



Class of 2026



Photos courtesy Pagosa Springs High School, San Juan Mountain School
Saturday will feature the graduation of Archuleta School District students in a pair of ceremonies. The Pagosa Springs High School commencement ceremony is set for 9 a.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium, and the San Juan Mountain School ceremony will take place in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium at 1 p.m.

Saturday ceremonies to feature 100 graduates

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

In a pair of graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 30, Archuleta School District, families and friends will honor the work of an estimated 100 graduating seniors as they close the book on their high school careers.

The first ceremony of the day, beginning at 9 a.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium, will feature Pagosa Springs High School’s graduates. Then, at 1 p.m., San Juan Mountain School’s graduates will be honored in a ceremony in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. ■ See Graduates A8

School boards hear draft budgets, BEST grant not awarded

By Randi Pierce and Clayton Chaney
Staff Writers

At a special meeting on Wednesday, May 20, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education heard its draft budget for 2026-2027, presented by ASD Finance Director Eric Burt. The following day, the board heard it was not awarded a Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant toward a new building that would serve pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Burt began his presentation to the board on May 20 with the proposed budget highlights, telling the board, “There aren’t many, unfortunately.” The proposed budget includes total program funding of \$19,805,913, with 92 percent of that being from local property taxes and 8 percent being the

state share, Burt explained. That, he added, is based on 30 percent implementation of the new school finance act and three-year averaging of enrollment. The Colorado Department of Education explains on its website, “In May 2025, the Colorado legislature passed a major update to the School Finance Act, HB 25-1320, implementing the new school funding formula enacted in HB 24-1448. The new funding formula will be phased in from the 2025-26 budget year through the 2030-31 budget year.” Burt outlined that, if the new finance model were fully implemented, the district would see \$21,389,743 in program funding from the state. This year, Burt told the board, the district is at 15 percent implementation ■ See Budgets A9

Utah triple homicide suspect extradited

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

In a switch from earlier statements that he would fight extradition, Ivan W. Miller, the 22-year-old suspect in a March 4 triple homicide in Utah, waived extradition during a court appearance on Friday, May 22. Miller, of Blakesburg, Iowa, was arrested in Pagosa Springs on March 5 on a weapons charge, a charge of aggravated motor vehicle theft and for Utah authorities following a multistate effort. Local charges against Miller were dropped to facilitate his extradition back to Utah to face charges there. According to Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux, Miller was picked up from the Archuleta County Detention Facility the morning of Monday, May 25.

From Utah to Colorado
According to the Utah Department of Public Safety, on March 4, the Wayne County Emergency Communications Center was notified by the husbands of a pair of hikers that they had discovered their wives deceased near a trailhead. That evening, law enforcement confirmed the double homicide — an aunt and niece, Linda Dewey, 65, and Natalie Graves, 34 — and located a suspicious vehicle. The agency reported that the hikers’ vehicle, a Subaru Outback, was also identified as stolen. The agency reported that officers traveled to the residence of the suspicious vehicle’s owner in Lyman, Utah, the same evening, where they discovered the third victim, Margaret Oldroyd, 86, deceased. ■ See Suspect A8

County applying for fire mitigation work grant

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, May 19, Sheriff Mike Le Roux presented a fire mitigation work grant opportunity through the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. According to a press release on FEMA’s website, on March 25, FEMA announced the funding opportunity, making \$1 billion available to local governments, states, territories and tribal nations, “empowering them to take decisive, proactive steps to protect their communities from potential disasters like fires, floods, earthquakes and hurricanes.” The press release also states, “This investment will generate jobs, protect private property, strengthen infrastructure, reduce the cost of future disasters

and—most importantly—save lives.” During the work session, Le Roux explained that a portion of the grant application needed to be submitted by June 1, but that he would come before the BoCC again later in June with the final grant application. Le Roux spoke about the Oak Fire that occurred in August 2025, explaining that it was 75 acres in size. “One of the primary objectives was to keep it out of Martinez Canyon,” he said, referencing a map of the area and describing the canyon as a “deep, dark vein” of untreated fuel that backs up to Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) neighborhoods. He explained that Martinez Canyon splits and part of that split also backs up to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) infrastructure, “which is critical infrastructure for us.” Le Roux also mentioned that the other part of the canyon runs through U.S. Forest Service land in the Turkey Springs area, noting the Forest Service

has done a “great job of mastication and mitigation” on the west side of the canyon as the east side of the canyon backs up to residences. Le Roux noted the canyon is about 2.85 miles long following the direction of prevailing winds, “and it’s nasty in there.” During the Oak Fire, preevacuation notices were issued for areas east of the fire along U.S. 160, going up North Pagosa Boulevard to Capitan Circle, Le Roux noted, explaining that an assessment of that area of pure property value is about \$720 million and makes up approximately one-third of PLPOA. Le Roux noted that property value assessment did not include “our critical infrastructure,” including businesses located in the Country Center Drive Plaza just on the other side of North Pagosa Boulevard. “So, we’re looking at doing as much as we can with this project to mitigate this canyon and protect these residences and everything in this surrounding

area,” Le Roux said. He went on to explain that about 300 acres in the canyon have been selected for the project for fuel thinning and mastication, totaling about \$750,000. Le Roux indicated that the county will be applying for \$562,500 through the BRIC grant program, leaving roughly a 25 percent match for the county at about \$187,500. He noted there may be other grant opportunities at a later point to bring the county’s match down, “but at this point we have to take responsibility for the 25 percent match.” Le Roux explained that there are six properties that cover the canyon, which include private properties, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and PLPOA properties. He mentioned that the BLM has a 40-acre parcel in the area and has indicated that it would support the work and would likely be responsible for the ■ See Grant A9

Town council vacancy remains

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At a May 19 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting, Town Clerk April Hessman informed the council that “we have not gotten any letters of interest” to fill the town council vacancy. The open seat is an at-large seat that was formerly held by Matt DeGuise. The seat was not filled in the town’s April election. “So, we are looking for a new council member to be appointed,” Hessman said. The Town of Pagosa Springs, pur-

suant to the town charter, put out a public notice that there’s currently one vacancy on the town council, a seven-person governmental body, per the charter. The council must now appoint someone to the seat, per the town charter, with the town’s notice on the matter stating that the candidate would be chosen to fill the vacancy at the May 19 town council meeting. However, no candidate had filled out the letter of interest application, found on the town’s website, for the seat by the May 13 deadline. Hessman explained that because no one had applied, the town would ■ See Vacancy A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce
The U.S. flag is raised and lowered to half staff at Monday’s Memorial Day service at Hilltop Cemetery. The services was put on by the American Legion Post 108.

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OUR VIEW

Dream big and leap together

On Saturday, we'll have the pleasure of watching and documenting the vast majority of the members of Archuleta County's class of 2026 as they mark the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next at the graduation ceremonies for Pagosa Springs High School and San Juan Mountain School.

These young adults — who, as well as other members of the local class of 2026, are featured in Section B of this week's SUN — will be entering the next phase of their lives with valuable skills, good ideas and big dreams, and they will undoubtedly change the world in ways big and small.

Let's support them as they work to make their lives, communities and world better, and let's all take this season of growth and opportunity to remind ourselves to do the same.

We're never too old for a new skill, a new big dream or to implement a good idea — or to support others who are doing the same.

This time of year videos and quotes from commencement speeches are spread far and wide to share wisdom, encouragement

and positivity, and we love the inspiration they provide. But, we'd also like to repeat the words Kermit the Frog said during his "Kermencement" address to University of Maryland graduates last year: "Here's a little advice, if you're willing to listen to a frog: Rather than jumping over someone to get what you want, consider reaching out your hand and taking the leap side by side, because life is better when we leap together."

We absolutely agree we are are better when we leap together.

This is also the time of year we refocus on other things strive to remember year-round:

Thank people who help you. A sincere, handwritten thank you can mean a lot, both in your chance to reflect on what they've done and in allowing them to hear the impact they've made.

Be grateful for the little things and the big things.

Remember to stop and breathe, and get some fresh air. Find the beauty around you.

Listen to others and take their view-

points into consideration. You don't have to always agree, but be civil and willing to listen.

Keep in mind we often have more in common than what divides us.

Be willing to change your mind when you learn something new.

When life is busy, make time for people. Your relationships with your family and friends are important.

As Kermit said, "It's important to stay connected to your loved ones, stay connected to your friends and, most of all, stay connected to your dreams, no matter how big, no matter how impossible they seem. The truth is, dreams are how we figure out where we want to go, and life is how we get there."

We can't wait to see where life takes these graduates, their skills and their dreams, and we wish each and every graduate nothing but the best.

Congratulations, graduates. Continue to dream big and leap together.

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the June 12, 1986, Pagosa SUN — ABSENT AND UNACCOUNTED FOR — Search and rescue personnel were relieved to learn this Ford Bronco found in the San Juan River Tuesday morning was unoccupied. Though its driver was later discovered to be safely ashore, he is being held on a felony warrant issued in Cheyenne, Wyo.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 28, 1926

On last Saturday, May 22nd, the day being set for the annual clean-up day at the cemetery, about 200 people gathered there and spent the day working. Men with teams turned out and it is estimated that close to one hundred loads of gravel was placed on the streets thru the cemetery.

The county commissioners kindly sent a grader, which aided greatly in the work. A most splendid donation was received by the Committee and they still have money to pay for moving the fence and taking in the new grounds.

At the noon hour a fine dinner was spread for all present and coffee served by the Woman's Civic Club. The streets and grounds are in much better shape than they have ever been. The day was a big success in every way.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking each and every one who in the least way helped in this work, and especially Harry Macht, who spent a good deal of time in soliciting money, helpers and teams.

— Committee in Charge.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 1, 1951

The Belarde Brothers saw mill located on the Trujillo road just south of town was damaged considerably last Friday when it caught fire from the slab pit. The Pagosa Springs Volunteer Fire Department and the county fire truck as well as a considerable number of people responded to call for aid and the mill was saved from total destruction.

According to reports a strong wind blew some burning embers from the slab pit into a pile of fresh sawed ties, where the fire started. The major part of the damage was to the stockpiled ties and sawed lumber. The mill house was saved from any actual damage as was all the machinery with the exception of the tracks and rollers to the slab pit and the lumber piles.

The volunteers and the town fire truck hauled several loads of water and this was used most effectively. The county fire truck was filled from water at the mill well. Volunteer helpers moved large piles of lumber so that it would not be damaged. The fire was brought under control in a couple of hours and the town truck returned to Pagosa Springs.

The damage was not covered by insurance and is variously estimated from \$6,000 to \$11,000.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 27, 1976

There are still a few never-say-die snowmobilers getting in some trips up in the Wolf Creek Pass area. The snow there is going fast but in some places there is plenty of snow for snowmobilers. Most outdoorsmen, though, have taken out rod and reel and are getting in some fishing.

There will be one primary election contest in the county this year with Chris Chavez and Willard Seibel to face each other in the Democratic primary for nomination as a candidate for county commissioner. The other commissioner district had no contest for nomination, with Norman Ottaway being nominated by the Democrats. The Republicans had no contests with W.H. Diestelkamp and Dr. Leonard Marquez being nominated for their respective districts.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 31, 2001

As the morning sun pierced an early cloud cover sending eerie shadows across the parade ground, the Stars and Stripes were raised to the top of the flag pole and then slowly lowered to half staff.

It was a signal moment in the first of two American Legion-sponsored Memorial Day ceremonies Sunday, events which drew young and old to hear remarks saluting the men and women who have died in war that we Americans might celebrate freedom.

Perhaps 50 persons attended the opening ceremony at the Mullins-Nickerson Legion Hall in Town Park, an event serving as a warmup for the full ceremony to be held just 45 minutes later in Hilltop Cemetery.

With two buglers sounding the call to arms, a rifle squad fired the traditional salute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and the names of each of those county residents known to have died in battle were sounded by members of the audience.

Prayers, short statements of purpose and memorial comments at the early observance set the stage for more formal ceremonies at the cemetery.

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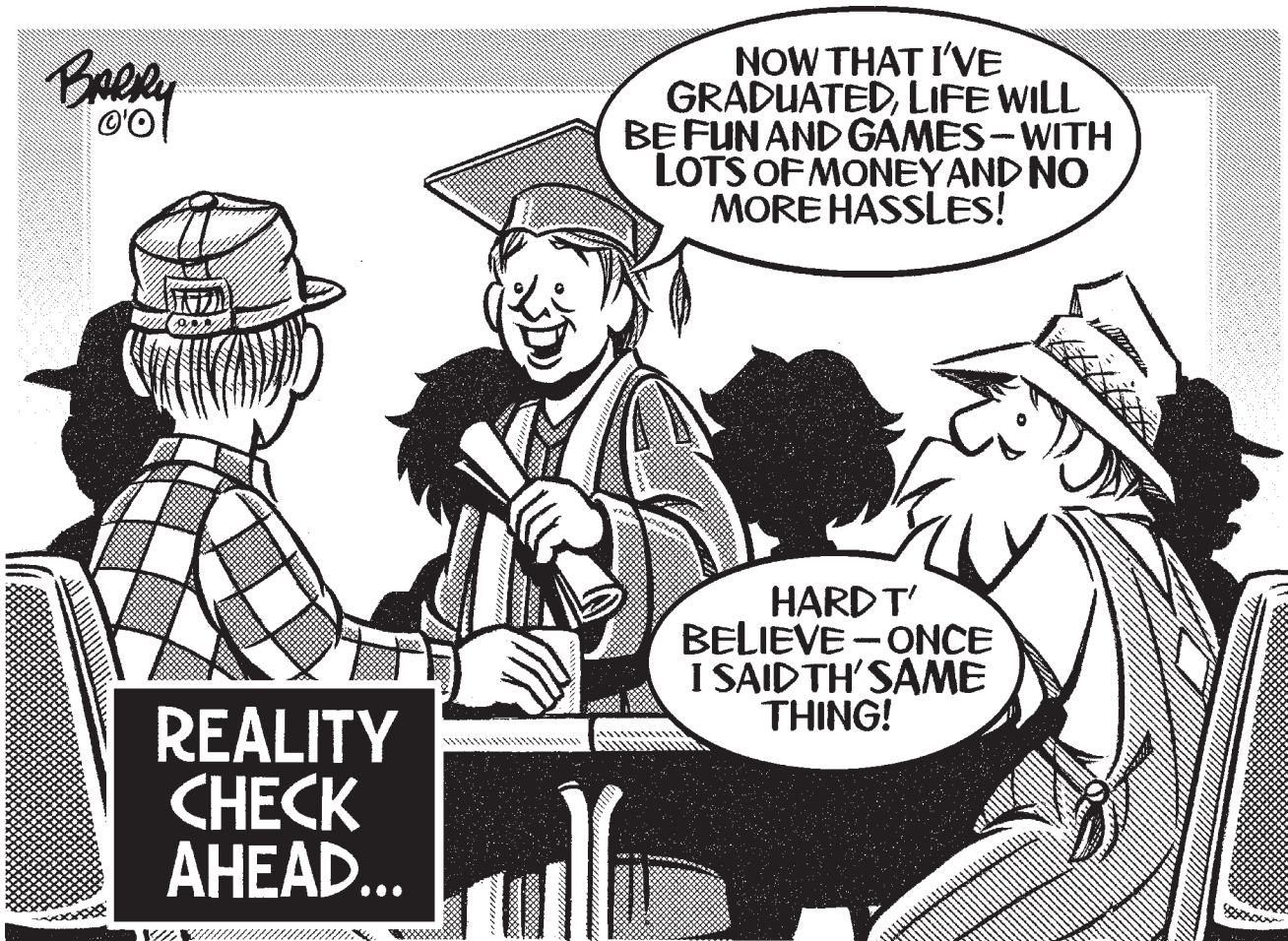


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Dust kills

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention that many drivers are clueless about the speed of their vehicles and the amount of dust it creates. Cutting speed in 1/2 reduces dust by 75%. I'm curious if some drivers ever look in their review mirrors to see what kind of pollution they are leaving behind? Dust Kills. Period. Many older home-steads are built close to these dirt roads. Real people still live in these homes and suffer day in and day out from a haze of filthy dust lingering in the air. If a driver will simply reduce their speed, especially if passing a home along the road, it will make an incredible difference in the environment. Again, reducing speed, reduces dust. I challenge drivers to make a choice to reduce their driving speed, pay attention, be alert to the effect you are having on your neighbors, be courteous. Please show a little compassion.

Betsy Carpino

La cultura cura

Dear Editor:

Last week, communities across New Mexico and the Southwest mourned the passing of Al Hurricane Jr., who died Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at his home in Albuquerque. Known as "El Godson" of New Mexico music — a title inherited from his father, Al Hurricane, widely considered "The Godfather" of New Mexico music — his music carried generations of cultural memory across the region.

Several years ago, Al Hurricane Jr. served as the headlining performer for the first year of revitalizing the fiestas in Pagosa Springs after nearly a 20-year hiatus.

More than 700 people gathered in Pagosa Springs from across the Four Corners region and beyond for the community-led celebration. Elders spoke Spanish with pride, youth danced folklórico, families reconnected, and neighbors gathered through music, food, and shared memory across generations.

"La cultura cura" roughly translates to "culture heals," reflecting the understanding that culture itself can help sustain communities through hardship, grief, and change. Across the Southwest, it also reflects the interconnected Indigenous, Hispano, Mexican, Chicano, immigrant, rural, and multicultural histories that continue shaping life in our region today.

At its core, La Cultura Cura was intended to foster a welcoming and inclusive space where diverse communities — particularly communities that do not always feel fully seen in rural spaces — could gather in celebration, connection, and belonging.

The gathering reflected the reality that communities across the Borderlands have always carried layered identities and histories — cultural, racial, political, generational, spiritual, and personal — that cannot be easily reduced into a single box.

As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary and Colorado nears its 150th anniversary, moments like these remind us that preserving and carrying forward the cultures, languages, stories, and traditions that shaped our region must also leave room for the full complexity of the communities continuing to shape it today.

At a time when many communities feel fragmented and isolated, gatherings like these remind us that culture itself can be medicine.

La cultura cura. When the system fails, the community sustains health. Rosa Chávez

Support for Naomi Riess

Dear Editor:

I am proud to offer my full support and endorsement of Naomi Riess as the Republican candidate for House District 59.

I have known Naomi for many years, and during that time she has shown a deep and lasting commitment to the people and communities of Southwest Colorado. Long before running for office, Naomi was actively engaged in the issues that matter most to our region - supporting agriculture, protecting our rural way of life and standing up for families and small businesses.

Naomi understands that agriculture is not only a cornerstone of our local economy but also an important part of our heritage. She has consistently supported farmers and ranchers and recognizes the challenges they face.

She also understands that the strength of Southwest Colorado lies in its hardworking families, small businesses, and strong local communities.

At a time when thoughtful and dedicated leadership matters more than ever, Naomi Riess is the right person to represent House District 59. She brings integrity, common sense, and a genuine desire to serve the people of this district.

