sunday at 7 p.m., the summer schedule is as follows:

- First and third Sundays — 7 to 7:45 p.m. (a shortened meditation only practice).

- Second and fourth Sundays — 7 to 8:30 p.m. (meditation practice and dharma talk).

For more information about this and other programs that take place during the month, we encourage you to visit PagosaUU.org. Once there, you can email to be added to our mailing list or the meditation email list to receive notices about the schedule.

We are located at Unit B-15 of the

Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. Pagosa UU Fellowship is a Welcoming Congregation, we believe that all of who you are is sacred, and all of who you are is welcome. Find out more at <https://www.uua.org/lgbtq>.

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SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

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

- Aug. 2 and 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.: SpiritFire moving sale and fundraiser at 77 Golden Pond Place.

- Aug. 5, 7 p.m.: Sacred Divine Water Wheel Ceremony at Xanadu. A love donation will be collected.

- Aug. 10: Sunday birthday picnic for the leos in our community at drumming circle at Xanadu. There will be a brunch potluck with fun and inspirational music.

- Aug. 23, 11 a.m.: New moon drumming at Xanadu. A love donation will be collected.

- Aug. 24, 6 p.m.: Sunday new moon

drumming at Xanadu.

- Sept. 21, 6 p.m.: New Moon Drumming Circle at Xanadu.

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.

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

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center events are held at Xanadu private retreat. Obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com; or texting/calling (970) 510-0309.

PAGOSA SCENE . . .

ASPIRE'S BARN BASH

Scene ... dancing the night away at Aspire's Barn Bash atop Reservoir Hill. The fundraiser featured live music, dancing, food and raising funds to help Aspire Medical Services and Education.

Photos courtesy Anna Snow



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 common nighthawk.

Neither common nor active at night, and not related to hawks, this is an amazing bird with an unfortunate, misleading name. Common nighthawks undertake one of the longest migration routes of any North American bird, traveling from winter grounds in South America. One of the last migrants to arrive in spring, they breed across the United States and Canada.

On the breeding grounds, the male performs a “booming” display flight in which he dives toward the ground and at the bottom of the dive flexes his wings downward. Air rushing across his wingtips creates an eerie, deep, boom sound. These flights are part of the bird’s courtship ritual and also defines his territory.

Adults are long-winged and flat-headed with a tiny bill, big eyes and short legs. They are cryptically colored in gray, black, white and buff tones with a white patch on the wing visible in flight. They can be identified by their nasal peent call.

Camouflage is the nighthawk’s defense against discovery. Studies have determined that common nighthawks have an awareness of their own appearance. Females lay two tiny eggs that resemble pebbles on bare ground out in the open. Their choice of a “nest” site may seem haphazard to us, but the female carefully chooses it based on a match to her plumage and to the shells of her eggs.

Females incubate the eggs and brood the chicks, but she must leave them unattended while she feeds. Chicks are not very mobile and extremely vulnerable to exposure and predation in the first days of life. When the male roosts nearby, nest success improves.

Flying with tiny beaks and wide, bristled-fringed mouths open, common nighthawks eat flying insects almost exclusively. Hunting primarily near dawn and dusk, they locate prey by sight and forage near the level of ground or water, or up to 500 feet above. Birds that eat flying insects are among the fastest declining groups in North America. In Canada these nighthawks are listed as threatened.

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Share your voice: Healthy Archuleta seeks community input on local food hub

Healthy Archuleta

A strong, robust local food system supports our community in accessing healthy foods, supports and grows local food businesses (like farmers, ranchers, cottage food preparers and food trucks) and supports the economic viability of our County.

As Healthy Archuleta has continued to learn about the issues and opportunities in our local food system, the need for community infrastructure, such as a food hub, has emerged as a resource that could benefit Archuleta County.

For the past few years, Healthy Archuleta has been researching the concept of a food hub — a space that supports all aspects of the local food system through infrastructure such as a commercial kitchen, community food production and educational programming.

