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Fourth of July celebration



Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs celebrate the Fourth of July and the Sesquicentennial (America's 250th anniversary and Colorado's 150th) on July 4. The festivities included traditional and new community events.

SUN photos/Randi Pierce and Clayton Chaney

Town, county enact increased fire restrictions

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At 6 p.m. on Monday, July 6, Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs implemented Stage 2 fire restrictions, putting the jurisdictions into the same fire restriction level as area federal land and other regional jurisdictions.

The San Juan National Forest moved into forest-wide Stage 2 restrictions effective July 1, with the Bureau of Land Management Southwest District moving into Stage 2 restrictions effective July 2.

The county declared the move is due to rapidly deteriorating fuel moisture levels, extended exceptional

■ See Restrictions A6

BoCC approves \$2,500 for Meals on Wheels program

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, July 7, the board voted 2-1 to approve funding of \$2,500 for Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) for the Meals on Wheels program.

Commissioners Warren Brown and Veronica Medina voted in favor of Brown's motion to approve the \$2,500 in funding, while Commis-

sioner John Ranson voted against the motion after his motion for \$10,000 in funding for the program died for the lack of a second.

The funding request was presented during the meeting by Kim Rochester, ASI rural outreach coordinator, who explained that this program was piloted in February as a 12-week program serving 10 seniors in the Aspen Springs subdivisions.

She explained that the program does not operate on any state or

■ See Meals A8

PAWSD issues drought restrictions clarification, San Juan River data undergoing calibration

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

On July 6, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) District Engineer Justin Ramsey issued a clarification to the district's stage two drought restrictions, indicating that outdoor irrigation is allowed between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

In his clarification, he explains that the district's drought management plan had sections that indicated that irrigation was restricted to between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. and sections

that indicated the limitation was between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

He adds that the district has now settled on the latter interpretation, which is different from some previous sources of information about the drought restrictions.

The other restrictions for drought stage two remain the same. Irrigation is allowed every other day at the designated times on weekdays, with odd-numbered addresses watering on odd-numbered days and even-numbered addresses watering

■ See Drought A8

Commissioners approve increases to county fee schedule

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, July 7, the board approved Resolution 2026-53 by a split vote of 2-1, amending fees for county services.

Commissioners Warren Brown and John Ranson voted in favor of approving the resolution, with Commissioner Veronica Medina opposing.

The matter was discussed earlier that day during a work session held by the BoCC, with Sheriff Mike Le Roux presenting two new fees under

the sheriff's office, and Public Works Director Mike Torres and Road and Bridge Manager Eric McRae presenting a list of increased fees at the county's landfill and transfer stations.

Solid Waste fees

Torres explained fees proposed for the landfill and transfer stations.

Landfill fees

Torres explained that the county has not increased its landfill fee schedule since late 2022 or early 2023.

He then provided total revenue figures for years 2022 through

■ See Fees A11

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OUR VIEW

History repeats itself

While searching old issues of The SUN recently, we found an editorial that serves as a perfect example that history often repeats itself, and the issues we face are often cyclical.

Following is an editorial that ran in The SUN in 1967:

"Mail service into Pagosa Springs from the east has deteriorated so badly in recent months that it is almost a joke. If it was not for the fact that such poor service creates a hardship, the service would be laughable.

"In the years in the past mail service was generally very good to Pagosa Springs and excellent much of the time. Since that time postage rates have gone up, the inconvenience of zip coding with no improvement of service has been added, and in return for this we have worse service.

"The schedules and routes are not set up by the local postal employees. Maybe they should be because it is evident that whoever sets them up has no conception of distances, terrain, or good service.

"It is possible something can be done to improve this service. Persons having com-

plaints about it, or those who have unreasonable delays in mail, should send a letter to our Congressman, or the Town Board, County Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, or to the postmaster. Such tactics may not do much good with a government bureau but it will serve warning that we are not unaware of the slip shod manner in which mail reaches Pagosa Springs."

Much of what was penned in 1967 feels very applicable today — rates continue to go up, routes continue to be changed and make seemingly little sense, and it feels like service continues to deteriorate.

We at The SUN continue to pay more and more to send The SUN to subscribers, and continue to have more and more problems, with subscribers not receiving what we've mailed to them.

Adding to all of it is the fact that our local, hardworking postal employees could almost certainly use much more help to meet the area's needs.

We're not sure how the financial stability of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) in 1967 compares to the issues it is facing now, but the history page on the USPS website does

acknowledge the cost savings of cluster boxes, introduced in 1967, and other types of mail receptacles: "As of March 1, 1923, mail slots or receptacles were required for delivery service. By the 1930s, as a convenience to customers living on the outskirts of cities, city letter carriers began delivering to customers with 'suitable boxes at the curb line.' Increasing suburbanization in the ensuing decades brought an increase in the use of curbside boxes, which carriers serve from motor vehicles. In recent decades, the use of cluster boxes, introduced in 1967, has been increasingly encouraged as they are cheaper to service. In the early 1990s it was estimated that, compared to door-to-door delivery, curbside boxes were about 30 percent cheaper, while cluster boxes were about 40 percent cheaper."

While we're not sure reaching out to local public bodies will help make much headway (though we know at least one local elected official has spoken with the nation's postmaster general), we urge residents to continue filing complaints with the USPS and our congressional representatives.

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the June 26, 1969, Pagosa SUN — CORN GRINDER??? — A Forest Service archeologist examines one of the artifacts of pre-historic man in the Chimney Rock area. Archeologists generally agree that the purpose of the hole was for grinding corn.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 9, 1926

Pagosa Springs was a busy and exciting place for three days during the Fourth of July celebration which began Saturday noon and the festivities did not cease until the close of the dances on Monday evening.

The attendance was one of the largest ever assembled in this city, and local people were hard put to accommodate them in the way of room and feeding, but we did not learn of any real inconvenience in that respect, the visitors graciously realizing the situation.

About two hundred Indians, mostly Utes, but with a scattering of Apache, Pueblo and Navajo added color and interest to the celebration. Their presence was a decided hit to the hordes of visitors and the Indian dances on the streets in the evening were the delight of both young and old.

One of the pleasing features of the three-day affair was the street parade on Monday morning, which was sponsored by the Woman's Civic Club of this city. Three strangers were chosen and judges awarded first prize for the best entry to little Eva Jean Olson in her miniature Packard coupe.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 6, 1951

The past week has seen several forest fires in the county, with the largest being on Indian lands. This blaze started last Saturday and has burned over more than 4000 acres since that time. Most of this land has been on the Apache and Ute Indian lands in New Mexico. The fire spread across the state line into this county the fore part of the week and destroyed several hundred acres here. As we go to press it is reported under control.

Sheriff Norman Ottoway reported three fires this past week on private and state lands. Two of these fires are in the Cumbres area and the third was on Archuleta Mountain.

It has been many years since the woods and the hills were so dry at this time of the year. The fire hazards are great and fires under such dry conditions spread with amazing rapidity. Forest and local officials warn all those in this area to exercise the utmost caution and urge that all fires be reported promptly. More than half of the fires this year have been man caused and the damage is mounting rapidly.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 8, 1976

The 28th Red Ryder Roundup was a successful affair from almost every standpoint. Crowds were large, the weather was nice, there were no serious accidents, and performances were smooth and exciting.

Morning parades were very good and the entries were outstanding. The crowd jamming the parade route on July 4 was one of the largest ever. This was also true of the attendance at the rodeo on July 4.

The crowd was estimated at more than 3000 and this was either the largest crowd, or second largest crowd in the history of the Red Ryder Roundup. The second day crowd was estimated at just over one half of the July 4 crowd. Spectators and contestants starting arriving on Friday and the town was crowded on Saturday before the rodeo.

Local merchants, service stations, cafes, and motels report a near record business on the 4th.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 5, 2001

Reconstruction of the Stevens Field taxiway started Monday, following a county commissioner split-vote approving the project.

The vote was taken last Thursday during a special meeting of the board of county commissioners. Included in the motion to begin the work was a provision that \$200,000 be taken from unbudgeted and unappropriated surplus funds in the county general fund. Voting in favor of starting the work and appropriating the money were commissioners Gene Crabtree and Alden Ecker. Opposed was Commissioner Bill Downey.

Crabtree and Ecker cited county liability as the controlling reason for their start-the-work vote. The county owns the airport and leases land for hangars along the taxiway. The hangars are built by private owners. Crabtree and Ecker argued that, as landlord, the county is obligated to provide the hangar owners safe access.

Downey reported three reasons for opposing the action.

"I think we should have the money first," Downey said. "I also hoped the hangar owners would agree to share some of the cost. Finally, I see this as an action to benefit a few at a cost to many. The money could likely be better spent for other needs, maybe roads."

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Nests

Dear Editor:

I have always marveled at how meticulously birds build their nests in anticipation of starting their families. Once built, then tend devotedly to feeding their young until they are old enough to leave the nest that has kept them secure until they are old enough to go out on their own.

Our planet is the nest for all of humanity and in my view we have treated it with scorn.

Many see the earth's resources as simple commodities ripe for exploitation and profit. We say we love our children, we demand that humans respect life, but what we say and what we do are drastically opposed.

Trees, minerals, and all the wild-life of the earth have been diminished to the point of extinction and no one cares. Preservation of the planet and its resources has taken a back seat in our rush for technological advancement and personal enrichment. How does that mesh with our so-called love for our children? What is left for them to ensure their survival into the future? Fossil fuels, no problem. AI Data Centers, full steam ahead. The pesticidal death of pollinators, human interests must prevail.

Our leadership hardly gives the future a thought except to promote profit today. Wealthy individuals spend lavishly in a race to discover the next livable planet. Do they think they can find a nirvana in space in which to sequester themselves and let the rest of the earthlings be damned? Does this suggest they truly love their children or anyone's?

Considering the catastrophes occurring daily in all regions of the planet, the extraordinary heat we are experiencing, can we afford to do without trees, livable land, and the vital existence of the lifeforms we are so dependent on? Failing to act is failing to ensure the planet's future and absolutely the future of humanity.

Are birds wiser than us?

Evelyn Ausen

Lawns

Dear Editor:

8 Billion Gallons of Water Dumped in the U.S. Daily

Not on food, not for watering animals we use as food, not for bathing, washing or drinking. But on our lawns.

It's hard to believe, but every single day in the United States, we waste approximately 8 billion gallons of fresh, clean, potable drinking water irrigating lawns.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Drought Monitor reports that 47% of the country is currently experiencing drought conditions. Yet, many insist on maintaining lush, green lawns—whether it's a sprawling golf course or a suburban yard—regardless of the water crisis.

When you consider that only about 0.3% of all freshwater on Earth is easily accessible—meaning rivers, lakes, and shallow groundwater—this wastefulness becomes even more alarming. That tiny fraction equates to roughly 0.0075% of all water on the planet. So why are we pouring so much of it onto grass, or even worse, onto sidewalks, roads and driveways?

The idea of lawns originated in 17th and 18th century Europe, where manicured grassy expanses symbolized wealth, leisure, and mastery over nature.

Aristocrats maintained vast lawns as a display of power and refinement, requiring significant labor and resources.

This ideal crossed the Atlantic with European settlers but didn't become widespread in America until the late 1800s and early 1900s. The rise of suburban living, affordable lawn mowers, and a cultural emphasis on order and respectability made lawns a symbol of the American Dream.

Lawn Issues:

Water Consumption: Lawns account for 30-60% of residential water use in many U.S. cities, an enormous strain on water resources, especially in drought-prone regions, like here in Colorado.

Chemical Use: Fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides used to maintain lawns pollute waterways, harming aquatic life. These chemicals also negatively affect beneficial insects, including pollinators essential for

agriculture.

Loss of Biodiversity: Lawns are monocultures—vast expanses of a single grass species—that provide little to no habitat or food for wildlife. Literally starving pollinators, birds and beneficial insects.

Soil Health: Frequent mowing and chemical treatments compact soil and degrade its natural fertility, reducing its ability to absorb water and support plant life.

Carbon Footprint: Gas-powered lawn equipment and the production of lawn chemicals contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions.

Urban Heat Islands: Lawns contribute less to cooling urban environments compared to trees and diverse vegetation, exacerbating heat issues in cities.

Runoff Pollution: Chemicals and fertilizers wash off lawns into streams and lakes, causing algal blooms and dead zones harmful to aquatic ecosystems.

It's time to rethink our landscapes. Instead of thirsty, high-maintenance grass, consider:

Xeriscaping: Using drought-tolerant native plants that thrive with minimal water.

Wildflower Meadows: Providing vibrant, pollinator-friendly habitats.

No-Mow Lawns: Incorporating clover and native grasses that require less maintenance.

Trees and Shrubs: Offering shade, cooling, and habitat for wildlife.

Our water resources are precious and limited. Maintaining traditional lawns at the expense of water scarcity, environmental health, and biodiversity is simply unsustainable. Let's embrace smarter, more responsible landscaping choices that conserve water, protect wildlife, and support healthier communities.

Christa Chagra

'Opinion'

Dear Editor:

On June 18th, the DOJ rendered a legal "opinion," reportedly originating from the office of that paragon of compassion, Stephen Miller, regarding people with disabilities.

The "opinion" holds that states may disregard decades of Supreme Court precedent mandating the integration of individuals with disabilities into home or community settings. Instead, the "opinion" authorizes states to institutionalize people with disabilities rather than fund community care.

I suppose Mr. Miller has in mind places like the Dilley Detention Center in Texas, where medical care is denied, food contains mold and worms, and lights are on 24/7. After all, it works for getting immigrant kids off the streets. Right?

Just think. There could be a Dilley-style Institution coming to our community to take care of an uncle crippled by diabetes, a son who lost his legs in the Middle East, a grandma too feeble to stay at home.

Reminds me of when a former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff reported that, during his first administration, President Trump didn't want disabled veterans to attend official functions because "no one wants to see that."

If the DOJ "opinion" is part of the

administration's effort to sweep whatever might be disturbing under the carpet, I have a follow-up question. If Miller also succeeds in deporting the 100,000+ Haitians serving the disabled in nursing homes across the US, who will care for his institutionalized victims? Or is this consideration merely another yawn?

None of this is covered in the DOJ "opinion," but they're welcome to mine: May God forgive us.

Kathy Muth

250/150 celebration

Dear Editor:

I attended the 250/150 Celebration at Yamaguchi Park with my family. I want to give Shawna Snarr the recognition she deserves. Thank you to her and her event staff...job well done!

This was by far a very well thought out event. Many hours and hard work to create a memorable community event for all to enjoy.. To all the participants, vendors and bands thank you. To the County of Archuleta thank you for the parade and support for all, to make it happen.

It was the perfect celebration with something for everyone. From the food, the individual booths especially the History Tent, thank you Denise and Eric Fisk and Dave and Beverly Cuyler, it was very well received. The kids area, with all the bouncy houses was a hoot for my grandchildren to enjoy and enjoy it they did.

This is the American creativity that has moved this country along for 250 years and it made my heart happy to see it in action in our small community.

I want to give thanks to God Almighty for the opportunity to live in the greatest country on earth!!!

Penny Westser

Reflections on 250

Dear Editor:

As our nation marks its 250th anniversary, I celebrate with gratitude, humility, and love for America. I have never stopped being grateful to be an American citizen. I served this country proudly, and despite its imperfections—as with every nation—I remain convinced that there is no better place on earth.

Yet loving one's country also means caring enough to worry when it seems to be losing its way.

■ See Letters A4



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Crews work to complete curb and gutter on the 200 block of U.S. 160.

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of July 13-19

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- Lewis Street: The intersection closure at Lewis Street and U.S. 160 remains in place. Please utilize 4th, 7th and 8th streets as an alternative to access businesses along Lewis Street. The team has completed the utility work at the Lewis Street intersection. Work this week will be excavating in preparation for concrete paving.
- Pedestrian safety: Pedestrian crosswalks are open at 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th streets as an alternative to access businesses along Lewis Street or anywhere on the 400 block. Our team continues to see pedestrians not practicing good safety measures, jumping barricades and crossing U.S. 160. Our work zone is extremely active in several locations, and we want to keep everyone safe.

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Water conservancy discusses 2026-2027 strategic objectives

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 15 meeting, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors discussed 2026 and 2027 strategic objectives for the board.

SJWCD board president Randy Cooper opened the discussion by summarizing the board’s 2024-2025 objectives, including redefining the financial partnership for the Running Iron Ranch, making the case for the reservoir at the ranch by defining feasibility and demand, and engaging with the community and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) on projects that advance community interests, like conducting a community water demand study.

In December 2024, PAWSD initiated litigation with the SJWCD over its ability to sell the ranch, which the two districts jointly own, without the consent of the SJWCD.

The districts are currently in the process of negotiating a settlement to this lawsuit.