I encourage friends and neighbors across Southwest Colorado to rally behind Naomi just as many of you supported me. Whether by volunteering, contributing, or simply spreading the word, your involvement will make a real difference as we work toward victory in 2026.

Clark Craig Ignacio, Colo.

Support for Veronica Medina

Dear Editor:

In recent years, I've attended many Board of County Commissioners meetings. At a work session earlier this year, Building Official Randy Betts gave a detailed presentation about the new Wildfire Resiliency Code. Heled Commissioners through his department's analysis of the new code, meetings with state officials and advisors, and the path forward to balance compliance with cost.

Mr. Betts noted that the assessment was less dire than anticipated. The work done to develop a better understanding of the code requirements and options, local construction practices, and the construction supply chain revealed that builders were already doing things that looked new on paper and overall cost increases would be less than originally estimated. His was not a Chicken Little, "sky is falling" conclusion.

But then Commissioner Brown opened remarks with his well-worn screed about unfunded mandates, and Commissioner Ranson launched his usual attack on the State (as if it were a foreign enemy). And curiously, Mr. Betts tone and assessment of the code shifted.

He didn't push back with staff's research or his just-concluded remarks. He didn't let the remarks pass unanswered. Instead, he veered toward the preferred critique the others wanted to make.

That's not leadership. That's going along to get a promotion with hoped for, if not already then promised, support from Brown and Ranson.

Mr. Betts's opponent is Veronica Medina. Ms. Medina has spent her term engaging actively and visibly in the community. She listens and responds, which is not to say every response is a solution or the desired outcome. She challenges staff and her colleagues with questions and ideas in a sincere effort to make the County better or more efficient. That's leadership.

To be clear, I do not share Ms.

Medina's views on many issues. I appreciate her commitment to the duties she undertook to be one of three executives, to be informed and speak her mind, to consider the needs of all her constituents, and to find ways forward that are not dictated by political convenience.

Ms. Medina will be a stronger Commissioner for Archuleta County than her opponent.

Candace Jones

Memorial Day and public lands

Dear Editor:

During April I had the solemn honor and privilege of attending an interment ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. "Few images linger in the national imagination as vividly as this hallowed ground," Robert Poole wrote in On Hallowed Ground: The Story of Arlington National Cemetery. "Almost four million people visit the place each year, to pay homage..."

During a lifetime of public service (military and civilian) and public lands hunting, hiking, climbing, and related pursuits, I've been privileged to set foot in all 50 states, experiencing a wide swath of our great public lands estate while also paying homage to those who have fought and died for it since our Declaration of Independence in 1776, nearly 250 years ago.

Colorado is home to more than 23 million acres of public lands that provide clean drinking water for communities across the state, support wildlife habitat and sustain a thriving outdoor recreation economy. Recently the Colorado Senate passed Joint Resolution 26-015, reaffirming our state's commitment to protecting public lands and opposing federal efforts to sell off public lands or silence public input in their management.

Hunters, anglers, and many others know from hard-earned, boots-on-the-ground experience that our public lands and waters are intertwined with our freedom and democracy. Lose one or the other and we'll likely lose both. "None of our freedoms are here because they were gifted to us or were sure things; they're here because those who came before us fought for them," Backcountry Hunters & Anglers President and CEO Ryan "Cal" Callaghan said.

Veterans, perhaps better than

■ See Letters A4

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of June 1-6

Work activity

• Striping operations are wrapping up in order to move concrete barriers to get ready for the traffic shift from the south side of U.S. 160 onto the north side.

• Hot Springs Boulevard intersection: The work team is planning on closing access to Hot Springs Boulevard (the south side of the intersection to the bridge) to make utility and paving improvements in conjunction with the Town of Pagosa Springs. This closure is anticipated to take place between June 3 and June 18.

• Overlook parking lot: During the same closure of Hot Springs Boulevard, the team is planning on closing the overlook parking lot for utility updates. The closure is expected from June 3-18, and the Town of Pagosa Springs will be promoting alternative parking options in the lot near the old courthouse building off of 5th Street.

• The intersection closure at Lewis Street and U.S. 160 remains in place. Please utilize 4th, 7th and 8th streets as an alternative to access businesses along Lewis Street. With the access closure, left-turn signals have been extended at the 4th Street intersection; look for the green left-turn arrow at the northwest corner of 4th and Pagosa Street (U.S. 160).



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation
Concrete lanes have been poured and cured, and traffic will shift from the south side of U.S. 160 to the north side next week.

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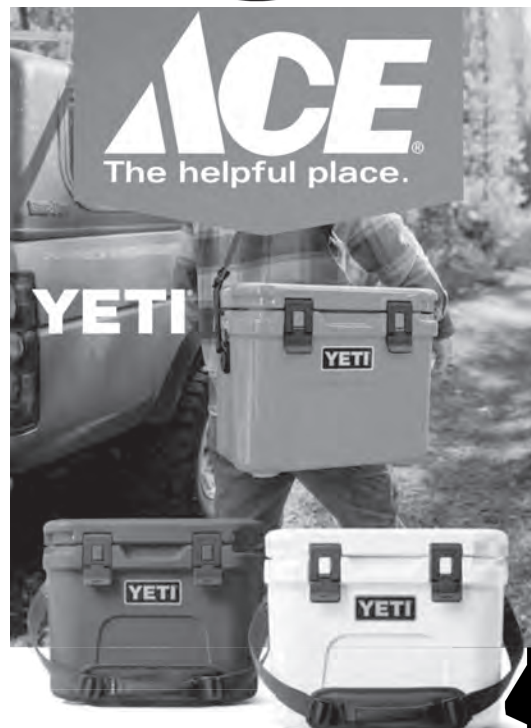
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John Charles ‘Chuck’ Jordan

John Charles “Chuck” Jordan, 88, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away on May 1, 2026, surrounded by his family. He was born on Oct. 22, 1937, in Denver, Colo.



A devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, Chuck lived a life grounded in service, discipline and unwavering commitment to those he loved.

He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps with the 3rd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, during the mid-1950s. His service took him across the Pacific and into multiple regions of Asia. He embarked from San Diego in October 1955 aboard the USS General J. C. Breckinridge, arriving in Yokohama, Japan, and continued operations throughout Japan and Okinawa. He later served with Battalion Landing Team 3/3, traveling extensively aboard naval vessels, including the USS Thuban.

During his deployments, Chuck served in British North Borneo, Pakistan, India and Ceylon, as well as throughout Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, Iwo Jima and the Philippines. On Jan. 15, 1957, while crossing the equator at 105° 24' 00" east longitude, he earned the time-honored distinction of “Shellback.” He concluded his overseas service in July 1957, returning to the United States aboard the USS General Anderson and arriving in San Francisco.

Following his military service, Chuck married Gayle Lee Gibson, with whom he had three sons: Ronnie, Donald and Scott.

Chuck went on to build a distinguished career in the woodworking industry. Through hard work, vi-

sion and leadership, he owned and operated multiple international businesses, employing hundreds of people over the course of his career. He was known for his craftsmanship, entrepreneurial drive, and the opportunities he created for others both locally and abroad.

Chuck had a deep appreciation for the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snow skiing, and was an accomplished golfer. This love ultimately brought him to Pagosa Springs, where he lived for the past 34 years. He especially loved serving as a guide, outbacking hunters through the Weminuche Wilderness and the San Juan Mountains — experiences that combined his love of the outdoors, adventure and fellowship.

Chuck’s love for the outdoors was shared across decades of tradition with family and close friends. For more than 60 years, he spent time hunting throughout Idaho, California, Utah and Colorado, often alongside his brother Donald, his son Donald, and his best friend, Mike Hall. These trips were among his proudest and happiest moments. He also enjoyed a memorable weeklong fishing trip in Canada with his brother, a time filled with camaraderie and lasting memories.

Beyond the outdoors, Chuck valued time spent building and contributing alongside those close to him. Through his involvement with YMCA Indian Guides in California, he participated in activities such as camping, sailing, holiday events and annual Memorial Day work projects at Camp Arbolado, where he helped build bunkbeds and support camp improvements. Whether working on home projects, building decks or lending a hand wherever needed, he took pride in creating, teaching and working side by side with others.

He was also deeply committed to his community. In Pagosa Springs, he volunteered with Veterans for Veterans and was a regular attendee of Pagosa Bible Church. Along with his friend Kenny Rodgers, he helped

start an annual golf tournament that continues to raise thousands of dollars for veterans in need.

On April 29, 1989, Chuck married Judith “Judy” Jordan, with whom he shared many years of love and partnership.

Chuck was known for his steady presence, strong values and quiet leadership. He instilled discipline and a strong work ethic in his children, leaving a lasting influence on their lives. He will be remembered as dependable, principled and deeply devoted to his family.

Chuck is survived by his beloved wife, Judith “Judy” Jordan; his sons, Ronnie, Donald and Scott; his stepson, Richard; his brother, Dennis; as well as his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lauretta; his father, John; his brother, Donald; and his sister, Sherry.

He will be remembered for his service to his country, his dedication to his family, his commitment to his community and the enduring legacy he leaves behind.

A memorial service will be held at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, on July 25, 2026, at 10 a.m., with military honors to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Veterans for Veterans in Pagosa Springs.

Semper fidelis.

Jesse Richard ‘Rick’ Taylor

Jesse Richard “Rick” Taylor, of Lubbock, a cherished husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on May 6, 2026, at the age of 71. Born on May 12, 1954, in Richland, Wash., Rick lived a life rich with love, loyalty and adventure. He graduated from Roswell High School and went on to serve his country proudly as a Marine, later dedicating his life to public service as a police officer, then a small business owner.

His professional journey culminated in becoming a small business owner in the propane industry, where he was the heartbeat of AAA Propane.

Despite the demands of his work, Rick’s true joy was rooted in the love for his family and friends. Described as a gentle giant, he had an innate ability to make everyone feel seen and valued. Those fortunate enough to know him quickly discovered the warmth of his loyalty and the depth of his servant’s heart.

He relished spending time outdoors hunting. He always appreciated the beauty of nature. His passion for cooking was evident in his many family gatherings, where he shared his love of hunting by preparing delicious meals from his successful trips.

Rick is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara Taylor; sister, Lynne Kaiser; stepdaughters Lisa Coffman, Staci Gass and Veronica Kelton. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Tia Dupont (Jereme Dupont), Zach Gass (Ashtyn Gass) and Tyler Kelton; nephew Taylor Morgan; as well as great-grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as “Papa Rick.” He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, friendship and unwavering support, which will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Rick was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Taylor, and his mother, Bonita Taylor.

As we reflect on his life, let us keep his memory alive — through stories of laughter, love and the unyielding loyalty he inspired in others. Rick will be deeply missed, but his spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those he touched.



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most, understand that our public lands and waters are inextricably linked to our freedom and democracy. And I haven't spent a lifetime outdoors hunting, hiking, climbing, camping, and canoeing, plus 15 years of military training and service, just to let a bunch of “Epstein class” billionaire buzzards and oligarch-wannabes waltz in and liquidate our democracy and public lands without a fight.

This Memorial Day, we honor those who died fighting for the freedoms which we are now losing, but we're not backing down. Join us!

David A. Lien
Colorado Springs, Colo.

PAWSD

Dear Editor:

I bought my house in 2001. It was a true fixer requiring a lot of work but it was what I could afford. 550 sq. feet was good for just me.

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I replaced the toilet with a low flow, bought a smart clothes washer and replaced the water heater. The PAWS bill was \$21.90.

It remained \$21.90 for years even though I planted flowers, a couple trees, and a couple bushes.

Then PAWS put in their new facility with the “green house” that was going to pay for itself with the fertilizer it produced. I’m told the money maker was a bust and the waste goes to the landfill and my bill started the steady progression of up and up. There is a very nice facility I’m sure the employees enjoy, although now they do work behind locked gates “in fear for their lives?” I see in the report it was only \$21,000 to keep them safe.

The best idea came with pumping the feces and all the human waste up the mountain from down town. There’s a well known saying about “poo” not rolling up hill. After replacing the pumps over and over and over the poop still doesn’t want to roll up hill.

Now I see the PAWS board is broke and looking for a way out of the mess they created.

My PAWS bill is now \$84.63 for the

same 1,000 min. water use and the sewage charge my one person produces.

The charge for a single-family home hook-up \$2,815 in standard connection fee, plus System Capital Investment Fee amounting to \$26,158. per Equivalent Unit! Maybe people are not investing because of these outrageous fees.

Something just does not add up, where is the money?

Rebecca Smith

Editor's note: The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID), not the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), operates the pumped pipeline conveyance system. The PSSGID pays PAWSD to treat the wastewater.

The last veteran

Dear Editor:

Perhaps someday in America, one last veteran will live. He will be the final old soldier, sitting quietly on a porch as the rest of the world moves on around him, scarcely aware of what is about to disappear forever. He will wake early out of habit, his stiff joints creaking like old military equipment being coaxed to life in freezing weather. He will shuffle slowly into a kitchen now run mostly by smart appliances, and his refrigerator will chime to remind him it is Memorial Day, instantly offering a digital coupon for chicken wings.

Civilization will take strange turns. Wars will persist mostly as late-night documentaries narrated by calm, detached voices searching for the next segment in an endless news cycle. Classroom essays will treat past conflicts as purely historical, stripping away the blood, sweat, and mud. The sacrifices of millions will be reduced to animated maps and tidy bullet points on projector screens. Schoolchildren will visit him on field trips, study his weathered face with innocent curiosity, and ask questions like, “Did soldiers really carry guns?” or “Was war an actual thing?” They will regard him not with reverence or pity, but with the same bewilderment reserved for something almost

mythical.

And honestly, maybe that will be the greatest victory veterans ever achieve—helping create generations so safe, so insulated, that they can scarcely imagine the horrors of war. The peace he and others like him fought for will have succeeded so thoroughly that it may dull the memory of the brutal conflict required to secure it. Yet even as he recognizes that profound triumph, being the last veteran will be incredibly lonely. Not because nobody cares, but because he will be the sole keeper of a ghost world, a living bridge to a harsh reality few others alive will fully grasp.

When that final old soldier closes his eyes and joins his long-departed comrades, the living link to that sacrifice will snap. On that day, Memorial Day will transform from a solemn act of shared national remembrance into a mere page in a digital history book, as abstract and distant as the Peloponnesian War.

That inevitable milestone leaves us with a haunting question to consider now, while our veterans are still here: when the last man or woman who stood between America and its enemies has passed, will a society that no longer remembers the cost of its freedom still have the will and character to defend it?

Russ Widener

PSMC Welcomes



Courtney Barnes, LCSW

PSMC is proud to announce that Courtney Barnes, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has joined the Integrated Behavioral Health team in the Primary Care Clinic, and is now accepting appointments.

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Business



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The annual car show will take place at Yamaguchi Park June 12 and 13, featuring classic cars, hot rods, custom vehicles, live music and more.

Chamber gearing up for season of community events

By **Sandy Douthey**
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for exciting season of community events, highlighted by the Chamber's annual car show and the 19th Hole Concerts put on by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado.

Car show

The car show is scheduled to take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on June 12 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 13. Classic cars, hot rods, and custom vehicles will line the street, offering a nostalgic and family-friendly experience.

The event draws car enthusiasts from across the

region. Attendees can expect live music by the Brooks-I Band, local food vendors, and opportunities to meet vehicle owners and learn the stories behind their restorations.

The show not only celebrates automotive craftsmanship, but also supports local businesses by increasing foot traffic throughout Pagosa Springs.

19th Hole Concerts

In addition to the car show, the Pagosa Springs community is looking forward to the 19th Hole Concert Series presented by the Community Foundation.

This is a vibrant concert series running the entire month of June each Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

This serves as a hub for community engagement

while giving local nonprofits a platform to connect with residents and visitors alike.

The nonprofits to be featured this year will be Wings Early Childhood Center (June 4), Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (June 11), Pagosa Community Initiative (June 18), and Aspire Medical Services and Education (June 25).

The 19th Hole Concert Series will feature live entertainment, local artisans, food vendors and family-friendly activities. The event emphasizes community spirit while helping raise awareness and support for the nonprofits that play a vital role in Archuleta County.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend, support local organizations and enjoy everything the town has to offer.

CDOT unveils transportation plan for next 10 years

Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has formally approved its comprehensive 10-Year Plan for more than 250 projects across the state.

This comprehensive plan serves as an action-oriented investment strategy roadmap, designed to enhance the state's economy, preserve the quality of life for all residents, and ensure a more connected and efficient transportation network for the next decade.

"This 10-Year Plan is part of our firm commitment to a safer, more connected future for every Coloradan," said Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "This plan was developed through countless conversations with Colorado residents, local elected officials, technical experts and many others dedicated to improving Colorado's roads. Even in a time of limited financial resources, this plan reflects the unique landscape of our state, helps to maintain and

enhance our roads and bridges, and improves safety for every member of the traveling public. We can make a meaningful improvement to fix our roads, make them safer and give people more and better choices for getting around."

CDOT's most recent 10-Year Plan has already delivered measurable progress in improving pavement conditions across the state. Recent performance trends show steady gains in the percentage of roadways in good condition and continued reductions in those in poor condition.

These results demonstrate that sustained, strategic investment is moving the needle today, and will continue to drive improvements for Colorado's transportation system in the decade ahead. This focus is evident as approximately 55 percent of all 10-Year Plan projects include pavement work.

The 10-Year Plan is a targeted subset of the broader Statewide Transportation Plan, helping translate the long-term vision of the

recently updated Statewide Transportation Plan into a clear, measurable pipeline of priority projects throughout Colorado.

Focusing on near- and mid-term implementation, the 10-Year Plan provides transparency into how state funds are allocated and how each project aligns with the evolving transportation needs of the state.

The strategy of the 10-Year Plan is built around CDOT's three core pillars that will guide investment decisions the next decade:

- Fix our roads: Prioritizing significantly improving infrastructure conditions through the repair or replacement of aging bridges and miles of roadway across every region.
- Advance transportation safety: Implementing critical safety projects

to help ensure that every traveler arrives at their destination securely, regardless of their mode of travel.

- Sustainably increase transportation choices: Expanding multimodal connections and providing viable alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle travel.

Key initiatives within this 10-Year Plan include the Colorado Mountain Rail and Front Range Passenger Rail projects, which are designed to sustainably enhance transportation options by developing a passenger rail network that connects mountain towns and Front Range communities with Denver. These rail initiatives leverage existing infrastructure to meet increasing demand for efficient and safe travel alternatives in Colorado.

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Southwestern Water Conservation District names sole finalist for general manager position

Southwestern Water Conservation District

Following a nationwide search for a successor to current general manager Steve Wolff, the board of the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) named Andrew Straub-Heidke as the sole finalist for the position.

Straub-Heidke is currently a senior hydrologist with Spheros Environmental, formerly LRE Water, in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

The SWCD board is impressed with Straub-Heidke's extensive Colorado water rights and water

project experience with a wide variety of stakeholders across diverse and complex projects. The board is also pleased with Straub-Heidke's familiarity with and knowledge of the hydrology and communities of southwestern Colorado, along with his experience working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Colorado law requires a two-week waiting period between publicly naming a finalist and making a formal offer of employment for chief executive officers at public entities. Terms of employment and Straub-Heidke's start date will be included in any formal offer of employment.