In early 2025, Healthy Archuleta was awarded a one-year planning grant from the Healthy Food Financing Initiative to gather community input on how a food hub could meet the needs of Archuleta County and develop a project plan ready for implementation.

This process began with the establishment of the Food Hub Community Learning and Leadership Circle (CLLC), a community steering committee that includes town and county representatives, local food producers, food stakeholders and other community members who have expressed interest in this project.

Why does Archuleta County need a food hub? Community members have continued to identify local infrastructure needs that would better support them in advancing a local food system. These have included ideas like a community commercial kitchen to support cottage food producers, caterers, food trucks, and others who want access to space and equipment to sustain and expand their businesses.

Other ideas have included access to a year-round market where farmers, ranchers and food producers could sell their products in the community to increase access to local, healthy foods.

Additionally, community members have expressed a desire to purchase more local foods, learn how to grow their own foods and to preserve them for later use, and to prevent food waste through various strategies, including composting.

A community food hub can provide the needed infrastructure to support these community needs and engage more community members in our local food system. In addition, the vision for this space is to support building community around the local food system through infrastructure that supports local business, communal activities and shared spaces.



Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta is seeking community input on the concept of a local food hub space and what it would look like. In the coming weeks, team members from Healthy Archuleta will be hosting information tables around town.

Community-led food hub planning

As part of this year-long planning process, the Food Hub CLLC has been reviewing information gathered by Healthy Archuleta, including the 2024 community survey and results of the Food Hub Needs Assessment.

In response to these findings, several conceptual designs have been developed for consideration, and the Food Hub CLLC has been reviewing those designs, sharing insights on potential locations, infrastructure and operational features.

Some of the elements of a Community Food Hub that are being considered include:

- An on-site commercial kitchen for local food businesses and cottage food producers, with the option to sell their products on-site.
- Indoor and outdoor growing spaces for year-round fresh produce and educational sessions.
- Space for ready-to-eat foods from local food trucks, indoor food vendors and a retail market for local foods.
- A central dining area for community gathering that can also be used as an event space for communal

activities.

- Educational and recreational areas for families, such as an outdoor playground; outdoor dining spaces (weather permitting); and classes on gardening, food preservation, healthy cooking and related topics.

In the coming weeks, team members will be hosting information tables around town.

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Aspen Services welcomes four new board members

By **Pattie Copenhaver**
A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc.

Aspen House is pleased to announce the appointment of four outstanding new members to the board of directors of A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc. (ASPiP), the nonprofit organization behind Aspen House, Aspen Services and PS FroYo.

These new board members are committed to advancing services for adults with developmental disabilities and helping make the vision of Aspen House a reality.

We warmly welcome Kelly Vergo, Ali Brau, Jana Schick and Amythest Barker to the board. Each brings a unique set of skills, experiences and a shared passion for serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Vergo and Brau will serve together in the role of board secretary, helping maintain organizational documentation and meeting records. The new additions will join the current board members, Michael Kloep (president), Keena Carstensen (vice president), Bryan Looper (treasurer) and Nicole Smith (director).

"We are excited to welcome our new board members and look forward to the passion and expertise they bring to our mission," said Pattie Copenhaver, executive direc-

tor of Aspen House. "Their support will help guide us as we continue to expand opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities in Archuleta County and begin the process of raising capital funding that will allow us to build Aspen House."

Aspen Services, the program arm of ASPiP, is dedicated to cultivating an environment of growth and success for adults with I/DD. Services include prevocational training, supported employment and job coaching, mentorship, community engagement, transportation, day habilitation and respite care. As the leading service provider in Archuleta County, Aspen Services is proud to support both individuals and their families on their journey toward greater independence and fulfillment.

As we welcome these new leaders, we also extend our heartfelt thanks to the founding board members, Patty Brown and Carolyn Paschal, and previous directors whose dedication laid the foundation for our continued growth. Their vision and leadership have helped build a stronger, safer and more inclusive community.

