

Unofficial election results released

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The unofficial election results for Tuesday’s primary election have been released, with Archuleta County voters advancing Randy Betts to the November election for Archuleta County commissioner for District 3.

According to an email from Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta, Archuleta County had a 39 percent voter turnout for the

■ See Election A9

PAWSD discusses budget issues

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

At a June 25 work session, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors discussed the district’s current revenue issues and loan obligations, ultimately deciding that no fee increases or surcharges would be needed this year.

This decision contrasts with previous discussions where the board talked of large fee increases and the imposition of surcharges to cover shortfalls in capital investment fee (CIF) revenues.

PAWSD Comptroller Jack Dossett

■ See PAWSD A6

Town council green-lights bids to purchase properties for workforce housing

By **Derek Kutzer**
Staff Writer

At a June 29 special meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the acquisition of two condominium complexes and a town-home complex for the purpose of expanding workforce housing in the community.

The council gave its permission by approving ordinances for staff to seek

■ See Council A6



The San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs is pictured the morning of Monday, June 29.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

America’s 250: Fourth of July events planned

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Pagosa Country will be celebrating the Sesquicentennial (America’s 250th and Colorado’s 150th) Fourth of July with both local traditions and new events geared toward celebrating the milestone with the entire family.

The festivities will begin today, Thursday, July 2, and stretch through Sunday, July 5.

Additional events commemorating Colorado’s 150th will continue throughout the summer.

■ See Events A8

Weather and fuels trigger increased restrictions, power outages

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Multiple area jurisdictions have increased their fire restrictions in response to fuels and weather conditions, including area federal lands.

The U.S. Forest Service’s San Juan National Forest implemented forest-wide Stage 2 restrictions effective July 1, while the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM’s) Southwest District followed suit effective July 2.

“Southwest Colorado is in extended drought with continued hot, dry weather creating a critical fire environment,” states a Forest Service press release.

“Conditions have continued to deteriorate with dry fuels and higher winds. In addition, fire activity has picked up in the area, making increased restrictions a practical next step,” said Tres Rios Field Office

■ See Restrictions A8

County approves extended power outage mitigation and response plan

By **Clayton Chaney**
Staff Writer

During a special meeting held on June 23 by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the board unanimously approved Resolution 2026-49, adopting the county’s extended power outage emergency mitigation and response plan, and unanimously approved the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office’s emergency management emergency alert and notification plan.

Emergency Management Commander Roy Vega and Sheriff Mike Le Roux briefed the BoCC on both matters during a work session earlier that day.

Vega explained that the county received information from La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) earlier this spring in regard to public safety power shutoffs (PSPS), and that with the weather conditions the area has been experiencing, the county will likely have to go into a PSPS at some point this summer.

“So, we updated our extended power outage emergency mitigation and response plan with that information.”

■ See Plan A11



Hunter Swinehart as Dewey Finn talks to students during Curtains Up Pagosa’s performance of “School of Rock, the Musical” on Thursday, June 25, at Pagosa Springs High School.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce



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Happy birthday, America. Please celebrate responsibly.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." — Declaration of Independence.

This week marks a significant milestone for the United States of America — 250 years of independence and the adoption of the Declaration Of Independence.

What a ride it's been.

Over the course of 250 years, the United States of America has experienced the highest of highs — such as groundbreaking scientific advancements and achievements, and steps forward in living out the line in the Declaration that all are created equal — and the lowest of lows — such as when our nation was attacked, faced tragedy or people failed to see others as fellow humans.

Our country is built on a lot of hope and many ideals, as well as mistakes, best guesses, lessons learned and lived experience. It continues to change and evolve. It continues to get things wrong, and it continues to get things right.

As George Washington said in 1790,

"The establishment of our new Government seemed to be the last great experiment for promoting human happiness."

The experiment is clearly continuing, and the United States has not reached its final form.

The highs and lows have made this, for some, a very complicated milestone, and one that is making many reflect on what our nation has been, what it is now and what we'd like it to be in the future.

The good news, and what is important is to remember, is that we are each part of this experiment. We each have the ability to make our country better through making our local communities better, voting, speaking out when we see an area we believe we can help inform and any number of other ways.

This is, after all, our country, and it is up to each of us to help our country reach the ideals our Founding Fathers set out before us.

It's also up each of us to mark this anniversary in a responsible manner and with each other in mind.

Here are just a few simple reminders as

we head into this busy time of celebration:

- Don't drink and drive. We don't want to mourn the loss of a family member, friend, community member or visitor to our community because you made an irresponsible decision.

- Fireworks are illegal. Even when Colorado isn't in fire restrictions and droughts with fires burning uncontrolled around the state, personal fireworks are illegal in our beautiful state in order to protect what makes this place so special.

- Don't park on private property without permission or block driveways. Keep in mind the fire danger and risks of things like driving or parking on dry vegetation.

- It bears repeating again: Don't play with fire. Adhere to all fire restrictions.

- Stay hydrated. Bring more water with you than you think you'll need, and be sure to take breaks to cool off when needed.

- Be polite. Pack your patient pants and remember this is meant to be enjoyable as we commemorate some great achievements — America's 250 and Colorado's 150.

- Have fun.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 2, 1926

Plans are being formulated for a patriotic service to be held in the park Sunday morning, July 4th, at 10.30. There will be music, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, etc. The public is cordially invited to attend and help perpetuate an occasion we of late years are prone to let slip by unnoticed.

The Women's Civic Club of our town is doing its part toward making our coming celebration a drawing card. The club will stage a parade at 9.30 Monday morning. Dozens of auto owners have cheerfully fall in line with decorated cars.

There will be floats, horseback riders, Shetland ponies, Rocky Mountain canaries, Indians and other attractions too numerous to mention. Everyone seems willing to help this move on the part of the Civic Club, an organization which works for the good of the town regardless of trouble.

The procession will form on Lewis street near the J.M. Laughlin residence and move down Pagosa street, covering all the downtown district. Think up some attraction and fall into line Monday morning at the hour stated.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 29, 1951

4-H Club Project Tour. All members left the Bayles Schoolhouse at 8:30 to begin the tour. We went to Belmeers to see Minnie and Stanley Dale's pigs, then to Adams to see Virginia's white rock chickens, to Seavy's to see the flower garden work of Peggy Ann's and Hazel's on to Marilyn Johnson's to see her chickens and new chicken house she has been working on. In route to Ronnie Turner's we had one flat tire. We saw his calf, heifer, being raised for breeding stock.

After lunch we visited Franklin Anderson's chicken, turkey and colt projects then to Aubrey and Stanley Fowler's garden and home beautification projects, out of town to see Jean Macht's steer for fattening and on to Judy and Ronnie Decker's to see Judy's steer for fattening and Ronnie's breeding heifer, back in Pagosa Springs we visited Junior Sorenson's vegetable garden. This club plans another tour in August to note the progress on each of these projects. Our club members square dance each Monday at the Bayles Schoolhouse.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 8, 1976

Some low minded individuals stole flags over the holiday. These were flags purchased by the American Legion and displayed on parking meters in downtown Pagosa Springs. Anyone having any information about the thefts should report it to the town police department.

The U.S. Weather Observation Station reports that it was hot this past week, if there was any doubt about it. A new high for the year to date was set on July 5 when the mercury soared to a torrid 88 degrees. There were no freezing nights. Snow is just about gone in the high country, stream fishing is very good and it seems safe to say that summer has arrived in the county.

Forest fires have been numerous the past week, with 11 being reported by U.S. Forest Service in this area. Three of these are believed to have been caused by fireworks which are illegal on the San Juan National Forest.

All fires were less than an acre in size and were brought under control within a reasonable time but the Forest Service crews were kept hopping.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 28, 2001

A black mark for the Town of Pagosa Springs is on its way to removal.

After spending 11 years working to bring air quality levels in line with Environmental Protection Agency standards, the town is possibly just weeks from being reclassified as an attainment area — one that meets EPA guidelines for inhalable airborne particulate matter including road dust, automobile and diesel engine by-products, and soot.

Town Administrator Jay Harrington said even though air quality issues remain, the redesignation will remove the negative stigma of being a non-attainment area.

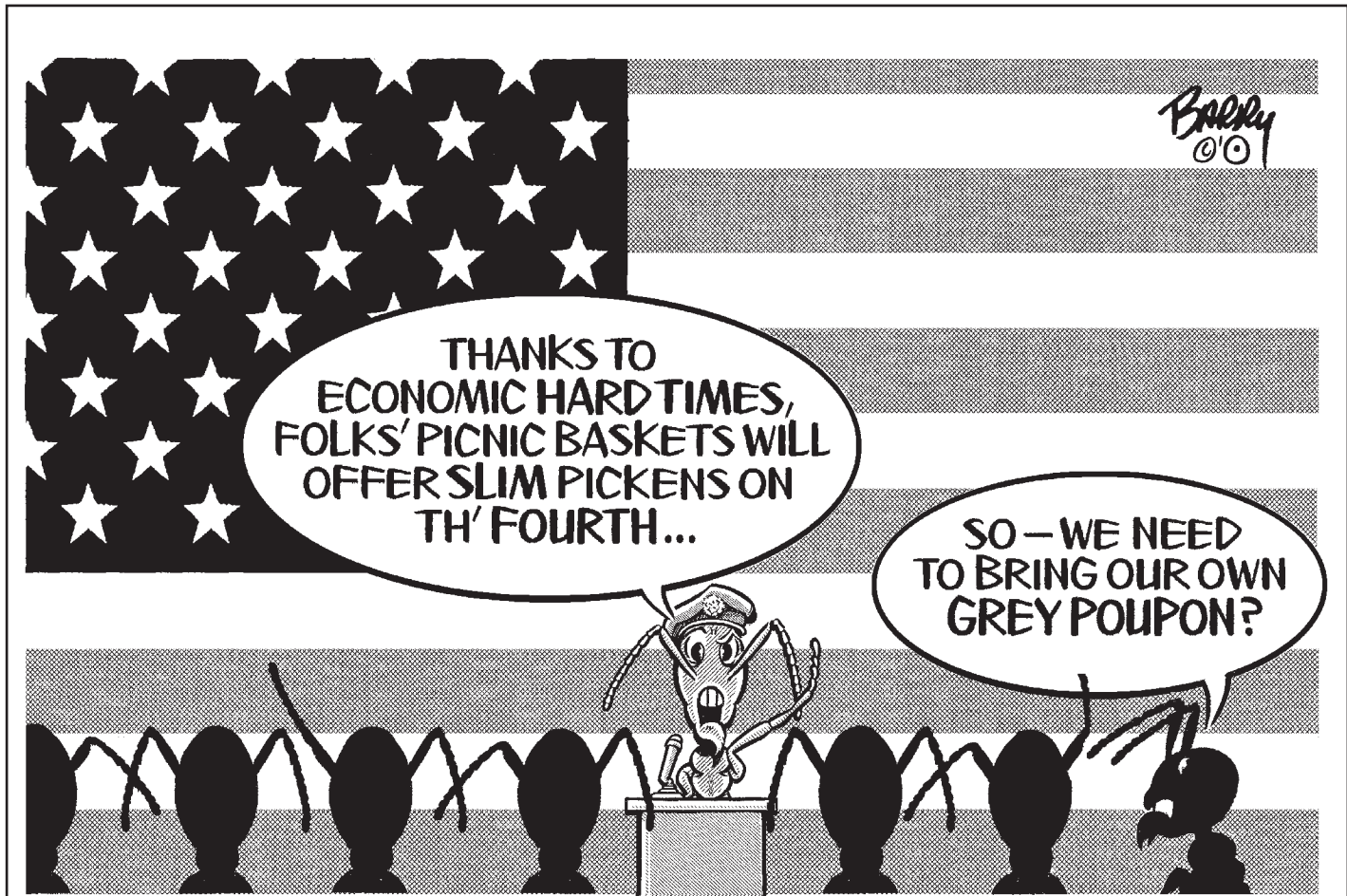
"This is a step in the right direction," Harrington said. "It's nice to know that all the money and efforts put into air quality have paid off to date."

Those efforts included paving 6.5 miles of unpaved roads, restricting material used in street sanding, increasing street cleaning efforts on U.S. 160 through town from U.S. 84 to 14th Street, and requiring new developments within town boundaries to have paved streets.



From the July 6, 1967, Pagosa SUN — OUT OF THE GATE — The 220 yard colt race at the Red Ryder Roundup Monday was a close one. This SUN photo shows six fast horses breaking from the starting gate. The horse in gate six, May's Sneaky, won the race.

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Obituaries

Anita Tsianina Harvey

Nov. 2, 1931-May 23, 2026

Anita was raised in the countryside near Denton, Texas. Longing

for a horse of her own, she resorted to trying to ride a young bull in a neighboring pasture. Her parents got the message, and she got her first horse, Lady.



When she was 16, Anita attended North Texas State (now University of North Texas), majoring in harp performance. She studied with the legendary harpist Carlos Salzedo and was awarded four scholarships, as well as the Mu Phi Epsilon award for excellence in music. She graduated with her Master of Music degree in 1952. In May of the same year, she married Charles Gervase Titsworth III in the Little Chapel in the Woods at TWU.

Anita held principal harp posts and served as concerto soloist with

the New Haven, Yale University, Berkshire, University of Massachusetts, Columbus, Macon, Amarillo and San Angelo symphonies, in addition to playing engagements with the Schubert Theater, Boston Ballet, Boston Pops, Yale Men's Chorus, Atlanta Choral Guild and Hartford Opera. She performed under Paul Hindemith, Bruno Walter and Nadia Boulanger.

She thought for a moment her career was over when she famously shouted, "You idiot!" to Arthur Fiedler during a performance with the Boston Pops. He had forgotten to allow time for her to set the harp pedals between announcing the encore and giving the downbeat, and the piece began with a harp solo. Happily, Fiedler was gracious, even apologizing, and Anita went on to play for many more decades.

Anita recorded with the Atlanta Choral Guild. Her CD with Metropolitan Opera soprano Joyce Guyer, titled "From the Garden of My Heart," features songs by Faure, Debussy and Ravel.

A voracious reader since childhood, Anita also wrote. Her book, "Merchant of Dreams," was selected as one of Kirkus Review's One Hun-

dred Best Indie Books of 2017. Her children's book "Hobart" received a starred review from Publishers Weekly and is available as an audio book produced by Full Cast Audio. Its sequel is "Violet."

"A Harpist's Odyssey," published by Lyon and Healy, is Anita's book of classical and romantic transcriptions for harp.

She taught choir, voice and piano in Texas, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Colorado, and many of her students went on to have careers in music.

While working as a professional harpist, church organist and piano teacher, and fulfilling the myriad responsibilities of a clergy wife, Anita made time to share her enjoyment of horseback riding, hiking, skiing, picnics and adventures of all kinds with her children and their friends. She baked wonderful bread, made elaborate birthday cakes and read countless books to her children. She sewed clothes and costumes on an old treadle machine in the basement while kids roller skated noisily around her. Her children and their friends knew to ask her when they wanted to do something because her

answer was always, "Yes."

Anita was laid to rest in the Village of Chama Cemetery, Chama, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Charles Titsworth and Walter Briggs; and is lovingly remembered by her daughters and sons-in-law, Camilla and Karthik, and Jessica and Pete; her son, Charles; and her five grandchildren, Jackson, Jefferson, Carter, Asha and Kavi.

Scotty L. Whiting

Scott Whiting was born on Aug. 16, 1964, and passed away on June 20, 2026. Regardless of his circumstances, Scott took great joy in making others laugh, and his unique sense of humor will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Scott is survived by his wife, Sheerien; his service animal, Bella; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tom and Janis Wood; his son, Ian; and his daughter, Dawn; as well as numerous grandchildren. He is also survived by his wife's daughter, Beth Kerrigan, her husband, Josh, and their son, Joshua, of whom he was very proud, along with many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Ruth Whiting, and his brothers, Rick and Danny.

A celebration of life and the spreading of his ashes will be held on July 20. Further details regarding the service will be shared once they are finalized.



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Rebates

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Celebrations

Amelia Berndt

Amelia Berndt, of Pagosa Springs, was named to the University of Wyoming Dean's Honor Roll.

The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better GPA, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better GPA.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Olivia Mazur

Olivia Mazur, of Pagosa Springs, was named to the University of Wyoming President's Honor Roll.

The President's Honor Roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates who earned a 4.0 ("A") GPA for the semester.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

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10 a.m.	Party in the Park opens Arts & Crafts Fly Over and Parade begins	Yamaguchi Park Town Park Parade route
11 a.m.	Food and alcohol vendors open	Yamaguchi Park
11:30 a.m.	Party in the Park Opening Ceremony Disk golf course open play	Yamaguchi Park Reservoir Hill
Noon	Check in for Pooch Parade	Dog Park
12:30 p.m.	Pooch Parade / Adoption	Dog Park
1-4 p.m.	Pickleball Round Robin	Yamaguchi Park
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

PAWSD

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opened the discussion by recapping the district’s budget situation and its impact on the district’s debt service coverage.

He explained that the district has a budget shortfall due to lower-than-expected CIF collections this year.

This situation is exacerbated, Dossett added, by the fact that the district’s budget this year counted grant revenues as part of its income for the purpose of debt service coverage when grant revenues cannot be counted as income for the purposes of debt service.

He stated that he previously estimated that the district was between \$800,000 and \$825,000 behind where its revenues needed to be.

