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Top: Members of the Day family pose for a photo during Day Lumber's 100th anniversary celebration on June 19. Left top: Art Day, who started Day Lumber, is pictured in Missouri. Left bottom: Day Lumber hauls a load of lumber in Pagosa Springs, driven by Paul Day.

Day Lumber celebrates a century

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Friday, June 19, surrounded by saw blades that helped build a family home, a two-man chain saw, a plethora of family photos and, of course, lumber, Day Lumber marked a milestone few busi-

nesses make: 100 years.

Over that century, the business moved from Missouri to Colorado, and focused at various times on logging, sawmill and retail lumber sales.

But, through multiple locations and focuses, the company, and the

See Century A10

Pagosa Country sees record high temperature

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Record high temperatures were reported in Pagosa Country last week, on Wednesday, June 17.

According to a post from Shawn Prochazka with Pagosa Weather, the high at Stevens Field Airport on June 17 reached 89 degrees, beating the previous record high for that date of

87 degrees, set in 1986.

Prochazka notes that the average high temperature for that date is 79 degrees, with an average low being 36 degrees. The record low for that date was set in 1950 at 22 degrees.

Warm weather persisted over the last week, with temperatures lingering in the high 80s.

According to the National Weather

See Record A9

Town planning commission approves sketch major subdivision for Pagosa West

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On June 23, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission approved a sketch major subdivision application for a development called Pagosa West across the highway from the City Market shopping center.

This approval comes after the commission delayed a decision on the application in March after pushback from the public about the potential development.

An agenda document on the mat-

ter describes Pagosa West as "a residential and mixed-use commercial development... situated on a +/- 100-acre site along the south frontage of US Highway 160, between South Pagosa Blvd and Pinon Causeway."

The applicant proposes "a multi-phased subdivision development with full build-out occurring over the next 10 plus years," the document states.

Phase one is expected to construct a 44-unit multi-family housing development, which has been significantly

See Subdivision A8

PAWSD moves into stage two drought restrictions

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) entered stage two drought on June 22 due to decreasing water levels in Hatcher Reservoir and the San Juan River.

Drought stage two imposes a variety of additional restrictions on water use in addition to the restrictions from drought stage one.

Drought stage one restricts irrigation to between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m., requires restaurants to only serve water upon request, and encourages hotels to only replace towels and bed

linens at the request of current guests or for new guests.

Drought stage two further limits irrigation to only occur on weekdays while keeping the limitations on irrigation times from drought stage one.

Additionally, odd-numbered addresses can only irrigate on odd-numbered days while even-numbered addresses can irrigate on even-numbered days.

Drought stage two also lowers the threshold and increases the drought stage multiplier for residential water users from drought stage one. In drought stage one, water use above

See Drought A9

Voter turnout remains low as June 30 primary nears

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The deadline to turn in voted ballots for Colorado's primary election is just around the corner.

Voted ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day, June 30. Postmarks do not count.

Unaffiliated voters, as well as voters affiliated with the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, and Unity

Parties of Colorado, have the opportunity to vote in the primary.

Ballots were mailed to active registered voters beginning the week of June 8.

Coloradans who are registered to vote and are affiliated with the Colorado Democratic Party, Colorado Republican Party, Libertarian Party of Colorado or Unity Party of Colorado by June 8 received only the ballot of

See Primary A8

Hospital district signals intent to have fall ballot question

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Tuesday, June 23, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors — which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) — signaled its intent to place a question on the November ballot.

That signal came through the

unanimous approved of a resolution to notify the county clerks of Archuleta, Mineral and Hinsdale counties of the district's intent to participate in the Nov. 3 coordinated election.

PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese explained to the board prior to the vote that the board's approval of the resolution

See Hospital A8



SUN photo/Clayton Chaney

Visitors and locals flock to the San Juan River to beat the heat over the weekend.

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6/21	84	38	0.00	NA
6/22	85	42	0.00	NA

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OUR VIEW

Keep learning and exploring

Last weekend, we had the opportunity to take our newspaper hat off for a day and enjoy taking part in the inaugural Archuleta County Bioblitz.

Despite being Pagosa natives, we definitely don't know everything about the life that surrounds us, had a blast learning about the plants, birds, animals and more that we're in close proximity to almost every day from local, regional and state experts who have probably forgotten more than we could ever hope to know on those topics.

And their love of what they were doing — identifying and cataloging species, sharing their amazing knowledge, and talking about the uniqueness of our little slice of home — was contagious. It was a great reminder of how remarkable Pagosa Country and its people are.

It sounds like the event organizers will be providing a wrap-up of the nearly 300 species spotted and cataloged that day alone in downtown Pagosa Springs, as well

as a larger effort that took place leading up to the Bioblitz, and we look forward to sharing it with you. What was found is impressive.

Participating in the Bioblitz was also part of our current effort to be a tourist in our area and continue to learn more about this place we call home and the people who called it home before us.

In the past few weeks we've made a point to carve out time to visit Chimney Rock National Monument, museums, national parks, trails and more with an eye on not only the richness that surrounds us now, but how things have changed over time, whether that be since the Ancestral Puebloan people lived in the region or how last year's flooding changed the area along rivers.

It's made for a great summer so far, even if the weather's been a bit on the toasty side compared to what we're used to this time of year.

And the opportunities to learn more

about our area and our nation are only getting better as more and more exhibits, celebrations and efforts launch in honor of America's 250th and Colorado's 150th.

We hope as the official 250th and 150th milestones approach in July and August, respectively, that you'll take time to take it all in and learn something new, such as by visiting our own Pagosa Springs History Museum, which is hosting multiple special exhibits as part of the sesquicentennial celebration.

You can find more on those exhibits — as well as other ongoing events to keep you busy and entertained, like the final 19th Hole Concert of the season, Thingamajig Theatre Company's repertory season, Curtain Up Pagosa's performances of "School of Rock, the Musical" or other fundraisers featuring amazing talent — in The PREVIEW each week.

Happy learning and exploring.

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the June 29, 1967, Pagosa SUN — HELP AT FIRE — The San Juan Lumber Co. sent one of its large machines to help with the fire at the Day Sawmill last week. The big machine picked up burning logs and lumber and hauled them to areas where they could not cause the fire to spread. This SUN photo shows the big machine with a load of burning boards.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 25, 1926

Guy H. Herbert went to Pagosa Springs about two weeks ago and made arrangements with the owner of Born Lake, about six miles from the Wolf Creek Pass road and about twenty miles northeast of Pagosa Springs, to form a fishing club, says the Aztec Independent. This club will be limited to one hundred members with a membership fee of \$12.50 the first year and \$10 each year thereafter.

In the past fishing has been allowed in this lake by the owner, the fisherman paying by the pound for trout caught. The lake is well stocked with trout and several miles of good stream fishing is included in the club grounds.

Homer McKinley, lightweight of Pagosa Springs, who is at present working at Pagosa Junction, did last night in that city in connection with the San Juan celebration, knock out Mike Ruybalid, featherweight of Pagosa Junction, in the fifth round of their scheduled six-round handicap boxing bout. McKinley also scored two knockdowns in the fifth round prior to the administering of the sleeping powders.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 29, 1951

Everything is in readiness for the big Red Ryder Round-Up on July 3 and 4 of this year with entries for rodeo events already being received from as far away as Arizona. The race program is complete and with the added Red Ryder Derby feature over other years, spectators are sure to see some good races.

The entry fees and prize lists are published elsewhere on this page and special emphasis is being placed on the closing time for entries. The prize money is the largest this year, ever offered.

A record crowd is anticipated and a good show is assured. The clown, Buddy Heaton of Hugoton, Kansas, is an outstanding rodeo performer and will bring his trained horse, El Rocho to the Red Ryder Round-Up. This is one of the outstanding clown acts in the country.

Fred (Red Ryder) Harman and Little Beaver will be on hand for the parades and rodeos and as usual will be one of the outstanding attractions of the celebration.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 1, 1976

This weekend will be Red Ryder Round-up time and the weather seems just about right for it. It is somewhat dry and anyone out in the woods will need to use extreme care with fire. Highway traffic will be heavy and caution will also be needed there.

The 4th of July is most certainly flag flying day. The American Legion does its part in getting flags up in the downtown section and they also made flags available to many. This is the 200th birthday of the nation's independence and the United States flag is a symbol of that independence.

Visitors will be numerous over the 4th and the usual leisurely pace of the community will be speeded up. There are many things for local residents as well as visitors to do. There will be parades, rodeos, dances, races, fireworks, and other events. This is a year, the bicentennial year, when almost every community will be having some kind of a celebration. It just happens that the one here will be bigger and better than most.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 21, 2001

Less than a year after a \$125,000 donation bailout shored up a major Upper San Juan Hospital District budget shortfall, the district board is facing some distressing numbers and possible budget cuts to stay on track in 2001.

This time, an internal accounting error is not to blame, Dick Babillis, board chairman and interim district manager, said. Instead it's a matter of over-budgeting without an equal return in revenue.

By taking the cash in the bank and plugging in average monthly income and average monthly expenditure, Babillis said, the numbers show the Emergency Medical Services side of the district could be out of cash as early as next month. Expected June and July tax revenues might extend that to August. According to year-to-date figures handed out at the regular board meeting Tuesday night, EMS is presently running at a \$50,000 deficit.

On the Dr. Mary Fisher Clinic and Urgent Care Center side of the ledger the situation is better, with projections showing it's still possible for them to break even this year. Still, Babillis said, when the goal is to reflect a healthy business status and build reserves, the trends should show positive numbers by this point in the year.





Letters

Letters to the Editor are printed as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

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LPEA public questions

Dear Editor:

A few years ago, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) eliminated the public question-and-answer period that once opened its monthly board meetings. In its place, the board adopted a comment-only format. While public comments are valuable, they do not serve the same purpose as public questions, and the loss of direct dialogue has reduced transparency and member engagement.

A question-and-answer period helps members better understand board decisions, policies, expenditures, and priorities. Questions often clarify issues not fully explained in reports or agenda materials. Public responses can correct misunderstandings, provide context, and strengthen confidence in the board's decision-making process.

By contrast, a comment-only format creates a one-way conversation. Members may voice concerns but receive no answers or clarification. Important questions remain unresolved, confusion persists, and frustration grows. When concerns are heard but not addressed, public trust can erode.

Public questions also promote accountability. Board members are elected to represent the membership, and answering reasonable questions in a public setting demonstrates openness and respect. Community members can also identify issues, unintended consequences, or missing information that may improve governance and lead to better decisions.

No one is suggesting meetings become unmanageable. Reasonable limits on time, decorum, and subject matter can keep meetings productive, and questions requiring research can be answered later.

Public comments and public questions serve different purposes. A healthy public meeting should provide both. Restoring a public question-and-answer period would strengthen transparency, accountability, and trust between the LPEA Board and the members it serves.

Susan Atkinson
Durango, Colo.

Protecting cats

Dear Editor:

A Colorado woman is facing felony cruelty to animals charges after allegedly throwing a neighbor's cat named Toby into a yard with her dogs, who then chased and killed him. It's a horrifying story, but it should also be a wake-up call for anyone who believes it's safe to let cats outdoors.

Every time a cat is allowed to roam, there is a chance he won't come home. They are struck by cars, attacked by dogs or wildlife, exposed to disease and parasites, and poisoned by substances like antifreeze and pesticides. Some are shut inside garages or crawl spaces. Others disappear after encountering people who dislike cats and intentionally harm them.

This isn't about blaming the family who lost Toby. Like many people, they likely believed their neighborhood was safe. But there is no truly safe neighborhood for a cat left to fend for himself outdoors.

Cats depend on us to protect them. Keeping them indoors gives them the safety they deserve.

Sincerely,
Melissa Rae Sanger
The PETA Foundation

Pagosa West

Dear Editor:

I am writing as an Archuleta County resident and local utility stakeholder to share my perspective on the proposed Pagosa West subdivision. While I do not live within the official town limits, the Pagosa West development fundamentally impacts our shared infrastructure, utilities, and community resources.

I want to acknowledge that the Pagosa West proposal brings several undeniable benefits to our area. The developers have rightfully identified a critical need for structured workforce housing to support our local teachers, emergency responders, and healthcare workers. Furthermore, the inclusion of a Special Metropolitan District to fund initial roadway and pipeline construction ensures that taxpayers are not footing the immediate upfront bill for development. Capturing commercial activity along the heavy traffic corridor

of Highway 160 is an understandable economic goal.

However, based on the objective data, the severe infrastructure constraints far outweigh these potential benefits at this time.

First, we need to resolve the ongoing, 10-year public utility crisis. The PSSGID has struggled for a decade with the systemic failure of the 7-mile uphill sewage pumping system. Forcing 350,000 gallons of raw waste uphill daily via vulnerable lift stations has resulted in recurrent pump breakdowns, emergency "no-flush" orders for citizens, and millions of dollars in stop-gap spending. This needs to be fixed before we consider adding over 500 residential units and major commercial spaces to this already failing system.

Second, PAWSD is currently facing supply strain amid Stage 1 drought restrictions and is moving toward Stage 2. Committing to an eventual 58,420 gallons of water per day for a new greenfield project seems irresponsible when our existing reservoirs are dropping rapidly, and current residents are facing rate multipliers to curb basic usage. Even if the initial infrastructure cost is covered by the new Metro District, the expansion would create long-term infrastructure maintenance liabilities for the Town. At this time, it would be prudent for the Town to focus 100% of its resources, administrative bandwidth, and funding on permanently fixing our current sewage and wastewater crisis. We must solve our decade-long municipal issues before taking on new ones.

I strongly urge the Planning Commission and Town Council to deny or indefinitely table the Pagosa West subdivision until our sewage conveyance system is fully rehabilitated or a downtown treatment alternative is operational.

Alternatively, I believe the property developers should not receive any financial assistance from the Town or the County to complete this project. We have a lot of competing priorities within the Town and County at this time, and should not be distracted by a shiny penny. Yes, future development is important, but with an expected population growth rate of 1% over the next 5 years and a slowing commercial real estate market, now is not the time to divert Town and County resources from the top priorities for current residents.

Jessica Stiles

PARC

Dear Editor:

The Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition's (PARC) purpose is to define the future of recreation in our community and will, for better or worse, irrevocably change Pagosa's landscape and character. San Juan Back Country Horsemen is an active member of the PARC process. We speak in a loud and clear voice and submit our views in writing when necessary. We've met with the Forest Service (FS), SE Group and the Pagosa Trails Council to share our concerns. In addition to PARC participation, we are arguably the most tenured, active and effective volunteer group in the district. We put boots (and hooves) on the ground in four Ranger Districts to clear and maintain trails, refurbish FS signs, raise funds for contract trail work and volunteer each year to help with

Pagosa rodeos. We're a civic-minded and trails-oriented volunteer organization. No one can honestly say we're not heavily involved in trail-related issues.

We have three fundamental issues with PARC. First, we observe a coordinated agenda with a bias to promote mechanized access to the back country. Recall, for example, the FS Recreation Director stating that "Historically, Pagosa Springs has been the horse district and that has to change." Second, we do not support elements of the recreation plan that include a new mountain bike park or through OHV trails. We've publicly expressed our opposition to those ideas before PARC was funded, in task force meetings and in writing. Third, PARC public meetings are engineered to provide the illusion of transparency and the appearance of public support. Two "Open Houses" were anything but open. That is serious criticism from a serious and sincere community organization; if our voice holds no sway, who does?

Pagosa's District Ranger wisely lobbied for a community vision to help shape the future of recreation in the district. There is no stated community vision...so if we don't know where we're going, any road will get us there. The implied vision is to transform our community to a "Moab in the Pines." We've shared our vision: Respect and preserve the primitive and historical aspects of our community; maintain aspects of our surroundings that drew us all to live here; do not turn our town into another high-country amusement park. The PARC plan promotes landscape-level change that must be fully vetted with the public prior to any steps toward implementation. As I've said in public meetings, everyone wants to visit Disneyland...no one wants to live there.

Our goal is to let Pagosa Springs be a different experience for locals and visitors. Let Moab be Moab and Disneyland be Disneyland; when we want that experience, we know where to go. Our priority is to maintain and enhance the current trail system. There are decades of deferred trail maintenance we should focus on so we don't lose trails to neglect and disuse. We want to work together on issues we can all agree on with emphasis on conservation, wildlife and natural resource preservation. Please join us.

Ron Toland
President, San Juan Back Country Horsemen

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of June 28-July 6

Work activity

- Fourth of July holiday: In recognition of the Fourth of July, crews will not be working beginning at noon on Thursday, July 2. They will return on Monday, July 6. The WW Clyde team will have a supervisor and traffic control specialist on call over the weekend should any needs come up around the work zone. The project hotline and email will be managed throughout the holiday weekend, as well.

- 200-300 blocks: Crews will begin demolishing old sidewalks in preparation for curb and gutter and new sidewalks.

- Pedestrian safety: Pedestrian crosswalks are open at 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th streets as an alternative to access businesses along Lewis Street or anywhere on the 400 block. Our team continues to see pedestrians not practicing good safety measures, jumping barricades and crossing U.S. 160. Our work zone is extremely active in several locations, and we want to keep everyone safe.

- Humane Society driveway: The project team will begin excavation at the main driveway to the Humane Society on Monday, June 29, to install a fire hydrant. This work is anticipated to take approximately three days to complete.

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Obituaries

Charles Hood Formwalt

Charles Hood Formwalt was born Jan. 15, 1936, in Roswell, N.M., to Jacob Hood Formwalt and Charlie Ritchey Formwalt. He claimed to have been dropped out of the mother ship in Roswell. He was the oldest male of his generation of the immediate Formwalt family of five, and he was spoiled. He loved life and laughter, and always had a smile for everyone.



Charles attended a one-room school in the Sacramento Mountains in New Mexico and spent many hours with his father on horseback checking cattle and range land when school was out. The family moved to Artesia, N.M., in 1946 and then on to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 1950 to the ranch which is still owned by Formwalt families.

Charles met his wife to be (although he didn't know it) when he walked into Colorado history class at Pagosa Springs High School. He and Donna Bennett were married Sept. 2, 1955, and began their 70+ years of happy ever after.

Charles was a member of the United Methodist Church from 1951 to present and was a trustee during the tearing down of the old church and parsonage and the building of the new United Methodist Church on Lewis Street from 1963-1968. He loved his Lord and Savior and knew the Lord loved him; so many blessings were his.

Charles served on the Farmers Home Administration and the Archuleta County ASCS Board of Directors and was civil defense preparedness coordinator from 1960-1964. After trying a job learning automotive electrical systems for 18 months in Ft. Worth, Texas, he realized city life was not for him and returned to Pagosa Springs to work

heavy equipment, helping build the dam at Poage Lake in Rio Grande County. He rode the carriage at Ponderosa Sawmill and was a clerk and service man at Pagosa Hardware.

Charles joined the workforce of LPEA in 1963 and found he loved climbing poles and working with electricity as a lineman. He attended Mesa College at intervals between 1967-1972 for more training in electrical distribution.

As a member of the Archuleta School District No. 50 Jt., board of directors from 1971 to 1981, he was able to present both of his daughters, Pamela Jean Formwalt in 1974 and Melinda Sue Formwalt in 1979, with their high school diplomas. Charles also served on the Pagosa Springs Sanitation Board of Directors from 1983-1988, and was a past member of the I.O.O.F., Lions Club and Colorado Mounted Rangers.

In 1973, family circumstances called him back to the ranch life and he attended Colorado State University to learn AI for breeding superior cattle. Charles also acquired his pilot's license to enable him and his brother to fly to and from the family feed yard in Dell City, Texas.

Charles and Donna owned and managed the Archuleta County Abstract and Title Company from 1981-1986 and, after selling the business, Charles again joined the LPEA workforce, which gave him more chances at learning electrical distribution as a staking engineer. Finally, after retiring in 2000, and after building a new home in the south pasture where, again, he used all of his many talents and knowledge gained throughout his work careers, Charles and Donna became snowbirds.