For more information and to learn about upcoming opportunities to support Aspen House, call Copenhaver at (970) 398-1636 or visit www.aspenhousepagosa.org.

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bers from Healthy Archuleta will be hosting information tables around town, reaching out to the community and inviting feedback on the concept of a food hub space and what it would look like.

We would really appreciate hearing from you.

Please stop by our table at one of the locations, fill out our survey and join us on this amazing journey to realize the dream of a space centered around local food and community.

To learn more about this project, please visit our website at bit.ly/44ItfW and to provide your feedback on the design features of the food hub please complete our survey at bit.ly/40q1Vmy.

Additionally, to learn more about the food hub in person, please visit our team at one of our upcoming tabling events, which you can find on the events and happenings tab of our website at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/events-happenings.html>.

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It's time for parents to begin a revolution with their kids: an outdoor revolution. Kids need fresh air even more than adults, yet they are deprived of that essential air, just as much as their parents. Revolt, parents- and get your kids outside. Today's excerpt gives a few reasons why.

Getting fresh air has actual measurable physical health benefits for children.

Kids who are outside are more likely to get their daily dosage of vitamin D, which assists in bone strength and lowers risks of cancer.

The National Wildlife Federation also found that children who play outdoors are less likely to have natural nearsightedness.

Additionally, outside kids are likely to engage in active play for at least an hour a day, which helps ward off childhood obesity.

Time outside has proven to soothe children, lowering their risk of hyperactivity and depression.

The American Academy of Pediatrics also notes that children who watch TV and play video games throughout the day, rather than playing outdoors, have shorter attention spans.

When children play outside they are more likely to use their imagination, creative play and inventions, which expands their creative thinking.

Children who are healthier tend to get better grades, and playing outside creates healthier minds and bodies.

Kids are less likely to act out when they play outside away from the violence of televisions and video games.

As children play outdoors with others, they interact, create and play together directly, which enhances their ability to get along with others.

Source: "10 Reasons Kids Need Fresh Air." Jennifer Bodin.

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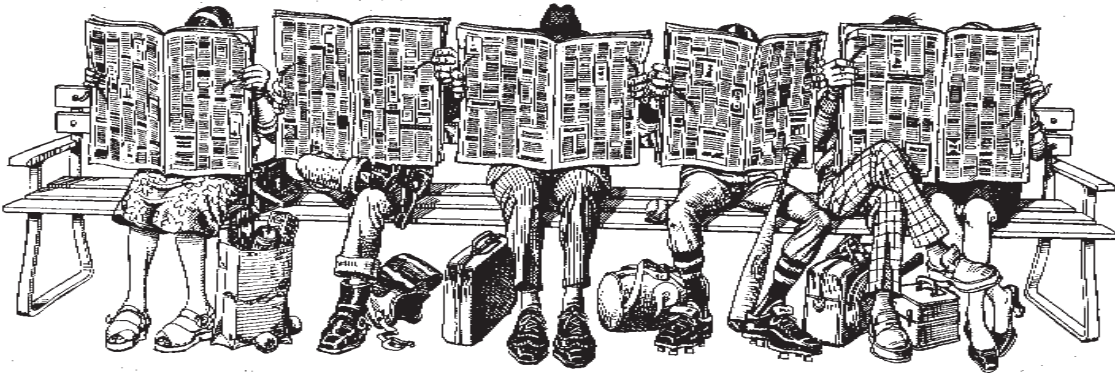
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Archuleta Seniors Inc. receives \$2,500 from 19th Hole Concerts

By Joan Ward
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) was fortunate to be one of the four non-profits to benefit from the 19th Hole Concerts organized by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado.

Many thanks also to all those who attended the concerts and whose generosity made this possible.

Proceeds totaled \$9,370. The Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation added \$630 to bring the total to \$10,000. This was shared equally at \$2,500 for each nonprofit.

It is the hands-on work of organizations such as the Community Foundation that makes Pagosa Country a community that cares.