However, since then, he explained, he had learned that the district’s most stringent debt service coverage ratio for its debt was 1.1 instead of 1.25, reducing the shortfall by about \$550,000 to around \$250,000.

Debt service coverage is a ratio of income to expenses for a lender that is required by lenders to ensure that the lender can continue to pay back its loans.

As Dossett previously explained, violating these debt service coverage requirements could make getting favorable terms on loans more difficult in the future.

PAWSD District Manager Andrew Connor stated that the lower deficit is “a lot more manageable.”

Dossett added that he and Connor believe that this smaller shortfall can be managed with budget cuts, assuming no large unexpected expenses emerge in the remainder of 2026.

Next, Connor reviewed the proposed budget cuts to make up the shortfall, with a focus on large items that would significantly impact the debt service calculations.

He explained that the cuts include scaling back pipe upgrades for pipelines that are currently functioning

well, removing funding intended to cover equipment failures at booster stations for equipment that is functioning effectively and which PAWSD currently has spare equipment for, and cutting operations funding for plants where the district is currently running below budget and has back-up equipment.

He noted that these reductions reflect the reality that the district is halfway through the year and that the annual budget must be built around potential worst-case scenarios, which have not occurred at the district’s facilities this year.

Connor stated that he also recommended reducing the maintenance budget for the new Snowball water treatment plant since progress on the plant is slower than expected and the construction contractor is handling warranty claims that PAWSD would otherwise have to find money to cover for before getting reimbursed if equipment fails.

He also recommended reductions in the chemical budget for the San Juan water treatment plant since it is running below budget, a small reduction in the water line maintenance budget to reflect that the district did not incur expenses from significant water line freezing this year, a cut to the fire hydrant maintenance account since the system was assessed last year and a cut to the budget for consultant services, which is currently tracking below budget.

Connor then moved to discussing cuts for the wastewater system, including cuts to the sewer line maintenance account due to the large amount of ongoing capital projects happening on the system and to the maintenance account for the Vista wastewater plant due to it tracking below budget.

Dossett commented that he believed these cuts, along with other smaller cuts, would meet the budget shortfall, making an additional sur-

charge unnecessary.

Connor added that he would advise holding off on a surcharge for at least 60 days to allow him to complete some of the capital projects and get a clearer understanding of whether or not any projects would overrun their budgets.

He added that the account for the transportation of sludge from the greenhouse at the Vista wastewater treatment plant is currently between \$20,000 and \$30,000 over budget, but that he has been able to absorb that cost into the overall wastewater budget.

He explained that this increased cost was partially driven by the sludge being hauled to the landfill more frequently, which helps reduce smell issues associated with its presence at the plant.

Connor recommended that the board review the finances again at its August meeting to check if any surcharges would be needed once more projects are complete.

PAWSD board member Bill Hudson asked if the board could transfer money from its general fund to its enterprise funds and if that would play into the district’s debt coverage, which Dossett confirmed is possible and would be considered in the debt coverage calculations.

Board member Bruce Jones asked if the cuts to the budget in 2026 would create a higher budget in 2027 due to deferred costs.

Connor replied that the cuts cover issues that PAWSD has not experienced that he had anticipated at the beginning of the year and would not cause an increase in 2027 or involve deferring maintenance.

Jones commented that he wanted to make sure that PAWSD is not delaying an increase in fees it knows will need to occur in the future since he would prefer to make a smaller increase now instead of a larger increase later.

Connor replied that the changes he was recommending for the budget would get the district through 2026, but that an increase would be needed in 2027 due to lower CIF revenues.

However, he added that the issue was not as “black and white” as a choice between doing a small rate increase in 2026 and one in 2027 versus a larger one in 2027.

Connor commented that he would know more in August and as the district’s budget takes shape for next year.

“I hate to implement another fee, especially right now when we already have our extra fees in place for the drought management,” Connor said. “I hate to get ahead of ourselves and over collect.”

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh commented that staff did a “great job” and that he would support looking at new fees next year assuming no catastrophic expenses arise.

PAWSD board member Alex Boehmer commented that he would prefer the district to stay ahead of potential costs and to make sure that no unexpected expenses occur in October, where a large fee increase would be needed to make up a budget shortfall.

Connor replied that he is carefully paying attention to the district’s situation and is ready to act if unexpected costs arise.

Hudson commented that it sounded like the board did not need to move forward with raising fees at that meeting.

Archuleta County Commissioner John Ranson, who was in the audience, commented that he would recommend that PAWSD consult with the county on any large financial actions it must take, which he indicated is required.

However, he added that he understands PAWSD’s situation and the challenges of rising costs.

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Council

■ **Continued from front**
out purchasing the three properties, and staff will now place bids on these properties on behalf of the town.

First readings of each of the ordinances took place on June 10.

The town is pursuing the purchase of Masters Place Condominiums, Village Point Condominiums and Elk Run Townhomes, all of which are currently part of Club Wyndham.

According to an agenda document on the matter, Masters Place Condos includes “20, 2-bedroom units, with the intention of providing moderate-income workforce housing rental units.”

Village Pointe Condominiums includes “32, 2-bedroom units, with the intention of providing moderate-income workforce housing rental units.”

Elk Run Townhomes has “18, 2-bedroom units,” with the intention of also providing moderate-income workforce housing.

Passage of the second reading of the three ordinances came after the council decided to go into executive session, where the public is not allowed, to discuss the strategies to purchase these properties.

The council and town staff have labeled the potential purchase of these properties for use as workforce housing as Project 102, working closely with the regional housing coordinator Jeff Sams on the issue.

In correspondence with the SUN, Town Manager David Harris explains the town would become the property manager of the workforce housing rental units for the short term.

However, “long-term, we have yet to decide the best organizational structure for this project, such as a housing corporation or whatever,” he wrote.

“All of this, of course, assumes that the town is the successful bidder for

all three properties,” he adds.

At the meeting, Development Director James Dickhoff explained that the town’s “base bid” for the Masters Place Condos would be a little more than \$2 million, with the town planning to offer \$4,721,472 for the Village Point Condos and \$2,432,700 for the Elk Run Townhomes.

“I am just so concerned for the residents of Pagosa Springs, that you are taking on a burden that’s going to affect the people in our community for years and years and years to come.”

Nancy Rea

After the executive session, council member Gary Williams explained that when he first came to the council, more than four years ago, the town was struggling to build workforce housing “with an outside contractor to help us.”

“And because of the cost of material, the cost of labor and the cost of money ... it has made it harder and harder to make it happen,” Williams said.

He added, “With this unique opportunity, we can purchase 102 units,” already built, for “affordable workforce housing.”

Council member Brooks Lindner added that this acquisition “gives us the opportunity to do” workforce

housing “in a much more fiscally responsible kind of way than other options we have looked at.”

Mayor Shari Pierce called it “a very unique opportunity for our community,” stating that workforce housing is “second on our goals list and this really helps us check that box.”

Council member Mat deGraaf noted he is “cautiously optimistic,” adding that “we are wading into an auction where we don’t know the outcome, and I hope that the odds are in our favor.”

Council member Leonard Martinez said suggested it is an opportunity to do something “truly unique in our state” to advance workforce housing.

During public comment, resident Nancy Rea expressed concern that Wyndham is “walking away from these properties, explaining that “they don’t just walk away if they’re making money.”

She suggested the town might be getting into a money trap since these properties likely need “major infrastructure upgrades” in the near future.

“These buildings have been sitting there. They are old buildings and they are going to continue to require maintenance. And I think about the ongoing utility costs, the water, the electric,” she added.

Resident Gary Noland expressed that he is concerned with parking in the area, with the “number of units versus the number of parking spaces.”

He added, “It’s gonna take a lot of work to keep these buildings up,” saying that “Wyndham has done an excellent job ... they keep it clean, they

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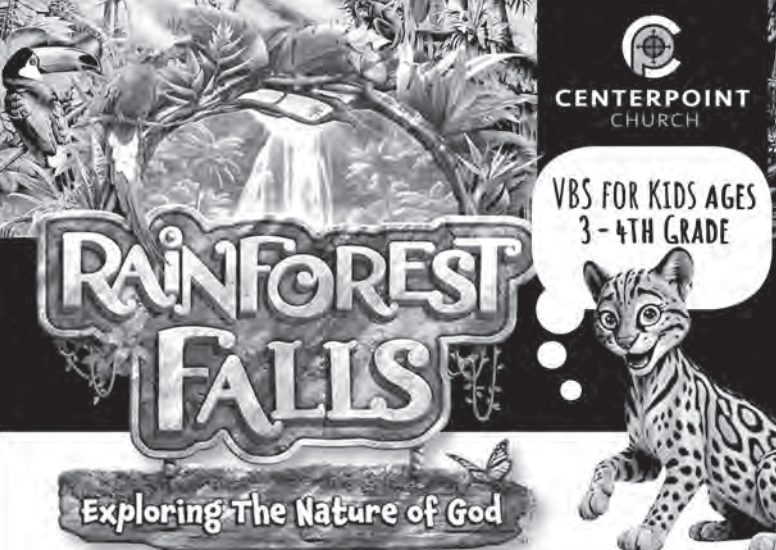
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Parks and rec board hears updates on various grants

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting held by the Pagosa Springs Combined Parks and Recreation Board on June 4, the board heard updates on various projects and grants from Town of Pagosa Springs staff.

Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis explained that the town had been awarded a grant to take care of some much-needed work behind the River Center on the east end of town, including dredging the ponds and other cleanup work.

He noted the grant awarded \$103,791 with a 25 percent local match of about \$26,000.

“That was nice to hear,” he said. The next grant Lewis spoke about “involves Reservoir Hill,” which is the Forest Legacy grant that will award \$5.7 million to the town for the purchase of approximately 300 acres of land adjacent to the current Reservoir Hill park.

Lewis mentioned the town had been notified that it made the president’s list, being in the top 11 applications chosen for funding.

He noted the town’s application ranked seventh.

“It looks extremely promising,” Lewis said, clarifying that the town had not yet been officially awarded, “but making that list is very favorable in regards to bringing that to fruition.”

Lewis indicated that there will be more information on the awards this fall, explaining that it usually takes anywhere from 12 to 24 months to receive the funds, if awarded.

Lewis added that the town’s application was the only one from Colorado chosen in this round of grants.

In response to a question from the board, Lewis explained that there were more than \$300 million worth of “asks” in this round, with the federal government choosing to fund about \$90 million in projects.

“Amazing,” board member Kevin Metzler said.

“It’s looking good,” Lewis added. He also explained that the town is looking at a few other grants to help complete the purchase of property.

Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadomski explained the town is still in negotiations with the seller.

“We still have a pretty big gap from the purchase price,” she said.

Gadomski mentioned that the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC) is planning to put out a letter of intent to “help with some funds for that purchase.”

She also noted that a future Great Colorado Outdoors (GOCO) grant could be applied for to help “minimize” the stress of fundraising goals for the project.

In response to a question from the board, Gadomski indicated that there is still about a \$2 million gap in the purchase price of the property, and the plan is to apply for \$1.5 million through GOCO.

Master plan

During the meeting, Lewis also spoke about a new master plan in the works for parks and recreation “just for the town.”

He noted the community surveys will take place this summer, with the goal of having a draft plan completed by the fall.

Lewis explained that the last parks and recreation master plan was a county-wide plan, “and this one is strictly for the town.”

He mentioned that the master plan

■ See Grants A11



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Crews work to pave the south side of the 400 block of U.S. 160. According to the Colorado Department of Transportation, the south side of the 400 block concrete paving is complete on mainline U.S. 160.

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Restrictions

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Manager Derek Padilla.

Locally, fire personnel recently responded to numerous fires related to lightning.

As of press time Wednesday, Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs remain under Stage 1 restrictions.

The majority of the state’s counties are reporting fire restrictions, as are federal and municipal jurisdictions. Recreationists are encouraged to check local restrictions when planning activities.

To report a fire, call 911.

San Juan National Forest

On June 30, the Forest Service announced that, based on recent wild-fire activity and persistent severe fire weather conditions, San Juan National Forest staff would be implementing Stage 2 fire restrictions forest-wide at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1.

A press release announcing the increased restrictions explains that fire managers use several criteria to determine when to implement restrictions, including current and predicted weather, fuel moisture, fire activity levels and available firefighting resources.

Fire restrictions are designed to protect public safety and our areas natural resources, it notes.

Stage 2 restrictions on the San Juan National Forest prohibit:

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

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

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

your brakes.

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

To learn more about fire restrictions, fuels management, and other wildfire related issues on the San Juan National Forest, visit our fire information webpage, www.fs.usda.gov/r02/sanjuan/fire/info.

Fire restrictions do not prevent wildfire

It is every forest visitor’s and camper’s responsibility to prevent wildfires.

Violations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations and/or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Fire prevention and law enforcement will be patrolling, and anyone who violates Stage 2 restrictions will be ticketed.

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

BLM

On July 1, the BLM announced, “Fire restrictions are on the rise throughout the Bureau of Land Management Colorado’s entire Southwest District.”

Effective July 2, and until further notice, Stage 2 fire restrictions are in effect on all BLM-administered public lands within the Tres Rios, Uncompahgre and Gunnison Field Offices.

In addition to year-round wildfire prevention rules and Stage 1 restrictions, the following activities are now prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire, or the use of charcoal barbecues and grills. However, devices using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are exempted.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.
- Operating a chain saw without a USDA- or SAE-approved spark arrester properly installed and working, a chemical fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight,

and one round-point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.

- Using a welder, either arc or gas, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
- Using exploding targets.

Full closure orders are available at <https://bit.ly/4vEtCpf>.

Power outages

The area also recently saw outages due to the critical fire weather, including Pagosa Springs on Saturday, June 27.

According to La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), on Saturday, June 27, at 3:33 p.m., an outage occurred south of Pagosa Springs off U.S. 84, with 1,448 meters losing power.

“Crews were dispatched immediately to investigate the cause and patrol lines before safely restoring power,” a summary from LPEA states.

It notes crews found a downed tree on the line, and while clearing the tree, making repairs and patrolling the rest of the power lines, another outage occurred in the area around 5:30 p.m., bringing the total affected meters up to 7,817.

“Because of increased fire risk at the time,” the summary states, “the system was on sensitive settings, and crews quickly confirmed that this larger, second outage occurred as a result of high winds and power lines slapping together.”

LPEA notes that, by 7:45 p.m., power was restored to all but 1,722 meters, with crews working through the night to clear the tree from the downed line, make repairs and confirm the safety or the rest of the line.

It notes power was restored to all meters by 10:10 a.m. on Sunday.

“We know the increased number of long outages has been challenging and frustrating, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and your support of our crews who have had to work into and through the night to restore power as safely as possible in the recent, high-fire-risk conditions,” LPEA states. “We are glad to see our system is working properly, and that we have been able to avoid starting a wildfire as a result of trees coming in contact with the lines.”

In a Facebook update on the outage, LPEA further discusses the cause

of the outage, explaining, “This outage was caused by the high winds Because of the high winds, low humidity, dry vegetation, and existing fires in the area, our system was set to de-energize lines immediately if anything made contact with the power lines, including the lines slapping together. When these conditions exist, a single spark can escalate into a catastrophic wildfire in minutes. That automatic detection is what prevents that.

“We know it’s a hard trade-off. But protecting this community from a devastating wildfire is something we take seriously. Thank you for being patient with us, and thank you to our crews who were out there through the night getting the lights back on.”

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Events

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Thursday, July 2

The celebration will kick off with the long-running Park to Park Artisan and Food Market, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Town Park. The event, which stretches to Mary Fisher Park, offers vendor booths and live music.

The historic Gomez store will be open at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds from 4:30 to 6 p.m., offering a glimpse into a unique piece of Archuleta County history. The store originally opened in 1912 in Pagosa Junction, then a railroad town.

The 76th annual Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo will also kick off Thursday. It will begin at 6 p.m. at the 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.

Friday, July 3

On Friday, the Park to Park Artisan and Food Market will again be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Gomez store will again be open for viewing from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo will also be back in action at 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 4

The Fourth of July festivities will kick off on July 4 with the parade, which is slated to begin at 10 a.m. This year's parade route stretches along Hot Springs Boulevard, Apache Street and South 5th Street to Yamaguchi Park.

The Park to Park Artisan and Food Market will also again be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pagosa's Sesquicentennial Fourth of July Party in the Park will also kick off at 10 a.m., running until 10 p.m. Attendance is free to the public, and the event will feature something for everyone. The American Legion ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will honor America and Colorado with historical stories, cultural performances and local musicians. The party will also include games, contests, a dunk tank, arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, heritage tents, a pooch parade, pickleball and more.

The Gomez store will again be

open from noon until 2 p.m.

The annual Freedom Float will take place at 1 p.m. in San Juan River downtown, with participants invited to don their best red, white and blue, and join the floating fun.

The annual Pagosa Springs Community Band patriotic concert will take place at 2 p.m. outside at The Springs Resort.

The final performance of the 76th Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo will kick off at 2 p.m.

In lieu of fireworks, the evening will feature a Fourth of July hot air balloon glow at dusk (approximately 9 p.m.) at Yamaguchi Park, where you can enjoy hot air balloons lighting up the night.

Sunday, July 5

The final day of the Park to Park Artisan and Food Market will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ongoing

Those interested can also take in other ongoing offerings, like catching a Thingamajig Theatre Company performance at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, heading to Chimney Rock National Monument for a guided or self-guided tour of the site, or checking out the special and permanent exhibits at the Pagosa Springs History Museum.