Cooper commented that the district needs to have a “singular focus” on finalizing a water demand study and, if that study shows a need for more water in the future, the district needs to focus on working with entities that will help the SJWCD raise money to construct the reservoir at Running Iron Ranch.

“We can’t just keep goin’ on talking about we wanna do a reservoir,” he said. “We actually have to figure out what is the strategy for moving forward to raise the money to build this reservoir.”

He added that, although the district would also have to consider details of who would work on what ob-

jectives and other similar concerns, he wanted to focus on the high-level strategic priorities that would help move the district toward building a reservoir.

SJWCD board member Joe Tedder commented that educating the community about the reservoir would still be critical and would be made easier by having a finalized water supply

“We can’t just keep goin’ on talking about we wanna do a reservoir. We actually have to figure out what is the strategy for moving forward to raise the money to build this reservoir.”

Randy Cooper
SJWCD board president

and demand study.

He added that selling the reservoir to the community or financial partners is difficult without this study and questioned if the other objectives should be put on hiatus until the study is completed.

Cooper commented that this would likely be true since the study would require the participation of all the board members and the district’s community partners.

SJWCD board member Candace Jones commented that, from this discussion, it appeared the board had one strategic objective of advancing

the reservoir project and several tactical goals to help achieve it.

Jones stated that the tactical actions should include engaging with projects like Archuleta County’s comprehensive planning project, which must cover water issues.

“My point is there are these things happening that are natural venues for us to be present and talk about water even while the demand study is going and even to the point of saying this is why we need a demand study,” Jones said.

SJWCD board member Charles Riehm commented that the board also needs to include finding a way to sustain payments on the loans with the Colorado Water Conservation Board that funded the purchase of the Running Iron Ranch, which are currently held by PAWSD, as a strategic objective and point of focus.

Riehm added that, while this issue would not be his No. 1 priority, it would be a “close second” to its goal to advance reservoir planning and construction.

Cooper commented that he is “not comfortable” with “fluffy, feel-good” community outreach and wants to focus on engaging with formal planning efforts and other venues.

Jones added that the Wildfire Ready Action Plan (WRAP) that the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership is working on developing will also be a relevant venue for water planning in addition to the county plan and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) being developed by the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwestern Colorado.

Cooper summarized the proposed strategic objectives, including completing the water demand study,

implementing the settlement with PAWSD and conducting community outreach with the three ongoing planning efforts in the community.

He asked if the board was comfortable with these objectives, which several board members confirmed.

Cooper commented that the board needs to assign specific members to each strategic objective to ensure ongoing progress.

Tedder stated that he would continue to represent the SJWCD on the WRAP project, while Jones indicated that she would work on representing the SJWCD in the county comprehensive planning and the CEDS processes in addition to continuing to participate in implementing the settlement with PAWSD.

Cooper stated that he would also continue participating in the settlement implementation process as well as working on the water demand study.

SJWCD board member Rodney Proffitt indicated that he is interested in participating in the water demand study work in addition to working on the planning efforts.

Riehm indicated that he and board member John Kappelman are working on managing the Running Iron Ranch and that he would be willing to additionally help with representing the SJWCD in the ongoing planning efforts.

Tedder commented that the board likely will need to be more proactive in terms of presenting ideas in the comprehensive planning efforts in addition to listening at the meetings.

Cooper concluded the discussion by indicating that he would work on writing up the objectives and distributing them to the board for further review.

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Joyce Marie Hertaus

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Joyce Marie Hertaus made her grand exit on the Fourth of July, because of course she did.

True to our mom’s fun, sparkly personality, she chose to begin her next adventure while fireworks lit up the sky. We are quite certain she assumed they were all in her honor. While everyone else thought they were watching an Independence Day celebration, we know it was simply Mom getting the party started on the other side.

Born on May 24, 1927, Joyce packed more living into 99 years than most people could fit into two lifetimes. She was blessed with remarkable health, endless energy and an unwavering optimism that never seemed to fade. She believed life was meant to be celebrated — and she celebrated it every single day.

She is survived by her three children, Jeff (Anne) Mark, Brian (Sue) Mark, and Lauri (Mike) Heraty.

To her grandchildren — Andy,



Leah, Danny, David, Michael, Marissa and Gabriel — she was the ringleader of adventures, the queen of sleepovers, swimming days, skating outings, movies, games, laughter and just about anything that sounded like fun. There was never a dull moment when Grandma was around, and, somehow, she always managed to make ordinary days unforgettable. She also leaves four great-grandchildren, Ivan, Alexander, Eileen and Waylon, who will grow up hearing countless stories about the extraordinary woman whose legacy of joy, laughter and adventure we intend to carry forward.

She never met a stranger. Within minutes of meeting someone, they were no longer strangers, they were friends. She even reinforced it with a sign above her door that said just that. Her smile was contagious, her energy unending, her love never ceasing and her outlook on life was simple: Choose happiness. Every day.

She also believed that life was infinitely better with a lot of sparkle. Her closet overflowed with sequins, rhinestones, glittery shoes and outfits that reflected exactly who she was — vibrant, joyful and unapologetically herself. If there was an opportunity to dress up, Joyce never missed it. If there wasn’t an opportunity, she created one.

She was delightfully unpredictable. She was famous for harmless

antics, spontaneous adventures, sneaky mischief, some occasional bad decisions and stories that became family legends. She kept everyone laughing, occasionally wondering what she might do next.

Whether you knew her for five minutes or 50 years, you walked away happier for having spent time with her. During the six years she spent with her daughter and called Pagosa Springs home, we were overwhelmed by the number of friends, neighbors, caregivers and acquaintances who came to say goodbye to her. Her card players, her poker group and her music buddies all stopped by for a final smile and hug. Through their stories, we came to appreciate even more deeply the extraordinary impact she had on so many lives simply by being herself.

She is preceded in death by many — she was 99 after all. But she will be greeted in heaven by her first husband Dick Mark, her last husband Wayne Hertaus (read between the lines); her grandson, Michael Heraty; her brother, Roy LeTourneau; her special nephew, Denny LeTourneau; and many dear friends and loved ones who undoubtedly welcomed her home with open arms. Knowing our mom, she has probably already reorganized the seating chart, started the music, and convinced everyone to get up and dance.

Joyce was deeply loved by family

and treasured by countless friends in Minnetonka, Minn., and Pagosa Springs, Colo.

A special shout-out to Drake Stewart and the whole staff at The Beehive Pagosa Springs for their amazing care and love over the past three years. She was their ultimate party resident there and left such an impression that they all came to see her when we moved her to our home for her last couple weeks. To Melissa Eggleston, Trish Davis and the rest of the Hospice crew, there really are no words — you were the saints I didn’t know I needed. And the caregivers Thomas, Annette and Isaiah Laursen, Leslie Martinez and Melissa Amya: Thank you, thank you, thank you. And, lastly, Andrea Anderson, who stayed with me to the end, holding my mom’s hand. I can’t even believe I am lucky enough to have a friend as special as you. Thank you isn’t enough.

Her greatest lesson wasn’t spoken — it was lived. Smile often. Try anything once, and if it was a bad choice, maybe even twice. Wear the sequins. Don’t wait for a special occasion. Be kind. Make people feel welcome. Choose joy. Smile always.

The fireworks may be over, but her sparkle never will be.

Obituary



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During the quiet hours of the night, I reflect on the America I have known. What troubles me most is not that Americans disagree—we always have. It is that we increasingly see one another as adversaries rather than neighbors. Anger has too often replaced understanding, and too many conversations end before anyone has truly listened.

America has never been perfect. Our history is marked by extraordinary achievements and painful mistakes. Yet each generation believed this nation was worth improving because its founding ideals outweighed its shortcomings. Those ideals inspired millions to pursue freedom, opportunity, and hope, and their courage and determination helped shape the nation we proudly call home.

As a Vietnam veteran, I think of the

more than 58,000 Americans whose names are etched in the black granite of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, along with countless others who have given their lives throughout our history. They came from diverse backgrounds, faiths, and political beliefs, yet stood beneath one flag, united by a purpose greater than themselves. They sacrificed not for a political party or ideology but for America’s enduring promise.

That memory makes our divisions especially painful. Our greatest moments have never come from resentment. They came from Americans who found the courage to work together, disagree without hatred, and remember that we share far more than what divides us.

A 250th anniversary should be more than a celebration of our past. It should be a moment to ask what kind of nation we aspire to be. Patriotism

is more than waving a flag or singing an anthem. It means treating one another with dignity, protecting our freedoms, and preserving the values that have carried this nation through difficult times.

I do not claim to have the answers. I write only as an American who has witnessed both this country’s remarkable strength and moments of heartbreak. My hope is that we will once again choose respect over contempt, understanding over anger, and unity over division.

The America I love is still here. I see it every day in veterans serving their communities, neighbors helping one another without seeking recognition, immigrants who still believe this country offers hope, and young people dreaming of a better future.

As we begin our nation’s next 250 years, may we remember that we are bound not by political parties or personal grievances but by timeless ideals of liberty, justice, opportunity, and mutual respect. If we rediscover those ideals, I remain confident that America’s finest chapters are yet to be written.

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State of Colorado

On July 1, Gov. Jared Polis announced boards and commissions appointments.

Jess Ketchum, of Pagosa Springs, was reappointed to the Board of As-

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Ketchum reappointed to State Board of Assessment Appeals

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Business

Hospital district receives clean audit

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its June 23 meeting, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors — which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) — heard about the district's recent unmodified, or clean, audit opinion.

The audit and financial indicators were presented primarily by Jeremy Valdez of Dingus, Zarecor and Associates (DZA).

"In our opinion, the financial statements ... present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America," the audit report states.

Financial indicators

As part of the audit presentation, Valdez presented financial indicators, comparing PSMC's figures from recent years and to different hospital groups, such as all Colorado hospitals in 2024, far west critical access hospitals (CAH) in 2024, all hospitals with fewer than 50 beds, all rural hospitals with less than \$90 million in revenue in 2024 and all hospitals with less than \$110 million in revenue in 2024.

For total margin, which is the ratio of change in net position to total revenues, PSMC landed at 10.0 percent in 2025 and 4.3 percent in 2024, up from 0.8 percent in 2023.

The presentation notes the ratio reflects profits from both operations and nonoperations, with higher be-

ing better. All Colorado hospitals landed at 1.7 percent, with the far west CAH figure landing at 4.0 percent. The other comparisons ranged from 1.8 percent to 2.3 percent.

PSMC's operating margin, which reflects profits from operations only, was 0.0 percent in 2025, -6.6 percent in 2024 and -2.1 percent in 2023. The presentation notes higher is better, with the comparison groups ranging from 0.2 percent to 1.4 percent.

PSMC's days cash on hand from all sources — which measures the number of days of average cash expenses that the district maintains in cash and marketable securities and is a measure of liquidity — came in at 142 for 2025, 126 for 2024 and 133 for 2023.

The presentation notes the measure "usually implies a greater ability to meet both short-term and long-term capital replacement needs. Higher is better."

The comparison groups range from 70 to 148 days cash on hand.

The next financial indicator presented by Valdez is the current ratio, which the presentation describes as "perhaps the most widely used measure of liquidity. High values can sometimes be misleading if the current assets are not liquid, such as inventory or noncollectible accounts receivable. Higher is better."

PSMC's current ratio landed at 3.0 in 2024, 3.2 in 2024 and 4.0 in 2023.

Valdez notes PSMC is well within range of its peers, with the comparison groups ranging from 1.8 to 4.2.

PSMC's equipment additions to depreciation expense landed at 94 percent in 2025, 139 percent in 2024, 21 percent in 2023, 348 percent in 2022 and 55 percent in 2021.

The presentation notes that the figure "is the current year capital acquisitions as a percentage of current year depreciation expense. Values of 100 percent or more are an indicator that capital assets are being updated and replaced."

The next financial indicator presented is the long-term debt to net position, which the presentation notes "is the proportion of long-term debt divided by long-term debt plus net position. Higher values for this ratio imply a greater reliance on debt financing and may imply a reduced ability to carry additional debt. Lower is better."

PSMC's figure for 2025 was 42, percent, for 2024 was 50 percent and for 2023 was 53 percent.

The comparison groups range from 24 percent to 41 percent.

Valdez noted that PSMC is quite a bit younger than other hospitals in the benchmark.

Valdez then commended the district, saying it is doing a good job with accounts receivable.

PSMC's days in net patient accounts receivable for 2025 was 22, 43 for 2024 and 35 in 2024. The comparison groups range from 91 to 114 days.

PSMC's gross days in accounts receivable came in at 57 days, down from 63 in 2024 and even with 2023.

PSMC's salaries and benefits per full-time equivalent (FTE) employee was \$117,141 in 2025 — slightly above 2024's \$117,090 and up from 2023's \$108,328.

Net patient service revenue per FTE landed at \$175,684 in 2025, \$156,480 in 2024 and \$159,895 in 2023.

PSMC had 234 FTEs in 2025, compared to 223 in 2024 and 225 in 2023.

Other indicators looked at include bad debt and charity care, and contractual adjustment percentages.

Financial highlights

The audit document also include financial highlights provided by USJHSD management, which include:

- The district's "net position increased \$5,491,275 or 24.1 percent, and \$2,031,318 or 9.8 percent, in 2025 and 2024, respectively."

- The district "reported an operating loss of \$12,765 and \$2,769,792 in 2025 and 2024, respectively. Income in 2025 increased \$2,757,027, or 99.5 percent, over the income reported in 2024. Operating income in 2024 decreased by \$1,894,086, or 216.3 percent, under the income reported in 2023."

- "Nonoperating revenues (expenses) increased by \$1,580,341, or 704 percent, in 2025 compared to 2024. Nonoperating revenues (expenses) increased by \$1,142,475, 03 103.7 percent, in 2024 compared to 2023."

Later in the document, it states, "The first component of the overall change in the District's net position is operating income — the difference between the revenue and the expenses incurred to perform those services. Operating income increased by \$2,757,027 from 2024 to 2025."

It further notes the net patient service revenue increased \$5,746,055 or 14.6 percent due to an increase in patient services provided.

"Overall," it notes, "operating expenses increased between 2024 and 2025 by \$3,487,277, or 7.8 percent, and increased between 2023 and 2024 by \$2,566,859, or 6.1 percent."

The document also notes that current assets increased \$4,339,763 from 2024 to 2025 due to a combination of an increase in patient accounts receivable and receiving the Employee Retention Credit.

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Restrictions

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drought conditions and a high potential of forecasted dry lightning, with the town citing the worsening fire conditions, continued hot and dry weather, and increased wildfire risk across Southwest Colorado.

Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux ordered the county's increased restrictions, with Town Manager David Harris ordering the town's increased restrictions pursuant to the town's emergency authority.

"Southwest Colorado is currently facing an extremely critical fire environment," said Le Roux. "With forecasted high temperatures, persistent winds and critically dry vegetation, the risk of a catastrophic wildfire is severely elevated. We are asking all residents and visitors to strictly adhere to these restrictions to protect our community and our first responders."

"Current fire conditions require us to take additional precautions to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires," said Harris. "As conditions continue to deteriorate, we ask every resident and visitor to do their part to protect our community by complying with these restrictions."

The restrictions apply to publicly and privately owned lands.

"The Town encourages all residents and visitors to exercise extreme caution with any activity that could create sparks or ignite dry vegetation," a press release from the town states. "Community cooperation is essential to reducing wildfire risk and protecting lives and property."

Anyone who observes a suspected fire restriction violation, unattended fire, or smoke plume should immediately contact Archuleta County Combined Dispatch. Emergencies should be reported by calling 911.

Non-emergency concerns or suspected violations can be reported by calling (970) 731-2160.

Recreationists are encouraged to check local restrictions before heading out, with many surrounding jurisdictions having implemented restrictions.

Monsoon may increase fire risk before bringing relief

According to AccuWeather, hot, dry weather will continue to fuel existing wildfires while creating conditions that support wildfire ignition and spread.

Lightning, the forecasting company states, is a frequent cause of wildfires, and the North American monsoon is expected to become more active during the second half of July. In its early stages, it may increase wildfire danger before widespread rainfall arrives and offers relief.

"Early monsoon thunderstorms can create a dangerous combination of lightning and strong wind gusts with little rainfall," said AccuWeather long range forecaster Paul Pastelok. "Those storms can spark new fires while also generating blowing dust, or haboobs, that quickly reduce visibility and create hazardous travel conditions."

The area experienced more of that Monday, with the ACSO reporting that it, as well as resources from Los Pinos Fire Protection District and the U.S. Wildland Fire Service responded to what looked to be a single-tree lightning strike from that day's storm in the area of mile marker 25 on Colo. 151.