Straub-Heidke will replace Wolff, who will retire this summer after five exemplary years as the SWCD's general manager. The board expresses its best wishes to Wolff in his retirement.

The SWCD is the principal water policy body for the San Juan and Dolores/San Miguel river basins. The district (www.swwcd.org) was created by the Colorado General Assembly in 1941 to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the Southwestern basins for the welfare of the district and to safeguard for Colorado all waters of the basins to which the state is entitled.

Transportation

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Additionally, the Federal Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit project will implement 18 miles of dedicated infrastructure and stations from 120th Avenue to Dartmouth Avenue, providing high-frequency transit while supporting essential pedestrian and bicycle facilities in a busy urban commuting environment.

Community Conversations series to continue June 1 with look at hospital funding

By Candace Jones and Rick Walker

Archuleta County Democrats, Archuleta County Republicans

The free Community Conversations series will continue on June 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. All are welcome.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Rhonda P. Webb, MD, will discuss the financial side of operating a rural hospital and strategy for maintaining local funding at current levels.

Webb's presentation will include time for audience Q-and-A.

The June 1 program is the third of a four-part series. The final program will be held Thursday, June 10, at Pagosa Springs High School and will focus on the county lodging tax.

The series is presented by Archuleta School District, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, the Archuleta County League of Women Voters, the Archuleta County Republican Party and the Archuleta County Democratic Party.

Community Raises an Astonishing \$100,000 at PCI's Second Chance Prom - Archuleta County shows overwhelming support for youth, families and PCI's mission

By: Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

Pagosa Springs, CO — What began as a fundraising goal of \$45,000 ended in a night of extraordinary generosity, community spirit and celebration.

Pagosa Community Initiative's annual Second Chance Prom, held May 16th at the Ross Aragon Community Center, raised \$100,000 to support PCI's work with youth and families in Archuleta County. The total far surpassed the organization's original fundraising goal and will make a lasting impact on the free programs PCI provides throughout the community.

This year's event was nothing short of historic. When the evening began, an anonymous donor stepped forward with a match offer of up to \$36,000 if PCI could raise the additional funds needed. The community responded with incredible enthusiasm, helping the event not only reach but exceed its revised goal of \$60,000 — and ultimately soar to the remarkable \$100,000 total.

"We are humbled beyond words by the generosity of Archuleta County," said Carrie Blue-White, PCI Board Chair and Prom Planning Committee lead. "This community showed up in every possible way — through sponsorships, auction donations, ticket sales, voting, dancing and gifts of every size. Every dollar matters, and together those dollars will help us continue lifting youth and families up where they need it most."

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competition: Allen & Kim Domingo, Kevin & Sunshine Blue, Kari & Scott Burkett, Carli & Adam Luhrs, and crowned King & Queen Julia & Kevin Wood.

"These couples went above and beyond," Blue-White said. "Their dedication and creativity helped inspire the entire community and played a major role in making this such an unforgettable evening."

The organization also gave a heartfelt thank-you to the Prom Planning Committee — Carrie Blue-White, Rebecca Tenpenny, Courtney Wieters and Audrey Bliss — whose five months of planning and hard work brought the event to life.

PCI also emphasized that donations of every size made a difference. From gifts of \$500 and below to major sponsorships and matching contributions, every donation helped build toward the final total and reinforced the shared commitment to local youth and families.

The night was not only a fundraiser, but a celebration — with guests dressed to impress, dancing late into the evening and demonstrating the deep community pride that continues to define Archuleta County.

"This was truly a community victory," Blue-White added. "Thank you, Pagosa Springs. PCI hears you, we appreciate you, and we will continue to support and uplift youth and families in every way we can."

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Students in the Pagosa Peak Strings after-school orchestra program receive applause for their end-of-year concert at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Sunday, May 24. The concert raised more than \$500 for the Pagosa Peak Open School and more than \$100 for nearby music education nonprofit Be Frank Foundation. The Pagosa Peak Strings after-school program will resume in the fall at Pagosa Peak Open School and is open to all students in Archuleta County.

Graduates

Continued from front Pagosa Springs High School

Pagosa Springs High School anticipates having 82 graduates this year.

Leah Blackman earned the honor of being the class valedictorian, and Wiren Reeve Belarmino and Jenna Jenkins both earned the distinction of salutatorian.

The class chose “Where’d All the Time Go” by Dr. Dog as its class song, the rose as its class flower and “You just gotta keep livin man- L I V I N”

as its class motto.

Principal Sean O’Donnell will serve as the speaker at the ceremony.

“Congratulations to you on your achievement of graduation from Pagosa Springs High School,” O’Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN addressing the graduates. “I am so proud of you. Now that you are officially joining all of the past Pagosa Springs High School graduates as alumni, I know you will go out and do remarkable things. Work hard, stay curious, stay humble, and stay kind.”

San Juan Mountain

Suspect

Continued from front

The agency noted there is no known evidence linking the hikers with Oldroyd.

That night, the agency reported, investigators utilized automated license plate readers and real-time tracking to track the Subaru from southern Utah into Colorado.

“The vehicle was tracked through southern Utah into northern Arizona and eventually into Colorado,” according to the Utah agency.

At approximately 11:10 p.m. on March 4, the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) and Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office were notified of a possible stolen vehicle related to three suspicious deaths occurring in Wayne County, Utah, according to a PSPD press release.

“A Pagosa Springs police officer found the vehicle within the city limits,” the PSPD press release explains. “The vehicle was then abandoned in Centennial Park in the down-

town area. PSPD officers secured the vehicle. A manhunt for the suspect ensued with PSPD drones and assistance from La Plata County Sheriff’s deputies providing canines, Archuleta County Sheriff and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.”

At approximately 2:41 a.m., PSPD Assistant Chief Brooks Brown located a subject matching the suspect description, who was later identified as Miller.

On March 11, PSPD Chief William Rockensock explained Miller was found on U.S. 160 between 6th and 7th Streets.

“Upon a frisk of Miller, he was found in possession of a concealed handgun and large knife. Miller was arrested for possession of concealed weapons,” the PSPD press release states. “A subsequent interview linked Miller to the deaths in Utah.”

He was then transported to the Archuleta County detention center, with the Utah agency reporting he

School

San Juan Mountain School’s ceremony will feature 18 graduates.

Judith Berry earned the distinction of class valedictorian, with Raven Allen earning the salutatorian title.

The class chose “Brick in the Wall” by Pink Floyd as its class song, the dahlia as its class flower and “Don’t go with the flow, make your own flow” as its class motto.

Jeanne Marie Dahler will serve as the graduation speaker.

“We are looking forward to celebrating this wonderful group of graduates

this Saturday at our ceremony,” Principal Stewart Bellina wrote in an email to The SUN. “The class of 2026 set the bar at a high level for future graduates. This class set records for the highest percentage of scholarships, the highest number of students meeting early graduation requirements, and the most graduates enrolled for college next fall. I am sure they will continue to amaze us with their success in the years to come. They are all driven, creative, passionate, and kind, and we will certainly miss them on our campus.”

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The affidavit states, “The suspect was later contacted and arrested after admitting to coming to Colorado from Utah and stating he had killed someone.”

It adds the keys to the Subaru were located in the suspect’s pocket upon his arrest.

A separate affidavit indicates the suspect also had a firearm on his person upon arrest and reportedly stated he had a knife.

“It was later determined he also had a large kitchen knife in the holster with a lot of blood on it,” it states.

It notes Miller was identified by his driver’s license.

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Vacancy

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be extending the deadline to apply to June 10.

She urged potential applicants to “come on out and join the team.”

“We did put it in the paper. We put in our website, and we have not gotten any letters of interest, so we are really looking for someone to come on out” and apply for the position, she said.

If all goes as planned and applications are turned in, the council will appoint someone to the seat at its second meeting in June, she noted.

Potential candidates must be a resident of and live within the boundary limits of the Town of Pagosa Springs.

The council will interview candidates in public at that second June meeting, she added.

“Then you guys can decide and appoint someone to that empty at-large seat, so hopefully people can find that information on our website, the application as well as the requirements, as far as living in town,” she said.

The position pays \$200 a month,

she added, so “if you know anybody, please have them come out and join the fun.”

Mayor Shari Pierce also urged her fellow council members to “reach out to people in the community that you think might be good members to join us and get that seat filled,” pointing to the empty seat.

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Budgets

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and four-year enrollment averaging.
More on the changing school finance formulas, which is based on numerous factors, can be found at <https://ed.cde.state.co.us/cdefinefinance/generalinfo>.

The projected general fund revenue and expenses are balanced at \$21,515,000 each, Burt indicated, later clarifying that includes the district's mill levy override revenue, other payments from the state, Secure Rural Schools funding and other funding.

The proposed budget reflects a projected decrease in enrollment, with the budget based on a funded pupil count of 1,532.7 — down 47.6 from 1,580.3 in 2025-2026 and 1,616.8 in 2024-2025.

Burt noted that the two years that dropped off the calculation were “easily” the years with the district's highest enrollments.

The proposed budget reflects an increase in per-pupil funding from \$12,268 in 2025-2026 to \$12,922 for 2026-2027 — an increase of \$654.

The budget also reflects an October full-time pupil count of 1,501.5 — down from 1,535.5 in 2025-2026 and 1,535.0 in 2024-2025.

The proposed budget, Burt told the board, includes a 5 percent decrease for non-salary/benefit budget areas.

It also includes a step increase for all employees, but no percent increase to the base salary schedules.

Burt explained later in the meeting the October count number in the budget is conservative, and he's hopeful ASD will see an increase in its October count and could do a midyear percentage increase across the salary schedules, but that the district could also do a onetime bonus out of reserves midyear if the program total does not increase.

Burt noted salaries and benefits of all employees represent 81 percent of

the total general fund budget.

The proposed budget also includes grant fund total revenues and expenditures of \$560,000, as well as \$374,000 for new capital improvement projects, with other previously funded projects that have not been completed also to be included.

Burt noted the district will also cap out this year at the 27 mills, up from 26.014 for 2025-2026, as part of the state's mill levy correction.

Total resources available for the budget totals \$31,498,292 including beginning fund balances, with the district projecting to maintain that \$9.98 million in fund balance at the end of the 2026-2027 year, according to the draft budget.

Burt noted that, because there's not new revenue, there's not a significant change to the budget from the current year.

During board discussion on the proposed budget, board member Amanda Schick asked if there is a strategy to increase the district's enrollment.

“There is not an orchestrated marketing plan,” Superintendent Rick Holt explained.

The draft budget document is available on Board Docs, which can be reached via www.mypagosaschools.org.

BEST grant not awarded

The following day, May 21, the district announced that it was the first on the waiting list for a BEST grant.

In a statement sent to the school community via the district's newsletter, the district explained the BEST board had \$173 million to allocate this year and \$536 million in requests.

The statement notes the BEST board awarded 17 grants — two of which are bond-dependent — and named ASD's project as the first backup project.

ASD asked for \$50 million.

“Being named 18th out of 57 total applications is promising, especially as a large (\$50M) grant request,” the newsletter states. “For context, only three total projects larger than \$20M were awarded this year. Unfortunately, even if both bond-dependent projects were to fail to secure the required matching funds, there would not be enough remaining dollars to fully fund our \$50M application request.”

It adds, “However, our ranking indicates a high likelihood that our proposed project would be funded by BEST next year.”

It notes the ASD board will discuss options on how it wants to proceed at a June 3 work session.

The newsletter outlines potential paths forward:

- The possibility of pursuing a bond in November and then reapply for a BEST grant next spring with the matching dollars secured.

- Wait for next year's BEST grant awards and, if awarded, then pursue a bond in November 2027.

If the Board decides to pursue a bond (this year or next), it will have to reapply for a BEST grant for the required matching funds, the newsletter explains.

Pagosa Peak Open School budget

During its regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 20, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors reviewed its 2026-2027 draft budget, which was presented by Business Manager Derek Walker and board treasurer Pamela Meade.

Walker explained that the school's next budget is based on a total pupil count of 134, up from the 2026 amended budget that shows a total pupil count of 129.

Walker also indicated that PPOS is receiving approximately \$700 more

per student with the state's per pupil funding.

Meade mentioned that the budget is set up to be able to accommodate more expenses associated with potentially having more students enrolled than the 134 included in the budget.

She explained that if additional students are enrolled, “the budget is kind of set up so that we can actually take on more kids without having considerable expenses.”

Meade indicated that PPOS could still accommodate roughly 150 students with its draft budget for next year.

She also explained that if the school does not see additional enrollment, then those additional funds could be used elsewhere, such as going toward the middle school classroom project.

According to the draft budget, total revenues for the 2026-2027 school year are listed at \$2,434,550, which is down from the 2025-2026 amended budget, which shows \$2,721,621 in total expenses.

Total expenses in the draft budget for 2026-2027 are listed at \$2,263,765, which is down from the 2025-2026 amended budget that shows total expenses at \$2,720,118.

The beginning fund balance for 2026-2027 draft budget is listed at \$537,194 and the ending fund balance is listed at \$516,979.

During the meeting, the board also unanimously approved Resolution 2026-001, approving a \$40,000 transfer from the reserve to general fund for phase one of the school's middle school classroom project.

Meade explained that the project is expected to begin mid-June and should be completed by the time next school year starts.

The PPOS board will consider the draft budget for approval at its next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, at 5 p.m.

Grant

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cost of work on its property.

“At this point, everybody's on board with it,” he said.

Le Roux also explained that the mitigation work will focus mostly on the rim of the canyon, noting that is the “best bang for [the] buck” compared to trying to work in the bottom of the canyon in steeper areas.

“We're not gonna go into the bottom of the canyon,” he said, explaining the work along the rim will provide a target area for aerial equipment for if

and when a fire occurs there.

Emergency Management Commander Roy Vega commented that any sort of fuels-reduction work the county can do “is only going to benefit us.”

“Fuels-reduction work is the most important thing we can do to prevent large fire growth, and is also going to be a lot cheaper than if we had to suppress a fire,” Vega added.

Le Roux noted that about \$2 million in suppression was spent on the Oak Fire that lasted three days, with \$660,000 of that being spent in one day

on aerial support alone.

He also commented that since the Plumtaw Fire in May 2022, “We have spent millions in this county on federal land, and on private land, for suppression,” far exceeding the cost of what it takes to mitigate high-risk areas.

Commissioner Veronica Medina expressed support for the project, noting that it would be money well spent.

In response to a question from Medina, Le Roux explained that the “hope” is to receive notice of award in 2027 and that the mitigation work



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Deaglan Denen awarded Rodney Ems Memorial Golf Scholarship

Rodney Ems Memorial Golf Scholarship

The Rodney Ems Memorial Golf Scholarship recently announced seven Four Corners seniors are the recipients of its annual scholarships for 2026.

The scholarship recognizes both academic and athletic achievements of students pursuing higher education and awarded a total of \$14,000 in scholarships this year.

Deaglan Denen, of Pagosa Springs High School; Celia Gallavan, Ian Haste and Austin Romero, of Durango High School; Amita Crowley and Afton Unrein, of Montezuma-Cortez High School; and Julianne Vega, of Dolores High School, were the 2026 scholarship recipients.

They all played on the golf team at

their high school and were awarded the scholarship after demonstrating a dedication to academic success, strong leadership qualities and service to the community.

The Rodney Ems Memorial Golf Scholarship is proud to recognize these seven exceptional student-athletes for their academic and athletic achievements. We are confident they will continue to excel in their academic pursuits, make a positive impact in their communities and maintain their love of the game.

Denen will be attending the University of Utah, where he plans to major in finance.

The Rodney Ems Memorial Golf Scholarship was established in honor of Rodney Ems, a passionate golfer and avid community supporter. Ems

believed in the power of education and the values that golf instills.

The scholarship is open to student golfers who are seniors from a Colorado high school in the Four Corners. Applicants need to demonstrate their love of the game of golf and how it has had an impact on their lives.

The board of the Rodney Ems Memorial Scholarship appreciates the support of the sponsors, donors and participants in the annual golf outing, whose support makes these scholarships possible.

The fourth Annual 2026 Rodney Ems Memorial Scholarship golf outing will be held June 11 at Dalton Ranch Golf Club. For more information about the Rodney Ems Memorial Golf Scholarship, visit www.remsgolf.com or contact remsgolf@gmail.com.



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County development director discusses wetlands, floodplains

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on May 5, Director of Development Eva Kruse discussed differences between a floodplain and a wetland delineation, and how those could affect property owners attempting to develop their land.

“This was just prompted by several calls, concerns over wetlands regulations,” Kruse said, explaining that those are currently included in the county’s land use regulations.

Kruse explained the main difference between a wetland and floodplain is that wetlands are “always wet” with wet soil, whereas a floodplain is an area that may flood with water coming into it from rain or snowmelt.

Kruse then explained that if property owners are looking to have a wetland delineation changed, they have the option of contacting the Army Corps of Engineers to review the delineation “to look more specifically at their property.”

She mentioned there is currently one Army Corps staff member in Durango who is willing to review wetlands delineations at no cost.

According to Kruse’s presentation, property owners can apply for an approved jurisdictional determination with the Army Corps, which is a courtesy service that identifies the presence or absence of wetlands and their boundaries. To apply for this, visit <https://rrs.usace.army.mil>.

Kruse explained that floodplains are usually more intense, posing special flooding hazards.

“This is something we look at with every development,” Kruse said, explaining wetlands and floodplains are always considered.

She also mentioned that county residents are able to participate in

national flood insurance programs with the county using wetland and floodplain regulations.

Kruse went on to mention that an issue being seen recently in the Development Services Department is that property owners are wanting to use surveys that are three to four years old, explaining that a “stamped engineer site plan” showing floodplain or wetlands delineations is needed.

“If you don’t have that, then it puts the onus back on the county — the liabilities back on the county,” Kruse said, explaining that an engineered site plan that has a floodplain delineated is needed “so that we know your development is not going to be in the

“And if you don’t have an engineered site plan or drawing stamped by a licensed Colorado engineer, the liability is on the county if we permit anything in that floodplain,”

Director of Development
Eva Kruse

floodplain.”

Kruse acknowledged that getting a stamped engineered site plan may be more costly to property owners, “but the county cannot permit development in a floodplain.”

“And if you don’t have an engineered site plan or drawing stamped by a licensed Colorado engineer, the liability is on the county if we permit anything in that floodplain,” she added, stressing the importance of addressing this matter and not tak-

ing old surveys, “because conditions have changed.”

Kruse also mentioned that she receives frequent calls from people outside of Colorado looking to purchase property within Archuleta County, and since the October 2025 historic floods, people are wanting to know about wetlands and floodplains, “because it does determine whether or not you can develop on the property.”

“There’s not a whole of option if you’re in the floodplain,” Kruse said, explaining the only option really is to move the development out of the floodplain. “So, that’s your recourse.”

In response to a question from Commissioner John Ranson asking if the county takes on any liability with wetlands, Kruse said, “Absolutely.”

She explained that the county is liable for anything it permits.

