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Record low flow set on Piedra, matched on San Juan River

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Piedra River near Arboles set a record low flow level on Wednesday, Aug. 13, flowing at 7.64 cubic feet per second (cfs). The low is based on 62 years of water records. The previous record low flow for this date was set in 2018 at a rate of 15.6 cfs, while the record high was set in 1999 at 818 cfs. The median flow level for this date is 160 cfs, and the mean is 190 cfs. Also according to the USGS, the San Juan River tied a record low flow on Monday, Aug. 11, when the river was measured at 13 cfs, matching the record low for that date, which was set in 2002. As of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs was flowing at a rate of 13.5 cfs, just above the record low of 11 cfs for that date, also set in 2002. Based on 89 years of water records, the record high for flow for Aug. 13 was set in 1964 at 832 cfs, while the median flow for this date is 134 cfs and the mean is 172 cfs.

Drought

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM), as of Aug. 7, all ■ See Drought A8



Photos courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Left: The Oak Fire burns just west of Pagosa Springs in the Aspen Springs area. Top: An air tanker drops retardant on the Oak Fire. The fire, which was started by an illegal burn on Sunday, Aug. 10, burned 75 acres and prompted evacuations.

Illegal burn starts 75-acre Oak Fire

By Randi Pierce and Clayton Chaney
Staff Writers

What began as an illegal burn on Sunday, Aug. 10, turned into a 75-acre wildfire that prompted the mandatory evacuation of 144 residential structures for roughly 70 hours. Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux noted that, while the inci-

dent was paged out as a possible structure fire, it was ultimately not a structure fire and began through an illegal burn. He explained it was illegal due to being unpermitted and taking place during a Stage 1 fire ban. He added the incident is still under investigation, and no additional details were released. The event, the Oak Fire, began on Sunday, Aug. 10, with the first

call at about 1:15 p.m. By 2:28 p.m., an evacuation order had been issued for residents within 1 mile of 38 Spruce Circle. That order was then expanded to include the Elk Park subdivision. According to Le Roux, 320 parcels were included in the mandatory evacuation zone, which included the Oak, Simmons and ■ See Fire A9

CDOT: 175 cyclists to travel along southwest Colorado roadways Aug. 18-22

Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation and the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) are advising drivers to be prepared to share the road with approximately 175 bicyclists touring roadways between Silverton and Wolf Creek Pass during the annual week-long Colorado's Ride event beginning Monday, Aug. 18. "This is the third year of welcoming Colorado's Ride to our region, and we want to make it another safe and successful event for all roadway users. Please, always make a point to limit distractions, stay alert and follow the speed limit," said

Transportation Director Julie Constan. Highway closures will not be necessary; however, motorists are urged to watch for cyclists along several highways and county roads between Durango, Silverton, Pagosa Springs and Wolf Creek Pass. The event will take place over five days, Aug. 18-22, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. The CSP and local law enforcement will monitor and assist with traffic control. Drivers are reminded of the Three Foot Law when passing cyclists. "Drivers must give cyclists at least 3 feet of space when passing — even if it requires crossing ■ See Cyclists A8

Additional fire restrictions in place

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Editor's note: For transparency, Mayor Shari Pierce is the mother of Randi Pierce. Additional fire restrictions have been enacted in the area, with the Town of Pagosa Springs implementing Stage 1 restrictions and the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) moving to Stage 2 restrictions. Neighboring areas have also recently made changes to their fire restrictions, and those traveling to areas are encouraged to check for up-to-date restrictions in that area. **Town of Pagosa Springs** On Aug. 11, the Town of Pagosa

Springs issued an emergency order imposing Stage I fire restrictions within the town limits. According to the order, "... the Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter, Section 12.6, provides that in case of riot, insurrection or extraordinary emergency, the Mayor and the Manager, acting jointly can execute any action to protect life and property including establishing regulations governing conduct and activities related to the cause or effect of the emergency." It further notes that the order is based on consultation with fire managers and managers of federal lands, the Archuleta County sheriff having imposed Stage I fire restrictions within unincorporated areas of Archuleta County and the United States Forest

Service has implemented Stage II fire restrictions within the San Juan National Forest. It explains that on "August 10, 2025, the Oak Fire began in the Aspen Springs area of Archuleta County west of Pagosa Springs burning several outbuildings and 75 acres of wildland, the Oak Fire remains uncontrolled, and the Oak Fire resulted in disaster emergency declarations from Archuleta County and the State of Colorado." It adds, "[F]irefighting resources have been depleted by the Oak Fire, areas within and immediately adjacent to Pagosa Springs are at equivalent wildfire risk as the area involved in the Oak Fire, and if an uncontrolled fire were to start in such areas the property and lives of Town residents

and visitors would be in immediate danger." Based on consultation with the Pagosa Fire Protection District fire chief, the Archuleta County sheriff and the United States Forest Service, and the based on the fire danger within and near the Town of Pagosa Springs, the mayor and town manager of the Town of Pagosa Springs "find that it is reasonable and necessary to impose Stage I fire restrictions within the Town of Pagosa Springs, consistent with those in effect within unincorporated areas of Archuleta County." "Given the extreme fire danger we are facing, these restrictions are a necessary step to protect lives, property, and our natural resources," ■ See Restrictions A8

Commissioners approve contract with consulting firm for building inspections and plan reviews

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Aug. 5, the board unanimously approved a contract with AEC-West Consultants to assist the county with building inspections and plan reviews. The matter was approved under the new business portion of the agenda, with commissioners John Ranson and Warren Brown voting in favor of approving the contract. Commissioner Veronica Medina exited the meeting prior to hearing the matter, citing a family emergency. Earlier that day, Interim Development Director Owen O'Dell briefed the BoCC on the contract, explaining

that with recent resignations in the planning and building departments, the county does not have enough staff to perform inspections and keep up with plan reviews. County Manager Jack Harper also explained that the county reached out to a total of six entities and individuals, adding that AEC-West is "highly reputable." Harper noted that AEC-West recently provided services for Durango for a period of time. "So, they're very familiar with it," he said, explaining that the company has inspectors based in Durango and Bayfield. "So, they're close." O'Dell explained that AEC-West would be able to provide commercial and residential plan reviews, with 50 percent of fees collected going towards AEC-West and 50 percent

staying with the county. According to the contract, the rate for building inspections is \$110 per hour, with a two-hour minimum. "They're also available for on-site or face-to-face meeting with county staff and builders and developers alike," O'Dell said, noting that remote inspections may also be possible "for some aspects." O'Dell went on to explain that the review scope for AEC-West excludes deferred submittal for fire suppression systems, as those are typically reviewed by the fire district. Harper also explained that he met with the county's finance director, Chad Eaton, "and we have just under \$67,000 left in salaries and other savings in the building and planning departments" for the remainder of this current fiscal year.

Medina asked if that \$67,000 identified would be enough to cover the cost of working with AEC-West. "It sounds like the cost is pretty high," she added. Harper explained that the county would be "good" for a few months, and that he anticipates posting the building official position and having it filled by the end of the year. "We gotta have services," he added. In response to another question from Medina, Harper indicated that the county currently has only one other inspector who has been on the job for just three months and is not capable of performing all the required inspections and certain plan reviews. O'Dell commented that AEC-West ■ See Consulting A7



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OUR VIEW

Amazing

We thought getting caught in United Airlines' Aug. 6 ground stop and spending a sleepless night in the airport tracking down our luggage (which was somehow states away) would be our biggest headache of the week.

Boy, were we wrong.

Just days later, right before catching our return flight home, we received word of a fire in Aspen Springs. We quickly made arrangements to get information out to the public before losing service for the duration of our flight.

By the time our flight landed in Denver, we, like many others, were under pre-evacuation orders. Thanks to the ability to message for free on our flight, we were able to make arrangements to have our pet and necessities picked up should we be evacuated before making it home. With the reports we were hearing of the erratic wind and an out-of-control fire, we hoped we'd have a home to go back to that night.

At the same time, our hearts sank for those who had already been evacuated

and were left to wonder what they would be able to go home to and when, and those who have struggled to have fire insurance due to the risk that comes with living in this beautiful place.

But, we were comforted by the fact that, in our opinion, we have some of the best fire managers around, hands down. They, including Sheriff Mike Le Roux and Emergency Operations Commander Roy Vega Jr., among others, have an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience when it comes to fire, emergency management and our area.

That knowledge and experience has been on full display in dealing with the Oak Fire, as has been the knowledge and experience of more than 100 personnel and resources from here and elsewhere.

We've heard reports from fellow community members who were impressed with how quickly a number of emergency vehicles headed in the direction of the fire after it started and how quickly resources from elsewhere began arriving to help

tackle it given the risk to so many homes and other values.

If not for the hard, tireless work of every single person who had a hand in combating this fire, we could be in a very different position today than we are.

While we acknowledge we have community members who will likely continue to be displaced as they repair their homes and the work is far from over, we are so grateful for how little damage was done.

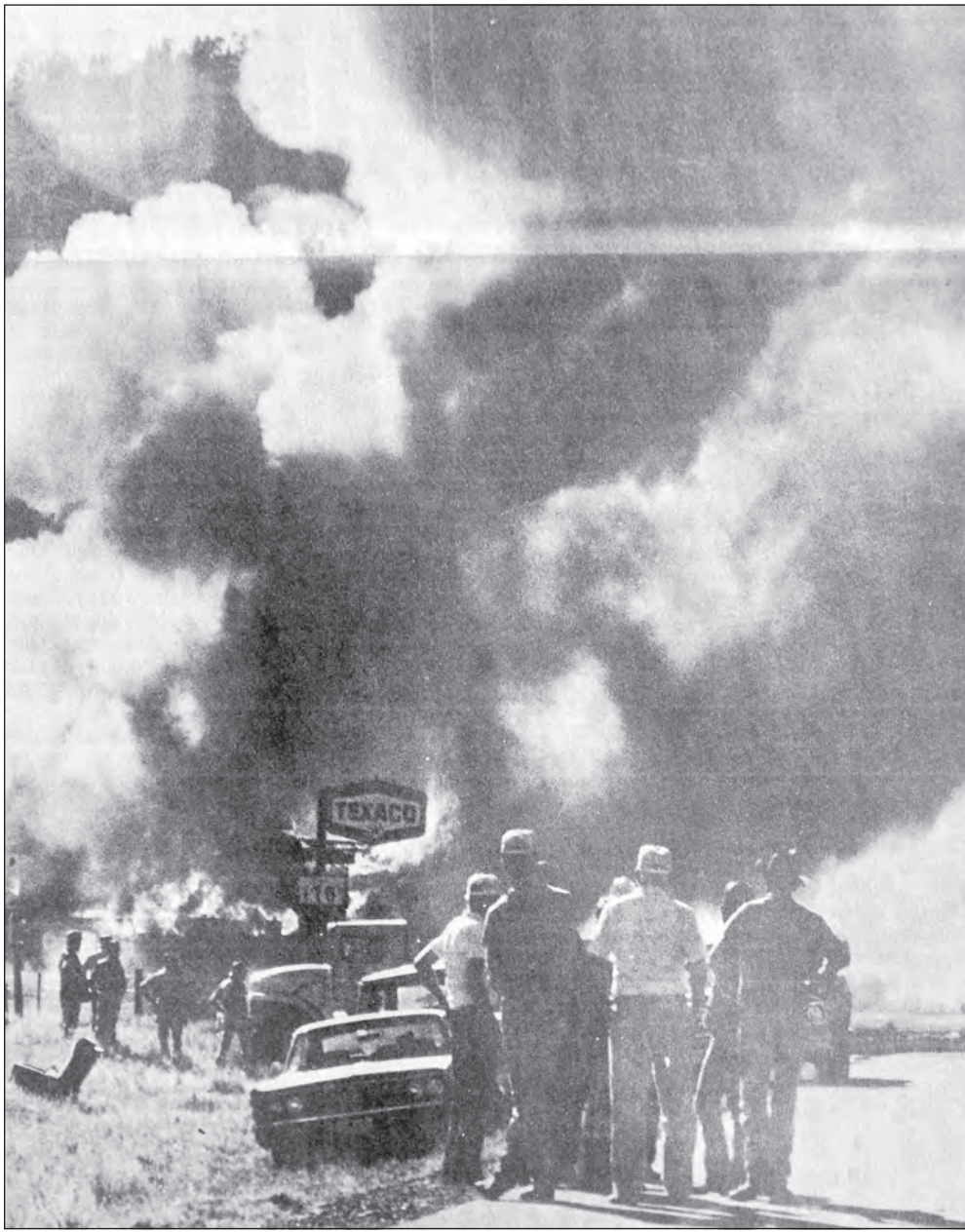
Instead of having community members return home Wednesday, we could have thousands still evacuated and be a national headline due to destruction.

We simply can't thank everyone who worked the Oak Fire — whether from the ground, the air, helping evacuees or in an administrative role — enough for their amazing and efficient response.

We continue to urge everyone to be diligent. We've now seen firsthand the fire danger in our area and the fact that we can be next.

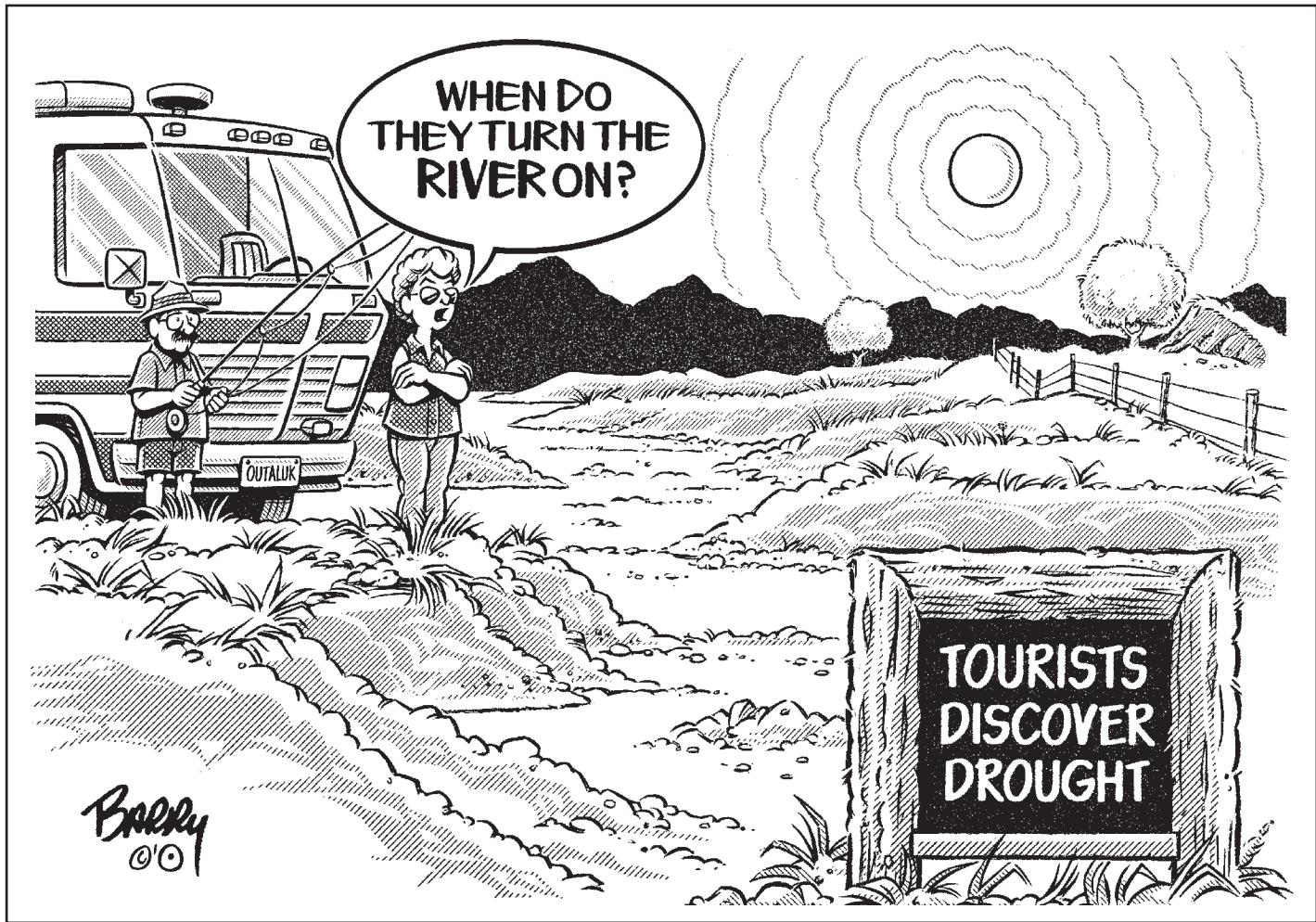
Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the Aug. 20, 1987, Pagosa SUN — FORTY-THREE YEARS UP IN SMOKE — Neighboring ranchers stand around Fitzhugh Havens as he watches the wind swept flames incinerate Havens' former Chromo business establishment. Traffic on U.S. 84 near the Colorado-New Mexico border was at a standstill for some time as billowing smoke covered the highway and exploding canned goods gave rise for concern.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 7, 1925

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, Frank McMillan of Allison, while driving a four-horse team pulling a wagon-load of coal across the Piedra river bridge near Arboles, was precipitated into the river with team, wagon, coal and all when one of the bridge spans collapsed. Fortunately, the man nor team were injured seriously. Another wagon-load of coal had just crossed ahead of Mr. McMillan, and it is thought that the vibrations created hurried the collapse of the bridge, which was not in very good shape but not considered dangerous.

Commissioner John E. Walker, who resides at Arboles, got busy and a temporary structure was erected, thus again permitting passage across the river. At the meeting of the county commissioners here Wednesday, arrangements were started for a new steel bridge at that point, plans to be submitted soon and bids to be advertised for.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 4, 1950

The Chamber of Commerce folders secured from the SUN are now completed and are available to tourist court operators, hotels, filling stations, garages, restaurants and others in daily contact with the traveling public. They may be obtained by calling at the Town Hall or at the SUN office. The folders are handsome six-page brochures, printed in two colors and containing much information regarding the county.

The Tacky Dance given by the Grange Saturday night was a big success. Martin Swanemyr and Mariana Procarione won the prize for the tackiest couple. The judges were Lawrence Wiseman, Richard Albrecht and a lady whose name I did not get.

Mrs. Herbert Thompson entertained at a picnic supper Saturday night for Joanne Gass and her daughter, Jeanette. The guests were Patsy Day, Essie Mari Jackson, Maureen Lynch, Donna Chambers, Mary Dean Morehart and Karen Poma.

The Pagosa Rod and Gun Club held one of their famous fish fries this past Sunday at their Rifle Range on the Piedra road. There were about two hundred people in attendance and more than enough fish. In attendance at the meeting in addition to the members and their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Welsh of Antonito. Mr. Welsh is in charge of fish production and planting for this area.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 7, 1975

The possibilities in the current program to beautify the San Juan River area through town are almost limitless. Such things as historical signs on the parking fill near the hot water fountain, a new name for that area, trees and a nature trail along the river, leveling the parking area, making more picnic tables for the park, doing something to pretty up the bridge, and approaches, repairing the rock wall, erecting the new signs at the Chamber of Commerce building, shrubs along the banks, thinning out the willow, making a picnic area between the medical center and the river, landscaping the medical center grounds, and other such programs could be completed. The area in back of the court house certainly needs cleaning up but that is private land and the funds must be spent on public property.

