Low-income Energy Assistance Program Apply by May 1 deadline – A13

# Public health emergency to end May 11 Take advantage of COVID-19 resources while available – A4



# Water, telecommunication issues hit Pagosa Country

#### By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Multiple issues affected Pagosa Country this week, including flooding and telecommunications issues.

This week's warmer temperatures have led to runoff and flooding issues across Pagosa Country.

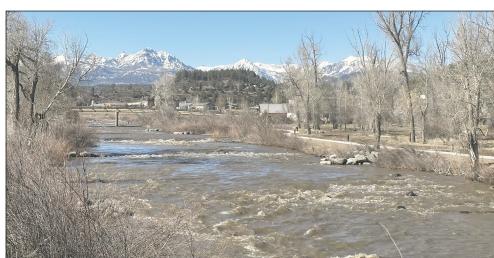
The San Juan River peaked at 1,700 cubic feet per second (cfs) at midnight and 12:45 a.m. on April 12 — above the medians for those times that are near 400 cfs.

#### Colo. 151 closed, other roads affected

On Tuesday afternoon, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) closed Colo. 151, with the agency announcing Wednesday motorists should expect a long-term closure.

#### See Issues A8







# Coroner resigns

# Applications being accepted

By Randi Pierce and Josh Pike Staff Writers

On Monday morning, Archuleta County Coroner Brandon Bishop announced his resignation effective April 16.

In his resignation letter, Bishop indicates he has served Archuleta since September of 2006 and is taking a job with the Pagosa Springs Police Department, where he will be serving as a school resource officer. Bishop began serving as coroner

■ See Coroner A8

# **One killed** after semi goes off pass

**By Randi Pierce** Staff Writer

A 40-year-old man was killed after his semi with trailer went off the roadway on Wolf Creek Pass and traveled several hundred feet down a cliff.

A Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) press release explains the agency was called to respond to a missing vehicle report on U.S. 160 near milepost 160 at 2:50 p.m. on Monday, April 10.

Jeep photo courtesy Nicole Kleckner Hoover, river SUN photo/Terri House, culvert photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Top: A Jeep sits in water along Piedra Road north of Turkey Springs. Recreational travel in the area is currently discouraged due to flooding. Bottom left: Snowmelt in recent days has pushed San Juan River flows above median levels. Bottom right: Colorado Department of Transportation personnel examine excessive run-off eroding the ground, with the erosion creeping toward Colo. 151. The highway is closed south of Chimney **Rock National Monument.** 

"The missing vehicle was re ported by the vehicle's transport company," the release notes, later explaining, "A search of the area revealed the vehicle, a large cargo truck, to be over the edge of the roadway approximately 550 feet." According to a Colorado State

■ See Semi A8

### **Dispatch board considers funding** formulas, public safety tax

#### By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board discussed changes to its funding formula and agency contributions to the center as well as the possibility of a public safety tax at its April 6 meeting.

Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) Chief and board chair William Rockensock presented the issue, noting that he and Town Manager Andrea Phillips, who also serves on the board, felt this would be an ideal time to discuss the funding formulas.

Phillips added that the board had discussed the funding formulas previously "a couple years" ago, but that it had become too late in the year and the budget needed to be completed,

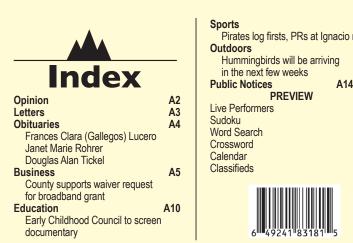
thus inhibiting further discussions. Larson noted that he had brought forward a proposed funding formula "and I was told to, 'Let's just get rid of it.

"So, to be honest with you, I'm not much ... in the talking phase. I mean, I put in hours of work on this same thing to be told, 'Man, let's just leave it the way it is.' I'll be open-minded, but I'm not going to do any work on it."

In response to a question from Phillips, Larson stated that his formula used a base contribution plus agency contributions based on usage as opposed to the current formula that is purely based on usage of the dispatch center.

Phillips noted that the Archuleta

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Archuleta School District Board of Education and staff, as well as local law enforcement, hold a community meeting Monday evening in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The meeting focused on the safety and security of local schools.

## District hosts community meeting on school safety

#### By Randi Pierce

Staff Writer

On Monday, April 10, Archuleta School District hosted a community meeting about school safety following a recent threat to one of the district schools.

That threat, which was announced to dis-

trict families the morning of March 31, was allegedly made on social media and resulted in the arrest of a 16-year-old from New Mexico who is a former student in the district, according to ASD Superintendent Rick Holt and Pagosa Springs Police Chief William Rockensock.

Following the incident, ASD announced the

community meeting and that the "purpose of the meeting is to increase awareness, understanding, and transparency around safety protocols and procedures currently in place and provide an opportunity to respond to community questions."

See School A9

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### **OUR VIEW**

# **Response to school threat: a class act**

Most of us are aware of horrific events that have unfolded at schools across the nation.

Locally, a threat made on social media pertaining to a public school could have turned out much worse than it did on March 31.

Thanks to quick actions by law enforcement and school staff, those threats were quickly neutralized.

As it became clear that the threat was isolated and neutralized, Archuleta School District (ASD) communicated basic information pertaining to the incident to parents, staff and the media the morning of March 31.

"We immediately contacted law enforcement and have been working closely with them throughout the night," the school district's email states. "We met early this morning and based on the current investigation have determined that it is safe to attend school today. In an abundance of caution we will have additional law enforcement presence on campus."

The response by law enforcement was exceptional. They disseminated information as the investigation allowed.

The following statement was made by Pagosa Springs Police Chief William Rockensock:

"The police department investigated a threat made via social media related to one of our area schools.

"The department has been working diligently with the school district and other law enforcement agencies regarding this incident.

'The investigation has determined the suspect to be a 16 year old male. The juvenile suspect is a resident of another state. Law enforcement in that jurisdiction has been in constant contact with the juvenile.

"There are no other suspects related to this incident.

"Due to the age of the suspect no other identifying information will be released

has been issued for the arrest of the juvenile for C.R.S. 18-9-109 Interference with staff, faculty, or students of an educational institution.

"The Pagosa Springs Police Department makes the safety and security of our schools a top priority.

"The police department wishes to thank the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with the investigation and providing security to the schools.

"Additionally, the department wishes to thank the public for its patience and understanding during this important investigation.'

Some felt that communications from the district and law enforcement were not received soon enough and that they did not provide adequate information.

When a juvenile is involved, it makes the situation more complex.

When threats originate on social media, the situation is more confusing. Social media platforms are inherently unreliable. What can you really believe? When your child's safety is involved,

you demand answers.

Communication becomes more complicated when you have multiple law enforcement agencies involved across state lines.

Throughout the day on March 31, and days since, the Pagosa Springs Police Department and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office have provided additional security to all area schools as a precaution.

The unidentified 16-year-old male from New Mexico was arrested the Sunday following the threat. It was further noted that the student had been part of the school district but was no longer enrolled as of his arrest.

After the events unfolded and in response to community concern, Superintendent Rick Holt scheduled a meeting to bring the board of education (BOE), other school leaders and local law enforcement together to meet with parents



"A Colorado District Court warrant and the public to discuss how the district is working to keep our students safe and how they respond to threats. More importantly, they made themselves available to answer questions and concerns.

> "The purpose of the meeting is to increase awareness, understanding, and transparency around safety protocols and procedures currently in place and provide an opportunity to respond to community questions," the announcement reads. "In attendance will be Pagosa Springs Police Department, Archuleta County Sheriff's Department, School Board members, and District and Building Leaders."

> The meeting attendees provided honest and critical feedback and suggestions, including thoughts on how the district can improve.

> Holt's quick action to address community concerns on behalf of the district is impressive, if not unprecedented.

> **BOE** President Bob Lynch explained at Tuesday night's school board meeting that he wants to take the constructive feedback and suggestions from the community meeting and take action. It is clearly important to the board that it not let the public's concerns go unheard.

The staff and BOE made plans to take additional action to review the district's safety and security plans at a special meeting on April 25 at 5 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School library at 309 Lewis St.

Schools should be safe places to go. We do not believe that students can learn and teachers can teach when there is a fear from threats.