For more events, see the calendar in The PREVIEW or at www.Pagosa-SUN.com.

Fireworks and fire restrictions reminder

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Election

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primary election, which she notes is “pretty normal for a primary.”
Archuleta reports 4,591 ballots were returned and counted, with 52 ballots that need to be cured within eight days due to no signature or signature discrepancy.
She adds military and overseas ballots that were mailed can also be received for an additional eight days following the primary.
“Results will be canvassed and certified no later than July 22nd,” she wrote.

Archuleta indicated the election was largely smooth, though she reports one incident.
“I have great staff and election judges assisting to put another smooth election in the books,” Archuleta wrote. “Additional county staff helped without hesitation which is always appreciated. We were able to partner with the Town of Pagosa Springs to have our second [Voter Service and Polling Center, VSPC] located at the Ross Aragon Community Center to provide a location downtown for voters.”

Archuleta reported there was an incident with a supporter of a candidate who approached a VSPC holding political signage.

“The judges out front of the building told the person that was not allowed and asked them to leave. It was brought to my attention and I addressed the situation and explained the 100 foot limit law. It was handled quick and they left outside the boundaries as required,” Archuleta wrote. “My staff and I always strive to uphold the laws and rules to ensure all candidates are treated equally and fairly. Unfortunately, sometimes when people don’t understand their role in supporting candidates incidents like this do happen. We will always try to address any issues like this as soon as we are aware and resolve it.”

The following results are for Archuleta County unless otherwise noted.

County contests

For Archuleta County commissioner for District 3, Betts garnered 1,796 votes, 66.82 percent of the total cast, while incumbent Veronica Medina garnered 892.
For Archuleta County clerk and recorder, Archuleta received 2,232 votes.
For Archuleta County treasurer, Elsa P. White received 2,217 votes.
For Archuleta County assessor, Johanna Tully-Elliott received 2,167 votes.
For Archuleta County sheriff, Mike

Le Roux received 2,231.
For Archuleta County coroner, Brad Hunt received 2,188.
There were no Democratic candidates for county-level offices on the ballot.

Federal contests

For U.S. Senate, a statewide race, Democrat incumbent John Hickenlooper received 1,189 votes in Archuleta County, with Julie Gonzales receiving 622.

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Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta

Statewide, 56.64 percent of voters who cast a ballot in the Democratic primary favored Hickenlooper as of midday Wednesday.

On the Republican ballot for U.S. Senate, Mark Baisley received 2,041 votes.

For U.S. House of Representatives for District 3, Democrat Dwayne L. Romero topped Democrat Alex Kelloff both in Archuleta County and at the district level, with Romero garnering 846 votes — six more than Kelloff’s 840.

On the Republican side, incumbent Jeff Hurd bested challenger Ron Hanks both in Archuleta County and at the district level, with Hurd receiving 1,453 votes in Archuleta County and Hanks receiving 1,037.

State contests

For governor, a statewide race, voters who cast a Republican ballot in Archuleta County voters preferred Victor Marx, who received 969 votes in the county (39.04 percent of the vote). Scott Bottoms received 805 votes and Barb Kirkmeyer received 708.

Across the state, Kirkmeyer was favored, received 40.69 percent of the vote as of midday Wednesday, with 39.16 percent favoring Marx.

On the Democratic side, Archuleta County voters favored Michael Bennett, who received 1,014 votes, while Phil Weiser received 790 votes.

Across the state, 55.06 percent of voters favored Weiser.

For secretary of state, Republican James Wiley received 2,020 votes.

On the Democratic side, Amanda Gonzalez received 984 votes and Jessie Danielson received 678 in Archuleta County, aligning with voters across the state who overall favored Gonzalez.

On the Libertarian ballot, Alex Astley received 7 votes and Sean Vadney received none, aligning with other Libertarian voters across the state in favoring Astley.

For state treasurer, Democrat Jeff Bridges received 1,441 votes and Republican Kevin Grantham received 2,025.

For attorney general, Republican Michael J. Allen received 1,139 votes and David Willson received 1,088 in Archuleta County, aligning with voters who cast Republican ballots.

On the Democratic side, Jena Griswold received 1,010 votes, David Seligman received 200 votes, Michael Dougherty received 284 votes and Hetal Doshi received 254 votes in Archuleta County. Across the state, voters who cast Democratic ballots favored Griswold.

For State Board of Education for District 3, Republican Sherri M. Wright received 1,976 votes and Democrat Barb Clementi received 1,446.

For State House of Representatives for District 59, Democrat Katie Stewart received 1,467 votes and Republican Naomi Riess received 2,003.

Voters can fix signature, ID issues using Colorado BallotCure

According to the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office, Colorado voters have until July 8 to correct any signature or ID issue with their 2026 primary election ballot.

“Colorado BallotCure is an additional tool that allows voters to fix their ballot using a smartphone,” said Griswold, the secretary of state. “Colorado BallotCure provides every voter needing to cure a ballot with an opportunity to ensure their vote will be counted and their voice heard in our democracy.”

Voters whose ballots have been held for “cure,” or correction, will receive a notice from their county clerk and a message from BallotTrax if they are enrolled in the system. Colorado voters can correct an issue by following the instructions received from the county or by using Colorado BallotCure.

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BoCC hears first update on comprehensive community plan project

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Director of Development Eva Kruse provided the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) with an update on the county's comprehensive community plan project during a BoCC work session on Tuesday, June 23.

"We've just kicked the project off," Kruse said, explaining that she's requested an update from the county's hired consultant on the public engagement part of the project.

She noted that was one of the tasks that was given a higher priority number.

Kruse explained that staff held a kickoff meeting at the beginning of June with the county's consultant, mentioning that a project webpage is underway that will be "dedicated to project updates."

"This will also be dedicated to public education," Kruse said.

She explained there will be articles on what is being required by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), such as the water supply and strategic growth elements of the comprehensive plan.

"We're also gonna create a community survey," Kruse said, adding that folks can sign up to be added to the community stakeholder lists.

Kruse noted that the webpage will be up within the next month or two.

She then explained that she started building a stakeholder committee list three months ago, along with a technical committee.

In response to a question from Commissioner Veronica Medina, Kruse explained that the community stakeholder list includes "anybody who's part of the public who wants to be engaged in this process."

Kruse noted that the first public meeting for community stakeholders is scheduled for Aug. 12.

Until then, there will be some individual stakeholder meetings, Kruse explained, where the county will reach out to folks on the list and "get a feel for what they want to see" in the community over the next two years, five years or 10 years.

"So, that's an actual opportunity to reach out to those individuals specifically," Kruse said.

Kruse also noted that the county does not intend to cap the list of community stakeholders.

Medina asked for clarification in that it won't be a small group of people helping provide input on behalf of the community, but rather it would be the whole community providing input and staff making the decisions and deciphering what was said.

Kruse indicated that everybody in the community can provide input, and "ultimately, the decision comes down to the planning commission and then the [BoCC]."

Medina explained she has never been a part of something like this, explaining her reasoning for her question is that it was explained to her the last time the county did its comprehensive plan that a group of

"I think everybody agrees, we know we have infrastructure issues," she said, explaining that there might be a challenge with this element and that the county might need help from PAWSD, although she indicated that PAWSD is "not willing to help me so much" right now, "because they don't want us to know where the infrastructure is."

18 or so individuals were active in gathering and vetting information.

Kruse commented that "it's two-fold" with getting as much public input as possible, "but we also have a technical committee."

She explained that the technical committee is comprised of county staff, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, Colorado Department of Transportation, Division of Water Resources, "and any other agency that you think needs to be included."

"It's staff, plus," Kruse said, refer-

ring to the technical committee.

Kruse also mentioned that, "statutorily, we're required to do the water supply element," noting that planning commission members were under the impression the county had an open-ended timeline, "and we do on the remainder of the elements for the comprehensive plan, but not for water supply and strategic growth."

She added, "Those two elements have to be completed by Dec. 31 — there's no ifs, ands or buts about that."

According to Kruse's presentation, strategic growth is defined as "a fiscally and environmentally sustainable approach to land use planning, housing, community well-being, and infrastructure that promotes the development or redevelopment of vacant and underutilized infill parcels and mitigates the need for extensions of infrastructure and public services into natural and agricultural lands."

"We already know we struggle with infrastructure," Kruse commented, noting that the strategic growth element is new to comprehensive community plans.

She also mentioned that the county's current plan is "pretty old" and includes five elements, compared to plans that typically have seven elements.

"So, we have quite a bit to catch up on," Kruse said.

Kruse's presentation also notes that the strategic growth element is a new section of comprehensive plan required for jurisdictions in Colorado by Senate Bill 24-174.

She explained that the strategic growth element "will also help us craft the updates we need to the land use regulations."

"So, doing this element will really help us get there next year," Kruse said.

Highlighted in Kruse's presentation is that a statewide strategic growth report shows that, "compared to business as usual," strategic growth could reduce household costs by \$1,700 per year.

Medina asked how the state was able to come up with the projected \$1,700 in household savings, specifically how "more rules and regulations" help reduce household costs.

"It's the efficiency of land use," Kruse said, explaining that, based on her experience "it's not necessarily more rules, it's better use of land use."

She explained that if zoning and land use maps are allocated in a better way, "you don't necessarily need more restriction, you just use the land more efficiently."

Kruse provided an example of someone looking to put in a business in the Cloman Park area "and instead of having them go through a process where we're gonna ask them to pay a permitting fee, go through a board conditional use, spend three or four months going through all these permitting requirements, we could have looked at the map — if the map had been industrial zoning instead of [agricultural] ranching — then the project that only takes four acres out of 90 acres would've already been appropriate for that zoning district."

She added, "They don't have to go to [the BoCC], they don't have to go to the planning commission, they don't have to spend three or four months going through all these regulations," Kruse said.

She clarified that applicants

wouldn't have to deal with restrictions, "because the site would've already allowed for specific uses."

Kruse added that if the county's maps are better identified for uses appropriate for specific locations, then applicants "wouldn't have to do all those things."

She added, "So, it's just a matter of us having a little more foresight and a little more proactive on what's allocated on the ground."

She explained that unnecessary steps would be eliminated "and they don't have to pay all the permitting fees."

"That's a good thing," Commissioner John Ranson commented.

"It is," Kruse replied, explaining that it would make it a lot easier for a developer, while also making it clear where the county wants to see certain types of developments.

Kruse commented that the county is not trying to be restrictive or anti-development, "but we know where we want to see the development."

She also mentioned that the purpose of the comprehensive plan is ultimately to provide the county a guide for what it wants to see in the long run in terms of developments.

She commented that county's not trying to fight "tooth and nail" over locations of developments; instead, "Let's try and come up with a plan of where it should be, and then it's either allowed there or it's not."

Kruse then further explained the water supply element being included in the comprehensive plan.

"I think everybody agrees, we know we have infrastructure issues," she said, explaining that there might be a challenge with this element and that the county might need help from PAWSD, although she indicated that PAWSD is "not willing to help me so much" right now, "because they don't want us to know where the infrastructure is."

Kruse suggested that a joint letter from the county and Town of Pagosa Springs could be sent to PAWSD asking for its cooperation and assistance.

"We really need this information in order to plan for our future," Kruse said.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if that information should be available through the Public Utilities Commission, to which Kruse answered, "It's not."

She explained that the county has "very little information," noting that she's expressed to PAWSD that a nondisclosure agreement could be signed in regard to information about PAWSD's water infrastructure.

Kruse also explained that that specific information would not be shared with the public.

"We just need it so as a county we can plan better," Kruse said.

Ranson commented that the county needs to encourage PAWSD to work together, adding that the community "should be working together."

Kruse commented that the goal is to be proactive in planning for the future, adding that she is "willing to do whatever it is to have them work with us."

Kruse indicated again that the first public meeting on the comprehensive plan will be a community forum format on Aug. 12.

She also noted that the consultants will be available at the Aug. 13 planning commission meeting.

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Colorado DMV warns against use of fake temporary license plates

Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Motor Vehicle Investigation Unit (MVIU) is issuing an urgent warning regarding the surge of fake temporary license plates, noting that drivers caught using these fraudulent tags face severe legal repercussions, including vehicle seizure, steep fines and potential jail time.

State investigators have identified a growing trend of drivers purchasing fake "print-at-home" tags from unverified online sellers to avoid vehicle registration fees and taxes.

"Our investigators are seeing more people attempt to bypass the law by printing their own plates or buying them from an unauthorized third party," MVIU Agent in Charge Darin Icardi said. "While some may think they are simply avoiding fees, the reality is that the legal costs will catch up to you. We urge all drivers to protect themselves by obtaining tags only through official, legal channels."

To combat the rise in fraudulent temporary tags, MVIU is investigating the production of these fake plates and seeking criminal prosecution where appropriate. These operations also focus on identifying and disabling websites that market illegal plates to ensure such products are permanently removed from the marketplace.

The DMV reminds the public that the only legitimate sources for temporary plates are local county motor

vehicle offices or licensed, authorized automobile dealerships at the time of purchase.

Using these official sources ensures that a vehicle is properly entered into the state's motor vehicle database, providing legal protection for the owner and ensuring the vehicle is properly insured.

For more information on how to properly register your vehicle or to report suspicious tag sales, please visit the DMV's Vehicle Services webpage, dmv.colorado.gov/vehicle-resource-center.

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County adopts septic system requirements

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of Health (BoH) held a special meeting on June 15 to consider approval of Regulation 43, pertaining to on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS), also known as septic systems.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website explains that for OWTS with flows of less than 2,000 gallons per day, “permitting is conducted by local counties.”

It adds, “Each local public health agency in Colorado has adopted regulations that are at least as stringent as

Regulation 43.” It notes that for OWTS with flows greater than 2,000 gallons per day, systems must follow the state’s design review facility approval process.

According to the regulation attached to the meeting agenda, “The purpose of these Regulations is to establish the minimum standards for the location, design, construction, performance, installation, alteration, and use of OWTS with a design capacity equal to or less than 2,000 gallons per day within the jurisdiction.”

It also states that the regulations apply to all OWTS in the unincorporated areas of the county and over all

municipal corporations within the territorial limits of Archuleta County.

Furthermore, it explains that an “OWTS permit must not be issued to any person when the subject property is located within a municipality or special district that provides public sewer service, except where such sewer service to the property is not feasible according to the determination of the municipality or special district, or the permit is otherwise authorized by the municipality or special district.”

The document explains that Archuleta County Water Quality Department “may enter upon a private property at reasonable times and

upon reasonable notice for the purpose of determining whether or not an operating OWTS is functioning in compliance with the OWTS Act and applicable regulations adopted pursuant thereto and the terms and conditions of any permit issued and to inspect and conduct tests in evaluating any permit application.”

Regulation 43 was adopted by the state in March 2025 and took effect June 2025.

To view the approved regulation, visit www.archuletacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-Archuleta-OWTS-Regulation-6.11.26.pdf.
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Plan

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tion in there,” Vega said. “That was the biggest change in that.”

Vega mentioned that he felt the emergency alert notification plan should be updated as well, “because if we go into a PSPS, we’re likely going to be sending out alerts, or IPAWS alerts.”

“I know we’ve had a PSPS already, but we weren’t notified,” Commissioner Veronica Medina commented, asking for more information on a specific incident.

“So, it wasn’t technically a PSPS,” Le Roux said, explaining PSPS are planned shutdowns for potential fire weather, “which we’ve had significant weather.”

Le Roux explained that there was an extended power outage that lasted for approximately nine hours that affected meters all along U.S. 84.

“The activated fire settings in that triangle that we looked at didn’t quite make the PSPS for a planned shutdown, so they didn’t shutdown ahead of time,” Le Roux said.

He further explained that the outage was caused by a downed tree in the area.

“It didn’t actually damage the infrastructure to my knowledge, it just created that outage, but based on where those settings were in their system, rather than just having the ability to fix and isolate that problem and bring the grid live again, or at least leave what-

ever was live, live... they shut down that whole spur,” he said.

Le Roux also noted that crews have to inspect every inch of power lines that are affected before re-energizing lines.

“That was our biggest concern and it always has been,” he said.

Le Roux indicated that the extended duration of the outage was due to the reenergization process, “so, not technically a PSPS.”

He added, “Really the delay was the reenergization process.”

Le Roux explained that during the time of that outage, the county assisted people who were on oxygen tanks.

“Our [emergency operations center] team provided generated power to individuals to make sure that their concentrators were up and running,” he said, explaining the county did not have much notice of the outage, “and we were just left to pick up the pieces.”

He went on to explain that the purpose of updating the alert and notification plan is so the county can be on top of sending out notifications of outages, “when we know about it” and manage related consequences for the delay.

Le Roux also explained that the county uses Nixle and Everbridge360 alerts, “which is our public alert citizens alert warning platform.”

For more information on Nixle alerts and to sign up for them, visit www.archuletacounty.gov/services/

citizens-alert-nixle.

Le Roux mentioned that the county also uses the integrated public alert and warning system (IPAWS), “which is ultimately like an Amber Alert locally,” explaining that whether or not you are signed up as Nixle subscriber, if you are located within the county at the time of an intense incident a notification will be sent to you.

“We reserve those alerts for higher-intensity incidents,” Le Roux said.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if LPEA notifies the county’s emergency management team of unplanned outages, in order to be able to assist citizens, “rather than being so reactive.”