“These are federal guidelines that we follow,” she said, explaining that the county adopts a floodplain map from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA.

Ranson then asked how long it might take for the one Army Corps staff member in Durango to look at a specific property in the Lower Blanco area, noting the owners have invested thousands of dollars in equipment.

“I feel somewhat responsible at the county,” he added, commenting that before Kruse’s arrival the county’s Development Services Department was in “disarray.”

Kruse agreed that the situation could’ve been handled differently from the start, explaining she wants people to be aware of these things on the front end, before getting into a project.

She also explained that a surveyor is unable to make a floodplain or wetland determination, noting they likely do not want to take on that liability.

Multiple property owners were then given the chance to speak about their specific situations with stalled-

out projects due to their proposed developments being found to be located in either a floodplain or wetland.

One property owner was joined by their builder, who explained that only a portion of the development lies on a wetland, claiming they’ve taken all of the correct steps to properly build on the land.

The owner commented that finding out part of the property was on a wetland was a “shock,” adding that she already had a septic tank installed and was permitted by the county.

“No issue was raised at that point in time,” she said.

The property owner also commented that she is aware the county is working through issues in the Development Services Department, but asked for consistency.

“Hopefully we can get to a point where there’s consistent messaging, consistent policies and procedures, because ... the different aspects we’ve been involved with ... the process with the county, it’s definitely as soon as someone new is hired, the game changes again,” she said.

Ranson commented that the county has a “good crew” now and is doing everything it can to keep its employees.

Property owners of another residence also spoke about troubles they’ve run into with trying to get a new garage built and permitted, replacing existing buildings on their property.

They explained that the county’s maps show a wetlands determination on their property, and that they’ve been unable to get an Army Corps employee to come to their property.

They noted that the Army Corps will review data, but will not come look at the property.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented that constituents are in these situations at no fault of their own, suggesting there may be other options for residents.

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PAWSD approves letters of support for wildfire planning grants

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors approved letters of support for grant applications by the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership (SJHFHP) and the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP) at its May 14 meeting.

Matt Ford represented the SJHFHP at the meeting, and Danyelle Leentjes represented WEP.

Ford opened his presentation by thanking PAWSD for its previous support of the SJHFHP and explaining that the SJHFHP is fiscally supported by WEP.

He stated that the organization is working on developing a Wildfire Ready Action Plan (WRAP), which will help identify where post-fire impacts are likely to occur and where wildfire prevention projects might be most effective.

The grant funding for the WRAP would be supplied by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCW) through a Water Plan Grant, according to documentation in the board packet for the meeting.

Ford indicated that the WRAP would cover significant portions of the watersheds that PAWSD draws water from.

He stated that the WRAP would cost between \$366,000 and \$400,000, 75 percent of which would be paid for by the Water Plan Grant.

PAWSD board chairman Gene Tautges noted that the area covered by the WRAP includes the San Juan River watershed but does not include the Piedra River watershed and asked why this is so.

Ford explained that the decision was partially due to financial constraints on the project and that the Piedra drainage would open up a “huge” area for analysis, raising the costs, and would contain fewer key assets for the community.

“This was the biggest chunk we thought we could get our arms around from a dollars and cents perspective that also overlapped with values at risk,” Ford said.

Ford indicated that the WRAP would help identify key water and agricultural infrastructure, roads and trails that might be at risk from wildfires, as well as helping increase coordination among emergency

managers and allocate resources to impactful projects.

He stated that the high cost is due to the variety of types of modeling included in the study, including modeling of fire severity and how fire would impact the hydrology of specific watersheds.

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Matt Ford, San Juan
Headwaters Forest Health
Partnership

Ford noted that the funding would also help build justification and documentation for pre-fire projects and help stakeholders seek grant funding for them.

He added that it would also likely help provide documentation needed to receive Federal Emergency Management Agency funding for recovery projects post-fire.

Ford added that, according to post-fire studies in Flagstaff, Ariz., \$1 spent on preparation saves \$7 in total fire costs.

He noted that regional fires have also caused high costs for local organizations and economic losses.

Ford explained that he was requesting a letter of support for the Water Plan Grant application and a letter of support for a \$50,000 Nature Conservancy grant the organizations are applying for that will help cover the match for the CWCW grant.

He added that he would also like

to meet with PAWSD staff to talk about projects that could be included in the WRAP and that could gain additional justification and support through the planning process.

Ford stated that he would also potentially be seeking matching funds from PAWSD in the 2027 budget year to help support the WRAP grant, although he noted that the organizations are prioritizing obtaining other grant funding to satisfy the matching requirements.

Tautges commented that a letter of support would be a “no-brainer” and that he would like to direct staff to prepare one.

The group then discussed the proper format for the letters of support, with Leentjes stating that she prepared templates for the individual letters to both the CWCW and the Nature Conservancy, which PAWSD staff agreed to sign off on and submit.

In response to a question from Tautges, PAWSD District Engineer Justin Ramsey indicated that working with the SJHFHP has been highly beneficial to the district, such as a thinning project promoted by the organization that helped protect the district’s water diversion in the Plumtaw area.

Ramsey indicated that the district has previously provided \$7,000 in support to the SJHFHP each year and that the 2026 budget also includes this funding.

Tautges indicated that he is hesitant about providing this funding due to PAWSD’s budgetary issues.

Ford commented that he is concerned that the SJHFHP needs the baseline funding that PAWSD has previously provided for operations and that supporting the WRAP would be above this.

He added that the SJHFHP would potentially request \$10,000 in additional funding for the WRAP from PAWSD, which would match its re-

quests to other entities like the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

However, he added that the grants the organization is seeking might reduce the amount of matching funding requested.

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Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE PUBLICATION
CRS §38 38 103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2026 002

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On March 18, 2026, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s)
Crystal L Berkebile AND Ruben Trevizo
Original Beneficiary(ies)
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY
Date of Deed of Trust
May 01, 2019
County of Recording
Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
May 02, 2019
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.)
21902411
Original Principal Amount
\$201,286.00

Outstanding Principal Balance
\$176,483.25
Pursuant to CRS §38 38 101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
LOT 5, BLOCK 21, ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 30, 1971, AS RECEPTION NO. 74786, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.
APN #: 569311319005
Purported common address: 1165 Beucier Ln, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at pub-

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lic auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 07/16/2026, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 305 Village Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
Dated: 03/18/2026

Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
/s/Elsa P. White
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lynn M. Janeway #15592
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9540 Marion Circle, Suite 320, Englewood, CO 80112 (855) 263 9295
Attorney File # 26 037031
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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**COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE
CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2026-003**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On March 26, 2026, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s)
Tara Marie Evans
Original Beneficiary(ies)
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY
Date of Deed of Trust
February 28, 2020
County of Recording
Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
March 02, 2020
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book Page No.)
22001222
Original Principal Amount
\$201,286.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$184,849.02
Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other foreclosures thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO:
LOT 17, 18 AND 19 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 3, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74689.
APN #: 5893 212 01 006
Purported common address: 75 Lemon Court, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 07/23/2026, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 305 Village Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 5/28/2026
Last Publication 6/25/2026
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
Dated: 03/26/2026

Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
/s/Elsa P. White
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Lynn M. Janeway #15592
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9540 Marion Circle, Suite 320, Englewood, CO 80112 (855) 263 9295
Attorney File # 26 037220
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160

David G. Mandy Investment Trust, Plaintiff
v.
National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; Elsa White, in her capacity as Treasurer of Archuleta County; and all unknown person who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.

Case Number: 2025CV30073 Division 3

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May 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 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 action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 259 and 260, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
Dated: April 27, 2026
Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun
First Publication: _____
Last Publication: _____
s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
[Publication dates]
Published May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (300909)

District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160

David G. Mandy Investment Trust, Plaintiff
v.
National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; Elsa White, in her capacity as Treasurer of Archuleta County; and all unknown person who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.

Case Number: 2025CV30075 Division 3

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May 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 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 action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 201 and 202, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
Dated: April 27, 2026
Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun
First Publication: _____
Last Publication: _____
s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
[Publication dates]
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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160

David G. Mandy Investment Trust, Plaintiff
v.

National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; Elsa White, in her capacity as Treasurer of Archuleta County; and all unknown person who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.

Case Number: 2025CV30074 Division 3

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May 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 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 action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 244 and 245, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
Dated: April 27, 2026
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s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160

David G. Mandy Investment Trust, Plaintiff
v.

National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; Elsa White, in her capacity as Treasurer of Archuleta County; and all unknown person who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.

Case Number: 2025CV30071 Division 3

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May 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 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 action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 205 and 206, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
Dated: April 27, 2026
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First Publication: _____
Last Publication: _____
s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
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DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2025CV030032 DIVISION NO. 3
INITIAL COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFFS' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM

Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v.
Defendants, ANGELA N. GERASOPOULUS et al
Regarding: Condominium Unit 26F, in Condominium Building No. 28, Supplement No. 1 to the Pinon Condominiums, according to the Condominium Map filed for record May 29, 1981, at Reception No. 104685, and as defined and described in Condominium Declaration for the Pinon Condominiums recorded March 30, 1981, in Public Records Book 778 830, and Supplemental Condominium Declaration No. 1 recorded May 29, 1981 in Book 186, Page 457, and Amended Declaration recorded January 20, 1984, in Book 207, Page 180. LESS AND EXCEPT that portion of the common area known as Valley View Road, as shown on the Replat of Supplement No 1 Pi-non Condominiums Map filed January 7, 1982, at Reception No. 108953, all in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado
Also known as: 40 Valley View Dr. #3150, 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 24th day of June 2026, 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.
First Publication: 4/30/2026
Last Publication: 5/28/2026
Published In: Pagosa Sun
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CURE AND RIGHT TO

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

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 January 9, 2026, 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. 22402989, 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 sections 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 38-103-1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRADING IN SECTION 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.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Jackson City, Utah 82244
(855) 411-2872
www.consumerfinance.gov
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 sections 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 6th day of March 2026.

Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Mike LeRoux
Sheriff Mike LeRoux

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, 38-38-305.5 and 38-38-306, C.R.S., as amended, and all other laws of the State of Colorado.
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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME

(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: www.coloradojudicial.gov).

2.10 "SWSP Parties" means applicant, all parties commenting on the SWSP application, and all parties to the Change Decree.
RULE 1.3 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA THAT THE STATE ENGINEER WILL CONSIDER IN REVIEW OF A SUBSTITUTE WATER SUPPLY PLAN APPLICATION Rule 3 describes requirements for information to be included in any SWSP application and, as directed by section 37-92-308(12)(b)(I)(A), C.R.S., criteria the State Engineer will consider in reviewing all applications. Much of the information included in the application will be information found in the Change Decree, but will be necessary in the application to provide a complete picture of the proposed operation. Applications should be submitted no later than January 15 to allow for review prior to the irrigation season. Applications should be submitted as early as possible to allow adequate time for evaluation.
3.1 Information that must be included in the application. Rather than transcribing long sections of the Change Decree, references to the decree paragraph and/or page number may be sufficient to fulfill requirements in Rule 3.1; however, language from the Change Decree may be included in the application for clarity.
3.1.1 Applicant name and evidence that applicant is the owner of the Agricultural Water Protection Water Right.
3.1.2 Evidence of written notice to the SWSP notification list, as required by section 37-92-308(12)(b)(I)(A), C.R.S.
3.1.3 Case number for the Change Decree.
3.1.4 A Person to whom the Lease Water will be leased, loaned, or traded.
3.1.5 Copy of written lease, loan, or trade with end user of water. Confidential information, which is commonly related to price, may be redacted from application materials as long as essential information such as term, renewal/termination dates, and any special operation clauses are shown.
3.1.6 Proposed use of Lease Water:
3.1.6.1 The amount of Lease Water as a percentage of the water right or less than the Agricultural Water Protection Water Right and other amount limitations described in the Change Decree. Such limitations may include volumetric limits, which may vary by the percent of the Agricultural Water Protection Water Right being used, or limits that are a result of return flow percentages.
3.1.6.2 The Point of Diversion of the Lease Water, case number and paragraph or page number where the Point of Diversion is decreed, and any WDDs assigned to the Point of Diversion.
3.1.6.3 For a Point of Diversion that is upstream of the decreed point of diversion of the Lease Water, identify intervening water rights and describe how the upstream diversion can occur without injury.
3.1.6.4 Type and place of use of Lease Water. If an augmentation plan allows for the temporary addition of replacement sources, Lease Water may be added only pursuant to the provisions of that augmentation plan and must be diverted at a previously decreed Point of Diversion and remain unchanged (see Rule 4.1.2).
3.1.7 Opt out of SWSP operation: If applicant desires an SWSP with the option to opt out before the irrigation season begins, describe in detail the terms and conditions applicant requests. The Division Engineer must be notified no later than March 31 and before any diversions under the SWSP occur if the applicant elects to opt out.
3.1.8 Information on dry up and ongoing irrigation:
3.1.8.1 A description of where the Agricultural Water Protection Water Right water that is not being leased, loaned, or traded will continue to be used for agricultural purposes consistent with 37-92-305(19)(b)(III).
3.1.8.1.1 If requesting to rotate irrigated/dry-up acres in year 1, year 2 (under a renewal), and year 3 (under a renewal) of SWSP operation, describe the requested irrigated and dried up lands for each year in the initial application so that terms and conditions of a SWSP approval can remain unchanged (see Rule 4.1.2).
3.1.8.1.2 If requesting alternative irrigation approaches, rather than drying up a portion of the historically irrigated land, provide a description of the request and information supporting how such an operation prevents injury.
3.1.8.2 A description of the historically irrigated land associated with the Lease Water that will not be irrigated by the Lease Water, if any, for the duration of the SWSP.
3.1.8.1.4 A description of the method to ensure any necessary dry up of the irrigated land associated with the Lease Water, any plans to irrigate with alternative water sources, and any additional dry up terms and conditions from the Change Decree.
3.1.9 Historical return flow obligations:
3.1.9.1 Restatement of return flow obligations by time, place, and amount from the Change Decree. Obligations are typically described as fractions of farm headgate deliveries, flow rates, or volumetric amounts.
3.1.9.2 The amount of return flow obligation associated with the Lease Water. The amount of return flow obligation may vary with the percentage of the Agricultural Water Protection Water Right exercised (50 percent or less) and other limitations described in the Change Decree.
3.1.9.3 The source(s) of water to be used to meet return flow obligations.
3.1.9.4 Documentation of permission to use replacement water (copy of lease or contract) if not owned.
3.1.9.5 The location(s) at which replacement water will be placed in the river to meet return flow obligations, and the river distance from the location water is placed in river to the location of the return flow obligation for calculating transit loss.
3.1.9.6 For the use of return flow replacement sources downstream of the historical return flow location, an explanation of how downstream replacement can prevent injury and under what conditions available upstream sources will be used. Explanation of any exchange or water exchange project to be used to meet return flow obligations, the exchange rate, and exchange potential.
3.1.9.7 For replacement provided through recharge accretions:
3.1.9.7.1 Description of the timing, amounts, and locations of delayed accretions to the receiving stream.
3.1.9.7.2 Tabular of estimated monthly deliveries, evaporation rates, losses, releases, and accretions for the recharge facility.
3.1.9.8 Table of monthly return flow obligations, available replacement water from each replacement source, and transit losses associated with each replacement source. The table should include all ongoing obligations as described in the Change Decree and available replacement water from each replacement source used to meet those obligations.
3.1.10 Required Maps. All maps shall have scale, section, township, and range clearly identified.
3.1.10.1 Map 1: All water infrastructure involved in the SWSP (streams, ditches, historical return flow location, Point of Diversion, measuring structures, replacement sources, etc.).
3.1.10.2 Map 2: Lands that will not be irrigated by the Lease Water for the SWSP.
3.1.10.3 Map 3: Lands included in a conservation program or Agricultural Water Protection Program where the water decreed for agricultural water protection use but not leased, loaned, or traded will continue to be used for agricultural purposes.
3.1.11 A GIS shapefile outlining the land area that will not be irrigated by the Lease Water must be submitted to the Division of Water Resources before an approval can be issued. The shapefile shall include the Change Decree case number, the name of the SWSP application, and any accompanying metadata. In addition, the datum must be NAD83 and the UTM projection must be Zone 13.
3.1.12 Proof of permission (If permission is pending, an explanation on the status may be provided) to use any structures required for the operation of the SWSP but not owned by applicant.
3.1.13 Evidence of enrollment in a conservation program identified in section 37-92-305(19)(b)(IV)(A), C.R.S. or an Agricultural Water Protection Program for the lands identified in Map 3.
3.1.13.1 Applicant shall verify that use of the water under an SWSP does not conflict with water requirements of the conservation program or Agricultural Water Protection Program.
3.1.14 Detailed draft accounting table consistent with any applicable Division of Water Resources accounting guidance.
3.1.15 Contact information (including phone number and email address) for the party that will be submitting accounting for the SWSP and the party(ies) who will be coordinating daily operations with the water commissioner(s).
3.2 Criteria that the State Engineer will consider in reviewing an application, as directed by section 37-92-308(12)(c), C.R.S. The State Engineer must: 3.2.1 Verify that the proposed amount of Lease Water is consistent with the quantification and terms and conditions of the Change Decree and is no more than 50 percent of the historical consumptive use.
3.2.2 Verify that the Point of Diversion is subject to an existing water court decree.
3.2.3 Verify that the SWSP has correctly quantified the amount of replacement water associated with the Lease Water and that the SWSP will meet the return flow obligations in time, place, and amount to prevent material injury to other vested water rights and decreed conditional water rights in accordance with the Change Decree.
3.2.4 Verify that the operation of the SWSP does not facilitate the diversion of water between water divisions by direct diversion, exchange, replacement, or other means.
3.2.5 Consider written comments provided on the application in accordance with section 37-92-308(12)(b)(I), C.R.S.
3.2.6 Verify that, with appropriate terms and conditions, the SWSP will prevent injury to vested water rights and complies with the Change Decree.
RULE 4 TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT THE STATE ENGINEER MAY IMPOSE THROUGH AN APPROVED SUBSTITUTE WATER SUPPLY PLAN As required by section 37-92-308(12)(b)(I), C.R.S., Rule 4 describes the terms and conditions that the State Engineer may impose on SWSP approvals pursuant to

