



Vehicle sparks multiple fires along U.S. 84

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A vehicle that was experiencing overheating issues sparked multiple grass fires along U.S. 84 before catching fire itself on Monday, July 20.

According to Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Chief Robert Bertram, a full-size van was traveling on U.S. 84 while experiencing overheating issues and continued to drive, sparking two grass fires.

“Then finally it ended up the whole van caught on fire,” he said.

The PFPD was paged to the incident at 12:54 p.m., Bertram reported.

Bertram reported the van was spotted in the area of the Chromo post office while having overheating issues, then caught fire at mile marker 7.

Bertram explained there was one occupant who was able to get out.

The chief noted that a La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) crew that was working in the area helped contain one of the fires and some other bystanders were able to get to the other fire.

According to Bertram, the

■ See Fires A8



Photo courtesy Pagosa Fire Protection District

Pagosa Fire Protection District personnel work to fully extinguish a vehicle fire on U.S. 84 on Monday, July 20. The vehicle started two grass fires before catching fire.

Town council directs staff to place two-year moratorium on data centers

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, July 21, the Pagosa Springs Town Council directed staff to draft a two-year moratorium on data centers within town limits, while staff — in conjunction with the town’s planning commission — seeks language to define what a data center is and possibly ban or regulate their existence.

Currently, the town’s Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) has

no language defining data centers, prompting Planning Manager Owen O’Dell to say, “We don’t want to be caught on our heels” if a “big developer” were to come to town “throwing money around,” hoping to build a data center.

The LUDC needs to include language defining data centers to either implement smart zoning regulations or ban them outright, O’Dell said.

The town’s LUDC currently “does not address such use,” an agenda

■ See Moratorium A8

Vesicular stomatitis virus confirmed in Archuleta County equine

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

New cases of vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) have been detected in Archuleta and La Plata counties on July 17, according to a July 20 VSV report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA’s) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

According to the reports, each county has one new confirmed positive equine, with both counties listed as “New Affected County.”

The report notes, “Confirmed and presumptive positive premises are quarantined for at least 14 days from

the onset of lesions in the last affected animal on the premises.”

The report also states, “All confirmed cases in the 2025-26 outbreak have been vesicular stomatitis New Jersey virus (VSNJV) serotype.”

It adds, “Since the start of the outbreak, 35 VSV-affected premises have been identified (27 confirmed positive, 8 presumptive positive) in 3 states, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico. All 35 premises have had only equine species clinically affected with 15 premises located in 6 Arizona counties (Cochise, Gila, Maricopa, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yavapai Counties), 4

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Water conservancy talks water demand study details

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors discussed a water operations study proposal from engineering firm RJH Consultants at its July 20 meeting.

This study will assess the need for a reservoir at Running Iron Ranch by identifying potential water shortages in the area and if the proposed reservoir would be able to address any shortages that may exist, according

to the proposal.

The proposal indicates that the proposed study would cost approximately \$147,400.

SJWCD board president Randy Cooper opened the discussion by explaining that RJH Project Manager Robert Huzjak was present to answer questions from the board about the study proposal that RJH submitted to the SJWCD on May 22.

Huzjak explained to the board that the ultimate goal of the study would be to determine what reservoir size

might be appropriate and how it might serve all constituents in the area, which would include determining what water storage exists today, what the long-term future water needs might be, getting input from stakeholders, and building a model using this information to simulate future water supply and demand and how much storage would be needed over a 50- to 100-year period.

SJWCD board member Rodney Proffitt commented that the length of

■ See Water A7



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

A-Mac and The Height perform at July’s iteration of the town’s ComFest outdoor concert series at Yamaguchi Park on Friday, July 17. Aug. 21, the season’s final ComFest concert, will feature The Williams Brothers Band.

Continued monsoon weather expected over next week

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Pagosa Country is expected to receive some rainfall over the weekend, with the National Weather Service (NWS) forecasting chances of rain every day from today, Thursday, July 23, through Sunday, July 26.

Heavy rainfall was expected on Wednesday, July 22, with the NWS issuing a flood watch for the area until 3

a.m. this morning, Thursday, July 23.

According to a forecast from Shawn Prochazka with Pagosa Weather issued on July 20, “we’re going to get wet.”

Prochazka explains that “monsoon action is here for a while,” also noting the area’s best surge of moisture was expected on Wednesday.

To view local rainfall amounts, visit the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network at www.

cocorahs.org and view Archuleta County.

Prochazka also notes that “monsoon moisture and instability will stick with us,” indicating that the area will continue to see scattered storms each afternoon this next week.

“Storms will be capable of producing short periods of heavy rain over small areas,” Prochazka explains.

Other highlights from Prochazka’s

■ See Weather A9

County considering possible administrative rezone for Cloman Park properties

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Archuleta County is considering a possible administrative rezone for properties located in Cloman Park that are near Steven’s Field Airport.

The matter was discussed on Tuesday, July 14, during a work session held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), with Director of Development Eva Kruse briefing the board.

She explained that, according to the county’s regulations, in order for staff to perform an administrative rezone, direction from the BoCC needs to be received.

Kruse mentioned that there are three subject parcels for the possible rezone, located between the industrial park and the airport.

She explained that the subject came up a few months ago at the request of a developer.

“And in order to be consistent with the adjacent properties and sort of meet the request of the developer and his attorney, we’re looking at whether or not this is something we’d want to do as administratively as opposed to privately,” she said.

Kruse was also joined by Richard Mlynek, who stated he is the attorney for Ronnie Urbanczyk, who owns a triangle-shaped parcel in between

the airport and current industrial park.

Mlynek noted that Urbanczyk also owns the adjacent rectangle-shaped property butting up against the airport, and that the county has a 10 percent ownership interest in that property.

Mlynek noted that there were plans drawn up in 2019 in regard to the development of those properties.

County Manager Longinos Gonzalez explained that the administrative rezone would not include any final decisions on any buildings, as that would be a separate process.

He noted that because the county has an ownership stake in one of the

properties, that is why staff is asking about a possible administrative rezone.

Mlynek explained that they believe the original intent based planning surveys from 2019 on what the county wanted for the rectangle-shaped parcel is future airport expansion.

He explained that the land for the airport and industrial park is zoned as industrial, and that the intent for the purchase of that land is to expand the airport, possibly adding hangars, and keeping it as industrial use.

“So, the plan has always been for this parcel ... to be industrial in the

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OUR VIEW

An opportunity for improvement

Late last week, an unfortunate event unfolded that revealed opportunities for improvement locally.

The issue involved a law enforcement response to an incident at a local child care facility/school.

From our understanding after communicating with Ben Fox, director at Wings Early Childhood Center, and Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux, on Friday, July 17, a noncustodial parent showed up to Wings attempting to access their child and refused to leave when they were unable to access the child.

That prompted Fox to call 911 to report that the noncustodial parent was refusing to leave the school premises and to seek help in getting the individual to leave. Fox reported he shared with the dispatcher he was at Wings, which is in the town boundaries, and that, in response to a question from the dispatcher, the individual was not being violent.

The area was previously annexed into the Town of Pagosa Springs. Due to an error in the mapping being used by dispatch, however, the location showed as being under the jurisdiction of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) instead of the Pagosa Springs Police Department, and an ACSO deputy was dispatched out for a priority level two trespass call — a page which was not heard by other law enforcement agencies.

Fox reported putting the school on lockdown during the incident.

According to Le Roux, all of the ACSO's deputies who were on duty at the time were in Arboles carrying out an operation

on County Road 975 with Colorado State Patrol Port of Entry personnel, leading to a delayed response time of about 30 minutes. Fox reported calling more times during that response window.

Le Roux outlined that an ACSO sergeant was pulled out of the operation in Arboles and responded, but wasn't running with lights and sirens because the situation had not escalated to violence. He noted deputies respond as quickly and as safely as they can based on the info provided by dispatch.

Ultimately, the individual — who at that point was sitting in his vehicle — left following the ACSO sergeant's arrival.

Le Roux acknowledged that the delayed response time was not optimal (something we agree with).

We join Fox and Le Roux in being grateful the situation unfolded without violence or continued threat, and that questions can be asked and reflections made without that look back being on the heels of a tragic situation.

We appreciate Fox's passion and attention to securing the safety of the children entrusted to Wings, and understand the frustration in not seeing a quicker, more robust response.

We also appreciate that Le Roux took steps even while the incident was unfolding to make corrections, such as to the mapping used by dispatch.

We also appreciate that discourse has continued following the incident and that action has taken place to improve and refine future responses in our community.

Le Roux explained he spoke with Pagosa Springs Police Chief William Rockensock

and reviewed the standard operating procedure. He indicated upgrades were made so that if a call stems from a school, child learning center or place of worship and there is a delayed response for any reason by the agency with jurisdiction, that leading jurisdiction will be asked if other agencies should be dispatched to help.

"We can only look at moving forward," Le Roux said, pointing out this incident is an opportunity to learn, change and become better.

In today's world especially, we want certainty that any child care and education facility — and congregate living facilities, medical centers, senior centers, etc. — are as safe as possible. We hope discussions will continue on a regular basis as situations arise so those charged with protecting and teaching our children (and other vulnerable populations) and those charged with protecting the community can continue to work better and better together, such as Fox's suggestion that dispatchers ask more yes/no questions to allow a caller to provide more information with less risk of further escalating a situation. We feel that could be applied to a wide variety of calls dispatch receives if it doesn't already occur.

We are thankful that everyone sprung to action — Wings for immediately calling law enforcement to help diffuse and end an escalated situation, and law enforcement for quickly working to correct errors and ensure better response in the future — but hope that we never have the need to test the improvements.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 23, 1926

Two youths, who first gave their names as Jim and Jack Cody, aged 18 and 20, respectively, but later stated that their correct names were James Cody and _____ Lowell, are now in the county jail at Pagosa Springs and will be taken to Buena Vista Sunday by Sheriff Geo. A. Dutton to enter the state reformatory where they will commence to serve indeterminate sentences imposed yesterday by Judge F.A. Byrne in the county court on their pleas of guilty in the charges of larceny of horses, gun, coats and saddles from Archuleta county residents.

They made an unsuccessful preliminary attempt this afternoon to dig their way out of jail and escape some time during tonight, but will be rewarded by occupying the cells until Sunday morning, when with Sheriff Dutton they are going to add to their travels by taking a little trip to Buena Vista. If, by their behavior there, they appear to be displeased with the accommodations and treatment offered by the good state of Colorado, they will later be persuaded to try the service offered at the big hotel in Canon City.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 20, 1951

A party of engineers and officials from the State of New Mexico and the Bureau of Reclamation were in this area the first of the week studying the engineering feasibility of the San Juan-Chama diversion project.

The purpose of the party was to make the final investigation of the details of the proposed San Juan-Chama diversion project for submission to the Congress for authorization. Before this is done, however, the state of New Mexico must decide on its desires in the matter. As it now stands, most of the water that is left in the San Juan after local users have been taken care of has been allocated to New Mexico. The Bureau of Reclamation has drawn up plans for several ways in which this water may be utilized by New Mexico, the two main ones being a large reservoir at Shiprock for developing unirrigated land and the San Juan Chama Diversion project. The project would consist of dams and reservoirs on the East and West forks of the San Juan, on the Blanco and on the Navajo rivers. These dams and reservoirs would be joined together by tunnels and canals and the water impounded to be used to first meet the rights of local users and secondly taken over the Continental Divide just this side of Chama where it would run into Willow Creek and eventually, the Rio Grande.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 22, 1976

A group of travelers will arrive in Archuleta County August 5 in a re-enactment of the famous Dominguez and Escalante expedition.

Arrival time is late afternoon and they will cross the San Juan River into Colorado at the Carracas bridge. They will be welcomed by a group of local officials and there is a possibility that the governor of Colorado will also be on hand to extend greetings.

It was in July of 1776, 200 years ago, that Franciscan Fathers Atanasio Dominguez and Silverstre Velez de Escalante rode out of Santa Fe, New Mexico in search of a land route to Monterey, Calif. The expedition spent many months searching for this route, kept a record of its travels, and was unique in that not one drop of blood was shed by friend or foe on the trip.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
July 19, 2001

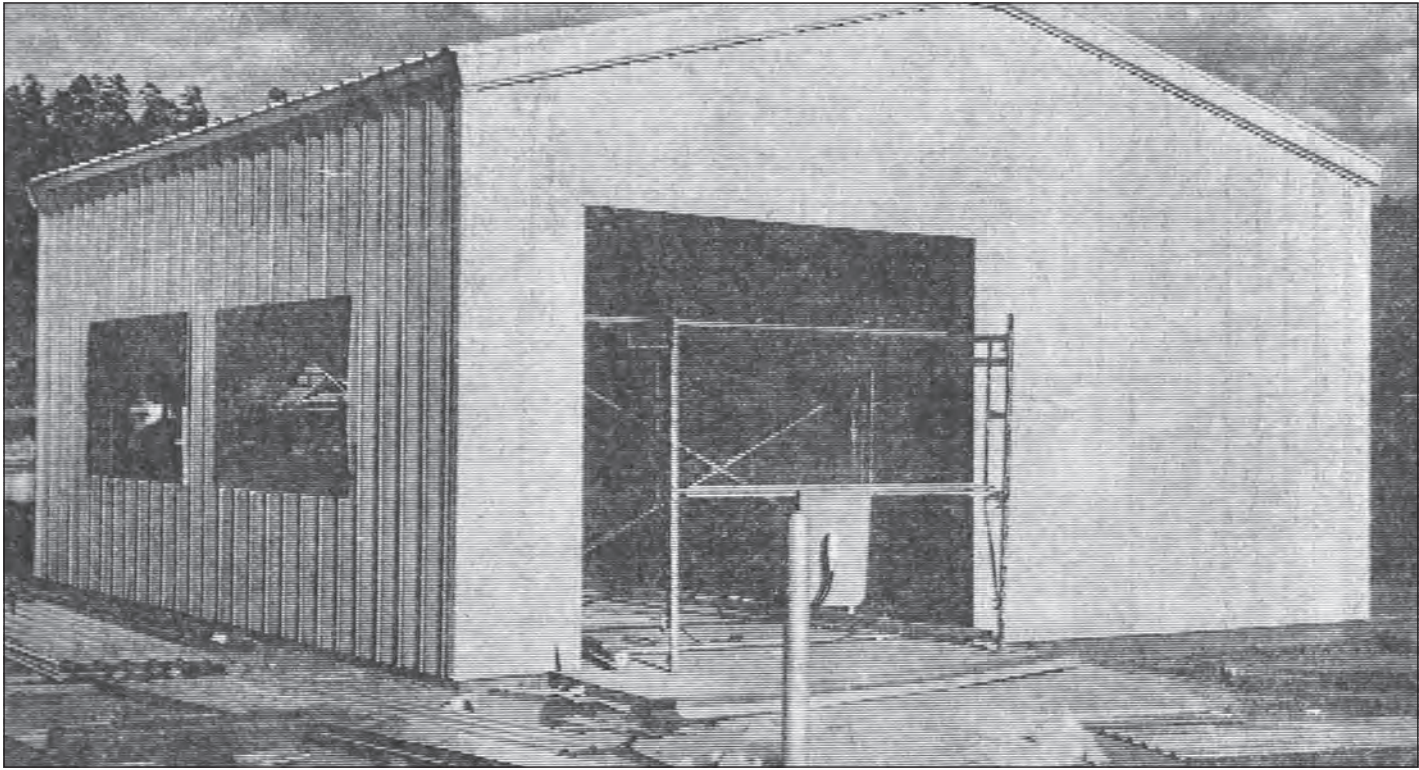
Three county issues joined hands this week as the board of county commissioners focused on alternatives connected with adding space for public services conducted in the courthouse.