The ACSO reported that the fire was estimated at 0.1 acres and that crews had contained the fire and would continue to monitor it in the

coming days and work to call it out. Pagosa Weather's July 7 forecast post states, "Thursday through Sunday will be mostly dry, but there's a slight chance for a spotty storm each afternoon, mostly over the mountains. Storms will produce more lightning than rain."

It adds the monsoon "will finally kick into gear starting Monday or next Tuesday. Scattered storms are possible each afternoon and evening."

Prohibited activities under Stage 2 restrictions

The town notes Stage 2 fire restrictions prohibit additional activities beyond those restricted under Stage 1 and are intended to further reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires during periods of extreme fire danger.

Residents and visitors are urged to review the updated restrictions carefully and comply with all requirements while the order remains in effect.

Archuleta County

Under the Stage 2 open burning restrictions, the following activities are strictly prohibited within Archuleta County:

- No campfires or grills: Building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire, campfire or charcoal/wood-burning barbecue grill is prohibited. This applies to all locations, including developed campgrounds, picnic areas and private property.
- Smoking Restrictions: Smoking outdoors is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.
- No open flames/welding: Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame is strictly prohibited. Welding and cutting will be permitted with a 20-foot radius safe zone free of vegetation, one 2-1/2 gallon pressurized fire extinguisher or a 5-pound fire extinguisher. An ABC extinguisher or a pressurized water supply and proper hand tools must be on-site, and a fire watch individual must be standing by continuously.

- Equipment precautions: Operating any internal combustion engine (such as a chain saw) without a properly installed and working spark arresting device is prohibited. Chain saw operators must also carry a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and a round-point shovel.
- Explosives and fireworks: The use of explosives, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, and tracers or incendiary ammunition is strictly prohibited.

The following activities are prohibited within the town under Stage 2 fire restrictions:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire, campfire, charcoal fire, coal fire or wood-burning fire.
- Open burning, burn barrels and agricultural burning.
- Smoking outdoors, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- The use of all fireworks, including sparklers, explosive targets and other incendiary devices.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or similar open-flame torch, except as specifically allowed by the order.

Permitted activities

The jurisdictions have also out-

lined permitted activities under the increased restrictions.

Town of Pagosa Springs

Permitted activities under Stage 2 fire restrictions within the town include:

- Gas-fueled grills, stoves, lanterns and heating devices equipped with a shut-off valve when operated in accordance with the restrictions.
- Activities specifically authorized in writing by the town manager.
- Emergency response activities conducted by authorized personnel in the performance of official duties.

Archuleta County

According to Archuleta County, persons are permitted to use stoves, grills and lanterns fueled solely by liquid petroleum gas, propane or pressurized liquid fuel, provided they can be turned completely on and off extinguishing the flame with a valve, and are operated in an area barren or cleared of all flammable materials within 3 feet of the device.

Enforcement

According to a press release from the town, violations of the Stage 2 fire restrictions may result in fines, penalties or other enforcement actions as authorized by law.

"The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and local emergency operations personnel will strictly enforce these restrictions," an ACSO press release states.

The town's full Stage 2 fire restriction order is available at <https://bit.ly/3R2j11x>.

Emergency notifications

Both the town and county encourage residents and visitors to sign up for emergency notifications.

The town's alert system provides important local government updates, while Archuleta County's Nixle alert system delivers emergency notifications and public safety information, including wildfire updates, evacuation notices and other urgent alerts.

To sign up for alerts from the town, visit pagosasprings.co.gov and select "Subscribe to Alerts," or text "PagosaSprings" to 38276.

To sign up for Archuleta County Nixle alerts, visit www.archuleta-county.gov/services/citizens-alert-nixle/.

Be prepared

The town encourages residents to prepare now for wildfire season by creating an evacuation plan and assembling a "go bag" or 72-hour emergency kit.

Emergency supplies should include important documents, medications, nonperishable food, water, flashlights, backup batteries, phone chargers, a battery-powered AM/FM radio and pet supplies.

"Taking these steps in advance can help ensure you and your family are prepared to evacuate quickly and safely if conditions warrant," the town's press release notes.

The ACSO also encourages people to practice heightened vehicle safety guidelines, such as ensuring trailer chains do not drag, checking tire pressures to prevent rim sparks and avoiding parking on dry grass.

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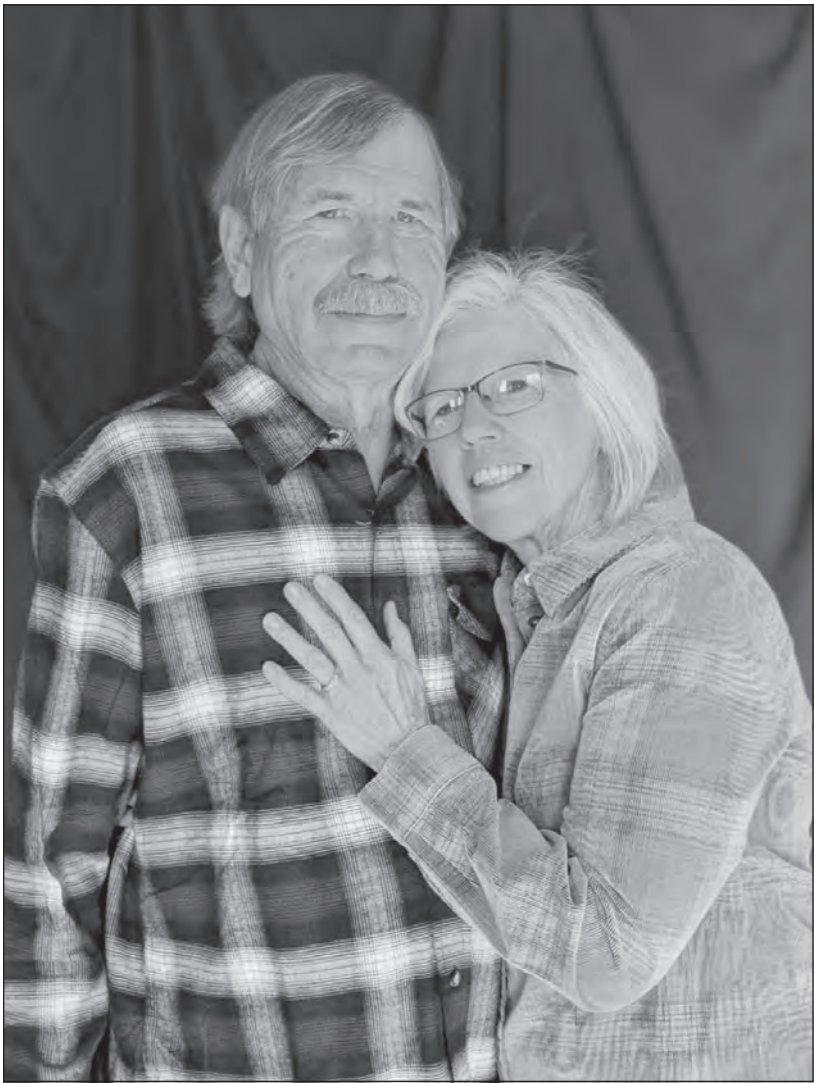


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Meals

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federal dollars, as there are “very specific” dietary restrictions that would have to be met in order to receive any state or federal funding.

Rochester also explained the program is helping seniors in the Aspen Springs community with more than just food, telling the story of one client who now looks forward to interacting with ASI workers when receiving their meals.

“We are feeding not just people, but we are feeding souls, as well,” she said, reiterating that the program is about more than just food.

Rochester requested the BoCC consider the “minor option” of funding \$10,000, which would continue the program through the end of the year.

Two other funding options were included with Rochester’s request, one being a \$23,000 ask, which would allow for up to 30 clients to be served for 25 weeks. The other option was a \$46,000 request which would serve up to 40 clients over the next 26 weeks, with an additional 10 “off-grid” clients, volunteer stipends and three additional freezers to be purchased.

Ranson offered comments on the matter, explaining that “this is what this community’s all about” in terms of helping each other.

He also spoke about the turnout at the community forum hosted last month in Aspen Springs, stating, “We

don’t do much for Aspen Springs.”

He explained that Aspen Springs residents pay property and sales tax, and help contribute to funding for other roads within the county outside of the Aspen Springs subdivision.

“And we just don’t give them much,” Ranson added.

Ranson also commented that the county provides \$280,000 the Pagosa Senior Center annually, while suggesting that a \$10,000 request is not a big ask for the Aspen Springs community.

“I just don’t think this is a big ask,” he said, adding that it would get the program off the ground, and he would like to see what ASI could do with it next year.

Brown also noted the county provides \$280,000 to the Senior Center and is the largest contributor.

He also mentioned that the county provides an additional \$40,000 for transportation and meal service in Ignacio, explaining the BoCC provides a total of \$320,000 for “the support of our seniors.”

In response to questions from Brown about long-term plans for the program, Rochester explained that ASI secured a grant for additional funding to pilot the program and is actively pursuing more grants and fundraising to support it.

Medina asked where the requested funds would be coming from, with Finance Director Chad Eaton explaining

the county still has a “small balance” in a contingency fund.

Medina questioned what contingency fund that is, with Eaton indicating the administrative budget.

County Manager Longinos Gonzalez commented that the funds would come from the budget adjustment made by the BoCC on June 16, which increased the general fund budget by \$100,000.

For more information on that budget adjustment, see “Commissioners approve midyear budget adjustment” in the July 2 issue of The SUN.

Ranson offered more comments on the Aspen Springs community, stating, “They give a lot more than most entities in our community.”

“We give the town an enormous amount of money,” Ranson added, explaining that the town is its own taxing entity with its own revenue streams.

Ranson went on to say that he was elected by people of the county, “and I think it’s time we take care of the people of the county as much as we take care of the people in the town.”

After a comment from the public encouraging the BoCC to consider the \$23,000 request, Ranson’s motion to approve \$10,000 in funding for the program died for the lack of a second.

Brown then motioned to approve \$2,500 for the program, which was seconded by Medina.

Medina then offered more com-

ment, highlighting again that the county contributes \$280,000 to the Senior Center.

“Some of that money could have been used for that, as well,” she said.

Medina also encouraged Rochester to come back before the BoCC later this year during its budget process to request funding for the program in 2027.

Medina explained that she was against a midyear budget adjustment to the general fund, “because that’s not what we should be doing.”

She added that the program “is important, but midyear is hard,” noting she was also against raising county fees midyear.

“We just don’t have the money for it,” she said.

Brown also expressed that he would like to consider the program as a budget option for 2027, explaining that he is not opposed to supporting the seniors, “but this is a pretty sizable ask.”

Before voting on the motion, Ranson commented that he voted twice in favor of supporting the community’s high school seniors with items not originally included in the 2026 budget, noting he supported that “110 percent,” and that he’s “disappointed that we can’t do the same for our older people.”

Brown’s motion was then approved by a 2-1 split vote with Ranson opposing.

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Drought

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San Juan River levels

The U.S. Geological Survey’s (USGS’s) water flow monitoring data is the primary window into local river flows, which factor into PAWSD’s drought stage calculations.

The primary monitoring station for the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs is located underneath the bridge where U.S. 160 crosses the river near 1st Street.

The reported flows have undergone significant recalibrations this month, with flows in the San Juan River appearing at times in later June to drop below the historic low flows in 2002 before being revised upward.

These revisions are partially driven by last year’s flooding events, explained Kyle Raimier, who works as a hydrologic technician for the USGS Colorado Water Science Center’s Western Colorado Office in Durango.

Raimier stated that the monitoring system sends out a radar pulse every 15 minutes, which contacts the water

below the monitor and returns to the sensor, allowing it to measure how high the water level is.

He explained that the river level is then correlated with the river discharges, typically reported in cubic feet per second, associated with this water level to create an estimate of river flow.

The flooding event and other construction work near the site have changed the shape of the channel and altered this relationship between water level and river discharge, Raimier indicated.

USGS staff are working to rebuild accurate estimates by taking manual river flow measurements of the river at different water levels, Raimier stated, which can then be used to establish the correct correlations between water level and discharge.

He explained that staff took measurements on June 8, June 12 and June 29, which led to recalibrations

of the river flow estimates between and before these dates that raised the estimates of river flows.

Although he stated that he is “pretty confident” about the accuracy of the river flow data before June 29, he emphasized that this data is still provisional and could be changed by further calibration and analysis.

River flow data is typically analyzed and given final approval in about 150 to 250 days, Raimier stated, although he noted that the approval process on the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs is currently delayed due to the ongoing work rebuilding accurate flow estimates and uncertainties about water flow data at the time of the flooding in October 2025.

Ramsey and PAWSD District Manager Andrew Connor indicated that the recalibrations have not impacted PAWSD’s operations or drought calculations.

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Water conservancy district talks board terms

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its June 15 meeting, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors discussed several updates regarding expiring board terms, including which judge board term renewals would be considered by and whether or not several board members would renew their terms.

SJWCD legal counsel Jeffrey Kane explained that he previously filed a motion to reappoint board member Candace Jones to the board, but that the court had not acted on the motion and Kane realized that 6th Judicial District Chief Judge Kim Shropshire is now overseeing the court case where board reappointments are considered, not District Court Judge Justin Fay, as he previously thought.

He explained that he would reach out to the court in the near future to ensure Shropshire is aware of the motion and to potentially brief the court about the process of appointing directors.

Later that night, Shropshire reappointed Jones to a four-year term expiring March 21, 2030.

Kane then asked SJWCD board member Susan Nossaman if she plans to seek reappointment to the board since her term has expired and

she is currently serving as a board member de jure until her seat on the board is filled by another candidate.

She previously expressed uncertainty about whether or not she would seek reappointment.

Nossaman replied that she still was uncertain, but that she “might” seek reappointment.

“Is that a solid might?” asked SJWCD board member Rodney Proffitt.

“If it rains I will,” she replied. SJWCD board member Charles Riehm asked Nossaman if she had decided to not serve on the board.

SJWCD Executive Assistant Sally High highlighted that Nossaman submitting a letter seeking reappointment would not prevent her from resigning later if she wants to leave the board at any time.

In response to a question about Nossaman’s answer from SJWCD President Randy Cooper, Jones stated that Nossaman had decided to “let it ride” and continue on the board until someone is appointed in her place.

Kane commented that de jure directors are a “great stopgap approach,” but that he would recommend being deliberate about acting on any future decisions by Nossaman instead of prolonging her de jure director status.

“I would just say, Susan, if you remain interested in serving but

you’re not sure how long, go ahead and seek reappointment,” Kane said.

He added that there were no new letters to the court seeking appointment to the board.

Cooper commented that this was helpful to know.

“It would be nice if people were interested,” he said, adding that he believes the board needs to continue actively recruiting and that he had reached out to some potential candidates, but had not gotten any responses.

Jones asked if one has to be a full-time resident to serve on the SJWCD board or only has to own property in the district since she was aware of a potential candidate who only owns property in the area, but is not a resident.

Proffitt commented that the board had to wait for a previous board member to become a resident before they were able to join the board.

“Well, good try,” said Cooper. For information on joining the SJWCD Board of Directors, visit www.sjwcd.org/board-of-directors/.

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Town council approves revised tourism agreement with county

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On July 7, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a new inter-governmental agreement (IGA) with Archuleta County setting the rules and regulations regarding staffing of the Tourism Department and the administration of the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board.

The goal is to promote and manage Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County as a “tourist destination,” an agenda brief on the matter states.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved the revised agreement on June 16.

As was previously reported in The SUN, the county sought changes to the IGA after a resident brought to light some “issues” and “concerns” with the way the IGA was written.

County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini explained that the changes were to clarify in the language that the

county’s 2 percent lodging tax must be used for tourism-related advertising and marketing efforts only, and could not be spent on tourism-related items outside those parameters.

The new IGA explains that a 1988 countywide ballot measure imposed the 2 percent county “tax on hotel, motel, guest ranch, campground, and all similar accommodations,” for the sole purpose of raising funds for the marketing and promotion of tourism.

The new agreement also notes that the town can use funds from its portion of the lodgers’ tax — taxes that come from within town limits — on things beyond the parameters of tourism advertising and marketing.

Child care, workforce housing and tourism-related infrastructure have been cited by the council and Tourism Department as issues that the town’s lodgers’ tax could be used to support, and the new IGA lists them, as well.

“However, County funds distributed from the Tourism Board shall be

restricted to advertising and marketing activities,” the agreement states.

Other changes with the IGA include an updated history of county and town lodging tax, a reiteration of the role of the tourism board as an advisory committee, rather than an “operational” decision-making board, and a reduction in regular meetings to four times a year.

When a motion was made to approve the new IGA, it was passed by the council, with Leonard Martinez, Mayor Shari Pierce, Madeline Bergon, Vahid Shabro and Gary Williams voting to approve it, and Mat deGraaf voting “nay” on the measure.

Council member Brooks Lindner was absent for the vote.