Vega explained that in the past, when it is not a planned outage, it is usually the county reaching out to LPEA about the issue.

“And they’re not really so much reaching out to us,” Vega added.

He noted that with a planned PSPS, the county would ideally be notified from LPEA 48 hours ahead of time.

Le Roux commented that when unplanned outages occur, LPEA is usually responding and reacting to the situation, as well.

“Interestingly, a lot of the outages, we end up notifying them personally,” Le Roux said.

He also commented that in every power outage incident the county has

faced in his time in office, “LPEA has been responsive to our requirements to shut down the grid where we’ve needed it.”

Medina also asked about cell towers within the county, mentioning that typically in the past when the county experiences an outage, cell towers also go down.

Le Roux explained that there are now 10 cell towers in the county that all have a backup battery, and nine of those towers have backup generators.

“So what we know is that if the fiber goes out and the power goes out, we should still be able to make a cellphone call throughout an extended power outage,” Le Roux said.

“I think we’re in a better spot now,” Medina said.

Le Roux commented that the plan is to be able to take care of government and first responder operations during an outage, to be able to provide a “strong backbone” to look after people in the community.

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will update future goals and provide a reminder as to what amenities are currently offered in the town.

“Just helps us move forward in parks and rec,” Lewis said.

Gadomski mentioned that PARC is currently working on a final draft for

its recreation plan that encompasses all of Archuleta County and parts of Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

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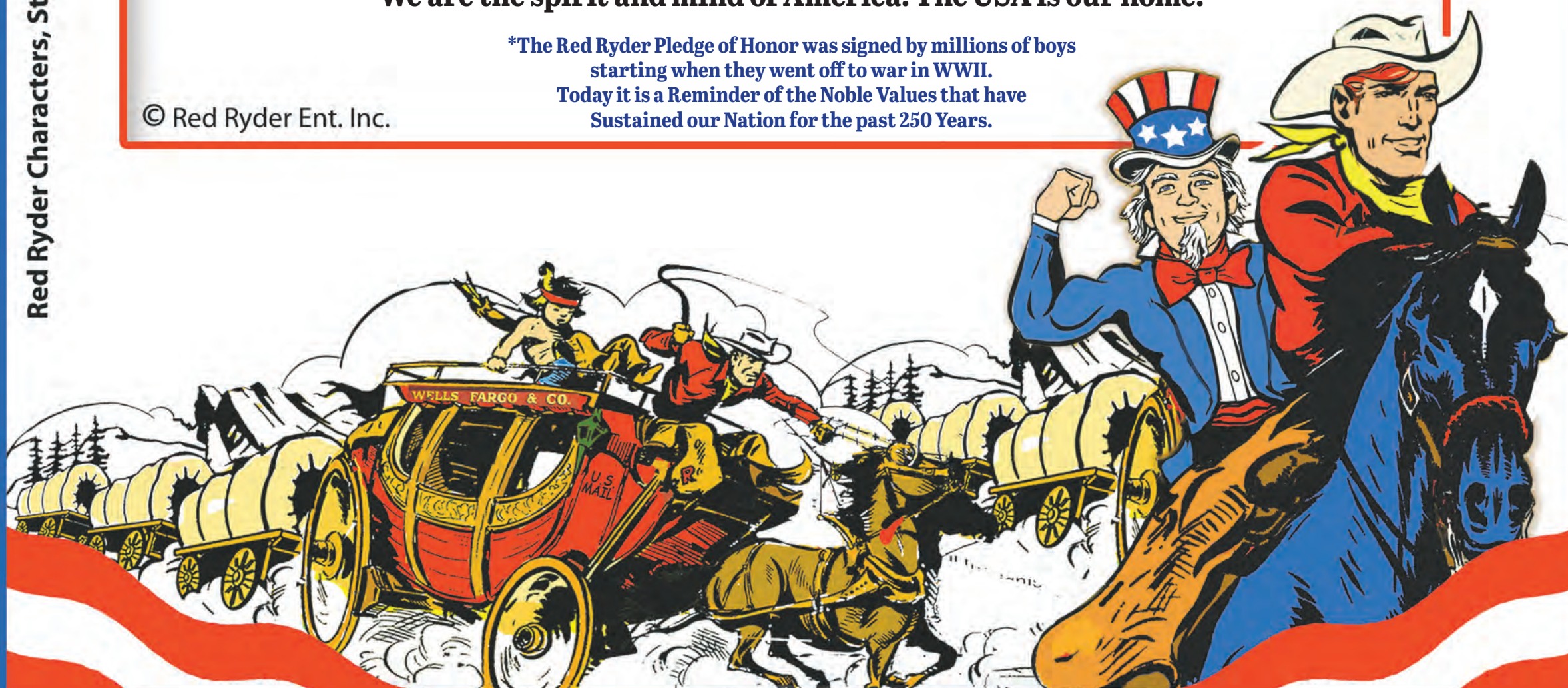
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Outdoor resources for Fourth of July activities

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Ahead of the holiday weekend, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) encourages outdoor recreationists to act as stewards for the state’s land, wildlife and water by balancing outdoor recreation with mindful conservation.

Below are tips and resources for recreating responsibly and showing

respect for Colorado’s great outdoors.

Know before you go

As Colorado navigates drought conditions this year, CPW is monitoring boating and water closures at state parks and wildlife areas. Lower water levels can affect boating access or capacity, including potential boat ramp closures.

- Choose your location based on

the weather forecast and your activity based on your skill level and safety gear.

- Plan your visit with the Quick Guide to State Parks or the Colorado State Parks Guide.
- Camping reservations at Colorado state parks are required.
- Colorado residents can use a Keep Colorado Wild Pass to enter state parks.

- Find park events and classes on the CPW events calendar.
- Stay hydrated. Bring more water than you think you (and your pet) will need.

Boating and river safety

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- Wear a life jacket.
- Take a boater safety course.
- Find a CPW life jacket loaner station to borrow a life jacket.
- Paddleboards and kayaks are considered vessels, and life jacket requirements apply.
- Heavy rain can raise water levels quickly and without notice. Check river flows at <https://dwr.state.co.us/Tools/Stations>.
- Water flows on streams and river bottoms can be inconsistent, so beware of rocks and unmarked hazards below the surface.
- Only boat or paddle in conditions you are comfortable and confident in.
- Boat and raft with a buddy and avoid floating alone, especially during high flows.
- Bring layers of clothing for elevation and changing weather conditions, and a sound-producing device (whistle, horn) if you need to call for help.
- “Clean, drain and dry” your boat, wet equipment, waders and boots. Use a CPW gear and watercraft cleaning station to decontaminate your gear.

Be careful with fire

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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Cacti play a crucial role in the local ecosystem

By Mark Giampietro and Cindi Galabota
SUN Columnists

When one imagines a southwest landscape, it is hard to not picture cacti scattered amongst the shrubby vegetation of the mesas, canyons and rolling foothills of the desert. Here in southwest Colorado, we do not have the towering saguaros or sprawling organ pipe cacti of Arizona, but we do have a fair host of cacti native to the area.

Most are small enough that one might walk right past them without even noticing them — like the varieties of barrel, fishhook and pincushion cacti. Some are larger in stature and harder to miss, such as species of prickly pear or cholla.

Regardless of the species or size, you may have noticed the presence of cacti on your land before, especially if you live south of U.S. 160. How you feel about them may largely depend on how you are using your land.

They play a crucial role in the local ecosystem, providing a beneficial addition to those seeking to create native, natural landscapes on their property. Their fleshy fruits provide forage for animals in a mutualistic relationship where the animals spread the seeds of the cacti in their droppings. Their spiny structures can offer protection for small critters trying to escape predation. The striking flowers of cacti attract both specialist and generalist pollinators, providing another food source in an increasingly competitive landscape for pollinators.

During times of drought, certain wildlife rely on the nutrients and water stored in the fleshy pads of prickly pear cacti. The root system of cacti can help aid in soil stabilization in particularly arid regions where plant life struggles to establish or endure. They even help sequester carbon from the atmosphere, albeit on a small scale, in process known as crassulacean acid metabolism, which helps cacti store their water and minimize their transpiration.

The point is: Cacti are tough, resourceful plants that benefit the overall ecosystem in an area that doesn't always provide moisture for more "desirable" plant life.

However, if you ask a local cattle rancher how they feel about cacti, you won't get such a positive outlook on our spiny little friends.

Cacti can become quite a nuisance

in grazed pasture and rangeland. They reduce the carrying capacity of the land by forming large stands which displace grasses and forbs that most ranchers and livestock would greatly prefer. They can drive up veterinary costs for livestock who unwittingly try to graze them or tread on them — the sharp spines causing injury and infection. Money and time that could be utilized elsewhere are spent on expensive specialty herbicides or hours of labor to mechanically remove the plants.

Besides ranchers, those who are looking for a more manicured appearance or those who have kids and pets running around in their yard may not have the tolerance for cacti as the native landscape enthusiasts do. And that's fine. We are allowed to manage our property as we see fit so long as it is not causing a detriment to the environment or our neighbors.

The question then arises, "how do you get rid of them?" The answer largely depends on how much land you have, and how much time and money you are willing to dedicate to cacti control.

For the average homeowner on small acreage, mechanical removal might make the most sense. Most cacti, especially the smaller ones in our area, have shallow but widely spread fibrous root systems. This means they are relatively easy to pull up. Just ensure you get as much of the root system as possible, as they can resprout, and do not leave any pads sitting on the ground after removal as they can root back down where they lay.

The herbicide 2,4-d is an effective, cheap treatment the average homeowner can use to control cacti, especially prickly pear, if pulling seems like too much work. Apply herbicides before the cacti go to seed in late summer on a warm day in the afternoon when the cacti's stomas are open.

For larger acreages, a more integrated approach may be necessary. Mechanical removal with shallow tillage combined with the application of specialty herbicides that contain fluroxypyr and triclopyr are most effective. The same principles of root removal and collecting the pads or other plant material still apply, which shows how labor-intensive controlling cacti can be on a large scale. Revegetation with desirable species in the infested areas should also be done to avoid reestablishment of cacti.

There's no right or wrong answer when it comes to cacti on your land; it is simply a matter of land use and personal preference. They are beneficial native plant species, and a literal pain in certain situations. When deciding if the cacti are friends or foes of your property, keep these ideas in mind.

Maybe the answer is somewhere in the middle. Even for livestock grazers, a few cacti on the edges of your pastures aren't going to be a big deal. Most animals are going to avoid them, and it is unlikely they will create a monoculture in our landscapes here where other plants are strong competitors. And for the few cacti that do pop up — well, you can always make prickly pear margaritas.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

Email list

Do you want to be added to our email distribution list to learn about upcoming programs and the latest resources? Email cindi.galabota@colostate.edu to be added to our list.

Or, to learn more about the many programs, resources and services offered by Colorado State University (CSU) Extension, visit https://extension.colostate.edu.

4-H, FFA members preparing for Archuleta County Fair

Local businesses, please be on the watch for 4-H and FFA members on July 8.

Youth will be coming around to personally invite you to attend the Archuleta County Fair and to hang a poster, if you would like.

Please be sure to take a few minutes to talk to them about their projects, fair events like the Chuckwagon Dinner, rodeos and, of course, the Junior Livestock Auction on Aug. 1.

Tickets for the annual 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner will also be available for purchase from 4-H members July 8- 27. Early bird prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids. Tickets purchased at the gate will go up \$5, so get your tickets early.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month at the CSU Extension building, generally on the third Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined

CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.

Check out the online option on our website, archuleta.extension.colostate.edu.

Volunteer for the Archuleta County Fair

Be a part of preserving the rich heritage and timeless tradition of the Archuleta County Fair and help plan the 75th anniversary Fair in 2026.

You'll contribute to an annual tradition that brings our community together, supports local agriculture and creates lasting memories for generations to come.

To learn more, contact Tonya Steadmon at tsteadmon@archuleta-county.gov or (970) 264-5931.

Nature and journaling hike planned for July 23

Join CSU Extension Master Gardeners and the San Juan Mountains Association for "The Art of Nature-Patterns in Our World" nature and journaling hike.

Participants will observe how nature unfolds in beautiful and artistic patterns all around us.

The hike will be on July 23 from 9 a.m.to noon at Reservoir Hill. Space is limited to 15 attendees. Register at www.sjma.org.

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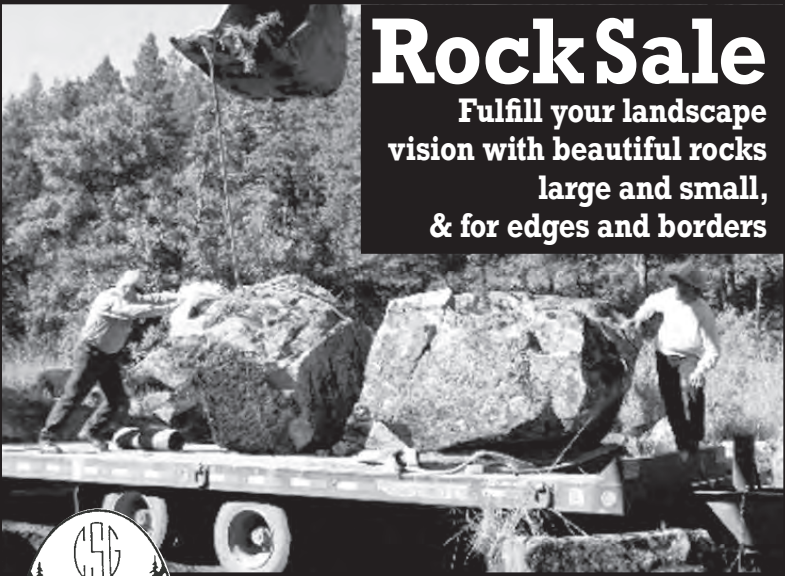
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Resources

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grill can ignite a fast-moving wildfire.

- Check fire restrictions or bans at www.coemergency.com and download the free COTREX app to stay informed and safe during outdoor activities.

- Where permitted, only build campfires inside permanent metal fire rings in designated campgrounds.

- Remove all dry grass, leaves and pine needles within a 10-foot radius of any flame.

- Extinguish fires completely with water until ashes are cold to the touch.

- Never leave a fire or stove unattended. If you see an unattended fire, call 911.

- Avoid parking or driving cars on tall, dry grass where hot exhaust can ignite a fire.

- Ensure trailer chains do not drag or spark on asphalt.

- Fireworks that explode or leave the ground are strictly illegal for personal use everywhere in Colorado. This includes bottle rockets, firecrackers, Roman candles, mortars and cherry bombs.

Stick to trails

It's important to stick to trails to avoid erosion and damage to plants.

- Use the State Park Finder to explore maps of Colorado state parks.

- Download the free COTREX app to find trailheads, trail maps and closure alerts.

- Respect trail closures — they're closed for a reason.

- Park in designated areas — undesignated parking can block outdoor first-responder vehicles in an emergency.

Trash the trash

Throw all your trash into the trash cans and help keep our outdoor spaces clean.

- Pack it in, pack it out. Whatever you bring into the outdoors, take it out with you.

- Don't leave pet waste bags on the trail.

Keep wildlife wild

Many wildlife species are birthing young or emerging from hibernation.

- Leave young wildlife alone.

- Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance.

- Be BearWise on trails and around your home to help reduce human-bear conflicts.

- Keep dogs leashed on trails to prevent them from chasing wildlife.

- If you see wildlife that appears sick or injured, call your local CPW office and ask a trained wildlife officer for guidance.

You can learn more about outdoor recreation opportunities in Colorado at cpw.state.co.us.



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Riverwalk Wetlands Tours offer chance to learn about unique area

By Jean Zirnheld
Pagosa Wetland Partners

The Riverwalk in downtown Pagosa Springs is a popular place to take a walk, bicycle, jog or exercise the dog. We walk it while on the phone, chatting with friends, listening with headphones on or deep in thought. How often do we take the opportunity to pay attention to the natural areas that the Riverwalk traverses?

Sandwiched between the San Juan

River and the Riverwalk are the town-owned conservation wetlands, an important and diverse habitat that you may have overlooked.

Eighty percent of all wildlife species use wetland or riparian habitats during some part of their life. Wetlands provide areas to hide for raising young and homes for birds like the small Virginia rails who spend their lives in wetlands and use the thick, nearly impenetrable wetland vegetation as an escape from predators. Wetlands provide food in the form

of insects, invertebrates and plants. There's always something happening in the wetlands.

Volunteers with Pagosa Wetland Partners would love to share with you their appreciation for and knowledge of this special habitat.

We invite you to take a free tour of discovery through the Riverwalk wetlands conservation area with our trained naturalists. Learn about the resources and services this habitat provides, and the forces at play that make them special.

Tours last approximately 1-1.5 hours. The paved trail is wheel-chair accessible. Please bring water, sunglasses, a hat and your curiosity. Cameras and binoculars are a plus, but no pets, please.

Tours are offered through August on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 8 a.m., weather dependent. Advance registration is not required. Meet your guides at the Native Plants Garden at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park.

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership to host premiere of ‘Beyond the Embers’

By Monica Nigon
San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

The San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership (Headwaters) will be hosting the premiere of “Beyond the Embers,” a film produced by Christi Bode, from 6 to 8 p.m. on July 8 at the Liberty Theater.

The film chronicles the August

2025 Oak Fire and historic flooding two months later in Pagosa Springs, addressing their impacts and how the community can prepare for the extremes ahead.