Sales taxes, a county administrator, and the whens, hows, and how much of building a new county courthouse emerged as issues even as the commissioners listened to representatives of Carter and Burgess at a July 12 workshop.

"This was the first of many meetings we plan to hold with specialists in the field," said Gene Crabtree, chairman of the board of county commissioners. "Generally it was a fact-finding session. We're studying ways to look at getting a new courthouse. The old courthouse is bulging at the seams."

Alden Ecker and Bill Downey, the remaining county commissioners, also agree the need is pressing.

"Considering the economy and interest rates, now is probably the best time in history for building and financing because interest rates are so low," said Ecker. "The economy probably won't stay where it is; building is likely to be more expensive in the future."



From the July 30, 1970 Pagosa SUN — NEW BUSINESS — A new automatic car wash has been installed at Lou's Texaco Service. The car wash is automated and drivers actuate the washing mechanism by inserting coins in the machine and driving through the wash building. Details of a grand opening for the new business will be found elsewhere in the paper.

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School funding

Dear Editor:

Recently I got a phone call that was a survey that pertained to the K-8 school that we are in desperate need of building. In the survey the questions kept focusing on how much I would be willing to pay on additional property taxes to met the required money to match a grand. It was hard to keep up with the information, the caller talked rapidly and some background noise made it difficult to hear. What I understand was the property taxes would be increased to meet the demand regardless of the actual property value. I definitely need more actual amounts and how long the increase would last. Once the taxes were raised what would that money be actually used for. There are some things that need to be done and some things that shouldn't happen. The needs would be things like: A new roof and hvac unit for the high school. The high school needs an activity building.

How about solar or a generator at the water company so we can get water during the power outages. How about supporting meals on wheels for our home bound citizens. Our most vulnerable neighbors.

I don't want to see pay increase for County of City Commissioners. I don't want the city to buy 300 acres on reservoir hill for a park. We don't need another park at this time. After the economy improves that's definitely a wish list item. Timing is everything right now, we need more necessities at this time than luxuries.

Currently our tax money isn't taking care of our basics needs. For instance piedra road is a washboard and the weeds on the side of our county roads hasn't been mowed for years.

I'm all for a new school for K-8.

What I'm not for is our tax money being used for things like pay increases and things that can wait till the economy improves. We need our decision makers to be working for us and our community.

Personally I need more transparency and accountability on any new projects and a vote on where our tax money goes. If tax payers are picking up the tab we have a right to express our opinions about how that money is spent.

Rebecca Curling

Editor's note: The school district is its own taxing entity that is contemplating asking voters for a tax increase to fund a new K-8 school building and other facility improvements and needs. A funding increase for the school district would not fund town or county salaries, county or federal road projects, or programs or projects carried out by other entities that are not in partnership with the school district.

The school board held a special meeting the evening of Wednesday, July 22 (after this issue The SUN had gone to the press), at which they heard about the results of the polling. For more on those results, see the next issue of The SUN and www.Pagosa-SUN.com.

Dog feces

Dear Editor:

Last night my wife and I attended the Comfest concert in Yamaguchi Park. We attended several of these last year and enjoyed them very much.

We were disappointed to find the spectators' area riddled with dog feces. Not just a pile here and there, but spread so thick you could hardly take a step without having to dodge one.

Two questions come to mind.

1. Who doesn't pick up after their dog in a public park?

2. Why didn't concert organizers have the field cleared of feces before the concert?

I hope this was an aberration and that future concerts will offer a more pleasant spectator area.

Jeff Kerr

Re: Opinion

Dear Editor:

The recent letter, "Opinion," concerning the June 18 DOJ opinion reflects a sincere concern for people with disabilities. I share both that concern and the desire to improve their lives. Yet the letter also illustrates a pattern that has become

all too common in our political discourse. We identify a difficult problem, assign blame to an administration we already dislike, reassure ourselves that we have taken the morally proper position, and move on. If we truly care about those affected by public policy, we owe them and we owe ourselves our best thinking in pursuit of better solutions.

The questions worth debating begin where assigning blame ends. Which responsibilities belong with the federal government, and which should be left to the states? How do we protect civil rights while encouraging innovation and accountability? How should disability services be funded fairly and sustainably? How do we attract and retain the workforce needed to provide quality care? And once we adopt a policy, how will we measure whether it is actually improving people's lives?

Reasonable people can disagree on every one of those questions. They should - not because they are easy, but because they are hard. Honest engagement on hard questions is where better ideas can be found.

As citizens, we should expect that every public dollar will produce the greatest practical benefit for the people it is intended to serve. To achieve that, governments should define success, measure results, publish the evidence, acknowledge mistakes, and continuously improve. That is how good businesses improve. It should also be how good government improves.

Perhaps every public proposal—whether from a citizen, an advocacy group, or a government official—should answer three simple questions before asking for our support: What outcome are we trying to achieve? What policy do we believe will achieve it? And what evidence would convince us that it is working—or that it should be changed?

Recognizing a problem is the beginning of good public policy, not its conclusion. The work that follows is harder: asking better questions, testing better ideas, and building better policies. Compassion is measured not by the strength of our convictions, but by the quality of the solutions we build. In the end, good government is measured not by the passion of our opinions, but by the quality of the lives it improves.

Sincerely,
John Repko

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of July 27-Aug. 1

Work activity

- U.S. 160 traffic shift: Crews will move traffic to the south side of U.S. 160 from Pagosa Springs Middle School to the west side of 2nd Street to begin construction on the north side of U.S. 160 and 3rd Street. This shift is anticipated to take place at the end of the week.

- 100-200 blocks: Crews continue work on sub-grade in anticipation of future paving.

- Lewis Street: The team has completed the utility work at the Lewis Street intersection. Crews have completed about 50 percent of the concrete paving in the intersection.

- 3rd Street intersection (north side): Work continues on the north side of the 3rd Street intersection. Pedestrians may access the north side of main street from the 4th Street and Hot Springs Boulevard crosswalk during the work period. Anticipate the closure

to last two more weeks.

- 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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The League of Women Voters of Archuleta County celebrating first anniversary

By Donna Mosher

League of Women Voters of Archuleta County

The League of Women Voters of Archuleta County is celebrating its first anniversary. We invite the community — women and men — to join us as we support strong voting rights and enjoy nonpartisan programs about issues of interest to everyone.

On Monday, July 27, at 5:30 p.m., the local league will review our first year and plan for the next. Join us at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

We will review the reception of the recent showing of the documentary "Join or Die" at the Liberty Theatre and the participation of 10 worthy local nonprofits. We will also present the league's updated organizational structure and invite interested folks to take a role.

Attendees will also learn about the opportunity to take part in the Colorado League of Women Voters' candidate forum training.

To learn more about the League of Women Voters of Archuleta County, visit <https://lwvcolorado.org/LWVArchuleta>.

Archuleta County Democratic Club to meet Aug. 5

By Lynn R. Frederick

Archuleta County Democratic Club

Finding quality day care and pre-schools for the 5 and under crowd is a challenge everywhere, especially if you do not have an income well above average.

Part of the solution in Pagosa Springs is the nonprofit preschool and daycare center Wings Early Childhood Center.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, Ben Fox, director of Wings, will share information on how this preschool is meeting that need, what challenges it faces and what the center could do if it had sufficient resources.

The local Democratic Club will meet to hear Ben Fox at 11:30 a.m. at Uncle's.

The Archuleta County Democratic Club meets monthly. The club gives local Democrats the opportunity to meet with other Democrats and to hear speakers from the community, to meet candidates for local and national offices, and to hear about topics of timely interest.

Plan on coming by 11:30 a.m. to order lunch. Having cash will facilitate ordering. Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not need to be a registered Democrat.

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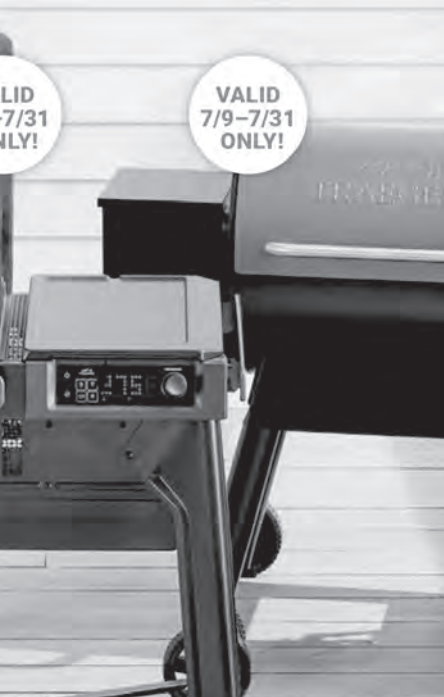
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Water conservancy district talks ranch maintenance strategy

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors continued discussion of various aspects of the maintenance of Running Iron Ranch at its July 20 meeting, including fencing maintenance and leasing of nearby national forest land.

SJWCD board member Charles Riehm summarized previous discussions of the topic to the board, including a tour of the ranch he previously took with Steve Laverty, who owns an adjoining ranch and has indicated a potential interest in running cattle on the property, and discussions with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) San Juan District Ranger Josh Peck, who indicated that the USFS will not be leasing the national forest property that adjoins the ranch for cattle grazing in 2026 and likely will not lease it in 2027 to allow time for vegetation recovery.

Riehm noted that, from his conversation with Peck, he recognized that, if the same individual leased the Running Iron Ranch and the adjacent national forest land to graze cattle, the SJWCD would not need to fix the fences between these properties, changing the fencing costs.

Riehm also covered a conversation he had with Park Ditch Company representative Bob Formwalt about

potentially using sheets of aluminum wreckage left behind on the Running Iron Ranch from a semi truck crash on Wolf Creek Pass to create protective covers for water diversion gates to prevent people from falling into them.

Riehm added that Formwalt is also potentially interested in collecting some or all of the iron objects currently residing on the ranch and hauling them off for him to sell or use in personal projects, which would save the district the cost of having to pay to remove them.

Riehm commented that this discussion raised larger questions about how the district wants to handle deals with private individuals to obtain items from the ranch or perform maintenance on it.

“Well, it’s not actually our property, it’s public property,” said SJWCD board member Rob Hagberg. “We can’t just give stuff away.”

SJWCD board member John Kapelman commented that the district needs to discard items from the property through an open, public process if it decides to do so.

SJWCD board member Candace Jones noted that it would likely be a “good deal” if the district can reach an agreement with someone to remove items like barn siding at no cost to the district.

However, she added that the district should avoid doing these deals in a way that appears preferential to specific individuals.

In response to a question from Riehm about how to do this, SJWCD board president Randy Cooper stated that he would prefer to not develop a process at this time and focus on effectively managing the ranch.

Riehm then raised the issue of how the district wants to approach tearing down buildings on the ranch, noting that this is unlikely to occur in the next couple years, but that the district will likely have to do it eventually and will have to determine a bidding process that will reduce costs to the district and allow the contractor to obtain whatever benefit they can from tearing down the buildings.

“Yeah, that’s in the future,” Cooper said. “We really have to address it. We’re not going to address it right now.”

Riehm and Hagberg noted their support for allowing the Park Ditch Company to use the aluminum wreckage to make safety improvements to the ditch since this would be using resources the district controls to benefit the overall ditch users.

Riehm also mentioned that he discussed weed control on the property with Archuleta County Weed and Pest Supervisor Ethan Proud, and he

indicated that he could potentially do treatment of weeds in August or September, although he is booked currently.

Cooper commented that weed control needs to be the district’s No. 1 priority on the property, especially given the concerns of the Park Ditch Company about the issue.

Riehm stated that he would continue to work on the situation and keep the board updated.

Strategic objectives

Also at the July 20 meeting, the SJWCD approved updated strategic objectives for 2026 and 2027.

The objectives, which the board unanimously approved, include:

- Implementing the settlement of the litigation between the SJWCD, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, and the Colorado Water Conservation Board over the management and future of the Running Iron Ranch.

- Moving forward with a water demand study and identifying funding sources for the proposed reservoir at Running Iron Ranch.

- Engaging with the community through involvement in ongoing water-related planning efforts in Archuleta County and the overall region.

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Water conservancy district considers relocating office again

By Josh Pike
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At its July 20 meeting, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors discussed relocating the district’s offices to a space at First Southwest Bank at 249 Navajo Trail Drive from its current location at 4670 West U.S. 160.

The district relocated to its current location in January following the ending of its lease at its previous Eaton Drive location.

SJWCD board member Rob Hagberg explained that he and SJWCD board member Joe Tedder met with an agent of First Southwest Bank and were able to come to an agreement on lease terms, including a \$870 security

deposit to hold an office space at the bank.

He added that the district would have occupancy as of Dec. 1 and move-in rights as of Nov. 30.

Hagberg stated that the district would have a corner office location in the bank.

If the district backs out of its lease, it will lose the security deposit, which

will otherwise roll over and become a damage deposit, he stated.

Hagberg added that the rent would be \$435 per month, which is significantly less than the approximately \$800 per month the district pays at its current location.

He noted that the district would have to reserve the bank’s meeting

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Obituaries

Rex Hott

Rex Hott passed away June 18, 2026, in Seattle, Wash.

He was born Feb. 29, 1968, in Canyon City, Colo.

Rex grew up in Pagosa Springs, graduating from high school here.

His career was as a recreational director for hotels, and he was a real people person.

He was preceded in death by his parents, R.D. and Jody Hott, and his sister, Daylene Hott. He is survived by his brother, Sid Hott, and nephew, Dale Hott.

Werner Kuhne

June 9, 1944-Sept. 18, 2025

Werner Kuhne passed away on Sept. 18, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of innovation, adventure, and a life lived with curiosity and purpose.

Born on June 9, 1944, in West Germany, Werner began his career at just 13 years old with a tool-and-

die apprenticeship, laying the foundation for a lifetime of engineering excellence. From 1962 to 1965, he served as an assistant engineer in the German Merchant Marines, fulfilling his dream of seeing the world.

In 1965, Werner immigrated to the United States and settled in Chicago, where he worked as a machinist. During a road trip in the early 1970s, he discovered Pagosa Springs and knew he had found home. In 1974, he moved his family here and founded Miniature Automation Systems (MAS). As a mechanical engineer, he designed and built specialty machinery for the electronics industry and manufactured precision components, earning the respect of customers and colleagues through his ingenuity, craftsmanship and dedication.

Beyond his work, Werner embraced every opportunity for adventure. A lifelong traveler, he continued checking items off his bucket list well



into his 70s, including skydiving and bungee jumping, proving that age was never a barrier to living life to the fullest. He also treasured time spent relaxing on his houseboat at Lake Powell with family and friends.