After an executive session on the matter and before the roll-call vote, Town Manager David Harris said “town staff was recommending the approval of the new agreement.”

Williams remarked, “It’s important that we cooperate with the county as much as we can on tourism,

parks and recreation, and building codes, so that we harmonize ... these things across these two jurisdictions.”

Pierce added that she agreed, saying “it’s important to our community for us to work together on promoting the destination as a whole.”

deGraaf said, “While I appreciate the changes that were made and the clarity that it provides, I am not in favor of this IGA.”

In an interview about his vote, deGraaf explained that he feels the new IGA is “a power play” on behalf of the county “trapped in an intergovernmental agreement.”

The county “treated the town like a child” in the situation, he said.

While the town had done everything to “play nice in the sandbox,” he felt that the county had, instead, “pissed in the sandbox.”

He added he wanted the county to know that not everyone on the council supports any and every change they want to make.

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County approves consultation letter to tribes for Cloman Park 3-phase power extension

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved a tribal consultation letter for the Forest Health Timber Products 3-Phase Line Extension 2026 Project during its regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 7.

Earlier that day, the BoCC heard from Grant Accountant Stephen Slade in regard to the consultation letter.

He explained that on March 31 the county had been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Colorado Division of Local Government (CDLG) to provide partial funding for a new underground 3-phase power line extension from the existing electric grid to the existing Forest Health Timber Products sawmill in Cloman Park.

Slade explained that in order to fulfill federal grant requirements, letters needed to be sent to the Apache

Tribe of Oklahoma; Comanche Nation, Oklahoma; Fort Belknap Indian Community of Montana; Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah; and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation “ensuring no historic properties are impacted by the installation of underground power in Cloman Park.”

Slade noted that there could be potential impacts on areas of traditional religious, archaeological or historical significance, and that the

letter provides the tribes with 30 days if there is impact found on the area.

“The county’s preliminary finding is that no historic properties are expected to be adversely affected,” Slade said.

Slade indicated that this needed to be done before the awarded grant money could be spent.

“It’s something that we have to do, so we definitely should get the letter out,” Commissioner Veronica Medina said.

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Fees

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2025, indicating total revenue of \$1,072,902.40 was received in 2022, \$868,644.15 in 2023, \$1,016,905.37 in 2024 and \$1,115,870.04 in 2025.

Torres also provided fee comparisons of surrounding area landfills, noting that the Bondad landfill in Durango charges \$182 per ton, compared to the county’s rate of \$50 per ton.

He explained that he was presenting the residential and commercial (compacted or loose) fee as a minimum charge of \$50, otherwise \$75 per ton, up from the \$50-per-ton charge.

Torres also indicated the construction demolition fee would increase from \$55 per ton to \$75 per ton with a minimum charge of \$50, along with a veterans’ exemption fee of \$50 per ton.

Brown commented that the veteran exemption is a lower fee and not a “total exemption” from the fee.

“It’s a lower fee for our veterans,” he said.

Torres also reviewed the fee for dirt/yard waste/sludge, noting that it would increase from \$15 per cubic yard to \$30 per cubic yard.

Torres mentioned that has a lot to do with the amount of material being received from the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

“That’s the majority of waste sludge that we get,” he said.

He also noted that the fee for mattress disposal would increase from \$23 to \$35 with a veterans’ exemption charge of \$20.

The fee for hot tub disposal would increase from \$15 to \$30. Appliances that need freon removal would be charged at \$75, up from \$60, or a veterans’ exemption of \$54, Torres explained.

Torres also indicated that there will be a \$100 fee for uncovered loads.

Transfer station

In regard to transfer station fees, Torres indicated that residential compacted waste fees would increase from \$17 to \$20 per cubic yard, while commercial compacted waste fees would increase from \$20 to \$25.

The fee for 33 gallon commercial bags would increase from \$3.50 to \$4, while 34 to 55 gallon bags for residential would increase from \$4.50 to \$5, and commercial for that size would increase from \$5.50 to \$6, Torres explained.

He noted that the fee for television disposal would increase from \$35 to \$40 and the fee for “small e-waste” items would increase from \$.50 to \$1.

The fee for appliances with certification of freon removal will increase from \$25 to \$30, with a veterans’ exemption fee of \$22, and the fee for appliances that need freon removal will increase from \$60 to \$75. With a veterans’ exemption fee of \$60, Torres explained.

Other appliances will increase from \$25 to \$30, with a veterans’ exemption fee of \$22, and furniture disposal will increase from \$23 to \$25, with a veterans’ exemption fee of \$22 per item.

Brown asked about issues the landfill experiences with uncovered loads.

“It’s actually gotten worse,” McRae responded, suggesting the county needs to be better about enforcing that fee.

“It’s becoming a problem,” he said, explaining that ties in with folks bringing in mixed loads to the landfill and refusing to separate metal, wood, yard waste and construction debris.

“We gotta keep that stuff out of our landfill if we want to see the life of this thing be extended,” he said.

Ranson asked about anticipated total revenues at the landfill for 2026, with Torres indicating that it’s “hard to say” right now, but likely will be around \$1.1 million.

Torres then mentioned new fees for tire disposal at the landfill.

He reviewed that mixed loads will be charged a \$100 fee, and oversized equipment tires will be charged at \$45 each.

According to the updated fee schedule attached in the July 7 BoCC meeting agenda, heavy-duty truck tires (semi tires) will be charged at \$24 each, tires 35 inches and above will be \$9 each and all other tires below 35 inches will be \$7 each.

McRae commented that landfill’s intake is going up.

“We’re gonna see some new numbers at the end of year,” he said, “and I think they’re going to be shocking.”

Torres commented on the mixed load fee, stating that “far too often” staff receives loads that have basic household trash, construction waste and even a pile of rebar at the bottom.

Medina asked Torres and McRae their thoughts on why the landfill is experiencing higher volumes of trash, with McRae indicating that fire hardening is a big reason, along with population increases in the county since 2017.

McRae indicated that the county’s population in 2017 was roughly 9,000, and now it’s approximately 14,000.

“It’s just easy math,” he said.

Medina commented that the fire hardening aspect “makes sense,” but questioned the population aspect, suggesting that the county’s population is up from 2017, but is “probably down” currently versus the previous two years.

McRae suggested that “turnover” in the community has a lot to do with the high intake at the landfill, explaining that there are many cases of people with second homes here who have to leave for one reason or another and have to clear out a home in a time crunch.

“What doesn’t sell gets brought to us,” he said.

He also noted that there are more and more junk removal companies popping up in the community.

Medina then asked when staff would expect these fee increases to be implemented, with Torres and McRae indicating Aug. 1.

“I’m not a huge fan of increasing fees midyear,” Medina said, commenting that she understands the reason why the county does need to increase fees, but would rather see it presented at the beginning of the year.

She added that the fees for uncovered and mixed loads, “all of those make sense to me,” but expressed

that the county should give the opportunity to give sufficient notice to the community for some of the other fee increases.

Torres explained that part of the reason for not presenting the fee changes at the beginning of the year is due to the fact that the new landfill cell had not been completed at that time.

“I think now we’re getting to that point,” Torres said, explaining that things are looking better at the landfill and the county is providing better service for the community than before.

Ranson offered more comments about the cost of living increasing with other taxing entities in the community issuing increases.

He also mentioned that the county is on pace to save around \$700,000 to \$800,000 in its 2026 budget.

Ranson also agreed with Medina in not wanting to pass on any higher costs to the community if the county does not have to, suggesting that the county has done a “fabulous job” holding the line.

Brown commented that this BoCC has intentionally kept fees down, but noted there does come a time when increases are needed in order for the county to stay operational.

More discussion took place during the regular meeting following Ranson’s motion to adopt the resolution.

Medina explained that she is not opposed to the fee increase, but expressed concern over the timing of it.

“I agree that we need to increase the fees, I agree that this is something that we need to do,” she said, but suggested that some of the proposed fee increases could be held off and not implemented Aug. 1.

Brown commented that going forward he would prefer that fee increases be proposed in at least the first quarter of the new year.

Ranson’s motion was then approved by a split vote of 2-1 with Medina opposing.

Sheriff’s office fees

During the work session, Le Roux provided the BoCC on the two new fees being implemented under the sheriff’s office “for some extra services” now being provided.

He noted the two fees “are related to firearm stuff.”

One of those is a specified semi-automatic firearms application fee of \$75, which is now required under Senate Bill 25-003, becoming effective Aug. 1.

The second fee discussed by Le Roux is for the county’s firearm relinquishing program, which is charged at \$25 per firearm per month.

Le Roux explained that this program stems from work done with Rise Above Violence, explaining that anytime there is a domestic violence situation there are protected and restrained parties, and that “oftentimes, there’s a prohibition of firearms through a protection order.”

He noted that historically the restrained party could relinquish their firearms to a firearm dealer, a friend or family member, or to law enforcement.

“That hasn’t always been that easy,

or necessarily tracked as well as it could’ve been,” Le Roux said.

Le Roux clarified that the firearms being relinquished are not considered evidence unless it was used in a crime.

“Oftentimes it’s not,” he said, indicating that the firearms are simply in the household.

Le Roux also explained that, statutorily, the sheriff’s office can receive the firearms.

“We’re just proposing an administrative fee to manage that process,” he said.

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Thanks to help from formation-flying pilots from throughout the state and nation, Pagosa’s San Juan Squadron opened the Independence Day parade in Pagosa Springs with a 20-ship formation before providing a flyover in Bayfield and meeting back at Steven’s Field for a group photo.

Town adopts new rules and regulations for Hilltop Cemetery

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On July 7, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a second reading of an ordinance adopting revised rules and regulations for Hilltop Cemetery.

The changes follow discussions in open meetings with the public in April 2025 and April 2026, according to an agenda document on the matter.

“Changes to the fee structure for the cemetery services will be forthcoming with the fee schedule adoption in December to go into effect in January of 2027,” the document states.

Some of the major changes include: clarification on the scheduled maintenance processes on the cemetery grounds and a new requirement for a permit to install benches near grave sites.

The resolution also sets new rules

around “Ornamental Structures and Objects,” limiting those to four items and placement within 12 inches in front of the headstone, while also limiting the placement of flowers (natural and artificial) to within 12 inches in front of the headstone.

These changes update ordinances passed by the council in 2018 and 2021.

Administrative Services Manager Kathy Harker explained that “it’s been about four and a half years since we’ve made any revision to the cemetery rules and regulations.”

Before coming up with these changes, Harker said, “we did quite a bit of community outreach with people from the community about the cemetery on some of the issues that they have with our rules and regulations.”

She added that a major part of the changes has to do with “increasing the readability” of the rules and

regulations document and to clarify the town’s maintenance processes.

She also explained that, in her discussions, what she found to be “very important to the public” were ornamental objects, benches and having flowers, so town staff chose to revise the rules in these categories.

She noted that keeping these objects closer to the grave sites would allow the town staff to better maintain the areas around the grave sites.

The previous rules and regulations did not allow for benches, but “we still have them popping up all over the cemetery,” she said.

She added, “So, we have revised the rules to allow for monument benches,” and other benches through a “bench permit process.”

“Benches are very important to people in this community, so we are working on a solution,” she said.

Town Manager David Harris gave a “hats off” to the staff who have “put

a lot of time and effort into” this, “meeting with people and trying to find a better understanding for our cemetery and how we have rules and how we enforce them without being overbearing, so thank y’all.”

Harris explained the town would inform people of the changes through its newsletter and website.

“This is not just a town cemetery. It’s a community cemetery, and we have the honor and blessing to be the stewards of this,” he said.

When a motion was made to approve the ordinance to adopt the new changes, it was passed unanimously by the council.

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Colorado Department of Education opens applications for financial support of up to \$7,500 for aspiring educators

Colorado Department of Education

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Educator Recruitment and Retention (ERR) program, which offers up to \$7,500 in financial assistance to help aspiring educators cover the cost of educator preparation program tuition and fees.

The ERR program supports individuals pursuing teaching careers in shortage areas who commit to serving in those positions for at least three years.

Applications opened on July 1 and will close on Sept. 30. Applicants should coordinate with their educator preparation programs when applying.

“Every Colorado student deserves access to a high-quality teacher, regardless of where they live,” said Education Commissioner Dr. Susana Córdova. “These scholarships help remove financial barriers for aspiring educators while strengthening the pipeline of talented teachers, particularly in communities that have faced persistent staffing challenges.”

Created through Senate Bill 21-185, the Educator Recruitment and Retention program provides critical

support to help address the state’s ongoing educator shortage areas, including special education, early childhood education, secondary mathematics, science and other high-need fields.

Shortage areas can be found at <https://bit.ly/4bA03x1>.

CDE Chief Talent Officer Dr. Margarita Tovar said, “Our educator workforce is one of Colorado’s greatest strengths. Programs like this help ensure talented future teachers can pursue the profession and provide additional support to districts working to attract and retain excellent educators. That investment benefits students, schools and entire communities.”

Applicants can meet eligibility criteria for the program by first being enrolled in a Colorado-approved traditional or alternative educator preparation program (or institute of higher education for applicants pursuing a CTE credential) and meeting one of the criteria below:

- Have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university and have secured employment as an alternative teacher or temporary educator eligibility educator in a shortage area; or
- Are currently employed as a

paraprofessional in a school district, charter school or BOCES; or

- Have secured a position as a CTE instructor in a rural or small rural district and meet state CTE requirements.

All employment referenced above must be in a Colorado public school.

The department has received promising feedback from ERR grant recipients.

A dashboard (available at <https://bit.ly/4aHp6xZ>) provides information on the types of teaching positions and locations that have been supported by the ERR Program:

- More than 81 percent of the 824 recipients from the first two cohorts (2021-2022 and 2022-2023) are still working in a Colorado public school.
- More than half say they would not have become teachers without the program.
- Ninety-seven percent report that the financial assistance has had or will have a positive impact on their careers.

Eligibility details and application materials are available on the department’s website. Applicants with questions may contact educator_recruitment@cde.state.co.us for more information.

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Low water levels didn't stop locals and visitors from cooling off in the San Juan River downtown on the Fourth of July.

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Tips for protecting yourself from wildfire smoke

Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Summer is in full swing with wildfires across the state.

Lower air quality from the fires can have impacts to your health. This is true even if it does not look or feel like the air is filled with smoke.

Following are some simple steps to help protect yourself and your family.

Communication and support services

- Stay informed: You can track current and forecasted air quality conditions on the following websites: the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Air Quality Monitoring webpage, AirNow.gov and the AirNow Mobile App.
- Check in on people in your life.

Share this information with neighbors, friends and family members who may be affected.

Maintaining health resources

- Limit time and activity outdoors. Avoid heavy outdoor activity, such as mowing the lawn or going for a run when smoke is present.
- Wear a well-fitting respirator. If you have to be outdoors, wear an N95 or KN95 mask. Bandannas, cloth masks and surgical masks do not provide enough protection from wildfire smoke.
- Reduce smoke from coming indoors. Keep windows and doors closed. Seal gaps around doors and windows if possible. If you have a central air conditioning system or room unit, set it to circulate indoor air rather than drawing in outside air.

- Limit indoor pollution sources. Avoid doing things that add particles to indoor air, including burning candles; using aerosol sprays (e.g. hairspray); or using a fireplace, wood-burning stove or gas/propane appliances.
- Monitor yourself for symptoms. Contact your health care provider if you have trouble breathing, shortness of breath, a cough that won't stop or other symptoms that won't go away.

Independence and safety resources

- Use an air cleaner. Run a HEPA air cleaner in the room you spend the most time in. If you do not have one, a do-it-yourself air cleaner is an effective, low-cost option.
- Create a cleaner air room. Choose a comfortable room in your home with no fireplace and as few

windows and doors as possible.

- Find a cleaner air space. Find temporary relief in another location if you can't keep your home smoke-free, cool or if there's a power outage.
- Consider staying with friends or family outside of the affected area.
- Find relief in large, public buildings with good air filtration and air conditioning, such as libraries, recreation centers or shopping malls.

Weminuche Audubon Society to meet on Riverwalk for July meeting

By Jean Zirnheilt
Weminuche Audubon Society

Weminuche Audubon is taking its meeting outside in July.

We invite you to join us in the evening on July 15, when we take a tour of our native plant garden near the domes in Centennial Park followed by a walk down the Riverwalk, where we will be joined by volunteer guides with Pagosa Wetland Partners to explore life in the wetlands area.

The town-owned wetlands area bordering the Riverwalk are held in a conservation easement. Since 2019, when plans to develop the adjacent private property were proposed, members of our Audubon group and others have been engaged as active observers of this important habitat.

An offshoot group of our Audubon chapter, Pagosa Wetland Partners, conducts free summer tours twice weekly for locals and visitors. In doing so, we aim to raise awareness of the

biodiversity and importance of this special wetlands area that is fed by geothermal waters.