We commend our law enforcement, district administrative team, teachers, guidance counselors, BOE, parents and community members for the excellent way they have worked together and responded in the interest of our children's safety and well-being throughout this ordeal.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

# LOOKING BACK

#### Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN files from January 24, 2002

**Pagosa Springs Area** 

**Chamber of Commerce** 

**Manager Sally Hameister** 

presented Pagosa Fire Protection

**District Chief Warren Grams** 

with the Chamber's

Volunteer of the Year Award, made

to all the

volunteer firefighters in the district.

#### LEGACIES By Shari Pierce 100 years ago Taken from SUN files of April 13, 1923

Some genius conceived the notion that a Clean Up Week or Clean Up Day, if appointed during the spring months, would appeal to the popular psychology at that particular time. It did so, and today such occasions are observed in thousands of communities.

An incessant stream of visitors will pass through Pagosa Springs this coming summer and the town will be under constant inspection by them. These folks form impressions, not so much from superficial appearances of prosperity like costly buildings, as by the degree of neatness and taste shown in the care and improvement of dwellings and their surroundings.

Indications like these reflect the character of the people who live in a place. A city that keeps itself scrubbed and combed, whose homes show a love for beauty, by neat lawns and pretty flowers, gains a name for self respect and culture. Visitors pass along the word that it's a fine town.

# 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 16, 1948

School children will compete Saturday morning in the county spelling matches to be held in the Court House.

Those from Pagosa who will take part include:

First Grade — Sonny Trujillo, alternate, Judy Thiele

Second Grade — Allen Trujillo, alternate, Lucy Maestas

Third Grade — Viola Garcia, alternate, Joe Aguilar

Fourth Grade — Rosalie Maesas, alternate Bertha Garcia

Fifth Grade — Joyce Yanase, alternate, Donna Rae Bennett

Sixth Grade — Olivia Velasquez, alternate, Elwin Alder

Seventh Grade — Louis Maestas, alternate, Richard Walter

Eighth Grade — Beatrice Ellis, alternate Alex Belarde.

Four new members of the Town Board took office here Monday night and every town employee was re-appointed for the coming year.

50 years ago Taken from SUN files of

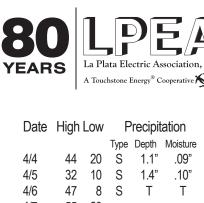
A tragic truck wreck on Wolf Creek Pass early Tuesday of this week resulted in the death of the truck driver. It also resulted in wide-spread commotion about the town water supply and possible damage to fish life in the San Juan River. The truck was loaded with chemicals and a small amount of the chemical was thrown into Wolf Creek above its confluence with the San Juan River. The toxicity and dilution of the chemical was not immediately determined and the Pagosa Springs water supply was changed to another source until the danger could be assessed. The accident, which apparently happened around 4:30 a.m., took place about one half mile above the Treasure Falls scenic turnout and a few hundred feet above the scene of a rock slide late Monday night. Angie Herrera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Herrera, was sworn into the Marine Corps as a private Tuesday night of this week by Captain Ground of the U.S. Marine Corps. Miss Herrera will graduate from Pagosa Springs High School next month.

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# 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 16, 1998

The Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association board will contract the balloting process for the July election of board members. Following a presentation by property owner Pat Curtis and ensuing comments by several PLPOA members at last Tuesday's regular monthly meeting. The board voted unanimously to take the process out of house.

In a prepared statement, Curtis urged the board to hire an independent firm to conduct the election beginning this year. Curtis also read from a letter by property owner Emily Dietz, who was unable to attend the meeting. In her letter, Dietz called the board's current system for electing directors "just plain dumb."

General Manager Roy Vega said that the election was conducted under "the authority of the corporate secretary,' and estimated that the cost of hiring an independent firm would exceed \$3,000. Property owner Fred Ebeling responded that "the problem seems to be that the corporate secretary wasn't always there when the ballots were counted. It appears to the property owners that the staff can manipulate the ballots any way they please."

# Letters

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#### Loma Linda **Metro District**

Dear Editor:

Lisa Jensen's letter on March 23 criticizing the Loma Linda Metro District was full of misinformation and an insinuation of impropriety. She misstates how the metro district conducts business, how they care for the subdivision's roads and how they are conducting the election. She finishes by implying that money has been moved into someone's bank account. None of this information is accurate and both the President of the Metro District and the Designated Election Official have written letters to the voters and residents of Loma Linda providing the verifiable facts. Lisa Jensen's significant other, William Trimarco, is running for the Metro Board which might explain why she might want to cast doubt in people's minds about the current board. I just want a harmonious neighborhood with quality roads, which is what the current board is working on, and the other 3 candidates hope to strengthen. I support candidates Barbara Hanrahan, Bill Remein and Brad Sumpter and I appreciate their willingness to serve on the Metro Board. **Robert Farris** 

#### Vacation rental density caps Dear Editor:

Last month, the County published a report from its Short-

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Term Rental Task Force. The STR Task Force set aside the question of neighborhood density caps and gave themselves another 12 months to craft a separate report. On February 28, a citizen committee presented a density cap plan to the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners should not wait a year to address density caps. They can act on the citizen proposal.

Everyone acknowledges there are dense clusters of vacation rentals in some neighborhoods. Residents amongst the vacationers are sometimes bothered by noise, parking, and other nuisance conduct. More significantly, clusters of vacation rentals erode neighborhoods by making them less neighborly.

Some say the bothers of vacation rentals are a needed assist to Archuleta's tourism industry. No doubt, vacation rentals offer a lodging option that can bolster tourism. That's not, however, a reason to dismiss residents' requests for limits on vacation rentals that would sustain neighborly neighborhoods.

In fact, keeping Archuleta a place where people want to settle for retirement and remote work should be a priority for anyone concerned about the local economy. The Region 9 Economic Development District of SW Colorado recently reported its Economic Snapshot 2022. Region 9 encompasses Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan counties.

The Snapshot identifies the region's "base industries." Tourism is a base industry, accounting in 2020 for 24% of jobs in the region. "Households" are a bigger base industry for the region, supporting 35% of jobs. The "households" industry captures economic activity by people "who spend money earned elsewhere (commuters), or at a different point in time (retirees)," according to the Region 9 Snapshot. In Archuleta County, households supported 40% of jobs in 2020 compared to 31% by tourism.

People who retire to Archuleta for quiet mountain-town life are a significant economic driver for our community. Quality of life in Archuleta's residential areas is important for our local economy.

The tourism and household industries can coexist. Vacation rentals can blend in with homes when a reasonable balance is maintained. To achieve balance, county government should give residents' concerns at least as much weight as the views of vacation rental advocates. Community is neighbor helping neighbor. For that, we need neighborhoods of people we can get to know for more than a week or two.

economy, households.

If you agree, email your Commissioners or attend their meetings.

Candace Jones

#### **Support for** Loma Linda Metro board

Dear Editor:

On May 2, the Loma Linda Metropolitan District, which manages road maintenance in Loma Linda, will hold an election for new directors. This election affects only those community members who have property in the Loma Linda subdivision. Information about this is on their website at lomalindametrodistrict.org.

Previously published letters in this paper have been accusatory and critical of the current leadership of the Metro District and the manner in which the District is being managed and the election is being held.

As a resident of Loma Linda, I firmly support the individuals who have been serving on the Loma Linda Metro Board and are now retiring and those who will be continuing their positions - Matt Fischer and Al Myatt. Anyone who knows these neighbors knows that their energy and heart is in serving our community in an ethical, positive, and honest manner. I fully trust these individuals to do what is in the best interests of our neighborhood.

Those of us who live here appreciate the beauty, tranquility, and spirit of our idyllic spot in Pagosa. We also know that those individuals who are currently serving on the Metro Board — and our HOA Board - share these values, are committed to harmony and goodwill, and uphold the standards of living in our neighborhood. I appreciate their service to our community and encourage the election of other neighbors who share this vision. Sherry Milligan

#### **'Strive to be** happy' Dear Editor:

As I celebrate another birthday this week, I feel compelled to turn away from the onslaught of hatred, violence, fear-mongering and political stupidity to rediscover words written in 1937. If these ideas could spring from the hardship of a Great Depression and the rumblings of nascent Nazism, I believe they are are worthy of consideration. In Pagosa Springs, we're emerge ing from a dismal March into the renewal of another Spring. As the poet urges us, let's strive to be happy.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

K. Muth

#### Ageism in health care Dear Editor:

I hope people will join us at the Pagosa Senior Center to view the on-line sixteen-minute film "Antidotes for Ageism" on Friday, April 14, at noon. It discusses how ageism is a concern in healthcare. It will be followed by discussion. This is for the general public as well as healthcare providers.