Werner was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Christine Leada Kuhne. He is survived by his loving wife, Hildegard Kuhne; his son, Maik Kuhne; his daughter, Sandra Kuhne; and many dear friends and loved ones who will cherish his memory.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8, at Werner’s shop, beginning around 11 a.m. and continuing throughout the afternoon. Family, friends and all who knew Werner are warmly invited to gather, share stories and celebrate the remarkable life of a man whose craftsmanship, adventurous spirit and generous heart left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

Sheryn Lee Young

On Friday, July 17, we lost an amazing woman. Sheryn Lee Young passed away and joined Jesus in heaven. She loved her family, animals, quilting, knitting and baking. She was

known as the cookie lady at the Bank of the San Juans. She loved to sing and laugh and pray for people. We will always remember the laughter and joy we shared daily. She had dementia for quite a while and now she is at peace and in her right mind. Mom, you will be missed terribly. We know that you are enjoying seeing your daughter (Christie) and son (Luke), grandson (Anthony), as well as your brother and parents. In loving memory of Sheryn Young.



Services

Isae Matlock

Isae Matlock’s celebration of life will be celebrated Aug. 29, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. You can watch live at <https://pagosabiblechurch.org/>.

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County's June unemployment rate up slightly from May

The report also notes, “Colorado’s labor force decreased by 12,900 in

Regionally, the report shows La Plata County with a 3.5 percent unemployment rate in June, San Juan County at 2.9 percent, Mineral County at 3.8 percent, Hinsdale County at 2.5 percent, Rio Grande County at 4 percent and Conejos County at 4

The private-industry sectors with significant over-the-month job losses in June were:

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est rates because of cash buyers) as savvy sellers in the luxury price point have worked to have their homes show ready, updates and in pristine

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2026 Archuleta County Fair Schedule

Fairgrounds on Highway 84 & 160

Early Fair Events — Open to the public

Saturday, July 25, 10 am	Horse Show	Rodeo Arena
Saturday, July 25, 1 pm	Quilt Judging	Stith Room
Sunday, July 26, 10 am	Gymkhana	Rodeo Arena

8:00 pm
8:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Pink Pony Race
Exhibit Hall and Stith Room Close
Live Music/Dance – Tylor Brandon

Extension Hall
Activity Tent

Fair Events — Thur., July 30-Sun., Aug. 2

Every Day of the Fair

9 am – 6 pm	Adventure Zone	Fairgrounds
9 am – 6 pm	Loco Toro Mechanical Bull	Fairgrounds
9 am – 8 pm	Education and Informational Displays	Fairgrounds
9 am – 8 pm	Vendors/Food and Merchandise Booths	Vendor Row
9 am – 8 pm	Open Class Entries and Displays	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room
9 am – 9 pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
10 am – 6 pm	Kids Game Open Play	Kids Game Tent
10 am – 8 pm	Various Entertainment and Shows	Activity Tent
11 am – Midnight	Beer Garden	Activity Tent
Evenings	Live Music	Activity Tent

8:30 am
9:00 am
9:00 am
9:00 am
9:30 am
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, August 1st

Showmanship Clinic
Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open
Livestock Viewing
Horseshoe Pitching
BMX Show
Fire Department Trailer Open
Step Back In Time
Durango Wild West Entertainment
Gomez Store — Historical Building Open
Fire Department Extinguisher Demo
Master Showmanship
Kids Blow-Up Costume Race
Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals
Ranch Rodeo
BMX Show
Wild West Shoot Out
Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals
Smokey the Bear
Pie Eating Contest
75 Challenge
Trivia Nail Driving Contest
Wild West Shoot Out
Battle of the Badges
Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals
Fire Department Extinguisher Demo
Homemaker of the Year Award
Wild West Shoot Out
BMX Show
Live Music — San Juan Mountain Boys
Chuckwagon Dinner
Royalty Introductions and Crowning
Home Maker of the Year
Honorees
Conservationist of the Year
JR Livestock Auction/ Registration
JR Livestock Auction
Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close
Live Music/Fair Dance — Bo DePena

Hughes Pavilion
Extension Building
Hughes Pavilion
Horseshoe Pitch
Fairgrounds
Fairgrounds
Old West Town

Old West Town
Fairgrounds
Hughes Pavilion
Activity Tent
Activity Tent
Red Ryder Arena
Fairgrounds
Old West Town
Activity Tent
Fairgrounds
Extension Building
Old West Town
Fairgrounds
Activity Tent

Thursday, July 31st - Fair Officially Opens

9:00 am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Opens	Extension Building
9:00 am	Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am	Goat Show	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Fire Department Trailer Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	LPEA STEM Program	4-H Hall
1:00 pm	Chicken Show	Hughes Pavilion
1:30 pm	Kids Blow-Up Costume Race	Activity Tent
2:30 pm	Three-Legged Race	Activity Tent
3:00 pm	Public Health Presentation on Stage	Activity Tent
3:30 pm	Trivia Nail Driving Competition	Activity Tent
4:00 pm	OWLS Skills Presentation	Activity Tent
5:00 pm	75 Challenge	Activity Tent
6:00 pm	Swine Show	Hughes Pavilion
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Line Dance Lessons with Benellen	Activity Tent
6:00 pm	Cornhole Tournament	Activity Tent
8:00 pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Closes	Extension Building
11:00 pm	Fair Closes	Fairgrounds

5:30 pm
6:30 pm
8:00 pm
8:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Friday, July 31st

9:00 am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Opens	Extension Building
9:00 am	Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am	Lamb Show	Hughes Pavilion
1:00 pm	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
1:30 pm	Wild West Shoot Out	Old West Town
1:45 pm	Kids Blow-Up Costume Race	Activity Tent
2:00 pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Smokey the Bear	Education Tent
3:00 pm	75 Challenge	Activity Tent
3:00 pm	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
3:15 pm	Trivia Nail Driving Competition	Activity Tent
3:30 pm	Wild West Shoot Out	Old West Town
4:00 pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Horseshoe Pitch Practice	Horseshoe Pits
5:15 pm	Spanish Fiesta Dance Demonstration	Activity Tent
5:30 pm	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
5:45 pm – 6:45 pm	Line Dance Lessons with Beverly	Activity Tent
6:00 pm	Beef Show	Hughes Pavilion
7:00 pm	Open Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Event	

8:00 am – 9:00 am
9:00 am
9:00 am
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
9:00 am – 11:00 am
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
10:00 am
12:30 pm
2:00 pm

Sunday, August 2nd

Kids' Rodeo Check-In
Parent Master Showmanship
Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open
Livestock Viewing
Pancake Breakfast
Live Music — Tim Sullivan
Kids' Rodeo
Medieval Armored Combat
Livestock Animals Released
See 4-H Office for Schedule
Fair Closes until next year
Release of Open Class Projects/Premiums Paid
Release of 4-H Projects

Hughes Pavilion
Hughes Pavilion
Extension Building
Activity Tent

Red Ryder Rodeo Arena
Hughes Pavilion
Extension Building
Hughes Pavilion
Activity Tent
Activity Tent
Rodeo Arena
Fairgrounds
Hughes Pavilion

Fairgrounds
Exhibit Building
Stith Room

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Pulse Poll: Colorado families are making difficult trade-offs to get by

Colorado Health Foundation

Coloradans are delaying health and dental care, taking on additional debt and forgoing activities they once enjoyed as the rising cost of living and affordability reshapes daily life across the state, according to new findings from The Colorado Health Foundation's 2026 Pulse Poll.

For many Colorado families, economic pressures that emerged during the pandemic have become a defining feature of daily life. Rising costs continue to force difficult choices between basic necessities, fueling uncertainty for many Coloradans about whether they will be able to afford to stay in the state long term.

The 2026 Pulse Poll paints a picture of individuals and households making increasingly painful trade-offs and facing increasing anxiety over rising costs:

- Nearly one in five Coloradans (17 percent) reported skipping meals in the past year because they could not afford food, and nearly one-third (31percent) worry about affording enough food in the year ahead;
- Nearly half (48 percent) postponed medical or dental care in the last year;
- 42 percent are worried that they or someone in their household will be without health coverage in the coming year;
- 32 percent of respondents said they are worried about losing their home in the coming year because they can't afford their rent or mortgage;
- 29 percent delayed mental health treatment;
- More than one in five (22 percent) skipped or made a late utility payment;
- 73 percent cut back on recreation and entertainment spending; and
- 55 percent reduced their charitable giving.

These findings suggest that affordability challenges are no longer simply affecting household budgets, they are changing how people live, care for themselves and their families, support their communities and plan for the future.

Many residents report feeling squeezed by the rising costs of housing, health care and everyday necessities, with concerns extending beyond immediate financial pressures to questions about long-term stability and quality of life.

Three quarters (76 percent) worry they may not be able to afford living in Colorado in the future, up from 70 percent in 2025.

Economic challenges first documented in the Pulse Poll during the COVID-19 pandemic have not meaningfully subsided for many Coloradans.

The 2026 Pulse Poll finds that affordability concerns continue to shape decisions large and small across Colorado. At the same time, frustration with government is growing, along with a desire for meaningful action to address the issues affecting people's lives.

The findings arrive as Colorado prepares to elect a new governor and other statewide leaders in November 2026, offering a timely snapshot of the concerns shaping residents' views.

The 2026 Colorado Health Foundation Pulse Poll was conducted by telephone and online from March 14 through April 9 among a representative sample of 2,240 Colorado adults. The poll measures opinions, experiences and attitudes related to health and well-being across the state.

Many of these challenges are more pronounced among Latino, Black, American Indian/Alaska Native and lower-income households, highlighting persistent disparities in financial security and access to basic needs.

"Rising costs are still a major concern for Coloradans," said Lucia Del Puppo, senior vice president at FM3 Research and Democratic pollster for the Pulse Poll. "After some slight improvements in 2025, those hardships have returned to prior levels, suggesting that recent cost increases have wiped out the improvements people saw when inflation eased."

Cost of living remains Colorado's defining challenge

Affordability concerns continue to

dominate the issues facing Coloradans:

- 85 percent rate the cost of living as an extremely or very serious problem.
- 85 percent rate housing affordability as a serious problem.
- 82 percent say the cost of health care is a serious problem.

Housing concerns are especially acute among younger generations, with 90 percent of Gen Z respondents and 94 percent of Millennials identifying housing costs as a serious concern.

"What we're hearing is that financial pressure is a daily reality for many Coloradans, including those with higher incomes," said Katie Peshek, senior communications officer with the Colorado Health Foundation. "Affordability challenges are creating persistent uncertainty, while frustration with government and political division continues to grow. The findings underscore how closely economic stability, health and well-being are connected."

Frustration with government continues to rise

For the second consecutive year, and in the midst of a significant statewide election cycle, government and politics ranked as the top issue facing Colorado in an open-ended question:

- 28 percent identified government and politics as the state's most important issue.
- 25 percent identified cost of living and inflation as the top issue.
- Among respondents experiencing mental health strain, financial concerns (35 percent), including loans and debt, and political concerns (28 percent) were the main source of stress.
- 72 percent are dissatisfied with how the government is responding to economic concerns.

"The fact that three-in-five Coloradans have experienced a serious financial challenge in the last year — an eight point increase from one year ago — is a troubling indicator that economic frustration continues to intensify," said Lori Weigel, Re-

publican pollster for Pulse Poll and principal of New Bridge Strategy. "Nearly three-quarters say they are dissatisfied with how government leaders are responding to economic concerns."

For small business owners like Maria Cooper, who runs a child care center in Thornton, Colo., and is working to expand to a second location to serve the growing number of families in need of her services, rising business expenses and cost-of-living challenges for those she serves have created a ripple effect that jeopardizes her work.

"Opening a new location has been a real challenge," she said. "We understand the need to comply with new permitting and staffing requirements, but these added expenses — combined with rising inflation — have significantly increased the cost of educational materials and the food we provide to the children we serve. In the end, these pressures force business decisions that affect many people. We decided to punish our income rather than punish families."

Anxiety about the future is growing, but hope remains

Beyond current pressures, the poll reveals growing concern about Colorado's long-term affordability:

- 37 percent say they are worse off financially than they were a year ago.
- 32 percent worry about losing their home because they cannot afford rent or mortgage payments.
- Only about one-quarter report living comfortably with savings.

"Financial challenges continue to rise as trust in institutions and government falls. Access to health care, affordable housing, food security and economic stability are becoming more urgent, not less," said Janiece Mackey, Ph.D., co-founder and CEO of Young Aspiring Americans for Social and Political Activism (YAASPA). "What gives us hope is the next generation of Coloradans. Young people across our state are deeply engaged, eager to be part of the solution and using their voices to advocate for change in their communities. They understand that civic participation matters and that the future will be shaped by those who show up,"

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Housing

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condition, price adjustments, and more patience in home selling time periods," she said.

Inventory in the luxury home price point (\$900,000+) is approaching 1.5 years, indicating sellers will need even more patience in selling or price adjustments and seller concessions to entice a buyer.

She adds an ongoing challenge facing the market is the lack of sufficient homes for sale (inventory) at or under the median sold price year-to-date at \$611,000 (up 10.6 percent from 2025 at \$552,500) as sales unit numbers are flat.

The slowdown in this price point purchase is not happening because people no longer want to buy homes in this price point, but that the market is unevenly stuck because of the lack of homes, with sellers staying in place and choosing not to sell, especially those "spoiled with low interest rates."

She adds, "This creates fewer opportunities for median price buyers to complete a purchase. Typically, homes in this price point also need updates that buyers are not willing to do (because of rural higher renovation costs) or have additional update funds. Higher monthly mortgages, cost of living expenses (gas, groceries, utilities) especially affect retirees and first-time buyers and their purchasing power."

Overall, the June market overview carried positives in all categories, she notes, except days on market, which were flat at 133 days (year to date 156 days).

Pending sales — at 39 — were up 56 percent from this time last year due to early entry home inventory. However, year-to-date pending sales are up 8.9 percent at 184 homes. Sold listings are up only 4 percent at 156 homes. Active listings had smaller gains at 317 homes (+3.9 percent).

Months' supply of inventory is up at 10.5 months (more reflective on homes price above the average sales price (year to date \$725,770).

List price received year to date (96.4 percent) is the same as this time last year and contributed to lower inventory in homes priced under the average sales price and higher inventory over the average sales price.

"Oddly, even with higher prices, the long-run home ownership demand is steadily working its way back to a normal market," Saunders said. "However, affordability struggles and higher home prices will decide on who participates in home ownership. Clearly the Pagosa Springs peaceful rural lifestyle and especially second home ownership continue to drive the real estate market forward."

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Water

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the planning horizon was not stated in the study proposal, although Huzjak had indicated that it would likely be 50 years.

Huzjak replied that this could be added to the proposal.

Proffitt also asked how many public meetings RJH would plan to hold as part of the planning process.

Huzjak replied that he is unsure how many public meetings would occur and that most meetings would be directly with various stakeholders, like the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), and others.

SJWCD board member Candace Jones commented that Proffitt was suggesting that one stakeholder would be the public and that there should be public meetings planning to engage them.

Huzjak replied that public engagement is normally not involved in these types of water studies until a plan that the key stakeholders support is finalized, with public outreach coming afterward.

Proffitt and Cooper commented that Huzjak's proposal made sense and would allow the district and RJH to have concrete numbers that could be discussed by the public when outreach is done.

Jones commented that it would “behoove us” to include planning for public meetings at an appropriate time in the study proposal.

“And if we don't say something like that, that we're going to be subject to criticism or somebody's going to take this and twist it into we're trying to exclude the public,” Jones said. “And we don't want to have somebody twist this into excluding the public when the point is it's really a preliminary, pre-public exercise. So, I think we should contemplate in here that that step comes.”