Charles excelled at things that interested him, and being with family and friends was his greatest joy, whether hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, water or snow skiing, flying, boating or prospecting. He loved building things, including houses, barns, sheds, fences, ponds, roads, bridges, anvils, furniture and jewelry. His accomplishments were many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hood and Charlie Formwalt; his in-laws, Donald and Mabel Ben-

nett; brothers-in-law James Bennett and George Alley Jr.; nephews Bruce Alley and Bill Alley and niece Jani Candelaria; along with many loved uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

He is survived by his best friend and most loved wife, Donna; daughters Pamela Strunk (Richard) and Melinda Volger (Don); brother Bob Formwalt; and sisters-in-law Jessie Formwalt and Lucille Alley. Also surviving are granddaughters and their spouses Chelsea and Buck, Aubrey, Arica and Jim, Charlee and Geoff, Tancie, Tamara and Jon Paul, and Heather and Hank; great-grandchildren Alaska, Dutch, Mia, James, Azure, Jeyden, Aries, JP, Kathryn, Josh, Lizzie and Coy; great-great-grandchildren Rayelle, Thalia and Killian; nephew Pat Bennett and niece Robyn Bennett and family, niece Stacey Barker and family, niece Rebekka Schneider and family, nephew Tim Bennett and family, niece Sheila Witmer and family; along with many great-nephews, great-nieces and cousins.

Charles lost his buddies from years past, and his smile, memories and talents were reduced to a breath and last heart beat on May 27, 2026.

A memorial service will be held at the Community United Methodist Church, Pagosa Springs, Colo., on July 3, 2026, at 2 p.m. Please join us for the service and afterward at our home at 700 Cross Creek Place for refreshments and stories to share. Donations may be made to Pagosa Springs Medical Center Foundation, Attn. EMS Fund, 189 N. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Mark Henry Kircher

Mark Henry Kircher, MD, died peacefully at his home from congestive heart failure in the early morning hours of June 4, 2026. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on Nov. 7, 1946, to John and Dottie Kircher (now deceased). He is survived by his siblings, Gary and Jessica Kircher. He married Pamela Marie King on June 19, 1976; they celebrated their 50-year anniversary on June 19, 2026. They have three children, Michael and Robin King, and Joany Kircher. They have four grand-

children, Max and Alex King, and Shiloh and Hayden Gilboy. Mark was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Arnold and Bessie Eaton, and his paternal grandparents, Henry and Anna Kircher.



Mark's life was threaded throughout with creativity and ingenuity. As a child, he built intricate wooden boxes and he tinkered with cars. As he grew, he became involved in myriad sports and adventurous projects. He graduated from SMU with an economics degree and then served in the Navy. After his time in the Navy, he lived with a good friend on an aging sailboat, regularly repairing it to keep it afloat. Once back on land, Mark attended Columbia University and then Baylor College of Medicine, where he met Pam in their first month of medical school. They graduated together in 1979. As a creative builder in every aspect of his life, Mark worked as an orthopedic surgeon for more than 30 years, first in Houston, Texas, and then in Durango when he moved to Colorado in 1994. He volunteered his skills to help people with difficult orthopedic problems, working through the Shriner's Hospital in Houston and with a small volunteer group helping people in Guatemala and Fiji. In Colorado, he enjoyed skiing with friends for many seasons. Mark retired at 62 years of age so that he could live in Pagosa Springs and work at his beloved ranch, where he raised cattle, built fences and buildings, and grew grasses. He loved working with tools, both restoring big machinery and other vehicles, and fixing and creating features on the ranch, including decorative functional objects. Mark enjoyed spending a few hours each day building and, in fact, worked on one last project the day he died. Mark also loved the beauty of the land and the San Juan River, feeling a deep connection with both. In remembrance of Mark, please honor the earth in your own way.

Chamber highlights upcoming events

By Sandy Douthey
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Summer is in full swing in Pagosa Springs, and the Chamber is excited to highlight upcoming events that support the local business community.

Business Happy Hour this Thursday, June 25

The fun kicks off this Thursday, June 25, with the June Business Happy Hour from 5 to 7 p.m. at Pagosa Community Initiative at 550B Hot Springs Blvd.

This relaxed, after-hours networking event is open to Chamber business members and invited guests, and is a

wonderful opportunity to meet fellow entrepreneurs, share ideas and build the relationships that strengthen our entire community. Whether you're a longtime Chamber member or newer to the local business scene, stop in to enjoy good conversation, and make meaningful connections.

Entry is \$10 and includes two beverage coupons and a giveaway coupon.

Park to Park July 2-5

Mark your calendars for one of the summer's most beloved traditions: the Park-to-Park event, running July 2-5 at Mary Fisher Park and the Town Park athletic field.

This community celebration,

spanning the entire Fourth of July holiday weekend, features more than 100 booths showcasing local businesses, returning vendors that we all look forward to year after year, and an array of food vendors sure to satisfy every appetite.

The Park-to-Park event is a true reflection of what makes this community so extraordinary — small businesses shining, and the spirit of the holiday brought to life along the river. Come for an afternoon or make it a weekend outing.

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to support events that foster connection and economic vitality in Pagosa Springs. We hope to see you at these celebrations.

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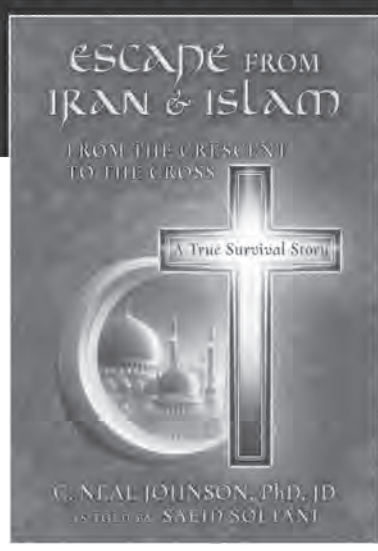
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County approves revised tourism advisory board agreement with town

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on June 16, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Town of Pagosa Springs regarding the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board.

Earlier that day during a BoCC work session, County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini explained that there were some “issues” brought to light late last fall when a resident filed a notice of claim against the county.

“And it really brought to light some concerns” with the agreement, Giovannini said.

She explained that the changes made to the agreement were to make it “very clear” that the county’s current 2 percent lodging tax rate must be used on advertising and marketing efforts.

“We just wanted to tighten up that agreement,” she added.

According to the IGA included with the June 16 BoCC meeting agenda, in 1987 the BoCC adopted a resolution “which established a panel to administer tourism funds derived from a Lodging Tax.”

The IGA also explains that a 1988 Archuleta County ballot measure imposed a 2 percent “tax on hotel, motel, guest ranch, campground, and all other similar accommodations for the purpose of obtaining monies in order to promote and otherwise market and attract tourism to the County of Archuleta.”

During the work session, Giovannini noted that the town has been “very gracious” in working with the county to iron out the IGA, adding that the county had some “non-negotiables” that the town agreed to.

She explained that part of the changes to the IGA included making it “very clear” that the county’s funds are segregated from the town’s funds that are generated from its 4.9 percent lodging tax rate.

Giovannini noted that the town’s funds can be used for things other than advertising and marketing.

According to the IGA, funds distributed from the tourism board shall be restricted to projects specifically identified as tourism-related, including, but not limited to: tourism department staffing, visitor center operations, promotion, advertising and visitor education of the desti-

nation, parks or venues (additions, enhancements, upgrades), trails, event-specific (festivals, pickleball, ice skating, Nordic skiing, etc.), signage, holiday lighting, infrastructure (including river access), support of workforce housing, support of child care or early childhood education, and support of first responders.

The IGA also states, “However, County Funds distributed from the Tourism Board shall be restricted to advertising and marketing activities, as set forth in C.R.S. § 30-11-107.5”

Giovannini also spoke about the potential ballot question coming up this fall to raise the county’s lodging tax rate, explaining, “that’s an expansion of that tax” that would be able to be put toward other uses separate from funds generated from the 2 percent rate the community voted in “years ago.”

The IGA also outlines who shall be appointed to the tourism advisory board, with that including one county commissioner, one town council member, one lodging association member, one Chamber of Commerce member, one board of Realtors member, one short-term rental representative, one hospitality/recreation representative and two at-large members

from the general public.

Term lengths for board members are for three years, and no member may serve more than two consecutive full terms, according to the IGA.

The IGA also defines the role of the tourism advisory board.

“The Tourism Board is a citizen’s advisory Board to the Pagosa Springs Town Council and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners. The purpose of the Tourism Board is to make specific recommendations to be presented by the Executive Director of Tourism relative to expenditures of both the Town and County Lodging Tax. The focus of the Board will be the promotion and management of the destination. The Parties agree that the role of the Tourism Board and its members is policy focused/advisory and not operational in nature. Policy direction includes advising staff on the annual budget, event funding, and annual marketing plan,” the IGA states.

During the meeting, Commissioner John Ranson moved to approve the IGA with the town, which was seconded and unanimously approved by the BoCC.

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County’s May unemployment rate lands at 2.9 percent

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta County’s unemployment rate increased slightly to 2.9 percent in May, according to a June 23 report from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE).

That figure is up from 2.8 percent in April.

Archuleta County’s rate of 2.9 percent this May compares to 3.3 percent in May 2025.

Archuleta County’s labor force totaled 6,736 in May, according to the report, with 196 unemployed. That compares to an April labor force of 6,672 and 184 unemployed.

Colorado’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate again remained unchanged at 3.9 percent in May.

According to the survey of households, the number of unemployed individuals decreased by 500 to 125,900 from April to May.

“Colorado’s labor force decreased by 9,400 in May to 3,206,200,” states a press release from the CDLE.

It notes the share of Coloradans participating in the labor force was 65.9 percent in May, two-tenths of a percentage point lower than in April. The press release notes this marks the lowest labor force participation rate since August 2020.

“The U.S. labor force participation rate was unchanged at 61.8 percent in May,” it states.

The national unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.3 percent from April to May, it notes.

San Miguel County had the highest unemployment rate in the state in May at 7.1 percent, followed by Pitkin County at 6.6 percent and Costilla County at 6.3 percent.

The lowest unemployment rate in the state for May was Yuma County at 2.1 percent, followed by Cheyenne County at 2.2 percent.

Regionally, the data shows La Plata County with a 3.2 percent

unemployment rate in May, San Juan County at 3.1 percent, Mineral County at 4.3 percent, Rio Grande County at 3.6 percent and Conejos County at 3.5 percent.

Job loss, growth

Employers in Colorado lost 400 nonfarm payroll jobs from April to May for a total of 2,966,500 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private-sector payroll jobs were unchanged, while government decreased by 400.

The release also notes, “April estimates were revised down to 2,966,900, and the over the month change from March to April was an increase of 10,900 jobs rather than the originally estimated increase of 11,800 (monthly revisions are based on additional responses from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates).”

Nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The private-industry sectors with significant over-the-month job gains in May were in:

- Educational and health services at about 1,900 jobs.
- Trade, transportation and utilities by about 1,000.
- The private-industry sectors with significant over-the-month job losses in May were in:
 - Financial activities at about 2,000 jobs.
 - Manufacturing at about 1,200.

Since May 2025, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased by 100, with the private sector increasing by 3,600 and

government losing 3,500 jobs.

The largest private-sector job gains were in:

- Education and health services by about 17,100 jobs.
- Construction by about 3,400.
- During that same period, payroll jobs declined in:
 - Financial activities by about 5,400 jobs.
 - Other services by about 3,700.
 - Information by about 3,400.
 - Manufacturing by about 2,800.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities by about 1,900.

- Mining and logging by about 1,000.

“Colorado’s rate of job growth over the past year is 0.0 percent, below the U.S. rate of 0.3 percent,” the report notes.

It further notes that, over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.0 to 33.2 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$39.03 to \$39.82, \$2.29 more than the national average hourly earnings of \$37.53.

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Join these Community Leaders in Voting to Re-Elect VERONICA MEDINA

Archuleta County Commissioner District 3



Local people for local problems

Dear Editor:

As we approach the upcoming election for Archuleta County Commissioner, I want to share my perspective on Veronica Medina. In my view, the core of public service is the commitment to be a leader for all people, serving every citizen regardless of their background or political affiliation.

Commissioner Medina, currently serving as the vice chair of the Board of County Commissioners, brings deep, established roots to Archuleta County. As the first Hispanic/Jicarilla Apache woman elected to this office, she provides a uniquely valuable perspective to our local government.

Beyond her official duties, I can personally attest to Medina’s willingness to show up, listen, and engage directly with the people she serves. As someone who spends a great deal of time working within our community, I see her out just as much as I am. She consistently supports our local veterans, dedicating her time to various veteran committees and helping with outreach programs. Whether it’s attending our ceremonies or joining our meetings, she is there. I also see her lending a hand to women’s initiatives and groups across Pagosa Springs.

While I may not know every single detail of her daily agenda behind closed doors, what I see with my own two eyes is a leader who is genuinely trying to help and make Pagosa better for all of us.

Progress requires leaders who do their homework, engage visibly with the public, and ask difficult questions and connect with their community. I am a firm believer that iron sharpens iron. When leaders challenge the status quo and push for better solutions, it sharpens the logic and reasoning behind county policies. Medina’s tenure has certainly faced political turbulence and intense public scrutiny. However, navigating that pressure while continuing to actively challenge processes is what ensures our county operates efficiently and transparently.

Whether you agree with every decision she makes or not, our community needs representation that works to bridge divides and find common ground. When casting your ballot, I encourage you to look at her record of showing up and her steadfast commitment to the demanding work of local governance.

Sincerely,
Shawna Snarr

Support for Veronica Medina

Dear Editor:

As a longtime community member who cares deeply about the future of Archuleta County, I am proud to support Veronica Medina for re-election as County Commissioner.

What has set Veronica apart from day one is her commitment to listening and engaging with people across differing viewpoints. She works hard to ensure county government reflects the people of Archuleta County and focuses on practical solutions rather than partisan politics. She understands our rural values and challenges, recognizing that strong communities are built through respect, collaboration, fiscal responsibility, and being good neighbors.

I have especially appreciated Veronica’s advocacy for legislation and initiatives that directly support our local EMS system and the Upper San Juan Health Service District. From my perspective in healthcare, I have seen how important strong partnerships are, and during her tenure, communication and collaboration between Archuleta County, EMS, and the hospital have never been stronger. She understands the vital role local healthcare and emergency services play in the health, safety, and economic well-being of our community.

Veronica leads with integrity and a commitment to facts. She remains focused on honest communication and thoughtful leadership, even in a political climate often marked by division and misinformation.

Archuleta County deserves leaders who listen, bring people together, and have the backbone to govern on behalf of everyone in our community—not just those who share their political views. Veronica Medina has proven she is that kind of collaborative leader, and I encourage my fellow residents to support her re-election.

Sincerely,
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A crowd of residents listens to Archuleta County representatives during a community forum held on June 18 at Ute Park in Aspen Springs.

Potential lodgers’ tax ballot question, roads and funding discussed at county’s Aspen Springs community forum

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Constituents gathered for another community forum hosted by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Thursday, June 18, this time taking place at Ute Park in Aspen Springs, where more information on a potential ballot question to increase the county’s lodgers’ tax rate was presented.

Residents also had the opportunity to ask questions about matters pertaining to Aspen Springs, which mostly focused on funding for roads and how the Aspen Springs Metro District provides maintenance of roads in the subdivision.

The meeting began with each commissioner providing comments on the potential ballot question and their preferences for how those additional funds could be spent.

Commissioner Warren Brown indicated, “For me, the big priority is roads,” explaining that legislation passed at the state level in 2025 allows for jurisdictions to increase their lodgers’ tax rate and use those funds in more areas including roads, child care, housing and emergency medical services (EMS).

Brown noted that roads and public safety are two areas he’d prefer to have those additional funds dedicated to.

“Because I look at the impact the tourists have on our community, all of them use the roads, and you would be

surprised how many people we send our law enforcement to, our EMS folks to, our fire folks to,” he said. “So, it just makes sense to me.”

Brown explained that, currently, the county has a 2 percent lodgers’ tax rate, and that if it could raise it another 4 percent, that would generate roughly an additional \$1 million for the county to spend in areas other than marketing and advertising.

Brown also explained that funds the county receives from its current lodgers’ tax rate was approved by voters in the late 1980s and must be spent on marketing and advertising. “That will not change,” he said.

Brown also commented on road conditions, specifically noting Cat Creek Road as a “big issue,” adding that he’s advocated to have it paved.

He explained that it would cost about \$1.2 million per mile to pave the road, but also mentioned the county spends resources frequently for maintenance on Cat Creek Road, describing the situation as “throwing good money after bad.”

“But, to get that done, we have to have more money,” Brown said in regard to having the road paved.

Brown also noted that Cat Creek Road is not within the Aspen Springs Metro District.

He went on to explain that the county currently spends about \$2 million a year that “is really applied to roads” of actual work, with the rest of the Road and Bridge fund covering salaries.

Brown brought up the sentiment expressed to him that the county “should have more money than ever” with more people moving into the county, explaining that his question back to that is if people are making more than ever, which seems to not be the case.

“So, it’s all relative,” he said, noting the cost of living has also been in-

creasing.

Brown then explained that of the taxes paid by county residents, the county receives “one of the smallest fractions of those dollars.”

He provided an example of a \$500,000 home that pays \$1,500 in property tax to the county, explaining that over the past four years the county’s gotten an extra \$15 a year with increases.

“The money’s not going where you think, but that doesn’t mean we still don’t need to get stuff done,” he said. Brown described the potential

lodgers’ tax rate increase as an opportunity to have people who do not live here who stay at lodging establishments contribute to funding the community’s resources, such as roads.

Commissioner Veronica Medina followed Brown’s comment, stating, “Roads are definitely our priority.”

Medina also explained that state legislation allowed jurisdictions to increase its lodgers’ tax rate last year, but that the county wanted to get information out and feedback from

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Letters of interest for opioid settlement funding due soon

By Laura Warner
Southwest Opioid Response District

The Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) Council is accepting letters of interest (LOI) for its upcoming funding cycle.

Only organizations within Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties are eligible to receive funds. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, public health agencies, first responders and other organizations addressing opioid use disorder.

All projects must aim to serve people with opioid use disorder, but may also include co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health conditions.

LOI submissions must align with specific approved uses to address identified service gaps and barriers.

These identified service gaps and barriers include peer recovery supports, recovery housing, transportation, reimburse for treatment services, mobile interventions/mobile medication assisted treatment (MAT), workforce development, justice-involved connections to treatment and pre-trial services, MAT and peers in jails, prevention, emergency department and MAT warm hand-offs, and crisis stabilization.

Projects that meet approved uses and SWORD Council priorities will be invited to submit full applications.

LOIs must be received by June 30 via the online form. The grant application period is expected to begin August, with funds anticipated to disburse before the end of the calendar year.

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Mainline U.S. 160 concrete paving continues in the 400 block adjacent to the overlook parking lot.

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the public to “have you decide” on where these additional funds would be best spent.

Medina noted that it would not be a complete solution for the county’s roads, calling it “just a drop in the bucket” if a ballot measure is approved.

Medina commented that she believes the county also has other ways it can reduce spending and be more efficient with the dollars it already has.

“But, it’s gonna be a collaborative effort,” she said.

She added, “You have three great commissioners right now; we definitely work well together.”

Medina noted the BoCC discusses these matters in open meetings, trying to be more creative and doing more things “in house.”

Medina compared it to working on a home in that most people will try to do as much as they can themselves before hiring a contractor, which is likely more expensive.

“So, we’re trying to do a lot of things in house, but with that we stretch our staff and sometimes we are not able to do other things,” Medina said.

Medina also mentioned that it’s a “slow process” with roads, although she expressed that her opinion is that the county “has put more money to roads and been able to do more” in the past two years than what was done in the 10 years prior to that.

Medina spoke about funds the county receives from property tax, stating that “does not cut it” for the county to keep up with road maintenance and projects.