Monthly we perform water quality monitoring in the wetlands and record observations to document flora and fauna that we find.

We will meet near the amphitheater in Centennial Park at 6:30 p.m. Bring your water, binoculars and your curiosity, and be prepared for the possibility of mosquitoes. Come and enjoy a pleasant summer evening with us.

Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition Strategic Recreation and Conservation Plan finalized

By Amanda Gadomski
Town of Pagosa Springs

After more than a year and a half of collaboration, community engagement and stakeholder meetings, the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC) Strategic Recreation and Conservation Plan has been finalized.

The completion of the plan marks an important milestone, but the work is just beginning. Designed as a living roadmap, the PARC plan will continue to guide recreation, conservation, stewardship and community priorities while evolving to meet future opportunities and challenges.

PARC remains committed to putting the plan into action through ongoing partnerships, on-the-ground projects, and collaborative stewardship efforts that protect and enhance the landscapes and recreation opportunities that make our region unique.

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of our many partners, agencies, organizations, volunteers and community members. Their shared vision and commitment have created a roadmap that will benefit residents and visitors

for generations to come.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who invested their time and expertise throughout this process," states the PARC Leadership Committee. "This plan represents what we can accomplish when we work together, and we're excited to con-

tinue turning this vision into action."

The finalized PARC Strategic Recreation and Conservation Plan is available at PagosaPARC.org. We invite the community to explore the plan, follow implementation efforts and stay involved as PARC continues its work with boots on the ground.



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Colorado Parks and Wildlife invests in wildlife and habitat conservation efforts using oil and gas fees

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is investing in eight new conservation efforts through funds raised by fees authorized by Senate Bill 24-230 to address the impacts of oil and gas production on Colorado wildlife and ecosystems in alignment with CPW's 2026-2036 Strategic Plan and Colorado's Outdoors Strategy.

"SB24-230 was an innovative, collaborative, and common-sense way to protect our wildlife, outdoor spaces, and important habitats from the effects of oil and gas production. Every Coloradan cherishes Colorado's iconic natural beauty and these funds help CPW conserve and protect wild spaces that drive our tourism, create outdoor recreation opportunities, and are home to the wildlife Colorado is known for. These funds show the way that industry and conservation can find a path forward to better protect the great outdoors that make our state amazing and unique," said Gov. Jared Polis.

These investments are a collective commitment to the goals outlined in Colorado's Outdoors Strategy, a statewide framework that aligns state, local and regional partners around shared conservation and recreation priorities.

Informed by the latest research, these projects directly support the strategy's goal of ensuring wildlife biodiversity, maintaining connected

habitats and benefiting communities and economies from healthy ecosystems.

This important work simultaneously advances CPW's 2026-2036 Strategic Plan, which seeks to support healthy wildlife populations and habitats.

"These additional projects showcase how fees collected from oil and gas operations will be used to restore and protect habitat for Colorado's wildlife," said CPW Director Laura Clellan. "CPW will continue to work with industry partners, conservation organizations and local communities to ensure that funded projects deliver measurable impacts that mitigate the impacts of oil and gas operations."

The eight new wildlife conservation efforts include:

- Greenback Recovery Capacity (\$287,149 annually).

Provides a dedicated team to lead native species conservation efforts for greenback cutthroat trout recovery, which can be affected by water use and water quality effects from oil and gas production. These efforts are crucial to preventing the species from being federally listed and securing its future habitat.

- Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program Request for Proposal (\$4,000,000 annually).

Provides Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program funding opportunities for landowners who want to protect important wildlife habitat, provide

public wildlife-related recreational access or sell property to CPW. The additional funding will improve wildlife connectivity and migration corridors and slow biodiversity loss to help address the effects of oil and gas operations.

- Habitat Conservation and Connectivity Plan Implementation (\$1,000,000 annually).

Implements the Habitat Conservation and Connectivity Plan, which prioritizes wildlife species and addresses barriers to wildlife connectivity and migration corridors across Colorado to help offset impacts in areas affected by oil and gas operations. Additional funds will help implement the Habitat Conservation Team's restoration and land protection targets. Projects include invasive weed control, forest/riparian restoration, and the construction of wildlife-friendly fencing and fish passage installations to support wildlife on the move.

- Native Plant Coordinator and Warehouse (\$572,202 annually).

Establishes the first-ever full-time CPW position to manage the Native Seed Warehouse located in Delta, Colo., to support large-scale habitat reclamation and promote native spe-

cies conservation. CPW and partners currently lack adequate native plant materials to restore habitats impacted by energy extraction and climate events, such as wildfires. Funding will modernize equipment and scale operations to meet growing legislative and conservation demands for native seeds. CPW's ability to plant native wildflowers and grasses helps grow healthy and robust habitats.

- Black-footed Ferret and prairie Dog Management (\$1,636,963 annually).

Creates a holistic management program with a dedicated wildlife biologist and eight temporary staff, to establish stable black-footed ferret recovery sites and mitigate plague outbreaks, which are indirectly influenced by climate impacts and threaten native ecosystem stability. This will support the protection of wildlife and habitats for an important native species in Colorado.

- Cumulative Impacts Disturbance Index (\$950,000 year one).

Develops a database to track the effects of past and present habitat loss due to human activity across the state. This will assist in the continued research and monitoring of threats to

Colorado wildlife and ecosystems, including from climate change and oil and gas operations, and will provide CPW staff with a vital tool during Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission permitting reviews, enabling a data-driven understanding of ecosystem overlap and impacts.

- SWAP Species Management (\$2,000,000 annually).

Provides dedicated funding for the implementation of the 2025-2035 State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in January, to promote native species conservation in Colorado. The SWAP acts as the primary roadmap for conserving Species of Greatest Conservation Need and describes the effects of oil and gas operations on terrestrial and aquatic wildlife in Colorado.

- Water Acquisition (\$2,000,000 onetime)

Purchases a senior water right for Golden Gate Canyon State Park and Ralston Creek State Wildlife Area, which is ranked by CPW's Aquatic Section as the highest priority water right in the state. The funding will help protect and restore important watersheds and riparian habitats in

Colorado.

The first round of wildlife and habitat projects funded through SB24-230 fees, announced in April, used \$5,477,765 for seven identified remediation projects that will increase habitat restoration, wildlife monitoring, pollinator garden planting, species conservation, and strategic land and water protection efforts across Colorado.

One project funded in the first round of allocations was \$85,000 toward Columbian sharp-tailed grouse translocations, which involves strategically capturing and moving birds from one population to another.

Oil and gas operations are prevalent in the areas where these species are found in the state. These translocations support genetic diversity and help maintain population health, conserving one of Colorado's unique native species.

CPW continues to use these new fees to mitigate the impacts of oil and gas operations, with the next round of conservation projects to be funded in fiscal year 2026.

For more information on CPW conservation work, visit cpw.state.co.us.

Colorado State Patrol: Secure your load before you hit the road

Colorado State Patrol

Warmer temperatures signal peak times to move, camp and complete yard work across Colorado.

But, before loading up the back of a pickup, filling a trailer or strapping items to your roof, Colorado State Patrol (CSP) troopers are reminding drivers that unsecured loads can quickly become dangerous hazards.

Falling items or items left on roadways often lead to crashes, injuries and roadway closures, not to mention costly cleanup efforts.

Last year, the CSP stopped 355 drivers across Colorado for spilling or failing to properly cover their loads.

Colorado law, under Colorado Revised Statute 42-4-1407, prohibits operating any vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle and its load are constructed, loaded or securely covered to prevent cargo from blowing, dropping, shifting, leaking or otherwise escaping onto the roadway.

Drivers must ensure all cargo is properly secured using ropes, straps, chains, netting or other appropriate tie-downs, and that loose materials are covered with a securely fastened tarp.

Whether using a work vehicle, your personal vehicle or a rental, the driver is responsible for properly transporting equipment or securing the load. It's up to you to help keep roadways clear of debris and hazards.

Tips for safely securing your load

July and November peak months for at-fault young driver crashes in 2025

Colorado State Patrol

Summer shenanigans and the change of season can add challenges to our roadways for the youngest drivers.

July and November 2025 were the peak months for at-fault crashes involving drivers aged 16-21, according to Colorado State Patrol (CSP) investigation data.

Of the 4,184 at-fault crashes by 16-21-year-olds investigated by troopers, 406 happened in November and 396 happened during the month of July.

Knowing that teens have the lowest seat belt use rate may increase your concern.

"Some parents and teens falsely believe that airbags are enough to protect themselves in a crash, so seat belts aren't as critical. But airbags were designed to work with seat belts, not replace them," explained Col. Matthew C. Packard, CSP chief. "The force of an airbag can violently push you into the vehicle's interior or another passenger."

Drivers hauling cargo in personal vehicles or trailers should remember these important safety practices:

- Nothing can fall: A load is considered secure if it is unable to slide, shift, fall or become airborne during transport.

- Cover loose materials: Gravel, dirt, mulch, yard waste, trash and recyclables should be completely covered with a securely fastened tarp.

- Tie down large items: Furniture, appliances, equipment and other oversized cargo should be secured. You may need to use ropes, chains, cargo netting or even heavy-duty ratchet straps.

- Load heavy items first: Place heavier items on the bottom and as low as possible. If you are utilizing a trailer, center the heavy items or place them slightly ahead of the trailer's axles.

No matter how short the trip, drivers should always take the time to properly secure their cargo before getting on the road.

Attempting to hold a load in place by having a passenger ride on or with the cargo is not safe and is not an acceptable substitute for proper tie-downs.

If a load cannot remain secure on its own using appropriate straps, chains, ropes, netting, or a tarp it is not ready for transport.

Taking a few extra minutes to secure your load properly can prevent serious crashes, injuries and unnecessary tragedies.

Some of the most common injuries from airbags without a seat belt include whiplash, traumatic brain injuries, and neck and spine injuries.

Looking at the top causal factors for these at-fault crashes by 16- to 21-year-olds in 2025, CSP investigators found:

- November (406 crashes):
 1. Animal caused (73).
 2. Speeding (60).
 3. Following too closely (55).
 4. Lane violation (54).
 5. Distracted driving (54).
- July (396)
 1. Inattentive to driving (65).
 2. Lane violations (60).
 3. Following too closely (59).
 4. Animal caused (39).
 5. Impaired driving (37).

Studies have shown that as kids get older, they are less likely to want to buckle up," stated Packard. "Yet, despite what parents think, kids observe and learn from you as they age. Parents or caregivers are the top influence in whether your kids will buckle up — so set the standard and wear one."



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

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On April 22, 2026, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) COURTNEY P POGUE and KEVIN S POGUE Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR THE CENTRAL TRUST BANK Current Holder of Evidence of Debt THE CENTRAL TRUST BANK Date of Deed of Trust January 27, 2023 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust January 27, 2023 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book Page No.) 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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Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
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Case No.: 2025CV30048
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, amended on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as recorded 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:

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Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations there-in described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

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The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 9 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday August 5th, 2026, Sale Number 2026-02 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

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

By: /s/ Mike Le Roux
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff
Archuleta County, Colorado

EXHIBIT "A"

Peregrine Townhomes Matter Amount
JAMES OTIS RELYEA, (#C#170901920) A 77,000. / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7803-7806 in Building Number(s) 2 & 3.
Unpaid Assessments: \$751.55
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$1,860.76
BONNIE B MC CAFFERTY and VALERY R SHIMBEL, (#C#179604061) A 105,000. / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Building Number(s) 4 & 5.
Unpaid Assessments: \$864.31
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,153.52
GERALDINE A ANDERSON, (#C#179806553) A 126,000. / 35,486,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Building Number(s) 4 & 5.
Unpaid Assessments: \$935.19
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,224.40
GLENNNA Y HARGROVE, TRUSTEE OF THE GLENNNA Y HARGROVE REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 27, 1988, (#C#179701669) A 77,000. / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Building Number(s) 6.
Unpaid Assessments: \$698.86
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$1,988.07
PAM J MYERS, (#C#179800073) A 126,000. / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7821-7822 in Building Number(s) 11.
Unpaid Assessments: \$771.70
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,060.91
CHARLES H STAHHMAN, TRUSTEE OF THE CHARLES H STAHHMAN LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 31, 2003, (#C#179802103) A 28,000. / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7823-7824 in Building Number(s) 12.
Unpaid Assessments: \$555.52
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$1,844.73
BRENDA W POLLARD and GEORGE C POLLARD, (#C#170711451) A 105,000. / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7845-7846 in Building Number(s) 23.
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,056.65
Cost: \$289.21

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,345.86
ROBERT BARR and SHARON BARR, (#C#170503387) A 300,000. / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7863-7864 in Building Number(s) 32.
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,394.50
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$5,683.71
CHRISTINA SMITH, (#C#170015192) A 154,000. / 17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Unit Numbers 7885-7886 in Building Number(s) 43.
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,236.95
Cost: \$289.21
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,526.16
In Peregrine Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said buildings as depicted on the Plats recorded in Reception Numbers 173553-173555, 98002629, 98006555, 9901974, 20005495, 20010666, and subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 173556, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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FOR THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS HEARING ON AUGUST 4TH, 2026

ALCON CONSTRUCTION has applied for a GENERAL VARIANCE regarding engineering requirements, at 301 Park Ave, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services- Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone: (970) 264-1390 or PLANNING@archuleta-county.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of Adjustments on August 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON AUGUST 4TH, 2026

Application for a MINOR PLAT AMENDMENT IN PAGO-SA MEADOWS 4, to resubdivide lot 212XZ, also known as 368 Crestone PI, creating lots 212XZ and 213Z.
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services- Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone: (970) 264-1390 or PLANNING@archuleta-county.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on August 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON AUGUST 4TH, 2026

Application for a MINOR PLAT AMENDMENT IN RIO BLANCO CABIN SITES, to resubdivide lot 65XXZ, also known as 267 Calderwood PI, creating lots 65XXY and 65XXZ.
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services- Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone: (970) 264-1390 or PLANNING@archuleta-county.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on August 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON AUGUST 4TH, 2026

Application for CERULEAN SKIES RANCH BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, for an RV Park at 6116 US Highway 84, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services- Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, phone: (970) 264-1390 or PLANNING@archuleta-county.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on August 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON JULY 23RD, 2026

Application for CERULEAN SKIES RANCH BOARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, for an RV Park at 6116 US Highway 84, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
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ty.gov prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 23, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

District Court Archuleta County, Colorado
109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
(970) 264-8160
In re the Marriage of:
Petitioner: Ewing, Nathalie Jacques and
Respondent: Ewing, Robert Hart
Case Number: 2026DR30001
Division: 3 (Judge Jay)
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the petition filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the petition may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the petition in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the petition without further notice.

This is an action for Legal Separation.
Dated: June 8, 2026.
Published in the: Pagosa Springs Sun.
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Last Publication: June 9, 2026
Attorney for Petitioner:
Timothy R. Wolfe, #56952
(timothy@wardlawdurango.com)
101 W. 11th Street, Suite 101
Durango, CO 81301
(970) 259-1120
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Notice to Creditors

Estate of Christopher Leo Chavez, deceased
Archuleta County Case Number 2026PR6
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to:
The personal representative identified below, or
To the District Court of Archuleta County (contact information above)
ON OR BEFORE October 26, 2026 or the claims may be forever barred.
Personal Representative: Marie R. Hernandez
12721 Forestdale Drive
Bellevue, NE 68123
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Jeanette Ronnie Corless Green, Deceased
Case Number 2026PR007
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before October 26, 2026, or the claims may be forever barred.
Randy Shepherd Green
669 Coronado Circle
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Robert Wayne Parsons
Case Number 2026 PR 30023
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta, County, Colorado on or before November 2,

Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) app shares wildfire alerts to help keep outdoor recreationists safe

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) wants to remind the Colorado outdoor community that the Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) mobile app displays active fire alerts, including wildfires and prescribed burns in covered areas.

To access these alerts, open the app and search for trailheads to see if wildfires are in the surrounding areas and stay informed before heading out.

The COTREX app is a free, user-friendly platform that provides authoritative trail information from trusted land managers.

More than 36 agency partners use the COTREX app to post real-time advisories, including trail closures, safety hazards and other essential trail alerts. Users can plan routes, view allowed use types, download offline maps and see trip recommendations from participating partners around the state — all for free, providing a convenient and stress-free

experience for outdoor enthusiasts.

COTREX includes daily wildfire and prescribed burn alerts from trusted sources like InciWeb and the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC).

Alerts automatically appear on the website and app, providing descriptions, boundaries and links to additional resources.

Wildfire and prescribed burn information is checked multiple times a day.

Management agencies that do not

report to InciWeb or the NIFC systems can post their wildfire and prescribed burn alerts.

