

Spring 2024

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series

FREE- no registration required.

Thursdays, April 18-May 23, 2024

6-7:15 pm



Mt. Kilimanjaro- Photo by Dallas Weaver

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Thursday, April 18

6-7:15 pm

Water, our Most Precious Resource

What can we do as individuals and a community to preserve what we have?

Presented by Robin Young, CSU Extension Office



Robin will be discussing basic water law and how we can use water efficiently.

Robin is the CSU Extension Director for Archuleta County and a Natural Resources and Agriculture Agent. She has worked for CSU Extension for 13 years. She advocates for and educates on conserving our resources. She has a BS in Forest Science and a Master's in Agriculture Education.



Thursday, April 25

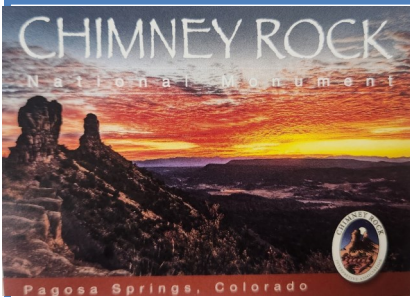
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**Archuleta County Public Health
Department**

**Presented by Amy Nitchman,
Public Health Educator, CHES**

Learn about air quality in Colorado and ways to keep yourself informed of high pollution days during wildfire season. This presentation will provide information on how to access the Fire and Smoke Map and how to interpret the Air Quality Index to make safe decisions for activity outdoors when air quality is low.

Amy is the Public Health Educator for Archuleta County Public Health. She completed her Master of Science in Health Education and Promotion and has over 8 years of experience in community health education and program development. In addition to education on air quality, Amy also provides the SafeCare program to families in Archuleta County for children aged 5 years or younger.



Thursday, May 2

6-7:15 pm

CRIA & Chimney Rock National Monument

Knowing our Ancient Puebloan Neighbors

Presented by Denise Fisk & Joanne Lucariello

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association's (CRIA) mission is to focus on education, protection and preservation of the ancient Puebloan site at Chimney Rock National Monument.

Programs offered include Night Sky, Full Moon, Life at Chimney Rock, Children's Summer Workshops, Geology and Flora & Fauna of the area.

CRIA is in partnership with the National Forest Service and has a special program for those interested in volunteer opportunities.

Come learn about this unique and extraordinary treasure in our backyard!

Denise has a B.A. in Fine Arts & taught in public schools for 11 years. She has been a volunteer at Chimney Rock since 2018.

Joanne moved to Pagosa in 2014. She attained an AA in Studio Art and a BA in English Literature. She has volunteered at CRIA for 11 years.

<https://www.chimneyrockco.org/>

Thursday, May 9

6-7:15 pm

Hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro

Presented by Dallas Weaver

“Located in Tanzania, Mount Kilimanjaro is Africa’s tallest mountain at about 5,895 meters (19,340 feet). It is the largest free-standing mountain rise in the world, meaning it is not part of a mountain range. Also called a stratovolcano (a term for a very large volcano made of ash, lava, and rock), Kilimanjaro is made up of three cones: Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira. Kibo is the summit of the mountain and the tallest of the three volcanic formations.” <https://education.nationalgeographic.org>

Dallas will outline the preparation and training of his trip to Africa to hike this majestic mountain. He will then explore what it took to get to Kilimanjaro and his hike from trailhead to the summit.



Dallas, and his wife Kay, are the owners of Footprints, a “locally owned and quality driven shoe and hiking store” in downtown Pagosa.



Thursday, May 16

6:00-7:15 pm

Ruby Sisson Memorial Library Foundation

Presented by Cindi Galabota, Director

The mission of the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation & Friends is to support and enhance the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library by raising funds for information resources, programs, services, and facilities. The Library Foundation is currently in a building campaign to expand and renovate your Ruby Sisson Library. We have raised over \$2,000,000 of our \$4,000,000 goal. Come learn about the expansion and renovation plans and find out how you can help us raise \$500,000 in 2024. With the power of everyone in our community, we can do it!

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Come learn how you can make a difference today!



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North American Monsoon Outlook for Pagosa Springs

Presented by Arleen Prochazka of Pagosa Weather

What are the primary ingredients for the North American monsoon to set up? How does Pagosa Weather determine it will be a weak or strong monsoon? What is the monsoon forecast for Pagosa Springs this summer?

Arleen and Shawn are the National Weather Service (NWS) Archuleta County Weather Ready Nation (WRN) ambassadors. They were recognized by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at the national level as 2022 WRN Ambassadors of Excellence. They are also the NWS Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow (CoCoRaHS) network coordinators for Archuleta County. Arleen and Shawn are both members of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and members of the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Arleen and Shawn were members of Air Force Weather in support of Air Force and Army aviation forces. Arleen for 24 years and Shawn for 20 years, respectively. Their multiple deployments, including Iraq and Afghanistan were the highlight of their careers. Though conditions were harsh, their decisions had significant life or death impacts. Other stations included, Alaska, New York, Colorado, Washington, Germany, Korea and Portugal.

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