She also explained that the Aspen Springs Metro District receives Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) money, noting that is usually just enough to blade the roads once a year.

Commissioner John Ranson spoke next, stating, “I don’t think we as a county do enough out here,” in regard to Aspen Springs.

Ranson commented that the county does “so much” for the Town of Pagosa Springs and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), and that he’s “really pushing to start doing whatever we can to help out here.”

Ranson noted that residents of the Aspen Springs Metro District pay for their own roads, and also pay for other county roads.

“We need to start working more out here. You guys are an important part of our community,” he said, commenting on his fellow commissioners and saying, “I think we work really well together.”

Ranson mentioned that he believes all of the commissioners are in agreement to pay attention to all areas of the county and not just the town and PLPOA.

“The town’s always asking us for money,” he said, noting the county doesn’t ask that of the town.

He added, “We can do better with our funds and spread it out amongst everybody.”

Ranson noted that he’s an advocate of using the “tourism tax” to help with roads.

Ranson also mentioned the community forums held over the past few months have been helpful in getting community feedback.

“A big one of mine is child care,” Ranson said in regard to areas where he’d prefer to have additional lodgers’ tax funds spent.

Ranson added that he’s not a “be-

liever that the government can cure affordable housing ... but if we can provide money for these parents ... and we can help pay for their child expenses, I think that’s a really good way to help for some affordability in Pagosa Springs.”

He added, “I do hope we can move along with this tourism tax.”

Following a breakout activity where residents were asked to give their input on where they believe growth should take place across the country, County Manager Longinos Gonzalez reviewed input the county has received so far, explaining that the county has reached out to lodging representatives “and generally they’re OK with the 5 to 6 [percent]” lodgers’ tax rate.

Gonzalez reviewed feedback that the county’s received so far from the community forums, with 89 percent of 44 sticky note responses indicating support for a 6 percent lodgers’ tax rate.

Gonzalez also explained that the county is preparing to do a complete comprehensive community plan update over the next 10 months, with certain aspects of that, such as a water and growth report, being mandated by the state.

He noted the last community plan update occurred in 2016 and that this version will be a “full rewrite of the land use code because we’ve seen a lot of contradictory information.”

Gonzalez explained that, over time, different BoCCs would make changes and that, after a while, all of those changes start contradicting each other.

The meeting concluded with a Q-and-A portion, with one resident asking if there would be specific wording on the potential ballot measure about exactly how much of the additional funds would go to certain areas such as roads.

Gonzalez indicated that there

would be specific wording in the ballot measure, providing the example of having 80 percent of additional lodgers’ tax funds dedicated to road projects and maintenance.

One resident asked if the Aspen Springs Metro District would receive any additional funds for roads projects from the potential ballot measure.

Gonzalez indicated that funds for certain projects could be dispersed, but that the metro district would still be “mill levy dependent.”

“You could always go to the commissioners and request something,” Gonzalez said.

One resident commented that the road conditions in Aspen Springs are “not due to a lack of effort.”

“Every road out here needs a lift of gravel,” he added, noting that the metro district could “definitely use help with funding for that, especially if we pay for some of the roads” around the county.

One resident asked how to get more money specifically for Aspen Springs, with another resident encouraging people to attend BoCC meetings and give public comment.

“All of the roads in the county are bad,” Medina said, explaining that one of the biggest drivers of expense is hauling gravel, noting that hauling it is more expensive than the gravel itself.

“So, one of the things the commissioners are working on right now, is where can we get gravel in our own community,” Medina said.

She noted that the county usually has to pay for gravel to be hauled in from Arboles or even Farmington, N.M.

“One year we paid over \$2 million dollars in just hauling fees,” she said, “so we need a gravel pit in Archuleta County.”

Medina explained that the “plan is to share the wealth on the gravel”

once the county comes up with a better solution.

“But, we got to have the community support to allow us to do a gravel pit,” she said.

Other questions in regard to Indian Land Road came up, with residents asking what the county can do about enforcing things like weight limits, no trailers and four-wheel-drive requirements on the road.

Some comments from residents suggested that Indian Land Road is not a “platted road” and was only developed as a utility easement that crosses Southern Ute Indian tribal land.

Brown commented that the county’s sheriff’s office is not able to enforce a weight limit restriction on the road, although four-wheel-drive requirements and trailer restrictions could be enforced.

Other questions centered on specific projects the county has funded in Aspen Springs and concerns over the bridges used to access the subdivision, with Ranson addressing those questions by explaining that is part of why the commissioners wanted to host a forum in Aspen Springs.

“The three of us really do work well together,” Ranson said again in reference to the BoCC.

“We all believe y’all do pay for your own roads and more,” he said, adding, “We want to start having a better relationship out here where we can help.”

Ranson mentioned that there are a “handful” of metro districts within the county that pay for their own roads and more.

“We thank you guys for that,” he said.

Gonzalez noted that the county plans to keep these community forum-type meetings going, likely on a quarterly basis.

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AARP commits \$178,075 in grants to strengthen communities across Colorado, including Archuleta County

AARP Colorado

On Wednesday, June 24, AARP announced 13 organizations throughout Colorado will receive 2026 Community Challenge grants.

Marking the program's 10th anniversary, the grants are part of an \$8.3 million commitment by AARP, doubling last year's total, to fund 750 quick-action projects nationwide aimed at making communities more livable for people of all ages, especially older adults.

The funds will support improvements to public spaces, transportation, housing, digital connectivity, disaster preparedness and other local priorities that help improve social connections and strengthen neighborhoods and towns of all sizes.

"Communities across Colorado are eager for solutions that boost mobility, connection and quality of life," said Marissa Volpe, associate state director for livable communities. "Thanks to Community Challenge grants, we're empowering residents to implement impactful improvements that make a sizeable difference."

Since 2017, the AARP Community Challenge has awarded \$639,657 through 53 grants in Colorado to

nonprofit organizations and local government entities across the state. Grant projects will be funded in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Projects across Colorado reflect growing demand for practical, local solutions that help residents stay connected, safe and independent, including in Archuleta County, where Healthy Archuleta was awarded \$15,000.

State data confirm that Colorado's 60+ population has surpassed 1.3 million and is on track to reach 1.5 million by 2030, at which point seniors will outnumber residents under 18. This demographic shift is largely driven by long-time residents "aging in place" rather than a massive influx of retirees from other states.

To address this growing need, Healthy Archuleta proposed a quick-action, community-led project to improve safe access and age-friendly modifications at the Vista Lake Community Garden, a key public space serving local residents and neighboring communities.

With these AARP grant funds, Healthy Archuleta will enhance walkability, comfort and safety for older adults who participate in the com-

munity garden and initiate walk and access audits.

More specifically, the Challenge Grant will help install benches/rest areas, shade structures and clear signage, along with pathway stabilization to reduce fall risk and physical strain.

"We are thankful to AARP for this Community Challenge Grant. The funds help us further our mission of strengthening community health, connection and resilience through food systems, community engagement and well-being initiatives, and more specifically to support the enhancement of the PLPOA Vista Lake Community Production Garden as an accessible and welcoming space for community gathering, food growing, intergenerational connection and healthy aging. This is an investment that aims to help older adults, but, more importantly, it's an investment in our entire community, regardless of age. Our hope is that this initiative provides a replicable model for age-friendly public space design in Archuleta County and beyond," said Healthy Archuleta's Vanessa Skean.

Previous Community Challenge grants have delivered long-term impact in Colorado through a wide variety of initiatives and projects.

On the Western Slope, All Points Transit in Montrose utilized a 2024 grant to install transit stop shelters in the community. That same year, Centro San Juan Diego in Denver utilized grant funding to implement digital literacy seminars to help Spanish-speaking older adults navigate the internet and computer software.

"America is aging, and most older adults want to stay in the communities they know and love. There are a lot of things that localities can do to support residents of all ages," said Nancy LeaMond, AARP's executive vice president and chief advocacy and engagement officer. "AARP Community Challenge grants help transform local ideas into real improvements — from safer sidewalks and improved transportation options to public spaces that bring neighbors together and enhance community connections. As we celebrate the program's 10th year, we're proud to double our investment so even more communities can become great places to live for people at all stages of life."

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Subdivision

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scaled down since the last hearing, and a fuel station, the document states.

Planning Manager Owen O'Dell explained that any future types of development in the subdivision would need to go through their own design application processes, and that building design and types of uses are not part of this sketch subdivision application.

Architect Brad Ash, representing the developers, explained that his team made significant changes since the last meeting to address some of the concerns expressed by the neighbors and the general public.

Some of those changes include larger setbacks, the preservation of more trees and the developers' desire to include a public park, he explained.

During public comment, several residents expressed that the new ap-

plication is more suitable to them, but most still had problems with the potential development in that area.

Resident Bill Hudson thought that the commission should make the construction of a new uptown park as part of the conditions for approval.

While this was "a much better presentation" than the original application, he suggested, the commission should "require" a park as part of it, and "you could make that decision right now."

Resident Jane Weitzel gave "kudos for a much better presentation" this time around, but stated that she is still concerned because "there are still so many unknowns" about the development.

Resident Sharon Carter expressed that she is worried about the "destruction of old-growth" forests in the area, and also pushed for an uptown park, "where most of the people in

this community live."

One of the developers, Hiedi Dragoo, promised the audience that the developers, Arena Labs LLC, "are absolutely committed" to constructing a new park as part of the development, but she could not say exactly what kind of park it would be at this stage in the process.

"We fully intend to do some type of park," she said.

Several of the commenters also expressed concern about the proposal for a fuel station, expressing that the community doesn't need another gas station in that general vicinity.

Development Director James Dickhoff reminded those concerned about a gas station that the time to oppose it is not during the sketch subdivision phase of the application process, but would come if and when that type of development is actually

proposed as a design.

He explained that it would be an extensive process and the public still has plenty of opportunity to shape what type of development goes in there.

Earlier in the meeting, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke stressed during public comment the need for more workforce housing in the community.

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Primary

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According to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office, the Libertarian Party of Colorado has prohibited unaffiliated voters from voting in the Party's Primary Election pursuant to C.R.S. 1-4-1304(1.5)(c).

Voter turnout low so far

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta noted on Wednesday, June 24, that Archuleta County's voter turnout is low so far for the primary, with 1,868 ballots returned as of mid-morning.

Archuleta noted 11,936 ballots were mailed.

Archuleta also noted that no one should mail a ballot back at this point, but should use a drop box or take the voted ballot to the county's election office, which is currently serving as the Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC).

It will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 26. On June 27, it will be open 8 a.m. to noon. On June 29, it will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and it will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 30 (Election Day).

Archuleta noted ballots can only be dropped off at the office during business hours; no outside drop box is located at the office.

The county has also partnered with the Town of Pagosa Springs to have a second VSPC at the Ross Aragon Community Center, with that polling center open on Election Day only.

There will not be a VSPC at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association location this year since the election's office is now uptown.

In addition to VSPCs, voters can return voted ballots to the county's secure ballot drop boxes.

Those boxes, located at Pagosa Springs Town Hall (551 Hot Springs Blvd.) and the TARA Community Center (333 Milton Lane in Arboles) are open 24/7 with video surveillance through 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters can make sure their registration is up to date by visiting the Archuleta County Elections Office at 305 Village Drive, which is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., or online at www.govotecolorado.gov.

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Hospital

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is a situation caused by timing, with the board's next meeting set for July 28 and the deadline to signal intent to participate to the county clerks being July 24.

Bruzzese also explained that the board will hear a presentation on the Colorado Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) for the third time in July and then make a board decision on whether or not to put a question on the ballot relating to continuing the district's TABOR waiver to continue to allow the district to collect revenues above TABOR limits.

The TABOR waiver is also commonly called de-Brucing, named after TABOR author and proponent Douglas Bruce.

Bruzzese noted that if the board opts to not place a question on the ballot, the district can cancel its participation.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

The district's July meeting is set for 5 p.m. on July 28, with additional meeting information to be available at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org/about/board-packets/.

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Drought

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Drought stage two aims to reduce water use by 20 to 30 percent, while drought stage one aims to reduce it by 10 to 20 percent.

Watering edible and ornamental gardens with a hose or through drip irrigation is allowed in both drought stages.

The new irrigation restrictions will go into effect immediately, and the new rate multipliers will take effect on the first day of the next billing cycle — June 29.

Users with special circumstances may seek a waiver from the irrigation timing restrictions imposed in the drought mitigation plan, which can be granted at the discretion of the district manager or the PAWSD Board of Directors.

Waivers do not extend to the rate multipliers and other increased rates and can only cover waivers of the timing restrictions.

In 2025, when the district also reached drought stage two, the district granted a timing waiver to Pagosa Peak Open School for watering newly planted landscaping on its playground, among other waivers.

On Wednesday morning, the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs was flowing at approximately 35 cubic feet per second (cfs), about 5 cfs above the record low flow of 30.4 cfs, which the river reached in 2002.

The mean flow for the river on June 24 is approximately 952 cfs.

Two of PAWSD's three water plants draw water from different locations on the San Juan River, while the third takes water from Hatcher Reservoir.

The water level in Hatcher on June 22 was about 13 inches below full pool, which is down about 5 inches from June 9.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), 64 percent of Archuleta County is in severe drought, while 36 percent of the county is in extreme drought.

According to NIDIS, severe drought is often accompanied by crop or pasture losses, water shortages and restrictions on water use. Extreme drought is often accompanied by major crop or pasture losses and widespread water shortages or restrictions.

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Record

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Service (NWS), the high in Pagosa Springs for today, Thursday, June 25, is forecast to be 83 degrees with a slight chance of thunderstorms after 9 a.m.

Patchy smoke is also possible in the area in the afternoon due to fires in Utah. The low is forecast at 45 degrees with a 30 percent chance of showers in the evening.

The high for Friday, June 26, is forecast to be 84 degrees with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. The low is forecast at 44 degrees with a chance of thunderstorms and showers in the evening.

A fire weather watch has been issued by the NWS starting Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m., lasting until midnight.

The high for Friday is forecast to be 85 degrees with breezy and sunny skies. The low is forecast to be 41 degrees with clear skies at night and more breezy conditions.

Similar conditions are expected for Sunday, June 28, with the high forecast to be 83 degrees with breezy conditions and sunny skies during the day. The low is forecast at 41 degrees.

River flows

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs was flowing at a rate of 39.8 cubic feet per second (cfs). Earlier readings that day saw the river drop to 34.8 cfs, which is above the record low flow of 30.4 cfs set in 2002.

Based on 90 water years of records, the mean flow for that date is 952 cfs, the median flow is 713 cfs and the record high flow is 3,940 cfs, which was recorded in 1941.

As of 1 p.m Wednesday, June 24, an instantaneous value was not available for the Piedra River near Arboles, according to the USGS.

Based on 63 water years of records, the median flow for June 24 is 518 cfs and the mean flow is 674 cfs for the Piedra River. The record high flow for this date was recorded in 1979 at 2,220 cfs, while the record low was recorded in 2002 at 16.3 cfs.

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The Piedra River flows near the Piedra River Trail on Sunday, June 21.

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Century

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three generations of Days to run it, have focused on adapting, changing and doing what needs to be done, as Rocky Day puts it.

Day Lumber was started by Art Day on June 19, 1926, on a 1,200-acre farm in Salem, Mo., where he logged and hewed railroad ties by hand for the railroad, according to a history of Day Lumber put together by Roxanna Day Wills, daughter of current owner Rocky Day.

"After enough money was made, machinery equipment was purchased to have a full running logging and sawmill operation with crews," Day Wills wrote, adding her grandpa had many stories about him and his brother growing up at a sawmill camp and how his mother cooked for the hungry men working the camp.

Twenty years after Day Lumber was established, the family's story became one that sounds familiar to many today: The family was on a vacation that brought them through Pagosa Springs, they were drawn to the area, and the family decided to make the move.

That happened in 1946, according to Day Wills, when the family "saw the incredible abundance of natural resources and made the decision to move here."

The family, she notes, lived above an icehouse where San Juan Mercantile is today, and the logging and sawmill operations stayed in the forest until the company's current property along U.S. 160 was purchased.

For 14 years, she notes, the family lived in mill shacks on the site of the company's current operations until the family's log home was completed in 1960.

In 1952, a pivotal event took place for the company and the Days.

"In 1952 a large logging contract was won by Day Lumber up Burns Canyon," Day Wills wrote. "That contract would be the reason my dad, his brother and sisters, my cousins and me are here today."

That contract, she notes, required another sawmill operation and more workers. An ad was placed in the Kansas City Star, drawing a family of nine from Jessieville, Ark., to town.

Day Wills notes her grandmother was just 14 years old when her grandpa, a tall man in overalls 10 years her senior, asked, "Are you Arkies lost?"

The pair — Etta Fay and Paul Day — were married on Dec. 27, 1953.

The union led to four children: Paulette, Rocky, Tracy and Ben.

Day Wills notes it was over the course of those years her grandfather, Paul Day, and his brother, Vernon Day, took over operations of the business from their father.

"Then in 1967, the family mill burnt down," Day Wills wrote.

The fire, according to the June 29, 1967, SUN, started when a "freak wind" hit the property.

"The wind, rather like a whirlwind, apparently carried a spark from trash burner to the sawmill building and started a fire," it states.

It notes the county's fire department, as well as the U.S. Forest Service and even the San Juan Lumber Company responded to the fire, which smoldered for days and at one point created a minor traffic jam.

That time, Day Wills notes, showed the type of man her grandfather was.

"He could have just thrown in the towel and said he was done," she wrote. "Instead, a sawmill rose from the ashes. Money was short, and resources were hard to come by, but ... he built a sawmill from the ashes, virtually by himself."

She notes that, through the guidance of Butch Schoonover, he taught himself to weld, rebuild used transmissions and more, and used "all of his Paul Day ingenuity, working day and night during the winter to be able to be up and running by spring."

She adds, "He succeeded, not for glory, but for the purpose of being able to provide for his family."

That, she states, is who her grandpa was, calling him the hardest-working man she's ever known.

The thread of doing what needs to be done continued through additional challenges for the business.

Day Wills notes Day Lumber was also inventive and "fearless" when it came to logging, taking on contracts when others wouldn't or when others quit mid-job because they were unable to finish it because the terrain was too steep.

"One of those jobs," Day Wills writes, "was in preparation for the East Fork Gas Pipeline. No company entered a bid; it was too steep."

The Forest Service was desperate, she notes, so, instead of selling the timber, the agency told Day Lumber if it could do the job, it could "have it all."

Day Wills notes her grandpa found that if they strapped two 550-gallon barrels full of water behind the back tires of his F-600, it would have enough traction to reach the top.

Coming down the hill loaded, she notes, he'd put it in the lowest gear, with all the brakes he had, and made sure the door was open because if anything went wrong there wouldn't be enough time for him to open the door and bail out.

"He never had to," she wrote. "The Day Lumber crew completed the job."

She adds, "There are many more stories like this one that helped create the Day Lumber legacy."

In the mid-1970s, things at Day Lumber became less adventurous, but continued to adapt to changing times.

In 1974, Day Wills relays, Paul Day, "fed up with all the rules and regulations set in place for logging and sawmills," sold the company's logging operations to Wolf Creek Industries, with Day Lumber retaining the retail lumber portion.

Rocky Day noted his uncle, Vernon Day, retired when the logging portion was sold off.

At that same time, he relayed, his dad bought a truck and began hauling house logs.

However, Rocky Day explained he likes sawmilling "way better" than the lumber part.

He went to work for Wolf Creek Industries, becoming head sawyer within a year and a half.

He explained he liked creating something and the challenges that came with cracked, dead trees and producing a product that could help make a really good house.

Rocky Day returned fully to the family business in 1987, where he remains today.

Rocky Day jokes that the scariest part of Day Lumber turning 100 is realizing he's been around for 70 of those years.

Rocky Day took the reins of Day Lumber when Paul Day passed away in 2015.