Cooper stated that he agreed with Jones' point and asked if Huzjak could include this in the proposal.

Huzjak stated that he could include a public meeting, but that he thought a more focused and planned public outreach campaign about the broader project instead of just discussing one element would be ideal.

SJWCD board member Charles Riehm commented that having public comment on a water demand study when the data is not available and has not been presented to the public would likely “provoke emo-

tional responses without any accurate information.”

Jones reiterated her view that having a public presentation of the results of the study included in the proposal is critical to protect the district from accusations that it is trying to exclude the public.

Riehm highlighted that the SJWCD is contracting RJH to do the study, while the outreach is the board's responsibility and can be done by the district.

Huzjak commented that having a focused plan for public outreach and public engagement, and when and how to present information, is critical.

He added that this study would complement previous work on the costs of various reservoir sizes and that presenting the package of information about water needs, the size of reservoir necessary to address, and the costs and next steps for building that reservoir would be a more effective package to present to the public than the results of one study.

Jones indicated that Archuleta County is in the process of drafting its comprehensive plan, which would include water needs.

Huzjak commented that this is part of why engaging the county is critical, since it controls many aspects of growth and development in the area, which will drive water needs.

SJWCD board member John Kappelman questioned if recreational stakeholders should be included in the study given the potential that the reservoir could augment instream flows for fish and recreation.

Riehm commented that Trout Unlimited and other recreation groups had been in contact with the district.

Huzjak stated that these groups could give input on what river flows might be needed for their industries and interests, which could be important since the reservoir has potential habitat and recreational benefits.

Cooper commented that reservoir approval at the state and federal levels is highly dependent on demonstrating multiple uses.

He also explained that SJWCD board treasurer Joe Tedder had discussed the costs of the study with Cooper and that it would have to be split between 2026 and 2027 to meet the district's budget.

However, since Tedder was not present at the meeting, Cooper expressed uncertainty about how to

proceed.

Jones commented that the board likely should not move forward with approving the study until discussing the payment details further with Tedder.

She also noted that she is unsure what steps the county plans to take for its comprehensive planning and if it would be willing to use any elements of the RJH study for its comprehensive plan while potentially contributing funds to it.

Riehm commented that he believed that the county has a “hole” in their planning activities around water demand and that a previous discussion with one of the Archuleta County commissioners indicated that they would be interested in working with the SJWCD to use data from its studies to fill that gap.

Cooper commented that the district should assign members to discuss the study and the potential for collaboration with the county.

Following a brief discussion, Cooper and Kappelman volunteered to meet with the county and discuss the proposal.

The board then unanimously voted to approve them representing the SJWCD to the county in this discussion.

Cooper commented to Huzjak that the district would not be approving the proposed study at the meeting, but would meet with the county and aim to make progress on the proposal at its next meeting in August.

Huzjak asked the board if it had spoken with PAWSD and if PAWSD was going to cooperate with the study since, without PAWSD's data, it would be difficult to move the study forward.

Jones asked PAWSD board member Bill Hudson, who was attending the meeting, if PAWSD's data would be available to support the study.

“The public data will be,” Hudson said.

In response to a followup question from Riehm, Hudson added that anonymous data about PAWSD water use is public data, but that private individuals' data would not be available.

Jones commented that there would need to be a “fine point put on that,” but that Hudson was indicating that PAWSD data would be available and that “hopefully” PAWSD would follow through on this and other commitments to the SJWCD.

She added that Huzjak should share with Cooper and Kappelman

what data sets would be needed from the county prior to discussing the issue with them.

Huzjak commented that this data would mostly be about historical use and that he would supply the board with further ideas about data sets needed.

Proffitt commented that the district's jurisdiction extends beyond PAWSD's boundaries and that the district should also look at Aspen Springs as a possible part of its water management work.

Jones commented that the district should look at its stakeholder list with the issue of neighborhoods that depend on hauling water from PAWSD or other sources in mind.

Cooper closed the discussion by stating that he would get Huzjak an accurate map of the district and its potential water users.

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Moratorium

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document on the matter states.

It states, “When an application is made for a type of use that is not specifically listed ... the Director shall make a determination as to the appropriate classification of a new or unlisted form of land use.”

Currently, the most closely related use the LUDC defines “would be the use of a Warehouse, which is defined as: A structure containing an area available for the purpose of storing raw materials, goods, or property.”

While no developer has come to the town’s Planning Department wanting to build a data center, “we want to get ahead of the eight ball on this,” said Town Manager David Harris.

On June 16, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) adopted a six-month moratorium on all new data center applications.

The county’s pause on data centers will allow it “to evaluate long-term impacts and establish smart zoning regulations regarding power use, water demands, and environmental effects,” the county’s website states.

Commissioner Veronica Medina has stated that data centers don’t seem to be a good fit for Archuleta County, citing “the draw on power and water that they tend to use.”

“Colorado is in a fight for its life for water, and if we don’t have water, we don’t have life,” she said.

In light of the county’s decision to bring about a temporary moratorium, O’Dell indicated he wanted to bring the matter in front of the town council.

Initially, council member Mat deGraaf said, “I’d like to keep this simple. No data centers in town limits ever.”

Council member Brooks Lindner agreed, adding, “I see no way that data centers would be compatible with our community.”

But the council’s newest member, Vahid Shabro, who also has a background in artificial intelligence, according to the town’s website, expressed that he would be against an outright ban on data centers.

Data centers would likely not come about within town limits, given the town’s layout, he explained, so banning them would not be necessary and may make the town look like it is anti-progress.

However, Mayor Shari Pierce noted that while the town’s current boundaries may not support a place for data centers, “we must also consider future annexations” and, therefore, have language in the code in place.

Pierce explained that she thought long and hard about the pros and cons, and that the cons of “the noise and the light,” as well as other environmental factors, made her lean toward at least a moratorium.

But she was noted she is reluctant to support an outright ban, because

the “data centers of today may not be the data centers of the future,” adding that negative public perception would likely put pressure on developers to improve designs for these centers to have less of a footprint in the future.

Lindner then came around to the moratorium idea, saying, “I’d be in favor of a moratorium.”

deGraaf also implied that he’d be in favor of the two-year moratorium, saying, “We need to name the thing first” within the code.

An outright ban could come after the two-year moratorium expires, if the council, at that time, wishes to do so, he suggested.

When asked his thoughts on the matter, O’Dell said that he thought “a moratorium would be appropriate while we figure out the language and that would buy us time to figure out what the language should be.”

He added, “And that way if a big developer comes in to say, ‘I want to put a data center at Mountain Crossing,’ then we could say, ‘Well, we have this moratorium in place while we’re figuring out what the town wants to do with data centers and what we view is important for the community.”

O’Dell continued, “Because, who knows, there may be a developer who is looking at every community in the state of Colorado trying to find those communities that don’t have any language or moratoriums.”

O’Dell also commented on places

that are seeing data center development.

“I would agree that we are not the best option for a data center, but places like Page, Arizona, are getting data centers and Lake Powell is at an all-time low, so I think money talks with data centers ... and I don’t want to get in a place where we’re caught on our heels,” he said.

The LUDC needs language and possibly “preventative measures” to protect the town, he added.

Pierce said, “We just have so much else going on here over the next two years, but if they [staff] can be keeping an eye on what’s going on out there with technology and improvements, then we can look at it again later.”

Council member Leonard Martinez said that “it’s the right thing to do, to name the thing and put that in the code so we are not caught off guard.”

The council decided to direct staff to first place a two-year moratorium on data centers and then deal with codifying them in the LUDC at a later point in time.

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Virus

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premises located in 4 Colorado counties (Archuleta, La Plata, Montezuma, and Montrose Counties), and 16 premises located in 4 New Mexico counties (Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Santa Fe, and Valencia Counties).”

In May, when the positive case was announced in Montezuma County, the Colorado Department of Agriculture announced it is working closely with the USDA, the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to respond to this detection and protect the health of both people and animals.

At that time, the state veterinarian advised owners to be on the lookout for any signs of the disease.

One way owners can protect their animals from the virus is by using insect control programs and avoiding contact with animals from other farms. Any new horses or livestock should be quarantined before being introduced to the herd, a press release at the time outlines.

It adds that owners who notice any signs of disease should separate sick animals and report it immediately to their veterinarian. Owners should wear proper protective equipment such as gloves any time they are working with sick animals, and should wash and disinfect their hands and boots after contact.

While it is rare, VSV can be transmitted to people and can cause a flu-like illness and rarely blister-like sores.

More information about VSV can be found at ag.colorado.gov/VSV.

Following is additional information from the Colorado Department

of Agriculture.

Tips for livestock owners

- Strict fly control is an important factor to inhibit the transmission of the disease.
- Avoid transferring feeding equipment, cleaning tools or health care equipment from other herds.
- When moving livestock interstate, Colorado veterinarians and livestock owners should contact the animal health officials in the destination state to ensure all import requirements are met.
- Colorado fairs, livestock exhibitions and rodeos may institute new entry requirements based on the extent and severity of the current VSV outbreak. Certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs or health certificates) issued within two to five days prior to an event can be beneficial in reducing risks.

Important information for veterinarians

- Any vesicular disease of livestock is reportable to the State Veterinarian’s Office in Colorado. To report, call (303) 869-9130. After hours, the voice message will indicate which staff veterinarian is on call. The team will provide guidance to veterinarians on appropriate sample collection and submission. Please see the updated Veterinarian Submission Guidance document on the office’s website.
- All suspected VSV in non-equine cases (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, camels) must be investigated by state or federal animal health officials.

Information for shows and fairs

The Colorado State Veterinarian’s

Office recommends that livestock event organizers consider extra precautionary measures for both participants and the event venue to minimize the risk of transmission of VSV.

See the Guidelines for Fairs, Shows, Exhibitions for more information.

About VSV

This viral disease primarily affects horses and cattle, and occasionally swine, sheep, goats, llamas and alpacas.

The disease can be transmitted by insects such as black flies, sand flies and biting midges, or through direct contact with infected animals or contaminated objects.

The incubation period ranges from two to eight days. Clinical signs include blister-like sores on the mouths and feet of infected animals and appear similar to foot and mouth disease. Often excessive salivation is the first sign of disease, along with a reluctance to eat or drink. Lameness and weight loss may follow. There are no USDA-approved vaccines for VSV.

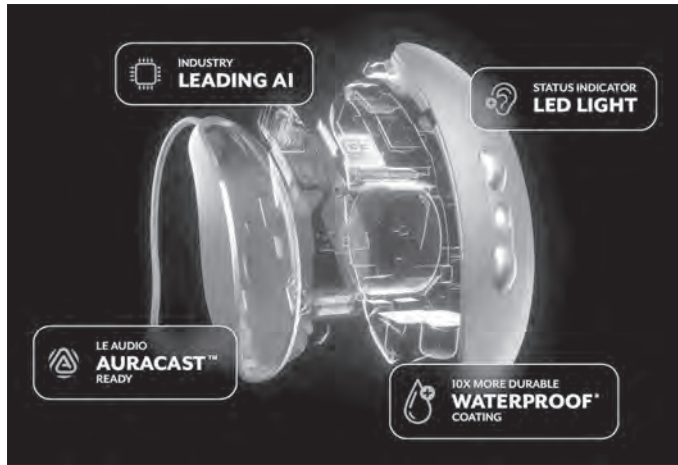
Some species of wildlife (e.g., deer and elk) may be susceptible to VSV. If you encounter a sick or deceased wild animal or have other wildlife-related questions, please contact your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office.

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Rezone

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future,” Mlynek said, noting that Urbanczyk “wants to continue with the intent of the county.”

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked what the difference is between a regular rezoning process and an administrative rezoning process, and associated fees that would be waived.

Kruse explained that the administrative rezone process is similar to a regular rezone process, but that county staff “would be doing everything” instead of the property owner, and that the county would be taking on the associated costs, which she estimated ranging between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

She noted the county would be notifying adjacent property owners and putting out public hearing notice signs on the property.

Kruse added that staff would evaluate criteria and guidelines for the rezone, “like we typically would, but we’d also be incurring the cost.”

Medina stated that she was confused as to why the county would do that, clarifying that she is not against the rezone.

More questions were raised about the third subject parcel, where the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs sits, and if that parcel would also be included in the administrative rezone.

County Attorney Cathleen Giovannini explained that her understanding is the rezone would only apply to the two parcels, and not the parcel where the Humane Society sits.

Giovannini also provided background on how the county ended up with a 10 percent ownership interest in the rectangular-shaped parcel, explaining that Urbanczyk purchased the old county courthouse at 449 San Juan St., and part of that deal included the county receiving a 10 percent interest

in the adjacent airport property.

Urbanczyk then spoke, explaining that a conditional use permit (CUP) was issued in 2021, recalling a meeting in which the BoCC voted on and approved the CUP.

Urbanczyk explained that they’ve already gone through this process and paid fees, but that he was confused as to how the CUP goes away once all conditions are met.

Giovannini explained that the CUP does not change the zoning of the property, adding the reason for bringing this up as a possible administrative rezone is because of the county’s ownership in the subject property.

Kruse noted that the CUP is for a propane business located on the far northwest portion of the triangle-shaped parcel, owned by Urbanczyk.

Urbanczyk also expressed that he wants to work with the county.

Medina noted that Urbanczyk had expressed that he would pay for the rezoning fees, and that if the process is the same whether it’s administrative or not, then she was unclear why the matter was brought to the BoCC.

Giovannini explained that there was a thought that the administrative rezone would make it a speedier process by avoiding going to the planning commission first.

Medina commented that if it could be done quicker, then it would make sense to do so, and that the area should be zoned as commercial or industrial and not agricultural ranging or agricultural estates.

“That is the only location that the county has an industrial park,” Medina said.

Mlynek commented that they are willing to go through whatever process is necessary to achieve a rezone and that the matter was brought up in the

interest of transparency.

Commissioner John Ranson indicated that he agrees with Medina on the matter, noting he would “hate seeing the fees waived.”

Ranson also noted that it would be “nice to get this going,” in regard to the rezone process.

Commissioner Warren Brown indicated that the general consensus was for staff to continue administratively reviewing and making changes needed.

Giovannini expressed that the matter may be formalized at a future BoCC meeting.

“I think that is also appropriate,” Brown said.

Brown also indicated that the county would apply the administrative changes, and that Urbanczyk would pay the associated fees.

Ranson encouraged the county to simplify its process the best it can.

“I’ve watched over 25 years people be run out of here, and a lot of it is because we have to jump through so many silly hoops,” Ranson said, noting this matter dates back to 2019.

“Let’s just be friendly,” he added, mentioning the county should be inviting people to invest in the community. “I think we need to be business friendly.”

In a later interview, Kruse explained that all rezones, administrative or not, have to go through all public hearings and go before the planning commission before the BoCC.

Kruse noted that the Archuleta County Planning Commission will hear the matter during its meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Aug. 13 in the commissioners’ room at 398 Lewis St.

She also noted that the matter will then go before the BoCC during its regular meeting scheduled for Aug. 18 at 1:30 p.m.



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Record high tied

On Wednesday, Pagosa Weather noted Stevens Field Airport hit 94 degrees on Monday, July 20, tying a high first set in 1910.