Come learn about being an advocate in healthcare for yourself as a senior or for a senior you love. More information is included in the article from Archuleta Seniors, Inc., in this edition of The Pagosa Sun, including how to order lunch by 9 am Friday if you would like to dine. Joan Ward,

ASI Inc. board member



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The SUN generally does not edit letters, but reserves the right to do so.

The STR Task Force reported that only 10 of the 700 STRs registered in Archuleta as of December 2022 are owner-occupied. No one should expect vacation rental advocates to speak for both sides of the resident/vacation rental fence. Vacation rental advocates seem to have a louder voice in this debate. Volume does not equate to better policy.

Putting off action on neighborhood density caps proposed by the citizens' committee minimizes resident voices arguing for balance and quality of life. The Commissioners should consider that festering discontent with vacation rentals could very well undermine the leading sector of our local

From "The Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

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# Frances Clara Lolo and death by:

(Gallegos) Lucero Frances Clara (Gallegos) Lucero went home to be with the Lord on March 26 in Durango, Colo., after

an extended time struggling to rebuild her strength. Following a stroke, she regained her speech and use of her arm but couldn't make that leg strong enough to walk. She was under the



care of the dedicated nurses at Junction Creek Health Center. They always commented on what a sweet lady she is.

Frances was born July 28, 1940, in Durango, Colo., to Ben Gallegos and Stella Gurule Gallegos. Frances grew up in Allison, Colo., where she met her husband, Lee Pete Lucero. They were married in Durango in 1957 and have lived in Allison the past 65 years of married life.

Frances was a homemaker raising two children, Jimmy and Della. She is survived by her husband, Pete; daughter Della; grandsons Jesse and Al; brother Gil; and sisters Lolo and Elaine. She is preceded in (Fla.) a death by son Jimmy, sister Eliza and (Texas

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brother Tony. A service will be held Monday, April 17, at St. Ignatius Catholic Parish at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at the New Rosa Cemetery in Arboles with a reception at the Mt. Allison Grange after the burial.

#### Janet Marie Rohrer

May 11,1949-March 30, 2023 A celebration of life service will be held April 15 at 2 p.m. at Grace in Pagosa Church, 1044 Park Ave., Pagosa Springs.

Shared memories from family and friends can be a comforting reminder of the impact we have on each other's lives. To share a special memory or leave a message for the family, please visit www.hoodmortuary.com.

#### Douglas Alan Tickel

Douglas Alan Tickel, born March 20, 1964, in Salina, Kan., passed away at the age of 58 on Dec. 3, 2022, in Durango. Doug was a resident of Pagosa Springs, caring for wild horses, abandoned donkeys, cats and five dogs. He leaves behind his wife, Cindy Davis; two bonus sons, Craig, Air Force (Fla.) and Matt (Texas); father LouTickel (Calif.); and five siblings: Lou Ann (Percy), Topeka; Tamara (Doug), Plano, Texas; Laura, Rochester, N.Y.; Larry (Lisa), Ramo-

na, Calif.; and Brian, Murrieta, Calif., plus bonus grandson, Lynkon. He was a favorite uncle of 12 nieces and nephews, plus 12 great nieces and nephews.

He will be missed for his kindness

and his mischievous smile and tricks. Doug never met a stranger. Golfing was Doug's passion in life, playing in many local, state and national tournaments. He was only the sixth person at the time to win back-to-back championships in the City of Salina (Kan.) Golf Tournament. He also medaled at the state level during high school. His golfing ability allowed him to be named as a top 10 All-American High School Golfer for Kansas and to play in the Future Master Program in Georgia, Junior PGA in California and other national tournaments. Doug graduated from Salina Central in 1982 and went on to college at Wichita State University (WSU), being a member of the WSU golf team. During his time at WSU, the golf team won two first-place finishes and three second-place finishes in the Missouri Valley Conference. He graduated with a degree in business administration in 1993 from WSU after enjoying college life with a five-year scholarship, including as a redshirted freshman.

After graduating college, Doug continued to live in Wichita before leaving and living in Southaven, Miss., Las Vegas and San Diego before settling in Pagosa Springs. He worked various jobs in the insurance, hospitality entertainment and oil field industries, fulfilling his dream of working on the North Slope of Alaska for a season just a few months prior to his unexpected death.

Doug was preceded in death by his mother, Jo Ann Weber Tickel, and his two older brothers, Mark and Mike. His grandparents and his uncles and aunts also all preceded him in death. We do and will miss Doug always, but take comfort that he is with Mom in Heaven.

Doug's celebration of life will take place at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church (Narthex area) beginning at 11 a.m. with lunch served. It is located at 353 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs.

#### Take advantage of COVID-19 resources before end of public health emergency

#### By Megan Graham San Juan Basin Public Health

The federal public health emergency declared in 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic will come to an end on May 11. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) urges individuals to take advantage of free COVID-19 prevention and testing resources while they are still available.

While the federal public health emergency is ending, we expect COVID-19 to continue to circulate in the community. Last week, there were 15 cases reported in<br/>La Plata County and seven cases<br/>reported in Archuleta County.at health care providers, local phar-<br/>macies and at SJBPH's offices in<br/>Durango and Pagosa Springs. The<br/>Colorado Department of Public<br/>Health and Environment's vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are currently free to everyone ages 6 months and older. Vaccines will remain free until the governmentpurchased supply is depleted. Following that, vaccine cost will likely be dependent on insurance coverage and could create a barrier for uninsured or underinsured individuals.

COVID-19 vaccines are available

macies and at SJBPH's offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's vaccine bus will continue to circulate in the region through May 1. You can find the full schedule at https://www. mobilevax.us/southwest.

SJBPH continues to provide free COVID-19 test kits at both offices. Individuals can take up to two test kits per person. Free masks are also available in SJB-PH's office lobbies in Durango and Pagosa Springs.

Continuous enrollment for Medicaid, triggered by the public health emergency, ended on March 31. As a result, normal renewal processes will resume and Medicaid clients will have to be recertified in order to maintain coverage. The recertification packet will be sent to you based on your annual renewal date, so keep an eye out for this important information. If you have any questions, please contact our health coverage guides at SJBPH at (970) 335-2028 or at HIL@sjbpublichealth.org.

# Medicare 101 and navigating Medicare

By Susan Wright San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging

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Also, if you have specific question, certified Medicare counselors are available to guide you. Just call (970) 264-0502, ext. 4 for an appointment. You can leave a message 24 hours a day, and we'll get back to you ASAP.

One of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) Medicare counselors, Susan Wright, will offer a free Medicare 101 class for an hour or so Monday, April 24, at 1:30 p.m. at the library. Enjoy some snacks and treats while Wright gives you an overview of Medicare and answers your questions afterward. Bring a pen and notepad.

Medicare help has been offered in Archuleta County at the Pagosa Senior Center for more than 15 years. SJBAAA is the sponsoring agency for free Medicare counseling services at the Senior Center (the west end of the Ross Aragon Community Center) on Hot Springs Boulevard. On most Mondays, called Medicare Mondays, counselors are available by appointment. Counseling occurs on additional days during the annual Part C and D Open Enrollment Period, Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, and sometimes by

SJBAAA counselors are also trained as Senior Medicare Patrol counselors (SMP). They can help with possible health care fraud, errors and abuse. There are even rewards available for reporting Medicare fraud. You can report it at Medicare.gov, or call 1 (800) 633-4227. TTY users can call 1(877) 486-2048. You can also report abuse, like all those annoying phone calls from private insurance companies by calling (888) 382-1222 or visiting www.donotcall.gov. It's estimated we lose \$100 billion a year from Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse.

Whether it's overbilling, phony billing or spending health care money reaching out for new customers instead of using government money for care, we need to report it.