these Rules. Sections 37-92-308(12)(c)(VI) and (VII), C.R.S., specifically require SWSP terms and conditions for the use of Lease Water, including the return flow obligations in time, place, and amount, that prevent material injury to other vested water rights and decreed conditional water rights and allow delivery to the Point of Diversion. All terms and conditions of the Change Decree apply to the SWSP. All SWSP terms and conditions shall be consistent with the Change Decree to the extent the Change Decree addresses any aspect of the operation. Should a conflict arise between the Change Decree and the SWSP, the terms and conditions of the Change Decree supersede any conflicting Standard SWSP Terms and Conditions or other conflicts between the SWSP and Change Decree.
4.1 The following Standard Terms and Conditions shall be included in every SWSP approval, but can be modified by the State Engineer in an SWSP approval. Applicants may suggest modifications to Standard Terms and Conditions in the application if necessary.
4.1.1 This SWSP shall be valid for the period of one year, as specified in the Final Decision unless otherwise revoked or superseded. Any change in the use of the Lease Water, return flow replacement, or operations of the SWSP requires submittal of a new application pursuant to section 37-92-308(12), C.R.S.
4.1.2 If the terms and conditions of the SWSP remain unchanged, the applicant may renew the SWSP two times within three years of the original beginning date by notifying the State Engineer by electronic mail or first-class mail (to the State Engineer's Office) that the terms and conditions remain unchanged. The notice must describe the requested period of renewal (beginning date through end date), not to exceed one year, and a copy of the renewed lease, loan, or trade agreement, if applicable. Notice should be provided at least 35 days prior to the requested beginning date.
4.1.3 The State Engineer may revoke this SWSP or add additional restrictions to its operation if at any time the State Engineer determines that injury to other vested water rights has occurred or will likely occur as a result of the operation of this SWSP or if the applicant fails to comply with the SWSP conditions of approval. Should this SWSP expire without renewal or be revoked, all use of water under this SWSP must cease immediately. However, all ongoing obligations from operation under this SWSP, such as historical return flow replacements, must continue to be fulfilled.
4.1.4 Approval of this SWSP is contingent on the non-irrigation of the specified portion of the applicant's property as shown on Map 2.
4.1.5 This SWSP is only valid if the lands shown on Map 3 continue to participate in a program as required in section 37-92-305(19)(b)(IV), C.R.S.
4.2 Pursuant to section 37-92-308(12)(c)(VI), C.R.S., additional terms and conditions not listed in Rule 4.1 will be included in each SWSP approval to allow for administration and prevention of injury based on the specific operation of each SWSP.
4.3 The State Engineer may include terms and conditions submitted by commenting parties pursuant to section 37-92-308(12)(b)(II), C.R.S.
RULE 5 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DECISION OF THE STATE ENGINEER The decision of the State Engineer, either an approval or denial of the SWSP application, must include the following information as required by section 37-92-308(2)(I), C.R.S.:
5.1 Detailed statement of the basis and rationale for the decision. If the decision is an approval, the approval must include a complete explanation of the terms and conditions imposed to prevent injury to other water rights (see Rule 4) and why the terms and conditions are imposed.
5.2 Description of the consideration given to any written comments that were filed by other parties.
RECONSIDERATION AND APPEAL OF STATE ENGINEER'S DECISION Section 37-90-123(1)(b)(IV), C.R.S., requires that the Rules provide procedures for the State Engineer to reconsider a decision and section 37-92-308(12)(h), C.R.S., describes the SWSP appeal process. Reconsideration and appeal of the State Engineer's decision shall be in accordance with the following:
6.1 Initial Decision and Reconsideration
6.1.1 The State Engineer shall serve a copy of the Initial Decision, whether an approval or denial, on all SWSP Parties. The Initial Decision may be reconsidered within 14 days of the date of service of the Initial Decision.
6.1.2 Any party may request that the State Engineer reconsider the Initial Decision during the 14-day reconsideration period by providing information not available to the State Engineer when the Initial Decision was made, by identifying or explaining information the State Engineer failed to consider, or by identifying clerical errors in the Initial Decision. The requesting party shall serve a copy of the request on all SWSP Parties and the State Engineer.
6.1.2.1 The State Engineer will review the information provided by the party requesting reconsideration and will provide a response to all SWSP Parties within a reasonable time.
6.1.3 If no reconsideration is requested, the State Engineer will issue a Final Decision 14 days after the Initial Decision. If any party requests reconsideration, the State Engineer will issue the Final Decision after reconsideration. The State Engineer will serve a copy of the Final Decision on all SWSP Parties. The SWSP may be operated only after the State Engineer issues the Final Decision.
6.2 Appeal of State Engineer's Final Decision
6.2.1 Any appeal of the Final Decision must be made within thirty-five days of the date of service of the Final Decision. Any appeal must be filed under the Change Decree case number.
6.2.2 Only an SWSP Party or a party that requested reconsideration under Rule 6.1 may appeal a Final Decision. This rule does not limit which parties may then participate in the Court's appeal proceeding, which follows the process described in section 37-92-308(12)(h), C.R.S.
RULE 7 AGRICULTURAL WATER PROTECTION WATER RIGHT SUBSTITUTE WATER SUPPLY PLAN DATABASE Rule 7 establishes procedures for creating a database that tracks and inventories SWSPs and for making that information available to the public as required by section 37-90-123(1)(b)(V), C.R.S.
7.1 Database creation:
7.1.1 The existing database used to track SWSP status will be modified to include the information listed in Rule 7.2 Database information requirements:
7.2.1 Change Decree case number.
7.2.1.1 Required Maps. All maps shall have scale, section, township, and range clearly identified.
7.2.2 Approved date of operation for the original SWSP: the date that operation may begin for the first SWSP pursuant to an application, as opposed to a request for a renewal.
7.2.4 SWSP recent renewal date: the date that operation may begin for the one-year renewal of the SWSP, as allowed by section 37-92-308(12)(c), C.R.S.
7.2.5 Status (approved, denied, pending, etc.).
7.2.6 Decreed beneficial use(s) of the Lease Water prior to the Change Decree.
7.2.7 Type of SWSP: 308(12) – Agricultural Water Protection," which also describes the decreed beneficial use of the water under the Change Decree.
7.2.8 Beneficial use of the Lease Water in the SWSP.
7.2.9 Amount of Lease Water in the SWSP.
7.2.10 Location(s) of use of the Lease Water in the SWSP including water division, watershed, and section, township, and range.
7.3 Database accessibility:
7.3.1 The public will have access to the information in Rule 7.2 through the Colorado Information Marketplace.
RULE 8 SEVERABILITY If any portion of these rules is found to be invalid, the remaining portion of the rules shall remain in force and in effect.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these rules shall take effect sixty days after publication in accordance with section 37-92-502, C.R.S., and will thereafter remain in effect until amended as provided in the event that protests are filed with respect to these Rules pursuant to section 37-92-501, C.R.S., the effective date of these Rules is the date on which the Court enters a judgment confirming resolution of all protests to these Rules. Any person desiring to protest these rules may do so in the manner provided in section 37-92-501, C.R.S. Any such protest to these rules must be filed by the end of the month following the month in which these rules are published. (27 pages including exhibits)

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 June 2026, 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.coloradocourts.gov; Jason Poyer, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301; 970-247-2304)
/s/ Jason Poyer
Published: before May 31, 2026
Water Court Specialist
Published May 28, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (303930)

Mineral County Memorial Airport (C24)
Airfield Pavement Maintenance
CDOT Project No: 26-C24-01
NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID
PROJECT: C24 Airfield Pavement Maintenance
DESCRIPTION: This project consists of the following construction items:
• Obliterate Airfield Pavement Markings (Approx. 556 Square Feet)
• Crack Seal of the Airfield Pavements (Approx. 25,484 Linear Feet)
• Gap Mastic Seal of the Airfield Pavements (Approx. 2,549 Linear Feet)
• Seal Coat of the Airfield Pavements (Approx. 58,985 Square Yards)
• Airfield Pavement Markings (Approx. 9,175 Square Feet)
NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE CALL: **Thursday, June 4th, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. (MT),** at the Mineral County Court House, located at 1201 N Main St., Creede, CO 81310. Below is information for virtual attendance:
Pre-Bid Conference - Microsoft Teams Meeting
Web Address: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>
Meeting ID (Virtual): 261 003 399 107 046
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Toll number (Audio Only) (480) 378-0989
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BID OPENING: Wednesday, June 17 th , 2026, at 11:00 A.M. (MT)
Each proposal submitted for constructing the aforementioned project shall be submitted electronically via email at coloradoairportdev@dbbible.com, **before 11:00 A.M. (MT), June 17th , 2026**, for furnishing all necessary labor, equipment, materials, and performing all work for constructing the **Airfield Pavement Maintenance** project. Once the Owner has had the opportunity to thoroughly evaluate the bids, the Bid Tabulation Summary will be emailed to all plan holders. Any bid received after the established closing time shall not be opened. Mineral County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive any informally deemed in the best interest of the County, and to reject the bids of any persons who have been delinquent, unlawful, or unclear in any contract with Mineral County. It is the full responsibility of any bidder wishing to bid a bid to obtain and acknowledge any and all addenda. Digital copies (PDF) of the Plans and Contract Documents will be made available to bidders by Dibble upon request via email at <



Outdoors

Feedback sought on specified semiautomatic firearm guidance

Colorado Department of Revenue

The Department of Revenue, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) are requesting feedback from Coloradans, stakeholders, and industry experts to help inform final guidance on Senate Bill 25-003 that will be issued in July.

Signed by Gov. Jared Polis in April 2025, SB25-003 promotes public safety by requiring firearm safety training and an eligibility card issued by a sheriff to purchase and/or transfer specified semiautomatic firearms. SB25-003 also prohibits the purchase and sale of all rapid-fire conversion devices, like bump stocks and binary

triggers.

The Firearms Dealer Division (FDD) within the Department of Revenue, CPW and CBI are actively working with stakeholders, industry experts and advocates to ensure different perspectives are captured and considered as they implement the new law.

Proposed specified semiautomatic firearm guidance

On May 15, the FDD published and made available draft guidance about specific models of firearms, as required by SB25-003.

As part of its commitment to an

open and transparent process, the FDD shared a form for anyone to submit feedback and comments on the proposed firearms guidance. This form will remain open until midnight on June 5, 2026. The FDD will release the official guidance on July 1, and the new law will take effect on Aug. 1.

The form is available at <https://bit.ly/3S248TI>.

Firearms safety program

As part of the legislation, starting Aug. 1, individuals must obtain an eligibility card from their sheriff and complete a firearms safety course before purchasing or transferring a specified semiautomatic firearm (SSF).

This law only affects those who will purchase and transfer SSFs after Aug. 1. Those who are in possession of an SSF prior to Aug. 1, are not affected by this new legislation.

For updated information from CPW on how to purchase or transfer an SSF beginning Aug. 1, visit CPW's Firearms Safety Program page, <https://cpw.state.co.us/specified-semiautomatic-firearms>.

Background checks

The CBI InstaCheck Unit has prepared and trained an additional 20 reserve staff members from various sections within the CBI to prepare for the implementation of SB25-003.

Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition to hold open house to review draft plan

By Amanda Gadomski

Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition

You're invited to join the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC) for a community open house to review the draft PARC Plan and speak directly with the leadership team about proposed projects, priorities, and the future of outdoor recreation and conservation in our region.

This is the community's final opportunity to provide input before the plan is finalized after nearly a year of collaboration, discussion and hard work by local partners, agencies, stakeholders and volunteers.

We are in the home stretch of completing a plan that will help guide future recreation, conservation and public lands projects throughout the region while positioning PARC and

its partners to pursue future funding opportunities through the Colorado Regional Partnership Initiative and grant programs.

Community feedback remains an important part of the process, and we encourage everyone to attend, ask questions and help shape the final direction of the plan.

The draft plan and a brief feedback survey will be available at pagosa-parc.org.

parc.org.

The open house will be held in person on Wednesday, June 3, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., from 2 to 7 p.m.

Stop by anytime during the event to review the plan materials, meet with the leadership team members and share your thoughts. We hope to see you there.

Commissioners approve purchase for new landfill shredder

By Clayton Chaney

Staff Writer

The Archuleta County landfill will be getting a new trash shredder that will increase its ability to shred various materials, including glass, tires and wood waste.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved a purchase lease agreement for a Rotochopper 95 DK during its regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 19.

According to the meeting's agenda, "Solid waste also plans to use the shredder to process all materials that enter the landfill ultimately reducing waste intake by 40% and expanding the life of our landfill."

Earlier that day during a work session held by the BoCC, Public Works Director Mike Torres and Road and Bridge Manager Eric McRae provided information on the machine and how it will benefit the county landfill.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented, "This is a really cool machine."

Torres explained that the shredder "is something we haven't used before" at the landfill, though it has used a similar product — a Tana DT40.

Torres noted that unlike the Tana machine, the Rotochopper has two high-torque planetary drives opposed to just one, and has 760 horsepower and 354,000 pounds of torque.

He also noted that it comes with water-mist dust control for shredded material coming off the conveyor belt and a magnet to sort metal.

Torres mentioned that the machine is awarded with a Sourcewell contract — a "bidhouse" for different materials/machinery, "where they do the bidding process for us, so it ensures that we are getting the lowest cost for this machinery."

Torres also mentioned that the cost for renting the Tana machine is about \$50,000 per month and that the county only uses it for one month out of the year.

The cost for the new Rotochopper machine is listed at \$1,099,075, Torres noted.

"We all know that money's kind of tight and we're trying to do a lot of things right now," he said, explaining this purchase request is not anticipated in this year's budget.

He explained that the company selling the machine is willing to push out payments until 2027 to give the county the opportunity to put it in

next year's budget.

Torres then explained that a five-year lease purchase agreement is an option, which would consist of annual payments of \$254,948.77 starting Jan. 1, 2027.

He also noted that there is a "pretty good fund balance" in the Solid Waste Department.

Along with the ability to extend the life of the current county landfill, McRae explained that the machine "has the potential to create revenues that are not there right now" and save air space at the landfill.

"It solves a lot of problems," he said.

Medina noted that the machine is already at the landfill, with Torres indicating the company wants a decision soon or else the machine would be hauled off.

"I think the cost is reasonable,"

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Memorial Day services

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Community members and local leaders come together to honor those who lost their lives in service to the United States during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 25, at Hilltop Cemetery. In addition to honoring those who died while serving, a list of Archuleta County veterans who passed in the last year was read.



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12:15 pm - PSHS Equality Club

12:30 pm - Break/Visit Booths

12:45 pm - Drag Queen Aria PettyOne

1:00 pm - Music, Dancing, Booths

1:30 pm - On the Shoulders of Giants - Shane Nelson

1:45 pm - Music, Dancing, Booths

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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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Commercial

X Eagle Drive
\$225,000

MLS #833969

This is a beautiful 1.05 acre property located in between uptown and downtown on the frontage road of Highway 160. The water is installed, the sidewalk is in and the electric is within 100' of the lot. The lot is level and ready to build on. This is a great property!

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109 Carol's Curves
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MLS #824583

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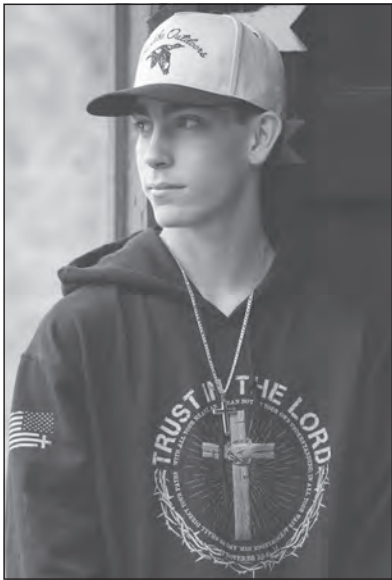
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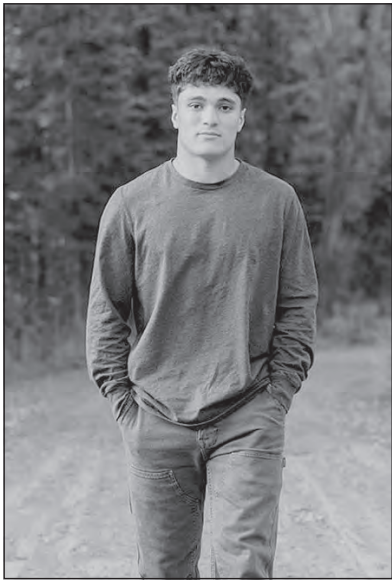
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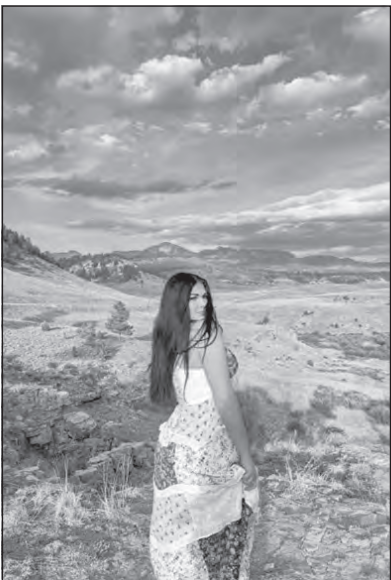
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Bioblitz

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Don't miss Archuleta County's inaugural Bioblitz

By Cindi Galabota
Colorado State University Extension

How are you planning to celebrate summer solstice? If you are looking to connect with naturalists, scientists and other curious members of our community while discovering the incredible biodiversity found right here in Pagosa Country, then Archuleta County's inaugural Bioblitz is just for you.

But, what is a bioblitz? According to Wikipedia, "a bioblitz is an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area."

It is a fun and relaxed community science event where experts, community members and volunteers work together to document and record the biodiversity of an area.

This year, participants in Archuleta County will explore the natural areas of Pagosa Springs along the San Juan Riverwalk and Reservoir Hill.

Our Bioblitz is a family-friendly event, and no experience is necessary. However, as a participant you will be expected to contribute to the data collection effort while learning about our natural environs.

Although prior knowledge of plants and animals can be helpful, it is not a requirement. Species information will be uploaded to iNaturalist, an online platform that provides a place to identify, record and organize findings in nature.

The collected information will provide a baseline knowledge of the land around us. The information collected will help scientists and community members track

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Photo courtesy Keith Bruno

Archuleta County will hold its inaugural Bioblitz — a fun and relaxed community science event where experts, community members and volunteers work together to document and record the biodiversity of an area.

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‘Come From Away’ to open Friday at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By R. Eli Townsend
Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

There are musicals that entertain, musicals that impress, and then there are musicals like “Come From Away” — shows that seem to catch an audience slightly off guard by how completely they pull a room together.

Thingamajig Theatre Company will open its 2026 summer season this Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m. with the Tony Award-winning musical at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, launching another summer of “Broadway in the Mountains” with a production that arrives carrying both enormous reputation and remarkable emotional immediacy.

Set in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, in the days following Sept. 11, 2001, “Come From Away” tells the true story of nearly 7,000 stranded airline passengers unex-

pectedly diverted to a community of just a few thousand residents. What emerges is not a solemn historical pageant, but something quicker, funnier, stranger and more deeply felt — a portrait of ordinary people improvising kindness in real time.

Directed by Andrew Barratt Lewis with music direction by Dr. Sloane Artis, Thingamajig’s production leans

fully into the muscular ensemble storytelling that made the musical an international phenomenon. Chairs become airplanes, bars, buses and waiting rooms in seconds. Characters appear and vanish almost mid-sentence. Conversations overlap. Music barrels forward. The effect is less like watching a conventional musical and

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Bioblitz

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changes in biodiversity, monitor trends in local habitats, and identify newly arrived or rare species.

Our inaugural Bioblitz will bring the talents of incredible local and regional experts to lead us in identifying a variety of species.

We are excited to welcome Amy Dolan, endangered species conservation biologist with the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. Dolan will lead our bee identification.