Forecast

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The top five states for fatal crashes involving aggressive or careless driving, in order, are: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Jersey, Hawaii and Colorado. The ranking is based on the percentage of fatal crashes that contained at least one unsafe driving behavior, including aggressive driving, careless driving, inattentive operation, improper driving and driving without due care.

“Despite over 42,000 speeding citations last year from our agency, troopers know that this behavior continues on Colorado roadways,” stated Chief Matthew C. Packard of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP). “We aren’t going to ‘ticket’ our way out of this ranking. It’s a joint effort with loved ones to help aggressive drivers rethink their stance on speeding, tailgating or other unsafe behaviors before troopers need to intervene and remind you.”

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The high for Friday, July 24, is forecast to be 88 degrees with sunny skies in the morning turning to a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. The low is forecast at 52 degrees with chances of showers falling to 20 percent in the evening.

For Saturday, July 25, the high is forecast to be 90 degrees with showers and thunderstorms likely after noon. The chance of precipitation is 60 percent. The low is forecast at 53 degrees with just a slight chance of showers before midnight.

For Sunday, July 26, the high is forecast to be 90 degrees with sunny skies in the morning followed by a chance of thunderstorms and showers after noon. The low is forecast at 53 degrees with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight.

River flows

Flows have hovered just above record lows this past week in the San

Juan and Piedra rivers.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), as of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs had a flow rate of 21.7 cubic feet per second (cfs). The day’s low flow was 19.3 cfs at about 9 a.m.

Based on 90 water years of record, the record high flow for July 22 was recorded in 1941 at 1,160 cfs, while the record low was recorded in 2002 at 16.8 cfs. The median flow for this date is 157 cfs and the mean flow is 225 cfs.

On Tuesday, July 21, at about 11 a.m., the San Juan was flowing at 17.1 cfs.

The Piedra River near Arboles was flowing at a rate of 17.6 cfs as of 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, according to the USGS.

Based on 63 water years of record, the median flow for July 22 is 120 cfs and the mean flow is 1,199 cfs. The record high flow for this date was recorded in 1986 at 1,060 cfs, while the record low was recorded in 2002 at 10.3 cfs.

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Outdoors



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A-Mac and The Height entertains from the stage at Yamaguchi Park on Friday, July 17, for ComFest. The concert was part of the Town of Pagosa Springs' annual free outdoor concert series, which features different musicians and nonprofits each month during the summer. The season's final ComFest concert will be on Aug. 21.

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Weed management: Are biocontrols for me?

By Ethan Proud and Cindi Galabota
SUN Columnists

Biocontrols are host-specific insects or pathogens that can be used to control noxious weeds. They are introduced from the target species' native range after years of rigorous testing to ensure that they will not damage native plant species.

In Colorado, biocontrol agents are reared and distributed from the Palisade Insectary.

Biocontrols reduce the competitive edge of noxious weed species, though they will never truly eradicate a population, which helps the native plants flourish. Many people are intrigued and interested in using biocontrols as it seems like a silver bullet: a passive, natural method for managing weeds while reducing the use of herbicides. However, biocontrols have their limitations and are not suited for every property.

First off, the size of the infestation needs to be large enough for the biocontrols to have a sustaining population. A quarter acre or smaller parcel is not a great candidate for biocontrols as they will likely leave the area in search of a better food source or move over to a neighboring property where the weeds may be managed by mowing, herbicide, hand pulling, etc., which disrupts their life cycle. If several neighbors on smaller acreage want to use biocontrols together, this is a great option, though joint management may become a problem when one property sells and the new owner has a different vision of weed management.

If a plant is poisonous to livestock and is growing in a pasture or hay meadow, then chemical or manual control of the plant is a better idea to prevent accidental ingestion.

Species on the Colorado Noxious Weed A List can also not be managed with biocontrols as their eradication is legally mandated. The only current A List species in Archuleta County are myrtle and cypress spurge, and no biocontrol agents have been approved to manage those species.

Biocontrols work best on large populations that are in tricky locations such as hillsides, steep gullies and the like. They can also be released on species that the management goal is suppression or containment.

The reality of invasive species is that we won't be able to completely remove them; in some areas, a low percentage of weeds is acceptable management. In scenarios like this, the weed species should be managed along the vector of spread (driveways, property boundary) to prevent their further dispersal.

To request biocontrols, visit the Colorado Department of Agriculture website and click on the "Conservation" tab, "Biocontrol at the Palisade Insectary" and then the "Request-A-Bug" button.

Some biocontrols like the field bindweed gall mites have such high demand that you may have to wait a year (or more) before you receive a shipment.

The Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department does collect some biocontrols locally, which include the field bindweed gall mites, Russian knapweed gall wasps (stingless), musk thistle weevils and Canada thistle rust fungus. Not all biocontrol agents are collected annually.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and con-

trolling other pests.

75th annual Archuleta County Fair

Get ready for the 75th annual Archuleta County Fair July 30 through Aug. 2 at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

Visit archuletacountyfair.com to learn more.

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

The 4-H Livestock Auction will follow the Chuckwagon Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 1. Don't miss out on the fun.

Volunteer for the Archuleta County Fair

Volunteers are needed for the Archuleta County Fair.

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

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

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BLM Tres Rios Field Office reduces fire restrictions

Bureau of Land Management

Improved fire weather conditions and near containment on the Ferris Fire have prompted Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officials to ease fire restrictions and reopen public lands within the Tres Rios Field Office.

Effective July 22, Stage 2 fire restrictions were lifted on BLM-administered public lands managed by the Tres Rios Field Office, including Canyons of the Ancients National

Monument. Stage 1 fire restrictions will remain in effect through Dec. 31, 2026, or until rescinded.

Stage 1 restrictions prohibit campfires, charcoal fires and other open fires outside designated fire grates or grills in developed recreation sites. Smoking is prohibited except within an enclosed vehicle, building or developed recreation site. Fireworks and other incendiary devices are also prohibited.

“Seasonal weather conditions in southwest Colorado have brought in-

creased moisture and more favorable fire conditions, allowing us to reduce fire restrictions,” said Tres Rios Field Office Manager Derek Padilla. “Fire danger still exists, and we encourage everyone visiting public lands to use caution and do their part to prevent human-caused wildfires.”

With the Ferris Fire approaching 100 percent containment, the BLM is also reducing most emergency public land closures in Dolores County. All previous Ferris Fire closure areas on BLM-administered public lands

within the Tres Rios Field Office have been reopened except for a smaller area that remains closed to support ongoing fire management and protect public and firefighter safety. The remaining closure includes BLM-administered public lands in the vicinity of the Dolores River Canyon and Bradfield Bridge Recreation Site.

For specific closure boundaries, maps and current fire restrictions, visit Colorado’s Southwest District Fire Management website at <https://ow.ly/wjpK50ZitFU>.

August plant walk with Lake McCullough announced

By Jean Zirnheld

Weminuche Audubon Society

The final plant walk of this season with certified herbalist Lake McCullough will take place on Monday, Aug. 3.

Join us for a fun and educational ramble through the forest as we discover edible and medicinal native plants. This free walk will open your eyes to the uses and beauty of plants

that you might otherwise not notice.

This hike at a leisurely pace follows Forest Service Road 725, Wolf Creek Road, to explore late-summer botanical bounty at high elevation near Wolf Creek Pass.

Attendees will turn off U.S. 160 onto Wolf Creek Road, about 22 miles east of town. This Forest Service road slopes sharply down from the highway for a short distance, where there is a parking area. We will meet there at

9 a.m. and return to the parking area around noon.

The walk is about 3 miles roundtrip with some moderately steep and rocky sections. Be prepared for rugged trails and unpredictable weather, and leave dogs at home. Don’t forget your water.

In order to provide an optimal experience for participants, there is a 15-person maximum on each walk.

Please call McCullough ahead to reserve a space at (970) 398-0923.

McCullough’s knowledge and fun sense of humor have made these walks very popular and spaces fill quickly.

Weminuche Audubon and Audubon Rockies are proud to sponsor these educational opportunities for residents and visitors, and are grateful to McCullough for sharing her expertise with us.

Give her a call to add your name to the August walk list.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library leaving CloudLibrary, Adopting Hoopla

By Barbara Brattin

SUN Columnist

Digital library aficionados: We have a brand new e-book product coming your way.

Starting Aug. 18, the Ruby Sisson Library will offer both Libby (Overdrive) and a new e-book platform, Hoopla. We will no longer offer CloudLibrary.

Why the change?

You might be surprised to learn that e-books cost us anywhere from \$40 to \$120 per copy. That’s considerably more than individuals pay for the same content. Our e-book purchases also have limits set by the publisher to how many times they can be borrowed. This model is very expensive, and we are always working to find high-quality content for you at a price that is sustainable.

The Hoopla model of lending to libraries promises to be more affordable to libraries, allowing us to provide more titles and more copies for shorter waiting lists.

Quick facts

- All content in CloudLibrary has been purchased by our e-book consortium and will transfer to the Hoopla platform for continued discovery and use.

- If you have placed holds on books in the CloudLibrary app, those holds will not automatically transfer to the Hoopla app. You will need to manually place those holds in the Hoopla app.

- You will continue to have a limit of seven holds and five checkouts at a time in Hoopla, just like in Libby. So, between the two e-book products, you can read to your heart’s content.

Read Wild! summer program off to great start

We’re proud to share that readers have already logged more than 205,000 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.

Our next outing is scheduled for Aug. 5 at Wolfwood Refuge, where we will receive a guided tour and learn about and interact with wolfdogs and wolves. Meet at the library at 8:30 a.m. and we’ll caravan together. There is no fee to enter.

We recommend bringing a lunch.

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.

Colorado Parks Passes for checkout

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

Passes come with a backpack filled with nature guides, binoculars and fun activities. Reserve yours today.

Note: Colorado State Park passes are not valid for Chimney Rock National Monument.

New books collections brimming with interesting titles

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New in large print

- “Make it Out Alive,” a new Quinn and Costa thriller from Allison Brennan, places Detective Kara Quinn as bait for a serial killer after three couples turn up dead in Florida.

- “The Battle for Texas” from Robert Vaughn is a fictional account of the women and men of Alamo in their fight for Texas independence.

- “Blunt Instrument” from Amy Bloom introduces Dell Chandler, a failed English professor turned self-taught private detective, hired to investigate the death of a bludgeoned university lecturer.

- “Enough: Your Health, Your Weight, and What It’s Like to be Free” from Dr. Ania Jastreboff, with a foreword from Oprah Winfrey, describes strategies to optimize health and manage the side effects of new weight-loss medications.

- “Vengeance: The Last Stands of Custer, Crazy Horse, and Sitting Bull” discusses the Battle of Little Bighorn, the fame it brought to George Armstrong Custer and the impact it had on Native Americans and the shape of the American West.

New fiction

- “This is Where the Serpent Lives” by award-winning writer Daniyal Mueenuddin is set in modern-day Pakistan and follows the lives of a dozen characters as they face lives filled with violence and tragedy and struggle to make moral choices.

- “Seek the Traitor’s Son,” by “Divergent” series author Veronica Roth, is an epic romantic dystopian fantasy.

- Historian Alison Weir is back with “The Boleyn Secret,” a new medieval novel starring Katherine Carey, an attendant to Queen Anne Boleyn, who reveals a little-known Tudor mystery.

New in nonfiction

- “The Age Rebellion: Supercharge the Second Half of Your Life” is from Lyndsey Simpson, founder of 55 Redefined.

- “Accepted: 50 Successful College Admission Essays,” from Harvard grads Gen and Kelly Tanabe, guides you through crafting the essay that gets you into the college of your dreams.

- “Open Space: From Earth to Eternity—The Global Race to Explore and Conquer the Cosmos” from journalist David Ariosto chronicles the new generation of space entrepreneurs.

New audiobooks

- “Mother Earth is Our Elder: Indigenous Solutions to the Climate Crisis” is a Dene manifesto from Canada’s Northwest Territories.

- “How to Live a Meaningful Life: Using Design Thinking to Unlock Purpose, Joy, and Flow Every Day” is from Stanford’s Life Design Lab.

- John Connolly returns with a new thriller, “A River Red with Blood.” Private investigator Charlie Parker goes deep into the dark woods of Maine to investigate multiple murders.

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SENIOR NEWS

Staying on track with medications can help seniors stay healthy and independent

By Ricardo Martinez
SUN Columnist

Taking medications as prescribed is one of the most important ways older adults can protect their health and maintain their independence.

Many seniors take multiple prescriptions to manage conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis. Missing doses, taking medications at the wrong time or accidentally taking too much can reduce the effectiveness of treatment and increase the risk of serious health complications or hospitalization. Following a medication schedule helps ensure that medications work as intended and supports a higher quality of life.

Creating a simple medication management system can make staying on schedule much easier.

Weekly pill organizers, medication reminder apps, alarm clocks, calendars or written medication logs are all effective tools to help seniors remember what to take and when.

Family members or caregivers can also provide valuable support by reviewing medications regularly and helping organize prescriptions.

Seniors should keep an up-to-date list of all medications, including vitamins and supplements, and share it with their health care providers at every appointment. If you have questions about your medications or experience side effects, never stop taking them without first consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

A consistent routine and a reliable reminder system can go a long way toward helping seniors remain healthy, safe and independent.

Senior Conversations

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

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

experiences.

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

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

Stretching and mobility weekly class

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

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

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

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

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

American mahjong

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

Bring your card and come to play or watch and learn from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Senior Center.

Bridge

The game of bridge is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of play, with the final round reached sometime between two and three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Emotional freedom

On the second Thursday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., join the "Tappers," who practice a self-regulation technique to relieve symptoms of anxiety, depression, insomnia and more.

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

Mindful drawing

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

Classes are every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Senior Center.

This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

Mexican train dominoes

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

Ruby's Writers Guild

The Ruby's Writers Guild has moved back to the Ruby Sisson Li-

brary.

Tai chi

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

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

Bingo

Join us for bingo on Friday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m.

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

No RSVP is required; just show up.

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

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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.) 23000404 Original Principal Amount \$480,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$477,910.28 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust and other violations of the terms thereof THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 372-373, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED JUNE 4, 1973, AS RECEPTION NO. 77868, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO. Purported common address: 207 DOMICILLE CIR, PAGOSA SPRING, CO 81147 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Heresby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 08/20/2026, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 305 Village Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 6/25/2026 Last Publication 7/23/2026 Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE SHALL BE EXTENDED; DATE: 04/22/2026

Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Carly Imbrogno, Esq. #59553 Barrett Frappier Weissman, LLP 1301 SPEER BLVD, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711 Attorney File # 0000010755338 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose. ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015 Published June 25, July 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2026, in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (300942)

FOR A PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 13, 2026 AND PRIOR TO FINAL ACTION, A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 18, 2026 An administrative REZONING of RURAL Section: 9 Township: 35 Range: 2W (3) Parcels 569909100037 (±50 ac), 569909100036 (±40 ac), 569909300161 (±29 ac) along Cloman Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO. The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR) with a proposed change to INDUSTRIAL (I). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearings. The Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting will be held on August 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. and the Board of County Commissioners meeting will be held on August 18, 2026 at 1:30pm, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, 1:30pm Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Published July 23 and 30, 2026, in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (310788)

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PUBLIC NOTICE ARCHULETA COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION The Archuleta County Board of Equalization (CBOE) will sit to review the assessment of all taxable property located in Archuleta County, as prepared by the Archuleta County Assessor, and to hear appeals from determinations of the Assessor beginning July 29, 30, August 3, 5, 2026. Hearings will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room located at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Published July 16 and 23, 2026, in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (310058)

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from Build Pagosa to construct a Regional Workforce Center in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, CO. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990. The Regional Workforce Center will be an approximately 10,000 square foot workforce training facility. The project will be located at 800 S 8th St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. The purpose of the project is to support workforce training initiatives and create jobs. The Project is located on a property with two small wetlands which the Project has been designed to avoid. To protect them from indirect impacts, the contractor will implement standard stormwater best practices in accordance with applicable construction permitting requirements, mitigating sediment runoff into the wetlands. Project information is available for review at 390 Boulder Drive, 970-398-5815. If you have any information regarding potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed project, please provide it in writing to: Environmental Compliance Review Officer US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Denver Region rdefato@eda.gov (206) 450-8251 Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm on August 7, 2026 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office. Published July 23, 2026 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. (310792)

PUBLIC NOTICES: YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The notices you see on this page include important information from local governmental bodies and attorneys that may be of interest to you. These notices can include information about public hearings, property assessments and changes in assessment, assumed names, name changes, claims notices, public meeting dates and financial statements.