Medicare eligibility begins at age 65 (unless you are younger and have been on disability for almost two years). Three months before (and until three months after) your birth month you can enroll in Medicare and start making decisions about your options. Some of the questions you need to consider follow:

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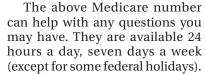
• Do you qualify for help with part B or D premiums?

Generally, you can enroll in Medicare online at www.ssa.gov or by calling the Social Security Administration in Durango at (888) 472-6115. If you are already receiving a Social Security check, you will be automatically enrolled in Part A and Part B, but you will need to enroll in Part D and Part C or supplements yourself. The Social Security office probably won't be able to sign you up for Medicare without an appointment. Appointments can take months to get, according to state coordinators, so don't delay.

After you are enrolled in Medicare, you can compare and enroll in Medigap plans, drug plans or Advantage Plans at Medicare.gov. Private insurance companies have the most detailed information about what Medicare Advantage plans in our area offer, so it's best to get information from them directly.

If you are already on Medicare and have a Part D drug plan, Medigap or a Part C supplement, it's prudent to review each plan every year during the open enrollment period. Plan premiums and coverage of drugs change each year. Medicare counselors can help you during that time, or you can go to Medicare.gov to review your plan and compare it to others.

Also, contact Medicare at (800)



If you are receiving Social Security disability, you will probably be eligible for Medicare starting 23 months after your disability begins. You will have a limited period to enroll in a Part D drug plan. It is important to take advantage of opportunities to enroll so that you have the coverage and not the penalties.

The state trains people to provide you with the information and tools to navigate Medicare with as little stress as possible. Wright would enjoy helping you understand your benefits, so join her Monday, April 24, at 1:30 p.m. at the library. RSVP to (970) 264-0502, ext 4. Leave a message 24/7 with your contact info so we know you're coming, and we'll see you there. We'll have refreshments and door prizes, too.

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# Business

# County supports waiver request for broadband grant

#### By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At its April 4 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved sending a letter to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) supporting a request by the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado for the waiver of a letter-of-credit requirement on an NTIA middle-mile broadband infrastructure grant the district is applying for.

The issue was previously discussed at the BoCC's March 21 work session, where Region 9 Regional Programs Manager Shak Powers spoke to the BoCC about options regarding the letter of credit request for the grant.

Powers explained that one of the requirements of the NTIA grant is that the grantee obtain a letter of credit with a value of no less than 25 percent of the award amount or request a waiver prior to the issuance of the grant.

He stated that Region 9 applied for approximately \$66,588,000, which would require a letter of credit for \$16.6 million.

He explained that the letter of credit is to repay the NTIA if Region 9 is unable to fulfill some portion of the grant requirements.

Powers added that lenders treat letters of credit as a loan and thus require collateral against the letter of credit.

He stated that, because all Region 9 member governments have indicated that broadband is a high priority and because Colorado law forbids towns and counties from pledging credit, Region 9 would be taking on the role of debtor for the letter of credit although Region 9 on its own does not have the collateral to secure such a letter.

He then explained the avenues that Region 9 had researched for fulfilling this requirement, including moral obligation language in an intergovernmental agreement (IGA), forming a 63-20 corporation or requesting a waiver from the letter of credit requirement.

Powers stated that he wanted to present these options to the BoCC and hear its opinions on the best or interest associated with a waiver

he was unsure who the responsibility of creating the 63-20 corporation would fall to.

He also noted that Region 9 does not qualify as a political subdivision and could not form such a corporation.

He added that questions exist about whether one 63-20 corporation would suffice or whether multiple would be needed and stated that the 63-20 corporation would have to be the owner of network assets until the bond is repaid, after which ownership could be transferred to the counties.

Powers indicated that this would be a change from the plan stated to the NTIA, which is to have Region 9 own the network.

He also stated that some political subdivisions indicated they do not want to own and operate a broadband network.

He noted that two positives of this approach would be that the network would not have to be used as collateral and that the 63-20 corporation could potentially issue bonds to generate matching funds for future projects.

He added the downsides include the possibility that each jurisdiction would have to create its own 63-20 corporation, thus complicating coordination; that Region 9 would have to pay interest on the bonds; and the potential cost of creating and managing the corporations.

Powers explained that a third option is to request a waiver of the letter of credit requirement.

He stated that a request for a waiver must include an explanation of the extraordinary circumstances justifying the waiver and explained why the granting of a waiver is in the interest of the federal government.

He added that a letter requesting a waiver would be due by Sept. 30 and that, if Region 9 submitted a request for a waiver, it would ask the counties to submit letters stating that they believe that all options besides granting a waiver have been exhausted.

He noted that pros of asking for a waiver include that Region 9 has in good faith explored a variety of options, that there would be no fees way to move forward, noting that and that it is possible that Region 9

if Region 9 does not receive the grant at all.

Powers explained that it is possible that regional stakeholders could create a regional broadband authority that could sell bonds which could finance the construction of the network.

Brown then said, "My first comment is that, it seems like on an annual basis, we get the hook for more funding on broadband and I think, to this point, I think that Archuleta County has been very committed in developing broad-

band for our region and working diligently with our regional partners to create redundancy and ... I'm curious as to why this wasn't

divulged, and maybe it wasn't known, at the outset. That this is going to be continually and progressively a multimillion dollar ask on an annual basis for one more step, one more piece. And here we are, a community that's financially not as well off as others and ... we're trying to ... bring this about to our community and it seems like ... the See Broadband A7

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Pagosa Springs resident and business owner Jason Cox has been appointed to the RG Bank Board of Directors.

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"We are excited to welcome Jason to our Board at RG Bank," said RG BANK Board of Directors chair Mark Lounsbury. "Jason brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding of not only Pagosa Springs but all of Archuleta County. He is heavily involved in numerous community organizations and has served on a number of boards. His dedication to the community makes him a great asset to RG Bank and our customers."

"I look forward to working with RG Bank to help residents and businesses in Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County," Cox said. "We want to hook up people to capital to realize their dreams in the beautiful mountains of Southwest Colorado.'



he had already spoken with Montezuma County prior to the meeting.

He stated that one lender would be willing to grant a letter of credit if the member governments sign an IGA with moral obligation language that would require, if a call was made on the line of credit, for the county administrators to request a proportionate amount of the money from their counties to fulfill the request.

Powers noted that the BoCCs of each county would not be required to grant the money.

He explained that this is a benefit of this approach, but that some county attorneys were not interested in this option because of the possibility they would agree to the IGA to receive the funding with "no real intention of coming up with the money if it was called upon."

He also stated that Region 9 would be taking on most of the repayment risk in this situation and that the network itself as it is built out would become collateral, meaning a call on the letter of credit could risk the network itself.

However, Powers indicated, it would be unlikely for a call on the letter of credit due to Region 9 asking for performance bonds from the contractors involved in the project and the high level of negligence that would be required to cause a call due to the structure of the grant.

Powers then explained that Municipal Capital Markets Group requested that the counties form a 63-20 corporation, which allows governments to fund capital projects by issuing tax-exempt debt.

In this case, he stated, Municipal Capital Markets would sell bonds to hold as collateral against the letter of credit.

He explained that 63-20 corporations are private nonprofit corporations that are managed by a separate board appointed by the public entity creating the corporation.

Powers added that he heard that counties are over capacity with forming their own public health entities and other matters and that may be able to obtain a letter from the state supporting the waiver.

The con, he noted, is that requesting a waiver may be risking the entire grant if the NTIA does not accept the waiver request.

Powers also indicated that, if Region 9 moved forward with the moral obligation approach, the Archuleta County administrator would have to ask the BoCC for up to \$3.7 million, although he noted that the amount of the letter of credit could be reduced over time as construction is completed.

He added that it is also possible that there would be a partial call on the letter of credit which would cost Archuleta County less.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked Powers what the other counties involved indicated their preferences would be.

Powers said that he had spoken with Montezuma County, which expressed a preference for a waiver.

Maez noted he was in favor of pursuing a waiver and that he did not expect the waiver request to be turned down given the region's importance as a junction for Internet redundancy in the rest of the state and beyond.

County Attorney Todd Weaver noted that Region 9 would have to provide a substitute in lieu of a letter of credit and asked Powers what this would be.

Powers explained that this would likely be a performance bond for the full amount of the grant, which he stated Region 9 is already planning on securing, which would "name the NTIA as 25 percent of the insured."