“COTREX is a powerful tool for planning your next trip,” said State Trails Program Coordinator Joe O’Brien. “We’re committed to increasing the amount of official information we can provide to help the public recreate safely and responsibly around the state. Even if you use other trail apps, we always recommend checking COTREX for alerts or closures and downloading a free map in case of poor cell service.”

This tool is designed to help outdoor recreationists make informed decisions about exploring an area.

While all information in COTREX comes directly from the best available public sources, it’s recommended to contact local authorities or land managers for the most current wildfire and trail conditions, especially during active fire seasons.

Be careful with fire

Large wildfires are currently burning in Colorado. With no moisture in the forecast, low humidity and gusty winds, dry vegetation can cause rapid fire growth.

Officials warn that a single spark from a campfire, vehicle or grill can ignite a fast-moving wildfire.

CPW recommends the following guidelines for using fire outdoors:

- Check fire restrictions or bans at www.coemergency.com.
- 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.

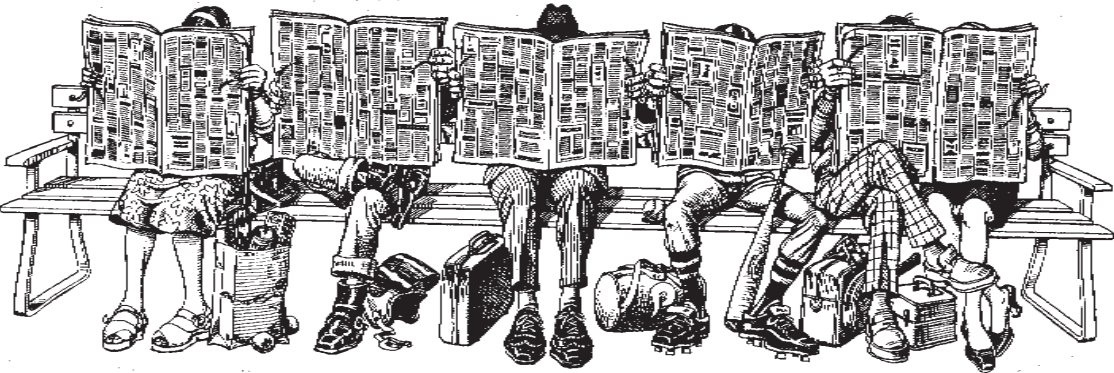
For more information on Colorado state parks and outdoor recreation, visit cpw.state.co.us.



Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

JR Ford, former board member of the Western Heritage Event Center (WHEC), poses with Conrad and Beckett Self, from Tucson, Ariz., who attended the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo on Thursday night and were winners of the Daisy BB Gun drawing for children in attendance under 12 years old. Only one of the brothers had the winning ticket, but parents said they must share. WHEC is the nonprofit organization that owns and operates the rodeo grounds and executes the annual three-day Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, which celebrated its 76th anniversary this year.

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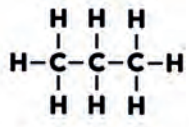
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Pagosa Duathlon

7:30 a.m. • Saturday, July 11 • Turkey Springs Trail System



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18th annual Pagosa Duathlon to be held July 11

By Keena Carstensen
A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc.

A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc. (doing business as Aspen House and Aspen Services) is honored to be presenting the 18th annual Pagosa Duathlon on Saturday, July 11.

The race will take place in the Turkey Springs Trail System. We have a race for everyone in the family.

The first race of the day is the Dusty Kids Gravel Growler on a dirt/gravel road. Bring out the kiddos for a fun time. This race is a 1-mile run and a 2-mile bike.

There are two adult races for the day on single-track and ATV trails throughout the Turkey Springs Trail system.

The Dirty Sprinters will begin with a 3-mile trail run, followed by an 8-mile bike. The surrounding flora of the San Juan National Forest provides the perfect backdrop for fun outdoor activities.

For a more challenging course, the Dirty Du begins with a 7-mile trail run, followed by a 15-mile bike. This longer race has more opportunities for scenery, including groves of aspen trees on the Aspen Run Trail. There

will be rocky up and downs, winding trails and plenty of ponderosa pines to provide shady spots.

The adult races have three divisions: individual men, individual women, and two-member relay team (one runner and one biker).

Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/PagosaDirtyDu>.

Races are professionally timed and there will be plenty of post-race refreshments.

The race lineup is as follows:

- Dusty Kids Gravel Growler: 7:30 a.m. \$15.
- Dirty Sprint: 8:15 a.m., \$75.
- Dirty Du: 8:15 a.m., \$75.

Pre-race packet pick-up will be Friday, July 10, at PS FroYo, 459 Lewis St., from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The Pagosa Duathlon is one of three summer fundraisers, and all proceeds benefit A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to constructing a home and providing services for adults with developmental disabilities in Pagosa Springs.

The Pagosa Duathlon operates under a special permit with the San Juan National Forest and is an equal opportunity provider.

Live Performers

Thursday

Coyote Moon Lounge: Open Mic with Eric Wade, 6:30 p.m.
The Pagosa Bar: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

Friday

Coyote Moon Lounge: Max Miller, 6 p.m.
Neon Mallard: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon Lounge: Totally Happy Campers, 6 p.m.
East Side Market: Emily Tholberg and the Patio Panthers, 11 a.m.

Sunday

Coyote Moon Lounge: Taryn, 5 p.m.

Monday

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

Tuesday

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Cues and Brews: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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San Juan Stargazers to hold two free star parties

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

On July 2, the San Juan Stargazers held a members-only business meeting to discuss possible changes to club activities.

We came up with some good ideas. The decision was made that members missed having star parties like we had when Jerry Granok and John Buting were here. Those are two amazing, irreplaceable people, both great at using their telescopes, but we'll do our best.

Many of you will remember Granok because he often had his solar lens on his telescope during daytime events to look at our magnificent sun.

We picked two new moon dark sky nights, one on July 15 and another on Aug. 12, which is also during the Perseid meteor shower peak which could be extra fun.

We picked a special location about 4.7 miles north of U.S. 160 on Piedra Road, just as you come to Hatcher Lake and can see it to your left, driving north. If you can see the lake you have gone too far and need to drive back to take the closest road to the west. It is not an official park, but is a fishing spot near the dam, has a toilet and a parking lot to set up maybe 10 telescopes with parking along the road.

We often went there in May. Our star parties used to mostly be for members only, but these star parties will be open to the public with between five and 10 telescopes set up at each. We will also point out

constellations and stars, etc. They may last until quite late.

There actually is a sign on the left side of the road when driving north that says "La Ventana." Arrive while it is light, or it is worth checking out ahead of time. It is on a hill above Piedra Road, so not bothered by car

lights.

Everyone is invited to both star parties. There is no cost.

We will have our regular meeting on Aug. 6 to study recent discoveries of the James Webb Space Telescope.

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Successful 19th Hole Concert Series raises \$10,000 for Archuleta nonprofits

By Rachel Rosenthal
Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

In its 11th year, the 19th Hole Concerts, put on by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado, has once again raised \$10,000 to support Pagosa Springs nonprofits. This year's recipients will each receive a \$2,500 grant to support their vital work in the community. Aspire Medical Services and Education, Pagosa Community Initiative,

Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership, and Wings Early Childhood Center were selected by the Archuleta Committee to be highlighted at one of the concerts held every Thursday in June. A \$10 donation at the gate goes to the nonprofits selected each year. The success of these concerts is made possible by the support of concertgoers and generous sponsors who cover concert expenses so 100 percent of ticket sales go to the nonprofits.

This season also brought the largest crowd ever, with 331 attendees at the June 18 concert. "It's great to see returning faces every summer, but this year's turnout really stood out," said Susan Buchner, a long-time member of the Archuleta Committee. "Great music for a cause that puts real dollars into Pagosa Springs nonprofits." To learn more about the 19th Hole Concerts and the Community Foundation, visit swcommunityfoundation.org.

What to do when lightning strikes

Special to The PREVIEW

Summer weather is often noted for its warmth and compatibility with outdoor activities. Whether it's kids at camp once school lets out or families hosting backyard barbecues for loved ones or seniors strolling through parks on pleasant mornings, summer offers outdoor activities for people of all ages. Outdoor recreation is integral to summer fun, but there are instances when the festivities must be taken indoors. Such is the case when thunderstorms strike and lightning poses a safety threat.

Knowing what to do when lightning strikes is vital to summer safety, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) urges individuals to take the following precautions when storms arrive:

- Know the right places to go. The NOAA notes the best place to be during a lightning storm is inside a large,

enclosed structure with plumbing and electrical wiring. Plumbing and electrical wiring will conduct electricity more efficiently than a human body, so the safest place to be when lightning is present is inside a building, such as a home, office or shopping center. If buildings are inaccessible, the NOAA recommends retreating to an enclosed metal vehicle.

- Avoid unsafe retreats. A picnic pavillion at a local park or a baseball dugout at an outdoor athletic complex are unsafe during storms featuring lightning because they feature exposed openings. The NOAA also notes that golf carts and any vehicles with open cabs are unsafe. The NOAA advises against seeking shelter from lightning in beach shacks, metal sheds and carports, particularly when safer retreats are accessible.
- Avoid bathing during a lightning storm. Adults may recall their parents not bathing them during lightning

storms when they were children, and that cautionary measure is more than mere superstition. Water and metal are good conductors of electricity, so the NOAA advises against taking a bath or shower during a lightning storm.

- Unplug devices if you plan to use them during a storm. Avoid using desktop computers during lightning storms, as such devices typically need to be plugged in for users to access them. If you must use devices like a smartphone or tablet during a lighting storm, be sure to unplug them from wall outlets before doing so.
- Keep your hands off the radio dial and ignition when riding a storm out in a car. Radio dials, touch screens and ignitions should not be touched when sheltering in a vehicle during a lightning storm. The conducting paths in radios, ignitions and touch screens lead to the outside of the vehicle, making people who touch them vulnerable to lightning strikes.

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

League of Women Voters Archuleta County Chapter

On July 9, the local chapter of the League of Women Voters (LWV) is sponsoring a screening of the award-winning documentary "Join or Die!" which will be followed by a "Joining Fair" featuring key local nonprofits and clubs.

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

After the screening, 10 nonprofits/clubs will explain their mission and volunteer needs.

These worthy organizations include: Archuleta Senior Center, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Habitat for Humanity, Healthy Archuleta, Mountain Rotary, Pagosa Community Initiative, Pagosa Springs Rotary, Ruby Sisson Library, Vets4Vets and the Weminuche Audubon Society.

After the presentations, you can vote for your favorite. The top three vote-getters will receive a grant from the local LWV Chapter. You must purchase a ticket to the film to vote.

Visit www.pagosamovies.com and click on the link for "Join or Die!" on July 9.

The LWV was founded in 1920, just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified and women won the right to vote.

Today, the LWV has more than 800 local and state chapters with a motto of "Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy."

This nonpartisan, grassroots organization works to protect and expand voting rights, and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. The LWV works to increase voter participation through advocacy, education and litigation at the local, state and national levels.

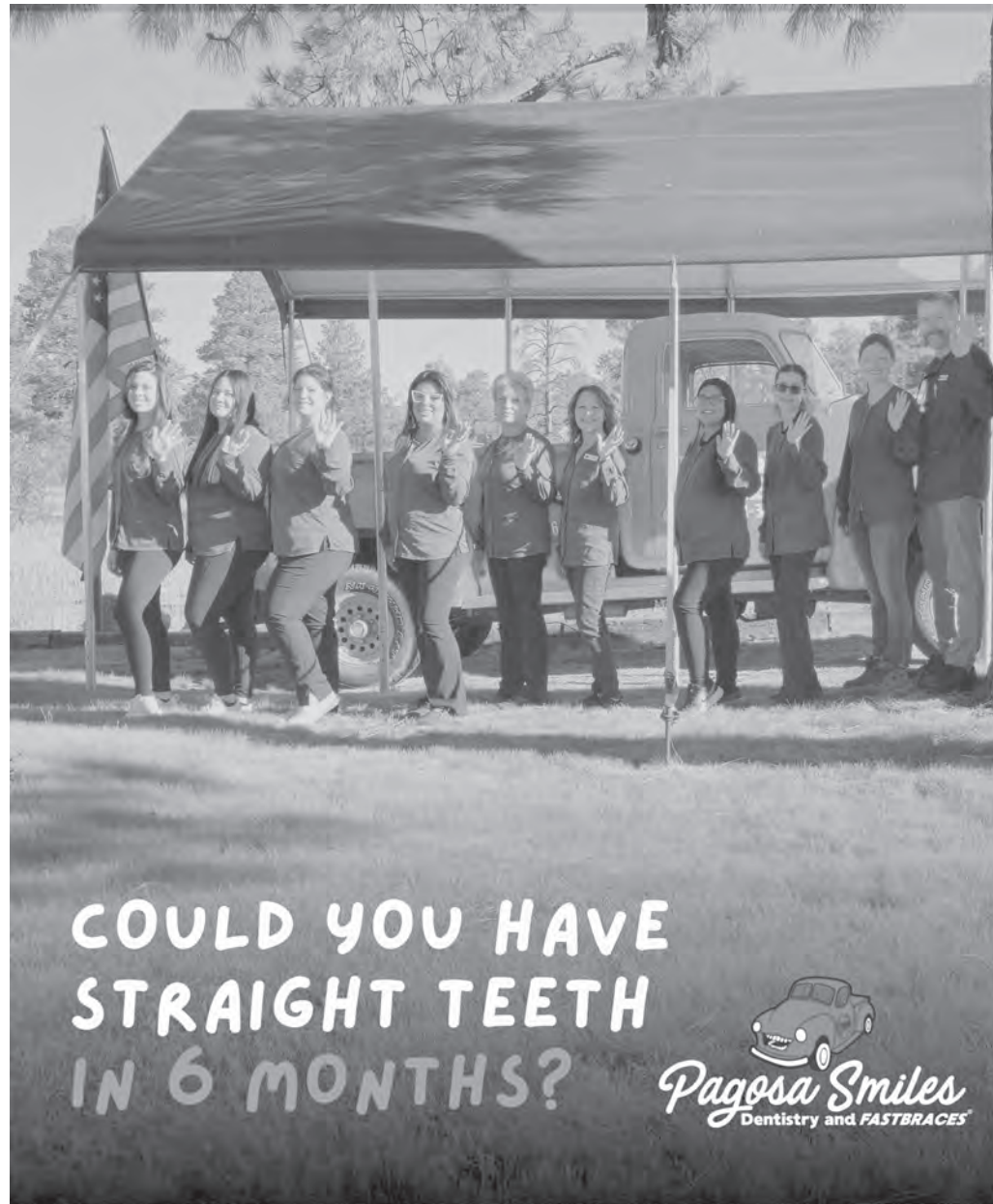
Each chapter gets to choose its own agenda, programs and policies.

"All politics is local," said civic leader Thomas O'Neill Sr.

Our chapter is dedicated to local issues: increasing voter participation, voter education and providing a safe and civil forum to discuss vital topics affecting our quality of life here in Pagosa Springs.

Current membership includes Republicans, Democrats and independents, men and women — all are welcome. If you want to join our mailing list to hear about monthly meetings and events, please contact Ginger Baxt at vpbaxt@gmail.com.

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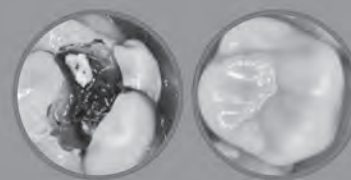
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Tim Moore appears as Tevye in Thingamajig Theatre Company’s production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, pictured during “If I Were a Rich Man.” The production is one of three taking the stage at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts this summer.

Young performers and repertory favorites take the stage at Thingamajig

By Tim Moore

Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

There are weeks at the theater when the building seems to hold more than one story at a time. This is one of those weeks at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

In the rehearsal room, young performers are entering their sec-

ond week of work on Disney’s “The Jungle Book KIDS.” On the mainstage, Thingamajig Theatre Company’s professional summer repertory season continues with “Company” and “Come From Away.” It is a week that brings together two central parts of Thingamajig’s mission: training young artists and producing profes-

Thingamajig’s Kids Camp is now in rehearsal for “The Jungle Book KIDS,” a musical adaptation of the classic story of Mowgli, a boy raised by wolves who must learn where he belongs. The production features familiar characters including Baloo, Bagheera, King Louie, Shere Khan and a jungle full of young performers.

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The show opens Friday, July 10, and runs daily through July 12. The production features two casts, Cast A and Cast B, and performance times vary. Audiences are encouraged to check the schedule closely when purchasing tickets.

"Working on 'The Jungle Book KIDS' has been a joy," said Laura Moore, camp director and executive director of Thingamajig Theatre Company. "These young artists are learning how to rehearse with focus, how to collaborate and how to take responsibility for their part of the story. When aspiring performers are guided by professionals, they begin to understand that theater is not just about being onstage. It is about discipline, generosity, timing, courage and trust."