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Safe2Tell June report highlights mental health concerns during summer break

Colorado Attorney General's Office

A student experiencing suicidal thoughts is now receiving counseling after someone used Safe2Tell to ask for help, and another report enabled school officials to intervene after a student allegedly assaulted a classmate and threatened their life.

Those interventions are among the 672 reports received by Safe2Tell in June, according to the Colorado Attorney General's Office's monthly report released Tuesday, July 14. The program has now received 28,711 reports during the 2025-2026 school year.

Key findings from the June 2026 Safe2Tell report include:

- The most frequently reported concerns were mental health (21.9 percent), bullying (14.7 percent), school safety (12.7 percent), and abuse and exploitation (9.5 percent).

Reports in the Other category accounted for 15.9 percent of submissions, which primarily involved

individuals seeking information about how to use Safe2Tell or access program services, an expected trend as communities prepare for the upcoming school year.

False reports remained historically low at 1.8 percent.

“Safe2Tell is built on a simple idea: when people speak up, we can step in before a situation becomes a tragedy,” said Attorney General Phil Weiser. “The reports we received in June are a powerful reminder that concerns about safety and mental health don’t end when the school year does. Safe2Tell is available throughout the summer because every Coloradan should know there’s always a trusted way to help someone in need, prevent harm and connect people with the support they deserve.”

One report came from a person who said a student had physically and verbally assaulted another student before making a threat against the student’s life. School staff investi-

gated the incident, interviewed those involved, contacted the student’s parents and implemented appropriate disciplinary action.

In another report, a person shared concerns about a student who had expressed suicidal thoughts, was engaging in self-harm and told peers they felt unwanted. Local law enforcement conducted a welfare check and spoke with the student, who acknowledged having suicidal thoughts. The student’s parents were notified, the student was placed on an M-1 hold, and they are now receiving counseling services.

“Every Safe2Tell report is reviewed by trained analysts and routed to the appropriate local partners so they can assess the situation and respond,” said Safe2Tell Director Stacey Scardino. “This month’s reports demonstrate the wide range of concerns people bring to Safe2Tell, from threats of violence to students struggling with their mental health.

No matter the season, our focus is making sure every report gets to the people best positioned to help.”

A full breakdown of this month’s data is available in the Safe2Tell June 2026 Monthly Report at <https://coag.gov/app/uploads/2026/07/S2T-June-Report-2026.pdf>. Definitions for each reporting category can be found in the Safe2Tell Report Categorization Guide.

How to submit a report

Reports can be submitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling (877) 542-SAFE (7233), visiting Safe2Tell.org, texting “S2TCO” to 738477 or using the Safe2Tell mobile app available in the Apple App Store and Google Play.

About Safe2Tell

Safe2Tell is Colorado’s anonymous reporting system for concerns about the safety and well-being of students.

Safe2Tell is not an emergency response unit or a mental health counseling provider. Instead, it serves as an information pathway for distributing anonymous reports to local law enforcement and school officials, as required by state law.



Photo courtesy Bruce Wilke

A truck rests after crashing into a house at about 8:45 p.m. on July 8. According to the Pagosa Springs Police Department, the truck was parked at the gas station pumps getting gas in downtown Pagosa Springs. After fueling, the driver of the truck reached in the open window and started the truck from outside the driver’s door. Once started, the truck moved forward on its own, across the parking lot and crashed into the house after the driver failed to set the parking brake. The driver was charged.

Senior

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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 23 — Korean beef over rice, snow peas, garden salad, fruit salad, cookies and milk.

Friday, July 24 — Chicken fajitas,

tortillas, sour cream, guacamole, salsa, black beans, garden salad, fruit, flan and milk.

Monday, July 27 — Eggplant Parmigiana, pesto asparagus, garden salad, fruit, fig bars and milk.

Tuesday, July 28 — Teriyaki pork ribs, rice, squash medley, garden salad, fruit, chocolate pudding and milk.

Wednesday, July 29 — Chicken and dumplings, broccoli, garden salad, fruit, Snickers cake, and milk.

Thursday, July 30 — Crispy cod with tartar sauce, creamed spinach, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, apple crisp and milk.

Friday, July 31 — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and pearl onions, garden salad, fruit, muffin, and milk.

Meals on Wheels

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

Text reservations

Don’t forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please

include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Mountain Express Transit senior paratransit services

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

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

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

Medicare assistance by appointment

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



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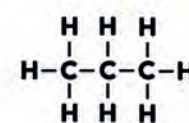
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Archuleta County Fair celebrates 2026 royalty, super volunteers

By Emily Martinez
Archuleta County Fair

As the Archuleta County Fair celebrates its 75th anniversary, the community is proud to recognize the young women serving as the

2026 fair royalty, along with several exceptional super volunteers whose dedication has helped the fair and local 4-H program thrive.

Representing this year’s fair royalty are Junior Princess Jonna Forrest, Princess Nicoletta Ibram and Queen

Faith Lee. Each brings her own talents, enthusiasm and love for the community to this special role.

Forrest is a spirited 9-year-old who brings the perfect combination of focus and fun to everything she

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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: Rock ‘n’ Rebels, 5 p.m.
Neon Mallard: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Coyote Moon Lounge: Time Travelers, 7 p.m.
East Side Market: Michael Ippolito, 11 a.m.

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

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 does. Although she may be known for her signature "serious face," those who know her best describe her as silly, funny and full of life. Forrest enjoys basketball, singing, dancing and taking on new learning adventures. She is devoted to her family, has a strong heart for her faith, and loves serving others and caring for animals.

Ibram has been an active member of 4-H for the past six years. This year, she is raising chickens and goats to show at the county fair. Ibram also serves as a 1st lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Through the program, she continues to develop her knowledge of aerospace, leadership, and drill and ceremonies. Outside of 4-H and Civil Air Patrol, she enjoys playing the piano, wakeboarding, skiing and caring for her goats.

Lee is a home-school student preparing to enter her senior year of high school. Already involved with the fair through 4-H, Lee is excited to serve as queen and give back to an event that has played an important role in her life. She looks forward to promoting the fair throughout Archuleta County and encouraging others to become involved. In her free time, Lee enjoys dancing, reading, crafting and making music.

In recognition of the fair's milestone anniversary, the Archuleta County Fair is also honoring Cherie Ford, Sandy Bramwell, and Kent and Sharon Jennings as its 2026 super volunteers.

Ford's involvement with 4-H and the fair began after her son joined 4-H Cloverbuds in 2015. She participated in numerous projects, including livestock, archery and shooting

sports, and later showed livestock at the fair. Watching the dedication and hard work of local young people inspired Ford to become more involved.

Ford volunteered with the Livestock Committee and began serving as its president in 2020. Through her leadership, energy and commitment, she has supported countless exhibitors and helped strengthen the livestock program.

After living in Pagosa Springs during her middle and high school

years, Ford returned with her family in 2014 so her son could be raised in the community and close to family. She enjoys Pagosa's small-town pace, spending weekends outdoors, working with her family's animals and playing games together. One of her favorite parts of the fair is catching up with community members and watching the young exhibitors compete in the livestock shows.

Bramwell was selected as a super volunteer following 44 years of

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service to both the fair and the 4-H program. She first volunteered while her children participated in 4-H and continued helping when her grandchildren became involved.

As a project leader, Bramwell taught young people how to groom their market steers and prepare them for the show ring — an experience she remembers as one of the most rewarding parts of her involvement. She also taught dance lessons to 4-H members and served as the club leader for the original Shady Pine 4-H Club.

Bramwell's involvement with the fair board began in 1982, and she served for nine years. During a time when many residents were unaware that Archuleta County had a fair, she worked alongside others to build community support and find sponsors for its contests and activities.

Her many contributions include establishing the fair royalty program, fair lady recognition, the chili cook-off and a car-driving contest that later became the tractor-driving contest. She also helped secure judges, schedule events and prepare the annual fair book for printing.

Bramwell has lived in Colorado since marrying her husband, Jim, in 1968. Together, they raised four children and embraced the mountains and ranching lifestyle. The couple has also supported the fair's ranch brand program for many years. Beyond the fair, Sandy Bramwell has served her church, the school accountability committee, the county planning commission and the royalty of the Red Ryder Roundup.

Sandy Bramwell also participated as a fair exhibitor, entering

cake decorating, flowers, crafts and oil paintings. She values the fair as a place where residents can share their talents, celebrate local traditions, and reconnect with friends and neighbors.

Kent and Sharon Jennings were also selected as 2026 super volunteers. Their service began in 2016, when Kent Jennings helped mark and set up the parking areas and monitored parking during the fair. Sharon Jennings coordinated volunteers and assisted at the admissions gate.

Both later joined the Archuleta County Fair Board, with Kent Jennings serving for seven years and Sharon Jennings serving for nine. Their years of dependable service and willingness to step into important roles have contributed greatly to the fair's success.

Kent and Sharon Jennings moved to Colorado to enjoy the cooler mountain weather and a more relaxed lifestyle. They enjoy hiking, observing local wildlife and visiting interesting destinations throughout the area.

The Archuleta County Fair has always been about more than exhibits, competitions and entertainment. It is a celebration of agriculture, youth, creativity, tradition and community. As the fair marks its 75th anniversary, the 2026 royalty and super volunteers represent both its promising future and the generations of service that have made it possible.

The Archuleta County Fair proudly congratulates Forrest, Ibram, Lee, Ford, Bramwell, and Kent and Sharon Jennings. Their leadership, service, and community spirit are an important part of what makes the fair

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2026 Archuleta County Fair Schedule

Fairgrounds on Highway 84 & 160

Early Fair Events — Open to the public

Saturday, July 25, 10 am	Horse Show	Rodeo Arena
Saturday, July 25, 1 pm	Quilt Judging	Stith Room
Sunday, July 26, 10 am	Gymkhana	Rodeo Arena

Fair Events — Thur., July 30-Sun., Aug. 2

Every Day of the Fair

9 am – 6 pm	Adventure Zone	Fairgrounds
9 am – 6 pm	Loco Toro Mechanical Bull	Fairgrounds
9 am – 8 pm	Education and Informational Displays	Fairgrounds
9 am – 8 pm	Vendors/Food and Merchandise Booths	Vendor Row
9 am – 8 pm	Open Class Entries and Displays	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room
9 am – 9 pm	4-H Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
10 am – 6 pm	Kids Game Open Play	Kids Game Tent
10 am – 8 pm	Various Entertainment and Shows	Activity Tent
11 am – Midnight	Beer Garden	Activity Tent
Evenings	Live Music	Activity Tent

Thursday, July 31st - Fair Officially Opens

9:00 am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Opens	Extension Building
9:00 am	Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am	Goat Show	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Fire Department Trailer Open	Fairgrounds
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	LPEA STEM Program	4-H Hall
1:00 pm	Chicken Show	Hughes Pavilion
1:30 pm	Kids Blow-Up Costume Race	Activity Tent
2:30 pm	Three-Legged Race	Activity Tent
3:00 pm	Public Health Presentation on Stage	Activity Tent
3:30 pm	Trivia Nail Driving Competition	Activity Tent
4:00 pm	OWLS Skills Presentation	Activity Tent
5:00 pm	75 Challenge	Activity Tent
6:00 pm	Swine Show	Hughes Pavilion
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Line Dance Lessons with Benellen	Activity Tent
6:00 pm	Cornhole Tournament	Activity Tent
8:00 pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Closes	Extension Building
11:00 pm	Fair Closes	Fairgrounds

Friday, July 31st

9:00 am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Opens	Extension Building
9:00 am	Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am	Lamb Show	Hughes Pavilion
1:00 pm	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
1:30 pm	Wild West Shoot Out	Old West Town
1:45 pm	Kids Blow-Up Costume Race	Activity Tent
2:00 pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Smokey the Bear	Education Tent
3:00 pm	75 Challenge	Activity Tent
3:00 pm	Fire Department Extinguisher Demos	Fairgrounds
3:15 pm	Trivia Nail Driving Competition	Activity Tent
3:30 pm	Wild West Shoot Out	Old West Town
4:00 pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Horseshoe Pitch Practice	Horseshoe Pits
5:15 pm	Spanish Fiesta Dance Demonstration	Activity Tent
5:30 pm	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
5:45 pm – 6:45 pm	Line Dance Lessons with Beverly	Activity Tent
6:00 pm	Beef Show	Hughes Pavilion
7:00 pm	Open Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Event	

8:00 pm
8:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Pink Pony Race
Exhibit Hall and Stith Room Close
Live Music/Dance – Tylor Brandon

Extension Hall
Activity Tent

Saturday, August 1st

8:30 am	Showmanship Clinic	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9:00 am	Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am	Horseshoe Pitching	Horseshoe Pitch
9:30 am	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Fire Department Trailer Open	Fairgrounds
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Step Back In Time	Old West Town
	Durango Wild West Entertainment	
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Gomez Store — Historical Building Open	Old West Town
10:00 am	Fire Department Extinguisher Demo	Fairgrounds
10:00 am	Master Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
10:15 am	Kids Blow-Up Costume Race	Activity Tent
10:30 am	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
11:00 am	Ranch Rodeo	Red Ryder Arena
11:30 am	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
11:45 am	Wild West Shoot Out	Old West Town
12 noon	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Smokey the Bear	Education Tent
1:00 pm	Pie Eating Contest	Activity Tent
1:15 pm	75 Challenge	Activity Tent
1:30 pm	Trivia Nail Driving Contest	Activity Tent
1:45 pm	Wild West Shoot Out	Old West Town
2:00 pm	Battle of the Badges	Activity Tent
2:30 pm	Wildman Phil & his Exotic Animals	Activity Tent
3:00 pm	Fire Department Extinguisher Demo	Fairgrounds
3:00 pm	Homemaker of the Year Award	Extension Building
3:30 pm	Wild West Shoot Out	Old West Town
3:30 pm	BMX Show	Fairgrounds
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	Live Music – San Juan Mountain Boys	Activity Tent
4:30 pm-6:30 pm	Chuckwagon Dinner	Activity Tent
5:00 pm	Royalty Introductions and Crowning	
	Home Maker of the Year	
	Honorees	
	Conservationist of the Year	
5:30 pm	JR Livestock Auction/ Registration	Hughes Pavilion
6:30 pm	JR Livestock Auction	Hughes Pavilion
8:00 pm	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Close	Extension Building
8:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Live Music/Fair Dance – Bo DePena	Activity Tent

Sunday, August 2nd

8:00 am- 9:00 am	Kids' Rodeo Check-In	Red Ryder Rodeo Arena
9:00 am	Parent Master Showmanship	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am	Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open	Extension Building
9:00 am-2:00 pm	Livestock Viewing	Hughes Pavilion
9:00 am-11:00 am	Pancake Breakfast	Activity Tent
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Live Music — Tim Sullivan	Activity Tent
10:00 am	Kids' Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
12:30 pm	Medieval Armored Combat	Fairgrounds
2:00 pm	Livestock Animals Released	Hughes Pavilion
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2:00 pm	Fair Closes until next year	Fairgrounds
2:00 pm-4:00 pm	Release of Open Class Projects/Premiums Paid	Exhibit Building
2:00 pm-4:00 pm	Release of 4-H Projects	Stith Room

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Rotarians seeking Friends of Rotary

By Frank Wiley
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

We Rotarians are looking for new friends. Before you decide to be a new friend, you probably want to know who we are and who we aren't.