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.

Stretching and mobility weekly class

Community members are invited to attend free weekly classes every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Pagosa 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

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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 game of bridge is hosted on Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. It has also been added on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

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

Hand and foot card game

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

Emotional freedom

techniques

On the second Wednesday of the month, join the "Tappers," who practice a self-regulation technique to relieve symptoms of anxiety, depression, insomnia and more.

Come learn the technique on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Everything you need to get started is included in this fun, engaging, supportive class taught by Judith Newman, LPC.

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.

Ruby's Writers Guild

In August, Ruby's Writers Guild is joining the Senior Center as one of our new programs. It will be on Thursdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Senior Dining Room starting the first Thursday in August. The Guild wel-

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comes writers looking for support, guidance, resources and camaraderie with other writers.

Tai chi

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

Bingo

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

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.

Scrapbooking and crafters club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking and Crafters Club continues to hold monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., within the dining hall in the Senior Center.

This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, and we invite all creative individuals to come and share ideas, connect with new and old friends, learn/share creative techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together. Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group.

Help us create an intergenerational community. Those ages 18 and older are welcome. For those youth age 17 and younger, we kindly request an adult chaperone accompany them.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com and you will receive notification each month of the upcoming meeting, along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking and more.

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. Grab ‘N’ Go pickup via our convenient portico is also available all week.

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 31 — Beef, barley and vegetable soup with ciabatta bread; garden salad; fruit; and milk.

Friday, Aug. 1 — Pork tenderloin with orange cranberry sauce, sweet corn, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, lemon blueberry cake and milk.

Monday, Aug. 4 — Curry chicken, jasmine rice, squash medley, garden salad, fruit, dessert bar and milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 5 — Grilled turkey-Swiss-tomato sandwich, sweet potato fries, garden salad, fruit, fig bars and milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 6 — Baked salmon with creamy herb sauce, broccoli, rice pilaf, garden salad, fruit, vanilla yogurt and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 7 — BBQ pork ribs, creamed corn, blueberry cobbler, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Aug. 8 — Moroccan stew, spinach artichoke dip, pita chips, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. The meals are delivered by our wonderful volunteers. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167 for how to sign up for the program.

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.

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.

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry can contact the MET to schedule a ride with its paratransit service.

Call the Archuleta County MET at (970) 264-2250 for information.

Medicare assistance 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.

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

Thursday, July 31

Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. For a daily schedule and more information, visit www.archuleta-countyfair.com.

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

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.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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.

Archuleta County Republican Women Potluck Dinner. 5:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church. Bring family, friends and guests along with your favorite entree, salad or dessert to share with others. There will be guest speakers and more.

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 'The Wild Party.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Mountain Light Music Festival: Trombone Summit. 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Cool off with music from the big screen and get in the summer spirit with American patriotic themes. The concert will be at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28.52 at <http://bit.ly/4m5f10V>.

Friday, Aug. 1

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. For a daily schedule and more information, visit www.archuleta-countyfair.com.

Great House Tour. 10 a.m., Chimney

Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Summer Reading Finale Party. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages, End-of-summer celebration with games, activities, grand prize drawing, refreshments and beverages.

Stroll of the Three Sisters Tour. 1:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour along the Mesa Village Trail, where they will learn about an agricultural village and the crops and other foods grown and gathered there. Tickets are \$15 for ages 13 and up and \$8 for ages 5-12. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Mountain Light Music Festival: Friends of Mountain Light Music Festival Concert. 6 p.m., meadow at 300C Columbine Court. Grab your picnic, drinks and camp chairs to take in the sunset and music.

Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo. 6:30 p.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. Pre-rodeo festivities will include crowd entertainment by the Bayfield Belles, a pink pony ride blow-up stick horse race for children, a first responder pink pony race, a bra and hat decorating contest and more. The rodeo will begin at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 5-12, with those under 5 free.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Something Rotten!' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Saturday, Aug. 2

Riverwalk Wetlands Tour. 8 a.m., ■ See Calendar on next page



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

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Garden Adventures. 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs Community Garden. Brighten the garden.