The Archuleta County Fair is set to go August 15, 16 and 17. It will feature all types of exhibits, displays, entertainment, a barbecue, fat stock sale, junior rodeo, parade of champions and a dance at the high school gym.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
August 3, 2000

It's an event that has occurred only once before in the history of Pagosa Springs. The installation of a traffic signal.

Crews began work Wednesday to install three light poles, mast arms and signal lights at the intersection of U.S. 160 with Lewis and South 5th streets, in downtown Pagosa Springs. Work on the poles was to be complete by week's end with signal lights due for delivery and installation by Aug. 11.

Cost of the project is being shared by the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

CDOT contributed \$90,000 to the project, with the town providing the balance of \$280,000. The overall project included recent reconstruction of the three-way intersection of U.S. 160 and Lewis and 5th streets on the north side of the highway.

Timing of signal lights will be controlled by video sensors. The presence of traffic on Lewis Street and 5th Street south of the highway will key a signal change. A left-turn arrow will be in place for eastbound highway traffic turning on to Lewis Street.



Weather data

Date	High	Low	Precipitation	Moisture	Type	Depth
8/5	86	43	0.00	NA	NA	NA
8/6	87	46	0.00	NA	NA	NA
8/7	88	49	0.00	NA	NA	NA
8/8	86	52	0.00	NA	NA	NA
8/9	86	45	0.00	NA	NA	NA
8/10	83	51	0.00	NA	NA	NA
8/11	84	42	0.00	NA	NA	NA



Letters

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Growing pains

Dear Editor:

Pagosa Springs is experiencing growing pains. The Pagosa Springs Town Council and Sanitation General Improvement District are in panic mode. Is this an emergency? A failing sewage treatment system is a public Health, Safety, and Welfare issue. An immediate moratorium on new connections until the new sewage treatment plant is built, is a no-brainer. The Town Council wants to add a 1% sales tax on everything purchased in Pagosa to fund current sewage treatment problems and get the missing treatment plant built. The lawyers included an “in perpetuity” clause in the proposal. That means forever. This tax will be used to pay for bonds issued to raise the funds needed. For now, the number is floating between \$80 - \$100 million. Noone has the right to commit future generations to an undetermined perpetual debt. Without a Sunset clause to bring it to an end, it can and will be used fund anything future Town Councils will dream up.

There is some confusion within the general population about the entire situation. In town, you turn on the water from one public utility at your sink, but when it goes down the drain it goes to a different public utility? All municipal potable water is supplied by PAWS. It is insane that waste water east of Piedra Rd. is handled by PSSGID, and waste water west of Piedra Rd. is handled by PAWS. PSSGID needs more taxes to build their missing treatment plant. IfPAWS needs a new treatment plant, will they be asking us for more taxes for that also?

It's bad enough, liberal interlopers on the PAWS board have added a perpetual affordable housing tax to everyone's water bill, for a small group of developers to build apartments, without the customers voting whether it was wanted or needed. This is what tourism and uncontrolled growth do to all mountains in the west.

Thanks to interlopers getting involved with our public utilities, the only way forward is to add a 1% sales tax to build our missing sewage treatment plant.

Perpetual debt and its interest being paid by We the People's taxes is not the way the founders of this country intended us to operate.

Greg Giehlf

Cultivated meat

Dear Editor:

In this dark political moment, it's easy to forget about the exploitation of animals. Day after day, year after year, we torture and slaughter sentient beings on an unimaginable scale — all in the name of food production. In my view, perhaps the most promising way of reducing the number of animals we exploit in this manner is through robust public funding of cultivated-research.

For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from livestock cells, without slaughter. The technology currently exists to make the new protein, but to mass produce cultivated meat and sell it at a price that competes with or undercuts slaughtered meat, further scientific advancements are needed. There's no reason to believe these breakthroughs can't be achieved.

Compassionate politicians at the state and federal level should back significant government investment into cellular-agriculture development. Let's build research facilities dedicated to this goal at every college and university in America with a farm program. We can create a better world, in which battery cages, gestation crates and livestock trucks are left on the ash heap of history.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Conn.

Investments

Dear Editor:

First the bad news. Check your pension fund. Most of the U.S. financial sectors top companies invest as much as 30% of your pension funds in communist Chinese companies. Bank of America helped raise \$4.6 billion for an initial public offering for a company known as CATL, based in Hong Kong. CATL controls 36% of the world market of lithium batteries for electric vehicles.

Now the good news! Thanks to the present administration. America has secured a \$5 billion investment from Stellantis, an \$888 million from G M, and a \$20 billion investment from hyundai. Volkswagn, Mercedes_Benz. Honda, and Kia have announced plans to increase production on American soil. Ford is offering “employee pricing” for every customer as part of it's “from America for America” campaign. Open AI and Oracle have also announced a \$500 billion investment in American AI infrastructure. Apple, Navidia, and IBM also announced hundreds of billions of dollars in U.S. investments. Pledges are also coming in from Taiwan company TSMC, Johnson & Johnson, John Deere, Kraft Heinz, Schneider Electric among dozens of others. A pledge of \$1.4 trillion from the United Arab Emirates, \$1.2 trillion from Qatar, and \$600 billion from Saudia Arabia. Shoe retailer Steve madden has announced plans to rapidly pull back it's production in China. DAMAC real estate development company in the middle east is investing \$20 billion in Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Illinois, Michigan, & Indiana. If this trend continues “Made in America” will be prominent again.

John Meyer

Fascism

Dear Editor:

It looks like our stable genius president is at it again. A real math savant, he is claiming to have already reduced the price of pharmaceuticals by 1500%! If fractions, decimals and percentages are not your strong suit, here's a primer — if you reduce the price of anything by 100%, it becomes free. By reducing the price more than that, the buyer is paid to “buy” the item. Has anyone experienced this yet? I suspect not. Our president's now-deceased BFF, Jeffrey Epstein, did say that Donnie was a real estate whiz but really dumb about anything else, including reading a spreadsheet. It's well-known that our president is a chronic liar; his lies are beginning to sound ever more demented.

Aside from sounding demented, he is playing the tyrant card by fir-

ing the well-respected head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for releasing an unfavorable jobs report. He is making his usual claim that it's “rigged” which is what he always says about actual facts that he doesn't like. The downward revision of the May and June reports is not something new — estimates and revisions of these reports have been happening routinely for decades as more data from employers is submitted. Now we can look forward to president-pleasing data that does not accurately reflect what is happening with the economy. This is Soviet style reporting vs reality and will make us the planet's laughing stock while discouraging investment.

Back in the day, Soviet news agencies routinely reported a booming economy as people lined up to buy a potato — I actually had a friend who witnessed this while visiting the Soviet Union. He joined a line, because that's what everyone did when they saw a line—when he got to the head of the line, they were selling a 2 inch piece of cucumber, shelves in grocery stores being bare.

Our president thinks he is an economic wizard and “tariff” is his favorite word. Tariffs can be used strategically to offset unfair foreign labor policies and protect domestic industry. But our president's threats and chaotic application of extortion level tariffs only serve to create conditions for a trade war and an environment where investment becomes more risky, consumer prices and inflation increase, and the value of the dollar decreases.

This administration is rounding up undocumented people in the cruelest, most tyrannical fashion — these are the people who, among other things, pick, pack and prepare our food while paying taxes. Their taxes, and yours, will fund the creation of a gulag of concentration camps and expanding the number of masked ICE goons (\$50K sign-on bonus plus student loan forgiveness!); refitting that bordello style plane from Qatar; paving over the White House Rose Garden and tarding up the Oval Office; weekly golf trips to Mar a Lago and that Scotland golf outing; AND those tax breaks for wealthy people and corporations — increasing the national debt only a measly \$3.5 Trillion! Fascism, with the attendant bad taste and corruption, has come to America.

Lee Stopher

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of Aug. 18-23

Work activity

Concrete paving operations underway

- There will be potential night paving from the 100 block to the 300 block. The crew is planning to do the full stretch on Thursday night, Aug. 14, and Friday morning, Aug. 15.
- Some smaller paving operations are anticipated to take place throughout the next few weeks, from 1st to 3rd streets, to tie into portions of the new pour.
- The majority of project paving operations will take place at night, which will reduce impacts to the traveling public. Trucks could start rolling in around 7 p.m. and continue until mid-morning on the following day.
- Curb and gutter and sidewalk paving may occur day or night. Pedestrian detours should be expected.

Work activity this week

- The Town of Pagosa Springs has several concurrent projects taking place in and near the U.S. 160 work zone. For more information, visit <https://www.pagosasprings.co.gov/home-page/page/summer-2025-road-projects>.
- 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.
- Lighting conduit installation and light pole base construction is continuing near Pagosa Springs Middle School from 3rd Street to 4th Street. Note: Sidewalk demolition has begun 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 for the next few months.
- 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 are 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

Information provided by Colorado Department of Transportation

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.

Stay informed and connect with the project

- Call the project information line: (970) 335-9230.
- Email the project team: Pagosa160reconstruction@gmail.com.
- Visit the project website: www.codot.gov/projects/us160pagosasprings.
- Subscribe to project updates: subscription.codtrip.org.

Letters

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Lorenzo (Ceto) Cardenas

Lorenzo (Ceto) Cardenas went on to his heavenly home on Aug. 11, 2025. The rosary will be Aug. 15, 2025, at 7 p.m., with the eulogy to follow. On Saturday, Aug. 16, will be Mass at 10 a.m., with both taking place at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church.



Sarah Ilene Sexton

Jan. 31, 1992-July 28, 2025
Sarah Ilene Sexton, 33, of Columbia, Mo., passed away on July 28, 2025. She was born on Jan. 31, 1992 in Fresno, Calif.



Sarah grew up in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 2010. From there she spent time on the

west coast, worked on a dude ranch in Wyoming and eventually settled in Columbia, where she built a life rooted in motherhood, friendship and community. Sarah's journey through life was marked by a deep love for others, an adventurous spirit and an extraordinary ability to make people feel truly seen.

She is survived by her beloved daughters, Savannah and Quinley Nordmeyer, of Columbia; their father, Jacob Nordmeyer, with whom she remained close; her parents, Mike and Carol Sexton, of Columbia; her sister, Lindsay Keating (Abbott), brother-in-law Nathan and niece Harper, of Superior, Colo.; grandmothers Sue Buxton of Sparks, Nev., and Jean-Ann Lee of Merced, Calif.; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends that were like family.

Sarah was known for her deep empathy and unwavering support of her family, friends and clients. She had a rare gift for making people feel understood and loved. Her kindness left a lasting impact on all who knew her.

A celebration of life will be held in the coming months, and her ashes will be spread where her heart remained — in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Ronald McDonald House — a place that lovingly embraced Sarah and

her family during long doctor visits in Sarah's younger years.

John 'Steve' Stephen Taylor

John "Steve" Stephen Taylor passed away peacefully Aug. 1, 2025, at Mercy Hospice House in Durango, Colo. He was 83 and a resident of Pagosa Springs since 2006.



Steve was born and raised in Benton Harbor, Mich., attended Benton Harbor High School and went on to earn a degree in paper technology from Western Michigan University. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. In 1964 he married his first wife, Marilyn, with whom he had two children, Philip and Christine.

Steve served in the Navy from 1966 to 1968 as a radarman.

In later years, he lived in the Pacific Northwest, Michigan and Iowa, working in various aspects of the paper industry. During his career he was named on several patents, of which

he was very proud. He was active in the Lions club, Relay for Life and other various charities and groups.

Steve was an avid skier and he retired to Pagosa Springs to enjoy the mountains and continue participating in the sport he loved. For a number of years he was also a ski instructor. He loved passing along his knowledge and passion for skiing to his students.

Steve's other love was music. He enjoyed jazz and Rat Pack style, always supporting his local musicians. He was well-known in the local music scene and went to see live music as often as he could.

Steve was married in the early '80s to Trish and in the '90s to Merlin.

Steve is survived by his children, Philip Taylor (Beth) and Christine Fugleberg (Justin); four grandchildren: Alana, 22, Amanda, 22, Allee, 15, and Finn, 13; and his longtime companion/wife, Joanne Haliday.

A celebration of Steve Taylor's life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. in Pagosa Springs, followed by a military honors ceremony and a reception at the church.

Donations in memory of Steve Taylor can be sent to the American Cancer Society at P.O. Box 370207, Denver, CO 80237 in lieu of flowers.

PAWSD receives clean audit, discusses fund transfers

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors received and approved a clean audit for 2024 at a July 31 special meeting.

PAWSD auditor Ronnie Farmer, of Rfarmer LLC, opened discussion of the audit, explaining that the audit uncovered no evidence of financial errors or missing funds.

He stated that the PAWSD general fund, which receives PAWSD's property tax revenues, experienced a \$96,568 loss over 2024, although he noted that this loss included losses from depreciation and \$500,000 in transfers of money to the district's wastewater enterprise fund that were ordered by the board.

PAWSD chairman Gene Tautges asked if such transfers are limited by the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR).

Farmer replied that TABOR indicates that, if an enterprise fund receives more than 10 percent of its income from "non-service revenues," it could lose its enterprise status under TABOR.

However, Farmer added that losing enterprise status would be difficult and might take an "almost act of Congress" to occur.

He indicated that the transfer into the wastewater fund exceeded this 10 percent limitation and that it could be argued that the wastewater fund was not an enterprise fund in 2024, although he commented that he believes this would not be a "right argument."

Farmer stated that not being an enterprise fund would mean that wastewater rates could not be raised without taxpayer approval, although he added that PAWSD had an obligation to raise rates due to its loans for wastewater projects.

Noting that he is not an attorney, Farmer said, "I think that the debt covenants supersede what an interpretation of the 10 percent restriction ... under TABOR is."

He added that he does not believe that the district's actions are problematic and the mandates for its wastewater projects and associated loans supersede a court interpretation of TABOR.

Farmer commented that the PAWSD general fund is a "really strong fund" with no financial issues.

He stated that the fund balance for a general fund should be no less than 30 percent of the fund's expenditures. Farmer indicated that the PAWSD

general fund balance of \$1,686,661 is about four times more than this 30 percent threshold when compared with the fund's expenditures of approximately \$1.4 million.

Farmer stated that PAWSD's water enterprise fund had a \$194,876 operating profit and the wastewater enterprise fund had a \$388,461 loss, both including depreciation.

He noted that cash flows are only part of the picture when assessing the position of the enterprise funds, as both funds are being used to support construction projects at present and PAWSD has substantial loans for water and wastewater projects.

Farmer commented that, when looking at the income and cash-flow statements combined for the enterprise funds, both are "strong, viable funds," although revenues will have to increase in the future to cover the district's debt obligations.

He stated that the district also had to undergo a single audit due to receiving a sufficient amount of federal funds through its loans for the Snowball water treatment plant expansion project.

Farmer indicated that this audit uncovered no issues or errors for the district to correct in terms of compliance and internal controls.

He added that the audit needs to be submitted to the state of Colorado, which he stated he believed PAWSD Business Manager Aaron Burns had already done.

"Overall, things are good," said Farmer, noting that the district has strong controls over its receipts from customers.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh asked Farmer if he would be willing to continue working with the district for another year even though Burns is leaving PAWSD.

Farmer stated that he was willing to do so and conveyed well wishes to Burns in his new position.

The PAWSD board then unanimously voted to accept the results of the audit.

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'Votes for Women' movie night slated for Aug. 26

By Leslie Cole
Archuleta County Democratic Club

In 1893, Colorado granted women the right to vote, the first state to do so through a popular vote.

But the battle to secure voting rights for women across the nation, which began decades earlier, would last until 1920. During that time, thousands of activists were subjected to physical and verbal abuse, imprisonment, even forced feedings. Here and abroad, the brave "suffragettes," as they were known, wore white and donned sashes reading "VOTES FOR WOMEN!"

Finally, on Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th amendment to The U.S. Constitution was signed into law, prohibiting the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex.

At the "Votes for Women" event Aug. 26 at Liberty Theatre, you can celebrate women making history with a special screening of the acclaimed film "Suffragette," a menu of themed cocktails and mocktails and door

prizes. This special evening, held on Women's Equality Day, is a benefit for the Archuleta County Democrats.

"It's important to honor the suffragettes and their sacrifices," said Shawna Seed, chair of the Archuleta County Democrats. "But we also recognize that the struggle for women's equality isn't over. This event is a celebration and a call to action."

"Suffragette" (2015) is an acclaimed film based on real-life events and tells the stories of women who were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality. It stars award-winning actresses Carey Mulligan, Meryl Streep and Helena Bonham Carter.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar of curated cocktails and social hour, followed by the screening of the feature film and a short documentary at 7 p.m.

Each ticketholder will receive one entry for door prizes, with more available for purchase at the event. Prizes include gift certificates from local restaurants, theater tickets and a special gift basket.

Guests are encouraged to wear

white to honor the original suffragettes.

To join a sash-making event prior to the celebration, please email dems.archuleta@gmail.com for details.

Purchase tickets, \$25, online at pagosamovies.com, archuletadems.org, or at https://www.simpletix.com/e/suffragette-archuleta-county-democratic-mo-tickets-227448.

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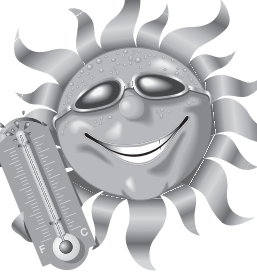


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Rotarian Donna Mosher spearheaded an effort to send LEGO Braille Bricks to blind students in Niger. LEGO's donation is worth \$1,200 and is being matched by additional donations and efforts to help blind students in the country.

Braille Bricks build brighter futures

By Terri House
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Never underestimate the power of a determined Rotarian.

When it comes to serving others, Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs member Donna Mosher is a true force for good. Her dedication and quiet persistence recently led to a remarkable gift for children halfway around the world.

Months ago, Mosher reached out to the LEGO Foundation with a request: could they help provide Braille Bricks for blind students in Niger, where the Pagosa Springs club has a long-standing partnership with the Rotary Club of Niamey. For weeks, she heard nothing back and assumed the request had gone unanswered.

Then, one day, two large boxes appeared on her doorstep. Inside were eight complete packs of LEGO

Braille Bricks. The surprise didn't end there. Just a week later, a third box arrived, sent without fanfare from LEGO headquarters — a total donation worth \$1,200.

These innovative Braille Bricks are more than toys — they are powerful learning tools. Designed with raised Braille letters on each brick, they help young children with visual impairments learn to read through play. Our sister club in Niamey is eager to share them with visually impaired youth attending a school for the blind in their community.

Niger is among the poorest countries in the world, with half its population surviving on less than \$2 a day.

Last year, under Mosher's leadership, members of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs personally contributed \$1,200 to their sister club in Niger. The funds provided uniforms and specialized supplies for students

at the school for the blind, ensuring they had the tools and dignity they needed to learn.

The good news doesn't stop there. Mosher also announced that our club has been awarded a District Matching Grant to provide even more educational support to visually impaired students in Niger. The \$3,000 grant, matched by \$3,000 members of the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs contributed, will fund the purchase and shipment of braille paper, braille writing machines and other vital school supplies. The grant has been sent to Rotary International headquarters in Evanston for final approval.