Let's start with who we aren't: We aren't political or religious, although we honor all religions.

We are committed to community service, especially K-12 education and working toward making the world a better place.

My inspiration for writing this article is Vicki Johnston. She and her husband were going to join Rotary, but decided that attending meetings at noon on Thursdays would be too much of a burden because they are heavily involved in helping get a family member's new business up and running. She informed me of their decision, but said if Rotary needed help and they

were not busy, they would volunteer to work with us.

Rotary has many community enhancement activities that we perform outside of normal business hours. So, here's how you can help. Text me at (602) 540-5400 and we will put you on a "Friends of Rotary" call list to find out if you are available. You will always have the option of which projects you can volunteer for to help your community.

Obviously, we also invite you to become full-time members of our club.

Many people move here to Pagosa Springs after they retire and, because they have been too busy prior to moving here, have never been involved in a service organization. Now is your chance to serve, meet new successful people who will probably become friends and be part of an organization that greatly contributes to your new

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such a treasured Archuleta County tradition.

This year's Archuleta County Fair will kick off Thursday, July 30 and continue through Sunday, Aug. 2, at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate 75 years of the Archuleta County Fair

Get ready for four unforgettable days of family fun as the Archuleta County Fair celebrates its 75th anniversary.

This year's fair will be packed with livestock shows, rodeo action, live entertainment, delicious food, contests, vendors, exhibits, children's

activities and plenty of opportunities to celebrate our community's agricultural heritage.

With so much happening throughout the fair, you won't want to miss a moment. Be sure to check the official schedule ahead of time and plan your visit around the events your family is most excited to see.

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Share your passion through local youth programs

By Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County are full of people with talents and hobbies worth sharing.

The Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) is now seeking local community members to help inspire and support youth during the upcoming school year.

PCI believes children learn best when they can explore new interests, try new things and build connections with caring adults right in their own community. That's why the organization is inviting residents to step into roles such as club leaders, activity instructors and positive mentors, helping students turn their curiosity into real experiences.

Turn a hobby into an after-school opportunity

Whether your passion is outdoor adventure or creative art, PCI is looking for people who can share what they love with local youth.

Potential programs may include activities such as hiking, photogra-

phy, dance, woodworking, coding, gardening, sports, crafts, music and countless other options — including ideas that are completely original.

"We want to help kids discover new interests," PCI staff states, "and we know community members can make that happen."

Flexible scheduling to fit your life

One of the best benefits of joining the PCI team is schedule flexibility.

Programs typically run Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., with Fridays between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Whether you're able to offer just one hour per week or you're looking for a consistent part-time role on multiple afternoons, PCI will work to match opportunities to your availability.

Make a difference, one activity at a time

For those looking for meaningful work where no two days are exactly the same — and where every inter-

action matters — PCI hopes you'll consider helping local youth this school year.

By offering clubs and mentorship, community members can create unforgettable experiences for children across Archuleta County.

How to get involved

If you have an idea, a hobby you'd like to teach, or a program you'd love to lead, reach out to PCI's youth programming director, Courtney Wieters, at Youth@PagosaCommunityInitiative.org.

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Creation Care Pagosa to discuss water crisis, opportunities for Colorado River Basin

Creation Care Pagosa

On July 23 at 6 p.m., Creation Care Pagosa will present a program about the current condition of the Colorado River Basin and the nine-month El Nino precipitation outlook.

The meeting will be held in the Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 434 Lewis St.

A potluck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the program starting at 6:30 p.m.

Featured speakers will be Chuck Riehm, vice president of the San Juan Water Conservancy District, and Arleen Prochazka of the Pagosa Weather Team.

Please enter through the side door by the parking lot.

Come learn the current status of the Colorado River and our precipitation outlook for Pagosa area. Then participate with your neighbors on a discussion of our 25-year drought in the Southwest, including the Colorado River Compact negotiations and the nine-month outlook for El Nino. What's needed is not more precipitation, since we can't control that. The

focus should be on planning for a solid, common ground on which to build solutions, together.

A recent publication (Keep the River Running, <https://keeptheriverrunning.com/state-of-the-basin-report/>) states the Colorado River Basin's path forward from 2026 will be a challenging one. A quarter-century drought is deepening, an old governance system (Compact of 1922) is expiring, and the world outside the basin is also struggling with hotter temperatures and lack of coordination on climate threats.

A stark hydrological reality leaves little time to debate the best course. The river is carrying drastically less water. Its two massive reservoirs (Mead and Powell) are severely depleted. The snowpack that feeds them is at historic lows. Even the region's reserve — groundwater — is quickly disappearing.

Reality is that strategies for an adaptive, resilient West exist — and many are already out there in action, just waiting to be harnessed.

Cities have shown that with the right efficiency measures and in-

centives, they can drive down water consumption even as their populations grow. Farmers are upgrading to new equipment and researching new crops. Water recycling is moving from stigma to standard practice, and there's potential to adopt it in other locations. Nature-based solutions like beaver dam analogs are recharging aquifers for a fraction of the cost of a hard infrastructure, and creating ecosystems that can yield dividends for years.

The problem is not that the tools do not exist; it is that they need to be scaled and more widely adopted by communities across the Southwest. As a century of misguided expectations over the river's flow evaporate in the summer of 2026, now is the time to act.

Every stakeholder in the Colorado River Basin faces the same shrinking river, the same expiring framework and the same uncertainties around an unstable climate. As the river continues to dwindle, what's needed is not more water — it is the solid, common ground on which to build a path forward.

Rediscover downtown during the Main Street Art Walk on July 24

By Kathleen McFadden
Pagosa Springs Main Street

Downtown Pagosa Springs is changing, sidewalks are reopening and the progress is becoming easier to see. On Friday, July 24, residents and visitors are invited to rediscover what makes downtown special during the second Pagosa Springs Main Street Art Walk.

The free, self-guided event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m., pairing local artists with businesses throughout the downtown district. Locals and visitors can stroll at their own pace, meet artists, browse and purchase original artwork, explore local shops and restaurants, and enjoy a summer evening centered on creativity and community.

The inaugural art walk in June was interrupted by a major thunderstorm, but participating artists and businesses embraced the evening with flexibility and enthusiasm. The July event offers another opportunity to experience the art walk as intended: a relaxed downtown gathering that encourages people to linger, explore and discover something new.

Three featured gathering spaces will encourage visitors to explore the district from end to end.

The East End Lounge at RiverWalk Inn will feature local artists, an artisan chocolate tasting, complimentary beverages and a comfortable place to gather.

At Picasso and Vino, visitors can

participate in Faces in Pagosa, a free community art project celebrating the people of Pagosa, while enjoying complimentary wine and snacks.

On the west end, artists will be

hosted inside participating businesses, offering more opportunities to explore local artwork and discover downtown retailers.

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San Juan Stargazers to meet Aug. 6

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The next regular educational meeting of the San Juan Stargazers will be on Thursday, Aug. 6, starting at 6 p.m. with our social hour (meaning there is no exact starting time from 6 to 7 p.m.)

Everyone is invited to this learning gathering because the beauty of astronomy is that everyone has more to learn than we currently know.

That is also what is so important about the James Webb Space Telescope. It is at the cutting edge of astronomy, but you don't need to know everything to start learning about the latest discovery. Everyone was once a beginner at astronomy. Remember also that everyone is intimidated to attend a new group and start learning a new subject, but we try to make it easy and worth the effort.

We encourage you to try it and see if you leave our session with a greater wonder and appreciation of your life and the amazing universe

we are part of.

We meet at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. Due to downtown road construction, take Hot Springs Boulevard to Lewis Street and then a half block to the left to the parking lot. Everything is so convenient in that you use the side door off the parking lot into the kitchen and then into the fellowship hall. You can just sneak right in and take a seat. The main doors to the church remain locked.

The educational part of our meeting begins at 7 p.m. and lasts about 1.5 hours. One of the suggestions made at our last meeting is to have shorter learning segments. Each month we will have a member present to share a lesson on a cellphone app that they use to study the night sky. We will get everyone on an app before they leave, so bring your phone and leave with a treasure.

We have had two study books using our wonderful calendars that we sell every year. We call it our Astronomy 101. We will have a short

lesson using the calendar photos, then we will have our James Webb lesson. This month we will study the Pillars of Creation which started with the Hubble Telescope.

It is amazing to compare the differences between the photos taken by the two telescopes. The Pillars is probably

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Complimentary pedicab rides will also be available throughout the evening, making it easier to explore the district without moving your car.

The event comes as downtown businesses continue showing remarkable resilience during the main street reconstruction project. With visible improvements taking shape, the art walk offers the perfect opportunity to return downtown, experience the progress firsthand, and support the businesses that have remained open and welcoming throughout construction.

The art walk is organized by the Pagosa Springs Main Street Program and its all-volunteer advisory board, whose members donate their time to

strengthen downtown through community partnerships, economic vitality, events and historic preservation.

Whether you are looking for a date night, a family outing, an opportunity to meet local artists or simply a reason to wander downtown on a summer evening, the Main Street Art Walk offers a chance to reconnect with the people, places and businesses that make downtown Pagosa Springs unique.

Admission is free, rain or shine, and visitors may begin at any participating location.

For the interactive map, participating locations and event updates, visit pagosamainstreet.org or follow the Pagosa Springs Main Street Program on Facebook.

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**Three Broadway musicals,
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Thingamajig Theatre Company**

By Laura Moore
Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

Thingamajig Theatre Compa-
ny's summer repertory season is
in full swing at the Pagosa Springs
Center for the Arts, with three ac-
claimed Broadway musicals playing
in rotation and the company's annual
Broadway Gala arriving Tuesday,
July 28.

This summer's lineup includes
the uplifting international hit "Come
From Away," Stephen Sondheim's

sophisticated and sharply funny
"Company" and the beloved musical
theater classic "Fiddler on the Roof."

In "Come From Away," audiences
are transported to the small town
of Gander, Newfoundland, where
thousands of airline passengers were
unexpectedly stranded following the
events of Sept. 11, 2001. Based on true
stories, the musical celebrates the
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where we have much information
about astronomy, our local club and
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Eleven years of Jewels and Jeans: Dancing, dreaming and doing good with Rotary

By Terri House

Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

For more than a decade, boots have been scooting, neighbors have been laughing and the community has been coming together for a cause at the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs' Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance.

Now in its 11th year, this beloved Pagosa Springs tradition is returning Oct. 24 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds Extension Building. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Year after year, Jewels and Jeans has offered the perfect blend of country music, dancing, food and friendship. But behind all the fun is a purpose that has remained at the heart of the event since the very first dance: strengthening the Pagosa Springs community and creating opportunities for local young people.

Proceeds support Rotary pro-

grams that provide college and trade-school scholarships, weekend meals through the Feed Our Children Backpack Program, dictionaries for every local third-grader, teacher mini-grants, youth leadership opportunities, community grants and other projects that make a lasting difference.

"This dance began with a dream of bringing people together for a wonderful night while also doing something meaningful for our community," said event co-chair Kirsten Bennett. "Eleven years later, it has become a tradition that people look forward to, and its impact continues long after the music ends."

The evening will feature live music by Vanishing Breed, with Odis Sikes, who was inducted into the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame in 2024. Known for delivering "the best Texas-style honky-tonk music this side of ... well ... Texas," the band will keep

the dance floor moving with classic country favorites and plenty of toe-tapping energy.

Guests can also bid on memorable experiences and special items during the silent auction. Past favorites

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"Company" follows perennial bachelor Robert as he navigates friendship, marriage and the complicated question of what it means to share a life with someone. Featuring one of Sondheim's most celebrated scores, the musical combines biting comedy, emotional honesty and unforgettable songs.

"Fiddler on the Roof" brings the village of Anatevka to the Pagosa Springs stage through the story of Tevye, a devoted father attempting to preserve his family's traditions in a rapidly changing world. Filled with humor, heart and classic songs including "Tradition," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "Sunrise, Sunset," the musical remains one of Broadway's most enduring works.

The summer celebration continues Tuesday, July 28, with Thingamajig Theatre Company's annual Broadway Gala.

This year's event features an entirely new format, offering audiences a one-night-only theatrical experience created by the artists of the summer repertory company.

Often described as the season's "secret fourth show," the gala brings the company together for an evening of music, entertainment and celebration while supporting professional theater in Pagosa Springs.

With three major musicals presented in rotating repertory, audiences can experience a wide range of theatrical styles — from the warmth and humanity of "Come From Away" to the sophistication of "Company" and the sweeping emotion of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Performances and the Broadway Gala take place at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive.

For performance dates, show-times and tickets, visit <http://pagosacenter.org> or call (970) 731.SHOW (7469).

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Kick up your heels for a Pagosa Springs tradition. For 11 years, the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs’ Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance has brought the community together for live music, dancing and hometown fun, all while raising money to feed, educate and empower local youth. This year’s celebration will take place on Oct. 24, with live music by Vanishing Breed.

Rotary

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have included a Ouray getaway with fine dining, a horse-drawn wagon ride and a stay at a local bed and breakfast.

A barbecue dinner will be available for purchase for an additional \$25. Guests may choose sliced brisket or pulled pork with assorted barbecue sauces, served with coleslaw, white cheddar macaroni and cheese, rolls, sliced onions, pickles and assorted cheesecake bites.

A cash bar, contests for best dressed and best dancer, and plenty of opportunities to visit with friends will round out the evening. Guests are encouraged to pull out their denim, add a little sparkle and come ready to dance.

Jewels and Jeans is more than another night on the community calendar. It is a homegrown Pagosa Springs tradition built by local volunteers, supported by local businesses and embraced by generations of neighbors who believe that having a good time and doing good can go hand in hand.

“When you buy a ticket, you are not just getting a great night out,” said Rotary Club president-elect Kim Moore. “You may be helping send a student to college or trade school, putting food in a child’s backpack or giving a teacher the

resources to bring an idea to life. It is an investment in the future of our community.”

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door and may be purchased at Tangled, Wednesday Bouquet or online at <https://tinyurl.com/3rd6tsp8>.