The film will be followed by a panel of community leaders including Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief Robert Bertram, engineer Chris Pitcher, Bill Trimarco of Wildfire Adapted Partnership, the Pagosa

Ranger District’s Josh Peck, the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition’s Amanda Gadowski, and the Headwaters’ Matt Ford.

Headwaters develops science-based, collaborative priorities for the sustainable management of forests, watersheds and essential community resources, and recently partnered with Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership to work

at the intersection of watershed and forest health.

Monthly meetings and field trips are held on the third Friday of each month at the Archuleta County administration building from 9 to 11 a.m. and are open to the public.

See our website, sanjuanheadwaters.org, for regular updates, or contact Monica at coordinator@sanjuanheadwaters.org with any questions.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife seeks public input on proposed amphibian bait regulation changes

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is seeking public input on a proposed regulation change that would prohibit the use of amphibians as fishing bait in Colorado.

Public comments will be accepted through July 16.

Under current fishing regulations,

anglers may use bullfrogs and the aquatic gilled form of tiger salamanders, commonly known as waterdogs, as bait if they are legally obtained through personal harvest, commercial harvest or licensed bait dealers.

CPW is evaluating whether to prohibit the use, possession and transport of amphibians for fishing bait to help protect native wildlife and

aquatic ecosystems.

CPW is seeking public feedback before presenting a formal regulatory proposal to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Members of the public can provide input through the online comment form available on EngageCPW, engagecpw.org. Comments submitted through EngageCPW will be

reviewed by CPW staff to help inform the regulatory proposal.

Members of the public may also submit comments directly to the Parks and Wildlife Commission. Information about providing comments to the commission is available on the Commission’s webpage.

For more information and to submit comments, visit EngageCPW by July 16.

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Business Spotlight: Black Diamond Dental seeks to honor local heroes through community giveaway

By Allison Brown

As communities across the country prepare to celebrate the nation’s 250th anniversary, Black Diamond Dental of Pagosa Springs is recognizing the people who make a difference close to home.

The practice has extended its “Nominate a Hero” campaign, a community giveaway designed to honor service-minded individuals who have made meaningful contributions to Pagosa Springs or the country. The selected recipient will receive up to \$5,000 in dental care from Black Diamond Dental.

Owner Dr. Justin Nylund said the inspiration for the program comes from his family’s history of service. His father served as a MASH doctor during the Vietnam War, while one grandfather was a soldier in World War I and another worked as a dentist caring for German prisoners of war during World War II.

Residents are encouraged to nominate veterans, pastors, volunteers, civic leaders or other individuals who have helped strengthen the community. Nominations should include the nominee’s name, a photograph and a written explanation describing how that person has improved life in Pagosa Springs or served the nation.

Nominations may be submitted by email to welcome@blackdiamonddds.com or delivered to the office at 2363 Eagle Drive. The winner will be announced Friday, July 31.

To celebrate the nominees, Black

Diamond Dental will display the submitted stories throughout July and share them on its Facebook page.

The giveaway reflects Black Diamond Dental’s commitment to community involvement. The practice partners with local organizations, including Aspen House, Lutheran School and Pagosa Valor Academy, and continues to support residents

beyond dental care.

“We are excited to be growing and meeting new members of the community,” Nylund said. “This is one way we can give back to the people who make Pagosa Springs such a special place.”

Black Diamond Dental of Pagosa Springs is part of The Pagosa Springs SUN’s sponsored content program called Spotlight.

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Through its Nominate a Hero campaign, Black Diamond Dental is recognizing service-minded community members who make a positive impact in Pagosa Springs and beyond.

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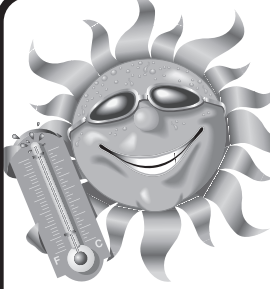
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2026-004

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.
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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 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.
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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 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.
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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:
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Case No.: 2025CV30048
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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, 1980, 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 apart

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Evince of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1980, 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 therein-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 requested 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 unpaid amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: 06/11/2026
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APPRAISER COMM CONSULTING	\$3,800.00
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PRINTING/MAILING SVCS	\$3,092.66
FLEET PARTS/SUPP	\$3,001.19
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FLEET PARTS/SUPP	\$2,142.72
CNTY POSTAGE	\$2,000.00
FAIR ENTERTAINMENT DEP	\$2,000.00
VIS BENEFITS	\$1,997.44
WINDSHIELD REPLCS	\$1,930.00
CNTY SUPP	\$1,810.51
FLEET PARTS/SUPP	\$1,783.10
FLEET SVC CALL	\$1,701.06
CNTY SUPP	\$1,697.77
CNTY CLEANING SVCS	\$1,634.15
REIMB-LDG/TRVL NEHA CONF	\$1,532.85
FAIR ENTERTAINMENT DEP	\$1,500.00
MED AIR BENEFITS	\$1,478.00
CLERK RNWLS	\$1,373.04
CNTY OFF SUPP	\$1,335.81
NECO SFTWR SUBSCRIPTS	\$1,320.00
TRASH DISPOSAL UTILITIES	\$1,314.40
SFTWR SUBSCRIPT	\$1,243.75
CNTY SUPP	\$1,142.62
PER DIEM/REIMB TRVL-NACO WESTERN	\$1,097.59
INTERSTATE REG CONF	\$1,076.67
EMBROIDERIES	\$1,029.75
CNTY SUPP	\$932.99
CO LEAD	\$891.00
COW BCKGRND CHKS	\$883.88
DETEN EQUIP	\$882.00
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THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On June 2, 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.)
22300404
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
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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 COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.
Purported 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 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.
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Commissioners approve midyear budget adjustment

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting held on June 16, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved Resolution 2026-48, appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess amounts budgeted in the General Fund.

The BoCC discussed the matter earlier that day during a work session, with County Manager Longinos Gonzalez explaining that he did a midyear budget review for different county departments and found some areas that had not been identified as “being in need.”

He mentioned there were one or two areas of the budget “that we did not get properly addressed” in the 2026 budget, along with a couple of other “unforeseen costs.”

Gonzalez specifically mentioned that one of those unforeseen costs is the county potentially moving forward with gravel pit permit application through the state.

“Sounds like discussion has been trying to identify trying to move forward with gravel pits that we could use for local consumption,” Gonzalez said, explaining “that does come with significant permit fees.”

Gonzalez indicated that the gravel pit permit fee could range from \$20,000 to \$53,000, “depending on the circumstances of the permit and the area.”

Gonzalez also explained that one of the unforeseen costs includes the installation cost of a new generator at the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office, noting that may cost up to \$21,000.

Gonzalez mentioned that he wanted to have enough contingency to be able to cover at least those two items, noting that “several other items” have also been brought up, such as a donation to the Ruby Sisson Library, a commercial business sign for Cloman Park and furniture for the transit building.

Gonzalez indicated the commercial business sign would likely cost around \$5,000, and that the county would try to work with a local company to offset costs, but “we would have to likely front-load the cost of adding the signage.”

Gonzalez explained that the request before the BoCC was to approve the \$100,000 increase, and not each specific item, noting those approvals could be done separately.

In response to a question from Commissioner John Ranson in regard to the amount for a potential gravel pit permit fee, Gonzalez explained that if the county wants to move forward with that it needs to be able to show funds are available, adding that the permit fee is “clearly the significant portion” of the \$100,000 increase request.

“If we don’t do it, we just don’t spend it,” Gonzalez said.

Ranson also asked about the library donation, asking if this was a “multiyear award” and stating that he believed the county was not supposed to dedicate funds from future budget years.

Gonzalez explained that the commitment was a “show of faith” to the

library and that a previous BoCC made the commitment to make a donation if the funds were available.

He also noted that this year and next year would be the last of that commitment.

Ranson noted that he was not opposed to funding the library.

He also commented on funding for furniture for the county’s new transit building, stating, “this is why grants aren’t free.”

He commented that the project went \$500,000 over budget, and that “expenses and overhead” continue to grow.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked if businesses are “actually interested” in having signage put up in Cloman Park, “or is this just a great idea from a previous employee that’s no longer with us?”

She explained that it would not be free for a business to post their individual sign, but that it would provide them with a space to do so.

Gonzalez stated that he had not received individual responses from businesses in the area yet, but that if the BoCC’s desire is not to fund that item, then it does not have to.

“I have a real issue with budget adjustments coming in midyear,” Medina said, explaining that she understood a couple of the items that “somehow” were eliminated from budget discussion, noting the timing and transition in the hiring of Gonzalez. “So some things did fall through the cracks.”

Medina also discussed the library expansion project.

“I understand that the library is definitely in need of the funds so that they can finish the project,” Medina said, adding that she wanted more information on the Cloman Park business sign.

She commented that the sign is “not an emergency,” suggesting the county could plan and budget it for next year.

“I don’t think it should be on here,” she said.

Medina also commented on the potential gravel pit permit fee, stating, “We need to have a plan.”

She mentioned that there may be options to work with the U.S. Forest Service for gravel and wanted to “really talk about that” and understand those options, suggesting there may be gravel available now in some areas.

Medina expressed more concerns about the midyear budget adjustment request.

“My concern with if we approve these budget adjustments, they’re all under your threshold of signature authority, so we’re not gonna really know what it is that you approve,” Medina said to Gonzalez.

Medina reiterated her understanding of a “couple” of the items mentioned by Gonzalez, but stated, “I have an issue with doing this.”

“Clearly based on feedback I would not move forward with items that the commissioners give me as, ‘We don’t think we should be moving forward on,’” Gonzalez replied.

He explained that the \$100,000 amount takes all the items he mentioned into account with a “slight excess” in case of one or two other things popping up.

Medina commented that she would rather see “preparedness items” on the budget adjustment compared to some other things, “because we need to be prepared and we’re not,” referencing potential public safety power shutoffs being introduced by La Plata Electric Association.

Commissioner Warren Brown explained that the commitment to the library donation was done as “if funding provides” and not necessarily a “year after year thing.”

He noted that it was for a total of \$60,000 over six years.

“So, that was the commitment,” he said.

Brown also explained that the Cloman Park business sign was a request from that community, adding that it would not be a “no cost” to those businesses.

He mentioned that the project has been discussed for several years now, suggesting it would be “good” to have money earmarked for that if the businesses want to move forward with it.

In regard to the gravel pit discussion, Brown commented, “I’ve pulled my hair out about the cost of gravel and being able to have it.”

He added, “And we are going to spend money, and it’s just where we’re gonna spend money and what kind of control we’re going to have over the proving.”

He explained that if the county continues to contract out for gravel, it’ll always be in a supply-and-demand situation with prices going up.

“So, we are going to be held hostage,” he said.

Brown indicated he liked the idea of potentially working with the U.S. Forest Service, noting that there is gravel available in Hinsdale County

through the Forest Service.

He also commented that the county’s gravel needs will not go away, “and we have to have access to it so we can properly maintain our roads at the lowest cost possible.”

Ranson commented more on potential gravel pit options, suggesting the county may actually save money by hiring a consultant to review the county’s options.

“Our staff is overwhelmed as it is,” he said, adding that “consultants know this stuff” and “they know the things that we don’t know.”

Ranson noted that spending \$30,000 on a consultant could potentially save the county some money in that regard.

Ranson also commented more on the Cloman Park business sign, stating that he’d like to see an analysis on the property tax the county receives out of Cloman Park.

“It’s significant,” he said, adding, “I think those businesses have paid their share to have some advertising.”

He explained that it will generate more retail sales tax for some businesses, along with property tax, suggesting that out of all of the items presented by Gonzalez, “There’s one on here that will pay for itself, in my opinion, and that’s the Cloman [signage].”

During the meeting, Medina reiterated, “I’m not in favor of doing budget adjustments midyear.”

In response to a question from Medina, Gonzalez indicated that there is approximately \$26,000 left in his budget for the year.

“I think the \$100,000 is too high,” Medina said, acknowledging the funds needed for generator installation at the sheriff’s office and the library commitment.

“Absolutely we need that,” she said.

Brown offered more closing comments, explaining that Gonzalez “was at a significant disadvantage when we started the budgeting process,” noting he’s only been with the county for just shy of one year.

Brown indicated there was no “blame” on Gonzalez, noting the “lack of continuity between the previous county manager.”

Brown also commented that “with more continuity and people staying in positions longer, we don’t forget as often or as much.”

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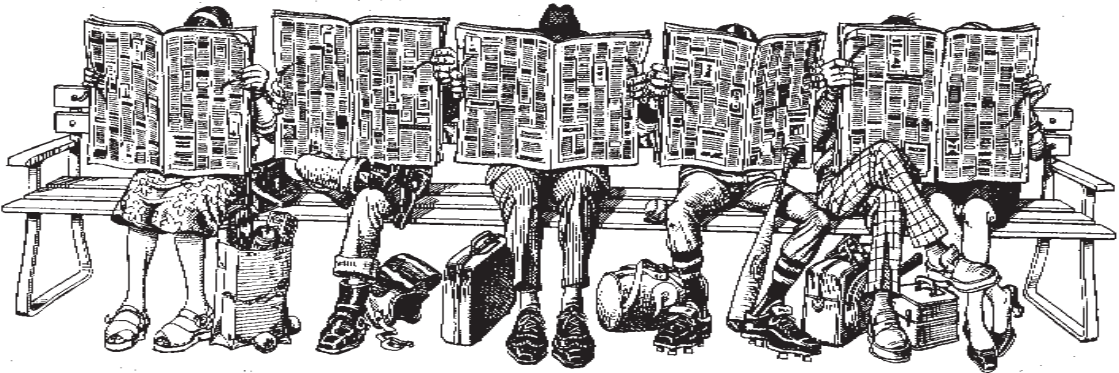
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Drug Enforcement Administration

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The drugs were found in tablets after lab analyses of recent seizures in both Colorado and Utah.

"With these findings, once again we implore people in our communities to never take a pill from anyone

unless it comes from a prescribing doctor or pharmacy," said DEA RMFD Special Agent in Charge David Olesky.

Fentanyl remains the biggest drug threat the United States has faced in its history. It has killed hundreds of thousands of Americans the past decade.

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Heroin, a highly-addictive opioid, is rarely found in pill form and the drug combination with fentanyl is highly unusual.

Pills found to contain both fentanyl/carfentanil and fentanyl/heroin in recent DEA seizures in Colorado and Utah were blue, green and blue-green in color.

In Colorado, pills with the potentially deadly combination of illicit drugs were seized in both the Denver area and the Western Slope. In Utah, seized pills were in the greater Salt Lake City area.

The DEA is committed to fighting for a Fentanyl Free America. More can be found at www.DEA.gov/fentanylfree.



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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- June 15 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.
- June 15 — Burning during Stage 2, West Stollsteimer Road.
- June 17 — Warrant arrest, no location listed.
- June 17 — Theft-\$300 to \$750 parts from vehicle, no location listed.
- June 17 — Forgery of checks, theft-\$750 to \$2,000 from banking type institution, unlawful manufacture of a financial transaction device, Arboles.
- June 17 — Information only, Aspen Springs.
- June 17 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.
- June 17 — Trespass warning, no location listed.
- June 18 — Agency assist, no location listed.
- June 18 — Information only, Emerald Place.
- June 20 — Information only, Navajo Trail Drive.
- June 20 — Information only, no location listed.
- June 20 — Disorderly conduct-petty, reckless endangerment, unlawful crossing of roadway by pedestrian, no location listed.
- June 21 — Death investigation, Foothill Place.
- June 21 — Agency assist, Pagosa Street.
- June 23 — Information only, no location listed.
- June 23 — Information only, no location listed.
- June 24 — Warrant arrest, ACSO northwest district.
- June 25 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Surrey Drive.
- June 25 — Information only, Ranchland Drive.
- June 25 — Dog at large, Cedar Drive.
- June 25 — Motor vehicle theft-possession of a stolen vehicle, Fire-side Street.
- June 25 — Burning prohibited items, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful use of a controlled substance, North Pagosa Boulevard.
- June 26 — Information only, Bob-white Drive.
- June 26 — Animal cruelty-aggravated, domestic violence, Homestead Drive.
- June 28 — Information only, Pin-eview Road.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

- June 8 — Trespass warning, Pagosa Street.
- June 8 — Driving under restraint-alcohol/drug related, speeding 20-24 over limit, West U.S. 160/Piedra Street.
- June 9 — Assault, Goldmine Drive.
- June 9 — Harassment-repeatedly insults/taunts/challenges, North 6th Street.
- June 10 — Harbored vicious animals prohibited, North 5th Street.
- June 10 — Electrical hazard, South 7th Street.
- June 11 — Agency assist, South 8th Street.
- June 11 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Bienvenido Circle.
- June 12 — Criminal mischief, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- June 12 — Information only, Talisman Drive.
- June 12 — Criminal mischief \$300

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- to \$1,000 private, East Pagosa Street.
- June 13 — Missing person, run-away, Legacy Drive.
- June 13 — Nuisance/vicious animal, San Juan Street.
- June 14 — Runaway, Village Drive.
- June 14 — Third-degree motor vehicle theft, Loma Street.
- June 14 — Runaway, South 9th Street.
- June 15 — Trespass warning, San Juan Street.
- June 15 — Criminal trespass, Loma Street.
- June 16 — Harassment-public place obscene language or gesture, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- June 18 — Littering, North 3rd Street.
- June 18 — Information only, U.S. 160.
- June 18 — Trespass warning, Country Center Drive.
- June 18 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Pagosa Street.
- June 19 — Violation of protection order, Aspen Village Drive.
- June 20 — Second-degree arson misdemeanor, San Juan Street.
- June 20 — Death investigation, Hermosa Street.
- June 20 — Suspicious activity vehicle, Harman Park Drive.
- June 22 — Information only, North 5th Street.
- June 22 — Lost/found property, South 5th Street.
- June 22 — Trespass warning, Country Center Drive.
- June 22 — Vehicle accident with injuries, Aspen Village Drive.
- June 22 — Criminal mischief M, Country Center Drive.
- June 23 — Runaway, South 9th Street.
- June 23 — Contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- June 23 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.
- June 24 — Trespass warning, Eagle Drive.