This effort is a shining example of how a single Rotarian's vision — and willingness to simply ask — can create ripples of hope and opportunity across the globe.

One Rotarian's persistence is making a world of difference — literally.

Region 9 Economic Development District receives 2025 Impact Award

Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado was recently recognized with a 2025 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) opioid settlement collaboration.

The award recognizes the trust government partners put in Region 9 to coordinate what will be an 18-year process to identify and implement the highest and best use for opioid dollars in the region could be used for.

Work is underway to explore a regional recovery campus, and SWORD is also providing community grants to help fund more immediate needs for intervention, and programs supporting people in treatment and recovery.

"The impact of substance abuse poses a very real economic develop-

ment challenge impacting existing workforce shortages and housing," said Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 executive director. "All five our counties identified substance misuse and mental health as a top community concern impacting our jails, court systems, communities and families across the region."

Presented annually, the NADO Impact Awards honor regional development organizations and their partners for strengthening communities, building regional resilience and enhancing local economies through innovative approaches to economic and community development.

This year's cohort included 90 impactful projects led by 79 organizations across 24 states, with three in Colorado.

These award-winning efforts will be recognized during NADO's 2025 Annual Training Conference, held this October in Salt Lake City, Utah.

All selected projects are featured in an interactive story map that showcases summaries, images and key

partners. The map is available at www.nado.org/2025impactawards/.

"The Impact Awards recognize the creativity and commitment that regional development organizations bring to their communities," said 2024-2025 NADO president Rick Hunsaker, executive director of the Region XII Council of Governments in Iowa. "This year's awardees show how local and regional partnerships, driven by vision and collaboration, can lead to lasting positive change across our country."

NADO is a Washington, D.C.-based membership association of regional development organizations that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies. The Impact Awards are in memory of Aliceann Wohlbruck, NADO's first executive director, who was a lifelong advocate for regional solutions and rural economic development.

For more information, contact Laura Lewis Marchino at (970) 247-9621 or laura@region9edd.org.

Call for Nominations For School Directors

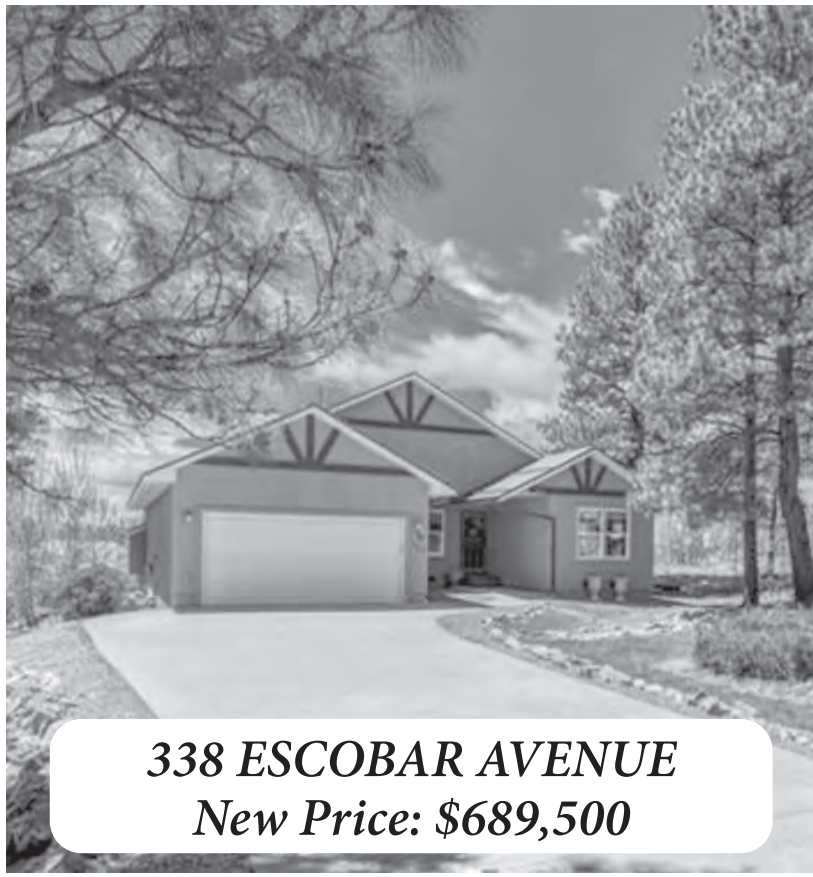


The Archuleta School District 50 JT in the Counties of Archuleta and Hinsdale, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

At this election three (3) directors will be elected representing the following director districts: Director District One (1) and Director District Five (5) for a term of office of four years, and Director District Four (4) for a term of office of two years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election and a resident of the director district which will be represented. Legal Descriptions of the Director Districts are available at www.mypagosaschools.com under the School Board tab, or at the Administration office located at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 50 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the Archuleta School District Administration office located at 309 Lewis Street beginning Wednesday, August 6th, 2025. Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Completed petitions shall be submitted to Heather Schultz, the school district's designated election official, no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, August 29, 2025.



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The 22nd annual Knights of Columbus Duck Race takes place at Yamaguchi Park on Aug. 9. In addition to the traditional plastic duck race, the event featured food, live music, games and more.

Inaugural Grillin' and Distillin' set for Aug. 23

By Sandy Douthey
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

August is such a wonderful month; it is still summer, which is a time to relax and enjoy the company of friends. School in Pagosa Springs doesn't start until September.

Why not join the Chamber of Commerce at our first Grillin' and Distillin' event? It will be Saturday, Aug. 23. The event will be held at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds from noon to 5 p.m.

Grillin' and Distillin' combines the best of two worlds. There will be BBQ to taste and vote on, spirits to taste and vote on, food trucks, retail vendors and, of course, live music.

Grillers will be judged on chicken, brisket, ribs and beans. There will

be a People's Choice award for both grillin' and distillin' where you, the community, get to vote on who you think makes the best BBQ and spirits.

To be a part of the tasting crew, you will need to get a tasting ticket either online at pagosachamber.com or at the gate on Aug. 23. It is \$25 per tasting ticket or \$45 for a combined tasting ticket. General admission is \$10 and you get to enjoy beer/wine, food trucks and some amazing music.

We will have two performers on Saturday. From 1 to 2:30 p.m. we will have the country music of Tylor Brandon and, back by popular demand, from 3 to 5 p.m. we will have Sol Over Luna.

All awards will be announced at 5 p.m.

Now for the exciting announcement about our distillers. We will

have several distillers that are a part of the Colorado Distillers Guild, and we are excited to show them how great Pagosa Springs is.

This is an inaugural event for the Chamber, and we are looking forward to sharing this event with everyone and watching it grow for years to come. This event is fun for the whole family, and a great way to enjoy food and music. We will have plenty of parking since it is at the fairgrounds, so invite your friends and let's enjoy our first Grillin' and Distillin'.

As summer ends and fall begins, there is no better way to celebrate fall in Pagosa Springs than ColorFest. This year, ColorFest weekend will be Sept. 19-21.

Believe it or not, it will be our 39th annual ColorFest.

The Passport to Pagosa will be

Sept. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m., and Bands and Brews on Sept. 20 will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Weather permitting, there will also be a balloon glow at about 7:30 p.m.

The Passport to Pagosa and the Bands and Brews events will be held at Yamaguchi Park this year.

We will have balloon take off at 8 a.m. on Sept. 20 from the Hot Springs Boulevard area south of The Springs Resort and on Sept. 21 from the west side area near Walmart.

It will be a magnificent time, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again this year and welcoming new friends.

Tickets are on sale now at pagosa-chamber.com. If you have any questions, you can always call us at (970) 264-2360. We'll see you at an upcoming event.

Region 9 Economic Development announces new board members

Region 9 Economic Development

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado announces several additions to its board of directors, approved at the July 31 quarterly meeting held in Dolores.

Tommy Crosby, economic opportunity manager for the City of Durango, was elected to the Region 9 Executive Committee.

Several other representatives joined the board, including Janae Hunderman, Fort Lewis College

director of career and workforce development; Cathleen Giovannini, Archuleta County alternate; Gilda Yazzie, City of Durango mayor; Andres Esparza, Town of Mancos alternate; and Matt Salka, La Plata County commissioner.

The Region 9 Board of Directors includes 17 government representatives and alternates and nine at-large members.

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 25.

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is willing to train the county's inspector for "no additional cost."

"That's a positive," Medina replied. O'Dell also noted there is no up-front cost with entering into a contract with AEC-West as the contract will be on an as-needed basis.

Ranson asked if there was "anyone in town" who could perform these services for the county, with Harper explaining that he had been in contact with one individual who previously worked for the county and had "done the job several years ago."

Medina also questioned why the county had not yet posted the building official position, with Harper explaining he hoped to have the position posted "within the next couple of months."

In response to Medina asking why the plan was to wait that long to post the position, Harper commented, "Well, really, wanted to try to let things settle down and move out with a lot the builders and developers and to be able to get things, again, smoothed out before bringing somebody else on."

Medina expressed that she'd like to have the job posted sooner rather than later, indicating, "These kinds of jobs can take a while to get applicants."

She also commented that there are only funds to be able to pay a vendor to provide services for a couple months.

"I just, I think we should post the job sooner than later," Medina added.

"In general, I'd have to agree with that," Brown commented.

He explained that he does not want the county to be left with no one to perform these services, also noting the contract with AEC-West is a "good idea."

Brown added that he'd like to see a "little bit of planning in the interim to start out the budget appropriately."

Ranson also commented that he'd like to see more "planning of this," encouraging the commissioners to "bring as many ideas as we can and get some input as to how we look at our building and planning division."

Ranson mentioned the county has taken a step back, "and there's no reason to go out there and jump into things."

"I wanna get some input from the people who have been affected the most by what has transpired over the last several years," Ranson added.

He mentioned that those affected should have input on the matter and what the county decides to do going forward.

"I have a problem with just running ahead 'cause we need to run ahead; we need to do this right," he said.

Medina questioned exactly what kind of input those affected might have, asking, if the consultant is "basically going off code, then I don't understand what the input would be?"

Ranson replied that the county could receive input about "what offsets" are in the code, instead of "just going down the line, saying, 'this is it, no matter what.' They're the ones that are most affected, and the ... people that are building homes here."

Ranson added that he is seeing "a lot of time and expense" for builders and people "trying to pour their life savings into building a dream home here."

He reiterated that he'd like to hear from builders in the community, noting they have "valuable input," and that they deal with the codes more than the commissioners do.

"I was on the phone with six of 'em last week — they had very valuable input and none of it's extreme," Ranson said, describing it as all "very reasonable."

Ranson cautioned against the county jumping back into the situation "with no real plan."

Medina then questioned what kind of backlog the planning and building departments are currently dealing with.

O'Dell mentioned that the problem will "probably exacerbate" over

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the coming weeks, but noted the departments are currently about a week behind.

Brown mentioned that, by using a consultant, "We can take care of business on the day-to-day" in order to keep the backlog to a minimum, and also provide the county with some time to reassess the situation as Ranson suggested.

Ranson commented that he is "reluctant," fearing the county will just continue to "kick the can down the road more."

He expressed that the county has a unique opportunity to reorganize its planning and building departments.

"I think this is a really good time to restructure and with some significant savings," he added, indicating savings could be used for more roads, "where we really have some needs."

O'Dell mentioned that there would be no time or financial commitment to AEC-West with entering into the contract as it is an "as-needed" contract.

During the regular meeting, O'Dell explained again the reasoning for presenting the contract, stating, "With the resignation of our building official, under the direction of the county manager, I've been tasked to try and find a third party to come help with the backlog."

The county's former building official, Tony Medved, submitted a letter of resignation on July 14.

O'Dell indicated that AEC-West was the only entity to get back to the county with a contract for services.

O'Dell also explained that he met with Eaton after the work session and explained the building department's revenue in 2024 was \$447,604 in permits, and that projected numbers indicate roughly a \$73,000 loss for the county if it were to use AEC-West through the end of the year.

Ranson offered more comments before voting on the matter during the regular meeting, indicating he spoke with another builder during lunch that day who expressed that he needed this to move forward.

He went on to explain that the builder talked about a man living in the county who was "in line" to become the building official prior to Medved joining.

Ranson expressed that all seven builders he's spoken with have suggested the county bring in "this type

of person," even if for the short-term.

"I think we need to listen to the people that are actually paying the fees and doing the business with the county and providing jobs," he said.

He ended his comments by explaining that he would "change" his vote with it just being him and Brown present to vote on the matter.

Brown offered no additional comments outside of the work session, and the matter was then approved unanimously.

As of Wednesday, Aug. 13, the county had a total of five positions posted for the planning and building departments, which include chief building official, code enforcement officer, director of development, planner I and planning manager.

Community meeting

The BoCC will be holding a community meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room at 398 Lewis St. for builders and developers to provide input on the county's policies and regulations.

The meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom. For login information, visit https://www.archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/?mc_id=2924.

According to the county's website, "The [BoCC] wants to hear from you, the builders and developers in Archuleta County. We are looking at potentially revamping policies, regulations, and rules. So, tell us the things you believe development services does well regarding planning, water quality, and building inspection, as well as areas that we can improve."

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Drought

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of Archuleta County remains in a drought stage, with 83.6 percent of the county in severe drought and 10.6 percent in extreme drought.

The remainder of the county, primarily the northwestern portion, is in moderate drought.

The USDM also shows that 36 percent of neighboring Conejos County to the east is in extreme drought, primarily along the border with Archuleta County.

Much of the western portion of the

state is listed in some drought stage, with the entirety of Rio Blanco and Garfield counties listed as being in extreme drought.

More than 15 counties in the eastern portion of the state are not in any stage of drought.

Forecast

According to the National Weather Service, a red flag warning will be in effect for Pagosa Springs beginning at noon today, Aug. 14, and lasting through 10 p.m.

The high in Pagosa Springs today is forecast at 90 degrees with mostly sunny skies and a chance of thunderstorms and showers between noon and 3 p.m. The chance of precipitation is 30 percent, while the low for tonight is forecast at 47 degrees with a 10 percent chance of showers before 9 p.m.

A fire weather watch is in effect for Pagosa Springs beginning Friday, Aug. 15 at noon and lasting until 10 p.m.

The high for Friday, Aug. 15, is forecast at 87 degrees with showers

likely and possible thunderstorms. The chance of precipitation is listed at 60 percent. A low around 46 degrees is expected with mostly cloudy skies and a 50 percent chance of precipitation at night.

Chances of showers and thunderstorms continue on Saturday, Aug. 16, with a high of 84 degrees and a 50 percent chance of precipitation.

Chances of showers and thunderstorms are also in the forecast for Sunday, Aug. 17, with a high of 87 degrees and low of 46 degrees.



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Restrictions

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said Mayor Shari Pierce via a press release. “We urge all residents and visitors to comply fully so that we can minimize further fire threats to our community.”

Prohibited activities under Stage 1 fire restrictions include:

- Open fires and open burning, including campfires.
- The sale or use of fireworks for personal use.

Permitted activities under Stage 1 fire restrictions include:

- Commercial or community fireworks displays that are properly permitted.
- Fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves, indoor fireplaces and wood-burning stoves, and outdoor charcoal grills

and wood-burning stoves, provided they are at private residences and in an area cleared of all flammable materials, including dry vegetation.

- Persons with a permit or written authorization from the Pagosa Fire Protection District specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited acts or omissions.

The restrictions became effective immediately and will remain in place until lifted by the mayor, town manager, or Pagosa Springs Town Council.

Violations may result in fines or legal action.

The town council will review the order during its Aug. 19 meeting to determine if conditions warrant continuation or modification.

San Juan National Forest

The Forest Service announced on Thursday, Aug. 7, that, based on recent wildfire activity and persistent severe fire weather conditions, San Juan National Forest fire management staff would be implementing Stage 2 fire restrictions, including for the wilderness, at 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 8.

The press release explains, “Forest managers use several criteria to determine when to implement restrictions, including current and predicted weather, fuel moisture, fire activity levels and available firefighting resources. Fire restrictions are designed to protect public safety and our area natural resources. Southwest Colorado is in extended drought with

continued hot, dry weather creating a critical fire environment.”

Stage 2 restrictions on the San Juan National Forest prohibit:

- Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal barbecue or grill, except if using a device solely fueled by liquid or gas that can be turned on and off in an area barren or cleared of all flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.
- Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.
- Using an explosive.

Visitors may use stoves, grills and lanterns fueled by propane or other liquid petroleum gas fuels that meet manufacturer’s safety specifications.

If you plan to visit the forest, be sure to practice vehicle safety guidelines by securing chains, checking tire pressure and properly maintaining your brakes.

The temporary restrictions will remain in place until further notice and may be increased or reduced at any time due to changes in weather and fire danger.

To learn more about fire restrictions, fuels management, and other wildfire related issues, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r02/sanjuan/fire>.

The agency reminds via its press release that fire restrictions do not prevent wildfires.

“It is every forest visitor’s and camper’s responsibility to follow best practices, properly maintain and extinguish campfires to prevent wildfires. Violations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of

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Cyclists

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the centerline, if it is safe. Not doing so could risk a ticket,” urged Capt. Angela DeGuelle of the CSP.

Dates and highway locations

Monday, Aug. 18: U.S. 550 — Durango to Silverton course.

Tuesday, Aug. 19: U.S. 550, U.S. 160, Colo. 172 and several county roads — Durango loops.

Wednesday, Aug. 20: U.S. 160 and Colo. 151 — Durango to Pagosa Springs.

Thursday, Aug. 21: U.S. 160 — Pagosa Springs to Wolf Creek Pass.

- Friday, Aug. 22: U.S. 160, Colo. 151 and Colo. 172 — Pagosa to Durango.

You can view the times and exact course details on Colorado’s Ride Course description webpage, <https://coloradosride.com/course>.

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The Three Foot Law

Colorado’s Three Foot Law applies to drivers to keep bicyclists safe.

While passing a bicyclist, you must give them at least 3 feet of space. In

some situations, this may mean motorists will need to cross over a double yellow line when safe to ensure 3 feet of space between themselves and bicyclists.

If oncoming traffic prevents a motorist from giving the required 3 feet, the motorist should slow down and wait behind the bicyclists until it is clear to pass.

Drivers: Share the road

- Remember that bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as passenger vehicles, including the right to use the road.
- Yield to bicyclists as you would motorists and do not underestimate their speed. This will help avoid turning in front of a bicyclist traveling on the road or sidewalk, often at an intersection or driveway.
- Always check your surroundings for bicyclists while in parking lots, at stop signs, when backing up or when parking.
- Drivers turning right on red should look to the right and behind to avoid hitting a bicyclist approaching from the right rear — remember, they have the right of way.
- Obey the speed limit, reduce speed for road conditions and drive

defensively to avoid a crash with a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, give them at least 3 feet of space. Pass as you would any other vehicle — when it’s safe to move over into an adjacent lane.
- Know Colorado’s new Safety Stop Law.