Powers added that there had been discussions of allowing performance bonds as substitutes to a letter of credit, although this had not moved forward due to the interests of large Internet companies, which can easily secure letters of credit.

He added that, in construction projects, performance bonds are typically considered superior to letters of credit.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked Powers what would happen

Hardware

## County and town to hold Big Spring Clean event May 5 and 6

#### By Josh Pike Staff Writer

Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding their joint Big Spring Clean event on May 5 and 6.

According to County Manager Derek Woodman, the event provides an opportunity for area residents to dispose of unwanted possessions and trash accumulated over the winter.

According to the Archuleta County website, the event will include several opportunities to dispose of unwanted items for free at a variety of locations.

The site indicates that roll-off dumpsters will be available in several locations for free dumping of "roadside, park, and home exterior trash.'

Woodman highlighted that the

Big Spring Clean event is only for and tires in limited quantities at residential waste and that waste from businesses or commercial enterprises will not be accepted.

According to the website, the dumpsters will be manned and available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days and will be located at the town shop, located at 550 Pirate Drive, inside the fenced lot; at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave., between the clubhouse parking lot and the remote airfield; and at the Aspen Springs Park on Ute Drive.

The website states that the Pagosa Springs transfer station at 2140 County Road (CR) 500 and the landfill at 9179 CR 500 will also be open and accepting trash and items for free, including regular recycling, car batteries, electronics and appliances without freon at the transfer station, and mattresses

the landfill.

The website indicates that the transfer station will also accept appliances with freon for a \$25 fee and the landfill will be accepting building materials at the regular rate of \$55 per ton.

The Pagosa transfer station will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both May 5 and May 6, while the landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 5 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 6.

The Arboles transfer station will not be participating in the event.

Additionally, vehicles and engines will be accepted for free at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds at 344 U.S. 84 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., according to the website.

It indicates that all vehicles must be drained of fluids and a title must be provided.

The website adds that the Big Spring Clean will feature an event on May 6 in Yamaguchi Park where community members can participate in cleanup efforts.

The event will begin at 9 a.m., when volunteers will gather in the park to pick up bags and vests and receive cleanup area assignments before dispersing to perform cleanup work on roadways in the county.

Participants will then return to the park by 11:30 a.m. to participate in a barbecue for volunteers featuring live music from the Jackson Mountain Ramblers, awards and a homemade ice cream contest, which the website notes is in honor of the late local activist Larry Fisher.

The site reminds participants to bring their lawn chairs for the barbecue.

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# Town council delays decision on amending vacation-rental regulations

#### **By Derek Kutzer** Staff Writer

At its April 4 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed the current regulations on vacation rentals, also known as short-term rentals (STRs).

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the purpose for considering the issue was to inform town staff about any proposed changes to STR regulations that the council would like to make.

The town's current STR regulations under examination include:

• A two-year waiting period. To obtain an STR license, an owner must have owned the property at least two years after receiving their certificate of occupancy.

• A density cap. The town allows for only 10 percent of a residential neighborhood's single-family dwelling units to be STRs, but this regulation does not apply to properties verified as permanently occupied by the owner. In multifamily developments (townhomes, apartments and condos), no more than one unit or 10 percent of the dwelling units, whichever number is greater, may be eligible for an STR license.

• A buffer zone. New STR licenses will not be granted if it is within 250 feet of an existing STR, but this does not apply to properties permanently occupied by the owner.

• Only one dwelling unit per lot can be issued a STR license (e.g. either the primary structure/home or the accessory dwelling unit, or ADU, may have an STR, but not both).

zones. When multifamily units are excluded, however, STRs account for 9.06 percent of the units within residential zones, according to the brief.

When the meeting was opened to questions, council member Madeline Bergon asked if "we have enough information and experience" right now to make decisions.

"Has enough time passed since we implemented these regulations that we can make a betterinformed decision about what is actually working and not working?" she asked.

Mayor Shari Pierce replied, "I do feel like it's a good time to look at it, because we've heard from staff that there are some difficulties with certain pieces.

She suggested it would be best for the council "to look at each piece and say, 'Do we feel like this is working, has it had enough time'" based on staff feedback?

She then asked Phillips and Town Clerk April Hessman what regulations have been the most difficult to implement.

Hessman, at several points during the meeting, suggested that the exceptions on density and buffer-zone regulations for owneroccupied properties are the most difficult aspects of the regulations to enforce since it's difficult to determine whether a property owner is actually occupying the property permanently or just trying to skirt around regulations in order to obtain a license in an otherwise off-limits area. Council member Gary Williams asked what mechanisms the town uses to enforce the regulations to ensure that STRs are not operating "illegally." "The software that we have, actually does scrub all the major websites where people are advertising," Phillips said, adding that if someone is operating without a license, a notice would be sent to the town clerk and "then she can follow up with that."

density caps and having one of our planning department employees go through GIS [maps], figuring out where the caps are and which zoning districts are maxed out."

She then returned to the owneroccupied exceptions, saying, "It is very difficult to monitor and make sure it's controlled."

She added, "You have people coming back and saying, 'But I'm homeowner occupied, so these don't count against me, so I may still be within the 250-foot buffer zone and I don't have to be within the density caps, and I can get my license.' So, again you're trying to ask them, 'OK, can you sign an affidavit that says you are, you know, owner-occupied?""

The council then considered the regulations one at a time, beginning with the eligibility requirement that the owner must have a certificate of occupancy for two years before obtaining an STR license.

Council member Brooks Lindner found this rule to be "the least onerous of them, because it does show an investment. It shows a willingness of the party involved to, you know, invest in the community, to be here for two years."

He added that this "helps mitigate the corporate aspect" that the council "wanted to address,' because, he said, "no corporation is gonna hold on to something for two years" without the potential to "get their money back quick enough."

class residents who might find making an extra income from an STR the key to being able to remain in a community that doesn't offer a lot of professional job opportunities. This was echoed during public

comment, when audience member Matt Sobieray told the council that he is part of this "missing middle."

He noted that a property he bought in town was advertised to him as having the potential for extra income through an STR, but explained that he is "now stuck in this two-year waiting period."

He lamented that he has tried to rent it as a long-term rental while he waits for the STR license, but said, "We can't rent it. There isn't enough people who actually want to rent a furnished unit that we set up," mentioning the money he spent furnishing the additional unit.

He said he "wouldn't have built" it "if we would have known that this was gonna be a problem, so we are now sitting in a two-year waiting period, which we are happy to wait out."

He added, "It's a struggle to live here ... we're stretched so thin for two years trying to pay the bills and afford to live here, in a town that doesn't have a lot of job opportunities.'

After public comment passed, the council decided that it would be best to revisit the issue at a later date since the council had not found consensus after lengthy discussion on the issue.

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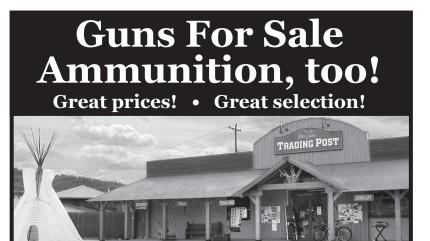
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The council originally approved these vacation-rental regulations as Ordinance 958 in 2021, the approval of which amended the town's municipal code to allow STR regulations.

But, according to the ordinance, these regulations "do not apply to any property owner" who has a pre-existing "short term vacation rental license in good standing" that was acquired before the rules went into effect.

However, if the exempted property owner "sells, assigns, transfers, or otherwise conveys the property," the STR license would terminate and the new owner would be subject to the current regulations if they seek a new STR license for the property, according to the ordinance.

At the meeting, Phillips further clarified that the regulations only apply to residentially zoned properties, which operate under conditional use permits. Commercially zoned properties, which operate under use-by-right permits, are not subject to the regulations, but still have to apply for a license to operate an STRs on premises.

Phillips noted that there are a total of 116 STRs within the town limits. She added that there are six owners currently on a waiting list for an STR license.

An agenda brief on the topic states that there are a total number of 891 residential housing units within town limits, including multifamily dwellings. When all residential units are considered (both single and multifamily homes), STRs account for about 10.77 percent of the total units within residential

Williams asked, "So, what's the penalty?"

Phillips said the town "can cite them in court and they can receive fines.'