We are also thrilled that Dr. Colin Tucker, Ph.D., forest program director and ecosystem ecologist with the Mountain Studies Institute, will teach us about mosses and lichens.

Our local Weminuche Audubon Society volunteers will lead bird walks during the morning hours.

And the list continues.

The most important part of a bioblitz is to have fun.

Our Bioblitz is a family-friendly event and no experience is necessary. Participants must be 10 years or older, and youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

While this is not a strenuous project, volunteers should be prepared for walking on uneven terrain, through high grass, past thorny plants and in possibly muddy conditions.

The Bioblitz will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 20.

The cost to participate in the inaugural Bioblitz is \$25 per adult and \$10 per student/child and includes dinner, T-shirt and a fun day of learning. Register by June 5 to receive a T-shirt.

To learn more and to register, visit <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTQyNjMyMzY=> or email Cindi Galabota at cindi.galabota@colostate.edu.

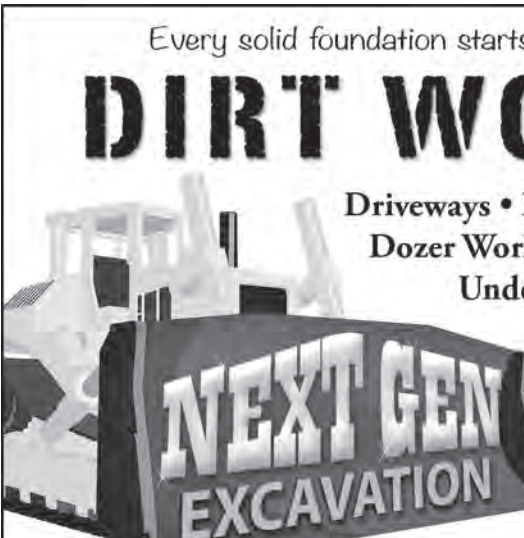
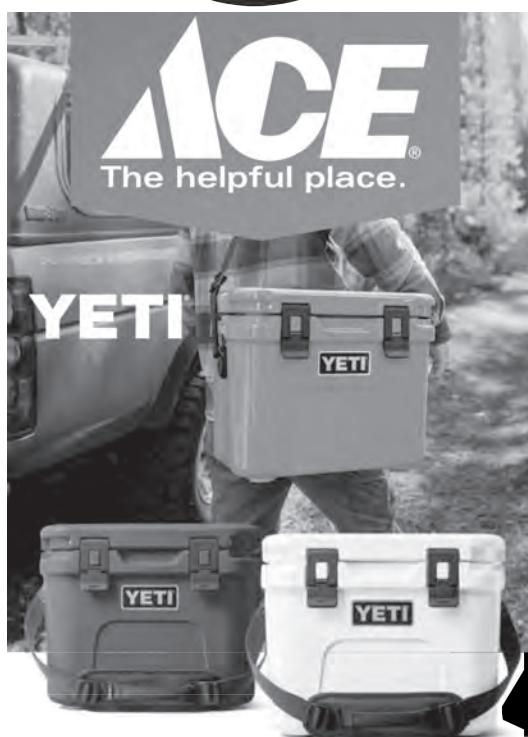
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Georgia Fender as Beverly Bass in Thingamajig Theatre Company’s production of “Come From Away,” opening May 29 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Center

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more like being swept into the collective memory of an event.

Tommy Paduano anchors the production with an easy warmth as Claude, the town’s overwhelmed mayor, while Georgia Fender brings sharp intelligence and emotional gravity to Beverly Bass, the pioneering American Airlines captain suddenly stranded far from home. Logan Pitts lends Bob both humor and quiet vulnerability, and Darcy DeGuise’s Beulah provides some of the evening’s most grounded and disarming moments.

Elsewhere, Sydney Hoel, Koko Waller, Bear Manescalchi, Trevor Brown, Samantha Luck, Cameron Vargas, Victor Fajer and Sophia Montoya-Suson navigate the production’s rapid transformations with precision and stamina, supported by ensemble members Katelyn Bowie and Marlo D’Ascenzo, with Michaela Winter serving as swing.

What surprises many audiences about “Come From Away” is how alive it feels. The show moves with the velocity of remembered experience — funny one moment, devastating the next, often without warning. And while its subject matter may suggest

solemnity, the evening is filled with humor, music, stubborn humanity and the strange awkwardness of strangers learning how to care for one another.

“Every opening night carries excitement,” said Producing Artistic Director Tim Moore. “But there’s something uniquely electric about opening the summer with this show. You can already feel audiences leaning into it during rehearsals. It reminds you how immediate theater can be when a room full of people is experiencing the same story together.”

Opening weekend performances on both Friday and Saturday evening will include post-show talkbacks with the company. Friday evening will also feature a special opening night celebration welcoming audiences back for the summer season.

Performances continue throughout the summer in rotating repertory with Stephen Sondheim’s “Company” and the classic musical “Fiddler on the Roof.”

Tickets are available now at pagosacenter.org or by calling the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469). Opening weekend performances are expected to fill quickly.

19th Hole Concerts to kick off June 4

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is excited to announce the return of the beloved 19th Hole Concerts series, kicking off Thursday, June 4, at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

Now in its 11th year, this four-week June tradition brings together live music, local nonprofits and community spirit in a relaxed outdoor setting.

Held every Thursday evening in June from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the concerts serve as community fundraisers featuring local musicians and spotlighting one nonprofit organization each week.

A \$10 suggested donation at the door supports all four participating nonprofits, with proceeds pooled and distributed equally at the end of the series. Thanks to generous corporate sponsors, 100 percent of donations go directly to these organizations. Last year, each nonprofit received \$2,500 through the series.

This year’s featured nonprofits include Aspire Medical Services and Education, the Pagosa Community Initiative, Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership and Wings Early Childhood Center

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 2.8 of the Pagosa Springs Town Charter, that as of April 6, 2026, there is one vacancy on the Pagosa Springs Town Council. The council seat is an at large seat. During a public meeting to be held on June 16th, 2026 at 5:00 pm, at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd, the Council will consider the appointment of one new Council Member to fill the vacancy.

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By Donna Mosher
Wings Early Childhood Center

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The evening promises to be one of elegance and memories with great food, drinks and music.

The gala will feature live music by local "jazz crooner" Max Miller, who is beloved for his traditional jazz and musical theater songs. Miller delights audiences with the classic tunes of Frank Sinatra and other crooners of "the good old days."

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Visit WingsEarlyChildhood.org for gala tickets and more information.

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— each addressing a unique and important need in the Pagosa Springs community.

Opening night to feature Wings Early Childhood Center, Bob Hemenger

The first concert on June 4 will feature local favorite Bob Hemenger, a longtime Pagosa Springs musician known for his engaging performances on saxophone and vocals. Audiences can expect a lively mix of Dixieland, jazz, soul, pop and blues to kick off the summer series in style.

The evening will highlight Wings Early Childhood Center, the featured nonprofit for opening night.

Wings Early Childhood Center provides high-quality, inclusive and nature-based care and education for children from 6 weeks to 6 years old. Wings is the only licensed center for infants and toddlers in Pagosa Springs and serves up to 75 children daily across five beautiful and bright classrooms.

Wings is excited to announce its first ever Wings Grand Gala, a night of jazz, hors d'oeuvres and fun at Keyah Grande on June 24. For tickets to the event or to ask about enrolling your child in the school, visit wingsearlychildhood.org.

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Travers Vasek, a graduating senior at Pagosa Springs High School, will present his senior recital on Sunday, May 31, at 3 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Local pianist Travers Vasek to present senior recital Sunday

By Venita Burch
Special to The PREVIEW

Travers Vasek, a standout pianist and graduating senior at Pagosa Springs High School, will present his senior recital on Sunday, May 31, at 3 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

The program will feature a selection of renowned classical works including:

- Bach: “Prelude and Fugue.”
- Beethoven: “Moonlight Sonata.”
- Beethoven: “Sonata Pathétique.”
- Chopin: “Waltz.”
- Liszt: “Liebestraum.”

Vasek has been studying piano under the instruction of Dan and Venita Burch since moving to Pagosa Springs two years ago. During that time, he has served as the accompanist for the high school choir under Leo Baughman and performed for Bob Hemenger’s Americana Project class.

Known for his remarkable ability to memorize music quickly and his impressive technical skill, Vasek captivates audiences with the speed and artistry of his playing.

“He plays with dazzling speed and precision,” those close to his playing

often remark.

He has become a favorite performer in the community, drawing praise for both his talent and stage presence.

Following graduation, Vasek will attend Colorado State University in the fall on a substantial scholarship.

He has also received multiple scholarship offers from other colleges and universities.

He has a desire to study abroad as part of his musical journey. His long-term goal is to continue his musical education at a prestigious conservatory such as The Juilliard School or the Curtis Institute of Music.

The community is invited to attend this event and celebrate the accomplishments of one of Pagosa Springs’ most talented young musicians.

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2025 “Annie Jr.” students show off their NYC costumes. Archuleta School District invites community students in fifth through eighth grades to audition for “The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition,” the 2026 summer junior show, on June 1.

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Youth auditions coming next Monday for summer production of ‘The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition’

By Katrina Thomas
Archuleta School District

Archuleta School District (ASD) is thrilled to bring “The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition” to Pagosa Springs this summer.

The ASD junior musical directors are looking for energetic, creative young performers to bring Bikini Bottom to life.

The dynamic, high-energy stage show is open to young performers throughout the Pagosa Springs area.

Based on the beloved animated series, the musical follows SpongeBob and the citizens of Bikini Bottom as they face the impending eruption of a nearby volcano. When faced with the destruction of their undersea home, an unexpected hero steps forward to prove that optimism and community cooperation can save the world.

Eligibility requirements

Auditions are open to all area students, including those from public, private and home-school backgrounds. To participate, students must be 11 to 15 years old and entering sixth through ninth grades for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year.

Note: All participating students must complete mandatory audition paperwork prior to the audition, and at least one parent or guardian is required to attend an initial informational meeting.

Production and audition schedule

Auditions will take place in the Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) music rooms, with subsequent rehearsals and performances moving to Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS).

- Audition workshop: Monday, June 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (PSMS). While optional, organizers highly recommend this workshop for new students to familiarize themselves with the audition process.

- Individual auditions: Monday, June 1, from noon to 4:30 p.m. (PSMS). Time slots must be reserved via the official sign-up sheet.

- Team building and dance auditions: Monday, June 1, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (PSMS). Attendance is mandatory for all students auditioning.

- Parent meeting: Monday, June 1, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (PSMS). At least one parent or guardian must attend.

- Callbacks: Wednesday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. to noon (PSMS). As needed for designated students.

Rehearsals and showtimes

Following the casting process, intensive daily rehearsals will run from Aug. 3 through Aug. 13 (excluding Aug. 8 and 9) from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at PSHS. A final evening dress rehearsal will be held on Aug. 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The public performance schedule at PSHS is as follows:

- Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.
- Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Aug. 15 at 2 p.m.

Area youth interested in lead roles or ensemble positions are encouraged to prepare their vocal and dance presentations for the June 1 audition date.

For more information or to request the registration materials, please contact directors Katrina Thomas (kthomas@pagosa.k12.co.us) or Malinda Burnett (mburnett@pagosa.k12.co.us).

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This year’s Pride Day celebration is set for June 13 in Town Park.

Pagosa Pride set for June 13

Pagosa Pride

On June 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Town Park will be full of people of all ages having fun — some in costume, parading, listening to music, playing games, eating, involved in art projects, having their photos taken, their faces painted, etc. — very actively celebrating Pride Day in Pagosa Springs.

Celebration is very important. At the same time, let us not overlook the more serious side of this event. On June 2 the Pagosa Springs Town Council will have on its agenda a serious document: the proclamation celebrating 2026 LGBTQ+ Pride Month proclaiming the month of June as Pride Month.

“Serious” because that proclamation speaks in terms of the “pursuit of equal rights” and “social justice,” of the town’s efforts to build “an inclusive, safe and affirming community,” and of the “fundamental right” to self-expression “at school, in their families, in public or in their workplace.” This is the bedrock upon which this land of immigrants was established and continues to thrive. That is how serious the matter is.

In fact, the Pagosa Pride mission

statement underscores that serious intent: “to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, to advocate for equity and social justice, and to provide space for people of all colors, gender identities and sexual orientations to feel safe, welcome & loved!”

The planning team extends an invitation to the community at large. Join the celebrants in Town Park. Enjoy the community and the fun.

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

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Congratulations!

The Archuleta County Republican Women are proud to present Commissioner Veronica Medina with an award issued by the Colorado Federation of Republican Women, signed by President Judith Jergensen, in recognition of her many contributions, dedication, and service to the community. The award honors Veronica as Republican Woman of Archuleta County for 2025

Commissioner Medina has continued to be a strong voice for Archuleta County through her dedication and hard work at both the county and state levels. She has worked tirelessly to advocate for rural communities, strengthen partnerships, support local families and businesses, and ensure that the voices of Archuleta County residents are heard. Her commitment to public service, community engagement, and collaboration has made a meaningful impact throughout the county and across the state of Colorado. This recognition reflects her passion for serving others and her ongoing efforts to build a stronger future for the community she proudly represents.

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Local reporting that matters.

Alzheimer’s Association announces workshops, support groups

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer’s Association

A special workshop on Building Brain-Healthy Habits will be led by retired geriatrician Dr. Jeff Wallace on June 15 at the Durango Public Library. The program is one of a series of in-person and online programs conducted by the Alzheimer’s Association in southwest Colorado in June. Two live webinars also are scheduled during June, including:

- “Communicating Effectively,” 5 p.m., June 2.
- “Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors,” 5 p.m., June 9.

The Building Brain-Healthy Habits program will be held from 11 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. on June 15, at the library, 1900 E. 3rd Ave.

Wallace will lead the program along with Bobbie D’Addario, senior program manager for the Alzheimer’s Association of Colorado. A light lunch will be provided.

Ongoing support groups

The Durango/Pagosa Springs area also is host to several ongoing support groups for family care partners, as well as people living in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease.

- Support Group — For Care Partners: 10:30 a.m. to noon on the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month at La Plata Senior Center, 2424 Main Ave., Durango.

- Support Group — For People with Early Memory Loss: 10:30 a.m. to noon on the second Wednesday of the month at La Plata Senior Center, 2424 Main Ave., Durango (pre-screening and registration required — contact sierrapeaks2021@gmail.com).
- Support Group — For Care Partners: noon on the third Tuesday of the month at Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive.

To register for any of the Alzheimer’s Association programs, call the Association’s free Helpline, staffed 24/7 by trained professionals, at (800) 272-3900. To learn more about the programs and services of the Alzheimer’s Association, go to alz.org.

Healthy Archuleta invites providers to behavioral health gathering

Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta is inviting mental and behavioral health providers from across Archuleta County to participate in a behavioral health collaborative gathering on Thursday, June 4, from noon to 1 p.m.

The gathering is designed to bring together professionals working in private practice, schools, health care systems, public health and community-based organizations to strengthen collaboration and build

connections across the county’s behavioral health network.

As mental and behavioral health needs continue to grow in rural communities, Healthy Archuleta hopes this gathering will provide an opportunity for providers to connect with one another, share updates and resources, discuss challenges and gaps in services, and explore opportunities for collaboration that can better support individuals and families throughout the community.

The event is part of Healthy Archuleta’s broader efforts to strengthen community well-being through cross-sector partnerships and community-driven solutions.

Our hope is that the gathering will help foster stronger communication and coordination among providers while creating space for relationship-building and shared learning.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to fsfearchuleta@gmail.com by Tuesday, June 2, to get the location details and help us plan.



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Moving forward, together: How Girls on the Run empowers the next generation

By Kristen Albers
Rise Above Violence

In a world where young girls face increasing social pressures, stereotypes, and academic stress, having a place where they can build confidence, feel supported and simply be themselves is more important than ever. That's where Girls on the Run comes in.

Girls on the Run is a nationwide nonprofit program that uses running and movement-based activities to help girls in grades three through eight build confidence, develop healthy relationships and strengthen important life skills.

Rise Above Violence is proud to serve as the local Girls on the Run provider for Archuleta County.

During the 2025 season, Rise Above Violence supported 10 local participants through the program. Over the course of the season, girls attended up to 15 educational sessions focused on confidence, emotional wellness, healthy relationships, goal setting, teamwork and communication skills while preparing for their end-of-season 5K.

More than just an after-school activity, Girls on the Run is an evidence-based youth development program designed to support the physical, emotional and social well-being of young participants.

The 10-week curriculum combines physical activity with life-skills education. The program emphasizes teamwork, empathy, confidence and personal growth. Through Rise Above Violence's local program, participants meet regularly throughout the season, building not only physical endurance but also skills they can use at school, at home and in their friendships.

The season culminates in a celebratory, noncompetitive 5K event. For a girl who may have started the program unsure of her abilities or hesitant to run even a single lap, completing 3.1 miles provides a powerful sense of accomplishment.

As an organization dedicated to promoting safety, healthy relationships and personal empowerment, Rise Above Violence recognizes the importance of reaching young people early. Programs like Girls on the Run help girls build self-confidence, strengthen communication skills, establish healthy boundaries and develop positive peer relationships.

In Archuleta County, Girls on the Run is made possible through the support of volunteer coaches, running buddies and community members who believe in investing in local youth. Rise Above Violence relies on these volunteers to ensure girls in our community continue to have access to this impactful program year after year.

If you want to help build a generation of joyful, healthy and confident young women right here in Archuleta County, Girls on the Run needs you.

Whether you volunteer as a coach, serve as a running buddy or support the program in another way, your involvement can make a lasting difference. Through Girls on the Run, Rise Above Violence is helping local girls discover their strengths, build meaningful connections and develop skills that will serve them for years to come.

Interested in volunteering to be a coach, running buddy, or volunteer?

Please contact Carmen Lewis at carmen@riseaboveviolence.org. There is a mandatory new coach training in Durango on Aug. 29 and this season's 5K will be in Durango on Oct. 31.

For more information on finding a site near you, registering a girl or donating, visit gotrwesterncolorado.org.

Sign up to coach or volunteer with your local council today, and help a girl discover just how capable she really is.

Community Raises an Astonishing \$100,000 at PCI's Second Chance Prom - Archuleta County shows overwhelming support for youth, families and PCI's mission

By: Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

Pagosa Springs, CO — What began as a fundraising goal of \$45,000 ended in a night of extraordinary generosity, community spirit and celebration.

Pagosa Community Initiative's annual Second Chance Prom, held May 16th at the Ross Aragon Community Center, raised \$100,000 to support PCI's work with youth and families in Archuleta County. The total far surpassed the organization's original fundraising goal and will make a lasting impact on the free programs PCI provides throughout the community.

This year's event was nothing short of historic. When the evening began, an anonymous donor stepped forward with a match offer of up to \$36,000 if PCI could raise the additional funds needed. The community responded with incredible enthusiasm, helping the event not only reach but exceed its revised goal of \$60,000 — and ultimately soar to the remarkable \$100,000 total.