- June 25 — Domestic violence, Legacy Drive.
 - June 25 — Second-degree motor vehicle theft, Legacy Drive/South 9th Street.
 - June 25 — Motor vehicle theft, North 5th Street.
 - June 25 — Careless driving causing injury, U.S. 160.
 - June 26 — Disturbance, South 7th Street.
 - June 26 — Domestic violence, South 8th Street.
 - June 26 — Failed to give information and/or aid after damaging another vehicle, Harman Park Drive.
 - June 26 — Theft-\$750 to \$2,000 other (includes gas), North 5th Street.
 - June 27 — Cruelty to animals, Hermosa Street.
 - June 28 — Careless driving causing injury, owner or operator failed to present evidence of insurance upon request, failed to notify police of accident, failed to yield on right turn after stop at red light, North Pagosa Boulevard.
 - June 28 — Registration-fictitious plate, lane usage violation, careless driving, failing to report accident-call police, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 - June 28 — Third-degree criminal trespass, warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.
 - June 28 — Disorderly conduct/fighting with another in public, assault, warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
- Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:**
Judge Anthony D. Edwards
June 23 — Thomas Cox, open burning, fine and costs — \$85.
- Archuleta County Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards**
June 16 — Laurel Bennett, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$160.
June 17 — Andre Brookins, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$107.50.
June 17 — Mario Francisco Salazar, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$291.50.
- 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**
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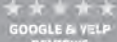
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By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

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We usually invite everyone to attend because we normally want to share exciting astronomy learning with everyone, not just our members, but on Thursday, July 2, we are having 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 great nation that has made it for 250 years. (There will not be 250 candles.)

We have an agenda for the meeting that starts with looking at a brief history, since 2012, 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 come up with necessary new ideas and improvements to keep our club going and growing. We basically need to get

better organized.

We try to provide the best astronomy education available. Joan Mieritz in April and May presented the newest and most exciting discoveries from the James Webb Space Telescope. The education team of the James Webb Telescope presents a great deal of information that it puts on the internet about each discovery, so there are photos, films and articles that are so interesting. The program is not given in lecture form, but more like a discussion so we can find out what people already know about a topic and take you to a clear understanding of the latest in astronomy. There is time for every question you have. It is a wonderful experience that you need to try.

We have had regular club members with years of experience and we have new people who have never studied astronomy before be at these presentations. The new people get the most excited because they learn so much and can't wait for the next lesson.

I wish everyone knew how much it would add to your life to study about the most recent discoveries of our

amazing universe. Soon the Webb could discover alien life, and that would change our entire world. It is best if you can learn and appreciate some of these smaller discoveries rather than waiting for the biggest discovery that will change our lives forever, shock us to our core and leave us beyond "starstruck".

Let me invite you and say that if you ever get bored or overwhelmed and are not excited and happy to be there, you can get up and walk out (quietly). I really believe, based on the past two classes, that you will be absolutely thrilled and hooked.

It would be a fantastic family event for parents to bring their kids. If you come by yourself, you will find yourself in a new place in life. We hope to see you in August.

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

In August we will again focus on the James Webb Space Telescope recent discoveries.

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League of Women Voters to celebrate nonprofits with July 9 film screening

League of Women Voters Archuleta County Chapter

On July 9, the League of Women Voters/Archuleta County Chapter (LWV) is sponsoring a screening of the award-winning documentary film "Join or Die!" as part of Pagosa Springs' 250/150 week of patriotic celebrations.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with the screening at 6 p.m. at the Liberty Theatre.

This entertaining film shows how joining a club or civic organization is not only vital to sustaining a healthy democracy, but is also proven to improve personal health and mental well-being.

After the screening, several key nonprofits will be featured in a "joining fair," where each will present its mission in our community and current volunteer needs. After the presentations, you'll vote for your favorite. The top three vote-getters will each receive a grant from the

Blood drive results in donation of 40 units

By Sharee Grazda
Special to The PREVIEW

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Our next drive at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse will be on Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact local volunteer Sharee Grazda at (970) 946-2760.

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Pagosa Springs History Museum celebrating America’s 250th birthday with special exhibits

Pagosa Springs History Museum

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‘Moments that Made US’

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

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

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

The exhibition explores how generations of Americans have given meaning to the ideals set forth in the Declaration of Independence and includes interpretation various events in our country’s history that show how our citizens have worked to uphold the ideals of our founding fathers.

Just one portion of the exhibit explores “The Price of Revolution,” explaining, “Benjamin Franklin championed paper money when

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs History Museum

Detail of “Eleanor’s Eagle” by Cindy Vermillion Hamilton Shutler. The quilt is one of the several on display as part of the “Star Spangled Quilts” exhibition at the Pagosa Springs History Museum. The special exhibit of patriotic quilts will be on display through the summer season. The museum is located at 96 Pagosa St.

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Museum

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others doubted it. He recognized that gold and silver were too scarce to fuel colonial trade and pay workers. Instead, he proposed a national currency backed by land.

“Most states ignored him, printing their own paper bills backed only by future taxes. But by the 1780s, state money collapsed in value, and the government under the Articles of Confederation struggled to respond to the economic depression. The financial crisis confirmed the need for a strong central government that could manage the nation’s money—the type of government Franklin would support at the Constitutional Convention in 1787.”

This exhibition will run the full 2026 season.

‘Star Spangled Quilts’

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

These quilts celebrate the founding of our country. Many of them are created by local quilters Cindy Vermillion Hamilton Shutler, Judy Jordan and Pam Thompson.

In addition to viewing the quilts, you will have the opportunity to understand the artist’s inspiration for the creation of the quilt.

Shutler created “Eleanor’s Eagle” in loving memory of her mother, Eleanor Hall Vermillion, who stitched a similar quilt from a kit circa 1971.

(Shutler quilted the top for her. That quilt was used and discarded by a family member.)

Shutler drafted a pattern for “Eleanor’s Eagle” from a photo she found of a similar quilt in a Pennsylvania museum catalogue. The eagle is a well-known design.

This is designed in the style of the 1850s, when, Shutler related, “red and green applique was all the rage.” This quilt is hand applied and machine quilted.

The collection

The majority of the items on display in the museum 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 County.

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

Connect

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

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

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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11 a.m.	Food and alcohol vendors open	Yamaguchi Park
11:30 a.m.	Party in the Park Opening Ceremony Disk golf course open play	Yamaguchi Park Reservoir Hill
Noon	Check in for Pooch Parade	Dog Park
12:30 p.m.	Pooch Parade / Adoption	Dog Park
1-4 p.m.	Pickleball Round Robin	Yamaguchi Park
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



Photo courtesy Justin Treptow
A skier races behind a horseback rider during a skijoring competition in Colorado. Capturing fast-paced action in challenging conditions is one of the topics Justin Treptow will discuss during his July 8 presentation to the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting to focus on action photography

By Andy Butler

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The July meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Wednesday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Our program this month is “Action Photography,” presented by Justin Treptow.

This will be a hybrid meeting, also available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to abutler@mac.com. If attending in person, feel free to arrive any time after 6 p.m.; the actual presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Treptow specializes in action, event and outdoor photography.

During his presentation, Treptow will share techniques for capturing dynamic action images, discuss camera settings and composition, and offer insights from photographing events such as skijoring, skiing, rodeos and community activities throughout Colorado.

The presentation is geared toward photographers of all skill levels who want to create more compelling and impactful images.

Join the club

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club is a great place to learn from fellow photographers and enjoy your photography journey.

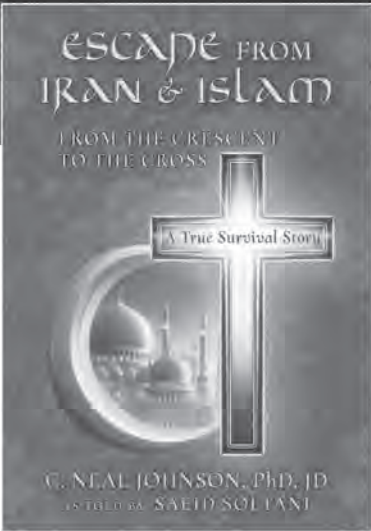
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Through the collective efforts of local residents, volunteers and community partners, 1,032 food items were collected at Healthy Archuleta’s recent food drive to help support food assistance efforts across the county.

Community food drive supports local food access efforts

Healthy Archuleta

A recent community food drive organized to benefit the Archuleta Food Pantry Network demonstrated the generosity and community spirit that define Archuleta County.

Through the collective efforts of local residents, volunteers and community partners, 1,032 food items were collected to help support food assistance efforts across the county.

The donations come at a time when many households continue to face rising food and living costs. The Archuleta Food Pantry Network, which includes seven community food pantries working together to improve food access, helps ensure that local families, seniors and individuals can access nutritious food when they need it most. Community food drives provide valuable supplemental support to these ongoing efforts.

A highlight of this year’s drive was the involvement of Healthy Archu-

leta’s youth interns, who dedicated their time to collecting and organizing donations. Their participation reflects the important role young people play in strengthening community connections while developing leadership and service skills that benefit both themselves and the broader community.

Healthy Archuleta extends its appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the food drive. Every donation represents neighbors supporting neighbors and helping build a healthier, more resilient and more food-secure Archuleta County.

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

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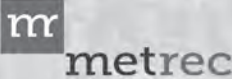
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Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer repertory season now in full swing

By Laura Moore
Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2026 summer repertory season is now fully open at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, with "Come From Away," "Company" and "Fiddler on the Roof" all running in rotation.

Together, the three productions offer audiences a wide range of theatrical experience, from the generous, ensemble-driven storytelling of "Come From Away," to the sharp wit and emotional sophistication of Stephen Sondheim's "Company," to the humor, heart and enduring power of "Fiddler on the Roof."

"Come From Away" opened the season with a moving portrait of ordinary people meeting an extraordinary moment with kindness. Fast, funny and deeply human, the production continues to resonate with audiences who recognize both the scale of the story and the simple decency at its center.

"Company" brings a different kind of energy: urbane, witty, restless and emotionally precise. Its questions about love, marriage, friendship and the courage it takes to be truly known have offered audiences an evening that is as funny as it is piercing.

Now "Fiddler on the Roof" has joined the rotation, bringing with it one of the great stories in American musical theater. Beneath its beloved songs and familiar traditions is a musical about change: the kind we invite, the kind we resist and the kind that arrives whether we are ready or not. In a season already rich with

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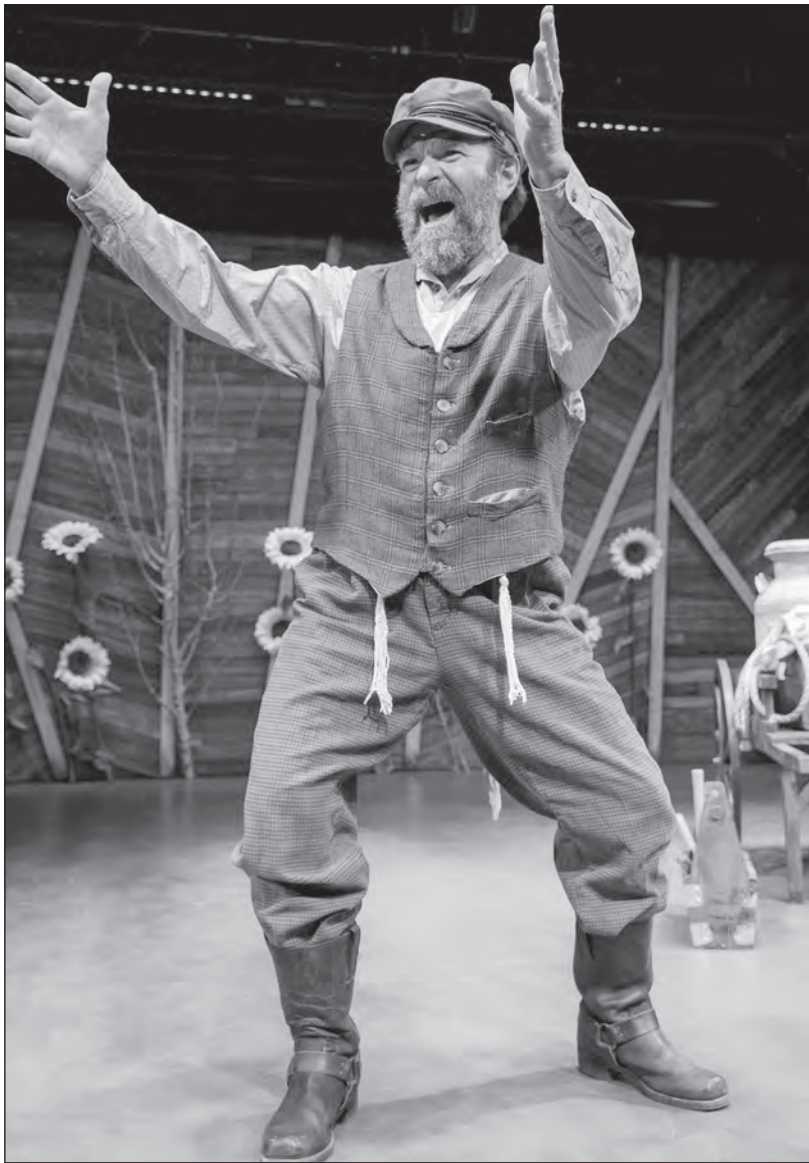


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Tim Moore as Tevye in "If I Were a Rich Man" from "Fiddler on the Roof." The classic musical is one of three in Thingamajig Theatre Company's summer repertory season at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

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Community United Methodist Church to begin new summer series: ‘Transformation — Healing Waters’

By Ken Daniell

Community United Methodist Church

The Community United Methodist Church begins a new four-week sermon series this Sunday, July 5, titled “Transformation: Healing Waters,” drawing its name directly from the meaning of Pagosa Springs itself, which most know translates to “healing waters” in the Ute language.

The series, led by the Rev. Ken Daniell, explores what it means to be transformed, not erased or replaced, but made new, using the imagery of the area’s own deep hot spring as a touchstone throughout.

“Our spring is the deepest known hot spring in the world,” said Daniell. “At one point someone tried to

measure exactly how deep it goes, and they never found the bottom. The line ran out before the water did. There’s something powerful in that image for a town, and a faith, still trying to understand what we’re standing on.”

The series opens July 5, Communion Sunday, with “Draw From the Deep,” based on the Gospel story of Jesus’s conversation with a woman at a well in Samaria (John 4). The sermon examines themes of welcome, hidden barriers to belonging, and what it means to offer welcome without conditions.

The following week, “Roots That Hold” will turn to what keeps a person or a community steady when the ground underneath them shifts, drawing on the area’s own forests

and the deep root systems that hold mountain slopes in place even after fire or flood.

The series will continue with a look at renewal, what it means to be made new without losing the story that shaped you, before closing in late July with a sermon on transformation as something communities do together, not something people accomplish alone.

“Healing water doesn’t erase where you’ve been,” Daniell said. “It changes what that place means to you.”

Services are held Sundays at 8:15 and 11 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. All are welcome.

For more information, visit cumcps.org or call (970) 264-5508.

Theatre

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connection, “Fiddler” offers both celebration and heart.

Audiences have responded warmly to all three productions, with strong attendance, enthusiastic word of mouth and generous ovations.

The three shows together demonstrate the particular thrill of repertory theater. Actors, designers, technicians, musicians and production staff move from Newfoundland to New York to Anatevka, often in the same week, creating a summer season that feels expansive, alive and distinctly theatrical.

While the mainstage season is now in full swing, the next generation of performers has also begun

its own adventure. Youth theater camp started this week at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, bringing young artists into the rehearsal process for Disney’s “The Jungle Book KIDS.”

Filled with familiar characters, lively music and jungle-sized imagination, “The Jungle Book KIDS” gives students the chance to build confidence, make friends and experience the joy of creating a show together. As the professional season plays on the mainstage, youth theater offers a fitting reminder that live theater is not only something we celebrate, but something we pass on.

With all three summer repertory

productions now open and youth theater underway, the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts is offering a full season of story, music, community and connection. Tickets for “Come From Away,” “Company,” “Fiddler on the Roof” and “Disney’s The Jungle Book KIDS” are available at pagosacenter.org or by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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Thursday, July 2

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

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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.

San Juan Stargazers. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. 6 p.m., Western Heritage Event Center rodeo and event grounds. Tickets are available online at [\[deo.com\]\(http://deo.com\) 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.](http://www.pagosaro-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

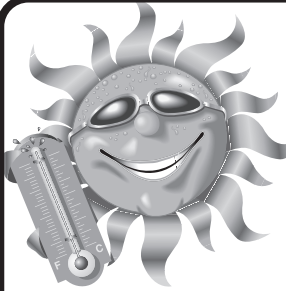
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Baby Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for stories, songs

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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.