"I had to keep it going," Rocky Day said, adding he always wanted to keep the business going and had worked there with his dad for a lot of years.

He indicated one of the best parts of working at the family's long-running business are the relationships he's built.

He highlighted the relationships with the salespeople Day Lumber works with, who they may talk to multiple times a day, noting he's developed some "really good friendships" over the years.

He also pointed out that several of their longtime salespeople — including one who has since retired, but who Rocky Day has known at least 30 years and another who has been promoted to much higher in the company — showed up to the 100th anniversary party last week.

"It was pretty cool Friday to see all the people who showed up," he said.

Rocky Day also noted getting to help people as a highlight, adding they'll sometimes come in not knowing exactly what they need and it's "neat" to be able to help people head in the right direction.

The next 100 years

Rocky Day noted that, behind Goodman's Department Store, Day Lumber is the second-oldest business in Archuleta County outside of some of the area's longtime ranches.

"So, that's kinda cool," he said.

And there's no plans to change that anytime soon.

Keeping the business going is Rocky Day's goal and he steers the business into its next 100 years.

He noted he was taught growing up that you can do anything you're big enough to do.

He indicated he hopes to add to the company's staff of four — him, Deanna, Bruce and Zane — to help keep things running and so he can step away more to enjoy life outside the lumber yard.

He also indicated there's a possibility that Day Lumber will one day be passed along to another generation of Days.

"Who knows what'll happen," he said.

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County adopts Colorado Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a special meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, June 23, the board unanimously approved Resolution 2026-50, adopting the 2024 International Code Series and repealing Resolution 2026-46.

Resolution 2026-46 was unanimously approved by the BoCC on June 16, adopting the 2024 edition of eight out of nine international building codes. Those included the International Residential Code, International Building Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel and Gas Code, International Existing Building Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, and the International Fire Code.

During the June 23 BoCC meeting, Building Official Randy Betts explained that the only change with Resolution 2026-50 is the addition of the Colorado Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code, noting he's been asking state representatives for months on clarification of if the county is required to adopt the code in order to avoid a carbon-neutral mandate.

"Historically, we did not have any reason to adopt that section that pertain to electrical," Betts said, explaining that, unfortunately, the county did not receive direction from the state in regard to the Colorado Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code until an hour after the June 16 meeting.

He added, "It doesn't really change anything for us as far as we're

not going to be doing any permitting, and we will not be doing any of the inspections. All this code is simply doing is providing the guidelines and the basic rules to make sure that the structures that are being built meet the standard for future regulation for those topics."

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked, since the county does not enforce the code, if the reason for the code is to ensure that a home is ready for a future code or upgrade, which Betts confirmed.

In response to another question from Medina, Betts explained that by adopting the Colorado Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code, homes are built with the option to have things like electric vehicle chargers and solar panels installed.

"I'm not a fan of it, personally," Betts said of the code, describing it as a "forward-thinking code."

"And they've stated that we have to have it part of our resolution or we will be noncompliant," he said, explaining that "a large part of this for me is trying to stay away from that carbon-neutral aspect of it."

In response to a question from Commissioner John Ranson about if the county has to enforce the code, Betts explained that the county would need to confirm that the state inspector "is doing his part"

"My understanding of it was it really doesn't change anything other than we're making sure that there is availability for expansion later," Betts added.

Betts also explained that he did not "write off" the Colorado Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code, but that his initial impression from

the state was that the county would not be required to adopt it.

"I just think it's BS from the state," Ranson said, explaining how what's been enforced on the Front Range "hasn't worked" and is causing things to be more expensive. "It's a burden."

Betts explained that the past year has been "extremely overwhelming" in trying to find quality answers about what codes the county needed to adopt.

"This is my first time being a part of a major adoption like this," Betts said, mentioning that the state is continuing to "move the goalpost."

Betts also commented that by the county being proactive and adopting the codes in this manner, "it's still allowing us to have some say in our community as to how we move forward."

He also noted that by adopting the Colorado Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code now, it will prevent the county from having to do it again until 2033.

Betts then commented that, in his opinion, "maybe call this conspiracy theory, but they continually change the rules on us in hopes that we miss that deadline."

Betts explained that he's worked diligently with other jurisdictions and communities to get information and share as much as possible "so that we don't have stuff that we don't want forced upon us anymore than it already is."

County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini noted the county needs to adopt the code by July 1 in order to avoid more mandates from the state.

Ranson mentioned that the county would face a "big penalty" from the

state if it does not adopt the code, "but at some point we're gonna have to say no."

Betts commented that the Colorado Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code is not imposing a great deal of additional aspects to builds, and that "it's making sure that it's prepared for that later."

He explained that the state inspector indicated to him that the requirement for an electrical vehicle charger could be as simple as a piece of conduit with a "J Box" to facilitate the ability for the charger and provide space in the home's electrical panel for it.

"By doing it now, it allows us the ability to hold off that carbon-neutral code, which will force everything to be electric," Betts said, noting people have a "choice" right now.

"As long as something radical doesn't change at the state level, we can keep this — as long as we don't change anything with it — until the next mandated adoption," Betts said.

Medina commented that she agreed with Ranson, stating, "It's too much."

She added, "Its not if the state will move that goal post — they will. It is nonstop, it doesn't matter what it is."

"We have options by accepting what we don't necessarily want to," Betts said, explaining that by being proactive the county can "make it work for our jurisdiction."

Commissioner Warren Brown stated that his opinion is that the state wants to take over control of all inspections "and do away with local control."

Medina then motioned to approve Resolution 2026-50, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

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Town approves first reading of updated building codes

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On June 16, the Pagosa Springs Town Council passed the first reading of an ordinance to adopt the 2024 editions of the International Code Council (ICC) build series, Manufactured Home Standards, and the Colorado Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code.

If the ordinance passes upon second reading, it will replace the town's current operating building standards under the 2015 International Building Code.

The 2024 ICC codes proposed for adoption include the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, Existing Building Code, Swimming Pool and Spa Code, and International Property Maintenance Code (a new code for the town).

Building Code Official Tim Hatch was on hand to explain the changes to the council.

Hatch explained that, with the passage of Colorado House Bill 22-

136, there would be "consequences" if the town sticks to the older building codes and does not update them.

As part of the new law, the Model Low Energy and Carbon Code goes into effect statewide on July 1, and if the town does not pass the newer IBC code, it would have to adopt these new standards.

Section 8 of this law requires any municipality or county that updates any of its building codes after that date to adopt the new model code, or a code that will achieve greater energy efficiency and pollution reductions.

Hatch explained that the town "really wouldn't be ready" to adopt these new energy and carbon codes at this point in time, and so adopting the 2024 IBC would be the better option for right now.

One benefit of adopting the new code, he explained, is that it "should lower insurance costs" for homeowners.

"The further out our code gets, the worse our insurance score will be," he explained.

A staff brief on the matter states that "insurance companies like the newer codes, for obvious reasons,

because the requirements are typically more stringent."

It adds, "If we lessen the criteria through an amendment, they will determine we have lessened the effect of the code and lower our [insurance] score."

The IBC is updated every three years to incorporate rapid advancements in building science, new technologies, and lessons learned from past hazards and fix their mistakes, Hatch explained, adding that the town's current reliance on the 2015 IBC is outdated.

He noted that two biggest changes would be how the town determines snow load requirements and in the new energy efficiency requirements, or the R-value requirements, in wall insulation.

For example, "The 2024 code requires higher minimum wall R-values (e.g., R-30 cavity or R-20+5 continuous insulation) and stricter, more detailed insulation requirements compared to the 2015 standards," the brief states.

This would probably raise the cost of construction in some cases, Hatch added.

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1 p.m.	Freedom Float	San Juan River
2 p.m.	Live Music begins Community Band Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo	Yamaguchi Park The Springs Resort Fairgrounds
9 p.m.	Food and alcohol last call	Yamaguchi Park
10 p.m.	Park closes	Yamaguchi Park

Outdoors

Colorado’s iconic peaks unite communities for 14er Climb: Summit 2026 honoring America’s 250th and Colorado’s 150th anniversaries

America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission

Fifty years after Coloradans climbed the state’s iconic 14,000-foot peaks to celebrate the Centennial State’s 100th birthday, a new generation will carry that legacy forward.

The America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission, in partnership with the Colorado Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry (OREC), recently announced 14er Climb: Summit 2026, a signature initiative honoring Colorado’s 150th anniversary and America’s 250th anniversary.

On Colorado Day, Aug. 1, climbing teams will take to Colorado’s legendary 14ers in a once-in-a-generation celebration of the mountains, landscapes and outdoor experiences that shape our state.

Rooted in the commission’s state-wide theme, “The View From Here,” Summit 2026 invites Coloradans to reflect on the places, perspectives and connections that define Colorado — whether from the top of a mountain, a local trail, a neighborhood park or a favorite outdoor space.

“Colorado’s mountains have always represented more than a destination. They represent our shared history, resilience and connection to this place we call home,” said Nathan Richie, co-chair of the America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission. “Through Summit 2026, we are honoring the legacy of those who climbed before us while creating new opportunities for every Coloradan to experience and celebrate their own view of our

beautiful state.”

Inspired by the 1976 Centennial 14er Climb, Summit 2026 reimagines the historic effort with a focus on responsible recreation, environmental stewardship, inclusive participation and respect for the tribal nations who have long held connections to these lands.

Experienced team leaders have been identified for each peak, with public spots available through a lottery system to ensure a fair and accessible process for interested climbers. Participants will be matched with teams based on skill level, experience, and peak requirements to support a meaningful experience centered on responsible recreation and managed risk.

Interested climbers can apply to join a Summit 2026 team through Colorado Mountain Club. Register for your specific peak at CMC.org.

“The outdoor spaces we enjoy today come with a responsibility to protect them for future generations,” said Conor Hall, director of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office. “Summit 2026 is not just about reaching the top of Colorado’s highest peaks. It is about celebrating our connection to the outdoors, practicing responsible and safe recreation, and ensuring everyone can find their own meaningful connection to Colorado’s natural spaces.”

The initiative is supported through collaboration with several local, state and national outdoor recreation organizations, conservation partners,

community groups, and agencies focused on risk management, land stewardship and education.

“The 14er Climb: Summit 2026 is a powerful way to mark two major anniversaries by bringing Coloradans together on the summits we all treasure,” said Ernest House Jr., senior policy director and director, Center for Tribal and Indigenous Engagement at the Keystone Policy Center. “We are proud to help ensure this celebration is grounded in inclusive community engagement and deep respect for the tribal nations who have long called these mountains home.”

The Keystone Policy Center will support tribal engagement throughout the initiative, including collaboration with tribal nations connected to Colorado’s landscapes and support for a sunrise ceremony on or near Mount Blue Sky to begin the historic day.

Find your own 14er

The celebration does not end at the summit. Through the Find Your Own 14er campaign, all Coloradans are invited to participate in the spirit of Summit 2026 by discovering their own outdoor adventure.

Whether it is hiking one of Colorado’s trails, visiting a state park, exploring a scenic byway, fishing, stargazing, birdwatching or simply spending time outside with family and friends, every Coloradan can find a meaningful way to celebrate.

Participants are encouraged to

share their outdoor experiences on social media using the hashtag #TheViewFromHere to join the statewide commemoration.

Learn more about the 14er Climb: Summit 2026, including the climb FAQ and how to apply to join a team, and discover ideas to inspire your own Find Your Own 14er adventure at Am250CO150.org.

About the America 250 - Colorado 150 Commemoration

The America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission is leading Colorado’s commemoration of 150 years of statehood and 250 years of American independence in 2026.

Established by Gov. Jared Polis and the Colorado General Assembly, the commission brings together leaders from across the state to guide this historic milestone.

Through its campaign, “The View From Here,” the commission invites all Coloradans to reflect on our shared history and imagine the future, recognizing Colorado’s unique legacy as the only state founded on the nation’s 100th birthday in 1876.

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With tick activity higher this summer, Red Cross offers tips to avoid bites

American Red Cross of Western Colorado

A warm winter means more ticks, and more ticks increases the risk of a tick bite, along with associated illnesses like Colorado tick fever.

The American Red Cross of Western Colorado is reminding Coloradans to be alert and take safety precautions when outdoors to prevent tick bites.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the number of ticks in the wild this year is higher than normal due to a record-warm winter.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also reported in April that weekly rates of emergency room visits for tick bites in the U.S. were the highest for that time of year since 2017.

“While ticks in Colorado do not

carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, a tick bite can still make you sick,” said Christie Caster, executive director of the Red Cross of Western Colorado. “Bites can cause Colorado tick fever, which causes flu-like symptoms, or other illnesses. A few simple steps, like avoiding tall grass and wearing a long-sleeved shirt and pants when going into wildland areas, can help greatly reduce the risk of a tick bite.”

To prevent against tick bites, follow these tips:

- Use insect repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) when you are outdoors. Be sure to follow the directions on the package.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and tuck your pant legs into your socks or boots.
- Use a rubber band or tape to hold pants against socks so that nothing

can get under clothing.

- Tuck your shirt into your pants. Wear light-colored clothing to make it easier to see tiny insects or ticks.

- When hiking in woods and fields, stay in the middle of trails. Avoid underbrush and tall grass where ticks and other bugs can easily attach themselves to you.

If you are outdoors for a long time, check yourself several times during the day. Especially check in hairy areas of the body like the back of the neck and the scalp line.

Inspect yourself carefully for insects or ticks after being outdoors or have someone else do it.

- If you have pets that go outdoors, spray with repellent made for their breed/type. Apply the repellent according to the label and check your pet for ticks often.

The Red Cross also encourages

everyone to download the free Red Cross First Aid App, giving you easy access on how to recognize or care for emergencies like tick bites, as well as other bug bites and stings. You can find the First Aid App by searching “American Red Cross” in your app store or by visiting redcross.org/apps.

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Watch out for bears while camping, hiking and backpacking in Colorado bear country

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado is home to a large population of black bears — estimated at 17,000-20,000 animals — and the majority of them live in areas where humans camp, hike and backpack.

This summer, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is reminding the public to be BearWise to avoid conflicts when enjoying our wonderful outdoors.

Most conflicts between people and bears can be traced to easily accessible trash, human food or other attractants with strong odors. A bear's natural drive to eat can overcome its fear of humans. When bears become too comfortable around humans, they can destroy property or even threaten human safety.

As of June 12, CPW had received 1,192 reports of bear activity across the state.

"Most conflicts between people and bears begin when bears gain access to food, garbage or other attractants left by people," said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Tim Kroening. "Properly storing food, securing trash and pet food, and keeping campsites clean helps protect both people and bears. If a bear visits your campsite, make loud noises by yelling, clapping, blowing a whistle or using an air horn, and always give the bear a clear path to leave. These actions can discourage bears from becoming comfortable around people and help

prevent future conflicts."

Bear reports are high this year, likely due to the generally warm and dry winter Colorado experienced impacting natural forage opportunities for bears. This year, it is even more important that humans not provide unhealthy, unsafe food attractants for bears.

"When camping or recreating in bear country, carry bear spray, stay alert and report concerning bear encounters to Colorado Parks and Wildlife," Kroening said.

Live BearWise. Keep bears wild.

As a member of BearWise, CPW encourages everyone to share BearWise information with their neighbors and communities to help prevent conflicts with bears.

CPW asks all residents and visitors to help save Colorado's bears by being actively bear prepared throughout the year. Human-bear conflicts are most often traced back to human behavior.

Living BearWise is the most effective way to prevent human-caused conflicts with bears.

Six outdoor BearWise basics

- Stay alert and stay together. Pay attention to your surroundings and stay together. Walk, hike, jog or cycle with others when possible. Keep kids within sight and close by. Leave

earbuds at home and make noise periodically so bears can avoid you.

- Leave no trash or food scraps. Double bag your food when hiking and pack out all food and trash. Don't burn food scraps or trash in your fire ring or grill. Leaving scraps, wrappers or even "harmless" items like apple cores teaches bears to associate trails and campsites with food.

- Keep dogs leashed. Letting dogs chase or bark at bears is asking for trouble; don't force a bear to defend itself. Keep your dogs leashed at all times or leave them at home.

- Camp safely. Set up camp away from dense cover and natural food sources. Cook as far from your tent as possible. Do not store food, trash, clothes worn when cooking or toiletries in your tent. Store in approved bear-resistant containers or out of sight in locked vehicle or suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 10 feet from any part of the tree. Local regulations vary.

- Know what to do if you see a black bear. If you see a bear before it notices you, don't approach. Stand still, enjoy, then quietly move away. If a bear sees you, back away slowly. Never run; running may trigger a chase response. If a bear approaches, hold your ground, wave your arms and yell "Hey, bear" until it leaves. Stay with your group. If it keeps approaching, use bear spray. If a black bear makes contact with you, do not play dead; fight back aggressively.

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Study finds evidence moose inhabited southern Rockies centuries before modern reintroductions

University of Colorado Boulder

New research by an interdisciplinary team of scientists, archivists and tribal cultural heritage leaders suggests moose inhabited Colorado's southern Rocky Mountains centuries before state wildlife reintroductions began in the late 1970s.

The study draws on archaeological evidence, historical records and Indigenous knowledge to reconstruct the species' long-term history in the region.

The modern Colorado moose is often viewed as a recent arrival, following wildlife translocations that began in the late 1970s. The new research study, published in the Journal of Biogeography, found evidence that moose were present in Colorado long before those reintroductions, including archaeological specimens from northern Colorado dating back millennia.

The researchers examined newspaper archives, archaeological site reports, scientific journals, museum collections and photo archives to determine where and when moose were present in Colorado prior to the mid-1900s.

They also reviewed archaeological evidence from northwest Colorado, including moose specimens dating back thousands of years to the early Holocene.

Lead author William Taylor, a University of Colorado Boulder associate professor of anthropology and CU Museum curator of archaeology, said Indigenous histories and historical records were a critical part of the research. The team found evidence that moose were well known and embedded in the traditional knowledge of Native people across the southern Rockies.

"The scholarly approach of joining Indigenous knowledge with historical accounts, archaeology and paleontology, 'shows the power of multiple independent lines of evidence converging on the conclusion that moose were part of southern Rocky Mountain ecosystems long before modern reintroductions,'" said study co-author Jonathan Dombrosky.

Crystal C' Bearing, a Northern Arapaho tribal historic preservation officer and study co-author, described moose as culturally significant. Among the Northern Arapaho, "the moose is considered a valued

commodity among the tribe," she said, adding that societies "utilize many animals, including moose, in their clothing, society items and regalia. This tradition continues today."

Researchers say the findings have implications for wildlife management and conservation policy in Colorado and beyond, particularly in ecosystems shaped by climate change and altered predator populations.

"Rocky Mountain National Park is dealing with ecological impacts from moose, but treating moose as a non-native species changes which management responses seem justified," said John Wendt, study co-author and assistant professor of Rangeland Ecosystem Management at New Mexico State University.

The researchers argue that incorporating long-term ecological history can help wildlife managers better understand present-day ecosystems and make more informed decisions about the future.

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PAWSD denies back availability fee reduction request

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 11 board meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors heard and denied a request for a reduction of back availability fees owed due to the separation of two lots at 445 Saddle Circle.

Owner of the properties Kirk Bliss spoke to the board, explaining that he has owned the lots for approximately seven years and that they were combined for PAWSD purposes by a 1994 resolution, although the lots were never formally combined.

He stated that this resolution ceased the payment of availability fees for the unoccupied lot but that both addresses remain active and have continued to pay Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) fees.

He commented that he believes that the resolution is invalid since the lots were never combined by Archuleta County and PAWSD's regulations on lot consolidations must occur "in accordance with applicable Archuleta County requirements."

Bliss then requested that he only have to pay the back availability fees for the time that he has owned the property if the lots were uncombined or that he would be allowed to pay the 32 years of back availability fees owned at their original rates instead of the current PAWSD rate.

He added that availability fees have increased 40 percent in the last four years, partially driving his desire to be charged at the original rates.

