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Biz Beat: Sherry Waner, First Southwest Bank



The Colorado Bankers Association (CBA) has named Sherry Waner, chief development officer at First Southwest Bank, a recipient of the 2025 Bankers of Distinction Award, recognizing her exceptional leadership and commitment to community development. With 32 years in banking, Waner specializes in creative business financing, public-private partnerships and complex capital stacks that drive economic growth. At First Southwest Bank, a CDFI, she has been instrumental in bridging financing gaps for underserved businesses across Colorado. She is also CEO of HelloBello, a tech platform that simplifies lending for borrowers and lenders alike. “Sherry’s innovative approach to lending and leadership exemplify the values of the Bankers of Distinction Award,” said Jenifer Waller, CBA president and CEO. This award honors professionals who make lasting contributions through leadership, innovation and financial empowerment, making Waner a well-deserving recipient.

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Updates provided on town's wastewater emergency situation

By Bruce Kistner
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs has been working to address a wastewater emergency situation that began in late May. The town's wastewater treatment plant, which has a capacity of 1.5 million gallons per day, has been experiencing issues with its influent lines, leading to a backup of wastewater in the town's streets. The town has been working to clear the lines and has been providing updates on the situation. The town's mayor, Jeff Hurd, has been providing updates on the situation to the community. The town has been working to clear the lines and has been providing updates on the situation. The town's mayor, Jeff Hurd, has been providing updates on the situation to the community.



A bypass pump is installed at the Pagosa Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant. The pump is used to help alleviate stress on the station's other pumps.

Photo courtesy: Town of Pagosa Springs

Sheriff presents potential fire restriction information to county commissioners

By Clayton Chisney
Staff Writer

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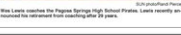


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