The penalty amounts to \$1,000 per day for operating illegally, Hessman added.

In response to a question from Williams asking if the town has caught anybody operating illegally, Hessman answered that currently she has letters out to two violators who were found through the town's software.

"We are in the process of contacting those people and letting them know that they have a shortterm-rental on-site that is illegal and they need to come into compliance," she said. "If we have to escalate it, then it will end up going to our prosecutor ... to bring them into court."

Pierce asked again about what aspects are most difficult to enforce, to which Hessman mentioned the issue of density caps from neighborhood to neighborhood.

Hessman added it is taxing on staff "trying to come up with the

Williams mentioned that an additional benefit of the two-year rule is that the owner might place the unit on the long-term rental market, which could increase the workforce housing supply, even if temporarily.

Phillips noted that one aspect of the two-year waiting period regulation that she would like to see clarified is the gray area around ADUs.

Phillips used the example that, under the current language, it's not clear if the owner, after holding a certificate of occupancy for two years on the main dwelling, would need to wait another two-years after building an ADU or if they'd be eligible for a STR license immediately.

Council member Matt DeGuise suggested that if the owner has already obtained a certificate of occupancy for the main dwelling unit, and has already had it for two years, that they "should be given the opportunity to apply for a license, if one is available.

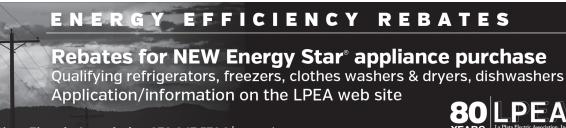
Phillips noted that, currently, the staff has been interpreting the language, which states that the "subject dwelling" would need to wait two years, to mean that the "subject dwelling" is whichever unit is applying for the STR license.

"I do think that that should be clarified," she said.

The back-and-forth, ongoing discussion eventually prompted Lindner to cite the "difficulty of trying to regulate our way through this.'

He added that his "personal preference would be that we don't do any of these regulations and we do a fee based on the nexus study and keep it simple."

He suggested that he thinks regulations are affecting the "missing middle" and referred to middle-



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Pierce asked, "Where do you want to go? Do you want to bring this back in a work session?"

DeGuise suggested that he thinks discussing the issue at a work session and bringing "it back as more of a final recommendation" would be his preferred course action.

The rest of the council agreed, with Pierce saying, "All right. Let's do that.

As of Tuesday, April 11, no work session had been announced. derek@pagosasun.com

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### Commissioners hear Weed and Pest Department update

#### By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a semiannual update from Weed and Pest Department Director Ethan Proud at its April 4 work session.

Proud noted that it "has been a pretty good winter."

He explained that the state of Colorado was awarded \$4 million in funding from an America the Beautiful challenge grant that is being divided between basins, with the San Juan Basin requesting and receiving \$600,000 in funding over the next five years.

He explained that this funding will go through the San Juan Conservation District and that he had not been informed of the guidelines and rules for the grant yet, so work funded by it might not begin until the fall.

Proud added that his department, the San Juan Conservation District and the Colorado State University Extension office were also awarded \$20,000 through a Colorado Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Fund grant, which will be used to fund the noxious weed revegetation program that provides native grass seeds as reimbursement for herbicide application to control noxious weeds.

Proud also explained, in response to a question from County Manager Derek Woodman, that there is an application on the county website for the revegetation program and that he also notified the two private applicators in the area who apply herbicides to large acreages to treat invasive species about the program.

He added that the herbicides purchased have to be specifically for invasive species control and that applications for reimbursement can be turned in at the San Juan Conservation District office.

He also indicated that this is the fourth year of the program and that it continues to grow in popularity.

Proud explained that he attended and helped organize the Colorado Weed Management Association (CWMA) winter training, which saw high attendance, and that he is serving as the president of the CWMA for the year.

He stated that the private spray list is full for the season, having filled in mid-February, which he indicated is earlier than the mid-March date the list filled by last vear.

"Give it a few more years and we'll probably fill up on the day it

opens," Proud said.

He also indicated that he presented at a landowner workshop at the Extension building on March 11 and that the Weed Warrior program is scheduled for May 6 at the Extension building, particularly targeting members of homeowners' associations to encourage improved weed control.

He indicated that the department is currently taking applications for the Local Weed Advisory Board, with applications closing on April 15.

Proud stated that no applications had been turned in so far and that if no satisfactory applications are received, the bylaws allow for the reappointment of former members Lisa Jensen and Larry Lynch, who he felt had done "pretty good" previously.

He added that he also hired his seasonal technicians for the year, that the department has a purchase order in place for treatment at Navajo Lake State Park for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and that the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) selected which roads the department would treat this year as part of the five-year agreement between the county and the USFS.

Proud explained that he is working on a three-year agree-

ment for private landowners that own large acreage with noxious weeds to document their repeated presence on the private spray list across years.

He also noted that he will be working with the code enforcement officers to learn the code enforcement software and educate them on common weeds so they can detect them while investigating violations.

Proud stated that he will not be selling prairie dog gas cartridges this spring due to the manufacturer being out of stock, although he did note that he has an order in for when more cartridges become available.

Proud concluded his presentation by stating that the challenges the department faces are lack of public awareness and partnerships, and the "sheer amount of infested acreage."

In response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, Proud indicated that he is advertising the Weed Warrior program through articles and advertising in The SUN and that he is working on having it featured on KWUF, as well as using county communication channels to broadcast his messages.

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# Town seeks legal advice about county's overruling of town variance decision

#### By Derek Kutzer Staff Writer

At its April 4 regular meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council entered into an executive session to hear legal advice from Town Attorney Bob Cole about a county-level resolution to not follow the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission's decision to deny Archuleta County a variance to waive the rooftop equipment screening requirement for the county justice facility at 109 Harman Park Drive.

Since the new justice facility is within town limits, the building project came before the town planning commission, serving as

the Design Review Board, in 2020, and antennas shall be screened where that body applied the town's current Land Use and Development Code (LUDC)

The town only awarded the county a temporary certificate of occupancy for the building, which came with certain conditions that would need to be met before the county could receive a final certificate of occupancy.

One of these conditions was for the county to place "screening" around the building's rooftop HVAC equipment.

The LUDC states, in Section 6.10.4.D on mechanical equipment, "Rooftop appurtenances, such as mechanical equipment

from view."

Citing the "cost burden" to taxpayers of \$100,000 that meeting this condition would potentially require, the county came back before the town's planning commission on Jan. 10 asking for a variance to waive the rooftop screening requirement.

After the planning commission unanimously denied the county's request for a variance, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) passed a resolution on Jan. 17 to "overrule" the town's decision on the matter, stating that the county has "sole authority" over the building and

therefore is not subject to the town's LUDC requirements.

At that same Jan. 17 BoCC meeting, County Attorney Todd Weaver said, "The courts have long held that public entities have the power to overrule or disregard restrictions of municipal zoning regulations" and that, by a two-thirds vote, the county "can overrule a town's planning commission and approve the variance."

Phillips explained via email that the issue will come back on April 20 as an agenda item at the town council's regularly scheduled meet-

That meeting is slated to begin at 5 p.m. at Town Hall. derek@pagosasun.com

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# Broadband

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Powers indicated that he expects faster we dig, the deeper we get. building out broadband access, it there will be unforeseen roadblocks That's my first comment. Do you will be a long-term project with with the projects in the grant, as a large number of requests for well as some that could be planned

"Well said," Maez added.

Powers highlighted that the middle-mile project will not be the stopping point for broadband work and that the last-mile projects still need to be finished.

He added that he heard Brown's comment that there seemed to be "no end" to the funding asks and stated that, if the county is committed to broadband projects, there are still several more phases of asks to come which will likely require matching funds.

Powers added that it could be useful to speak with local Internet service providers to come up with portions of the matching funds, although he stated that broadband funding requests in rural areas typically come to government instead of private industry because the return on investment is too low for private companies.

He concluded that, if the county

matching funds, although he stated that the return on investment for such projects is high for the government due to the state matching funds, which are not available to private industry.

Brown commented that, in his opinion, he would want to consult with county staff, commissioners of other counties and regional tribal governments before making a decision on how to move forward with the grant since they would all have to make the same decision.

Powers noted that Region 9 takes direction from its member governments and would not be making a decision without their direction.