Thingamajig's summer repertory season includes "Fiddler on the Roof," "Company" and "Come From Away," with the three productions rotating throughout the summer. This week's mainstage schedule continues Thursday, July 9, with Stephen Sondheim and George Furth's "Company," followed by "Come From Away" on Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. "Fiddler on the Roof" returns to the schedule next week.

"Company" is a musical about



Photo courtesy Justin Treptow

Georgia Fender appears as Captain Beverley Bass with the company of Thingamajig Theatre Company's "Come From Away." The production continues Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

love, marriage, friendship, loneliness and the quiet pressure to have life figured out. Centered on Bobby, a single man surrounded by married friends, the show is witty, elegant, uneasy and emotionally precise. Sondheim's score remains one of the most sophisticated in musical theater, moving from sharp comedy to emotional honesty without warning.

"Come From Away" tells the true story of the days after Sept. 11, 2001, when 38 planes were diverted to Gander, Newfoundland, and thousands of stranded passengers were welcomed by local residents. The musical moves quickly and warmly, showing how ordinary people responded to an extraordinary moment

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Healthy Archuleta holds salsa garden party full of flavor, fun and community

Healthy Archuleta

On Tuesday, June 16, laughter, learning and a little bit of dirt filled the air as Healthy Archuleta's CLAC en Español gathered for an unforgettable evening of container gardening with our amazing garden educator, Deborah.

Designed especially for this community, the class focused on one delicious idea: growing the ingredients we love right at home.

For many Hispanic families, gardening is much more than planting vegetables; it's a tradition passed from one generation to the next. It's the scent of fresh cilantro picked just before dinner; the chile plants growing beside the porch; colorful flowers welcoming hummingbirds, butterflies and bees; and grandparents and parents teaching children how to care for the earth.

Gardens have long been places where culture, family, food and love come together, and this evening celebrated those traditions while creating new memories for the next generation. More than 37 community members, families and staff came together to enjoy a delicious dinner before rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty.

Deborah, our wonderful garden expert, shared inspirational ideas for the container gardens, such as a salsa garden, a pizza garden, an herb garden, a barbecue or carne asada seasoning/rub garden, and more.

She showed everyone how to put them together by choosing the right pot sizes, pairing companion plants, building healthy soil and caring for plants throughout the season. Participants planted patio tomatoes, chile peppers, habaneros, bell peppers, cilantro, oregano, parsley, sage, basil, kale, eggplant and colorful flowers to attract our very important pollinators. Every garden was unique, reflecting each family's favorite flavors, recipes and traditions.

While the adults planted, our children's educator, Samantha, kept the young gardeners busy with a fun pot-painting activity. Every child planted a strawberry to take home, along with new gardening skills and the excitement of growing something of their own. Who knows, we may have inspired a few future gardeners.

One of the biggest takeaways from the evening was how easy and affordable container gardening can be. Whether you have a small patio, balcony, porch or even a sunny window, you can grow fresh herbs, vegetables, flowers and salsa ingredients right at home.

By the end of the evening, adults and children alike left with smiling faces, dirt-covered hands, beautiful container gardens and the confidence to continue growing healthy food at home.

More importantly, they left carrying forward a tradition that has nourished Hispanic families for

generations, sharing food grown with love, caring for the earth, and gathering around the table with family and friends.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, organized and helped make this event such a success. Together, we're cultivating healthier families, celebrating our rich cultural traditions and growing a stronger community, one small garden at a time.

To learn more about Healthy Archuleta and upcoming community events, visit www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org or email fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

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■ continued from previous page with kindness, humor and practical generosity.

Audience response to Thingamajig's summer season has been overwhelmingly positive across all three repertory productions. Patrons have praised the polish, energy and emotional reach of the season, with some calling "Fiddler on the Roof" one of the best productions Thingamajig has ever produced.

For one week, the same building will hold young actors learning how

to tell a story and seasoned professionals carrying some of the most beloved and challenging works in modern musical theater. That kind of overlap matters. It lets students see what the work can become, and it lets audiences see a theater company investing in both the present and the future.

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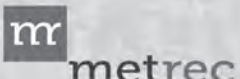
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Nineteen women representing seven Panhellenic sororities and 16 universities attend the 2025 event of women affiliated with a collegiate sorority to welcome friends and share the bonds of sisterhood across badges. The 2026 event will be Aug. 11 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Alley House Grille. To attend or be on our contact list, call or text Sherry Spears at (940) 887-9208, or email sherrykayspears@sbcglobal.net.

Pagosa Panhellenic gathering planned for Aug. 11

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

Women affiliated with a collegiate sorority are invited to attend the annual gathering of sisters on Aug. 11 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Alley House Grille.

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. A \$10 donation at the event is requested to assist in covering the cost of appetizers and beverage service.

The event was revived in 2023 and one to two events have been held every year, with 20-30 sorority women gathering at each event. The intent is to catch up with old friends while enjoying the new friends that you will meet and share the bond of sisterhood across badges.

Please help by mentioning this upcoming event to

friends and acquaintances that you know to be Panhellenic members so that we can continue to grow participation. We look forward to welcoming the traditional attendees, as well as new faces, to this special event.

In 2006, an initial luncheon was held to celebrate and share in our collegiate sorority roots. The luncheon continued for 11 years and disbanded without volunteers to organize another event.

Sherry Spears, Delta Delta Delta, leads the reestablishment of these fun events. Her planning committee includes Joni Rose, Kelly Maestas and Lisa Scott, all Pi Beta Phis.

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Pagosa Valor Academy's Bolos and Boots set to be night of country music and fun

By Cia Adkisson
Pagosa Valor Academy

Pagosa Valor Academy (PVA) is throwing a barn bash. Put on your cowboy hat and join us on Sept. 5 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Archuleta County Extension building for a night of good food, music and dancing.

The evening will include a dance floor with music by country band Silverado (featuring Stetson and Cia Adkisson, Dusty Bauer, Caleb Forrest and Chad Hamilton) playing country hits from the '90's, barbecue and a silent auction.

This western-themed night is the

Friends of the Library summer book sale set for July 16-18

By Katie Dobbins
Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library
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Individual tickets and full tables can be purchased at <https://give-butter.com/c/bolos-and-boots> or in person downtown at Higher Altitude Pagosa.

Tickets are \$50 and include dinner, dancing and a silent auction. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase on-site.

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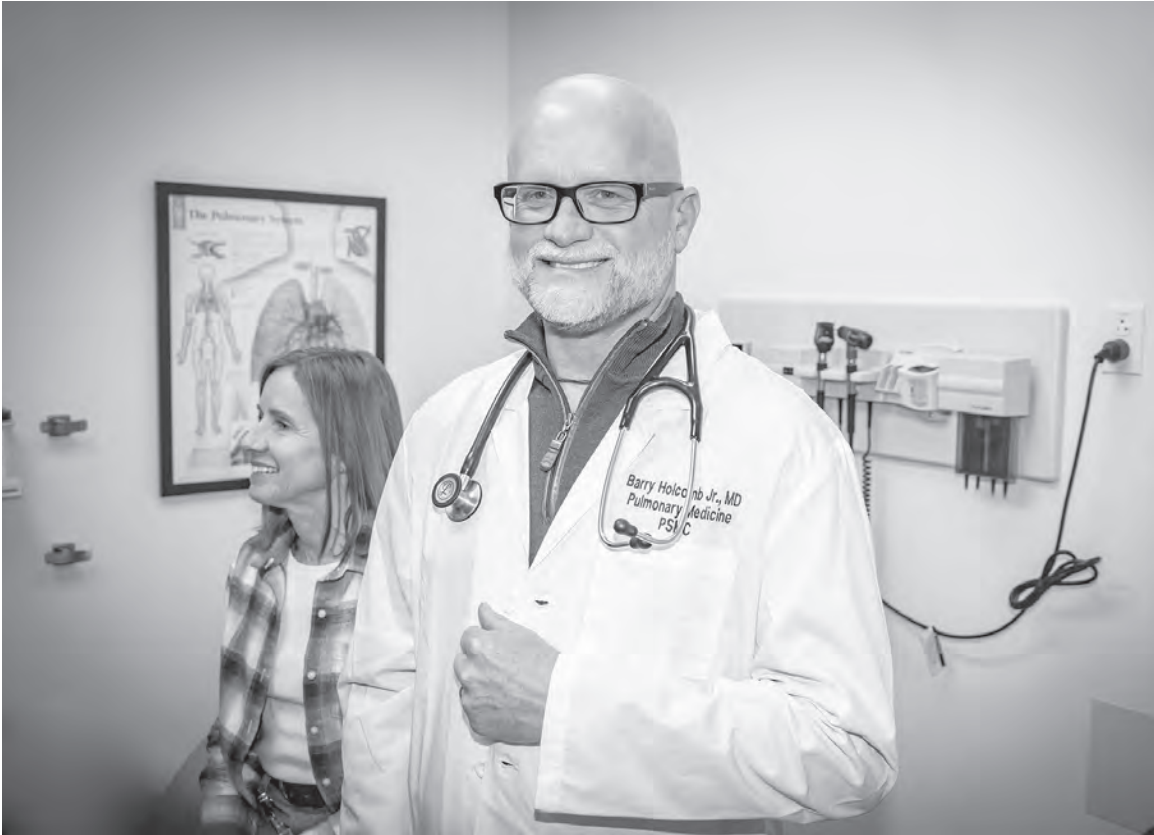
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Thursday, July 9

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.

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.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join a docent for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth. Walking the labyrinth can bring a sense of releasing, receiving and renewal. The labyrinth is available from dawn until dusk and is located in the wooded area behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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.

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.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents ‘Company.’ 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosa-center.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Friday, July 10

A Tour of Two Trails. 7:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance

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

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Bingo. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

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.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents ‘Come From Away.’ 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Saturday, July 11

Pagosa Duathlon. 7:30 a.m., Turkey Springs Trail System. Join Aspen House and Aspen Service for the 18th annual Pagosa Duathlon. The events will kick off with the Dusty Kids Gravel Growler at 7:30 a.m.

(\$15), with the Dirty Sprint and Dirty Due (\$75 each) following at 8:15 a.m. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/PagosaSprings/PagosaDirtyDu>.

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.

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.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and

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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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Sunday, July 12

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with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Monday, July 13

Sunrise at Chimney Rock. 5:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program offers a unique two-hour tour of the archaeological sites with a special emphasis on the view of the sun rising atop the mesa. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures.

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

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.

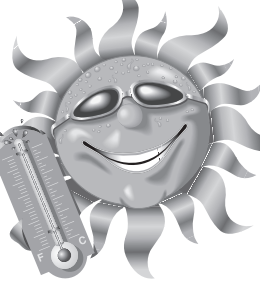
Tuesday, July 14

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

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snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

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

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

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

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join to discuss "The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man" by David Von Drehle.

Tween Secret Snacks. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 11-14. See if you really know your favorite treats. Join for tasty treats and a few laughs as you try a few different secret snacks. Get them all right for a small prize.

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

Pagosa Wetlands Tour. 7 p.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.

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

Wednesday, July 15

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.

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.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Therapy Dog Visit. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For all ages. Take a moment to visit with certified therapy dog Mia.

Wilderness Workshop with Jesse Krebs. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. DIY survival bracelets, picnic lunch and guided river walk with survival expert Jesse Krebs. A Sisson Library program.

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

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

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

A Tour of Two Trails. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

Weminuche Audubon Society. 6:30 p.m., Centennial Park. Join for a tour of the native plants garden near the domes and a walk down the Riverwalk with volunteer guides from Pagosa Wetlands Partners.

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Thursday, July 16

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.

'Trail as Old as Time — Ancient Rocks of the Vallecito Valley' Geology Hike. 9 a.m. The hike is free, but sign-up is required at SJMA.org.

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

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Join a docent for a guided tour of the Chartres-design labyrinth. Walking the labyrinth can bring a sense of releasing, receiving and renewal. The labyrinth is available from dawn until dusk and is located in the wooded area behind the parking lot at the wooden cross.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

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

Friday, July 17

A Tour of Two Trails. 7:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour provides an in-depth discussion along the Great House Trail about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa-top Great House and the day-to-day lives of the ancestral inhabitants of Chimney Rock. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10

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

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Browse hundreds of gently used books — a treasure trove of stories and hidden gems. All proceeds support the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

Baby Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for stories, songs and giggles. Stay and play after storytime and connect with fellow caregivers.

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

AARP Safe Driver Course. 1:15-5 p.m., Senior Center. Refresh your driving skills and learn the latest Colorado laws. For more information and to register, call (970) 585-4494.

Toddler Pinecone Bird Feeder Craft. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 3-5. Help feed the birds by creating a bird feeder out of a pinecone. Dress for a mess.

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

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Saturday, July 18

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.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. All quilters and wanna-be quilters are welcome. Social hour is from

9:30-10:30 a.m., with the meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m. For more information on meetings and classes, email pagosapiecemakers@gmail.com.

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Browse hundreds of gently used books — a treasure trove of stories and hidden gems. All proceeds support the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

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Car- and Truck-Themed LEGO Build. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs.

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

Night Sky Program. 8 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program focuses on the Ancient Puebloans who once lived here and studied the night skies along with interactive talks about the life cycle of a star, categories of galaxies and other relevant topics. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Sunday, July 19

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION GALA

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Scene ... raising funds to help renovate the downtown Emergency Medical Service (EMS) building. The 2026 Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) Foundation Gala, held on Monday, June 22, at Alley House Grille, was a tremendous success thanks to the generosity of attendees, the support of business sponsors, and the dedication of PSMC volunteers. Together, the community embraced the fundraising campaign, "Say Yes to EMS," to help raise funds to renovate the downtown building at 302 San Juan St. to be a second EMS station.



SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

On July 12 at 10 a.m., the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center will discuss “Communing with Flowers & Angelic helpers” at Xanadu ranch. A \$10 love donation will be collected. 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 14, 6 p.m.: Inspirational guest speaker Forrest Rivers will speak on “Building a New Earth.” There will be a reception at 6:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by contacting (970) 510-0309. A love donation will be collected.
- The center also offers educational classes and workshops.

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 western flycatcher.

Every year, a committee of the American Ornithological Society publishes updates to the Checklist of North American Birds, the official authority on the names and classifications of regional birds. In 1989, it split the western flycatcher into two flycatcher species, the Pacific Slope and the Cordilleran, but, in 2023, the name western flycatcher was returned to both when studies concluded that similarities between the two groups were greater than differences.

The distribution of this small flycatcher is widespread in the West. Summers find it in areas from the Pacific coast to the Rocky Mountains from southeastern Alaska to southern Mexico. Along the coast they breed primarily in humid coniferous forests, and away from the coast in shaded mountain forests.

A variety of structures can support this bird’s moss-covered nest. Natural nest sites include the fork of a small tree, a vertical streambank, on top of a stump or in the roots of a fallen tree. They are the most likely of our small, green flycatchers to nest near people on ledges, rafters or other parts of buildings. Young have been documented being fed in the nest here in early August.

Western flycatchers eat mostly insects, captured in flight or picked from vegetation. Look for them to fly out from branches in the low to mid-level of trees. Prey species include beetles, bugs, wasps, bees, flies, moths, leafhoppers and spiders.

The western flycatcher looks like several of the other notoriously similar-looking small birds in the Empidonax genus. It is olive backed, has a peaked crown, white wingbars and a teardrop-shaped eyering. It is best pinpointed by its simple, two-note whistle that rises on the second syllable. The use of sound ID phone apps like Cornell Lab’s Merlin has been a game changer for the identification of flycatchers and is a great tool to use in training your ear to learn their calls.

Western flycatchers show up in our area in May and stay into September. Although they are still numerous, loss of mountain coniferous habitat on their breeding grounds and on their winter grounds in Mexico poses a threat to their conservation.

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

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2026 Archuleta County Fair rodeos promise a weekend of action, tradition and community

Archuleta County Fair

This summer marks a milestone worth celebrating as the Archuleta County Fair commemorates its 75th anniversary, honoring three-quarters of a century of agriculture, western heritage and community tradition.

From July 30 through Aug. 2, fairgoers are invited to celebrate this diamond anniversary with four days of family fun, livestock shows, live entertainment and an action-packed lineup of rodeo events. From professional rodeo action and live music to working ranch competitions and kids taking center stage, the Archuleta County Fair arena will be the place to be all weekend long.

The excitement will begin July 31 with the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo, an event that continues to grow in both impact and prestige. This year marks an exciting milestone as the rodeo officially becomes a Colorado Pro Rodeo Association (CPRA) sanctioned event, bringing top professional contestants from across the region to compete in Pagosa Springs.

While the competition is sure to be thrilling, the heart of the evening remains the same. Proceeds from the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo benefit our local Pagosa Springs Medical Center's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, helping provide support and care for cancer patients right here in our community.