After 11 years, the music is still playing, the community is still dancing, and Rotary is still turning one unforgettable evening into opportunities that last throughout the year.

Those who cannot attend but would still like to support the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs and its community programs may make a donation at PagosaSpringsRotary.org.



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Healthy Archuleta shares opportunities for families and youth

Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta is excited to share several opportunities this summer and fall that support children, youth, parents and families in Archuleta County.

Healthy Archuleta works to strengthen nutrition security, health equity and community cohesion. Currently, Healthy Archuleta is supporting the youth internship and Youth Community Learning and Leadership Circle, or Youth CLLC. Additionally, upcoming opportunities include the Kids in the Mountain Garden Education Program (KIMGE) and a child-parent relationship therapy (CPRT) program for caregivers.

Youth internship and Youth CLLC

Healthy Archuleta’s summer youth interns are gaining experience in community health, food systems, mental and behavioral health, prevention, leadership, and community engagement. Through partner visits, learning activities, community events and teamwork, they are exploring what helps make a community healthy.

The interns are developing a community leadership capstone that will share their observations, ideas and recommendations for Archuleta County. They will present it to the

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners in August and later share it with peers, families, Healthy Archuleta staff and community members.

Interns are also helping support the Youth CLLC. This youth-led group gives young people a place to connect, plan activities, share ideas, build skills and work together on issues that matter to them. Youth interested in getting involved can visit foodcoalition4archuleta.org/youth-engagement.html and follow Healthy Archuleta on TikTok.

KIMGE

KIMGE is a hands-on experience connected to Vista Lake Community Garden. It gives children and families a chance to learn where food comes from, how gardens grow and how gardening can build confidence, healthy habits, practical skills and connection with neighbors.

Community gardens provide more than fresh food; they are places to learn, spend time outdoors and build relationships. KIMGE sessions will take place on Wednesdays in August from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Families are encouraged to learn more and register as soon as possible at foodcoalition4archuleta.org/kids-in-the-mountain-garden.html.

At least five participants must be confirmed for the program to move

forward as planned.

CPRT

This fall, Healthy Archuleta plans to offer CPRT for parents and caregivers of children ages 3 to 10. CPRT is a supportive small-group program that helps caregivers strengthen connection, trust, communication and confidence with their child. It offers practical tools and encouragement.

The planned program includes 10 weekly, 90-minute sessions on Thursdays, Sept. 10 through Nov. 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Middle School.

Dinner and child care will be provided. English-language sessions will be facilitated in person, while Spanish-language sessions are planned to be offered live by video-conference with a licensed mental health provider as families gather at the school.

Families interested and available for the full series are encouraged to complete the interest form at foodcoalition4archuleta.org/cprt.html.

The form does not commit families to participate, but it helps Healthy Archuleta confirm enough interest before finalizing the fall sessions.

Each English- or Spanish-language group will need at least five confirmed participants for the program to move forward during the

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the black-crowned night heron.

This is a bird whose name is descriptive of both its habits and its physical appearance. Typically, during the day groups of these birds sit hunched and motionless resting in trees near water. As dusk falls, they fly out of their daytime roosts to spend the night feeding. Feeding at night reduces competition from other herons and egrets that use the same habitat and dominate during the day.

Black-crowned night herons are opportunistic feeders that live in a variety of both fresh and saltwater wetland types. Although they eat mainly fish, they also consume crustaceans, aquatic insects, frogs, snakes, clams, rodents, carrion and even garbage from landfills. They forage by standing still or walking slowly at the edge of shallow water, or perch above it while looking for fish. Like the related green heron, they have been observed using objects to bait for fish.

Unlike the great blue heron that we commonly see here, this heron is stocky and short necked with a hunchbacked look. Adults have a black back and crown, red eyes and whitish belly. Their legs are short, and their bills heavy and pointed. In breeding season, long white plumes grow from the back of their heads. Immature birds display a transition from juvenile to adult plumage with streaked chests and a dark gray cap.

Black-crowned night herons are the most widespread heron in the world, nesting on every continent except Australia and Antarctica. In North America, they breed throughout the lower 48 states and live full-time on both coasts. In winter, interior northern populations head south as far as Mexico and Central America. In our area, individuals have been spotted stopping by from late spring to early fall.

These social birds nest in colonies in groves of trees or on the ground, preferring islands or places above water to deter predators. They can be urban birds in places as populated as New York City, where they nest on islands in harbor areas, but are currently facing a concerning population decline from causes not yet determined.

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

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planned September-November session.

For CPRT information, contact Healthy Archuleta at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or (401) 206-4579.

Archuleta Health Fair and Expo

Healthy Archuleta also invites

residents to register for the 2026 Archuleta Health Fair and Expo on Oct 24.

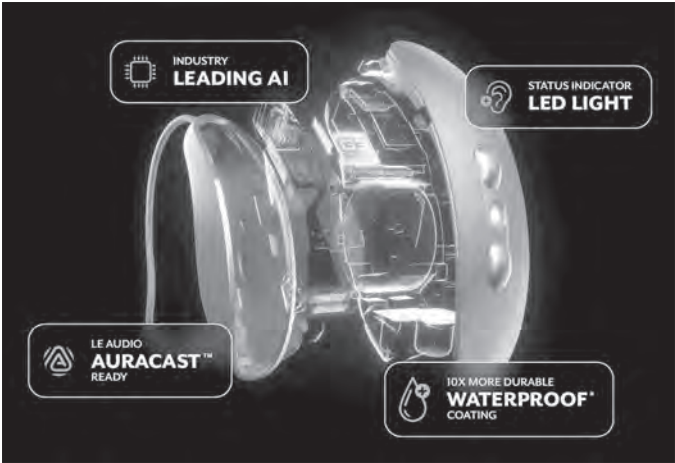
The event will connect community members with health resources, screenings, information and local support.

Learn more and register at food-coalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-health-fair-and-expo.html.

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Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

Local contestants are preparing to take the stage for an unforgettable evening of music alongside acclaimed Nashville singer-songwriters at Seeds of Learning’s Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories. The evening’s People’s Choice Award will be decided by community votes, with residents encouraged to support their favorite hometown performer by casting votes online before the event.

Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories: Voting underway for People’s Choice award

Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center

As excitement continues to build for Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories, the community has the opportunity to play an important role in this one-of-a-kind fundraiser benefiting Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center.

While local contestants prepare to take the stage for an unforgettable evening of music alongside acclaimed Nashville singer-songwriters, the People’s Choice Award will be decided by community votes.

Residents are encouraged to

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to collect school supplies for Action Sunday

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

As a faith community in a small town, the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship is engaged in the community in ways that builds partnerships. One way we do this is through our Action Sundays, held the fourth Sunday of each month. This week, on July 26 at 10:30 a.m., the Pagosa Fellowship will meet the moment by collecting school supplies to donate to Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) as the students in our community prepare for the start of the school year. We welcome all donations, which can be dropped off Sunday morning, even if you choose not to stay for fellowship and refreshments.

As a small, lay-led congregation, we engage with resources from our community, our state and national organizations that shine a light on

areas of injustice.

Our six shared values, all centered in love are:

- Interdependence: We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.
- Pluralism: We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience and theology.
- Justice: We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.
- Transformation: We adapt to the changing world.
- Generosity: We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.
- Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love and compassion.

As we work toward embodying these values, we use Action Sunday as a catalyst for change in the world.

One newly formed resource we will utilize this year is UUCAN, the UU Colorado Action Network, a state-wide coalition of UU congregations focused on issues in Colorado which affect us all. If you are curious or want to learn more, join us for an informal gathering of service.

You can find us at Greenbriar Plaza, Unit B-15, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. on the north side facing Pagosa Peak.

We also invite the community to explore various groups that meet in our Community Hub. The Tara Meditation Group is held Sundays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Qigong practice is on Monday afternoons, and the Wise and Wakeful Circle is held the second and fourth Saturdays at 10 a.m.

The website, PagosaUU.org is a great way to find out more about all our programs and about the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming event

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

Save the date for the following activities at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center:
• July 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Bizarre Bazaar fundraiser at Xanadu.

The center also offers educational classes and workshops.

About us

The SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is a 501(c)(3). We are an all-inclusive community honoring all lifestyles, cultures and religious

paths to the Divine. We are the “Good Vibe Tribe” who practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

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

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

Bible study to focus on ‘Knowing God’s Covenant’

By Brenda Hash
Precept Ministry

Precept Ministry will be holding a Bible study, “Knowing God’s Covenant,” for adults beginning in August.

Know God deeply. Live differently.

Join us at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive, for this 11-week study of how God enters into a binding agreement with His people and always keeps His promises.

This study will cover the Abrahamic Covenant, the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

It will run on Thursdays from Aug. 27 to Nov. 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Centerpoint Church library.

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

The leaders will be Brenda and Richard Hash.

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

Voting

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support their favorite hometown performer by casting votes online before the event. Every vote costs just \$1, and there is no limit to how many votes can be cast. Community members may vote as many times as they wish and are welcome to support one contestant or multiple contestants.

More than just a friendly competition, every vote directly benefits Seeds of Learning. Funds raised through the People’s Choice voting help provide high-quality early

childhood education and learning opportunities for young children in the Pagosa Springs community.

Community members can cast their votes today by visiting vote.pagosavoice.org.

Hometown Voices and Nashville Stories promises to be an unforgettable celebration of local talent, Nashville storytelling, and community generosity. Every vote helps recognize hometown performers while investing in the future of Pagosa Springs’ youngest learners.



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

Thursday, July 23

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.

'The Art of Nature — Patterns in our World' Nature and Journaling with CSU Extension. 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.

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.

Creation Care Pagosa. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The water crisis and opportunities for the Colorado River Basin will be discussed.

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 24

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.

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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.

Baby Rave. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Kids ages 0-2 and their caregivers are invited to a dance party at the library. There will be a dance floor, ball pit, glow sticks, disco ball, bubble machine and music by Lenny Pearce.

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

Pagosa Springs Main Street Art Walk. 4-7 p.m., downtown Pagosa Springs. Enjoy an evening centered on creativity and community.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents ‘Company.’ 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 25

Pagosa Wetlands Tour. 8 a.m., Centennial Park. Meet at the native plants garden next to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnerships domes. Bring sunscreen, bug spray and water. Tours last one to two hours and are handicapped accessible. Tours are weather dependent.

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

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

Mountain Light Music Festival: Windy City. 7 p.m., The Springs Resort. For more information and tickets, visit www.mountainlightmusicfestival.com.

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).

Sunday, July 26

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-SHOW (7469).

Monday, July 27

Sunrise at Chimney Rock. 5:30 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

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The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

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5 Captain's superior
10 Pest
14 Extinct bird
15 In the loop
16 Eye flirtatiously
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23 Bagel variety
24 Tuesdays, in Marseille
26 Unplugged
30 Clear the windshield
33 Missouri Rep. Bob ____
34 401(k) alternative
35 Notable period
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38 Spanish hero, El ____
39 Feel ill
40 "When You Wish Upon ____"
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6 Hanks film, "Cast ____"
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27 Tee fabric
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30 Letter opener
31 New York canal
32 Emotionally break down
37 Outbreak of the late 1950s
42 Software changes
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45 2017 Tony winner "Dear Evan ____"
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49 Sheer fabric
50 "The war ____ all wars"
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Answers to Previous Crossword:

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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. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

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.

League of Women Voters of Archuleta County. 5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The local chapter will review its first year and plan for the next.

Tuesday, July 28

A Day in the Life of the Ancients Tour. 9:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A family-

oriented tour along the accessible Mesa Village Trail to visit an ancient agricultural village and learn about daily life 1,000 years ago. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

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

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

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

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

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WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Farrago's. The cost is \$20. All women are welcome. Bring a little cash to donate. An RSVP to (970) 946-1895 is required by Sunday, July 26.

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

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

Tween Crafternoon. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 11-14. Join to preserve dried flowers in a bottle and create a special keepsake that will last a lifetime.

Teen Advisory Group. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 12-17. Be a voice at your library. Build leadership skills, mentor others and plan programs that interest you. Snacks will be provided.

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

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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.

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

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 Broadway Gala. 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).

Full Moon Program. 7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. A three-hour event culminating in a unique experience of viewing the moonrise from atop Chimney Rock Mesa. Prior to that, a presentation will highlight the Ancestral Puebloan ties to astronomy and the Chacoan culture. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Wednesday, July 29

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.

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

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

STEM Adventure-Bottle Rockets. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Design your own bottle, create your own formula of baking soda and vinegar and launch your rocket to see whose can go the highest.

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.

Mountain Light Music Festival. 5 p.m., Riff Raff Brewing Co. A free pop-up concert. For more information, visit www.mountainlightmusic-festival.com.

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

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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.

Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. For a daily schedule and more information, visit www.archuleta-countyfair.com.

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.

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.

Mountain Light Music Festival: Festival Trombone Choir. 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre. For more information and tickets, visit www.mountainlightmusicfestival.com.

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).

Friday, July 31

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.

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Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. For a daily schedule and more information, visit www.archuletacountyfair.com.

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.

Mountain Light Music Festival: Music in the Meadow. 6 p.m., Mountain Light Lodge. For more information and tickets, visit www.mountainlightmusicfestival.com.

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

Saturday, Aug. 1

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

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Colorado 150 Celebration and Closing of History Vault. 10 a.m., Pagosa Springs History Museum, 96 Pagosa St. A short celebration will be held recognizing the 150th anniversary of Colorado's statehood and the closing of the history vault to preserve the collected memories.

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.

Boats-themed LEGO Build. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Bring your own LEGOs or use the library's. This month's focus is on boats.

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

Sunday, Aug. 2

Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84. For a daily schedule and more information, visit www.archuletacountyfair.com.

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.

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HEALTHY SELF CAN WATER INTAKE AFFECT YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE?



While others you may know may run to the pharmacist to fill their blood pressure prescriptions, research is showing that proper water intake can do much to regulate blood pressure.

See today's excerpt. When you think about water and blood pressure the link between dehydration and low blood pressure probably comes to mind.

Dehydration is a potential cause

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However, did you know not drinking enough water can lead to high blood pressure?

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That should be a red flag. Sodium is directly related to high blood pressure.

While this sodium retention takes place, the persistent dehydration will lead the body to gradually 'close' some of the capillary beds. This leads to increased pressure places on arteries and a rise in blood pressure.

Source: "High Blood Pressure and Water Intake." By Lisa Nelson. <http://www.healthcentral.com>

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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-SHOW (7469).

Monday, Aug. 3

Sunrise at Chimney Rock. 5:45 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.

Plant Walk. 9 a.m., Wolf Creek Pass. Join certified herbalist Lake McCullough for a fun and educational ramble through the forest, and discover edible and medicinal native plants. There is a 15-person maximum. Reserve a space at (970) 398-0923.

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.

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

Conversational Spanish. 4-5 p.m.,

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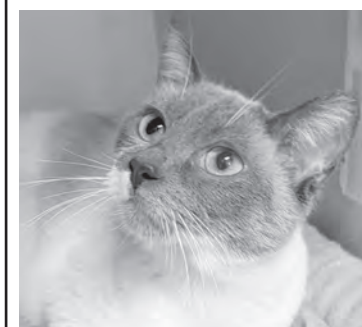
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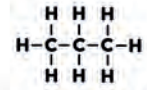
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