Commissioner Veronica Medina questioned how many roadblocks Region 9 expects with this project such as the problems that had emerged concerning the laying of fiber over Wolf Creek Pass.

for and mitigated ahead of time.

Maez noted that, with the information he had at present, he would prefer pursuing a waiver to reduce risk for the county.

The letter approved at the April 4 meeting supporting Region 9's request for a waiver highlights the counties' inability to secure a letter of credit, the difficulties of creating a 63-20 corporation and the superiority of a performance bond with the NTIA as 25 percent obligee over a letter of credit as reasons for the request.

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# Dispatch

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County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has the highest number of calls for service followed by the PSPD, with Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) having significantly less.

She added that part of the reasoning for the formula using base contributions is that capital items are used by all services and the costs for them should potentially be shared evenly and that some calls take more time than others.

Larson noted that fire calls may take multiple hours, although he stated that the initial 15 to 30 minutes are when most of the communication occurs, with contact with dispatch during the rest of the call being "minimal."

He also noted that the dispatch center does far more tracking and other services for police that they do not do for fire and EMS, and this also needed to be considered in adjusting the funding formula.

Rockensock noted that he felt "some of your grief," explaining that he has been raising the issue of adjusting the funding formulas for "literally years" and that, for the last two years, the PSPD has been selfdispatching for mileage and most traffic stops.

He added that, to him, time on calls is not a factor and commented that the use formula is now "skewed" because the calls for service the PSPD handles internally are still counted toward its contribution percentage for dispatch.

He added that the user agency fees for the dispatch center have been going up every year, which he is "all right" with "as long as it's equitable."

Larson noted he agreed with Rockensock.

"I'm sorry, but it has to be equitable," Rockensock continued. "And part of it, like Andrea was saying, to me, when you start talking about capital, is capital equitable when the sheriff's paying 50 percent of it, we're paying 40 plus percent of it and everybody's using it? Is that equitable?"

County Manager Derek Woodman noted that the ACSO's activities will change as it also acquires new equipment that will allow for selfdispatching.

PFPD and dispatch board member Ronald Beckman noted that the PFPD's contribution would increase substantially with an altered formula, noting that the only agency that doesn't use "a lot of dispatch time" is EMS.

Rockensock commented that, in his mind, that time is "off the table" and that he was leaning toward, if the calls for service formula is retained, removing all self-generated calls for service from the reporting to dispatch, potentially reducing the PSPD's contribution by 20 percent.

The group then discussed the possibility of shifting the formula to only include 911 calls and to exclude self-generated calls.

Larson asked if the center has

# Semi

#### Continued from front

Patrol (CSP) incident report, the vehicle, a 2000 Peterbilt pulling a trailer was westbound on U.S. 160 near milepost 160 when it traveled onto the westbound shoulder of the roadway and hit a concrete barrier.

The vehicle, it notes, "traveled along the concrete barrier maintaining continuous contact" before it overturned over the concrete barrier and continued to overturn an unknown number of times down a steep embankment/cliff for an estimated 500 to 600 feet."

The driver, the report indicates, was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver is identified as Batbayar Otgonbayar, 40, of Des Plaines, Ill.

According to the PFPD and

## Issues

#### Continued from front

According to a Tuesday email from Southwest Colorado Communications Manager Lisa Schwantes, the road was closed just south of Chimney Rock National Monument, from mile point 28 to 29, due to flooding at the location of a culvert.

She notes that, at the time, CDOT crews were on-site "attempting to mitigate and redirect the excessive water from flooding the highway."

A Wednesday afternoon update from Communications Specialist Adair Christensen notes that CDOT engineers and maintenance staff "assessed what they could of the road damage" and CDOT will not be able to further assess road damage or begin repairs until the flow of the creek adjacent to the highway recedes.

"Strong water flow along with natural debris build up is causing erosion and a high potential for sinkholes to form underneath the \_\_\_\_\_

ational travel on Piedra Road north

of Turkey Springs (Forest Service

page notes, "At least three separate

areas past this point are flooded.

Residents will be allowed access;

however short-term delays are

expected as crews work to unplug

culverts. When driving on the road

vehicles are advised stay within the

boundary of the cones. Road crews

will be on-site working on road, but

currently the flooded areas are dif-

ficult to navigate. Please avoid the

shoulders of the road as there are

steep drop offs in excess of 5 feet. A

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Office would like to remind you to

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on a roadway that has water flow-

ing over the road. You should avoid

driving through water over the road

"The Archuleta County Sheriff's

assisting with this effort."

A post on the forest's Facebook

Road 629).

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, members of Upper San Juan Search and Rescue and emergency management worked together to establish a rope system to lower responders to the site and recover the occupant's body.

The report indicates that restraint use is unknown and that excessive speed is suspected.

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manhole overflow on Pebble Circle is "getting into Hatcher Reservoir."

He also reminds PAWSD customers that connecting sump pumps to the sewer system is illegal.

### Telecommunications issues

Pagosa Country's Wednesday telecommunications issues were caused by a guard rail installation that damaged fiber, according to Eric Hittle of the Archuleta County Broadband Services Management Office.

According to a statement by CenturyLink, "Field Operations tested the fiber and detected a fault 8.7 miles from the site. A technician traversed the route and identified a fault on the fiber cable caused by a guardrail installation. Damage assessment is in progress."

Hittle explained mid-day Wednesday the damage took place closer to Durango and there was no estimated time for full repair at that time. reached out to other dispatch agencies to find out what their funding formulas are.

Rockensock noted that he liked Larson's formula although it had been tabled because there was no support for it at that point.

Larson said, "And I apologize ... I do have a little bit of a bad attitude about it because, again, it was something that I was asked to do, I put a lot of work into and then it was ... And it wasn't really tabled, it was just like, 'No, we're not going to do it.' ... I was actually called and asked to ... stop doing it."

Rockensock noted that he understood Larson because he has been asking "the same thing for four or five years now."

Larson commented that he agreed with Rockensock in terms of capital, stating that, no matter the usage of capital items by each department, "if we don't have it, we don't have it."

He then proposed that the board could look at how other dispatch agencies are funded.

PSMC EMS Deputy Chief Connie Cook noted that some agencies are funded through a public safety tax, which has the benefits of savings for the user agencies by making dispatch supported by the taxpayers.

She highlighted that dispatch is essential for all other emergency services to operate and that they will have to support it, no matter the funding formula, although she questioned, "When do we turn and ask the community? When does it become a responsibility for all of us to support the hub of the wheel of emergency services in this community?"

She added that agency contributions continue to rise and that all calls are important.

Sheriff Mike Le Roux noted, "We have the same person calling 15 or 20 times at the same address for like, yes it's all important, but each time that call comes in that's a call for service, it's generating and ... it might've just been a verbal response is all that is needed. ... But then the public safety tax puts the onus back on you; at least you're paying for that."

Cook commented that the tax might help educate the public on the appropriate use of dispatch services and the 911 versus administrative lines.

Larson noted that a public safety tax would not cut costs to zero and that most dispatch agencies also have user agency contributions.

Cook noted that there is one dispatch agency that she is aware of that is entirely user tax funded and added that reducing the amount paid by the user agencies would make evenly

miss calls, we rarely have delayed responses to things and I can tell you hundreds of times last year I had no resources left in town and if another call would have dropped we would have had a delayed response until somebody got back into service. And nobody understands that and part of it is because [EMS Director Jason Webb] and myself and some of our dedicated staff will show up when the third and fourth ... pages go out and catch those outlying calls when the volume gets busy and ... it's not sustainable."

Larson commented, "And, to be honest, we're our own worst enemy when that happens because we do make it work when there's times where it's really not working. So, the public doesn't see any of it. ... All they know is when they dial 911, they're gonna have a law enforcement officer, they're gonna have a firefighter, they're gonna have a paramedic show up and they don't know that, yeah, the chief is running on this call by himself or ... the same way with your side of it."

"The deputy chief is covering the district in the middle of the night," Cook added.

Larson reiterated his point that "we're our own worst enemy" before adding, "The flipside of that is that we don't want the public to not have confidence in us, ... so ... it's a pretty big balancing act when it comes to that. And that's why I think ... of course in our political climate right now getting a tax through ..."