"Our Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo is about more than great rodeo action," states the Archuleta County Fair Board. "It's about neighbors coming together to support neighbors. We're incredibly proud that this event continues to grow while making a meaningful difference for local families."

When the final bull has bucked and the last barrel has been turned, the celebration will continue with a live performance by Tylor Brandon, giving rodeo fans another reason to stick around for an evening of great country music.

The western action will continue Aug. 1 with the return of the Archuleta County Ranch Rodeo, one of the fair's most anticipated events. Unlike a traditional rodeo, the Ranch

Rodeo showcases the real-life skills used every day on working ranches. Teams will compete in events that test horsemanship, teamwork and ranching ability, including crowd favorites like trailer loading, branding, cow milking and stray gathering, giving spectators an authentic glimpse into Colorado's ranching heritage.

Following the annual Livestock Auction on Saturday evening, the fairgrounds will once again come alive with live music as Bo DePeña takes the stage. Whether you've spent the day cheering on ranch teams, supporting local youth at the auction or enjoying the fair, it's the perfect way to wrap up another memorable day.

The weekend of rodeos will conclude Aug. 2 with one of the fair's most beloved traditions — the Kids Rodeo. Young cowboys and cowgirls will have the opportunity to participate in fun rodeo events designed just for them, creating memories that often become the beginning of a life-long love for rodeo and the western way of life.

"This weekend is what the Archuleta County Fair is all about," the Fair Board adds. "It's bringing families together, celebrating our agricultural roots, supporting our community and creating traditions that will be remembered for years to come. Celebrating our 75th county fair makes this year's event even more special, and we invite everyone to come help us celebrate this incredible milestone."

Whether you're a lifelong rodeo fan or attending for the very first time, this year's rodeo weekend offers something for everyone. Come cheer on CPRA competitors, support local ranchers, enjoy live music under the summer sky, and watch the next generation of cowboys and cowgirls carry on the traditions that have made the Archuleta County Fair a cornerstone of our community for 75 years.

Dust off your boots, gather your family and friends, and join us July 30 through Aug. 2 as we celebrate the 75th Archuleta County Fair with a weekend filled with excitement, entertainment and hometown pride.

Here's to 75 years of tradition — and many more to come.

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

- ACROSS**
- 1 Gossip, slangily
 - 5 Mexican peninsula
 - 9 Mythical queen of Carthage
 - 13 Smoothie berry
 - 14 In the sky
 - 16 Hazzard County lawman
 - 17 "Gunsmoke" saloon
 - 19 ____-a-Sketch
 - 20 Put in a place of honor
 - 21 California's motto
 - 23 Write down hastily
 - 24 Gordon ____ (Sting)
 - 26 Western state, slangily
 - 29 Can or letter follower
 - 31 Having a lot to lose?
 - 34 Solitude
 - 36 Cleansing agent
 - 38 Gets to giggle
 - 39 Makes certain of
 - 41 Put an end to
 - 42 Medical protocol
 - 44 Airport on Oahu (abbr.)
 - 45 Does house-work
 - 47 Circular current
 - 48 Practicing doctor?
 - 50 Roofing pitch
 - 52 Slow to learn
 - 54 Counselor's offering
 - 59 Wild animal's den
 - 60 Hard to read
 - 62 Schooner fillers
 - 63 Sweatshirt options
 - 64 Fake bait
 - 65 Workbench attachment
 - 66 Pesky insect

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- 67 Odds and ____
- 33 Palate-pleasing
- 35 Chooses
- 37 Able to be counted
- 40 Most malicious
- 43 Burma's capital, once
- 46 Blood sucker
- 49 Care for
- 51 Make sense, with "up"
- 52 Sainly king of Norway
- 53 Island east of Java
- 55 Stamp of approval
- 56 Part of speech
- 57 Parachute pull
- 58 ____ out (manages)
- 61 Fireplace fodder

- DOWN**
- 1 Chip's chum
 - 2 Coin anagram
 - 3 Comic ____ (font)
 - 4 Shenanigans
 - 5 Sinatra, for one
 - 6 "The Traitors" host Cumming
 - 7 Ones to keep up with
 - 8 Gridiron grp.
 - 9 John on a farm
 - 10 Meddled
 - 11 Marina feature
 - 12 Job safety org.
 - 15 Kind of song or park
 - 18 "Dude!"
 - 22 Turmoil
 - 25 Hidden from view
 - 26 Reality series, "Deadliest ____"
 - 27 E.T., for one
 - 28 Places
 - 30 Drive up the wall
 - 32 Modify

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Healthy Archuleta's young leaders creating lasting impact

Healthy Archuleta

"Youth are not problems for communities to solve; youth wish to help solve problems."

A 2026 Healthy Archuleta youth intern shared these powerful words, which are now central to this year's Youth Leadership and Community Engagement Internship.

This summer, five local youth interns have been proving that when young people are given the opportunity to lead, they show up with compassion, creativity, integrity and a genuine desire to make their community a better place.

Rather than simply learning about the issues in their community, these interns have been stepping into the community and becoming part of the solution.

The summer started with one simple goal for the youth: give back. It's something our interns have taken incredibly seriously.

In just the first few weeks, they have already positively impacted the community in many ways. They planned and hosted peer events, including social connections like the Kickback at the Park. They supported the Pagosa Springs Community

Garden by planting seeds and learning how local gardens can support local food access. They helped local families by collecting donations for the Archuleta Food Pantry Network during the quarterly food drive.

The internship has not only inspired interns to drive real change in their community, but also introduced the group to the bigger picture of community health and resilience through discussions and hands-on experiences — for instance, harvesting hydroponically grown lettuce while learning about innovative ways to grow healthy, fresh food locally and visiting with community partners to learn about community assets, barriers to health, local food systems and the challenges many residents face. Driven by a desire to make a real impact and to drive the change they want to see in a community, these interns prove that youth voices matter.

Beyond community service, the interns have taken on the challenge of creating spaces where young people can connect, have fun and feel like they belong. By planning events open to all youth, providing healthy food, engaging activities and a welcoming community, the goal is more than just entertainment; it's

an opportunity to build friendships, encourage leadership and remind youth that their voices matter.

What has made this internship so unique and special isn't the projects the youth have completed, but the mindset they are developing along the way.

They are learning that making

meaningful change does not always consist of a big budget and perfect planning. Sometimes, meaningful change simply starts with a few young people who care enough to get involved.

If the start of summer is any indication, these interns are doing much more than completing an internship.

They're demonstrating that youth aren't problems to be solved; they're valuable partners in solving the challenges their community faces.

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

Pagosa Community Initiative seeking club leaders, activity instructors, mentors

By Courtney Wieters
Pagosa Community Initiative

Do you have a hobby to share?

The Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) is looking for awesome people to help make this upcoming school year our best one yet. We believe the best learning happens when kids get to explore new interests, try new things and connect with caring adults in their community.

We're looking for club leaders, activity instructors and positive mentors who can share their passions with local youth. Whether it's hiking, photography, dance, woodworking, coding, gardening, sports, crafts, music or something completely unique — we'd love to help you turn your hobby into an after-school club.

One of the best parts? Our schedule is flexible. Maybe you only have

an hour a week to share your passion, or maybe you're looking for a consistent part-time position a few afternoons each week. We'd love to work with your availability. Most programming takes place Monday through Thursday between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., with Fridays between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Whether you're available one day a week or several, there may be a place for you on our team.

If you're looking for meaningful work where every day is different and every smile matters, we'd love to have you join PCI. Help us create unforgettable experiences for the kids of Archuleta County this school year while sharing something you love.

Please reach out to the executive director, Rebecca Tenpenny, with your ideas, Director@PagosaCommunityInitiative.org.

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Celebrate the freedom to read

By Barbara Brattin
PREVIEW Columnist

A few decades back, I had a part-time job in a public library in a Chicago suburb.

Like any large city, Chicago is extremely diverse, and this particular suburb had a significant resettlement of Russian Jews.

There was a great reverence for libraries among the community members, which made it a joy to be a librarian there, but also a solid sense of mistrust.

“Doesn’t the government decide what books are in the library?” an elderly gentleman once asked me.

When I told him no, that the librarians chose and he could read anything he liked, he was more than skeptical. I’m not sure he ever truly believed me, but it certainly woke me up to the understanding that our system of public libraries is not replicated in every corner of the world, and that our freedom to read any book without government censorship is a thing to be treasured.

So, during this year of our country’s 250th celebration, and for every year to come, let us hold dear the right to read, and work to safeguard that right from those who would want to limit our freedoms.

Read Wild! summer program off to great start

As the first month of summer reading wraps up, we’re proud to share that readers have already logged more than 140,000 minutes of reading time since June 1.

We are well on our way to crushing our 250,000 minute community reading goal by Aug. 28.

This is the library’s first summer using the Beanstack platform, which makes it simple and convenient to log reading and track progress toward rewards. We’ve been giving milestone prizes like putting readers’ names on the Wall of Recognition in the library and offering “community coupon bundles” to local businesses.

Readers are also earning raffle tickets to our grand prizes which include gift cards, and special experiences in the library — like private time in our makerspace — and around the area — like a fly-fishing trip.

Congrats to all the readers out there on your progress this summer. If you’d like to join, visit pagosalibrary.org/summer.

Assistant director wins young alumni award

We are pleased to announce that Taylor Worsham, our library’s assistant director, has won Western Colorado University’s first ever Pathfinder Young Alumni Award.

This award recognizes alumni who have graduated within the last 15 years who are already making meaningful contributions in their professions and communities while

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demonstrating the leadership, innovation and service that define the Western spirit.

The announcement highlights: “Since graduating from Western in 2016, Taylor (Cull) Worsham has built an impressive career in public librarianship and community service. From her early work with Gunnison County Libraries—where she helped support the successful effort to pass a mill levy and open a new library—to her creative programming that connected community members through events, technology support, and educational opportunities, Taylor’s work has already had a meaningful impact on the communities she has served. Today, Taylor’s continued leadership in public libraries and service to her community—both professionally at Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library and through organizations such as Pagosa Community Initiative—reflect the values this award was created to celebrate.”

Congratulations, Taylor. We are so proud.

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 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.

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Business Spotlight: The future of dentistry is here at San Juan Dental

By Eric Smith, DDS
San Juan Dental

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The importance of rest for healthy aging

By **Ricardo Martinez**
PREVIEW Columnist

As we grow older, getting enough rest becomes just as important as eating well and staying physically active. While a good night's sleep is essential, taking time to rest throughout the day can also help seniors maintain their energy, improve concentration and reduce stress.

Rest does not always mean sleeping. It can be as simple as sitting quietly with a book, enjoying time on the porch, listening to music or practicing relaxation techniques. Giving the body and mind an opportunity to recharge can improve mood, support memory and help reduce fatigue, making it easier to enjoy daily activities.

At the same time, balance is important. Too much daytime sleeping can interfere with nighttime sleep, so short breaks or naps of 20 to 30 minutes are often more beneficial than long naps.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) encourages older adults to find a healthy balance between activity and rest.

Participating in exercise programs, enjoying a nutritious meal with friends, volunteering or taking part in social activities at the Senior Center can all contribute to better sleep and overall well-being.

Remember, taking time to rest is not a sign of slowing down, it is an important part of staying healthy, active and independent as we age.

Safe Driver Course

The AARP Safe Driver Course will be offered on Friday, July 17, from 1:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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

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

Senior Conversations

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

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

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

Snacks will be provided.

Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, stay for a get-together created for those who wish to continue the 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

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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.

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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 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

Join us for bingo on Fridays, July 10 and 24, at 1:30 p.m.

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Scrapbooking and crafters club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking and Crafters Club continues to hold monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., within the dining hall in the Senior Center. This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, and we invite all creative individuals to come and share ideas, connect with new and old friends, learn/share creative techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together. Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. Help us create an intergenerational community. Those ages 18 and older are welcome. For those youth age 17 and younger, we kindly request an adult chaperone accompany them.

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

Share lunch Monday through Friday

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

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 8:45 a.m. weekdays. Please say whether it is dine-in or Grab 'N' Go. Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$6, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under the age of 60. Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage.

Community Cafe menu

Call or text (970) 264-2167 before 8:45 a.m. Please note that occasionally the menu must be changed on short notice.

Thursday, 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.

Monday, July 13 — Beef spaghetti, cauliflower, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, carrot cake and milk.

Tuesday, July 14 — Classic cobb salad, beef dogs in puff pastry, peach cobbler and milk.

Wednesday, July 15 — Baked salmon with creamy herb sauce, sesame broccoli, quinoa rice pilaf, garden salad, fruit, hazelnut beignets and milk.

Thursday, July 16 — Giant stuffed mushroom cap, roasted butternut squash and tempeh, garden salad, fruit, pecan pie, and milk.

Friday, July 17 — Chicken cashew salad on croissant, deviled eggs, orecchiette pasta salad, garden salad, fruit, cottage cheese and milk.

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Text reservations

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

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

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

Medicare assistance by appointment

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

Board vacancies

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

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

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

Support the Senior Center

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

Here's what this means: For tax

years beginning after Dec. 31, 2025, those who do not itemize can deduct up to \$1,000 for individual tax filing and \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly.

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

You may mail your donation to ASI, P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or please visit our web-

site: www.pssseniors.org/ (donation button).

Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc.

Another way to donate: Are you 70.5 years old or better? Do you have an IRA from which you need to take a distribution? Did you know you can make charitable donations directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution, up to \$100,000 per year? The donation from the account would be payable to ASI and sent to P.O. Box 344, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. This gift option is called the IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution.



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By Betty Slade
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I’m always ready — I pack my suitcase the week before the trip, my articles are sent two weeks ahead of deadline and my lesson plans are always done early.

My Sweet Al’s says, “Betty, you’re always riding off without the horse.”

I say, “I’m just ready, not sure why.”

People are not usually ready for my ideas. My brilliant and far-fetched notions are before their time. I’ve written things too soon for others to understand. Then, I wondered why they fell flat, when they were dynamic to me and not to others.

Understanding comes down the road years later when everyone catches on and I’ve gone on. I might have been looking for the right answer, but shooting at the wrong target, trying to make it happen before its time. When things didn’t line up, didn’t compute, I didn’t understand. I thought I had surpassed expectations with exceptional creative ability. When not received, it brought disappointment and failure.

As I studied the Gospel of John for a Zoom Bible study, the phrase, “My hour has not yet come,” popped up several times throughout John’s gospel. I immediately thought of my grandsons. They are all in their early 30s, sending out resumes, starting their careers, all those decisions that would determine their future.

Two of my grandsons have recently married. Doors seemed to have closed for one of my grandsons. No response on sent resumes, opportunities didn’t knock, his college degree is not cutting it, and he hasn’t met the girl of his dreams.

Is he looking? Yes. He is ready? Yes. He’s a shaker and mover. He is turning over every stone. He has pulled at the reins. He’s been faithful to wait for his hour.

When talking with him, I encourage him to look at the bigger picture. Not all things have lined up for him yet. What does it mean to wait for God to act? My grandson is ready. What’s the problem? What’s the precise thing he has been designed to do? That’s the right question.

An example is the dartboard analogy: If three darts are thrown and all tightly grouped in the top-left corner, the thrown darts are highly precise — even though a person is aiming for the bullseye. Precision and accuracy are not the same. Accuracy indicates correctness, freedom from error. Precision is exactness. You can have high precision without accuracy.

The first time this phrase is written in the Gospel of John — “Mine hour is not yet come” — is when Mary told Jesus that they were out of wine. Jesus knew her request would affect his ministry. (See John 2: 2-4, NKJV). Paraphrasing his words, He might

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have said, “I know what you want, but you do not understand; there are limitations to your understanding of Me. I am moving out of your care into public work. If I do something that will reveal the meaning of My personality and mission, then my mission will start.” Wow.

Another time, when Jesus was asked, He elaborated. His brothers said to him, “Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.” Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready” (John 7:6).

Was Jesus saying, “My time is not ready, but man’s time is always ready?” It’s not based on man’s readiness, but on God’s. When I begin to act, I act in my “always ready” time. My grandson’s heart has surrendered to God’s calling and is serious as to where God wants to take him. His passion is one thing — he’s been prepared for a certain career — but maybe God’s darts will serve him better in the corner of the board, tightly together. Makes sense to me.

Final brushstroke: I aimed for the bull’s eye, was disappointed that all my darts ended up in the top left corner. I called it a miss. God called it a success. Today, I see clearly as to what was going on. I was ready, but God wasn’t. He was concerned that all things work together for good for those who love Him. He never meant for me to be in the center of the dart board. All my darts seem to have ended up in the left corner, 2 miles down the Lower Blanco Road.

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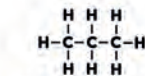
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