The combination resolution that Bliss claimed was invalid states that uncombining the lots would cause the district to charge the owner all back availability fees at the present rates.

Bliss added that the back availability fees currently total \$14,722 and the property is worth about \$30,000.

PAWSD Programs Manager Renee Lewis explained that, in the 1990s, PAWSD was receiving pressure from PLPOA and Fairfield to consider informal lot consolidations instead of requiring consolidations to go through the Archuleta County lot consolidation process, as PAWSD had previously required.

Lewis stated that some of this pressure came due to the fact that many of the lots in PLPOA were not buildable and owners would buy multiple lots and build a home on one or multiple lots before combining them to reduce fees from PAWSD and other entities.

She indicated that informal lot consolidations were frequent and memorialized by resolutions and attached to the property's PAWSD account.

The lots in question are combined with Archuleta County for tax purposes, according to the county assessor's office, Lewis added.

Bliss interjected that the taxes for the properties are paid as one bill but that there are two separate tax bills, one for each lot — an arrangement which he stated he could provide proof for.

Lewis stated the informal lot consolidations did not require that the property go through the formal county process.

She added that PAWSD no longer performs informal lot consolidations and properties are required to go through the county process to gain the availability fee reduction.

"I'm confused," said PAWSD board chairman Gene Taugtes, referring to the question of whether or not the properties are combined.

Lewis reiterated that the assessor's office indicated that the lots are combined.

"We're going to closing next week and they're two separate lots," said Bliss, adding that the lots are charged at different tax rates but billed together.

He added that PAWSD regulations, including dating back to the 1990s, require that the properties must be combined at the county level, which never occurred.

Lewis commented that there was not an exhibit to the resolution showing this, but the property owner who signed the document would have had to show that they combined the lots, but would not have had to show the

formal consolidation costs.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh commented that the situation appeared to not be unique and that actions with this set of properties could set precedent for a range of other properties.

Walsh asked if the PAWSD consolidation was memorialized in a way that could have been known to subsequent owners, which PAWSD staff confirmed.

Walsh commented that he was not looking at this issue from a legal perspective, but from a fairness or unfairness standpoint.

He questioned if Bliss was being "hit out of left field" or if it was merely a "convenient time" to raise the issue given the impending sale of one of the lots.

Bliss commented that the bill for availability fees was "shocking" in addition to the other costs of the sale.

PAWSD board member Bill Hudson asked why Bliss received the availability fee bill now.

Bliss replied that he is selling one of the lots with a house and that the other lot would be sold to build a house on, which would bring in revenue for PAWSD in the form of capital investment and tap fees.

"So, I was just trying to negotiate with the team internally at PAWSD, but they said they had to follow the letter of the law," Bliss said. "Totally get it. They're following the rule, they're saying, 'This is what you owe me if you want to do that.' And I said I would like to talk because I think there could be some sort of resolution to where we all win."

Walsh commented that he was "too verbose" previously, adding that if the fees arose unexpectedly he would have been sympathetic to Bliss' request, but if the fees were well known he would see it like any other lot consolidation.

He added that he was unsure why the next person going through a lot unconsolidation should have to pay back availability fees if this request was accepted.

Walsh commented that the price tag of the fees appeared to be "upsetting," but that many of PAWSD's recent expenditures, such as its \$45 million water treatment plant expansion project or its \$10 million regularly required "unnecessary" wastewater treatment plant upgrade, were also upsetting, in addition to future upgrades.

"That's the things we're juggling," he said.

Bliss replied that he heard Walsh's point and that this was part of why his secondary request was to only have to pay the availability at their historical rates instead of the current rates.

He added that the fees only increased significantly since 2022 and that paying the increased fees for the entire 32-year period "seems a little unreasonable."

Walsh commented that PAWSD did not raise availability fees for a long time while raising other rates and taxes since raising the fees was a highly "conservant" process with extensive public notice.

Taugtes commented that he agreed with Walsh's concerns about setting a precedent, but wondered if there was a compromise the board would support.

Hudson stated he would be comfortable with using the original rates instead of the current rates for the back-fee period.

Walsh commented that the district would be paid in 1998 dollars in 2026, which would have less benefit to the district than if it had gained this money when it was initially owed.

He added that, since the district is considering steep rate increases and surcharges, he did not see why it would carve out an exception for lot consolidations.

"We're just spreading the pain here," he said.

Lewis explained that availability fees are a vacant lot's contributions to PAWSD's debt and that this lot has not paid toward the district's debt since 1994.

She added that the board honored the district's policy at the last subdivision of a lot it considered in June 2025.

PAWSD board member Alex Boehmer commented that while the situation was "rough," he agreed with Walsh's concerns about PAWSD's upcoming rate increases and setting a precedent of giving waivers.

Taugtes then asked for a motion. Boehmer moved to deny Bliss' request, which Walsh seconded.

The board approved the motion 3-1, with Hudson in opposition. *josh@pagosasun.com*

Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2026-004

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On April 22, 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) COURTNEY P POGUE AND KEVIN S POGUE
Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR THE CENTRAL TRUST BANK
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt THE CENTRAL TRUST BANK
Date of Deed of Trust January 27, 2023
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust January 27, 2023
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book Page No.) 223004004
Original Principal Amount \$480,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$477,910.28

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 of the terms thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
LOT 372-373, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JUNE 4, 1973, AS RECEPTION NO. 77868, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.
Current common address: 207 DOMICILE CIR, 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, 08/20/2026, 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 6/25/2026
Last Publication 7/23/2026
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;
DATE: 04/22/2026

Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Carly Imbrogno, Esq., #59553
Barrett Frappier Weissman LLP 1391 SPEER BLVD, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 00000010755338
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel.: 970.264.8160
Plaintiff: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc. v.

Defendants: James Otis Relyea, et al.
Case No.: 2025CV30048
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered March 16, 2026, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:
See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apparent

Owner(s): JAMES OTIS RELYEA; BONNIE B MC CAFFERTY; VALERY R SHIMBEL; GERALDINE A ANDERSON; GLENNA Y HARGROVE; TRUSTEE OF THE GLENNA Y HARGROVE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 27, 1988; PAM J MYERS; CHARLES H STAHHMAN, TRUSTEE OF THE CHARLES H STAHHMAN LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 31, 2003; BRENDA W POLLARD; GEORGE C POLLARD; ROBERT BARR; SHARON BARR; CHRISTINA SMITH

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations there-in described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 9 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday August 5th, 2026, **Sale Number 2026-02** in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 06/11/2026
Last Publication: 07/09/2026
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
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.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444). THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed this 3rd day of June, 2026.
By: /s/ Mike Le Roux
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff
Archuleta County, Colorado

EXHIBIT "A"
Peregrine Townhomes Matter Amount
JAMES OTIS RELYEA (C#170901920) A 77,000.00 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3.
Unpaid Assessments: \$571.55
Total: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$1,860.76
BONNIE B MC CAFFERTY and VALERY R SHIMBEL (C#179604061 A 105,000.00 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Building Number(s) 4 & 5.
Unpaid Assessments: \$864.31
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,455.52
GERALDINE A. ANDERSON (C#179606553) A 126,000.00 / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Building Number(s) 4 & 5.
Unpaid Assessments: \$935.19
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,224.40
GLENNA Y HARGROVE, TRUSTEE OF THE GLENNA Y HARGROVE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 27, 1988 (C#179701689) A 77,000.00 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Building Number(s) 6.
Unpaid Assessments: \$698.86
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$1,988.07
PAM J MYERS (C#179800073) A 126,000.00 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7821-7822 in Building Number(s) 11.
Unpaid Assessments: \$771.70
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,060.91
CHARLES H STAHHMAN, TRUSTEE OF THE CHARLES H STAHHMAN LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 31, 2003 (C#179802103) A 28,000.00 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7823-7824 in Building Number(s) 12.
Unpaid Assessments: \$555.52
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$1,844.73
BRENDA W POLLARD and GEORGE C POLLARD (C#170711451) A 105,000.00 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7845-7846 in Building Number(s) 23.
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,056.65
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,345.86
ROBERT BARR and SHARON BARR (C#170503387) A 300,000.00 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7863-7864 in Building Number(s) 32.
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,394.50
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$5,683.71
CHRISTINA SMITH (C#170015192) A 154,000.00 / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7885-7886 in Building Number(s) 43.
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,236.95
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,526.16

In Peregrine Townhouses, All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said buildings as depicted on the Plats recorded in Reception Numbers 173553-173555, 98002629, 99006555, 99011974, 20005495, 20010666, and subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 173556, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON JULY 9TH, 2026
Applicant has applied for LPEA TRANSMISSION LINES, BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, FINAL REVIEW, RURAL. Sec 26 Twn: 35 Rng: 2W Sec 26 SEC 26 SE4SW4NE4; NE4NW4SE4; 26-35-2W. (PLN-26-038). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR).
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone: (970) 264-1390 or PLANNING@archuletacounty.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 9, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON JULY 9TH, 2026
Application for BEAR TRACE MAJOR SUBDIVISION, PRELIMINARY PLAN, creating 6 Lots in Subdivision: SAN JUAN IW RES #2 Tract: A SJRR 2 Sec: 27 Twn: 36 Rng: 1W. (PLN-26-033). The property is zoned RESIDENTIAL (R).
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone: (970) 264-1390 or PLANNING@archuletacounty.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 9, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON JULY 9TH, 2026
Application for PICCADILLY PARK MAJOR SUBDIVISION, PRELIMINARY PLAN, creating 45 Lots at X E US HWY 160. Legal Description: RURAL. Sec 22 Twn: 36 Rng: 1W A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SW4 SW4. (PLN 26-038). The property is zoned RESIDENTIAL (R).
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone: (970) 264-1390 or PLANNING@archuletacounty.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 9, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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LEGAL NOTICE / SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW AND CHILD CUSTODY)
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, Larson Justice Center, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
46-200 Oasis Street
Indio, CA 92201
CASE NUMBER: FLIN2600464
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Daniel Hatten
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PETITIONER: Laura Anne Hatten

NOTICE! You have been sued. A Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce) and Child Custody has been filed against you. You have **30 CALENDAR DAYS** after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (Form FL-120) at this court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written Response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage, your property, custody of your children, visitation, and child support. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.
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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
District Court Archuleta County, Colorado
109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
(970) 264-8160
In re the Marriage of:
Petitioner: Ewing, Nathalie Jacques and
Respondent: Ewing, Robert Hart
Case Number: 2026DR030001
Division: 3 (Judge Fay)
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public Notice is given on 6/4/26 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Hank Lewis McCarter be changed to Hank Skaal Reiland.
By Sheree Otter
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
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76th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo set for July 2-4

By Diana Talbot
Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo began in Pagosa Springs in 1949 and has been a town and rodeo tradition ever since.

The rodeo was named for the famous comic strip character Red Ryder, who was drawn by Pagosa Springs resident Fred Harman Jr. The comic strip was wildly popular and ran from 1938 to 1964 in 750 newspapers.

Red was a cowboy hero and a crime fighter of the West accompanied by his sidekick Little Beaver, a young Navajo boy. Both had trusty steeds named Thunder and Papoose, respectively.

Cowboys and cowgirls from various states, on their trusty steeds, will travel to compete for prizes and prize money in this sanctioned rodeo series. The event is also filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining traditional American rodeo event.

The Red Ryder Rodeos are Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The July 4 rodeo will be at 2 p.m., with the July 2 and July 3 rodeos being at 6 p.m. They are presented at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds off U.S. 84 and Mill Creek Road. Tickets are available online and at the gate prior to the event.

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

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Each daily performance begins with an impressive grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback. Rodeo events are interspersed with a variety of

other acts like the Mutton Bustin' contest, Daisy BB gun raffle and rodeo clown.

The website www.PagosaRodeo.com has detailed information about the entire event. Additional questions can be directed to (970) 749-3492 or dtalbot111@gmail.com.

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Cowboys and cowgirls from various states, on their trusty steeds, will travel to compete for prizes and prize money in the upcoming Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. The event is also filled with a variety of exhibition events to make an entertaining traditional American rodeo event.



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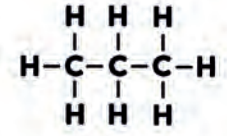


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Curtains Up Pagosa will bring “School of Rock, the Musical” to life in four performances this week on the stage at Pagosa Springs High School.

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- Saturday**
Coyote Moon Lounge: 13th Hour, 7 p.m.
East Side Market: Michael Ippolito, 11 a.m.
- Sunday**
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- Monday**
Coyote Moon Lounge: Dalton LaFever, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday**
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Liberty Theatre: Lucy Clearwater and Megan Burke, 7 p.m.

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Curtains Up Pagosa to present ‘School of Rock, the Musical’ Thursday, Friday and Saturday

By Anthony Aldwell
Curtains Up Pagosa

What do you get when a teacher, counselor, musician, dancer and fireman discover the words and music by Julian Fellowes and Andrew Lloyd Webber? And then they use it to propel 49 Pagosa actors onto the stage this weekend to entertain all of us? The resounding answer is “School of Rock, the Musical,” produced by our community theater, Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP).

Dewey Finn, robustly played by Pagosa native Hunter Swinehart, is a failed and broke rocker who impersonates his roommate to become a substitute teacher at an exclusive prep school. When he discovers his academically focused students also possess hidden musical talent, he secretly fashions them into a rock group aimed at competing in a Battle of the Bands.

All of this happens despite the principal’s and parents’ suspicions that Dewey is not the competent teacher he pretends to be. Remarkably, Dewey uses his own hidden talents to persuade students, parents and even Principal Rosalie Mullins that his unconventional efforts can produce unexpected benefits.

Like all CUP shows, “School of Rock” is the result of hundreds of hours of volunteer time expended by the production team, cast members and the pit band. Krisha Doocy, who recently staged the acclaimed Pagosa Springs High School rendition of “Little Mermaid,” and Jeannie Abbas, who directed CUP’s last huge success, “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas,” have teamed up with Musical Director Leo Baughman, Choreographer Jamie Anderson, Costume Designer Elizabeth Baldwin and Stage Manager Morgan Vining to marshal 49 adults, teens and budding young actors into a rocking good musical.

While our young actors enthusiastically belt out the signature song “Stick It to the Man,” softer numbers emerge from Mullins, deftly sung by returning actor Daryn Butler in “Where Did the Rock Go,” and the students’ emotional lament to their parents in “If Only You Would Listen.”

These and the other rousing numbers are ably accompanied by a superb pit band of Pagosa musicians: pianist Gwen Taylor; Suzanne Hill on keyboard; guitarists Erika Sueker, Karen Mesikap and Billy Wissing; and Michael Barber on drums.

Doocy, director, aptly sums up the overall CUP effort: “What this company has accomplished in just eight short weeks is nothing short of a miracle. This cast embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and

determination, growing not only as performers but also as a community. One of the greatest joys of this experience has been working with such an age-diverse group of performers. From our youngest cast members to our most seasoned, each individual brought their own unique talents, perspectives and energy to the rehearsal room and now the stage.”

To enjoy this lively show, four performances will be presented

on the Pagosa Springs High School stage this week: Thursday, June 25 at 7p.m.; Friday, June 26 at 7 p.m.; and two shows on Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.onthestage.tickets/curtains-up-pagosa or can be purchased at the door. Support education and entertainment in Pagosa Country by seeing this wonderful show this weekend.



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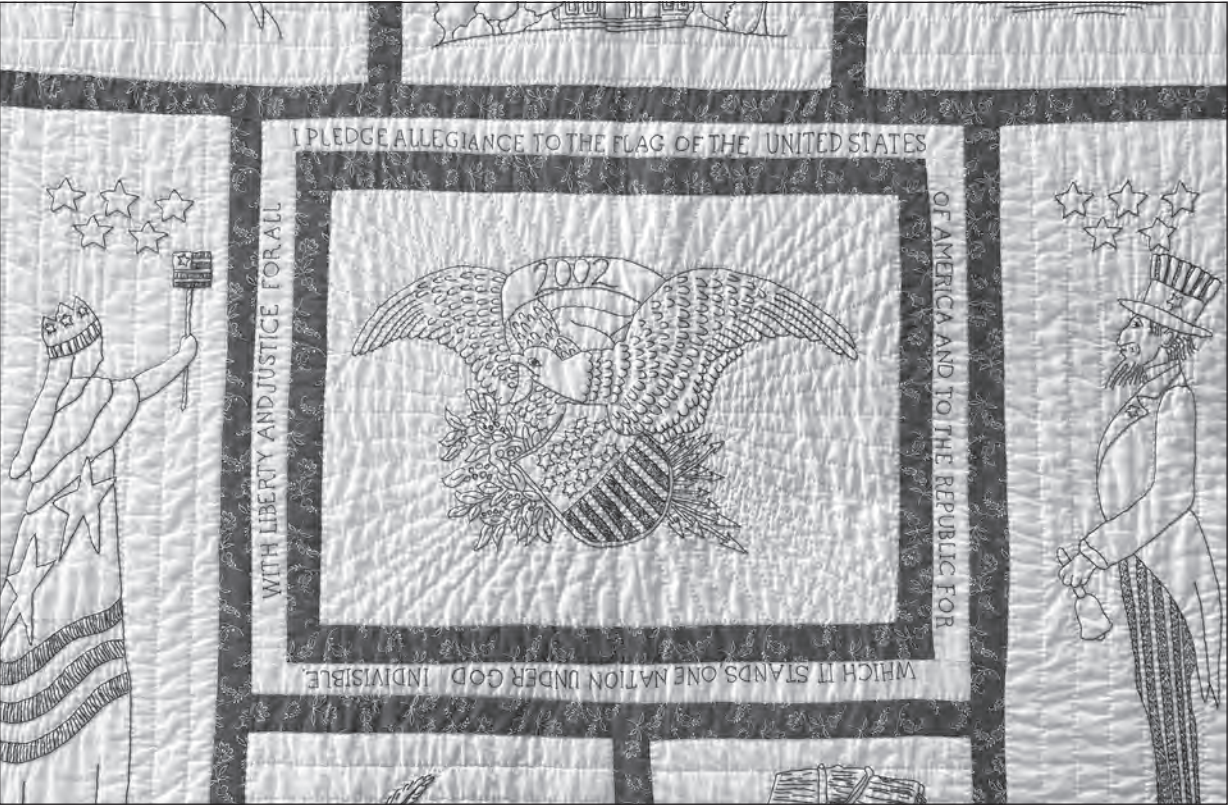


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The Pagosa Springs History Museum will be a part of the Main Street Art Walk on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Art and quilt lovers will be able to view quilts on display this summer as part of the museum’s exhibition “Star Spangled Quilts.” Pictured is detail of Judy Jordan’s “Redwork Americana Quilt.” This redwork quilt features the Pledge of Allegiance and depicts important figures and artifacts from American history including Abraham Lincoln, Independence Hall, the Mayflower, Statue of Liberty, an American Eagle, the Declaration of Independence, Liberty Bell, George Washington, an American Flag and Betsy Ross. The full museum will be open for this special event. The museum is located at 96 Pagosa St.

Main Street Art Walk to debut June 26

By Kathleen McFadden
Pagosa Springs Main Street Program

The Pagosa Springs Main Street Program will launch its inaugural Main Street Art Walk on Friday, June 26, from 4 to 7 p.m., bringing local artists and downtown businesses together in a new community event designed to encourage exploration, creativity and support for the downtown district.

The free, self-guided event will feature local artists displaying their work inside participating downtown businesses. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet artists, explore shops and restaurants, and experience the unique character of downtown Pagosa Springs through a series of art-focused stops throughout the district.

The Art Walk was developed by the Pagosa Springs Main Street Program as a way to support both local artists and small businesses while creating a fun, family-friendly community experience. Organizers hope the event will encourage residents and visitors to discover businesses

they may not have visited before and spend time exploring all areas of the downtown district.

“This event is really about connection,” said Kathleen McFadden, Main Street coordinator. “It’s an opportunity to bring artists, businesses, residents, and visitors together while celebrating the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit that make downtown Pagosa Springs special.”