Safety tips for bicyclists

- Always wear a properly fitting helmet and protective gear while riding.
- Check your brakes, tire pressure, gears, chains and hardware for wear and tear, rust or other signs of damage that can cause malfunction.
- Ride as far right as possible, but know you can take the full lane if needed.
- Use bike lanes and paved shoulders whenever possible.
- When entering intersections, yield to any pedestrians and stop before crosswalks.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when riding; they impair your abilities and your judgment.
- At night, use lights and/or reflective clothing to alert other drivers and pedestrians of your presence.
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Fire

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Elk Park areas.

The zone included approximately 456 building footprints, he explained, and 144 residential structures.

He noted personnel knocked on every door in the evacuation zone, noting that an estimated 300 people were displaced, but that the county would have a better idea of the numbers as property owners re-entered the area.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs had nine cats and one dog due to the evacuations, and four horses were evacuated to the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

About 20 people checked into the American Red Cross evacuation shelter that opened at Pagosa Springs High School to use the facilities, he noted, with about eight sleeping there.

He stated a handful of people refused to evacuate.

A pre-evacuation notice for the area stretching along U.S. 160 to North Pagosa Boulevard and Martinez Canyon was issued at 5:29 p.m. that evening.

At 8:20 p.m. that night, it was announced that Gov. Jared Polis had verbally declared an emergency to support response efforts for the fire and authorized the use of the Colorado National Guard as needed.

“The incident escalated rapidly, exceeding local Fire Department and County capacity, and the Sheriff requested that the Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) approve the incident as a State Responsibility fire,” a press release from the state explains. “Besides local, county, and federal agencies, DFPC, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), and Colorado State Patrol are all assisting in some capacity.

“With the disaster declaration, the State Emergency Operations and Resource Mobilization Plans are activated and DHSEM coordinates the state response through management of the State Emergency Operations Center and deployment of field operations staff to directly support county emergency managers with

consequence management. DFPC is leading the incident management and suppression efforts in conjunction with the other Department of Public Safety Divisions.”

According to Emergency Management Commander Roy Vega, in addition to the ground resources from multiple agencies, the firefighting efforts on Aug. 10 included a Type 1 helicopter, a Type 2 helicopter, five large air tankers, air attack (which flies above and is in charge of all the aircraft and provides eyes in the sky) and a lead plane (which flies in front of the air tankers to lead them and show them where to drop retardant).

Vega noted two additional helicopters were available Aug. 11-13, but were not launched.

The morning of Monday, Aug. 11, the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office noted that one small barn, one pump house, one pergola, one carport and a camper trailer had been identified as having significant fire damage.

On Wednesday morning, Le Roux reported that, at that point, personnel had not identified any residential structures lost, though some may have internal smoke damage.

The pre-evacuation order was lifted at 7:29 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 11, with the evacuation order being lifted at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

By the numbers

As of the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 12, the fire was 75 acres and had a current estimated cost of \$2 million.

At that point, resources on the fire included 107 personnel and 60 vehicles, and 31 retardant drops had been made.

Containment as of Tuesday evening, Aug. 12, was at 47 percent.

County commissioners discuss fire

During an Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session on Tuesday, Aug. 12, County Manager Jack Harper provided an update on the resources used in response to the Oak fire.

Harper explained that the county’s Road and Bridge Department had been providing five water tender

trucks since Sunday when the fire started.

He reported Road and Bridge crews have not been able to keep up with their regularly scheduled work.

“So, by providing those water tender trucks, they’re not really able to do their regular road work,” Harper said, explaining the crews still have plenty of road projects to complete but are unable to while using the water tender trucks for the fire.

He noted that the Road and Bridge Department also responded by using a bulldozer and skid steer to help cut fire lines.

Harper also explained that the reasoning for reduction of the reported size of the fire from 150 acres down to 75 acres, is due to infrared mapping that occurred Sunday night showing heat sources.

Harper commented on support received from surrounding jurisdictions, noting that crews from South Fork and San Juan County, N.M., helped respond to the fire.

“So, very thankful for the response we’ve gotten,” he added.

Harper then explained that the state “took over” the fire on Sunday night, and that Polis requested help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

He noted that a Fire Management Assistance Grant was awarded, which means that “75 percent of all expenditures will be picked up by FEMA.”

Commissioner Veronica Medina expressed thanks for numerous community partners and businesses that stepped up to provide meals and other donations for those displaced by the fire evacuation orders.

Harper also noted that multiple individuals have stopped by county offices to offer some sort of donation.

Commissioner Warren Brown explained that he received calls from surrounding town and county officials, and that Congressman Jeff Hurd and Sen. Michael Bennet’s office both assisted with the FEMA grant request.

“It’s interesting; it’s also a reminder of why many of us live here. Despite whatever our differences may be at any given time, when there’s something that’s significant happens, all of those divisions go away and the community comes together,” Brown said.

He also commented on the “outpouring” of individuals that were out and wanting to help at U.S. 160 and Oak Drive when people were evacuating.

“It was pretty impressive,” he said, adding, it’s a “good reminder, this is why we live here, the most of us.”

Commissioner John Ranson mentioned that it was “nice” to see a bipartisan effort in getting the FEMA grant awarded, also commenting that “just inside the community everybody is pulling together and that’s what this county’s all about.”

He noted that he “hates” to see things like this fire occur, but you “really see the heart and soul when times get tough.”

Ranson also praised Le Roux’s efforts in coordinating a well-structured response to the incident.

“It’s a really wonderful feeling that people care and they’re willing to help however they can,” Medina added.

She noted that the Colorado State University Extension office and the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs also offered assistance and places to shelter animals.

“We’re all in it because we care for this community,” Medina said.

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Restrictions

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not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations and/or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Fire prevention and law enforcement will be patrolling, and anyone who violates Stage 2 restrictions will be ticketed,” the press release states.

To report a fire, call 911.

For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the forest website.

BLM

The BLM’s Tres Rios Field Office also implemented Stage 2 restrictions on Aug. 7, effective the following day, for all public lands administered by the office within the boundaries of Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan and San Miguel counties, and the Canyon of the Ancients National Monument.

The press release notes the “restrictions align with local orders and guidelines to protect public safety during high fire danger.”

“Weather conditions have not provided any relief. The continuation of persistent drought is the reasoning for the transition from Stage 1 fire restrictions into Stage 2 fire restrictions” said Southwest District Fire Management Officer Rusty Stark.

In addition to the prohibited acts of Stage 1 fire restrictions, the following acts are prohibited under Stage 2 restrictions:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire. Gas stoves with on/off controls are permissible.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Operating a chain saw or other

equipment powered by an internal combustion engine.

- Welding, operating a torch with open flame, or any activities which generate flame or flammable material.

- Using explosives or incendiary devices including, but not limited to, exploding targets, fireworks and tracer ammunition.

The Stage 2 fire restrictions will be in place until rescinded.

The press release notes, “Violation of federal fire restrictions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both. In addition, those found responsible for starting wildfires will also face restitution costs of suppressing the fire.”

The press release adds these fire restrictions are in addition to the year-round wildfire prevention restrictions on BLM-administered public lands in Colorado.

These include prohibitions on:

- Leaving a fire unattended or unextinguished.
- Possession, discharge or use of any fireworks.
- Discharge of a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition.
- Burning, igniting or causing to burn any tire, wire, magnesium or any other hazardous or explosive material.
- Operating any off-road vehicle on public lands unless the vehicle is equipped with a properly installed spark arrester pursuant to 43 CFR 8343.1 (c).

Fireworks are always prohibited on public lands.

Current fire prevention notices for the BLM Southwest District are posted online at: <https://www.blm.gov/program/s/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-information/colorado/southwest-district>
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Price Reduced

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 dogs 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.



1119 Hills Circle \$500,000

MLS # 827227

This is a very cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 2 car attached garage. Across the street is an access point to enter National Forest. This is a very well-maintained home at a good price. The master bedroom is on opposite sides of the house from the guest bedrooms, and the colors are warm and inviting. This home is close to town and shopping, put it on your list.

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More Colorado students spoke up than ever before in the 2024-2025 school year, July Safe2Tell report shows

Colorado Attorney General's Office

The Colorado Attorney General's Office recently released the Safe2Tell monthly report for July 2025, with 716 reports submitted during the month. The 2024-2025 school year closed with a total of 31,177 reports, the most in the program's history and a 10.5 percent increase over the 28,218 reports received during the 2023-2024 school year.

"This year, more Coloradans than ever used Safe2Tell to speak up for their safety and the well-being of others," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. "That action matters. Whether someone is concerned about a friend's mental health, violence or abuse, Safe2Tell remains a trusted and effective resource. This growth shows that young people are paying attention and choosing to act."

The reports submitted in July

highlight the urgent and life-saving role Safe2Tell plays.

In one instance, a student reported feeling suicidal, using drugs and alcohol, and being abused at home. Local law enforcement spoke with the student's parents, conducted a welfare check and transported the student to the hospital for evaluation. In another case, a student told a peer that a parent was physically abusing them. The student had visible bruises and did not want to return home. Law enforcement attempted a welfare check, and the Department of Human Services became involved in the case.

"These are difficult but powerful examples of why Safe2Tell exists," said Safe2Tell Director Stacey Scardino. "Our role is to make sure the right people, such as school officials, law enforcement or human services, get timely information so they can help.

Every report is a chance to intervene before a situation becomes a crisis."

July's total reflects a 15 percent decrease from the 842 reports submitted in June, consistent with seasonal trends during the summer. The most common report categories were mental health (18.3 percent), community safety (11.5 percent), and abuse and exploitation (11.3 percent), while 26.1 percent fell under "Other." Most of these were requests for information about the Safe2Tell program, a pattern commonly seen as the school year approaches.

False reports remained low, comprising just 2.2 percent of all reports received during the 2024-2025 school year.

The 2025-2026 reporting cycle began Aug. 1, coinciding with the start of the new school year. A full analysis of the 2024-2025 school year, including data trends, program

insights and outcomes, will be published in the Safe2Tell Annual Report in late fall.

About Safe2Tell

Safe2Tell is a violence intervention and prevention program for students to anonymously report threats to their own and others' safety.

Safe2Tell is not an emergency response unit nor mental health counseling service provider; it is an information pathway for distributing anonymous reports to local law enforcement and school officials required by state law.

How to submit a report

Reports can be made 24/7 by calling (877) 542-7233, visiting Safe2Tell.org, texting "S2TCO" to 738477 or using the Safe2Tell mobile app, available on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Up, up and away: Wings in the Wild fundraiser set for Aug. 23

By Donna Mosher
Wings Early Childhood Center

Bring the family for a hot-air balloon ride at the Wings in the Wild fundraiser benefiting Wings Early Childhood Center on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Enjoy a morning filled with family fun, including tethered hot air balloon rides, remote-control airplane demonstrations, a root beer float

stand, face painting, food, family games and more. Bid on special storytime book baskets at WingsEarly-Childhood.org and at the event.

The Wings end-of-summer fundraiser helps Wings Early Childhood Center provide high-quality child care and tuition subsidies.

Mark Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on your calendar and meet us at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave.

Healthy Archuleta to host interpreter training in September

Healthy Archuleta

Are you bilingual? Are you interested in expanding your interpretation skills to support your community?

Healthy Archuleta is excited to announce that we are partnering with the Community Language Cooperative to host a free community interpreter training for Archuleta County residents.

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The training will take place over

two weekends, Sept. 19-20 and Sept. 26-27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The training will cover topics such as interpreting ethics and techniques, interpreter care, connecting to our stories and the importance of heart languages.

If you are interested in participating in this important community training, please visit <https://bit.ly/41k5rx> to complete the registration form. The deadline to apply is Aug. 22, so we encourage anyone who is interested to register as soon as possible.

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



Photo courtesy Lynne McCrudden

Ian, Annica, Miles and Elton McCrudden pose in front of a hot air balloon. Tethered hot air balloon rides will be part of Wings Early Childhood Center's Wings in the Wild fundraiser on Aug. 23.

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Outdoors



Members of the Pagosa Springs High School cross-country team stand atop the summit of Pagosa Peak, their third summit of the summer. Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Parks and Rec board hears update on multiple projects

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting held by the Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Thursday, Aug. 7, Town of Pagosa Springs staff provided updates on six park projects in the works for the remainder of this year and going into next year.

The project updates were presented by Development Director James Dickhoff and Project Manager Kyle Rickert.

Yamaguchi South river improvements

The first project discussed was the Yamaguchi South river improvements, which will “enhance the recreational experience for both anglers and river enthusiasts, improving public access to recreational features, upgrade fish habitat quality and promote sediment movement through the section of the San Juan River flowing through the Town’s Yamaguchi Park,” according to Rickert’s presentation.

Dickhoff explained that the improvements will be to the east of the existing pump station, noting that the whole area will be graveled.

Rickert’s presentation notes that there will be a new river access, parking area, riparian floodplain planting, trail improvements and tree planting.

“The intent is to have this opened up by next river season,” Dickhoff commented, explaining the town’s Public Works Department is also assisting in making the improvements.

He also explained that a new irrigation ditch will be constructed coming off of the river that will feed an existing wetland area, along with a new “wet well” to move the pump off of the wetland “so that it reduces the amount of sediment the pump currently picks up.”

Dickhoff clarified that the wet well is not part of the project, but that the town is “designing it to accommodate that,” and that the wet well will be budgeted separately.

Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis explained that the intention is to have two vaults with a pump to get clean water into a vault and then be able to pump water from there, “and it should be much more efficient.”

He explained that currently the vault is “too high” and cannot be filled when the river level is low.

“It’ll be totally redesigned,” he added.

Dickhoff explained that Southwest River Engineering was awarded the contract for the design and build of the project, indicating that construction will likely start in the first half of October and should be completed this year.

He also commented on the “old lagoon” in the area, noting the town

is waiting on test results to come back from the state to determine if the lagoon has been cleaned up. He mentioned the original intent was to fill the lagoon to have more flat space, specifically for the new bike park project.

Dickhoff also noted that old barbed wire in the area will also need to be removed and that the area for a “potential future [wastewater] treatment plant” will be fenced off.

In response to a question from the board, Dickhoff explained that the town is reserving about 10 acres of land on the southwest corner of the property for a future wastewater treatment facility, noting that 10 acres “is plenty” and that the facility may only need about five acres.

Lewis commented that if the facility is able to be constructed on just five acres, that leaves the town with more park space to develop later on.

Dickhoff compared the project to Santa Rita Park in Durango, in that there will be public park spaces in the same vicinity as a wastewater treatment plant.

Pagosa Gateway project

Rickert then presented the Pagosa Gateway project, noting the town is working with the Watershed Enhancement Partnership on this project. She explained the scope of the project includes about 2.1 miles of the San Juan River immediately north of town.

She noted the goal of the project is to preserve aquatic habitats and recreation opportunities, “especially because of warming temperatures and declining river flows.”

According to Rickert’s presentation, funding for the project comes from a total of 10 local and regional entities, including: the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado Water Conservation Board, Bureau of Reclamation, Pagosa Springs Area Tour-

ism Board, Trout Unlimited, Friends of the Upper San Juan, Southwest Conservation District, San Juan Water Conservancy District, the Nature Conservancy and the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership.

Rickert also indicated the project would begin in September and last through November, “at least the construction portion of it.”

She indicated that there may be some work left to do in the spring, and that there will be a five-year monitoring period to see how the interactions and construction affect the environment.

Dickhoff commented that funding for the project accumulated around \$1.1 million and that an additional \$300,000 from the Colorado Water Conservation Board is “really gonna help us include all of the elements in this project that the public wanted to see through our public engagement process.”

He also clarified that this project and portion along the river is on enhancing aquatic habitats, replanting, bank stabilization “and things like that.”

“But, it will benefit recreation as well, and all river users,” he added.

Dickhoff mentioned that the improvements will also include a “low-flow channel” in areas where there may only be half an inch of water stretching for a distance of 50 feet, indicating fish passage will be easier when river flows are around 20 cubic feet per second.

Rickert also indicated that there will not be “much” public access along this stretch, with Dickhoff explaining the upper end of this project terminates at the west end of the Running Iron Ranch.

Dickhoff advocated for the town

to work with both entities that own the Running Iron Ranch — the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and the San Juan Water Conservancy District — for “hopefully possible opportunities for public access there in the future.”

■ See Projects A12

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Thingamajig Theatre Company actors competed in the third annual Bob Howard Memorial Pickleball Tournament Aug. 5 in honor of Howard, a longtime theater patron who died October 2022, two weeks after his 80th birthday. He was an active member of the Pagosa aviation community and also a member of the Gray Wolf Ski Club and Pagosa Springs Golf Club. For the tournament, two-person mixed doubles teams were created by a random card drawing. The tournament director was Pagosa Springs resident Kate Alfred. Winners were actors Ellie O'Hara and Dominic Girolami. Host Carole Howard is standing on the right.

Weminuche Audubon planning Aug. 20 campout

By Jean Zirnhelt
Weminuche Audubon Society

The August meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society will be very special — it's a campout. We've reserved the Blanco River Group Campground for one night — Wednesday, Aug. 20. Bring your camper or tent and you are welcome to spend the night. We are planning a potluck meal with lots of storytelling and more. We will

have some hot dogs, so bring a dish to share, your place settings, chairs, binoculars for a birding excursion and, if you have a pop-up canopy, that might be helpful. You don't need to stay overnight if you don't want to — you can just drive on down for the meeting and head home when you are full and refreshed. Come when you can; we'll plan on eating about 6 p.m. and the festivities will proceed accordingly.

We're working on plans for some good, old-fashioned campfire singing too — but without the fire. If you have an appropriate instrument, bring it along. What kinds of stories will we tell? Bird stories, of course. If it rains, we just may dance in it. To find the Blanco River Group Campground, drive South from Pagosa Springs on U.S. 84 for about 10 miles. Cross the green bridge (green steel bridge — you can't miss it). A

few hundred yards after crossing the bridge is a Forest Service road to your left (east); that's the Blanco River Road. Turn there. The campground is about 2.5 miles in at the end of the road. The public is invited to join us for a relaxing time if you'd like to find out what our organization is up to. We are a welcoming group of people united by a love of nature. Please let us know if we can expect you be emailing weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

Projects

■ Continued from A11
East Gateway River Park

The town acquired a four acre parcel of land at 1040 U.S. 160 in May and currently has a request for proposals (RFP) advertised for the site design of a three-phase improvement project at the site, Rickert explained. She noted that the first phase will hopefully start this fall with creating a new river access point, parking, landscaping, portable toilet screening, removing existing structures and site cleanup. She noted the removal of the existing structure probably won't happen until next spring, as there is currency a tenant on the property. Phase two of the project will include adding restrooms, changing rooms, shade structures and a paved parking lot, Rickert indicated, while phase three will include the construction of a Riverwalk trailhead and connectivity to the existing trail that currently ends at Riff Raff on the Rio. Rickert also noted that phase three will include the construction of a fishing pier that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, along with some final landscaping. It was noted that funding for this project is being provided through a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant, the Land Water Conservation Fund, and Conservation Trust funds provided by the town and Archuleta County. Board member Jenny Highum asked about how interests could be combined with a separate project that was looking to have "tuber stairs" installed where the Riverwalk trail will be connected. Dickhoff explained that once an RFP is selected, one of the first steps in the process is holding a community stakeholder meeting. He went on to explain that the property line extends all the way to the pavement of the gas station between the project's property and Riff Raff, noting that the stairs may be included in the design plans if it ends up not going forward this year. "This is an important project," Dickhoff added, explaining this was the last property in the master river corridor plan the town developed in 2012. He also mentioned that access to the property will likely be via a left-hand turn pocket where the double yellow lines currently begin heading east on U.S. 160 at the intersection with U.S. 84. The property will have a one-way passage, exiting where the current access is located. Dickhoff noted this is likely the easiest design for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to approve without having to add acceleration or deceleration lanes or widen the roadway.