Plant Walk. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wolf Creek Pass. Join certified herbalist Lake McCullough to look for late-summer botanical beauty at high elevation on. Call ahead to (970) 398-0923 to reserve a spot. There is a 15-person maximum.

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National Day of Action Rally and March. 10 a.m., Town Park. This peaceful rally is part of the National Day of Action against the current administration. Bring a sign or borrow one. Email EqualityPagosa@gmail.com for more details.

LEGO Play. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to free build. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Plant Walk. 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Wolf Creek Pass. Join certified herbalist Lake McCullough to look for late-summer botanical beauty at high elevation. Call ahead to (970) 398-0923 to reserve a spot. There is a 15-person maximum.

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Sunday, Aug. 3

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Monday, Aug. 4

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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Archuleta County Democratic Club. 11:30 a.m., Coyote Moon. The topic of discussion will be the Town of Pagosa Springs' wastewater problem.

Stroll of the Three Sisters Tour. 1:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour along the Mesa Village Trail, where they will learn about an agricultural village and the crops and other foods grown and gathered there. Tickets are \$15 for ages 13 and up and \$8 for ages 5-12. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 9 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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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.

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

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Men's Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Riverwalk Wetlands Tour. 7 p.m., Centennial Park. Participants should bring water, hats, sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at the native plants garden next to the geothermal domes. Leave dogs at home. Tours will not occur during inclement weather.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

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

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

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

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 5-7:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral

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Thursday, Aug. 7

'This Waterfall Rocks' Piedra Falls Geology Hike. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required at sjma.org/events.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join a docent for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth. Walking the labyrinth can bring a sense of releasing, receiving and renewal. The labyrinth is available from dawn until dusk and is located in the wooded area behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

Great House Tour. 10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

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Friday, Aug. 8

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Saturday, Aug. 9

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.

Birding at Chimney Rock Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour is presented in partnership with the local chapter of the Audubon Society and affords a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about birds that are native to the area. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.


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

Archuleta County Republican Women Luncheon. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Erin Lee, a Colorado mom with a Supreme Court case, will speak. RSVP by Aug 3 to Melinda at ms-ratliff732@gmail.com or Beverly at acrwvp@pm.me for additional details.

Great House Tour. 10 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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along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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.

Knights of Columbus 22nd Annual Duck Race. 11:30 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. There will be music, food, games and more, with the ducks hitting the water to race at 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the winning ducks. Tickets for ducks are \$10 and are available at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd., Silver Dollar Liquor, and at the park on race day. All proceeds help the Knights of Columbus support nonprofits within the community.

Full Moon Program and Early Tour. 5:30 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 \$25. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.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, Aug. 11

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THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 5:30- 6:30p.m, Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Questions? Richard: (970)903-1456. Diamond: (970)264-1073. Ann: (303)918-8137. Charlotte: (970)903-9690. More resources: www.aa.org, www.aa-westerncolorado.com, (970)245-9649, (888)333-9649 (24 hours).

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GARAGE SALE: 71 N. Feather Ct. August 1 -3, 8a.m. –3p.m. DVD players, printer, computer sound systems, 43" TV, bikes, ski racks, dog crates, highchair, portable crib, skis and boots, float tubes, 63-piece China set, large paintings, camo clothing, household goods, and much more.

YARD/MOVING SALE — 77 Golden Pond Place. Aug. 1st and 2nd, Friday and Saturday 8a.m. to 1p.m. Furniture, kids' items, shelves, dining set, household items, office furniture, hunters' blind, chairs, vintage records, cash and carry, small bills please. No early birds.

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LAND/ BUILDING SITES

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

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Client Management:

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

Strategy Development:

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

Sales and Business Development:

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

Reporting and Analysis:

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

QUALIFICATIONS

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

SKILLS

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



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