Three featured gathering spaces will serve as anchors for the event:

- The East End Lounge at River-Walk Inn, will feature local artists, complimentary beverages, and a welcoming space for visitors to relax and connect.
- The Mid-Main Art Hub at Picasso and Vino will host Faces in Pagosa, a free community art project celebrating the people of Pagosa Springs, along with complimentary refreshments, prize drawings, maps and event information.
- The West End Art Hub, centered around Sherpa Real Estate and neighboring retailers, will feature multiple artists and provide another

opportunity for visitors to explore downtown businesses and creative spaces.

Throughout the evening, complimentary pedicab rides will be available, helping visitors navigate the district and experience more Art Walk locations.

The event comes during a period of significant public investment and infrastructure improvements in downtown Pagosa Springs. While construction has presented challenges, local businesses have continued to adapt and remain open throughout the process.

“Downtown businesses have shown remarkable resilience during construction,” McFadden said. “As sidewalks reopen and improvements become visible, the Art Walk offers a great opportunity for residents and visitors to experience the progress firsthand while supporting the businesses and artists that contribute to the vitality of our community.”

Following the inaugural event on June 26, a second Main Street Art Walk is scheduled for July 24.

Class of 2016 planning 10-year reunion

By Hannah Hemenger
Special to The PREVIEW

Graduates of the class of 2016, it is time. Please join your fellow Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) alumni of the class of 2016 for a reunion dinner on Sept. 19 to commemorate 10 years passing since we last walked the

halls of PSHS.

Come to Pagosa and enjoy all that the Colorfest weekend has in store for friends and family, and top it all off with food, music and a chance to connect with old friends.

The reunion will be held on Sept. 19 at the performing arts center beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets

will be \$60 and will include dinner. There will be a cash bar, as well as a DJ.

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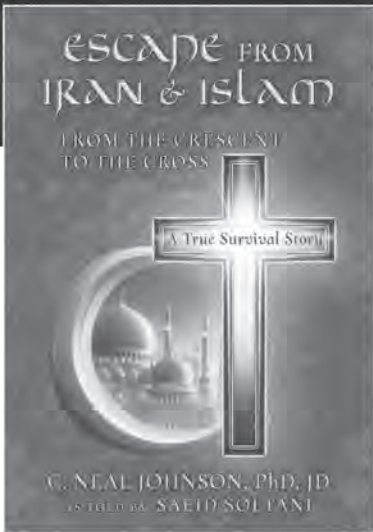
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San Juan Stargazers to meet July 2

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

On Thursday July 2, we will have the next meeting of the San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club. We usually invite everyone to attend because we normally want to extend exciting astronomy learning to everyone, not just to our members, but on July 2 we will have a members-only business meeting.

We will meet in the fellowship hall of the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. at 6 p.m.

It will also be a special happy birthday pizza party for our beloved nation. Wow, we made it to 250 years — a true miracle from day one.

I have been looking at our history (since I don't need to prepare my James Webb latest discoveries presentation) and I cannot believe how much of our history that I had forgotten. For one, I forgot how long the American Revolution lasted. 1776 was when we first said we wanted a country. It was a long time and many horribly close battles before it actu-

ally happened.

We have an agenda for the meeting that starts with looking at four volumes of club history, since 2012, that Joan Mieritz has kept over the years of newspaper articles, attendance sign-ins, take-home study hand-outs, membership lists, etc. We can look through these as we eat our pizza. Our biggest goal is to make the necessary improvements to keep our club going.

We started the San Juan Stargazers with 10 members and two leaders, Jerry Granok and Joan Mieritz, deeply committed to making a club and working together very well. Then we gained our strongest member ever, John Buting, after the club's first year. Buting and his amazing 20-inch telescope, I think, were the high point of our club. I remember our awe-inspiring star parties with Buting and once a dozen other telescopes in the Chimney Rock upper parking lot. Oftentimes, Buting did star parties by himself in the cold at Echo Lake, Lake Capote and Molas Pass.

We had so many plans for the future of our club. To our horror, Buting died at 53 and then the pandemic happened and we have never recovered from either. We have to figure out how to make it better and keep it going.

If you want to join our club to help us, you can do it at this meeting or on our beautiful website, sanjuanstargazers.org. This will be a very important meeting.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

On June 28 at 6:30 p.m., the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center will hold a Strawberry Moon Sound Bowl Healing and Drumming Circle with Scott Maki and Shayla Azriel.

A potluck will follow. It will take place at Xanadu SpiritFire Center. A \$33 donation will be collected.

Upcoming events

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

- July 5: SpiritFire freedom celebration.
- July 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: "Medicine Wheel Sacred Journey" with Shayla White Eagle. Learn how to build your own medicine wheel sacred space. A \$50 donation will be collected. Save your spot by contacting (970) 510-0309.

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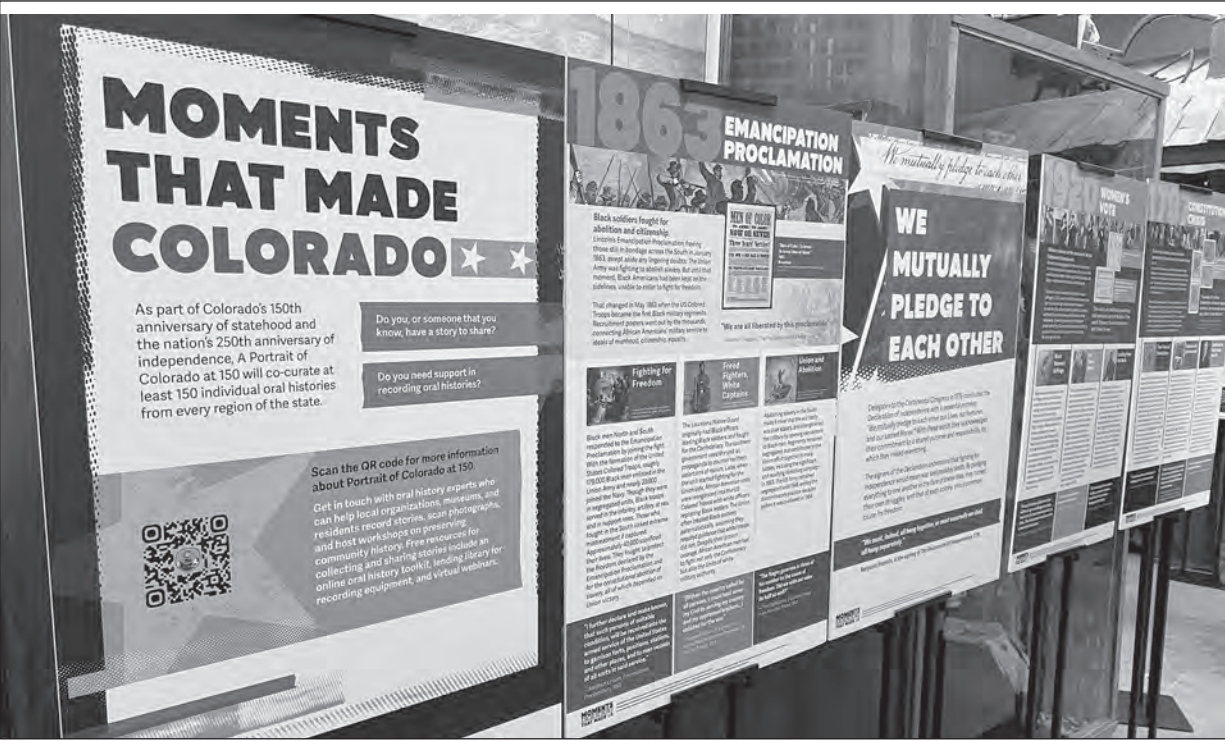


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“Moments that Made US” is one of the special exhibitions at the Pagosa Springs History Museum celebrating the America’s 250th birthday. The exhibition will remain on display all summer. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 96 Pagosa St.

Public invited to share family histories with Pagosa Springs History Museum

Pagosa Springs History Museum

Every family has a story to tell. Does your family’s story involve coming to Archuleta County?

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.”

The Pagosa Springs History Museum is creating a history vault this season to preserve memories of families who came and settled in Archuleta County 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.

Would you be willing to allow your family’s written story to be included in the vault? If so, please drop your story by the museum during open hours be-

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Healthy Archuleta’s Behavioral Health Collaborative holds its first meeting on June 4. The group of Pagosa Springs mental health professionals gathered over lunch to discuss how to support advocacy and education in the community.

Healthy Archuleta unites local mental health professionals

Healthy Archuleta

As part of Healthy Archuleta’s efforts to expand access to mental and behavioral health care, the organization is advancing several community initiatives.

One area that was identified was a collective space for mental and behavioral health providers to gather and learn from one another. The first meeting of this group, the Behavioral Health Collaborative, was held on June 4, where a group of Pagosa Springs mental health professionals gathered over lunch to discuss how to support advocacy and education in the community.

Creating a group like this can offer many benefits for providers, including learning from one another, training support and networking. Attendees were particularly interested in providing training and networking opportunities at future meetings planned to occur three to four times a year.

Museum

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fore July 24. If you need the story copied and returned to you, please indicate that when you drop it off.

The historical society is working to gather all the family histories possible to leave a gift for future generations.

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 resealed 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.

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 that was discovered in Archuleta

The next meeting will take place the week of Aug. 17, with details to be announced. All area professionals interested are invited and encouraged to attend.

This collaborative effort represents an important step toward achieving Healthy Archuleta’s long-term vision: a thriving, interconnected community where every individual has the resources they need to flourish.

By strengthening the network of our local mental health professionals, we are building the foundation for a more resilient Archuleta County. We look forward to growing this partnership, breaking down barriers to care and working hand-in-hand to ensure that mental wellness is within reach for everyone in our community.

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

County.

A few of the exhibitions available to view at the museum include a gem and mineral collection, musical instruments loaned from founding families, some art by beloved community member and teacher Worthe Crouse, and more.

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 the operating expenses. The museum relies on private funding and grants to operate, and all donations are greatly appreciated.

The museum is located by the bridge at the east end of downtown. Days and hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For updates or more information, visit www.pagosamuseum.org.

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Tevey (Tim Moore) and the Fiddler (Finlay Moore) appear in Thingamajig Theatre Company’s “Fiddler on the Roof,” opening June 26 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

‘Fiddler on the Roof’ to open Friday at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Laura Moore
Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

Some musicals are remembered for their songs. “Fiddler on the Roof” is remembered for the feeling that an entire village has walked onto the stage.

That village comes to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Friday, June 26, when Thingamajig Theatre Company opens “Fiddler on the Roof,” the third and final mainstage opening weekend of its 2026 summer repertory season. The production fol-

lows earlier openings of “Come From Away” and Stephen Sondheim’s “Company,” completing a summer lineup built around community, family, memory and change.
Set in the village of Anatevka in Imperial Russia, “Fiddler on the Roof” follows Tevey, a dairyman whose devotion to faith, tradition and family is tested as his daughters begin choosing lives he could not have imagined for them.
The musical moves from comedy to tenderness with songs including “Tradition,” “If I Were a Rich Man,”

“Matchmaker” and “Sunrise, Sunset.”
Based on the stories of Sholem Aleichem, with music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick and book by Joseph Stein, “Fiddler on the Roof” opened on Broadway in 1964 and won nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Since then, it has become one of the defining works of musical theater, performed around the world for more than six decades.
“The reason people keep coming back to Fiddler is simple,” said Tim ■ See ‘Fiddler’ on next page

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Adults members of our community with developmental disabilities work to raise funds for Aspen House.

Adults with developmental disabilities participate in fundraising for Aspen House

By Pattie Copenhaver
A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc.

The adult members of our community with developmental disabilities did their part to raise funds to help build the much-needed home that broke ground on May 1. Last month, 12 eager participants sold more than \$6,500 of flavored popcorn to 91 participants. If someone wanted to donate and not buy popcorn, checks were accepted. The top sales were done by Meredith Irons \$2,100, Zack Irons \$1,200 and Delayne Archuleta \$800. The fundraiser lasted four days. Half of the sales went to Aspen House earmarked for construction. Between the popcorn and the extra monetary donations, the grand total was \$6,200 for their efforts. This team was amazing and next year they will exceed that total. The nice thing is our adults were able to use their connections, confidence and circle of friends and family to reach these numbers. They

have also raised additional funds and awareness for the organization through other activities such as bake sales at City Market, participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, craft markets and fairs, and by selling handmade artwork and donating a portion of sales to Aspen House. "It's really wonderful to see our individuals participating in making their own home, Aspen House a reality," said Pattie Copenhaver, executive director. Thank you to all who participated and purchased from our adults. Even though this fundraiser has ended, you are still able to donate as we raise the final funds to build Aspen House. Just visit our website and push the donate button or stop by PS FroYo to make a donation. For more information or to get involved, please contact Pattie Copenhaver and A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc./ Aspen House, at (970) 398-1636, executivedirector@aspenhousepagosa.org or www.aspenhousepagosa.org.

'Fiddler'

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Moore, producing artistic director of Thingamajig Theatre Company, who also stars as Tevye. "Underneath the famous songs and the humor is a family trying to figure things out. Tevye wants what's best for his daughters. His daughters want lives of their own. Nobody is wrong, but everybody is changing. Every parent and every child understands that." Directed and choreographed by Pia Wyatt, the production brings together professional performers from across the country and familiar local artists for one of Broadway's landmark musicals. For Moore, playing Tevye also brings him into the center of a story that has spoken to audiences across generations. "What I love about Tevye is that

he is not a museum piece," Moore said. "He is funny, stubborn, loving, flawed and trying very hard to keep his family safe in a world that keeps shifting under his feet. That feels very alive to me." With the opening of "Fiddler on the Roof," Thingamajig Theatre Company reaches the final opening weekend of its 2026 summer repertory season. After "Fiddler," the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts will turn its attention to the next generation of performers through its annual Children's Theatre Camp, which will culminate in July performances of Disney's "The Jungle Book KIDS." Tickets for "Fiddler on the Roof" are available at pagosacenter.org or by calling the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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1 p.m.	Freedom Float	San Juan River
2 p.m.	Live Music begins Community Band Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo	Yamaguchi Park The Springs Resort Fairgrounds
9 p.m.	Food and alcohol last call	Yamaguchi Park
10 p.m.	Park closes	Yamaguchi Park



Photos courtesy Seeds of Learning

Jeffrey Steele and Wendell Mobley are two of the Nashville arties who will lend their talents to Seeds of Learning’s Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories fundraiser.

Seeds of Learning spotlights Nashville talent coming to Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories

Seeds of Learning

As excitement continues to build for Seeds of Learning’s Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories, the spotlight now turns to the extraordinary Nashville talent that will help make this event a truly unforgettable evening.

While local contestants prepare to showcase their voices in competition, audience members will also have the rare opportunity to hear from some of Nashville’s most accomplished singer-songwriters — artists whose songs have shaped country music for decades and become the soundtrack to countless lives.

From chart-topping hits to stories from behind the scenes of Music City, these award-winning songwriters bring a level of talent and experience rarely found on one stage.

Let’s now meet two of the Nashville stars and judges who will be sharing their music, stories and expertise with Pagosa Springs on Aug. 24 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Jeffrey Steele is an award-winning American country music singer and songwriter, celebrated as one of Nashville’s most prolific hitmakers. Inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, his co-written tracks have resulted in more than 500 recordings, 50 million units sold and multiple chart-topping country anthems.

He has written or co-written massive hits for major artists, including Rascal Flatts’ “What Hurts the Most,” “My Wish” and “These Days”; Tim McGraw’s “The Cowboy in Me”; Montgomery Gentry’s “My Town”; and LeAnn Rimes’ “Big Deal.”

Before his legendary songwriting career, Steele was the lead singer and bassist for the 1990s country group Boy Howdy. The band achieved commercial success with top-10 hits like “She’d Give Anything.” He was named BMI’s Songwriter of the Year in 2003 and 2007, and the Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI) Songwriter of the Year in 2003, 2005 and 2006.

Wendell Mobley is a multi-platinum, Grammy-nominated American country music songwriter and musician. Originally from Celina, Ohio, he moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he has co-written 10 No. 1 country hits, spent a combined 26 weeks at the top of the charts and sold more than 60 million records worldwide.

He is widely celebrated within the Nashville music industry as both an elite lyricist and a powerhouse vocalist, regularly performing his catalog live at songwriter festivals and orchestral events.

Mobley has penned some of the biggest country hits of the last few decades, particularly for artists like Kenny Chesney and Rascal Flatts. Some of his most notable chart-toppers include Kenny Chesney’s “There

Goes My Life” and “How Forever Feels”; Rascal Flatts’ “Fast Cars and Freedom,” “Take Me There,” “Banjo” and “I Melt”; Jason Aldean’s “A Little More Summertime” and “Tattoos on This Town”; and Randy Houser’s “How Country Feels.”

Their presence at Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories gives local contestants an incredible opportunity to perform before some of the industry’s most respected creators while giving audiences a front-row seat to the stories behind the songs they know and love. Together with our talented hometown contestants, they will help create a one-of-a-kind event benefiting Seeds of Learning.

You can support your favorite local voice contestants right now by casting your votes online at vote.pagosavoice.org.

Votes are just \$1 each, and every vote not only helps contestants compete for the coveted People’s Choice Award, but also supports Seeds of Learning’s fundraising efforts.

Every dollar raised helps provide opportunities for lifelong learning in our community, making your vote a meaningful way to champion local talent while investing in the future of Pagosa’s children.

Stay tuned as we continue introducing the remaining Nashville stars who will be joining this unforgettable evening of music, storytelling and community celebration.

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By **Barbara Brattin**
PREVIEW Columnist

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What an enormous amount of physical and mental work it took to prepare the building for the last two months of construction.

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Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to box up hundreds of boxes of books, DVDs and audio-books. Loud rounds of applause to



Judy and Taylor and Carmelita and Saira, to Mabel and Mark, Jennifer and Sherry, Deb and Lauren, who cheerfully organized and cleaned and strategized how to fit every piece together to deliver a comfortable temporary space while the remainder of the construction is completed. To the crew at FCI and their interns who reminded me how effortlessly strong I was at 20, to those who brought boxes, to those who brought yummy treats, to all the local businesses who smiled and said they would call us when they had more empty boxes to share, to our neighbors on 8th street who have listened to construction noise for 10 months running. To the library board who believed in this project and the Library Foundation and Steering Committee members who raised the money to make it happen and to all of you who contributed your time and money along the way, thank you.

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

Summer Reading Program underway

Between June 1 and Aug. 30, summer readers can track their reading on the Beanstack app, complete bingo activity challenges and attend free events at the library and across the community.

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Meet us out in the community

With our construction continuing through August, several of our regular activities and special events are still happening in other locations.

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Writers Guild

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

During construction the group will meet at the 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.

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New cookbooks

• TV personality and master chef Jamie Oliver is back with, "Grill: Easy Grilling, Big Flavor."

• Jose Andres is founder of the nonprofit World Central Kitchen, which organizes teams of chefs to

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As we approach the upcoming election for Archuleta County Commissioner, I want to share my perspective on Veronica Medina. In my view, the core of public service is the commitment to be a leader for all people, serving every citizen regardless of their background or political affiliation.

Commissioner Medina, currently serving as the vice chair of the Board of County Commissioners, brings deep, established roots to Archuleta County. As the first Hispanic/Jicarilla Apache woman elected to this office, she provides a uniquely valuable perspective to our local government.

Beyond her official duties, I can personally attest to Medina's willingness to show up, listen, and engage directly with the people she serves. As someone who spends a great deal of time working within our community, I see her out just as much as I am. She consistently supports our local veterans, dedicating her time to various veteran committees and helping with outreach programs. Whether it's attending our ceremonies or joining our meetings, she is there. I also see her lending a hand to women's initiatives and groups across Pagosa Springs.