"Which is not an item we can afford," he added.

1st Street pedestrian bridge

The 1st Street pedestrian bridge will bring pedestrians off of the vehicular bridge crossing the San Juan River on the east of town, with a 10-foot-wide concrete base, Pratt truss-style bridge being installed just to the north of the existing vehicle bridge. The bridge will connect the existing river trail from the west side near the museum to the east side near the Malt Shoppe, Rickert explained. She explained it will be a pre-fabricated bridge that is being put out for RFP to have it installed next spring, "is what we're hoping for," noting the bridge will connect the trail from 1st Street to the Riverwalk on the east end. "Basically the entire project is getting funded by CDOT," she added, noting the bridge will look similar to the 6th Street bridge and the Town Park bridge. Dickhoff explained that the project is being funded through CDOT's Multimodal Opportunities Fund, highlighting that the town scored the second highest in the last grant round. He noted the town was just beginning to get into its East End multimodal planning efforts and "this bridge came up as a really important pedestrian connection." Dickhoff also explained that the

concrete deck will provide a "more maintenance-free" option, noting that the town has been replacing wooden decks every eight to 10 years.

Towns-to-Lakes Trail

The Town-to-Lakes Trail project is still in the design phase, Rickert indicated, noting this portion is for the section stretching from 10th Street to Great West Avenue. She explained the town was awarded a CDOT congestion mitigation air quality grant for \$662,000 that had a local match of \$137,000 that covers the design and part of construction of the trail. She also noted that the town is working in partnership with the Pagosa Views development on this portion of the trail. Dickhoff commented that the project is still in the design phase through the Colorado Mobility and Action Coalition program. "We have enough awarded funds to do the design," he added, noting that it costs around \$100,000. That will include constructing two "green trails" that are technically part of the Pagosa Views subdivision. "Technically, Pagosa Views is responsible for constructing the trail along their boundary," Dickhoff said. He explained the trail will be 10 to 12 feet wide in order to accommodate more modes of travel such as electric bicycles. "The intent always is to do a concrete trail," he said, noting that it provides about a 40-year lifespan.

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Archuleta County secures grant for electric van for senior transit

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Transportation Department will be getting a new Ford Transit electric van that will be compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), fully funded by the Electric Transit Subaward Grant that was awarded to the county in January 2024.

During a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board County Commissioners (BOCC) on Tuesday, Aug. 5, the board unanimously approved the ordering of the van from Rae Consultants.

According to the agenda, the total cost of the van is \$199,300.

Earlier in the day during a work session held by the BoCC, Transportation Director Andrew Mylroie explained that it will be a 2026 model van with an approximate range of 140 miles, but would likely drop to approximately 115 miles depending on the use of heat and air conditioning.

Mylroie explained that there is “no local match whatsoever” with the grant being used to purchase the van, and that his department has a

separate grant out for installing the charging infrastructure needed with the van.

He indicated the total project cost is roughly \$261,000.

Mylroie also explained that the conduit for the charging station is already in place at the county’s newly opened transportation facility.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if the grant could be applied retroactively since the county already has part of the infrastructure installed, with Mylroie confirming is the intended plan.

“Absolutely,” he responded, noting he is hoping to have two chargers located in the bus bay and possibly one outside for future electric vehicles if the county were to acquire any more.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked if the charging station outside could be opened to the public, with Mylroie explaining that it would depend on the federal grant regulations.

Brown also asked if the new electric van is an addition or replacement to the department’s vehicles.

Mylroie explained that it is an addition and that the vehicle will be used primarily for senior transportation.

He also indicated the county would receive the van within one to two months of ordering it, as it is currently being built in California.

Medina also inquired about a previous grant the county was awarded for the purpose of having a transit bus running from Pagosa Springs to Durango.

Mylroie indicated he was unaware of that grant, and Brown explained that the county was awarded the grant almost four years ago and is “still awaiting delivery.”

Mylroie explained that there was a signed agreement with Durango for that bus, and that the Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT’s) interregional express bus service, Bustang, backed out on building a new facility in Durango.

Mylroie noted that he started talking with CDOT to see if the allocated funds for the Bustang project could be transferred to the county, and that he informed CDOT that, “we could do a daily route to Durango real easy with the buses we already have and they would give us a lump sum and we would run that route as long as that money was there and then possibly look for more funding

in the future.”

Mylroie noted that the county would be able to run the service for “quite a while” with the funds that were previously allocated for the Bustang project.

In response to a question from Medina, Mylroie explained that the charging infrastructure will cost approximately \$61,000, to be covered by a separate grant.

Mylroie also explained that a third-party company has assessed the property and confirmed that there is sufficient power to be able to install the chargers.

During the regular meeting, Commissioner John Ranson commended Mylroie’s work, but commented, “I’m not a big fan of the electric stuff, especially in Archuleta County, and I just don’t understand how it’s gonna be better than what we already have.”

He went on to mention that he appreciates Mylroie’s work, and that by having the project fully grant funded, “changes my mind.”

Mylroie commented that it will be a “good learning opportunity for all of Archuleta County to start down this road a little bit.”

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Friday, Aug. 15

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View on Zoom using meeting ID 836 9543 6522 and

password 146408.

Archuleta County Board of Health special meeting. 11 a.m., commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

Monday, Aug. 18

San Juan Water Conservancy District meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5. Visit <https://www.sjwcd.org/> for more information.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

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/>.

Pagosa West informational meeting. Noon-1 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

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/>.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Upper San Juan Library District Board of Trustees meeting. 4 p.m., Zoom. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146> and meeting ID: 833 9844 9146.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation meeting. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center South Conference Room, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Join via Zoom using meeting ID 835 5274 3149 and passcode 191160.

Archuleta County meeting for builders and developers in Archuleta County. 5 p.m., commissioners’ meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <https://archuletacounty.gov/archuleta-county-co-official-website/agendas-and-minutes/>.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Pagosa West informational meeting. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

Grass seed available for sale for landowners

By Cynthia Purcell
San Juan Conservation District

The San Juan Conservation District is offering local landowners the opportunity to purchase a variety of seed mixtures for different conservation uses such as erosion control, weed suppression and grazing land improvement.

These mixtures have been spe-

cially developed to provide a ground cover that requires very little watering.

Consider these mixes for establishing vegetation around newly constructed homes or for improving pasture condition.

A native grass mixture, dryland pasture mix, native wildflower mix and a wildlife mix are available.

Erosion control blankets are also

being offered.

Orders are being taken until Oct. 1. The seed will be available to pick up on Oct. 27.

Need an order form? Please contact the San Juan Conservation District at (970) 731-3615 or stop by our office at 505A County Road 600 (next to Piedra Automotive).

Thanks for making conservation count.

Projects

■ Continued from A12

has been on the books “for awhile” and that there’s been “opposition to the Town-to-Lakes Trail because people didn’t want to provide the easement for us.”

Skyrocket Park

The last project presented to the board was the new Skyrocket Park, which Rickert indicated is not the official name of the project and is just being used as a temporary title.

She explained that the town submitted a proposal for the Conservation Service Corps grant from GOCO and the Colorado Youth Corps Association, with an award to be given in December.

She explained that a plan was put

together to have fire mitigation performed over a three-week period by the youth corps on the northeast side of Reservoir Hill.

Lewis explained that this is the former Goodman’s property that was purchased by the town, located

behind the Tractor Supply.

Rickert noted that preliminary work will include putting in a small park and trail connector, along with a wayfinding kiosk, signage, picnic area and a parking lot.

clayton@pagosasun.com

Walk ins welcome

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Call April – (760) 277-5318
Jenna – (970) 628-6080

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Local

Miles Baker

Miles Baker was named to Biola University’s Dean’s List for academic excellence.

Baker, a cinema and media arts major from Pagosa Springs, was one of approximately 1,500 students who were named to the dean’s list in spring 2025.

Informative.

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970-264-2100



S.O.S. SAVING OUR SEWERS

Town Council Advances 1% Sales Tax Proposal

The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) is facing a critical funding shortage. To fix aging wastewater infrastructure, the Town Council took the first step in securing additional funding. On Tuesday, August 5, the Council approved Ordinance 1014 on first reading, calling for a coordinated election in November and setting the ballot language for a proposed 1% sales tax increase. A second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19.

Pagosa Gateway Project Construction Begins Soon

The Pagosa Gateway Project will kick off construction in early September on the 2.1-mile section of the San Juan River upstream of downtown Pagosa Springs.

Project updates: mypagosa.org/pagosa-gateway-project-construction

ComFest Free Concert August 15

The final ComFest concert of the season is scheduled for Friday, August 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Yamaguchi Park. Enjoy live music by Band Kamp and purchase drinks or food from local vendors. Proceeds from drink sales will benefit Wolf Creek Ski Team.

pagosasprings.co.gov/ComFest2025

Hot, Dry Weather Prompts Fire and Watering Restrictions

- PAWSD has declared Drought Stage 2, requiring a 20–30% water use reduction. Irrigation is limited to 6 p.m.–9 a.m., prohibited on weekends, and allowed Monday–Friday based on odd/even addresses. pawsd.org
- Archuleta County has announced Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, effective August 5. These restrictions apply to unincorporated areas of the county, while the Town has not yet declared restrictions, but is considering them. There are no fire bans currently in effect.



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pagosasprings.co.gov/newsletter

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ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE



O'Rourke Media Group is recruiting for an Advertising Account Executive. We're seeking a proven sales professional that has a demonstrated track record of driving growth and new business development. Great opportunity for an experienced media sales rep, recent college grad or those looking to make a career change from outside of the media business. We offer an excellent compensation plan ranging from \$50K to \$100K+, great support and training, a fun work environment and lots of autonomy.

OMG is a family-owned, diversified media company that was formed in 2018. Originally just a holding company that owned a few newspapers, O'Rourke Media Group (OMG) has established itself as an industry-leading, digital media company comprising a cutting edge digital agency and an impressive group of award-winning, hyper-local print newspapers and niche magazines. OMG now operates in eight states, 36 markets with over 50 publications and hyper-local websites. For more company information, please go to our website at www.orourkemediagroup.com.

POSITION OVERVIEW

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

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Client Management:

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

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.

Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: 970-264-8160
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Daniel L. Fiedler #47916
190 Talsman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-507-8528
Case Number 2025CV030034
Plaintiff:
MCCULLISS OIL AND GAS, INC. and C.O.T.A. RESOURCES, INC.
v.
Defendants:
PAGLAND INVESTORS, INC., ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF: MCCULLISS OIL AND GAS, INC. and C.O.T.A. RESOURCES, INC.
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado more particularly described as follows:
SUBDIVISION: PAGOSA HIGHLANDS EST LOT: 73 PHE Sec: 25 Twn: 36 Rng 2.5W
Respectfully submitted this 28th day of July, 2025.
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler
Daniel L. Fiedler
First publication: August 7, 2025
Last publication: September 4, 2025
Published August 7, 14, 21, and 28, and September 4, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (269753)

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: ic@celegal.com
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): Jean G Wick-er, James E Wicker, Don W Vickroy, Maria M Vickroy, Samuel David Killinger, Harry A Crissman, Mae Louise Crissman, Carl A Thornton, L Jerilyn Thornton, Minta 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.
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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)

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:
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Tel. 479.242.5906
Email: ic@celegal.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 G 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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/s/ **Christopher B. Conley**
Christopher B. Conley
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DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta County, STATE OF COLORADO
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2024CV030063 DIVISION NO. 3
INITIAL COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM
Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association V.
Defendants, KAREN L. CLARK et al
Regarding: Subdivision: PAGOSA VISTA LOT: 592 AND: Lot 593 PV Sec: 19 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W PV DOES NOT INCLUDE MH #990012350892
DEED: Lot 592-593, Pagosa Vista, according to the plat filed in the office of the clerk and recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.
Also known as: 506 Vista Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 9 a.m., on the 8th day of October 2025, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone number 970-264-8430. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

****BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIR HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE. ****

Further, for the purpose of paying off, curing default or redemption, as provided by statute, intent must be directed to or conducted at the above address of the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Department of Archuleta County, Colorado.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

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Published in *The Pagosa Sun*

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CURE AND RIGHT TO REDEEM

RE: Sheriff's Sale of Real Property pursuant to Order and Decree of Foreclosure and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq.

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated March 31, 2025, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on July 22, 2024 at Rec. No. 22402970, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, **WHICH LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.**

You may have an interest in the real property being affected, or have certain rights or suffer certain liabilities or loss of your interest in the subject property as a result of said foreclosure. You may have the right to redeem the real property or you may have the right to cure a default under the instrument being foreclosed. Any Notice of Intent to Cure must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

A notice of intent to cure filed pursuant to section 38-38-104 shall be filed with the officer at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the first scheduled sale date or any date to which the sale is continued. If the sale date is continued to a later date, the deadline to file a notice of intent to cure by those parties entitled to cure may also be extended.

A notice of intent to redeem filed pursuant to section 38-38-302 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight (8) business days after the sale.
In this regard, you may desire and are advised to consult with your own private attorney.
IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradattorneygeneral.gov
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov
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Further, you are advised that the parties liable thereon, the owner of the property described above, or those with an interest in the subject property, may take appropriate and timely action under Colorado statutes, certain section of which are attached hereto.
In order to be entitled to take advantage of any rights provided for under Colorado law, you must strictly comply and adhere to the provisions of the law. Further, you are advised that the attached Colorado statutes merely set forth the applicable portions of Colorado statutory law relating to curative and redemption rights, therefore, you should read and review all the applicable statutes and laws in order to determine the requisite procedures and provisions which control your rights in the subject property.
DATED in Colorado this 6 day of August, 2025.
Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado
Mike Le Roux
Attorney for the PLAINTIFF:
ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC
1445 Market Street, Suite 350
Denver, CO 80202
Statutes attached: §§38-37-108, 38-38-103, 38-38-104, 38-38-301, 38-38-304, 38-38-305, and 38-38-306, C.R.S., as amended.
Published August 14, 21, 28 and September 4 and 11, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (270643)

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME
(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: www.coloradodjudicial.gov).

TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of July 2025, for Archuleta County.

2025CW7 Archuleta County, Applicants: Denver D. McCabe and Anna D. McCabe, 331 CR 700, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Structure: Crawfish Hole (pump). Legal Description: In the NW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 16, T34N, R3W, N.M.P.M., UTM coordinates: Easting 303264, Northing 4121788. Source: Stollsteimer Creek tributary to the Piedra River. Date of Appropriation: 06/27/2025. Amount: 112 (gpm). Conditional. Use: irrigation, stock water. Application for Conditional Water Rights (Surface). See Application for further details. (5 pages including exhibit)
THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until the last day of September 2025, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, CRCP. (Filing fee: \$192.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial web site at www.coloradodjudicial.gov; Jason Poyer, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301; 970-247-2304)
/s/ Jason Poyer
Water Court Specialist
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2025CW3021 **ARCHULETA COUNTY, WATER DISTRICT NO. 78: 1) APPLICANT:** LKM LTD, c/o Gregory King, 1709 River Oak Road, Ahlone, TX 79605. **2) Attorneys:** Adam T. Reeves, Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Shettell, LLP; 835 East 2nd Avenue, Suite 123, Durango, CO 81301. **3) Application for Finding of Reasonable Diligence:** **4) Structures:** i. BSR Spring No. 1 Located in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, T35N, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., at a point 610 feet from the North Section line and 1885 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29, with UTM coordinates of E324654, N4 124009; ii. BSR Spring No. 2 Located in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, T35N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point 890 feet from the North Section line and 1510 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29, with UTM coordinates of E324539, N4123926; iii. BSR Spring No. 3 Located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, T35N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point 1215 feet from the North Section line and 1140 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29, with UTM coordinates of E324426, N4123829; iv. BSR Spring No. 4 Located in the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, T35N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point 1600 feet from the North Section line and 1445 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29, with UTM coordinates of E324521, N4123709; v. BSR Spring No. 5 Located in the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, T35N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point 1865 feet from the North Section line and 1630 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29, with UTM coordinates of E324579, N4123629; vi. BSR Spring No. 6 Located in the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, T35N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point 2240 feet from the North Section line and 1890 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29, with UTM coordinates of E324656, N4123509; vii. BSR Spring No. 7 Located in the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 30, T35N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point 2555 feet from the North Section line and 15 feet from the East Section line of said Section 30, with UTM coordinates of E324064, N4123425; viii. BSR Spring No. 8 Located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, T35N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point 15 feet from the North Section line and 525 feet from the West Section line of said Section 30, with UTM coordinates of E324245, N4124199; ix. BSR Spring No. 9 Located in the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, T35N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point 2385 feet from the North Section line and 2095 feet from the West Section line of said Section 29, with UTM coordinates of E324713, N4123466; x. BSR Spring No. 10 Located in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 30, T35N, R1W, N.M.P.M., at a point 1125 feet from the North Section line and 1285 feet from the East Section line of said Section 30, with UTM coordinates of E323686, N4 123891; **SOURCE:** Springs, seeps and other surface and near-surface water tributary to Mill Creek, tributary to the San Juan River; **APPROPRIATION DATE:** November 5, 2004; **AMOUNT:** i. BSR Spring No. 1 - 0.1 cfs (conditional); ii. BSR Spring No. 2 - 0.25 cfs (conditional); iii. BSR Spring No. 3 - 0.2 cfs (conditional); iv. BSR Spring No. 4 - 0.3 cfs (conditional); v. BSR Spring No. 5 - 0.25 cfs (conditional); vi. BSR Spring No. 6 - 0.1 cfs (conditional); vii. BSR Spring No. 7 - 0.25 cfs (conditional); viii. BSR Spring No. 8 - 0.15 cfs (conditional); ix. BSR Spring No. 9 - 0.1 cfs (conditional); x. BSR Spring No. 10 - 0.5 cfs (conditional). By prior decree of 04CW96 entered April 20, 2006 the Court awarded absolute uses to Spring No. 3 for stock water, storage, piscatorial, and irrigation for 0.2 cfs. All other uses associated with Spring No. 3, and the remainder of the claimed 0.4 cfs for stock water, piscatorial and irrigation are conditional. With respect to Spring No. 5, the Court awarded an absolute right for domestic use of 0.25 cfs. All other uses associated with Spring No. 5 remain conditional in the amount of 0.25 cfs, are "associated" uses for all the Springs, including Spring Nos. 3 and 5, are set forth in paragraph F of 04CW96. **USE:** Irrigation, stockwater (including horses), domestic, piscatorial, recreation, freshening flows for the replacement of evaporation and for piscatorial, commercial, fire protection, augmentation, exchange, storage for the claimed beneficial uses listed above, and maintenance of water levels in storage for aesthetic purposes associated with a planned development. All beneficial uses are associated with an existing ranch and planned development located in Sections 20, 21, 28, 29 and 30, T35N, R1W, of the N.M.P.M., in Archuleta County, Colorado. Irrigation use will include lawns, gardens, pastures, golf course and other irrigation uses on said property. Irrigation use with the Springs decreed herein is limited to 144 acres based upon a duty of water of 1 cfs per 60 acres, unless a different duty of water acceptable to the Division Engineer is established at the time the rights are made absolute. As denoted on the map (04CW96), some of the lands to be irrigated also receive water from other sources and the Springs will be a supplemental irrigation supply for those lands. **5) Diligence Activities:** Between 2018, and 2025, the following activities took place toward completion of the appropriation identified herein: Applicant has spent \$60,000.00 cleaning and improving the existing pond, which receives water from the Springs in order to improve the flexibility and utility of the water rights identified herein. **6) Name and address of owner or reputed owners of the land upon**

which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool: All land is owned by Applicant. (4 pages)
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/s/ Jason Poyer
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FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS HEARING ON AUGUST 19, 2025

Travis and Sarah Troxell have applied for a GENERAL VARIANCE on the Parcel in RURAL Sec: 9 Twn: 34 Rng: 1W A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SW4 TRACT DESC: 170/368 IN SW4; 9-34-1W 187/340-341 TRACT DESC: at 5503 US HWY 84, Pagosa Springs, CO (PL-VAR-25-064). 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 Adjustments on August 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS HEARING ON MAY 20, 2025

A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc., has requested a GENERAL VARIANCE regarding ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS in Lakewood Village; L 1 Sec: 34 Rng: 1W A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SW4 TRACT DESC: at 2079 Vista Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO (PL-VAR-25-064). The property is zoned PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD).
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Invitation to Bid
Piedra Park Metro District Water Meter Replacement Project
Project Number: EIAF-25-165

The Piedra Park Metro District is seeking qualified contractors to provide services for the **replacement of the water plant SCADA system and installation of 209 water meters** within the district. This project is funded through the Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Program and is subject to all applicable state and local regulations.