"We are humbled beyond words by the generosity of Archuleta County," said Carrie Blue-White, PCI Board Chair and Prom Planning Committee lead. "This community showed up in every possible way — through sponsorships, auction donations, ticket sales, voting, dancing and gifts of every size. Every dollar matters, and together those dollars will help us continue lifting youth and families up where they need it most."

PCI, Archuleta County's trusted family resource center, provides a wide range of services designed to strengthen families from the ground

up. Those services include free after-school programming, summer camp scholarships, mental health therapy, youth initiatives, parent education, emergency family assistance and other critical support projects that help local children and families thrive.

The organization's mission was recognized earlier this year when PCI received the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit of the Year award, and the success of Second Chance Prom reflects the strong confidence the community places in PCI's work.

Executive Director Rebecca Tenpenny expressed gratitude for the overwhelming response. "This event was a powerful reminder that Archuleta County believes in PCI and in the families we serve," Tenpenny said. "The support we received will directly fuel programs that make a real difference in the lives of children, parents and neighbors across our community. We are deeply grateful."

PCI extended special thanks to its business sponsors, including Trusted Rate, Mountain Men Disaster Mitigation, Higher Grounds and Pagosa Zip Trips, whose financial support helped make the event possible. Additional gratitude goes to the sponsors who provided food and beverages, including The Bootlegger, Rosie's, Subway, Patria, Ritual, Chef's and Bad Donkey Bakery, along with the incredible number of businesses and individuals who contributed to the silent auction.

A special recognition goes to the five royalty couples who helped raise a historic amount through the royalty

competition: Allen & Kim Domingo, Kevin & Sunshine Blue, Kari & Scott Burkett, Carli & Adam Luhrs, and crowned King & Queen Julia & Kevin Wood.

"These couples went above and beyond," Blue-White said. "Their dedication and creativity helped inspire the entire community and played a major role in making this such an unforgettable evening."

The organization also gave a heartfelt thank-you to the Prom Planning Committee — Carrie Blue-White, Rebecca Tenpenny, Courtney Wieters and Audrey Bliss — whose five months of planning and hard work brought the event to life.

PCI also emphasized that donations of every size made a difference. From gifts of \$500 and below to major sponsorships and matching contributions, every donation helped build toward the final total and reinforced the shared commitment to local youth and families.

The night was not only a fundraiser, but a celebration — with guests dressed to impress, dancing late into the evening and demonstrating the deep community pride that continues to define Archuleta County.

"This was truly a community victory," Blue-White added. "Thank you, Pagosa Springs. PCI hears you, we appreciate you, and we will continue to support and uplift youth and families in every way we can."

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Pagosa Springs History Museum opens for season with special exhibits

Pagosa Springs History Museum

For more than four decades, the Pagosa Springs History Museum has offered visitors and locals alike a glimpse back into the history of Pagosa Country, at the same time preserving history and displaying precious artifacts from the past.

The 2026 season will run through Sept. 5.

The museum, which is overseen by the nonprofit San Juan Historical Society, hosts a one-of-a-kind collection depicting early life and industry in the area.

And, the museum itself is an artifact of sorts. It is partially housed in the old waterworks building constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1938. The WPA, created in 1935 by President Franklin Roosevelt, was part of the New Deal.

In 2026, the museum will feature multiple special exhibits celebrating America's 250th birthday and 150 years of Colorado statehood in addition to its permanent exhibits.

'Moments that Made US'

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed. The museum will celebrate this monumental moment in America's history with an America 250 commemorative exhibition honoring the Declaration of Independence.

"Moments That Made US" looks at the ideals at the heart of the Declaration of Independence by exploring moments in our history that have served to define their meaning.

This nationwide exhibit is being brought to our community to aid in understanding founding principles like "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," "Consent of the Governed," "Created Equal," "Free and Independent State" and "We Mutually Pledge to Each Other."

The exhibition explores how generations of Americans have given meaning to the ideals set forth in the Declaration of Independence.

This exhibition will run the full 2026 season.

Colorado statehood

One hundred years after the founding of our nation, Colorado became the 38th state to be admitted to the Union, earning the moniker of the "Centennial State."

A history vault is being created at

the museum this season to preserve memories for future generations. Local history is being collected, which will then be stored in a vault. This will be locked with the request that it not be opened until the bicentennial celebration of the state of Colorado in 2076.

What will be included in this exhibition? A collection of books, both in print and out of print, has been curated. Local family histories and writings have been permitted to be included in the vault. Oral histories have been conducted and will be included.

Watch upcoming issues of The PREVIEW for more information on how to include your family's history in this vault.

Imagine the excitement when this treasure trove is opened in 50 years, sharing our collected history. The hope is that the collection will be added to and revealed to share with future generations.

On Aug. 1 at 10 a.m., a short celebration will be held recognizing the 150th anniversary of Colorado's statehood and the closing of the history vault to preserve the collected memories.

Star Spangled Quilts

The America 250-Colorado 150 celebration presents an opportunity to showcase a collection of quilts dubbed the Star Spangled Quilt exhibition.

These quilts will celebrate the founding of our country — one quilt honors the bicentennial anniversary of our nation, a redwork top records early history of Archuleta County and one quilt celebrates the millennium, among others.

The collection

The majority of the items on display were found, used or produced in the area, including metal art and fossils of the extinct mosasaur — an aquatic reptile, which was discovered in Archuleta County.

A few of the exhibitions available to view at the museum include logging and railroad, a plethora of old photographs, a general store, ranching and textiles.

Connect

The museum is located a short walk from downtown at 96 Pagosa St. (the corner of U.S. 160 and 1st Street).

Donations are accepted to offset

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HOW EXERCISE LOWERS YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE

Exercise has proven to be a great stress reliever and blood circulator. Therefore, it isn't hard to believe that it even benefits blood pressure.

Examine the evidence in today's excerpt. Flexibility and strengthening exercises such as lifting weights are an important part of an overall fitness plan, but it takes aerobic activity to control high blood pressure. And you don't need to spend hours in the gym every day to benefit. Simply adding moderate physical activities to your daily routine will help.



Any physical activity that increases your heart and breathing rates is considered aerobic exercise, including:

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| Household chores, such as mowing the lawn, raking leaves or scrubbing the floor | |
| Active sports, such as basketball or tennis | Climbing stairs |
| Walking | Jogging |
| Bicycling | Swimming |

The American Heart Association recommends you get at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise, 75 minutes of vigorous exercise or a combination of both each week.

Aim for at least 30 minutes of aerobic activity most days of the week. If you can't set aside that much time at once, remember that shorter bursts of activity count, too. You can break up your workout into three 10-minute sessions of aerobic exercise and get the same benefit as one 30-minute session.

Source: Exercise: "A drug-free approach to lowering high blood pressure." <http://www.mayoclinic.org>

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

"And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed." Hebrews 12:13

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Summer Reading Challenge will kick off June 1

By Barbara Brattin
PREVIEW Columnist

It's time to line up all those books you've been meaning to read all year, find some shade and a warm summer breeze, and dig in.

This year we are going all out with "Read Wild!," a summer reading challenge for all ages that lasts from June 1 to Aug. 30. Collect badges, win prizes and play the bingo sheet to get in the raffle for our grand prizes.

Our community goal is 250,000 minutes read, Pagosa. We know you can do it.

But, that's not all. When we aren't reading wild, we'll be heading into the wild. Here are all the exciting programs we have in store:

- June 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: "Read Wild!" Kickoff at Yamaguchi Park.
- June 10, 9 to 11 a.m.: Chimney Rock National Monument tour.
- July 8, 2 to 4 p.m.: Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park tour.
- July 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Wilderness workshop with survival expert Jesse Krebs.
- Aug. 5, 8:30 a.m. (full day): Wolf-wood Refuge tour.
- Aug. 28, 1 to 3 p.m.: Finale party in the new library.

For more information, including how to sign up, how to win prizes and program logistics, visit www.pagosalibrary.org/summer.

Don't hesitate: The first 100 people to sign up will receive a free copy of Jack London's "Call of the Wild."

Construction update

Our new parking lot is taking shape on the south side. By July 1, we'll be walking through our new main entrance and parking access will return to the 8th Street entryway

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as we transition service into the new addition.

At the end of May, we'll see the landscaping transformation begin. With the new outdoor experience you will notice the children's garden patio, a picnic area for all, and a reading garden with comfortable seating and event space.

In late August, the two portions will be combined into one big, beautiful building. Our grand opening is tentatively set for Labor Day weekend.

Follow us on Facebook for periodic pictures of progress.

Adopt-a-Tree Program

We have 26 new trees planned for our outdoor community garden, and you could put your name on one of them in exchange for a \$500 donation. Individuals, families, clubs, businesses and organizations are welcome to participate.

Interested? Here's how to get started: Write a check to Ruby Sisson Library or donate online at <https://www.pagosalibrary.org>. Fill out a donation form telling us what you want your garden stake to say in six words or less. Forms are available on our website or in paper form at the library.

Thanks for helping us create a beautiful new outdoor space in our community.

Citizenship classes

Join our test prep classes for the U.S. citizenship test on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on South Pagosa Boulevard.

Colorado Parks Passes for checkout

The weather is perfect to get outside. Colorado state parks require a paid pass to enter, but you can borrow one from the library for a few days at no cost to you.

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Meet us out in the community

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

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

Activities calendars

Pick up monthly calendars at the library or check the website, www.pagosalibrary.org/events-calendar, so you don't miss any of the free programs, events and activities available to you and your family.

Writers Guild

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writ-

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ers looking for support, guidance, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

During construction the group will meet at the Archuleta Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Enter through the left side of the building.

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.

New books collections brimming with interesting titles

For a full list of new titles and to reserve your copy, go to www.pagosalibrary.org and choose "Search the Catalog" at the top of the screen.

Don't forget, if there is a waiting list for the book, it may be available now as an e-book or e-audiobook on CloudLibrary or Libby.

New in large print

- "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockert, bestselling author of "The Help," tells the story of three women — orphaned Meg, outspoken Birdie, and desperate Charlie — who form an unlikely bond and create a risky plan to survive the Great Depression.

- "When the Forest Breathes: Renewal and Resilience in the Natural World" from scientist Suzanne Simard explores how forests regenerate through interconnected cycles of life, death and rebirth, arguing for a new, holistic approach to forestry that integrates scientific discovery with Indigenous wisdom to combat climate change.

- "Ghost Town" by Tom Perrotta explores grief, memory and the supernatural as a young, motherless teenager drifts into troubling friendships and turns to a Ouija board to cope.

New nonfiction

- "Unsingle: How to Date Smarter and Create Love That Lasts" by Amy Chan is a self-help book that uses neuroscience and psychology to help readers break unhealthy dating patterns and build lasting relationships.

- "After COVID: The Health Impacts That Will Last for Generations" urges readers to confront the true

scope of the pandemic's legacy — and the vulnerabilities it has revealed in our systems, societies and selves.

- "In Season: 125+ Sweet and Savory Recipes Celebrating Simple, Fresh Ingredients" from chef Lisa Steele focuses on farm-fresh, market-driven produce, creative cocktails

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Seeds of resilience: Healthy Archuleta kicks off fourth annual Siembra la Cena

Healthy Archuleta

Despite the tumultuous spring weather that has kept many residents indoors, Healthy Archuleta officially kicked off the 2026 Siembra la Cena (or Seed to Supper), our fourth annual gardening program.

The unpredictable weather conditions did little to dampen the spirits of the participants, who gathered with an unmistakable eagerness to learn.

It's clear that there is a deep-seated hunger in our community not just for fresh food, but for the knowledge of how to produce it sustainably.

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New fiction books

- “Elegy in Blue” by Mark Helprin tells the story of an 82-year-old former Wall Street figure in Brooklyn who reflects on a life of immense love and devastating loss, including the deaths of his wife, father and son, and finds a new purpose in confronting violence to protect others, blending tragedy, love and humor with a deep affection for New York City.
- “The Forgotten Midwife” is by Laura Anthony. Set in the dual timelines of present-day and 1950s Ireland and based on real historical events, it is a powerful, poignant novel of feminism and resilience that follows the life of a young woman consigned to work in a home for “fallen girls” who quickly realizes she

The program is designed to meet both new and avid gardeners exactly where they are. The curriculum skipped the complex chemistry for a moment to focus on the essential “four pillars” of a successful harvest: where, what, when and how to plant, as well as starting with a good foundation, literally with healthy soil.

In a region known for its unpredictable mountain climate, much of the discussion centered on the strategic dance between warm- and cool-season crops. Instructors guided participants through the nuances of protecting vulnerable starts against late-season frost, a perennial chal-

lenge for Archuleta County growers, and debated the merits of container versus in-ground planting for those with limited space or rocky soil.

After reviewing the basics, the class headed outside and got busy in the dirt, removing weeds and debris from last year’s growth and adding compost to the garden beds. Once the participants amended the beds, they finished with planting seed potatoes.

While the goal is to put fresh food on local tables, the harvest is only part of the reward. Gardening serves as a powerful intersection where physical activity meets emotional

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must risk everything to protect them.

- “No Way Home” by T.C. Boyle is about a medical resident, Terrence Tully, who is drawn into a dark, noir-style love triangle in a desolate Nevada town after his mother’s death, exploring themes of desire, jealousy and the search for belonging in a harsh landscape.

New DVDs

- “Camera” follows a young boy who cannot speak as he moves to a struggling fishing town with his widowed mom. Bullied by his peers, Oscar finds his artistic voice with the help of an eccentric repairman and a film camera.
- “The Ragin’ 13” follows Walter Imahara, a Japanese American internment survivor who co-founded a Cajun weightlifting dynasty bridging cultures, winning nationally and wit-

nessing the loss of close friend, David Berger, in the 1972 Munich Olympics.

- In “Murder Before Evensong,” empathetic Canon Daniel Clement is pulled into a murder investigation in 1980s England. This movie is based on the novels by the Rev. Richard Coles.

Correction

In the May 15 “Library News” column, “Those Who Walked Before: How Ice Age Footprints in New Mexico Retell the Stories of the First Americans” was listed under new and notable adult fiction, but is nonfiction.

Additionally, co-author David F. Bustos is a biologist turned resource-program manager. Matthew Bennett is a renowned geoscience professor from the UK who assisted in the discovery of the ice age footprints.



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Finding wellness in the mountains we call home

Healthy Archuleta

In Archuleta County, wellness is not only found inside a clinic or office; sometimes it begins with a walk along the San Juan River, the quiet stillness of a forest trail or time spent turning soil in a community garden. In a world that often feels fast-paced and overwhelming, our mountain community offers something increasingly important: space to breathe, reconnect and heal.

As Mental Health Awareness Month is observed this May, local organizations and health advocates are highlighting an important reminder: Mental and emotional well-being are deeply connected to the world around us. Here in the mountains, nature itself can become part of how we care for our minds and bodies.

Organizations such as Healthy Archuleta continue working to strengthen community well-being through efforts that expand access to preventive health care, nutrition education, mental and behavioral health

support, healthy food systems, and opportunities for connection. The idea is simple but powerful: Health is holistic, and strong communities help create healthier people.

Research continues to show that spending time outdoors can reduce stress, lower heart rate, improve mood and support emotional resilience. Fortunately, Archuleta County residents are surrounded by trails, forests, rivers and open spaces that make these benefits free and accessible year-round.

One practice gaining attention is “forest bathing,” also known by the Japanese term shinrin-yoku. Unlike hiking for exercise, forest bathing encourages slowing down and intentionally experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of the woods. Even 20 minutes spent quietly among trees can help calm the nervous system and improve overall well-being.

While mountain living offers beauty and solitude, rural communities can also experience isolation, especially during winter months or

seasonal transitions. That is why connection remains one of the strongest protective factors for mental health.

Across Archuleta County, people are building those connections in many ways. Outdoor clubs and trail groups create opportunities for both exercise and friendship. Community gardens bring neighbors together

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Seeds

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This connection isn't just anecdotal. The program highlights how the rhythmic, mindful nature of gardening acts as a “grounding” practice, both literally and figuratively. By stepping away from screens and into the soil, participants engage in a form of active meditation that reduces stress.

When this is done alongside neighbors, the benefits multiply; the shared work of tending a garden combats social isolation, fostering a sense of belonging and collective purpose that is vital for a healthy mind.

A huge thank you goes out to

everyone who showed up with such high energy for the first three sessions. That enthusiasm is the engine that drives this program year after year.

As the 2026 season gets underway, the community is invited to follow along as these gardens grow. Whether you are tending a single pot of herbs on a balcony or a sprawling backyard plot, there is something uniquely healing about the simple act of putting a seed in the ground and waiting for the first sign of green.

There are plenty of other opportunities to dig in. For more information on future classes or to volunteer with Healthy Archuleta, visit www.food-coalition4archuleta.org. Let's grow a healthier, more connected county together.

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Wellness

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around shared purpose, healthy food and stewardship of the land. Volunteer efforts allow residents to contribute to something larger than themselves while reducing feelings of isolation. These everyday acts of connection strengthen not only

individuals, but the resilience of the community as a whole.
Just as important as spending time outdoors is knowing when to seek support. Reaching out for help is a sign of strength, and resources are available locally and nationally for individuals and families navigating

mental or emotional challenges.
Community members can learn more about local wellness and health initiatives through visiting www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/supporting-health--wellness.html.
Anyone experiencing emotional distress or crisis can also contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by calling or texting 988 for free, confidential support available 24 hours a day.

The mountains surrounding Archuleta County are more than scenery. They are part of the fabric of community life, places where people gather, reflect, heal and reconnect. In a time when many are searching for balance and belonging, the outdoors may offer one of the most accessible pathways toward well-being for both individuals and the community as a whole.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Byron Greco

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the lark bunting.
Lark bunting is a misleading name choice for this bird that is unrelated to the brilliantly colored birds of the cardinal family that share the common bunting name. Renowned avian expert Kenn Kaufman said of the lark bunting, "It's just an American sparrow that's a little fancier." Indeed, for most of the year lark buntings wear the brown, streaky colors that we associate with sparrows. They are large and chunky and have thick, bluish-gray bills. Only for part of the year are breeding males colored silky black with large white wing patches.
Similarly confusing, this bird is also not a lark, but acquired this part of its name from resemblances to the Eurasian skylark familiar to early ornithologists. Breeding male lark buntings perform a courtship display known as skylarking in which they ascend up to 20 or 30 feet above ground and sing a canary-like song while slowly descending. They also sing from perches to defend a breeding territory.
Lark buntings are endemic to the windswept grasslands and shrub-steppes of North American Great Plains. For nesting they prefer short-grass and taller grass areas that have some small shrubs, grass clumps or cacti that provide shade and shelter for their ground nests. Spring through autumn their primary food source is invertebrates, which they hunt by stalking and chasing on foot and in flight, or glean from vegetation. They supplement with seeds and some fruits.
In Colorado, this bird is found from May to September almost exclusively on the Eastern Plains. Pawnee National Grassland protects the threatened grassland ecosystem that these birds need to survive. In migration one may show up here, like this bird photographed in the Navajo Lake area. In winter, lark buntings are found in Texas, Arizona and the high plateaus of northern Mexico. Here they wander nomadically in large flocks until they locate a place where late summer rains have produced a good food supply.
The story of how a relatively unknown bird that only spends part of the year was chosen as the Colorado state bird in 1931 came down to impassioned arguments for the meadowlark, bluebird or lark bunting. The winning factor for the lark bunting was that no other state had chosen it.
For information on events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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11:30 am	- Welcome, Announcements, Proclamations, Legislation Update by CO Rep. Katie Stewart	1:45 pm	- Music, Dancing, Booths
12:15 pm	- PSHS Equality Club	2:00 pm	- Costume contest and parade
12:30 pm	- Break/Visit Booths	3:00 pm	- Drag Queen Aria PettyOne
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Thursday, May 28

Ruby’s Writers Guild. 8:45-10:45 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.