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Saturday, July 4

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.

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. The event will also include games, contests, a dunk tank, arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, heritage tents, a pooch parade, pickleball and more.

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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.

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Fourth of July Hot Air Balloon Glow. Dusk (approximately 9 p.m.), Yamaguchi Park. Enjoy hot air balloons lighting up the night.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Fiddler on the Roof.' 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Monday, 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.

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Conversational Spanish. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required. A Sisson Library program.

Tuesday, July 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tween Book Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join to adventure into the world of books. Snacks will be provided. July's book is "Call of the Wild" by Jack London. Copies are available to keep.

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids.

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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.

Sisson Library Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park Field Trip. 1:30 p.m. Meet at the library to travel together and learn about all of the different animals at the 3 p.m. feeding time. Register at www.pagosalibrary.org to have your admission covered by the library.

Legal Clinic. 2-3:40 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via 20-minute phone appointments. Registration opens July 1 and space is limited. Registration is required. Call (970) 264-2209.

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Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

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Order of the Eastern Star Peace and Harmony Chapter #158. 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 277 Lewis St. Call Donna at (970) 946-8201 for more information.

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League of Women Voters of Archuleta County Presents 'Join or Die!' 5:30 p.m., Liberty Theatre. The screening will take place at 6 p.m., followed by a fair featuring local nonprofits. Tickets, \$25, are available at www.pagosamovies.com.

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Early Explorers-Flower Garden. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers are invited to explore the world of flower gardens in a safe and age-appropriate environment. Make crafts, read some stories, move around, play in a sensory bin and more. Dress for a mess.

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

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

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Any type and experience level of needleworker is welcome.

Flute Music at Twilight Program. 6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program begins with a guided, short walk through a mesa village followed by live Native American flute music accompanied by a deepening night sky to reveal celestial bodies. 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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Pagosa Community Initiative welcomes new board members

By Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

The Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) is thrilled to announce the addition of four outstanding new members to the board of directors: Mary Sanders, Lars Schneider, Sandra Houston and Darryl Neier.

Their experience, commitment and community-minded leadership will be invaluable as PCI continues its mission to increase wellness and create a better quality of life for Archuleta residents.

PCI is Archuleta County's only family resource center, providing vital services including mental health support, emergency funding, adult education, a food and toiletry shelf, and free after-school programming and summer camps. Our work is rooted in helping families thrive through practical support, compassionate outreach, and programs that strengthen the whole community.

Neier brings extensive leadership, governance and investigative experience, along with a strong record of public service. He expressed a deep interest in community-driven solutions and a commitment to responsible leadership that supports families and creates lasting opportunity. His passion for PCI is rooted in the belief that strong, ethical board leadership can help a nonprofit grow its impact and serve the community more effectively.

Schneider is a local business owner with a clear passion for empowerment and opportunity. In his application, he

shared that he values PCI's creative outreach and wants to help develop financial education resources that give people tools for long-term stability. His entrepreneurial background and firsthand understanding of hardship will help strengthen PCI's efforts to support families working toward a better future.

Houston joins the board with a strong community spirit and a commitment to service. Her enthusiasm for PCI reflects a belief in the organization's role as a trusted local partner for families and children, especially through programs that offer stability, encouragement and connection. She is excited to help further PCI's mission and contribute to the positive momentum already underway.

Sanders brings both strong professional experience and a deep commitment to community service. Her background reflects years of work supporting local organizations and helping connect people with meaningful resources, along with experience in grant writing and non-profit development that strengthens PCI's ability to grow and sustain its mission. She is passionate about PCI because she believes in practical, community-based support that helps families build stability, confidence and opportunity, and she is eager to contribute her skills to an organization making a real difference in Archuleta County.

Carrie Blue-White, PCI's board chair, said she is honored to welcome these four new members and looks forward to the insight, energy and

dedication they will bring to PCI's board.

"Their diverse backgrounds and shared commitment to service will help us continue building a stronger, healthier community," she said.

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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 black-headed grosbeak.

It’s baby season for many of our songbirds. It’s time for young birds to leave the nest and learn to survive on their own. In the woods, in places near water and in our backyards, the begging cries of hungry birds can be heard. Interspersed with the hard-to-ignore, loud calls of magpies, jays, Lewis’s and flickers are the soft whining whistles of young black-headed grosbeaks waiting to be fed.

With his spring arrival from Mexico, the male black-headed grosbeak brings his long, sweet song that is a favorite of many who tune into the music of birdsong. Both males and females sing, even while on the nest. Female song is typically a simpler version of the male’s. It is believed that song between the parents functions to keep the family group together after young have fledged, and once the young are fully independent, song ceases.

Along with other colorful birds including tanagers, northern cardinals, pyrrhuloxia, blue grosbeaks, and indigo and lazuli buntings, black-headed grosbeaks are members of the cardinal bird family. Adult males have a black head, orange underparts and black wings with white patches. Females and immatures are brown and streaky above with orangish undersides and a striped head. Male birds do not achieve breeding plumage until 2 years of age and until then resemble females.

With their massive conical bills, these grosbeaks are able to crack seeds and crush hard-bodied insects and snails. They also eat wild and cultivated fruits and berries, and readily come to feeders for sunflower seeds. During winter in Mexico they are one of the few predators of Monarch butterflies, whose toxins in their milkweed diet make them poisonous to most birds.

Black-headed grosbeaks breed in habitats with a combination of large trees and a diverse understory and access to water. Their summer range includes western states, southwestern Canada and the parts of Mexico, where they are resident birds. Males and females share equally in the parental roles of incubation and feeding of young.

Among the perils that baby birds face is the presence of domestic cats, which in the U.S. kill an estimated 2.4 billion birds per year. Keeping cats indoors is better for them and better for wildlife.

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ACROSS

- 1 Out of juice
- 5 Babe Ruth was its "sultan"
- 9 False friends
- 14 Doing nothing
- 15 Read (over)
- 16 Makeshift money
- 17 Rx unit
- 18 Hertz rival
- 20 Spelunking sight
- 22 Slushy drink
- 23 Item on a to-do list
- 24 Mark who played Crowley in "Supernatural"
- 26 "If you ask me," in a text
- 28 Blood clotting aid
- 30 Cattle owners
- 32 Beach sights
- 36 Where a zoom gets you
- 37 Run, as a business
- 39 Golf legend Sam
- 40 ____ of mind
- 41 Serious warning
- 44 Electric unit
- 45 Early plastic
- 48 Waller or Domino
- 50 They can take a yoke
- 51 Layered ice cream
- 55 ESP user?
- 57 Dial follower
- 58 Louisiana wetland
- 59 Clothing line?
- 60 Containers for ashes
- 61 Street talk
- 62 Blows it
- 63 Wet septet

DOWN

- 1 Queso and hummus, et al.
- 2 Trim to fit, maybe

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- 3 Just like that

4 Mason's Street?

5 Small spots

6 "This ____ hurt a bit"

7 Monet and Manet

8 Sprout canines

9 Pill bottle letters

10 Daily reading, for some

11 Lucas's sis on "Stranger Things"

12 Stair separator

13 Dash display

19 It holds the line

21 Hades flower

25 Statue support

26 Part of the eye

27 "Death in Venice" author

29 "What ____ the odds?"

31 Former WNBA player Layshia

33 Micro retailer
- 34 Make an impression?

35 Appear

37 Mine yield

38 Puts on a show

40 Attorney, at times

42 Wine's partner

43 Captain's command
- 45 Fails miserably

46 Type of rotation

47 Nairobi's land

49 Welliver of "Bosch"

52 Juicy fruit

53 Tolstoy heroine

54 Sad ending?

56 Toupee

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Healthy Archuleta awarded 2026 AARP Community Challenge grant to enhance Vista Lake Community Garden

Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta is pleased to announce that it has been selected as a recipient of a 2026 AARP Community Challenge grant.

This year, only 750 organizations were selected from more than 5,100 applications submitted from all 50 states, Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The grant will support improvements to the Vista Lake Community Garden designed to increase accessibility, comfort and participation for older adults and residents of all ages.

Planned enhancements include upgrades that make the garden more age-friendly and welcoming, while creating opportunities for community members to engage in gardening, physical activity, social connection and lifelong learning.

In addition to the garden improvements, Healthy Archuleta will offer

a series of free community garden education classes during September.

These hands-on classes will provide residents with practical gardening skills, information about growing food in Archuleta County, and opportunities to connect with neighbors while supporting healthy lifestyles and local food production.

Healthy Archuleta appreciates AARP's investment in helping make Archuleta County a more livable community for residents of all ages. AARP is a national leader in supporting communities to become more livable. The project aligns with Healthy Archuleta's mission to strengthen community well-being through health, food and social connection initiatives.

More information about the Vista Lake Community Garden improvements and September gardening classes will be shared in the coming months.

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Danny Myrick and Megan Linville are two of the Nashville artists 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 we continue introducing the remarkable Nashville talent coming to Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories, we’re excited to spotlight the final two singer-songwriters and judges who will help make this fundraiser an unforgettable experience. Their careers span chart-topping country hits, award-winning songwriting, television and film placements, and decades of performing before audiences across the country. Together with Jeffrey Steele and Wendell Mobley, Danny Myrick and Megan Linville complete an extraordinary lineup of Nashville talent. From the stories behind the songs to unforgettable live performances, these accomplished artists will inspire audiences while offering invaluable encouragement and feedback to our hometown contestants. Let’s meet the final two Nashville stars and judges who will be joining us at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Aug. 24. Myrick is an American country music songwriter, producer and musician. He is widely recognized for writing massive hits for prominent

country music artists, generating millions of record sales over his decades-long career. Raised in Pascagoula, Miss., as a preacher’s kid, he began playing and singing in his family’s gospel band at a young age. He achieved his first No. 1 gospel song as a writer when he was only 17 years old. During the 1990s, Myrick moved to Nashville and was the lead vocalist, bassist and primary songwriter for the ‘90s country-rock vocal band Western Flyer, achieving multiple Top 40 country hits. When Myrick transitioned to mainstream country, he wrote/co-wrote several massive radio hits. Some of his most recognizable country chart-toppers include Jason Aldean’s “She’s Country,” which became the most-played country song of 2009, Tim McGraw’s “Truck Yeah,” Craig Morgan’s “International Harvester,” and LoCash’s “I Love This Life.” Due to his significant contributions, he was selected for induction into the Mississippi Songwriters Hall of Fame. Linville is an American country music singer and songwriter born

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By Brenda Hash
Precept Ministry

Precept Ministry will be holding a Bible study, "Knowing God's Covenant," for adults beginning in August.

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It will run on Thursdays from Aug. 27 to Nov. 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

in the Centerpoint Church library.

There is a \$25 workbook fee (financial aid is available).

The leaders will be Brenda and Richard Hash.

Contact us with any questions and to order your workbook by Aug. 6: brenda.hash@gmail.com or (970) 398-1251.

Seeds

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and raised in Nashville, Tenn. She comes from a strong musical lineage as the granddaughter of Jerry McBee, a prominent songwriter who wrote hits for legends like Roy Orbison, Charley Pride and Jerry Lee Lewis.

She recorded her very first album at the age of 19 with producer John Carter Cash, the Grammy-winning son of Johnny Cash. Linville was also recognized as a CMT Artist Discovery, with her single "This Old Town" reaching No. 3 on the CMT 12 Pack Countdown. She has built a diverse collection of contemporary country and southern soul music, consisting of tracks she has recorded as a solo artist, songs written for holiday films and tracks she has written for other rising country musicians.

Linville is now the new voice of Blue Bell Ice Cream, alongside Nashville Hall of Fame songwriter Aaron Barker. Her self-written recording of "Wrapped Up in Love" is the closing credits song for Hallmark Network's holiday favorite "Snow Bride," as well as "Hearts of Christmas."

With Myrick and Linville completing this exceptional lineup, Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories promises to be much more than a concert; it's an evening where world-class Nashville talent meets the heart and spirit of our local community.

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Through its Nominate a Hero campaign, Black Diamond Dental is recognizing service-minded community members who make a positive impact in Pagosa Springs and beyond.

Business Spotlight: Black Diamond Dental seeks to honor local heroes through community giveaway

By Allison Brown

As communities across the country prepare to celebrate the nation’s 250th anniversary, Black Diamond Dental of Pagosa Springs is recognizing the people who make a difference close to home.

The practice has extended its “Nominate a Hero” campaign, a community giveaway designed to honor service-minded individuals who have made meaningful contributions to Pagosa Springs or the country. The selected recipient will receive up to \$5,000 in dental care from Black Diamond Dental.

Owner Dr. Justin Nylund said the inspiration for the program comes from his family’s history of service. His father served as a MASH doctor during the Vietnam War, while one grandfather was a soldier in World War I and another worked as a dentist caring for German prisoners of war during World War II.

Residents are encouraged to nominate veterans, pastors, volunteers, civic leaders or other individuals who have helped strengthen the

community. Nominations should include the nominee’s name, a photograph and a written explanation describing how that person has improved life in Pagosa Springs or served the nation.

Nominations may be submitted by email to welcome@blackdiamonddds.com or delivered to the office at 2363 Eagle Drive. The winner will be announced Friday, July 31.

To celebrate the nominees, Black Diamond Dental will display the submitted stories throughout July and share them on its Facebook page.

The giveaway reflects Black Diamond Dental’s commitment to community involvement. The practice partners with local organizations, including Aspen House, Lutheran School and Pagosa Valor Academy, and continues to support residents beyond dental care.

“We are excited to be growing and meeting new members of the community,” Nylund said. “This is one way we can give back to the people who make Pagosa Springs such a special place.”

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100 years ago this month: historical events from July 1926

Special to The PREVIEW

The month of July has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in July 1926:

- Canadian Prime Minister Arthur Meighen's 2-day-old government is defeated in Parliament by one vote on July 1. Many of Meighen's fellow Conservatives voted against him.

- Mexican President Plutarco Elías Calles publishes the Calles Law on July 2. The law mandated that all church property become government property and that all worship be conducted inside churches under the supervision of local officials.

- Less than two weeks after an attempted coup d'état against the government of Prime Minister Miguel Primo de Rivera, King Alfonso XIII of Spain issues a royal decree on July 3. The decree grants Primo de Rivera an assortment of discretionary powers, including the right to banish and deport persons for the good of the country.

- Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg, Penn., opens on July 4. The amusement park is the largest in the United States to have no admission fee, as rides are paid for individually.

- Twenty-one Mexican prisoners escape from Blue Ridge State Prison Farm in Blue Ridge, Texas, on July

4. The prisoners escaped by sawing their way through the main building of the prison.

- On July 6, French Finance Minister Joseph Caillaux speaks before the Chamber of Deputies and asks for emergency powers to address the country's economic problems. The request is attacked in the chamber the following day.

- A bolt of lightning strikes the Lake Denmark Naval Ammunition Depot in New Jersey on July 10. A resulting fire causes several million pounds of explosives to blow up over the ensuing three days, killing 19 people and destroying 187 buildings.

- Golfer Bobby Jones wins the U.S. Open in Columbus, Ohio, by a single stroke on July 10. With the victory, Jones becomes the first golfer to win both the British Open and the U.S. Open in the same year.

- King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy takes a boy who had just been hit by a train into his car on July 13. The boy dies in the vehicle while the King's car is rushing him to the hospital.

- Linton Wells and Edward Steptoe Evans complete their flight around the world on July 14. The pilots accomplish the feat in 28 days, 14 hours and 37 minutes, breaking the record of 35 days set in 1913.

- French President Gaston Doumergue and Moroccan Sultan Yusef ben Hassan inaugurate the

Grand Mosque of Paris on July 16. The house of worship is the largest mosque in France.

- On July 18, U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Faustin E. Wirkus is crowned as "King Faustin II" while stationed on Haiti's Gonâve Island during the American occupation of the Caribbean nation.

- An editorial published in the Chicago Daily Tribune on July 18 accuses actor Rudolph Valentino of being responsible for the installation of a face-powder dispenser in a men's washroom. The anonymous writer implies that Valentino is responsible for the feminization of American men. Valentino challenges the writer to a boxing or wrestling match the following day in an essay published in the Chicago Herald-Examiner, but the anonymous author did not come forward.

- Eleven tourists on a sightseeing bus to Bear Mountain State Park in New York are killed on July 22 when the driver runs off a curve while driving downhill off the mountain. The bus rolls over three times before crashing into a building, and the driver is eventually charged with 11 counts of vehicular homicide.

- On July 26, Robert Todd Lincoln, the last surviving son of American President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln, passes away in Vermont at the age of 82.