Scope of Work

1. **SCADA System Replacement:** Design, procurement, and installation of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for the water plant.

2. **Water Meter Replacement:** Supply and installation of 209 water meters across the district, this will include up to 20 pit replacements.



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Bond Requirements
Bid Bond: A bid bond equal to 5% of the total bid amount must be submitted with the bid to ensure the bidder's commitment to the project.
Performance Bond: The awarded contractor must provide a performance bond equal to 100% of the contract amount to guarantee satisfactory completion of the project.

Payment Bond: A payment bond equal to 100% of the contract amount is required to ensure payment to subcontractors, laborers, and suppliers.
If the contract price is less than \$50,000, the bonding requirements can be waived in favor of an irrevocable letter of credit.

Key Dates
Bid Opening Date: Aug 1, 2025
Bid Submission Deadline: Sept 1 2025
Project Start Date: SCADA System Sept 15, 2025 and Water Meter Replacement Oct 1 2025.

Project Completion Deadline: Nov 1 2026
Submission Instructions
Interested contractors must submit their bids to:
Piedra Park Metro District
PO Box 1609, Arboles, CO 81121
piedrapark@yahoo.com
Bids must be received no later than Sept 1 2025, 11:59pm. Late submissions will not be considered.

Additional Information
For questions or to request project documents, contact Justin Smith at 970-553-0621 or jcsmith1711@gmail.com.

The Piedra Park Metro District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.
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Notice of Annual Meeting 2025
The annual meeting and election of Directors for Western Heritage Event Center, Inc. (WHEC), also the organizer and sponsor of the annual Red Ryder® Roundup® Rodeo, will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 18, 2025 at the WHEC grounds, in the 4-H Hall, 344 Hwy 84, Pagosa Springs, CO.

Only registered members of record as of June 20, 2025 will be entitled to vote. Proxy votes must be in writing designating the person who is to cast the vote (who must also be a registered member of the corporation) and have the signature of member and date. Proxies must be presented at the beginning of the annual meeting at registration. The maximum number of proxies any individual can represent is five. Current board members are: Diana Talbot, President; Bob Kavli, Vice President; Katelyn Bailey, Secretary; Pennie DeClark, Treasurer; and Directors Keith Jacobson, Wes Lewis, Ryan Montroy, Twynne Regester, Lane Schaaf, Lisa Scott.
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Notice of Liquor Board Hearing
Pursuant to C.R.S. 44-3-311(1) notice is hereby being given that Cue's & Brew's LLC dba Cue's & Brew's has applied for a Tavern Liquor License with the premises being located at 68 Bastille Unit 6, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 and a public hearing being set by the Board of County Commissioners as the local Liquor Authority for 1:30 p.m. on August 19, 2025 in the Board's meeting room located at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
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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 Talsman 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#

Sales tax collections up 4.5 percent for June

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Sales tax collections in Archuleta County for the month of June were up 4.5 percent compared to figures from June 2024, according to data released by Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton on Aug. 8.

Eaton's report notes that the 4.5 percent increase translates to a total of \$75,391 more received in June 2025 compared to June 2024.

Sales tax collections have been up in the county every month so far this year in the month-to-month comparisons with 2024, with the biggest increase coming in February, which showed a 11.6 percent increase, or \$143,191 more.

Sales tax collections in January were

up 3.96 percent, or \$67,565.22 more than January 2024; March collections were up 9.12 percent, or \$129,489.44 more than March 2024; and April collections were up 9.32 percent, or \$117,621.93 more than April 2024.

For the month of June, Eaton notes that the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County received a total of \$1,765,431.67 from the sales tax and retail marijuana sales tax revenues, with \$877,207.57 going to the county and \$878,471.40 going to the town.

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

- Manufacturing at 41.26 percent, or \$22,662.76.
- Retail Trade at .98 percent, or \$8,959.55.
- Information at 21.79 percent, or

\$5,636.30.

- Finance and Insurance at 32.8 percent, or \$599.54.
- Real Estate, Rental and Leasing at 4.45 percent, or \$1,739.44.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 15.16 percent, or \$50,735.57.
- Other Services (except Public Administration) at 16.62 percent, or \$5,172.07.
- Miscellaneous at 1.33 percent, or \$2,908.07.

There were only two categories that were down in the month-to-month comparison, which include:

- Construction at 19.28 percent, or \$7,832.98.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 59.24 percent, or \$15,189.23.

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When one DUI becomes two: Colorado's Persistent Drunk Driver designation outlined

Colorado State Patrol

Driving under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or other impairing substances is a serious crime in Colorado and comes with serious consequences if convicted.

"Last year, Colorado Crime Statistics show 16,216 DUI cases were filed in Colorado despite everyday options of rideshares, public transportation or having a designated sober driver," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Nationally, close to one-third of all drivers arrested for DUI have had at least one previous conviction."

Suppose the penalties and fines of a first DUI don't change future behaviors. In that case, Colorado has created a separate designation for anyone having committed a DUI for a second or greater time: Persistent Drunk Driver (PDD).

There are four ways for a person to get labeled a PDD in Colorado:

1. Multiple DUI convictions (in Colorado or any other U.S. state or territory).
 2. Refusing a DUI chemical test after you're arrested.
 3. Severe intoxicated driving, anyone with a blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or higher within two hours of driving (the legal limit for blood alcohol content is 0.08 percent in Colorado).
 4. Anyone who is caught driving on a suspended license due to DUI.
- "It's hard to imagine that someone would make such an irresponsible choice twice, but it happens daily," explained Packard. "As expected, the penalties increase. We want the seriousness of these drivers' threat to others to become real for them and those who love them."
- Anyone labeled a PDD will have the following requirements:
1. Ignition Interlock device: This must be installed (approximately \$100) and maintained (between \$50 and \$75 a month) for at least two years before their license is fully reinstated.
 2. The court will require proof of SR-22 insurance coverage demonstrating financial responsibility, which must be maintained for at least

two years.

3. Completion of treatment and education for alcohol abuse, Level II.

- This level involves 24 hours of classes over 12 weeks.
- This level involves therapy. The number of hours will depend on the case, ranging from 42 to 86 hours.
- If the driver refuses a chemical test after arrest, they must complete 86 hours over 10 months.

Additional consequences come with all DUIs, including creating or impacting your criminal record, increases in auto insurance, employment issues and difficulties traveling abroad.

The best choices come before the first drink or use of a drug. Make a plan for a sober ride or stay over at the party until you are completely sober.



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Oak Fire

Scenes from the 75-acre Oak Fire. The fire began on Aug. 10, with numerous agencies and resources working to suppress it. The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office reported that, as of Aug. 12, the fire had a current cost of \$2 million.

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Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

Saturday, Aug. 16 • Ross Aragon Community Center



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Hollywood coming to Pagosa for grand finale of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

Seeds of Learning

The stage is set, the spotlights are ready and the cameras are rolling — because this year, Dancing with the Pagosa Stars is going out in true Hollywood style.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, Seeds of Learning invites you to walk the red carpet and be part of a show unlike anything Pagosa has ever seen.

Tickets are still available at register.DWTPS.org. Get them now before they are gone.

In its final year, the beloved fundraiser that has dazzled our community for seven seasons is turning up the drama with a glamorous red-carpet theme — complete with our local celebrity dancers stepping into the shoes of legendary Hollywood characters.

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“Every year we try to top the last, but this year we wanted to do something completely different,” said choreographer Kylie Ross. “We’re giving the audience a full Hollywood experience — glitz, glamour and big-screen storytelling — all while raising money for a cause that

changes lives.”

The Dancing with the Pagosa Stars finale is more than just an evening of entertainment; it’s the single largest annual fundraiser for Seeds of Learning, which provides high-quality early childhood education to Pagosa’s youngest learners.

Over the years, the event has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, ensuring that children, regardless of family income, get the strong start they deserve.

Guests will enjoy a dazzling evening at the Ross Aragon Community Center, starting with a VIP-style red carpet arrival and photo ops, and a delicious dinner, followed by the high-energy dance competition where community leaders and personalities compete for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy.

Every ticket purchased, every cheer from the crowd and every vote cast will directly benefit the children of Seeds of Learning.

Dress to impress; Hollywood glamour is encouraged.

Don’t miss your chance to be part of history as we roll out the red carpet for the final curtain call of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. It’s one night only, and when the credits roll, you’ll be able to say, “I was there.”

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

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Coyote Moon Lounge: Retro Cats, 7 p.m.
Meltdown on Main: Bluegrass Cadillac, 5 p.m.
Yamaguchi Park: Band Kamp, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Out On Work Release, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Ron and Susan, 5 p.m.

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

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Your mountain to climb

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

My Sweet Al and I have climbed our mountains and have bunions, blisters and banged-up knees to prove it. Lately, we have been climbing little hills. Our hearts are full with a fulfilled life, and still a lot of life remains in us.

We continue to run with passion for Jesus, but we understand where we are. A prayer is always on our lips and we are fortified for battle. At night, we look for a soft pillow to lay our heads. We enjoy the sweet gospel music that soothes us and gives us a restful sleep. Today, it's all about comfort.

This younger generation refuses to be comforted. With their eyes wide open, filled with truth, they are taking their walking stick and climbing their mountain with gusto and no apologies. A hard rock to rest their head upon at night will do fine. They are learning that the Rock, Jesus, will be the only place to find rest for them. His power and authority will fight their battles.

My grandson, Spencer Whiteout, a podcaster, interviewed Andrew Isker, a pastor of his generation. Isker is the pastor of 4th Street Evangelical Church in Waseca, Minn.

I was curious as to what Isker would say. He made some honest, but hard-to-hear statements: "If you only knew how bad things really are ... There is no excuse, like, that's your mountain to climb. You're born into this time. Those are the cards you're dealt with."

The interviewee continued, "We live in a dystopia. Every part of historical human existence in our world has been turned on its head. The world we live in is an inversion of what God created you to live. All that is good is treated as though it were repugnant. All that is beautiful is treated as though it were repulsive. And the truth is forbidden while the most outrageous lies are exalted ..."

As I listened to the interview, a scripture fell into my lap. I referenced it to my grandson. Paul wrote to the Corinthians and gave an example of Israel in their downfall. His generation was living in a conclusive state of the ages past and was now completing its goal with Paul's generation. Today's young people are also living in the conclusive state of their history, and their completion is within them.

"For we live in a time when the purpose of all the ages past is now completing its goal within us." — 1 Corinthians 10:11 (TPT). In the footnote, in the Greek, it says, "The end of the ages has arrived upon us" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

My 29-year-old grandson wrote, "Grandma, I LOVE the newest newsletter!! Also I'm glad you have supported me and shared the episode. I've even had a few friends say to me 'this line of thinking is DANGEROUS and RADICAL.' Which I find funny because I think radical problems require radical solutions. Also, I deeply believe it's worse when good men do NOTHING.... Being DANGEROUS is a GOOD

Artist's Lane

thing, if men's hearts are in the right place. This system and society are so corrupt, we're not gonna win or restore Christendom by being 'nice.'

"Jesus was always direct and full of the TRUTH. He was compassionate to the lost and searching, but harsh as He pointed to the self-righteous and evil. That's what I'm aiming for. I might miss sometimes, but I'm constantly seeking HIM with all these issues."

To my reader friends: There you have it. God is putting fire into this next generation. They are ready to take their mountain. They have no idea of ■ See Lane on next page


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Pagosa Community Initiative launches school supply drive to help local students

By Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

The Pagosa Community Initiative is honored to lead our town's effort to equip local students for the new school year.

Our annual School Supply Drive kicked off Aug. 1 and runs through Sept. 8, giving families and students a vital head start as they prepare for classrooms, projects and new teachers.

This drive is about more than just backpacks and pencils. It's a statement that our community stands with every student and family who works hard to meet the demands of a new school

year. We're focused on building confidence in our students by making sure they have the essentials from day one.

The items we're seeking include notebooks, pens and pencils, erasers, crayons and markers, rulers, backpacks, binders and folders, calculators, glue sticks, and scissors. No contribution is too small; every donation moves us closer to ensuring a strong start for a child.

To make participation easy, drop-off locations are spread throughout Pagosa Springs. You can bring supplies to The Pagosa Community Initiative Studios, Wyndham, Kip's Grill and Cantina, Rosie's Pizzeria, and Riff Raff Brewing.

For those who prefer to give from home, online donations are welcome at www.pagosacommunityinitiative.org.

We understand that families often face tough choices, especially at the start of a new school year. That is why we emphasize that generosity, in any amount, makes a real difference. A gift to this drive helps us keep more backpacks filled and more students ready to learn. Our hope is that the community will rally together to support our students, teachers and families through these weeks of preparation.

If you'd like more information or wish to arrange larger donations, please contact Pagosa Community Initiative at 550B Hot Springs Road or call (970) 585-6521. We're grateful for every donation, every volunteer hour and every kind word from supporters who believe in the potential of every child in our town.

As we work together, we are confident this drive will strengthen our classrooms, empower our students and reinforce the sense that Pagosa is a community that shows up for its youth. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Lane

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the storms that will come, but they are fortified to claim their summit. The Lord says He gives enough grace for each generation. They will need a lot of grace.

It reminds me of a famous line Charles Dickens wrote in 1859 in his famous story "A Tale of Two Cities."

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," which reflects the same condition in today's world. He continues, "It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way—"

Final brushstroke: One of the themes in "A Tale of Two Cities" is that things are not always as they seem. The year 1859, when Dickens penned his book, and the year 2025 sound the same. This next generation does not have their eyes closed, as my genera-

tion did, but they are ready to take their mountain.

Reader comments

Send your comment to bettyslade.author@gmail.com.

"Good morning Mrs. Slade! I just wanted to say thank you. Thank you for writing that it's okay to say no and to be [selective] with your yes. I too come from a family where boundaries do not exist and if you have them, they certainly not honored. On the rare chance that I set a boundary I'd get told I was being disrespectful or unchristian. As a kid this was very hard for me to understand and now as an adult, I realize I was not being disrespectful or unchristian I was just protecting myself. Now that I have a family, I set these boundaries much harder for the sake of my daughter and my family struggles to understand that. So thank you for writing that it's okay to say no. It's really nice to hear that coming from somebody who has much more wisdom than me. MM, Pagosa Springs, CO."

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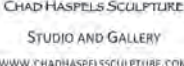
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“Annie JR.” actors will strut their stuff this weekend. Local middle schoolers will present the play during four performances this weekend.

Catch ‘Annie JR.’ this weekend

By Katrina Thomas
Archuleta School District

The sun comes out this weekend as “Annie JR.” takes the stage in the much-anticipated fifth annual summer junior musical. Performances will run Aug. 14-16 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, promising toe-tapping songs, colorful characters and a heartwarming story for the whole family.

Based on the beloved Broadway classic, “Annie JR.” follows the spunky orphan Annie as she sets out to find her parents and discovers the true meaning of family along the way. With unforgettable numbers like “Hard-Knock Life” and “Tomorrow,” audiences of all ages will be humming long after the curtain falls. “This show is full of energy, music and big personalities,” said co-director Katrina Thomas. “Our students have poured their hearts into every

rehearsal, and we can’t wait for the community to see their hard work pay off. These students are going to knock your socks off.” The cast and crew features more than 50 middle schoolers, with many seasoned stage veterans alongside first-time performers. The production also showcases a live pit orchestra featuring local volunteer musicians generously donating their time and talents.

■ See ‘Annie JR.’ on next page

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- Saturday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, available at the door or online at our.show/psmsmusical. All proceeds go directly back into continuing the program for years to come.

"Ticket sales and donations are critical to the success of this pro-

gram," co-director Malinda Burnett pointed out. "In the past, this program was funded by large grant funding that is no longer available. We are extremely grateful to have the Archuleta School District as our main sponsor for this critical program, but it is truly a community effort."

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The Pagosa Community Initiative will host a summer party from 3 to 6 p.m. on Aug. 21 at the Yamaguchi Park pavilion to celebrate the end of summer.

Pagosa Community Initiative to host free summer party

By Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

The Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) invites residents to kick back and connect at its summer party, a free community gathering designed to celebrate the end of summer and meet the people who make Pagosa Springs special.

The event is set for Thursday, Aug. 21, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Yamaguchi Park pavilion, located at 684 S. 5th St.

No RSVP is needed, and the party is open to everyone in the community.

We are thrilled to host an afternoon where neighbors can come together in a relaxed, welcoming setting. This is a simple, joyful way to strengthen our community ties and enjoy each other's company before school and fall activities begin. There

will be music, games and a lot of good conversation along with a tasty incentive — free food for attendees.

Measuring success isn't just about numbers; it's about people connecting. We want everyone to feel welcome, to meet a neighbor they've never spoken to and to leave with a little more sense of belonging in Pagosa.

Questions about the summer party can be directed to info@pagosacommunityinitiative.org.

For those seeking more information or wishing to arrange contributions to PCI, please check our website at www.pagosacommunityinitiative.org.

We are eager to engage with community members and we hope you'll join us for an afternoon of music, games and community — an end-of-summer celebration that reinforces why Pagosa is a place people are proud to call home.



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Dan Morrison, Alicia Osborn and Trevor Brown share a final twist of wit and charm in the closing moments of "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Two weeks left in Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2025 Summer Repertory Season

By Tim Moore

Thingamajig Theatre Company

While the summer sun still lingers high over Pagosa Springs, there's just enough time to catch the final sparks of magic at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

The 2025 summer repertory season is down to its last two weeks, and what a season it has been. Since May, audiences have been whisked from Shakespearean London to the smoky underbelly of a Prohibition-era party to the refined — and occasionally murderous — drawing rooms of Edwardian England.