A Day in the Life of the Ancients Tour. 9:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A family-oriented tour along the accessible Mesa Village Trail to visit an ancient agricultural village and learn about daily life 1,000 years ago. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly 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 \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Tai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. An Archuleta Senior Center program.

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.

Citizenship Class. 2-4 p.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This Sisson Library program helps immigrants and people preparing for citizenship with classes, training materials, tutoring, informational resources and ways to connect to the community.

Teen Paint Your Own Flower Pot. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join for a relaxing afternoon of painting a terra-cotta flower pot to take home and keep. For ages 14-17.

Friday, May 29

Birding at Chimney Rock Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour is presented in partnership with the local chapter of the Audubon Society and affords a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about birds that are native to the area. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents ‘Come From Away.’ 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, May 30

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

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Full Moon Program and Early Tour. 5:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Combine the Full Moon Program with an early, guided tour of the Mesa Village Trail to create a four-hour event. The cost is \$30. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Full Moon Program. 7:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A three-hour event culminating in a unique experience of viewing the moonrise from atop Chimney Rock Mesa. Prior to that, a presentation will highlight the Ancestral Puebloan ties to astronomy and the Chacoan culture. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents ‘Come From Away.’ 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 18 Intent on
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- 22 Made some changes
- 23 Bag closure
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- 40 Kind of porridge
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- 8 Cloudless
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- 10 Burn unit procedure
- 11 Flag waver?
- 12 Out of the wind
- 13 Barber Sweeney
- 19 Bills of fare
- 21 Anagram for "page"
- 24 Tex-Mex munchie
- 25 Pronto
- 26 Oft-displayed muscle
- 29 Unable to read

- 30 Everybody's opposite
- 32 Careful analysis
- 33 Data transmission
- 35 Requisite
- 38 Authenticity
- 41 Moth-____
- 43 Buttonhole, e.g.
- 45 Most faithful

- 49 Baseball blunder
- 50 Informative
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Community Conversations. 5:30 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The conversation will focus on Pagosa Springs Medical Center finances.

Tuesday, June 2

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 9 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

A Day in the Life of the Ancients Tour. 9:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A family-oriented tour along the accessible Mesa Village Trail to visit an ancient agricultural village and learn about daily life 1,000 years ago. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Coffee and Kiddos Playgroup. 10-11 a.m., Aspire Medical Services and Education, 602 S. 8th St. For those

with kids ages birth to 3 years old.
Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

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Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

Mindful Drawing. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition Draft Plan Open House. 2-7 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Drop in any time for the community’s final opportunity to provide comment before the plan is finalized. The draft plan and a feedback survey will be available at pagosaparc.org.

A Tour of Two Trails. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion

along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Thursday, June 4

Ruby’s Writers Guild. 8:45-10:30 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.

‘Read the Weeds’ Invasives Identification Hike. 9 a.m. The hike is free, but sign-up is required at SJMA.org.

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Tai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Yama-guchi Park. An Archuleta Senior Center program.

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.

Citizenship Class. 2-4 p.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This Sisson Library program helps immigrants and people preparing for citizenship with classes, training materials, tutoring, informational resources and ways to connect to the community.

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

San Juan Stargazers. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Social time will begin at 6 p.m., followed by an educational presentation at 7 p.m.

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Friday, June 5

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for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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Summer Reading Program Launch Party. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Meet at the pavilion for program sign-ups, outdoor activities, refreshments and book giveaways.

Bingo. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Festival of the Arts. 5-8 p.m., Tennyson Sculpture Garden, 475 Lewis St. Thirty-two juried artists will have their work on display. Sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Arts Council.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Come From Away.' 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).

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Plant Walk. 9 a.m.-noon. Join certified herbalist Lake McCullough to explore early summer herbs, wildflowers and edible plants in the ponderosa pine ecozone in Martinez Canyon. Call ahead to (970) 398-0923 to reserve a spot. There is a 15-person maximum.

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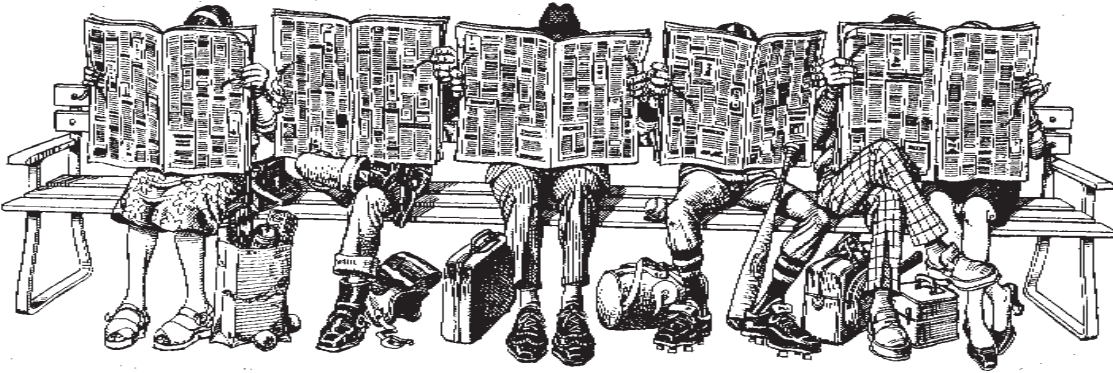
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Archuleta Seniors Inc. presents summer safety tips

By Ricardo Martinez
PREVIEW Columnist

As temperatures begin to rise, summer safety becomes especially important for older adults.

Seniors are more vulnerable to heat-related illnesses, dehydration and sun exposure, particularly during periods of extreme heat.

Staying safe during the summer months starts with drinking plenty of water, even when not feeling thirsty, wearing lightweight clothing, limiting outdoor activities during the hottest parts of the day, and using sunscreen and hats when outside.

Seniors should also pay close attention to signs of heat exhaustion such as dizziness, fatigue, headaches or confusion. Taking simple precautions can help older adults remain healthy, active and independent throughout the summer season.

The Archuleta Senior Center is committed to helping local seniors stay safe and connected during the warmer months.

In addition to providing nutritious congregate meals and Meals on Wheels services, the Senior Center offers a welcoming place where seniors can socialize in a cool, safe environment while participating in activities and wellness programs.

Staff and volunteers also help connect seniors with local resources and supportive services that can improve quality of life and reduce isolation.

The Archuleta Senior Center encourages community members to check on older neighbors and loved ones during periods of extreme heat and reminds seniors that they are never alone in our caring community.

Juneteenth closure

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) will be closed June 19 for Juneteenth. No meals or services will be provided that day.

Senior Conversations

The very popular Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn takes place on Mondays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. at the Archuleta Senior Center.

Please note that because ASI was closed May 25, Senior Conversations will be held on Friday, May 29.

Salmonsohn brings to the 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 in the Archuleta community, fostering 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

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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.

American mahjong

American mahjong is played using a set of tiles and the current year score card. Play includes groups of three or four players and follows a pattern of division exchange and display of tiles.

Bring your card and come to play or watch and learn from 1:15 to 3:45

p.m. Tuesdays at the Senior Center.

Bridge

The game of bridge is held on Tuesdays and 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 Thursday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., join the "Tappers," who practice a self-regulation technique to relieve symptoms of anxiety, depression, insomnia and more.

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1:30 to 3 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

Mexican train dominoes meets on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Ruby’s Writers Guild

The Ruby’s Writers Guild meets on Thursdays from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. The guild is an informal group that meets to support writers of all genres and experiences. It supports writers through friendly critique, resources, discussion, and literary and cultural activities. Bring your secret idea drafts or completed manuscripts. Come join the group.

Tai chi

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

Tai chi is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this meditative practice. The 19 movements and one pose are designed to stimulate, circulate and balance the vital energy that is inherent in all of us.

Bingo

Join us for bingo on Fridays, June 5 and 26, at 1:30 p.m.

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

No RSVP is required; just show up.

All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone. Seats are first come, first served.

Scrapbooking and crafters club

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

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

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

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

Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join local elders, their friends, family and community at the Community Cafe, also known as 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 8:45 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 or text (970) 264-2167 before 8:45 a.m. Please note that occasionally the menu must be changed on short notice.

Thursday, May 28 — Fettuccine Tuscan with spinach Parmesan sauce, sauteed mushrooms and cauliflower, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday, May 29 — Beef fajitas with peppers and onions, guacamole, sour cream, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Monday, June 1 — Thai red curry shrimp, brown rice, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, June 2 — Roasted vegetable and hummus wrap, pita chips, spinach artichoke dip, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday, June 3 — Boneless BBQ pork ribs, creamed corn, potato medley, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, June 4 — Beef stroganoff with egg noodles, carrots, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, June 5 — Fried chicken with country gravy, peas and pearl onions, peach cobbler, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Meals on Wheels

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

Text reservations

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

Mountain Express Transit senior paratransit services

Seniors over the age of 60 can be verified to receive services through discounted paratransit services, free bus rides and pick up at your home to bring you to the Senior Center for lunch. To become eligible, there is a form to complete.

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry can contact the Mountain Express Transit (MET) to schedule a ride with its paratransit service.

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

Medicare assistance by appointment

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

Board vacancies

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

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

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

Support the Senior Center

New, starting in 2026, small donations can be deducted without itemizing your tax return. It is the Permanent Universal Charitable Deduction.

Here’s what this means: For tax years beginning after Dec. 31, 2025, those who do not itemize can deduct up to \$1,000 for individual tax filing and \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly.

The goal of this provision is to recognize and encourage charitable giving across all income levels, potentially boosting donations from middle-income households who may not itemize their deductions. This change has the potential to significantly impact charitable giving patterns by incentivizing a broader base of donors.

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

Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc.

Another way to donate: Are you 70.5 years old or better? Do you have an IRA from which you need to take a

distribution? Did you know you can make charitable donations directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution, up to \$100,000 per year? The donation from the account would be payable to ASI and sent to P.O. Box 344, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. This gift option is called the IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution.

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Choose love and have true liberation

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

"You've come a long way, Baby." A catchy phrase for Virginia Slims cigarettes in 1968, designed to support the women's liberation movement — to smoke in public and give her this newfound independence and equality.

Here we are today. How far have we really come? Angry women screaming in the streets? I don't think so. Does it have to do with love?

"The contentions of a wife are a continual dripping" (Proverbs 19:13, NKJV). There is nothing more irritating than a dripping faucet.

What happened to the sweet bride in the beautiful wedding gown as she walks toward her waiting groom with a sparkle in his eyes, with his hopes and dreams in front of him? Then something changes. She doesn't feel loved.

Everyone wants to be loved. It's the core and longing of our being. In the fall of mankind, the desire of man and woman shifted from a perfect union when a curse was put on their relationship. "Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you" (Genesis 3:16, NKJV).

The woman, the bride, has been living under the tyranny of the curse since the fall of mankind. The cross canceled out the curse put on the woman, but she doesn't realize she is no longer bound by its dictates.

I found a missing piece of the puzzle as I studied the role of the woman. "I am my beloved's and his desire is toward me" (Song of Solomon 7:10, NKJV). The word "desire" (longing) has been distorted since the curse that came because of the original sin. The reuse of this term "desire" in Song 7:10 is a term only used in Genesis 3:16 and 4:7, which tells of the curse on the desire.

Prophetically, the Shulamite, the bride of Solomon, is living in the reversal of the Genesis 3:16 curse. She no longer desires to rule but gives herself wholly to the king. "I am my beloved's," and she places the "desire" to lead where it belongs, with her husband.

"And his desire is toward me." She lives and thrives in the heart of her husband without fighting for her independence. In Genesis 4:7, the Lord told Cain that sin's desire lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it. Also "a sin offering lies at your door," referring to God's answer for the curse — that is, the cross.

In Professor James M. Hamilton Jr.'s book, "Song of Song," he writes, "Sin's desire was to master Cain, to control him, to dictate his actions. That seems to be the nature of the desire the woman is cursed to have in 3:16. She was made to help the man, Gen. 2:18 ... but will desire to control."

Cain needed to master sin, refusing to tolerate tempting impulses. He was not to rule harshly over the

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woman. Man would deal with the curse — that the woman would want to control and he would respond with iron-fisted ruling.

What a mess a lot of marriages are in. The Bride speaks in Song 7:10 of the reversal of the Genesis 3:16 curse. She is free to show her love to her husband, the king.

When Al and I came to the Lord in late '60s, we were told the husband was the leader, the wife was to obey him and submit to her husband. Women were to become like door-mats, implying we were lesser than the husband.

We were told if we had a spiritual question, we were to ask our husbands. The woman couldn't think for herself. There were many rules we lived under. And it all belonged to that curse that came about through Adam and Eve.

On Sept. 7, 1968, women rebelled, known as bra-burning, they threw their bras and other items in a "Freedom Trash Can" to protest. They refused to take their husband's name in marriage. They took out the word "obey" in their marriage vows. They liberated themselves, but lost what they needed: love.

Since the cross reversed the curse, what should a marriage look like? I thought about Adam and Eve before they sinned. What were they to each other? How did they treat each other? There is little about their relationship except she was made from him, a part of him, and was to be his helper, comparable to him. They were naked, but not ashamed. We know they walked with God in the cool of the day. It must have been a beautiful relationship before the fall.

The woman was not inferior to man. Less in physical strength, but not in her role to be his helpmate. Solomon ended his Book of Proverbs with the portrait of the virtuous wife. She was capable to be like a merchant ship, provide food for her household. She considered a field and bought it. Her abilities were many and her husband was not threatened by her confidence, but safely trusted in her.

He praised her. Solomon finished his portrait of the wife with a last brushstroke. "She feared the Lord, and she shall be praised."

Marriages are in trouble today. The devil has tried to destroy what God has made sacred. Is it because a couple in love does not understand

the grace upon their lives and how the cross has elevated the woman to be who she was intended to be? If her husband will encourage his wife to be in her rightful place, she will choose his love and have true liberation.

Final brushstroke: Wrongs have been reversed and human love derives its meaning and purpose from the character of God's love. Renewed and transformed by God's love, marriages can prosper as they should.

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988 Colorado highlights strong performance, community connection during Mental Health Awareness Month

Colorado Behavioral Health Administration

During Mental Health Awareness Month, the 988 Colorado Mental Health Line is highlighting strong performance across its statewide crisis response system while deepening community engagement efforts. New data shows Colorado continues to exceed national benchmarks for answer rates and response times, supported by a high-performing team of trained specialists and a community-informed shaping of care.

Colorado has built a highly responsive and increasingly integrated crisis system that meets and exceeds national standards.

988 Colorado consistently answers more than 95 percent of calls, with average response times under 15 seconds and minimal reliance on national backup, ensuring people in Colorado can quickly connect with trained, in-state specialists.

“Colorado is showing what’s possible when you invest in a mental health support system that prioritizes both performance and people,” said Gordon Coombes, 988 director. “Leading the nation in key metrics means we’re responding faster, which builds trust, strengthens communities and ensures that anyone who reaches out to 988 Colorado knows help is there.”

Establishing Colorado’s leadership

Recent performance data reflects a system built for speed and effectiveness that connects individuals to support when it matters most:

- Answer rate: Approximately 95-96 percent of calls answered, exceeding the national benchmark of 90 percent, and placing Colorado in the top performance tier.
- Speed to answer: Average re-

sponse times under 15 seconds, reflecting rapid access to care in Colorado and aligning with national standards.

- In-state capacity: Only 1-2 percent of calls are routed to national backup, outperforming the 10 percent national threshold and demonstrating strong in-state capacity.

Caring for those who care for Colorado

Central to this success is 988 Colorado’s partnership with Solari Crisis and Human Services (Solari), which operates a dedicated Colorado-based contact center. This local team was recently named a Denver Post 2026 Top Workplace, earning a Special Award in the “Meaningfulness” category.

This distinction — based entirely on employee feedback — highlights a workplace culture where staff feel a profound connection to their mission. For 988 Colorado, a fulfilled workforce translates directly to higher-quality care for help seekers.

“A strong workplace culture directly impacts the care people receive,” said Justin Chase, president and CEO of Solari. “We are proud to support Colorado with a dedicated, trained team of specialists who are equipped to offer compassion, skill and respect to people in their most critical moments.”

Understanding community needs

988 Colorado is expanding its community focus through the 988 Colorado Roadshow, a statewide listening tour engaging rural and frontier regions where behavioral health needs are often greatest. Data show these communities experience higher suicide rates compared to the state average, underscoring the importance of locally informed

solutions.

Through multi-day visits, the 988 Colorado outreach team is meeting with local partners, providers, and community members to better understand barriers to access and increase awareness of 988 Colorado.

“Strong performance is only part of the story,” Coombes added. “We are committed to listening, learning and evolving to strengthen connections to care.”

About 988 Colorado

988 Colorado is the easy-to-remember three-digit number that allows anyone with an emotional, mental health or substance use concern to immediately connect with a trained specialist who will listen without judgment.

988 Colorado is free, confidential and available 24/7.

If you or someone you know is struggling, call or text 988 or visit 988Colorado.com to chat live. 988 Colorado offers English and Spanish call, text and chat services, and support in more than 240 languages via the call options.



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ARCHULETA COUNTY Big Spring Clean Event. When: May 1st–May 31st. What: One free truck or trailer load (up to one ton) at the county landfill during regular business hours. Vouchers are available starting May 1 and are limited to one per address within Archuleta County. Please bring a valid Driver's License to pick yours up at any of these locations in Pagosa Springs: Public Works Office: 1122 US 84. Town Hall: 551 Hot Springs Blvd. PLPOA Clubhouse: 230 Port Ave. Important Note: This voucher covers general loads but cannot be used for: Appliances and electronics. Hazardous household waste. Tires, vehicles and batteries. Furniture and mattresses. Feel free to reach out with any questions: (970)264-8300.

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John 19:30

16“All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. ²They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. ³They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

⁵“Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. ⁷But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can

see me no longer; ¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹²“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.”

¹⁶“In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

The Disciples’ Grief Will Turn to Joy

¹⁷Some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘I a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” ¹⁸They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a

little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

¹⁹Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’? ²⁰I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

²¹A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²²So with you; Now is your time of grief, but I will see you gain and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

²⁵“Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no lon-

ger use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

²⁹Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. ³⁰Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

³¹“You believe at last!”^a Jesus answered. ³²“But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

³³“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”