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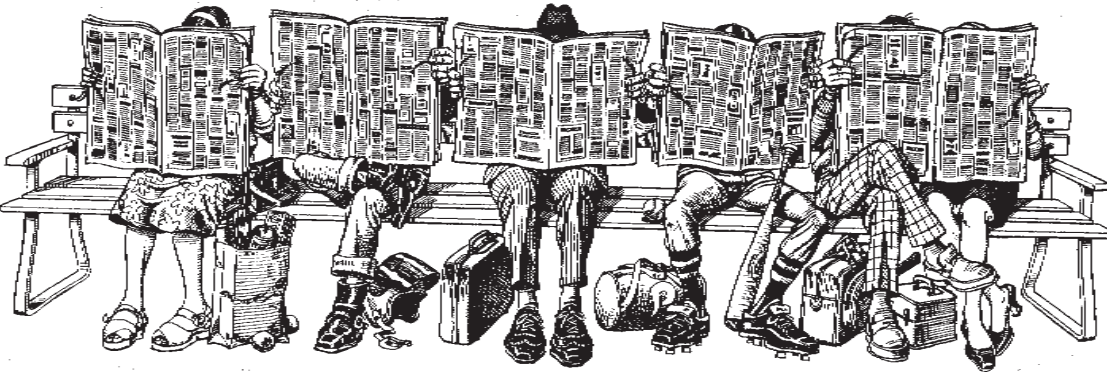
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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship announces July schedule

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Sunday services and programs at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship continue to enliven members and friends.

We look for ways to live our values in the world through open minds, loving hearts and helping hands. In a search for "open minds, loving hearts and helping hands," many references to it were found, and know that it is used in the religious exploration classes in many UU congregations. As we plan for future services that meet the moment, we will embrace being the community that gathers with "open minds, loving hearts and helping hands."

Our July schedule is shaping up to have a wide variety of subjects and engagement with fellow UUs in the Four Corners region.

• July 5: Sunday service, 10:30 a.m. — "Let's Meet the Moment."

The 2026 General Assembly of the UU Association began with a 30-minute ingathering service, inviting all participants into sacred community before the first general session. Through words, music and ritual, this shared worship time grounds us in the theme "Meet the Moment: Together Everywhere," and prepares our hearts and spirits for the work ahead. We will view this service as

part of our connection to the wider UU movement.

• July 12: 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship at the 4-Corner UU Retreat at Pine Song, near Lake Vallecito, Bayfield, hosted by the UU Fellowship of Durango — "Taking the Water with Us."

There will be no service at the Fellowship on July 12.

• July 19: Sunday service, 10:30 a.m. — Story Sunday, on the theme of acceptance.

Come for a wisdom story told by our resident storyteller, Libby Krause.

• July 26: Action Sunday.

Meeting the moment can mean so many things, and this week we will continue our action using the act of writing postcards, giving rise to our voices.

We invite all to join us most Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. You can find us at the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. Unit B-15, on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. We also offer Zoom services the first and third Sundays of the month. Find our current newsletter at PagosaUU.org for the link to join on Zoom and further information.

Along with the Fellowship's programming, we host a variety of community endeavors to build community and spiritual growth.

The Tara Meditation Group and Dharma Practice is held Sundays

from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Qi Gong Practice takes place Mondays at 1 p.m.

The Wise and Wakeful Circle meets the second and fourth Saturdays at 10 a.m.



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SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

On July 5 at 10 a.m., the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center will hold a spiritual freedom celebration at Xanadu ranch.

Contact (970) 510-0309 for more information.

Upcoming events

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

• 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.

• July 12, 10 a.m.: "Communing with Flowers & Angelic helpers." A \$10 love donation will be collected.

• July 14, 6 p.m.: Inspirational guest speaker Forrest Rivers. There will be a reception at 6:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by contacting (970) 510-0309.

The center also offers educational classes and workshops.

About us

The SpiritFire Inspirational Liv-

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

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

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

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

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Welcome back to the library

By Barbara Brattin
PREVIEW Columnist

What a joy to see so many happy faces walking through our new entrance this past week. We are so happy you love the new wing of the library, and I know you are excited to see the entire new library come to life this September.

Remember, our grand opening of the finished library is Sept. 12.

While we're waiting, there's so much to do at the library all summer.

Our "Read Wild!" Summer Reading Program continues through August, which means you have a lot more time to go on adventures with us and win prizes. The program is for all ages, so be sure to sign up at our website, pagosalibrary.org/summer, and start logging all your reading stats. We're heading to the Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park on July 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. to check out all the animals that live in the wild lands outside Pagosa Springs and learn from the guides at the park what they eat, how they live and maybe even get close enough to help feed them. There's still time to register online to score a free ticket. Don't be left behind.

Teens and adults will enjoy our card crafting program at 1:30 p.m. on July 1. We'll try out our skills to make some pretty greeting cards from things we have laying around at home. Do you have an idea about a craft program we can host? Reach out to Judy at judy@pagosalibrary.org.

So, come on in and grab some new books, stay and play a while, and enjoy the summer with us.

Welcome back.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten prepares your little one for success

Want to give your little one this best possible start to a successful life?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early childhood initiative that helps inspire a love for reading and literature while also helping our youngest readers get exposure to print and phonetics and earn prizes along the way.

The goal is not to read 1,000 different books before kindergarten, but to simply read 1,000 times before they begin their journey to expand their knowledge. If your little one has a favorite book that they want you to reread to them immediately after finishing it the first time, then that counts as another book read.

Every 100 books is a milestone where our young patrons can receive a small prize or an experience at the library. At the end of their journey, they will receive a grand prize as well as an invite to a celebration at the library with all of those who have finished their 1,000 books before kindergarten.

Sign-up is free and easy. Enroll today by visiting the library.

Group meeting room

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available

While we're waiting for the full library to be completed, we have carved out a meeting room space for small groups of six to eight people to use by reservation. Give us a call at (970) 264-2209 to reserve your spot today.

Adopt-a-Tree Program

We have a few trees left to name in our outdoor community garden. Why not dedicate a tree to someone you love in exchange for a \$500 donation? Individuals, families, clubs, businesses and organizations are welcome to participate.

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

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

Colorado Parks Passes for checkout

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

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Meet us out in the community

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

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

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New in large print

• "Playing a Lone Hand," by John Nesbitt, is a collection of six Western fiction stories. In "White City," a stranger comes to a tent city looking for a kidnapped girl. In "Buckskin Trail," a cowhand helps a widow find her late husband's killer. In "Blood at the Ranch," a young man confronts trouble when his father brings a stepmother and stepbrother to the ranch. In "Pearl of Great Price," a detective looks for a girl who has been kidnapped. In "Of Emerald Hue," the same detective looks for a teenage girl who may have been kidnapped. In "Leaving the Lariat Trail," a man has to defend himself against former associates when he decides he doesn't want to be part of their crooked enterprise anymore.

• "Parks and Rec: The Underdog TV Show That Literally Inspired a Vision for a Better America." More than 15 years after "Parks and Recreation" premiered, it has become a streaming and pop culture staple. How did it happen, and how did the show transform from a ratings disappointment into a cult classic? Pop culture historian Jennifer Keishin Armstrong reveals all this and more through new and exclusive interviews, as well as deep insight and entertaining pop culture analysis. Lovingly told and deeply researched, "Parks and Rec" is the ultimate history of the show that taught us what's important in life: friends, waffles and work.

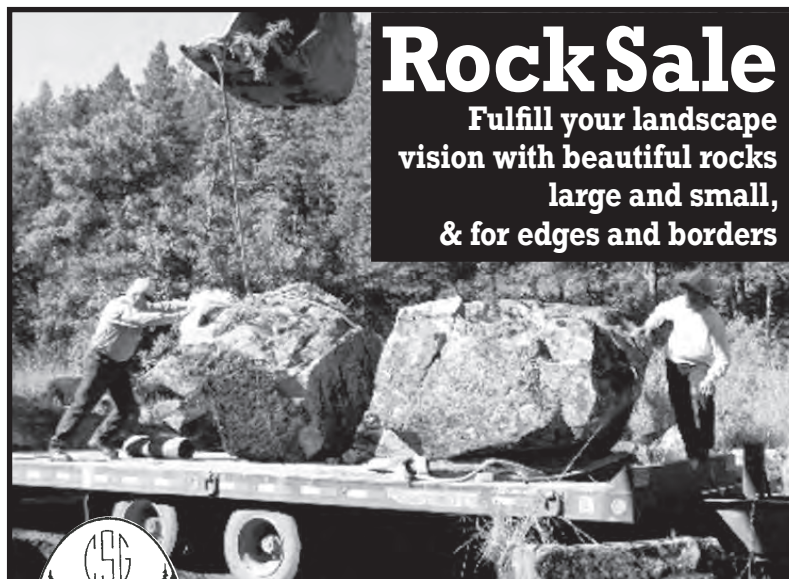
• Louise Penny is back with "The Last Mandarin," a novel featuring Vivien, a Chinese dissident, now human rights advocate, summoned to the White House to decode Chinese intentions during a security crisis.

• "A Dark and Deadly Journey," from novelist Julia Kelly, features protagonist secret agent Evelyne Redfern on a mission to recover a

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Can a pet be a good companion for seniors?

By Ricardo Martinez
PREVIEW Columnist

For many older adults, a pet can be much more than an animal. It can be a loyal companion, a source of comfort and a reason to stay active.

Dogs, cats, birds and other pets provide companionship that can help reduce feelings of loneliness and social isolation.

Studies have shown that spending time with pets can lower stress, improve mood and even help reduce blood pressure. A daily walk with a dog or simply caring for a pet can create a routine that gives purpose and structure to the day. For seniors alone, a pet's unconditional affection can be especially meaningful.

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However, owning a pet is also a responsibility that requires careful consideration.

Seniors should think about their physical abilities, living arrangements, financial resources and the type of pet that best fits their lifestyle. While a large, energetic dog may not be suitable for everyone, a smaller dog, cat, or even a fish or bird may provide companionship with fewer

demands.

At Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI), we encourage older adults to stay connected and engaged in ways that bring joy and purpose to their lives. For many seniors, a pet can be a wonderful companion that offers friendship, comfort and countless reasons to smile.

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

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New fiction

- Bestselling author Elizabeth Berg returns with "Life: A Love Story," a letter from a 92-year-old to her childhood friend describing the items she is leaving in her will.

- "Bloom," by Robbie Couch, is described as "a delightful and heart-warming novel about family, love,

grief, and one precocious houseplant, that reminds us of the beauty of living a life in full Bloom."

- "When the Wolves are Silent" from author C.S. Harris takes us to 1816 London, where a brutal string of ritualistic murders are terrorizing the city already shaken by political and economic turmoil.

New in nonfiction

- In "Choose Your Age: Unlocking the Cellular Science of Longevity,"

French medical expert Jean-Marc Lemaitre reveals the factors influencing your biological clock.

- "What Can I Bring?" from Taste of Home magazine provides 360+ recipes for parties, picnics and potlucks.

- "Continental Reckoning: The American West in the Age of Exploration" from historian Elliott West is a Pulitzer Prize finalist and the winner of 2024 Bancroft Prize in American History.

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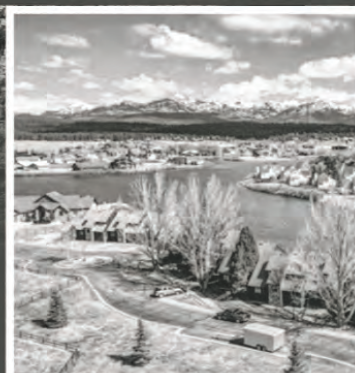


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Senior Conversations

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. Salmansohn brings to the conversations a variety of topics designed to stimulate discussions within a safe and comfortable environment as we explore our well-being and shared experiences.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with others in the Archuleta community, fostering sharing and friendships.

Snacks will be provided. Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, stay for a get-together created for those who wish to continue the conversation. This opportunity is typically from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., following Senior Conversations. The group occasionally reconvenes as an 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.

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 July 2 and 9.

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

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

No RSVP is required; just show up.

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

Scrapbooking and crafters club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking and Crafters Club continues to hold

monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., within the dining hall in the Senior Center.

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

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

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

Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join local elders, their friends, family and community at the Community Cafe, also known as the Silver Fox’s Den, in person for delicious meals Mondays through Fridays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Grab ‘N’ Go pickup via our convenient portico is also available all week.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 8:45 a.m. weekdays. Please say whether it is dine-in or Grab ‘N’ Go.

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

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

Monday, July 6 — Herb roasted chicken, couscous, asparagus hollandaise, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, July 7 — Beef lasagna, garlic toast, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, July 8 — Chicken and broccoli cheddar soup, focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, July 9 — BBQ pulled pork sandwich, tater tots, coleslaw, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday, July 10 — Cod piccata, green beans, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Meals on Wheels

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

Text reservations

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

Mountain Express Transit senior paratransit services

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

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

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

Medicare assistance by appointment

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

Board vacancies

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

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

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

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

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

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Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc.

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Colorado State Fair competitions open for 2026

Colorado Department of Agriculture

Artists, artisans and crafters from across the Centennial State are invited to compete for “Best in Show” at the 2026 Colorado State Fair.

The Colorado State Fair’s General Entry and Fine Arts competitions feature a wide range of categories, for both amateurs and professionals, such as art, crafts, baking, canning, crocheting, dolls, agricultural mechanics, floriculture, needle arts, pantry, porcelain art, quilts, sewing, and farm and garden.

In addition, the fair offers special contests that invite broader participation and creativity, including poetry, coloring for all ages and the always-popular Pet Rock competition.

“Not only do these entries represent thousands of passions and hobbies, they also provide a way to remain connected to the heritage and legacy of the Colorado State Fair,” said Andrea Wiesenmeyer, state fair general manager. “Each year, thousands of entries are submitted, creating strong competition and showcasing the best of Colorado.”

This year, for the first time, the state fair will host a live-judged tablescaping competition on Sept. 4 featuring two-person teams competing under one of two themes: “Setting Colorado’s Table: 150 Years of Agricultural Legacy” or the 2026 fair theme, “Fairitage” (Your Fair. Your Heritage. Celebrate Your Fairitage).

“The Colorado State Fair has a long tradition of showcasing creativity, tradition and community, and this new tablescaping competition brings all of those elements together in a fresh, visual way,” Wiesenmeyer said. “This is a unique new contest that we’re very excited about.”

To recognize the talent among the fine arts submissions, the fair will officially kick off with a Fine Arts artists’ reception on Aug. 27. The reception, which is open to the public, offers an opportunity to meet artists and celebrate work across a variety of mediums from around the state.

Each year, the fair also hosts a hobby wine, craft beer and homebrew competition. Those winners have just been announced at ColoradoStateFair.com.

Competitions are now open, with most entry deadlines set for July 22. Visit coloradostatefair.com/competitions for specific contest details.

About the fair

The Colorado State Fair is an annual event held in Pueblo, Colo., that creates an entertaining, inspiring and educational intergenerational experience highlighting the preservation, promotion and exposition of our state’s vibrant and diverse agriculture, industry and culture.

This year’s Colorado State Fair will be a special celebration marking the 150th anniversary of Colorado’s

statehood, as well as the 250th anniversary of the United States signing the Declaration of Independence.

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celebration moment is an opportunity to reflect on our shared history, celebrate our communities, and shape the future together.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture has been planning unique ways to mark these important anniversaries under the theme “Setting

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Exercise caution with Alzheimer's and extreme heat

By Jim Herlihy

Alzheimer's Association of Colorado

As temperatures rise, extreme heat can have a significant impact on everyone's safety, but these conditions can be especially stressful and confusing for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

"Alzheimer's disease causes a number of changes in the brain and body that may affect the individual's safety, including changes in sensitivity to temperatures," said Valerie Lombardi, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado.

According to a study by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), people living with Alzheimer's were 6 percent more likely to die on an extremely hot day, with an added 6 percent increased risk for individuals with previous hospital admissions for atrial fibrillation.

There are more than 7.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, including 91,000 Coloradans. Planning ahead for weather changes, including extreme heat, can prevent injuries and help a person feel more relaxed and less overwhelmed.

"People living with Alzheimer's and other dementias can be more vulnerable than normal during extreme weather because their judgment may be impaired and they may be unable to communicate their discomfort," said Lombardi. "It's important to take extra precautions with these individuals during periods of extreme heat or other severe weather conditions."

The Alzheimer's Association is offering important safety tips for caregivers and families dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias to prepare for the hot days ahead:

- Make a plan. Family and friends should prepare accordingly and make plans to regularly check in on a person living with Alzheimer's during periods of extreme heat. Arrange alternative plans for cooler spaces if air conditioning is unavailable, and dress in loose-fitting, light clothing.

- Pay attention at night. Keep people living with Alzheimer's cool by using fans and keep the air conditioning on. At night, low temperatures can still exceed 75 degrees with little fluctuation in humidity levels, making for difficult sleeping conditions, heightened anxiety and increased agitation.

- Prepare for behavioral changes. Research shows that heat can increase agitation and confusion in people. Try to remove behavioral triggers by addressing the person's physical needs related to the heat, then tending to their emotional needs.

- Stay hydrated. Increased water intake is essential to maintaining good hydration and health during extreme heat. Know the signs of heat exhaustion to avoid heat stroke. Dehydration may be difficult to notice in a person living with Alzheimer's, as signs like increased fatigue, dry mouth and headache may be difficult to detect. People taking diuretics, sedatives or certain heart medications may not sweat as much as others, but this does not mean they are not hot.

- Stay indoors out of the sun. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion may occur in extreme heat conditions, but symptoms may be difficult to detect in people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Keep individuals cool by using air conditioning at home or move to a public place, such as a senior center or shopping mall. If you must go outside, dress appropri-

ately with loose-fitting, light clothing, wear a hat and apply sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

- Stay informed. Keep an eye on local weather forecasts. High temperatures are not the only cause for concern. Humidity and air pollution can cause breathing difficulties. The person should be monitored regularly, and seek medical attention if symptoms arise of dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

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*Declaration of Independence,
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