The joy has been in the contrasts: the cheeky, anachronistic wit of "Something Rotten!"; the lush, intoxicating rhythms of Andrew Lipka's "The Wild Party"; and the gleefully macabre elegance of "A Gentleman's Guide to

Love and Murder." Each production has been powered by a company of actors and creatives whose commitment and craft have kept the theater buzzing all summer long.

In recognition of the extraordinary efforts of first responders working to protect our community during the nearby Oak Fire, Thingamajig Theatre is offering complimentary admission to local first responders for the remainder of the summer season. Department heads will be receiving a special promo code to share with their teams.

The season's final performance falls Aug. 30, with the fall/winter lineup soon to be revealed. Until then, there are only a few chances left to be part of this extraordinary summer in Pagosa's theatrical history.

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The self-guided Pagosa Springs Artists Studio Tour will take place Aug. 22-24, with 30 local artists opening their studios to the public.

Pagosa Springs Artists Studio Tour set for Aug. 22-24

Pagosa Springs Arts Council

The artists of Pagosa Springs are proud to announce the return of the open studio tour, a unique and immersive experience for art lovers and those that are curious about the process used by creatives.

Art has played a major role throughout history. From cave paintings that were rendered thousands of years ago to today's digital apps, humans use art to share their thoughts, feelings and experiences. Creating art is way to stay connected, whether that connection is with each other, the earth, history or culture.

For one weekend only — Friday, Aug. 22, through Sunday, Aug. 24 — local artists will open their studio doors to the public, offering a rare chance to step inside the spaces where creativity happens.

This self-guided tour features 30 artists across 24 locations in and around Pagosa Springs, showcasing an impressive variety of mediums: painting, sculpture, ceramics, fiber

art, jewelry, custom woodwork and more.

Visitors will have the opportunity to watch artists at work, learn about the process each artist goes through to create their art, ask questions and purchase artwork directly from the source.

New this year, there will be a pre-view reception on Thursday, Aug. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Springs Resort.

Attendees can meet participating artists, view a curated sample of their work, enjoy live music and plan their tour experience. The reception and the tour are both free and open to the public.

To help plan your route, printed maps are available at various locations around town, and a digital version is available online. Visit www.studiotourpagosa.com for artist details, map information and updates.

Don't miss this inspiring opportunity to connect with the talented artists who make Pagosa Springs such a vibrant and creative place to live and visit.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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 - 14 Summary
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 - 16 Cassini of fashion
 - 17 Prickly plants
 - 18 Like exciting movie scenes
 - 20 "Quantum Leap" co-star Dean
 - 22 Prone to sulking
 - 23 Seehorn of "Better Call Saul"
 - 24 Writer Uris
 - 26 Cipher system
 - 28 Like some campaigns
 - 34 Fall birthstone
 - 35 Oui's opposite
 - 36 Cinnamon tree
 - 37 Coffee server
 - 38 Kind of city election
 - 40 Make an attempt
 - 41 Like some profiling
 - 43 Graveyard letters
 - 44 Honey bunch?
 - 45 M. Night Shyamalan film of 2004
 - 47 Prefix with China
 - 48 What's more
 - 49 Cupid, to the Greeks
 - 51 "Leave me ____!"
 - 54 Period of truce
 - 59 Like some courtroom questions
 - 61 Egypt-Sudan region, once
 - 62 Spicy stew
 - 63 Shepard in space
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- 30 Best Picture Oscar winner of 2024
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- 32 Out of gas
- 33 Approval
- 38 Sent by USPS
- 39 Fix, in a way
- 42 Sir Walter Scott classic
- 44 Eco energy source
- 46 Setting
- 50 Tears apart
- 51 Truant G.I.
- 52 Disney's "____ & Stitch"
- 53 Elevator pioneer
- 55 Actor McGregor
- 56 Green Gables girl
- 57 Small brook
- 58 Effortless
- 60 Cleaning cloth

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Calling all green thumbs: Applications now open for Colorado Master Gardener Program

By Chris Hilgert and
Cindi Galabota
PREVIEW Columnists

Whether you're passionate about plants, curious about Colorado gardening or eager to give back to your community, now's your chance to dig in — literally.

The Colorado Master Gardener (CMG) program is now accepting applications for new volunteers for the 2026 season. Offered through Colorado State University (CSU) Extension, the CMG program trains volunteers in the science gardening, equips them to help others grow successfully, manage pests sustainably, and make informed decisions about their landscapes and gardens.

"Master Gardeners are our community's front line for trusted gardening advice," said Chris Hilgert, CMG program director with CSU Extension. "It's more than just gardening; it's about growing plants, people and communities."

Not just for experts

You don't have to be a plant expert to apply, just an interest to learn about gardening in Colorado, and excitement to share what you know.

The comprehensive CMG training includes topics like soils, plant diagnostics, trees, turf, vegetables, native plants, insects, weeds and water-wise gardening. Courses are led by CSU specialists.

After training, Master Gardeners continue learning through volunteer projects and continuing education.

A statewide impact

More than 1,500 Master Gardeners volunteer across Colorado each year, donating tens of thousands of hours to support local food production, educate the public and promote sustainable landscaping practices.

Whether it's staffing an "Ask a Master Gardener" booth at the farm-

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ers market, mentoring youth in a school garden or helping a neighbor select appropriate plants for the landscape and garden, volunteers make a meaningful difference.

How to apply

Applications are now open and will be accepted through Sept. 2.

Online training begins the week of Nov. 3, and your volunteer activities begin in spring 2026.

To learn more or apply, visit ColoradoMasterGardener.org.

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Pagosa Gateway Project Construction Begins Soon

The Pagosa Gateway Project will kick off construction in early September on the 2.1-mile section of the San Juan River upstream of downtown Pagosa Springs.

Project updates: mypagosa.org/pagosa-gateway-project-construction

ComFest Free Concert August 15

The final ComFest concert of the season is scheduled for Friday, August 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Yamaguchi Park. Enjoy live music by Band Kamp and purchase drinks or food from local vendors. Proceeds from drink sales will benefit Wolf Creek Ski Team.

pagosasprings.co.gov/ComFest2025

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Archuleta Health Fair and Expo set for Oct. 4

Healthy Archuleta

The third annual Archuleta Health Fair and Expo is just around the corner.

It's happening on Oct. 4, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs High School.

This year, thanks to a year-long HRSA Rural Health Network planning project, the newly formed Archuleta Rural Health Network is bringing the 2025 health fair to our community, focusing on education, empowerment, and community support.

Our health fair is a community-wide event designed to promote wellness and provide valuable health information to residents. We will continue to offer low-cost well-

ness labs and connect community members to primary preventative care, which is crucial for those with limited access to health resources in our community.

You can expect a packed day filled with learning opportunities and connections for everyone's health and well-being. We anticipate a great lineup of health care agencies, community-based organizations, functional and integrative health providers, medical screening services, chefs doing food demos, insurance and service providers, farmers market vendors and more. We'll have lab services, health care providers ready to chat, a delicious farm-to-table lunch with a keynote speaker and interactive exhibits.

To learn more about the Archuleta Health Fair and Expo, please visit the Healthy Archuleta website at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html>. There you can register for the event (including labs and the farm-to-table lunch), become a volunteer and learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

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

Local women to share sorority roots at upcoming Panhellenic gathering

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

Celebrating and sharing in collegiate sorority roots is the goal of the Panhellenic gathering Tuesday, Aug. 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Alley House Grille.

Past events in 2023 and 2024 brought more than 30 sorority women together to convene as community women.

The event will feature appetizers and a cash bar, and 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.

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How to freeze holds when you are busy plus new roaming book club

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

With the busy summer season underway, we wanted to remind you that you can freeze, or suspend, your holds on books or other materials if you don't have time for them now.

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To freeze your holds online, first log into your account. On the left side of the page, click on "Titles on Hold." A list of all items you have on hold will appear. If they are not currently in transit, you can freeze the hold until you return from your travels or are ready to receive your hold again.

To freeze your hold, click on the button that says "Freeze Hold." Choose the date to thaw and resume the hold again, or leave the thaw date open-ended, and then click "Freeze Hold." The freeze will begin immediately.

New traveling book club

We hope you will join us next Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Centennial Park on the San Juan Riverwalk for a new traveling book club that will meet monthly at a different gathering spot in Pagosa. At this inaugural session, we will discuss "Reading Colorado: A Literary Road Guide" by Peter Anderson.

Activity locations will change

Given that we have much less

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space for our operations and no meeting rooms during construction, several of our regular activities and special events will happen in other locations.

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

No more book donations, please

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.

During construction, the circulation desk remains 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 have the same copy, fax and print services available, but fewer computers and no meeting rooms

during construction. Also, the free book and magazine shelves are gone.

Children's programs will move temporarily to the Turner Reading Room, and the Hershey and Chimney Rock Collections have gone 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

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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. Fundraising continues for the final \$800,000 to pay for upgrades to the existing building.

“All of us on staff are already dreaming of the new and improved programs and services we’ll be able to offer when the construction is complete,” she said.

LEGO play Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO build on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

Conversational Spanish

The Conversational Spanish group will meet Monday, Aug. 18, 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. This activity is taking place at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. during construction.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged will be free from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 18, for amateur musicians of all abilities to play, sing and jam with other people. It will happen outside in the library courtyard as weather allows.

Adult DIY

At the free in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., we will learn the ancient craft of paper rolling. Join us as we explore how to make creative shapes with paper and use these creations to decorate cards, gifts or other items. All supplies will be provided. This event will happen outside in the library courtyard as weather allows.

Writers Guild

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby’s Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for support, guidance, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

During construction the group will meet at the Pagosa Senior Center, 451

Hot Springs Blvd. Enter through the left side of the building.

Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Taylor helps with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provides assistance in accessing the library’s online resources. No appointment is needed, but please bring your device’s charger and passwords with you.

English as a second language

English as a second language (ESL) classes will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church beginning Aug. 12.

ESL classes are free and open to all ages and levels. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information.

Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

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

Downloadable books

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

Nonfiction

“Ordinary Time” by Annie B. Jones reflects on the pleasant life and lessons learned of a woman who spent her life in a small town. “The Let Them Theory”

by Mel Robbins is a guide to reducing anxiety by stopping trying to manage the actions of others and focusing instead on your own thoughts and behaviors. “The Idaho Four: An American Tragedy” by James Patterson and Vicky Ward is a true crime account of the murders of four University of Idaho college students by a grad student in 2022.

Novels

“Blonde Dust” by Tatiana de Rosnay imagines a friendship between Marilyn Monroe and a young maid during the filming of “The Misfits.” “The Lilac People” by Milo Todd tells of a trans man surviving first the Nazis and then the Allies during World War II. “Six Days in Bombay” by Alka Joshi uses the life of “the Frida Kahlo of India” to craft a story about a renowned painter in the 1930s. “The Women on Platform Two” by Laura Anthony highlights the fight for women’s reproductive rights in 1970s Dublin where contraception is illegal. “The Heart in Winter” by Kevin Barry focuses on an illicit love affair in 1890’s Butte, Mont., among a hard-living crowd of Irish immigrant workers.

Books on CD

“An Inside Job” by Daniel Silva is the latest in the Gabriel Allon thriller series. “Killer on the Road” by Stephen Graham Jones is a serial killer story about a runaway 18-year-old and her friends. “The Dream Hotel” by Laila Lalami is a dystopian fantasy about one woman’s fight for freedom set in a near-future world.

Large print

“Do Not Disturb” by Freida McFadden follows a woman running to avoid spending her life in prison. “Don’t Let Them In” by Lisa Jewell features a man who seems to good to be true. “Edge of Honor” by Brad Thor is the latest in the Scot Harvath adventure series featuring America’s top spy. “The Woman in Suite 11” by Ruth Ware takes place at a luxury Swiss hotel. “Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil” by V.E. Schwab follows the lives of three women in Santo Domingo in 1532, London in 1827 and Boston in 2019. “The Red Queen”

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by Martha Grimes is the latest in the Richard Jury mystery series. “Midnight and Blue” by Ian Rankin is an Inspector Rebus thriller. “Knave of Diamonds” by Laurie King is the latest in the Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes series. “Silent as the Grave” by Rhys Bowen and Clare Broyles is the latest in the Molly Murphy mystery series.

Quotable quote

“I wanted a perfect ending. Now I’ve learned, the hard way, that some poems don’t rhyme, and some stories don’t have a clear beginning, middle and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what’s going to happen next. Delicious ambiguity.” — Gilda Radner (1946-1989), actress and comedian who died of ovarian cancer. She was one of the seven original cast members of Saturday Night Live from 1975-1980, where she created characters, including Rosannadanna and Baba Wawa.

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MLS #827474 \$850,000



Price Reduced

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:
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1001 Soaring Eagle Court
\$899,000

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>



Price Reduced

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.



240 Glade Dr.
\$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



NEW LISTING



65 Caballero Drive
\$695,000

MLS # 823461

This home is perfectly located on approximately an acre of land in the Pagosa Lakes area. Open the back door and a 700 sq ft deck will provide additional space for a BBQ grill, plenty of outdoor seating, and a new hot tub for your relaxation and enjoyment. 4 beds/2.5 baths with 2,350 sq. ft.

To tour this home go to:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOkhZeKE-G0



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.



NEW LISTING

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.



NEW LISTING

1119 Hills Circle
\$500,000

MLS # 827227

This is a very cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 2 car attached garage. Across the street is an access point to enter National Forest. This is a very well-maintained home at a good price. The master bedroom is on opposite sides of the house from the guest bedrooms, and the colors are warm and inviting. This home is close to town and shopping, put it on your list.



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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the tree swallow.

From late spring through early fall, this pretty bird is a familiar sight gliding over fields and wetlands of northern North America. It winters farther north and arrives at breeding grounds in parts of northern and mountainous states, and across Canada into Alaska, earlier than other swallows.

Although tree swallows primarily eat flying insects, ranging in size from the minuscule to those up to 2 inches long, they are also able to supplement their diet with plant foods when insects are scarce. Their ability to eat berries allows them to survive late spring storms when strict insect eaters might starve. During the breeding season when egg production robs them of calcium, they obtain it by eating eggshells, invertebrate exoskeletons, clamshells and fish bones.

The tree swallow’s anatomy is designed for acrobatic flight. Like other swallows, this one has long wings, short legs, a short bill and feet adapted for perching. Adults are colored metallic blue above with clean white undersides. The blue color of the head extends to a thin black mask over the eyes. Young females can be more brownish, but attain the full blue plumage of males by the third year.

Tree swallows are named for their use of tree cavities for nesting. They have benefited from the popularity of bluebird nest boxes, which suit them just fine and where they often can be found perching. They are highly social birds, with pairs often nesting close to each other.

Feathers of other birds, which are used to line their nests, also play a role in social interactions between these birds. Studies have shown a preference for white feathers and a tree swallow carrying one in its beak is often chased. These chases that involve dropping the feather and retrieving it have the appearance of play.

Although the tree swallow is among the best-studied bird species in North America, there is still much to learn about its life during migration and during winter in the south. In all areas where they are found they provide free natural pest control.

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Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs to discuss divine guidance Aug. 24

By Laurah Brock Young

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

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As one develops the inner link with Divine Spirit, one's ability to take charge of his own life increases.

If people trust their heart, and know that if they love God and open their heart, they will find that God brings help, guidance and protection to them in ways that most others

don't know.

Drop in; we'd love to meet you. Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs discussion: "Divine Guidance - Gifts of Intuition, Dreams, Nudges, and Signs."

Share your experiences and learn new techniques to help become more aware of the many ways intuition can come to you. The discussion includes a complimentary journal and book.

We will meet on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., at 1 p.m.

Eckankar — a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and backgrounds — sponsors this free event. It is an individual, creative practice to experience our unique relationship with the Divine.

To join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

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WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF EDUCATION ON YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH

An additional four years of education lowers five-year mortality by 1.8 percentage points; it also reduces the risk of heart disease by 2.16 percentage points, and the risk of diabetes by 1.3 percentage points." These statistics are significant. The excerpt below provides additional data regarding the impact of education.

There is a well-known, large, and persistent association between education and health. This has been observed in many countries and time periods, and for a wide variety of health measures. The differences between the more and the less educated are significant: in 1999, the age-adjusted mortality rate of high school dropouts ages 25 to 64 was more than twice as large as the mortality rate of those with some college.

In Education and Health: Evaluating Theories and Evidence (NBER Working Paper No. 12352), authors David Cutler and Adriana Lleras-Muney review what we know about the relationship between education and health, in particular about the possible causal relationships between education and health and the mechanisms behind them. At the outset they note that this is a controversial topic, with previous studies offering contradictory conclusions. People value health highly. As a result, the health returns to education can outweigh even the financial returns. Many estimates suggest that a year of education raises earnings by about 10 percent, or perhaps \$80,000 in present value over the course of a lifetime. Using data from the National Longitudinal Mortality Study (NLMS), the authors find that one more year of education increases life expectancy by 0.18 years, using a 3 percent discount rate, or by 0.6 years without any discounting. Assuming that a year of health is worth \$75,000 - a relatively conservative value - this translates into about \$13,500 to \$44,000 in present value. These rough calculations suggest that the health returns to education increase the total returns to education by at least 15 percent, and perhaps by as much as 55 percent.

The causal effects of education on health would call for education subsidies only to the extent that there is a market failure and that individuals are investing at sub-optimal levels; otherwise, individuals would be basing their education decisions on health benefits along with financial benefits. The possible rationales for education subsidies include the idea that individuals may be unaware of the health benefits of education when they make their education decisions, that they may be credit constrained, that some groups do not know about or are excluded from higher education, or that there are externalities to education and health beyond the individual affected.

Source: "The Effects of Education on Health." By Les Picker.

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Take precautions in hot weather and smoky conditions

By Joan Ward
PREVIEW Columnist

Hopefully, the daytime temperature will become more comfortable in the upcoming weeks. In the meantime, it's important to be aware of the danger of high temperatures and the smoky air from the wildfires.

According to the National Institute on Aging (NIA), hotter temperatures can be more dangerous for older adults than for younger people.

"Hotter days can cause difficulty in the body's ability to regulate its temperature," it states.

Older adults do not adjust as well as others to extreme heat.

The NIA notes, "Additionally, older adults are more likely to have chronic medical conditions that affect the body's response to temperature, and to take prescription medicines that alter the body's ability to control temperature or sweat."

Add in the effects of wildfire smoke on respiratory and other health conditions, along with heat, and it is a deadly combination.

Be sure to check with your health care provider about how to protect yourself. Consider using an N95 mask if you have to go outside on smoky days.

For dealing with the heat, the NIA recommends, "Drink plenty of liquids, such as water, fruit or vegetable juices, or drinks that contain electrolytes. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated beverages. If your doctor has told you to limit your liquids, ask what you should do when it is very hot."

Dehydration makes you tired, lethargic and more prone to heat illness. Even gelatin desserts provide water.

Here's an interesting point: If the temperature is 90 degrees or higher, a fan cannot cool you.

Without air conditioning, and with windows closed, the NIA states: "If your living space is hot, try to spend time during midday in a place that has air conditioning."