While I may not know every single detail of her daily agenda behind closed doors, what I see with my own two eyes is a leader who is genuinely trying to help and make Pagosa better for all of us.

Progress requires leaders who do their homework, engage visibly with the public, and ask difficult questions and connect with their community. I am a firm believer that iron sharpens iron. When leaders challenge the status quo and push for better solutions, it sharpens the logic and reasoning behind county policies. Medina's tenure has certainly faced political turbulence and intense public scrutiny. However, navigating that pressure while continuing to actively challenge processes is what ensures our county operates efficiently and transparently.

Whether you agree with every decision she makes or not, our community needs representation that works to bridge divides and find common ground. When casting your ballot, I encourage you to look at her record of showing up and her steadfast commitment to the demanding work of local governance.

Sincerely,
Shawna Snarr

Support for Veronica Medina

Dear Editor:

As a longtime community member who cares deeply about the future of Archuleta County, I am proud to support Veronica Medina for re-election as County Commissioner.

What has set Veronica apart from day one is her commitment to listening and engaging with people across differing viewpoints. She works hard to ensure county government reflects the people of Archuleta County and focuses on practical solutions rather than partisan politics. She understands our rural values and challenges, recognizing that strong communities are built through respect, collaboration, fiscal responsibility, and being good neighbors.

I have especially appreciated Veronica's advocacy for legislation and initiatives that directly support our local EMS system and the Upper San Juan Health Service District. From my perspective in healthcare, I have seen how important strong partnerships are, and during her tenure, communication and collaboration between Archuleta County, EMS, and the hospital have never been stronger. She understands the vital role local healthcare and emergency services play in the health, safety, and economic well-being of our community.

Veronica leads with integrity and a commitment to facts. She remains focused on honest communication and thoughtful leadership, even in a political climate often marked by division and misinformation.

Archuleta County deserves leaders who listen, bring people together, and have the backbone to govern on behalf of everyone in our community—not just those who share their political views. Veronica Medina has proven she is that kind of collaborative leader, and I encourage my fellow residents to support her re-election.

Sincerely,
Corinne Reed

Why Veronica Medina Deserves Our Vote for County Commissioner

Dear Editor:

Archuleta County faces important decisions in the years ahead. Growth, infrastructure, housing, public services, economic development, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources will require thoughtful leadership and sound judgment. For these reasons, Veronica Medina remains our community's best choice for County Commissioner.

Public service is not a part-time commitment for Veronica. She dedicates an extraordinary number of hours each week to county business and community issues that directly affect the lives of local residents. She understands that decisions made by the Board of County Commissioners today will have consequences that extend far beyond the next election cycle.

Veronica is a goal-driven, results-oriented leader who approaches every issue with diligence and preparation. She studies the facts, asks difficult questions, and actively seeks input from a broad and diverse group of stakeholders before reaching conclusions. Her decision-making process reflects both careful analysis and a genuine desire to understand differing viewpoints.

One of Veronica's greatest strengths is her ability to remain focused amid the often-contentious nature of modern politics. She possesses the thick skin necessary to serve effectively in today's political environment while maintaining her professionalism and commitment to respectful dialogue. Rather than checking the direction of the political wind, she evaluates issues on their merits and bases her positions on principles, facts, and what she believes is best for Archuleta County.

Veronica works on behalf of all county residents, regardless of age, background, or political affiliation. She has earned the trust of many constituents and has established valuable relationships with members of the Colorado Legislature, giving Archuleta County a stronger voice at the state level.

Her experience, intelligence, and informed leadership bring tremendous value to the Board of County Commissioners. She has never been afraid to champion good decisions when leadership is required, even before a full consensus emerges. At the same time, she understands how to build agreement through effective listening, common-sense reasoning, and respectful communication.

Veronica Medina is a pathfinder, a problem solver, and a steady hand on the tiller. As our county navigates the opportunities and challenges ahead, we need her continued leadership. Please join me in voting to keep Veronica Medina on the Board of County Commissioners.

Mike Heraty

Paid for Committee to Re-Elect Veronica Medina and Mike Heraty.

100 years ago this month: historical events from June 1926

Special to The PREVIEW

The month of June has been home to many historical events over the years.

Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in June 1926:

- Ignacy Moscicki is elected as the president of Poland on June 1. Moscicki's election to the ceremonial position comes after General Józef Pilsudski, who led a coup d'état to overthrow the previous government, declines to become president.
- Underwater construction of the Holland Tunnel is halted on June 1. The work stalls due to the sinking of the PS Washington Irving while the ship was being towed to Jersey City, N.J. The ship initially experienced trouble after it was struck by another ship in the North River during a fog.
- Norma Jeane Mortenson is born in Los Angeles on June 1. Mortenson would grow up and gain worldwide recognition and fame as an actress and model using the stage name Marilyn Monroe.
- A spectator at San Francisco's Ewing Field accidentally drops a lit cigarette on June 5. The cigarette sparks a fire that burns down the wooden structure and soon spreads to adjacent buildings, ultimately destroying

- or damaging 40 buildings and houses.
- The Forrest River massacre of indigenous Australians begins on June 6. The massacre is started by policemen who were carrying out a punitive expedition against indigenous Australians after the killing of a white Australian.
- Babe Ruth hits a home run that sportswriters at the June 8 game at Navin Field in Detroit estimate traveled 600 feet. That distance has never been confirmed.
- Brazil announces its withdrawal from the League of Nations on June 14. Costa Rica had previously withdrawn in 1924.
- Italian Fascist leader Aurelio Padovani, who had fallen out of favor with Prime Minister Benito Mussolini, is killed when a fourth floor balcony at his home collapses on June 16. Padovani had stepped outside to greet admirers on the street below when the balcony collapsed, killing him and eight others.
- The Seventh Street Bridge opens in Pittsburgh on June 17. The bridge is renamed to honor Pittsburgh native and acclaimed artist Andy Warhol in 2005.
- On June 19, DeFord Bailey becomes the first African American to be listed in newspaper radio schedules as a performer on "WSM Barn Dance," which is later renamed "The Grand

- Ole Opry."
- New York Giants catcher Jimmy Boyle makes his major league debut on June 20. Boyle plays just one inning, the ninth inning of an 8-0 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates, in what would be the only major league appearance of his career.
- Tens of thousands of spectators at Chicago's Soldier Field on June 21 watch a performance by the world's largest children's choir, composed of 60,000 children from more than 300 Roman Catholic parochial schools across the city.
- The Scholastic Aptitude Test, now known as the SAT, is administered to college and university applicants for the first time on June 23. More than 8,000 students at more than 300 testing centers sit for the exam.
- The "Sanjuanada," a plot to overthrow the Prime Minister and dictator of Spain, is foiled on June 23, one day before it was to take place.
- Amateur golfer Bobby Jones wins the British Open on June 25. Jones' victory marks the first time a nonprofessional had won the event.
- Melvin James Kaminsky is born in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn on June 28. Kaminsky grows up to become a beloved comedian, using the stage name Mel Brooks.

Library

■ continued from previous page Ancient Superpower" weaves ancient history with archaeology to deliver a complex history of one of Greece's most iconic city-states.

- "The Killer and Frank Lloyd Wright: The True Story of Mass Murder in Paradise" provides readers with an unvarnished profile of the iconic architect whose ego and charm led to scandal and tragedy.

Eclectic finds

- Explorer and thought leader Wade Davis returns with "Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays."
- "American Whiskey Master Class: The Ultimate Guide to Understanding Bourbon, Rye, and other American Whiskeys."

On the trail

- "Foraging the Rocky Mountains: Finding, Identifying, and Preparing Edible Wild Foods in the Rockies."
- "Best Dog Hikes Colorado."

New fiction books

- "Land," a novel from Irish writer Maggie O'Farrell, is described by writer Daniel Mason as "a breathtaking hymn to the sanctity of natural spaces."
- "Children of the Wild" is a novel of love, loyalty and heroism set in the mountains of Virginia during World War I from writer Kevin Powers.
- "The Break-Up Retreat," a "chilling" novel from Camilla Sten, is set in a retreat deep in the woods of Sweden where women are promised to heal from the heartbreak of a failed

relationship. Sometimes people are never heard from again.

New in large print

- "When the Cranes Fly South," an international bestseller by Swedish novelist Lisa Ridzen, is about aging and the process of saying goodbye.
- "Last Night in Brooklyn" by Xo-

chitl Gonzales follows 26-year-old Alicia Canales, who dares to imagine for herself the fearlessness she discovers in the house parties of her neighborhood.

- "Comancheria," Book #1 in the Hollow Frontier western series by Reavis Wortham, follows Texas Ranger Buck Dallas on a haunting mission to rescue a missing girl.



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Understanding the difference between loneliness and social isolation

By Ricardo Martinez
PREVIEW Columnist

Many people use the terms loneliness and social isolation interchangeably, but they are not the same thing.

Social isolation refers to having limited contact with other people and few social relationships, while loneliness is the feeling of being alone or disconnected, even when surrounded by others.

A person can live alone and not feel lonely, while another person may have family and friends nearby yet still experience loneliness. Both conditions can have a significant impact on physical and mental health, increasing the risk of depression, anxiety, heart disease and cognitive decline, especially among older adults.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is committed to helping seniors stay connected and engaged in the community. Through congregate meals, activities, volunteer opportunities and the Meals on Wheels program, ASI provides opportunities for social interaction and meaningful connections.

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tions.

For homebound seniors, a friendly visit from a Meals on Wheels driver may be the most important social contact of the day. Whether joining friends for lunch at the Pagosa Senior Center, participating in activities or volunteering to help others, staying connected can improve quality of life and overall well-being.

If you or someone you know is experiencing loneliness or social isolation, ASI encourages you to reach out and discover the many ways to stay active, engaged and connected.

Holiday closure

ASI will be closed on Friday, July 3, in celebration of the Fourth of July.

Safe Driver Course

The AARP Safe Driver Course will be offered on July 17 from 1:15 p.m.

to 5 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Refresh your driving skills, learn the latest Colorado laws, and you can get a discount on your car insurance — talk to your insurance representative.

For more information and to register, call our registration number, (970) 585-4494.

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 Pagosa Senior Center.

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

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For the past several years, a small group of individuals has repeatedly filed complaints and pursued a recall effort against me.

Here are the facts:

- The Colorado Real Estate Commission dismissed the complaint against me on June 2, 2026. The hearing recording is publicly available online.
- The Award was issued in October 2025 by Colorado Federation of Republican Women. The Archuleta County Republican Women presented the award to me.
- The recall effort failed because not enough signatures were collected. The petition was never submitted.
- As your County Commissioner, I have never shied away from making tough decisions. Leadership means making choices that serve the best interests of Archuleta County, even when those decisions are not always popular.
- County decisions require the support of at least two commissioners. No commissioner acts alone.



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conversation. This opportunity is typically from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., following Senior Conversations. The group occasionally reconvenes as an informal gathering at various local restaurants.

Stretching and mobility weekly class

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

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

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

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

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

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 of play, 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.

Everything you need to get started is included in this fun, engaging, supportive class taught by Judith

Newman, LPC.

Mindful drawing

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

Classes are every Wednesday from 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.

There will be no tai chi on June 18 or June 25.

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 June 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

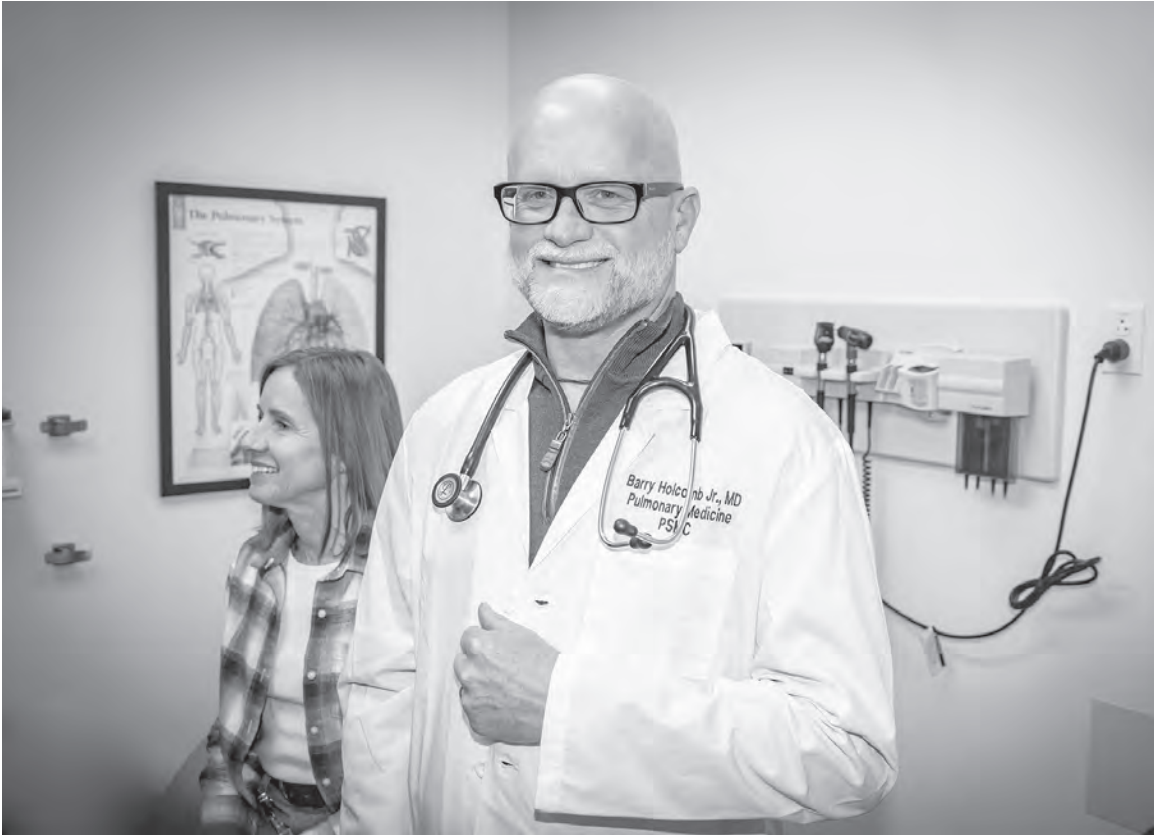
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Year's final 19th Hole Concert set for July 25

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The fourth and final 19th Hole Concert Series event of the summer takes place tonight, and organizers say it is one community concert locals and visitors alike will not want to miss.

Set against the incredible backdrop of the mountain range at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club, tonight's season finale will feature live music from Bo DePena along with nonprofit spotlight organization Aspire Medical Services and Education.

The concert is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with proceeds from the \$10 suggested donation supporting all four nonprofits participating in this year's concert series.

Whether attendees have made every concert this summer or are planning to attend for the very first time, tonight's event promises a relaxing atmosphere, great music, beautiful views and another opportunity to support meaningful work happening throughout the community.

Known for his crowd-pleasing Americana and country sound blended with Texas grit and rock 'n' roll swagger, DePena is expected to deliver an energetic performance

to close out the popular summer concert series.

Tonight's featured nonprofit, Aspire Medical Services and Education, provides prenatal care and education for families with children ages 0-3 throughout Archuleta County.

Funding generated through the 19th Hole Concert Series will support Aspire's free parent-child education program, which has seen a significant increase in local families seeking support, education and connection within the rural community.

Community members are encouraged to stop by the Aspire booth during the concert to learn more about the organization's programs and growing impact for young families in the region.

Over the past month, the 19th Hole Concert Series has brought together live music, local nonprofits, residents, and visitors for four memorable evenings celebrating community connection and local impact.

Organizers say tonight's finale will be a fitting close to another successful summer season.

Bring a chair, relax with friends and family, enjoy the mountain views and help close out the 2026 19th Hole Concert Series in style.

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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, June 25 — Butternut squash ravioli with sage butter, wilted

spinach, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, hazelnut beignets and milk.

Friday, June 26 — Grilled ham and cheese on sourdough, broccoli hollandaise, garden salad, fruit, muffin and milk.

Monday, June 29 — Teriyaki pork ribs, coconut rice, roasted Hawaiian vegetables, garden salad, fruit, lemon bar and milk.

Tuesday, June 30 — Chicken Marsala, baby baked potatoes, bread pudding, garden salad, fruit, cottage cheese and milk.

Wednesday, July 1 — Greek spanakopita pie, sauteed zucchini, garden salad, fruit, apple crisp and milk.

Thursday, July 2 — Tuna salad sandwich, broccoli salad, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, July 3 — Closed in celebration of the Fourth of July.

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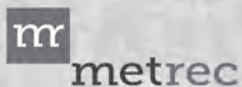
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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the blue-gray gnatcatcher.

One of the earliest songbirds to arrive in summer breeding territories is this tiny, long-tailed gnatcatcher. While most members of its genus are resident birds in Central and South America, the blue-gray breeds across eastern and southwestern parts of the United States and into Mexico. Of the 18 species of gnatcatchers, it is the one that ranges farthest north and is the most migratory.

The forest composition of its breeding range varies with the region. In the west, they nest in scrubby habitat, preferring moist areas near forest edges. They are found in oak and pinon-juniper woodlands and in areas of willows and cottonwoods.

While flicking their white-edged tails side to side to flush prey, these busy birds forage in constant motion, often out of sight within the foliage. They hunt by scouring branches and leaves while perched or hovering, and will sally out to nab an insect flying by. They eat small insects, spiders and other invertebrates whole. Larger prey are consumed after first removing the wings and beating them against a branch. Sadly for us, despite their name, gnats do not form a significant part of their diet.

These tiny, slim birds sing a wren-like song, often while mimicking the voices of other birds. Their soft, insistent “pzzzz” contact calls sound like they are whispering secrets to each other as they dart about. Breeding males are colored blue-gray above and white underneath, have a black V over their eyes and a white eyering. Females and nonbreeding males are not as blue.

On their breeding territory, males are fiercely territorial, defending their space with vocal and posture displays. If these don’t work, birds may fly up and snap at each other midair. With other small birds, they will mob potential predators. Pairs may build up to seven nests in a season to combat the frequent nest failures they experience from predation, mites and parasitism by cowbirds.

Along with warming temperatures, since the early 20th century the nesting range of the blue-gray gnatcatcher has shifted northward and their populations have increased.

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

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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
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Torah teacher
- 6 Dick Tracy's love
- 10 Charity
- 14 Honda's luxury line
- 15 Israeli airline
- 16 Kind of drop
- 17 Madam or mom
- 19 Scandinavian capital
- 20 Mud deposit
- 21 Enabling
- 23 Load movers
- 25 "Holy cow!"
- 26 Maine college town
- 28 Remnants
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- 31 ___ chic
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Notable FIFA World Cup records

Special to The PREVIEW

The FIFA World Cup is an international soccer competition held every four years. Commonly referred to as the World Cup, the event attracts fans from all over the globe in a testament to the popularity of soccer (which is called “football” throughout much of the world).

The FIFA World Cup 2026 began on June 11 and is being jointly hosted by 16 cities across the United States, Mexico and Canada. Billions of people across the globe are expected to watch the games in person and/or tune in to see the action on television.

As this beloved and highly anticipated global tournament continues, fans may be curious about which countries and players have etched their names in World Cup history since the event began in 1930:

- Country with the most World Cup titles: Brazil. The Brazilian team has five World Cup titles to its credit, having won its most recent tournament in 2002.

- Country with the most World Cup Final appearances without a win: The Netherlands. The Netherlands has played in the World Cup Final three times — in 1974, 1978 and 2010 — but lost all three games.

- Country with the most World Cup Final losses: Germany. While the Netherlands has lost three World Cup finals and never won, Germany has lost four such games in the history of

the tournament. However, Germany has won the World Cup four times, earning the nation’s most recent gold medal in 2014.

- Country with the most medals: Germany. While Brazil has the most Gold medals, Germany has earned 12 gold, silver and bronze medals in the history of the tournament. Brazil is second with nine total medals.

- Individual with the most World Cup goals heading into 2026: Miroslav Klose, Germany. The German striker Klose scored his record-breaking 16th and final World Cup goal in Germany’s 2014 semifinal victory. This week, Argentina’s Lionel Messi surpassed Klose, scoring his 17th and 18th World Cup goals.

- Individual with the most World Cup Final goals: Kylian Mbappé, France. Mbappé has four World Cup Final goals to his credit, including a 2022 hat trick in which he became the second player in history to score three goals in a single final fixture (Geoff Hurst of the United Kingdom scored three in the 1966 World Cup Final). Mbappé is just 27 years old, so it’s possible the young Frenchman adds to his record this summer.

- Individual with the most goals scored in a single tournament: Just Fontaine, France. The French striker Fontaine was still roughly two months shy of turning 25 when he scored 13 goals across six matches in the 1958 FIFA World Cup.

- Individual with the most all-time

World Cup appearances heading into 2026: Messi, Argentina. Messi, who is widely regarded as one of the greatest players in the history of the sport, has appeared in 26 World Cup matches throughout his legendary career.

These are just some of the notable team and individual records fans can ponder as they enjoy another thrilling World Cup this summer.

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The wall of fire around us

By Betty Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

The Holy Spirit’s wall of fire is not singing a Johnny Cash love song, where he was falling into a burning ring of fire. And his passion burned, burned, burned. This wall is a fire of God’s love and protection. When we surrender to the Lord, He places His Holy Spirit in us and He becomes a wall around us.

“For I, says the Lord, will be a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst” (Zechariah 2:5, NIKV). He is talking about Jerusalem, and also the believer. In other words, God is taking the bullets for those He loves and calls His own. We can trust him when the bullets fly.

He will protect our minds with love. He will protect our families if we make Him Lord of our homes. He will lead us in the direction He wants us to go if we’ll go with Him. He will protect our careers if we are where He wants us to be. It’s our choice. It takes faith to step up into the light of that fire.

A television pastor talked about dark and dangerous days coming and a spiritual reset happening in our country. When he said reset, I perked up my ears. I wondered if people are ready for change and will step up in faith or collapse in fear. We have been equipped for such days ahead.

Do we know how intense God’s emotions are for us — not against us? With great force and energy He loves us and protects us with the Holy Spirit, and has placed His wall of fire around us.

Solomon tells the Shulamite, “Set me as a seal ... For love is strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave, its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame” (Song of Solomon 8:6, NKJV). The king is saying to her she can trust him, his love is like flames around her. Wow. Can we grab on to that concept?

The Shulamite’s angry brothers worried about their sister. They questioned what would become of their sister. They saw her undesirable, with no breast. But when she would be spoken for, they would build a wall around her and a door enclosed with boards of cedar to protect her.

She responded prophetically and confidently, “I am a wall.” They didn’t have to close her in or decorate her, or speak condescending words to her. She had the Spirit in her, around her, and nothing, even their words, could penetrate it. (See Song of Solomon 8:8-10).

If God permits the arrows to pierce the wall of fire, He has a reason. It’s not my reasoning, but His. He wants us to praise Him in all circumstances. He is involved with us and knows what we need.

Someone questioned me, “It’s been two years, and you’re still limping around?” I heard a hint of judgment in their words. Did I not have enough faith to walk without

Artist’s Lane

Young people are scared. Their future looks uncertain. This is on their minds continually. They haven’t yet learned that they are equipped with all they need for this day in time.

a walker?

“Yes, I do have faith, but God had a reason why the wall came down and I was hurt. I’ve learned much about myself. The Lord said to me, ‘I’m re-setting your clock.’ I didn’t know what that meant at the time. But time unfolds the answer. And I see clearly through the smoke today. This holy fire has been burning off the dross.”

She gave me a look as if I was crazy. I have learned over these months of recovery what God meant. I am actually experiencing better health, family members working together, and my personal spiritual growth is unmatched from my earlier years. All I know today is Jesus is the answer, and I’m fine with it.

Young people are scared. Their future looks uncertain. This is on their minds continually. They haven’t yet learned that they are equipped with all they need for this day in time. They have God’s protection of a wall of fire around them. He wildly cares for them and will only allow in their lives what grows them spiritually.

One of the young men in my Bible study said, “I have so many questions. I don’t know what or who to believe anymore.” This is a young man who has been in organized churches all his life, and yet is baffled as to what he is seeing today.

I told him, “Pray. The Lord has not left the building. He has vowed to protect us. We have to believe what He says. Believe in Jesus; He is the answer for everything.”

Final brushstroke: The wall of fire is invisible until someone tempts God. Our walk with God is a faith walk, not by sight. I would rather be surrounded by his unseen protection than build my own wall. I’m not sure what this reset will look like in the days ahead, but we can be sure we will come through the darkness with God’s help and light.

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Golf stories and a simple golf lesson

By James R. Van Liere
Special to The PREVIEW

Now that the golf season is in full swing, I thought it might be appropriate to relate some golf history and provide a simple golf lesson.

First of all, the word golf comes from Scotland, where the game originally started. The game was originally intended for men only, hence, at the first golf course a sign was posted as “Gentlemen Only-Ladies Forbidden” from which the word golf was derived.

As for me, I never really got interested in the game, probably because my dad, who was a very good amateur golfer, had me carry his golf bag in the hot California sun while he just carried a single club. Being a pretty good amateur golfer, he won a lot of golf balls, sweaters, shirts, jackets and, once in awhile, a golf club or golf bag.

Of course, Dad had many golf stories to tell, such as the time when we were playing with my Uncle Carl. It seems a bird took off without filing a flight plan and its flight path crossed right in front of the flight path for my uncle's ball. Unfortunately, the result was a midair collision, resulting in a debris field of feathers you would not believe.

One of Dad's favorite stories was when he was about 16 or 17 he got a job in Benton Harbor, Mich., at a small, out-of-the-way golf course. About every two weeks, Al Capone and four of his henchmen would show up for a round of golf. They would go in the clubhouse and all of them would buy new equipment—balls, clubs and bags, except one man would only buy a bag, into which he would slip a Tommy gun. Once they had finished playing, the men would drop all of their newly purchased equipment on the lawn in front of the clubhouse and the owner would retrieve it and re-sell it.

The next time Capone and his gang showed up, they would again buy all new equipment, and when they were finished, leave it on the lawn again.

One hot day the guy carrying the Tommy gun asked my dad to hold his tie for him. Of course, when they left for the day, the man forgot to pick up his tie, so my dad just kept as a souvenir. The next time Capone and his gang showed up, the guy with Tommy gun asked my dad if he still had the tie. Of course, Dad said he did and it was in his dorm room. The man said it was a birthday present from his mother and would my dad mind giving it back after the game. Needless to say, Dad was not going to argue with guy and returned the tie, for which he received a \$20 bill. When you're working for 50 cents an hour, a \$20 bill is a lot of money.

Golfing seemed to run in the family. My mother also played and managed to get two holes-in-one.

The Writers' Circle

Speaking of holes-in-one, I heard about a guy who cheated so much that when he got a hole-in-one, he marked down as zero.

My dad's older brother, Ade, was a professional golfer, and even placed second in a Michigan state golf tournament one year. Uncle Ade owned a golf driving range in Grand Rapids and also gave golf lessons. Whenever President Gerald Ford came home to Grand Rapids, he would run over to see my uncle for a golf lesson.

Speaking of golf lessons, my uncle sent me the following simple golf lesson that anyone can follow:

Everyone can learn to play golf. Once a player has mastered the grip and stance, all he has to bear in mind, in the brief two-second interval it takes to swing, is to keep his left elbow pointed in toward the left hip and his right arm loose and closer to the body than the left, and take the club head past his right knee, and then break the wrists at just the right instant while the left arm is still traveling straight back from the ball and the right arm stays glued to the body, and the hips come around in a perfect circle, and meanwhile everything is messed up unless the weight is 60 percent on the left foot and 40 percent on the right — not an ounce more or an ounce less — and at just the right point in the turn the left knee bends in toward the right in a dragging motion until the left heel comes off the ground, but not too far, and be sure the hands are over the right foot, but not on the toe more than the heel, except that the left side of the right foot is tilted off the ground, but not too far, and be sure the hands at the top of the swing are high and the shaft points along a line parallel with the ground, and if it's a downhill lie the shaft is supposed to be pointed downhill, too, and pause at the top of the swing and count one, jerk the left arm straight down like a bell ringer yanking a belfry rope, and don't un-cock the wrists too soon and pull the left hip around in a circle, but do let the shoulders turn with the hips, they have to be facing the hole, and now transfer the weight of 60 percent to the left foot and 40 percent to the right — not an ounce more or an ounce less — and tilt the left foot so now the right side of it is straight— that's the one you hit against — and watch out for the left hand, it's supposed to be extended- but not too stiff or the shot won't go anywhere — and don't let it get loose or you will hook — and let the wrists un-cock — but don't force them or you'll smother the

shot — and don't break too soon but keep your head down- then hit the ball.

That's all there is to it.

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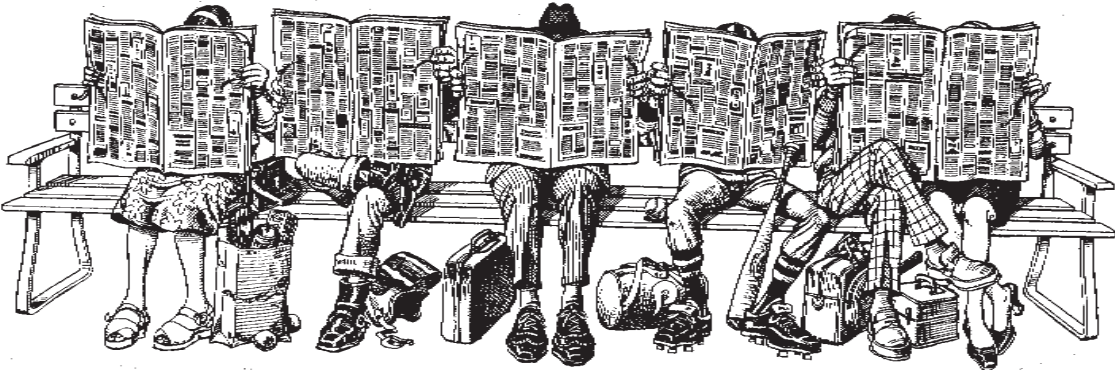
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Points of light: breaking the enterprise of slavery

By Joyce Holdread
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Darkness and light grow together — at least on this planet. They even intensify and help to shape each other. But, is this the eternal, default reality?

In these current times of tangled and frightening darkness, it's easy to forget (or not see at all) how far we have come in the progression of goodness and light.

Our Creator is still pulsing throughout his creation to bring forth more fully new and emerging facets of what life was intended to be on this earth. "Points of light" will illuminate areas of divine-human cooperation where truly wondrous advances have happened and are happening still, despite the need for major, ongoing improvement.

The first of these is slavery. From time immemorial, some human beings have sought to "own" their enemies — or their neighbors — and use them for particular, self-centered purposes.

Whether it's the backbreaking, mud-slogging work of fashioning blocks to build the Egyptian pyramids; the 16th century Portuguese slave traders caging and cramming Asian and African peoples onto slave ships to transport and sell in foreign markets; or Africans enslaving their fellow Africans before and after any commercial vessels carried them to the Americas — slavery has stolen the best years, sometimes the only years, of human lives.

However, in Britain, the heartbeat of God coursed through William Wilberforce, a member of the English Parliament and John Newton, a former slave dealer and author of the song "Amazing Grace," with others, to bring this life-thieving hemorrhage to an end. This was remarkable given that Wilberforce suffered serious health afflictions all his adult life. His crowning achievement occurred in 1833, when Britain granted liberty to all slaves in its global empire.

Soon the stemming of the flow from these carnal arteries reached the American shores as well with the God listeners — Harriett Beecher Stowe, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman — and many others through their speaking, publications and activism.

The final tourniquet to this predatory blood-letting came in 1865 with the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which granted freedom to the millions of slaves nationwide.

Already many European countries had begun the banning of slavery decades earlier, but established its legal, decisive end throughout their extensive colonies in the 1800s.

South America also had those who channeled God's Spirit during the 1800s to bring a transfusion of compassion and light to the darkness of bondage on that continent. Brazil, where slaveholding was deeply entrenched, tightened the final ligature

A Matter of Faith

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in 1888, becoming the last major power to abolish slavery.

Nowadays, this fight is more unveiled and universal: Organizations like the International Justice Mission (IJM) in Washington D.C. — the world's largest international antislavery organization — work alongside national governments, local law enforcement, partner organizations, the courts, community leaders, social workers and former victims to support rescue operations, establish compassionate, native-run aftercare programs, and ensure predators are brought to justice.

On several continents, their staff trains police, prosecutors, judges and other officials to recognize and respond to violence. In the first six months of last year, that number exceeded 10,000 lawyers and judges who were trained.

While IJM focuses on either kind of slavery (i.e. labor or sex trafficking), a multiple of groups are working to rescue and heal the horrific wounds of sex trafficking — the illegal, but lucrative, activity (\$236 billion garnered annually) in all parts of the world. When laws are not enforced, persons become commodities; even children as young as 2 years old are being sold because traffickers are banking on most people turning a blind eye (IJM.org/truths).

However, this heinous crime is now being brought into the open and multivarious efforts made to eradicate it. This scale of resistance to sex trafficking is unprecedented in human history and has given rise to two recent motion pictures — "The Trade of Innocents" and "The Sound of Freedom" — to elucidate before audiences worldwide this detestable industry.

The motto of the IJM is "Until All are Free," and represents the passionate cry of the human heart for this

point of light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world ..." and this "... light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (RSV).

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

Thursday, June 25

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.

‘Pagosa Early Summer Wildflowers and Edible/Medicinal Plants’ Flora Hike. 9 a.m. The hike is free, but sign-up is required at SJMA.org.

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.

Summer Clubs. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Kids ages 3-5 and 6-12 are invited for two hours of fun and learning of Bible stories.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join a docent for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth. Walking the labyrinth can bring a sense of releasing, receiving and renewal. The labyrinth is available from dawn until dusk and is located in the wooded area behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

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Summer Club. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Vista Estates, 308 Bonanza Ave. Kids ages 5-12 are invited for two hours of fun and learning of Bible stories.

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 Bo DePena. The cover charge is a \$10 donation that supports the season’s four nonprofits.

Energy-Efficient School Documentary and Discussion. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Community United Methodist

Church, 434 Lewis St. Presented by Creation Care Pagosa. View an episode of “Heart of a Building” about the Sierra Grande School District’s energy-efficient school, then Paul Kriesher will lead a discussion. For more information, contact Laura Lunsford at (970) 398-1183.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents ‘School of Rock, the Musical.’ 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Tickets are available at www.onthestage.tickets/show/curtains-up-pagosa and at the door.

Friday, June 26

A Tour of Two Trails. 7:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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.

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.

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

Main Street Art Walk. 4-7 p.m., downtown Pagosa Springs. An event bringing together artists, local businesses and the community. A free, self-guided event.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents ‘Fiddler on the Roof.’ 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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Saturday, June 27

Pagosa Wetlands Tour. 8 a.m.,

Centennial Park. Meet at the native plants garden next to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnerships domes. Bring sunscreen, bug spray and water. Tours last one to two hours and are handicapped accessible. Tours are weather dependent.

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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Curtains Up Pagosa Presents ‘School of Rock, the Musical.’ 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Tickets are available at www.onthestage.tickets/show/curtains-up-pagosa and at the door.

Archuleta Democrats Happy Hour and Food Drive. 4 p.m., Uncle’s Bar and Social Club, 56 Talisman Drive.

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Sunday, June 28

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

Full Moon Program. 7:20 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.

Monday, June 29

Sunrise at Chimney Rock. 5:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program offers a unique two-hour tour of the archaeological sites with a special emphasis on the view of the sun rising atop the mesa. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

Tuesday, June 30

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.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are

invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Ramon's Mexican Restaurant, 56 Talisman Drive #1. The cost is \$20. All women are welcome. An RSVP to (970) 946-1895 is required by Sunday, June 28.

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

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

Citizenship Class. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. This program helps immigrants and people preparing for citizenship with classes, training materials, tutoring, informational resources and ways to connect to

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Wednesday, July 1

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

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

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

Adult DIY: Cardmaking. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join for card-making with scrapbook supplies. Bring your creativity; the supplies will be provided.

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Thursday, July 2

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Park to Park Artisan Market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Park.

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.

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. 6 p.m., Western Heritage Event Center rodeo and event grounds. Tickets are available online at www.pagosarodeo.com and at the gate prior to the event. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children. Box seats are available and can be purchased by calling Diana at (970) 749-3492.

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).

Friday, July 3

A Tour of Two Trails. 7:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monu-

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tral 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.

Baby Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for stories, songs

and giggles. Stay and play after storytime and connect with fellow caregivers.

Park to Park Artisan Market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Park.

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

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MILD DEHYDRATION AFFECTS MOOD IN HEALTHY YOUNG WOMEN

Is it PMS or is it thirst? Is it lack of focus or dehydration?

This article excerpt may have you rethinking. In two recent studies, researchers at the University of Connecticut's Human Performance Laboratory discovered the mental, mood and cognitive downside of even mild dehydration.

Investigators determined that it didn't matter if a person had just walked for 40 minutes on a treadmill or was sitting at rest – the adverse effects from mild dehydration were the same. Mild dehydration is defined as an approximately 1.5 percent loss in normal water volume in the body. The take home message is that individuals need to stay hydrated at all times, not just during exercise, extreme heat or exertion.

"Our thirst sensation doesn't really appear until we are 1 [percent] or 2 percent dehydrated. By then dehydration is already setting in and starting to impact how our mind and body perform," says Lawrence E. Armstrong, one of the studies' lead scientists and an international expert on hydration.

The importance for everyone to stay hydrated is a message that needs to be promoted. "Dehydration affects all people, and staying properly hydrated is just as important for those who work all day at a computer as it is for marathon runners, who can lose up to 8 percent of their body weight as water when they compete."

In the study, separate groups of young women and men were tested. Twenty-five women with an average age of 23 took part in one study. The men's group consisted of 26 men with an average age of 20. All of the participants were healthy, active individuals, who were neither high-performance athletes nor sedentary — typically exercising for 30 to 60 minutes per day. Each participant took part in three evaluations that were separated by 28 days. All of the participants walked on a treadmill to induce dehydration, and all of the subjects were hydrated the evening before the evaluations commenced. As part of the evaluation, the subjects were put through a battery of cognitive tests that measured vigilance, concentration, reaction time, learning, memory, and reasoning. The results were compared against a separate series of tests when the individuals were not dehydrated. The young women experienced mild dehydration which caused headaches, fatigue, and difficulty concentrating. They also perceived tasks as more difficult when slightly dehydrated, although there was no substantive reduction in their cognitive abilities.

Source: "Dehydration Influences Mood, Cognition." By Rick Nauert. <http://psychcentral.com>

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

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Fourth of July Parade. 10 a.m., Hot Springs Boulevard, Apache Street and South 5th Street to Yamaguchi Park.

Park to Park Artisan Market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Park.

Pagosa’s Sesquicentennial Fourth of July Party in the Park. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Attendance is free to the public. There will be something for everyone. The American Legion ceremony and cultural performances will begin at 11:30 a.m.

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Freedom Float. 1 p.m., San Juan

River downtown.
Pagosa Springs Community Band Fourth of July Concert. 2 p.m., The Springs Resort.

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. 2 p.m., Western Heritage Event Center rodeo and event grounds. Tickets are available online at www.pagosarodeo.com and at the gate prior to the event. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children. Box seats are available and can be purchased by calling Diana at (970) 749-3492.

Sunday, July 5

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Monday, July 6

Sunrise at Chimney Rock. 5:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program offers a unique two-hour tour of the archaeological sites with a special emphasis on the view of the sun rising atop the mesa. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven’t attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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

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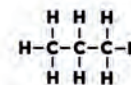
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