Cool off and avoid smoky air by coming to the Pagosa Senior Center. Take part in a class or program, or just come and sit to watch the activity.

Call in for lunch before 9 a.m. and enjoy the air conditioning while having a delicious and nutritious lunch.

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

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sharing and friendships.

Snacks will be provided.

Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, 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 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

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Call for Nominations For School Directors



The Archuleta School District 50 JT in the Counties of Archuleta and Hinsdale, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

At this election three (3) directors will be elected representing the following director districts: Director District One (1) and Director District Five (5) for a term of office of four years, and Director District Four (4) for a term of office of two years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election and a resident of the director district which will be represented. Legal Descriptions of the Director Districts are available at www.mypagosaschools.com under the School Board tab, or at the Administration office located at 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 50 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the Archuleta School District Administration office located at 309 Lewis Street beginning Wednesday, August 6th, 2025. Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Completed petitions shall be submitted to Heather Schultz, the school district's designated election official, no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, August 29, 2025.

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

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

Bridge

The 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, with the final round reached sometime between two and 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

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

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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. 23, 11 a.m.: New moon drumming and medicine wheel play-shop at Xanadu. A love donation will be collected.

Aug. 24, 11 a.m.: Sunday inspiration at Xanadu. A love donation will be collected.

• 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.

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

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

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

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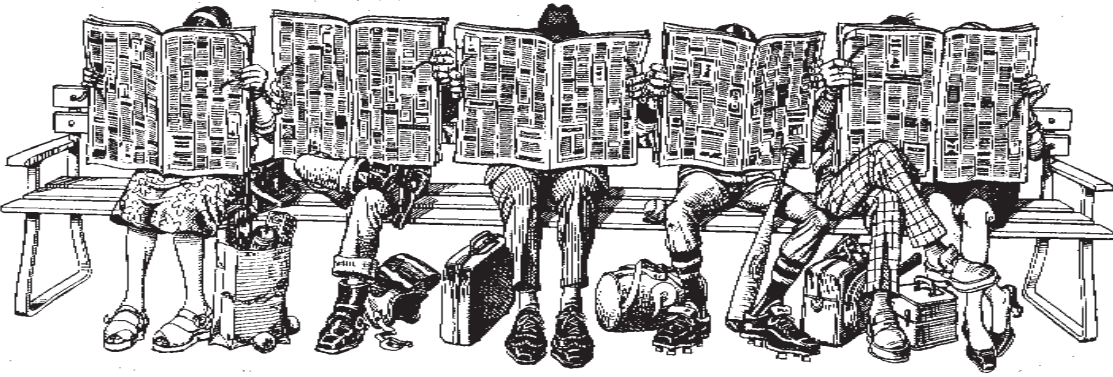
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Senior

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the Senior Center.

Monthly birthday celebration

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) celebrates seniors' birthdays once a month in the dining room. Join us on Friday, Aug. 15, for sweets and refreshments, and a little fun.

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).

For more information about participating, 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. Please say whether it is dine-in or Grab 'N' Go.

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

Call before 9 a.m. Please note that occasionally the menu must be changed at short notice.

Thursday, Aug. 14 — Tuna salad stuffed avocado, macaroni salad, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, banana pudding and milk.

Friday, Aug. 15 — Spaghetti squash with Italian sausage marinara, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, brownies and milk.

Monday, Aug. 18 — Teriyaki chicken with pineapple and peppers, snow peas, garden salad, fruit, almond croissant and milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 19 — Cod piccata, brown rice, broccoli, garden salad, fruit, chocolate cake and milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 20 — Beef pot roast with vegetables, creamed spinach, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 21 — Cajun Shrimp and grits, zucchini saute, garden salad, fruit, vanilla yogurt, mango-coconut bread pudding, and milk.

Friday, Aug. 22 — Pork tortilla soup with crispy tortillas, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, flan 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.



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Daughters of the American Revolution to meet Aug. 16

By CiCi Stuart

Daughters of the American Revolution

What is the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)?

The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the DAR is a nonpolitical, non-profit service organization representing the Archuleta and La Plata counties.

Membership is open to all women over the age of 18, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can trace their lineage from an ancestor who aided in achieving American

Independence.

The DAR, as we are known, has three missions: historical preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavor.

Our service projects include scholarships to high school students; supplies for elementary schools; books for preschools; support for veterans; collection of soft plastic for composite-decking benches; cookies for groups such as first responders, search and rescue, sheriff’s departments and police departments; Christmas cards for the armed ser-

vices; and support for the upcoming 250/150 anniversaries of our country and state.

The members are a lot like you, coming from diverse backgrounds and having a variety of interests. Their common bond is their lineal descent from patriots of the American Revolution. We will help you identify and prove that ancestry.

Come to our monthly meeting on Aug. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. A light lunch will be served after the meeting.

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Aug. 14

Ruby’s Writers Guild. 9-10:30 a.m., Senior Center. Ruby’s Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members 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 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. Taylor will answer basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc., and provide assistance with accessing any of the library’s online resources. Bring your device

charger and passwords.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. 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.

Hora de Cuentos Bilingual Storytime. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading and singing in Spanish, as well as free play to build early literacy skills. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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 ‘A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder.’ 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosa-center.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Friday, Aug. 15

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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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.

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.

ComFest. 5:30-8:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Enjoy live music.

Lecture: 'Chaco Canyon — Its Origins, People, and History.' 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church fellowship hall. G.B. Cornucopia will present as part of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association's lecture series on "The Chaco Phenomenon."

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

Saturday, Aug. 16

Riverwalk Wetlands Tour. 8 a.m., Centennial Park. Participants should bring water, hats, sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at the native plants garden next to the geothermal domes. Leave dogs at home. Tours will not occur during inclement weather.

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 8-10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Garden Adventures. 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs Community Garden. Explore the garden and harvest artist tools.

Archuleta County Public Health Back-to-School Clinic. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Archuleta County Public Health, 502 S. 8th St. Everything from routine childhood vaccines to affordable sports physicals and free heart screenings will be offered. Appointments are highly encouraged and can be made by calling (970) 264-2409. Walk-ins will be accepted as space allows. Sports physicals will be \$40 on a self-pay basis. Vaccines are free for children

who are uninsured or enrolled in Medicaid.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 9:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church fellowship hall, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Social time will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with the meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. and ending around noon. The meeting is held in the fellowship hall (park in the back parking lot and enter through the right-hand door). For more information, visit pagosapiecemakers.com.

Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Meeting. 10 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. A light lunch will be served after the meeting.

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.

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.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Six local celebrities will vie for the Mirror Ball Trophy. Tickets can be purchased at register. dwtps.org.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The Wild Party.' 7

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

Sunday, Aug. 17

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Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Something Rotten!' 3 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).

Monday, Aug. 18

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.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., ■ See Calendar on next page

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Conversational Spanish. 4-5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required. This is a Sisson Library program.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library courtyard. Musicians of all abilities are invited to jam and sing with others.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Coffee and Kiddos Playgroup. 10-11 a.m., Aspire Medical Services and Education, 602 S. 8th St. For those with kids ages birth to 3 years old.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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Sisson Library courtyard. Learn the ancient craft of paper rolling and learn to make creative shapes with paper.

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

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

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. 20

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

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

Mysteries 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 inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for ages 5-12, with those under 5 free. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

Roaming Readers Book Club. 5:30-7 p.m., Centennial Park. A Sisson Library program. Join every month at a different Pagosa Springs gathering spot to discuss a book. Meander the San Juan Riverwalk and discuss "Reading Colorado: A Literary Road Guide" by Peter Anderson.

Weminuche Audubon Society Campout. 6 p.m., Blanco River group campground. A potluck meal will take place about 6 p.m. There will be hot dogs. Bring a dish to share, place settings, chairs, binoculars for a birding excursion. Stay overnight or just for the evening.

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).

Thursday, Aug. 21

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-10:30 a.m., Senior Center. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members 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

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

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Taylor will answer basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc., and provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Bring your device charger and passwords.

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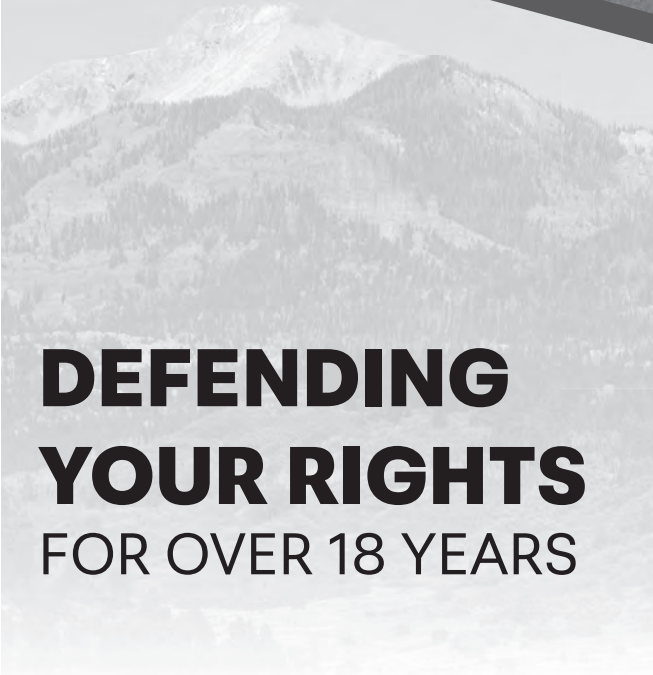
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NEWSPAPER REPORTER — We are searching for a talented reporter to fill a full-time position in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Our journalists are driven to find stories that matter to our community and are dedicated to fairness, accuracy, and ethics. The successful candidate for this position is someone who knows how to cover hard news but also loves to write about people and their passions. They know that a good interview is often a good conversation and know when to ask the tough questions, but also when to listen. The ideal candidate has exceptional writing skills and is willing to put in the extra effort and research to deliver an engaging story. Preferred qualifications for this position include: Degree or diploma in journalism, or a related field; At least 1-3 years of experience as a reporter with experience covering hard news and feature stories or experience at a college newspaper; The ability to meet tight deadlines and report the news as it happens; Superior language, writing and editing skills; Strong photography skills; Able to work a variety of schedules, including evenings, nights and weekends; Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills; Ability to work in a fast-paced environment; A valid driver's license and a reliable vehicle; Willingness to live in or near Pagosa Springs, Colorado. If this sounds like the perfect position for you, we would love to hear from you! To apply, please send your resume, letter of interest and relevant samples of your work to Chad Richardson, Vice President of News, crichardson@orourkemediagroup.com. Company Benefits: We offer competitive compensation plans and employees are eligible for medical, dental, vision, life insurance benefits, paid time off and our 401 (k) savings plan. This is an excellent opportunity for career development and growth within the company O'Rourke Media Group is a fast-growing company that owns and operates hyper-local, community newspapers, websites, niche publications and a full-service digital agency. We are family-owned and mission-driven to save newspapers and local media companies by investing in the people, resources and technology needed to thrive for many years to come. We believe that every community can benefit from a well-run, properly resourced, local newspaper and website. Our News teams produce hyper-local, high interest local news and accurate and trustworthy reporting. Our Sales and Digital Fulfillment teams bring omnichannel advertising solutions to local businesses in the communities we serve. O'Rourke Media Group now operates in nine states and 38 markets with 51 publications and hyper-local websites. We started from ground zero in December 2018, totally bootstrapped, confident and with an entrepreneurial mindset.

COLORADO DREAM HOMES is expanding our crew! We are seeking multiple crew assisting positions (framing /siding /finish carpentry). Starting rate is \$20+ an hour depending on experience. Paid holidays, accrued PTO and annual bonuses. Please send resumes to coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com or swing by our office at 2283 Eagle Drive to hand deliver or fill out an application.

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We are hiring:
Small Engine Service Tech
Full time, weekends and holidays required

We are looking for reliable, organized, motivated, team-oriented applicants that enjoy a fast-paced environment.

Must have experience with outdoor power equipment, problem solving, self-starting and customer service oriented.

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Apply in person Monday-Friday

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DONATIONS RECEIVING SPECIALIST. Join our team and help support our mission to provide a safe haven for animals in need, promote adoptions, humanely reduce pet overpopulation through spay /neuter programs, support lifelong pet ownership, and to educate the community. Job Highlights Please see our website for position details <https://pagosahumane.org/join-our-team/>. The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Thrift Store is looking for a donation receiving team member to help cover our new uptown donation drop off center and work shifts at the downtown location. Hours and pay will be flexible according to what responsibilities and experience candidates bring. This can be a fast pace job with a lot of movement throughout the day. It requires repeatedly lifting heavy boxes and furniture. The ideal candidates will also assist with furniture pickups and drive a box truck. - Assist with receiving and unpacking donations. - Follow all company policies and procedures. - Ability to repeatedly lift 50+ lbs and move heavy furniture. - Follow all company policies and procedures. - Clean Driving record for a minimum of 5 year is required. - Strong organizational skills to keep track of inventory and maintain a tidy store. - Strong customer service skills. - Excellent job attendance history. Job Types: Full-time, Part-time. Pay: \$16.00 - \$17.50 per hour.

ELI STEPHENS LANDSCAPING LLC. is hiring. Looking for someone who knows or is willing to learn all forms of landscaping. Call (970)946-0268.

GENERAL LABORER NEEDED Full time. Assorted Duties. Please send resume or work history to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com. Phone (970)264-5000.

HIRING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN — Work with youth. Make a difference. Paid RBT training. \$18-24 /hour. Part-time. Flexible hours. Must have reliable transportation. Email resume to AngelinaJWLLC@gmail.com.

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Full & Part-Time/Holiday Positions:
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KITCHEN ASSISTANT. Entry level food preparation and packaging for Archuleta Seniors Inc, Pagosa Springs Senior Center Community Café. Join our positive professional team in a commercial kitchen dedicated to serving the seniors in our community. Hours 7a.m. to 3p.m., part time with weekends off, PTO and health stipend. Competitive pay and daily meal provided. Potential for advancement though in-house training. Call (970)264-2167 or stop by to pick up an application.

LIKE GUNS OR GUITARS? Come sell them for us. The San Juan Trading Post is looking for a sales person. Computer literacy and ability to lift 45 lbs. is required. Starting at \$16/ hour, part-time. Stop by in person at 635 San Juan St.

LINE COOK POSITION Hiring a **part-time line cook** starting August 15th. Experience preferred. \$20 /hour. Send resume to: theguesthouse@keyahgrande.com or call (970)731-1162.

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier nights and weekends. Competitive wages. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Pagosa Springs SUN is recruiting for a dynamic, versatile customer service representative. This position is required to work at our office at 457 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Hours 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Job Responsibilities

Account Management: Support the Advertising Department with account management activity that's associated with customers running ads in The SUN, PREVIEW, special publications and on our digital platforms.

Administrative: Handle postal paperwork, insertion order processing and payment processing for advertising and subscriptions.

Service: Provide personable, friendly customer service answering phones and interacting in person with customers that visit the office.

Communication: Serve as a point of contact for internal and external communications. Answer phones, respond to emails and direct inquiries to the appropriate team members.

Project assistance: Assist with special projects and initiatives as needed.

Requirements

3-5 years of experience working in an office.

Excellent attention to detail and accuracy in data entry.

Strong organizational and time management skills to meet payroll deadlines. Excellent communication skills on the phone and through all communication channels.

High level of proficiency in MS Excel and other Microsoft Office applications.

Compensation Range/Benefits

\$17-\$20/hour depending on experience level.

Eligible for medical, dental and vision benefits on the 1st of the month after 30 days of employment.

Eligible to enroll in the company's 401 (k) retirement savings on the 1st of the month after 90 days.

16 days of PTO plus 4-5 paid holidays.

Opportunity for advancement and career growth within the company.

About the Company

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*Bonus paid \$500 after 90 days and \$500 after 6 months.

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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is hiring a morning and afternoon aid for our Preschool class. Please contact Molly Sprowle at (970)398-0064.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is hiring an Upper Grades Part-time Teacher/Aid, and Substitute teachers. Please contact our Headmaster, Mr. Aaron Longmire, for position details at (920)585-6494.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH— Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy has an opening for a full time Physical Therapy Tech. We are looking for a dependable, energetic multitasker who will enjoy helping people recover to join our team. No prior experience necessary. Benefits include paid holidays, paid sick leave, 401 k plan, and a profit-sharing program. Please submit resume to RMPT 117 Navajo Trail Dr, Ste T or email to rockymountainpt@yahoo.com.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

THRIFT STORE ASSOCIATE Join our team and help support our mission to provide a safe haven for animals in need, promote adoptions, humanely reduce pet overpopulation through spay/neuter programs, support lifelong pet ownership, and to educate the community. Pagosa Springs Thrift Store. This role is crucial in ensuring a positive experience for donors and customers, which in turn supports our mission of helping animals in need. **Highlights of Position: Please see our website for position details** <https://pagosahumane.org/join-our-team/>. • Operate the cash register checking out customers. • Greet donors as they arrive to donate items or shop the store. • Provide information about store items, donations, and HSPS and our Mission. • Assist donors in unloading items from their vehicles. • Be part of a passionate team dedicated to making a difference in the lives of animals and their people. • Opportunity to engage with the community and make meaningful connections. • Discounts on Thrift Store items • Generous PTO and sick time. Join us in making a difference in the lives of animals and their people by leveraging your customer service and organizational skills. Apply today to become part of our dedicated team! Job Type: Full-time. Pay: \$16.00 - \$16.50 DOE per hour. Expected hours: 32 –40 per week.

WEST END LODGE front desk person. Looking for a friendly, service -oriented person. This position entails taking reservations, checking in guests, and light cleaning of the lobby area. Full time position. Must be able to work weekends and holidays. Please come fill out an application.

WINGS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER is seeking an Executive Director to lead 10+ teachers and 70+ children ages infant to 5 in an enriching, nature-based program that offers quality, child-led education with love and respect. We especially appreciate an early childhood education degree with childhood development and administrative experience. Find a full job description at WingsEarlyChildhood.org. Salary \$60-75K. Email resume to Director@wingsearlychildhood.org.

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YARD SALES

ESTATE SALE. Saturday, Aug. 16th, 8a.m. -1p.m. 77 Golden Pond Place. No early birds please.

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TIMBER RIDGE 1ST ANNUAL Community Yard Sale, Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 8a.m. to 1p.m. at the Timber Ridge Clubhouse, 31 Shooting Star Drive. Come explore a wide variety of treasures from Timber Ridge homeowners all in one convenient location! You'll find everything from home goods and tools to furniture, toys, outdoor gear, and more—there's something for everyone.

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3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2 car garage home in Lake Forest. Mostly unfurnished.1 pet approved w/ \$25 monthly pet rent. Call 970-731-8599 or visit the website teampagosa.com. Available 8/5/25.

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PRIVATE ACRE, 10 min. to town, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, manufactured home. Large deck looking over a meadow /trees and small log studio /shed. \$299,000. Afternoon/evenings only. (970)731-3814.

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1.1 ACRE WITH RV GENERATOR and system tank, circular drive in, tall cool pines. NO HOA! \$75k. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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POSITION OVERVIEW

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

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Client Management:

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

Strategy Development:

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

Sales and Business Development:

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

Reporting and Analysis:

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

QUALIFICATIONS

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

SKILLS

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



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