"I mean, what's it gonna take, a school shooting?" Cook said. "You know ... when everything collapses because we don't have enough resources here ... to manage the traffic that comes in and for some reason that's just been a thing that just keeps coming up daily in this area like, 'Oh, we just had a talk about NCIs,' 'Oh, we just had this threat at the school.' I'm like, oh God, does that mean it's coming ... and that's where ... how do you communicate and put it out there to the community that maybe it's time for everybody to really think about how do we support ... the function that provides all of the safety and medical response to the community?'

Phillips asked if Cook was talking about a tax to fund more than just the dispatch center and noted that she and Rockensock had discussed the possibility of staffing a second EMS station on the east end of Pagosa Springs.

Cook stated that a public safety tax would save money for all the other agencies and a new EMS station is far in the future for PSMC.

Rockensock raised the question

can't keep having these substantial increases every single year."

Interim Emergency Communications Director Elizabeth Blizzard noted that, with the new phone and computer-aided dispatch systems in place and a functional capital replacement plan in place, the catchup period may be over in three years and further expansions would go along with growth.

The group also discussed that the emergency services tax would likely take the form of a sales tax.

Larson commented that, in terms of emergency services, there may come a point where the county or town may want to accept a large development project and "we may have to say no because we can't support it."

The group then discussed the possibility that emergency services could not accommodate further large developments, particularly with the low level of other fees associated with emergency services.

Woodman noted they're "so far behind the eight ball already" in terms of fees and staff.

"I think, chief, you're absolutely correct. We have done, historically, an outstanding job of providing service to the public that they have no concept, like Connie said, that we're on the fringe of ... breaking. But, I do think that it would be a struggle just to get the buy-in to go out and unanimously support this ... I think is a struggle."

Cook noted that there are positive feelings in the public toward many branches of emergency services and that the user agencies could present a united front, although she commented that the center needs to not "put all our eggs in that basket."

The board then discussed paths forward, with Blizzard highlighting that these include adjusting the agency contribution formula as well as investigating the creation of a public safety tax.

The board also discussed the need to calibrate the sales tax request to be large enough to fund the center's needs but not too large for it to be unfeasible to pass.

They also covered applications for grants in emergency services, where board members highlighted their specificity to certain types of equipment and their highly competitive nature.

Following the discussion, Beckman made a motion to create an emergency communications subcommittee to start investigating these issues.

Larson asked if the group would be focused on funding or would address the entire intergovernmental agreement for the dispatch center.

nighway, the update states.

The update also notes, "Motorists should expect a long term closure to be in place on CO 151 through the end of May. CDOT encourages travelers to seek alternate routes and frequently check COtrip.org for the most current road conditions."

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) reported on social media late Tuesday that Colo. 151 is allowing only emergency vehicles to pass through the affected area.

The ACSO also reported that flooding is occurring in multiple areas of Archuleta County, including North Pagosa Boulevard in several areas from Hills Circle south to the separated portion of North Pagosa Boulevard.

Also on Tuesday, the San Juan National Forest discouraged recre-

if you can. Please use an alternate route," the ACSO Facebook page reads.

#### Sewer backup issues reported

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Engineer and Manager Justin Ramsey explains in a Tuesday email that sewer backup issues are taking place in the Hatcher area.

He notes that, as of that afternoon, no sewage had backed up into homes, but that some customers have reported slow drains.

"There is still a substantial amount of snow in the Hatcher area so I would assume we will be fighting this for another week," he wrote.

On Wednesday morning, Ramsey noted there is no ponded contaminated water but that water from the

Hittle reported Visionary customers have limited service on a back-up system, but added the back-up system is saturated. Internet users are asked to avoid using video and other services until service is fully restored.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center announced that it cannot receive incoming phone calls currently, adding, "If you have an emergency, you can still dial 9-1-1. Our emergency department is open 24/7 for emergent needs."

The ACSO reported via an emergency alert Wednesday that 911 calls are being rerouted through Durango dispatch.

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dividing the remaining costs more palpable.

She commented that funding the dispatch center is critical and added, "But we also need to start holding the community somewhat accountable to having that. I think they take all of us a little bit for granted in that, as stretched as thin as we are every single day, we show up. We rarely

# C<mark>oroner</mark>.

#### Continued from front

in July of 2018 when he was appointed to the role. He was later elected to the position that November.

"There are many factors that affected my decision to vacate my position," Bishop wrote. "I would like to thank the people of Archuleta County for all the support over the years. It has been my honor to serve my community."

Bishop also offers his "full cooperation for a smooth transition of responsibilities" in the letter.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is tasked with appointing someone to the role to fulfill Bishop's term, which ends in 2024, BoCC chair Ronnie Maez explained Monday.

The BoCC discussed the resignation and replacement at its Tuesday, April 11 work session.

County Manager Derek Woodman noted that Bishop resigned and commented that the county needs to act relatively quickly in addressing the vacancy.

Commissioner Veronica Medina noted that Bishop recommended Deputy Coroner Shannon Balderas, who had expressed willingness to serve as interim coroner, although she was not interested in serving as permanent coroner since she had a full-time job.

Woodman noted that, as of Monday afternoon, Balderas no longer had a full-time job and had expressed potential interest in permanently taking the coroner position.

He added that he believed the appropriate procedure for appointing a new coroner is to "aggressively" distribute the announcement of the of if the financial request for the dispatch center would plateau at some point, noting that, even with the town council's strong support for public safety, "that question's coming."

He added, "We've been playing catch up and that's how we got to this point, but at some point in time, we're going to have to plateau. We

vacancy and a call for applicants to

the public, after which the BoCC

could conduct interviews and make

dition to any qualifications the BoCC

might stipulate, the coroner must

be a U.S. citizen, reside in Archuleta

County, have a high school educa-

tion or equivalent, and must com-

plete fingerprinting and a criminal

history check as well as possess

knowledge and experience concern-

ing medical and legal investigation

Commissioner Warren Brown

commented that it would be a "total

disservice" if the county does not

give preference to an applicant with

recent experience of death or crime

scene investigation and to an ap-

plicant with experience in a human

science field such as biology, nurs-

ing, forensic emergency medicine

want Joe Schmo to, 'Hey, I think

that'd be fun' because these are seri-

ous in nature, and we owe a certain

level of professionalism to not only

the decedent but to that decedent's

family to do a competent, thorough

investigation and make the right

Brown and Maez then discussed

"I don't want to see our suicide

the importance of the coroner in

determining if the cause of death can

determinations go way up and our

homicide determinations go way

down because they can't tell which is

which," Brown stated, noting that he

would prefer both rates to go down,

but that it is not "reality" and the

determination," Brown said.

be correctly identified.

"This is not something that we

Woodman explained that, in ad-

an appointment.

of death.

or anatomy.

Rockensock commented that, in his view, the subcommittee should focus on the funding formula and move up to other topics afterward. Larson stated that he would sup-

port this.

The board then unanimously approved the creation of the subcommittee.

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county needs to ensure the position is competently filled.

Woodman noted that the qualifications Brown related were commonly asked for from deputy coroners and that he would move forward with soliciting interested parties for the position.

He added that the county needs to appoint an interim coroner in the meantime to "buy a little time" to appoint a new coroner.

The board then decided that it will vote on selecting and appointing an interim coroner at a special meeting to be held April 13 at 8 a.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, the county issued a notice regarding the vacancy.

It states: "The county coroner is responsible for conducting death investigations per Colorado Revised Statutes, including ascertaining the cause and manner of death of individuals that die under the jurisdiction of the office, establishing the identity of the deceased and identifying, locating, and notifying the decedent's next of kin of the death. Investigates death scenes and completes death summary reports. Work is characterized by independent planning and decision making, logical reasoning, and problem solving. Assists with medicolegal investigations, attends forensic autopsies, and transports decedents. This appointment by the BoCC will be through December 2024."

It also indicates the annual pay is \$46,094 with benefits.

Anyone with interest in serving is asked to apply online at https:// www.applicantpro.com/openings/ archuletacounty/jobs.

# School

#### Continued from front

On the panel at the meeting were the school board, Holt, Pagosa Springs Middle School Principal Chris Hinger, Pagosa Springs High School Principal Sean O'Donnell, Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Kelly Vining, Maintenance Director Josh Sanchez (who Holt noted holds the district's safety and security protocols), Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux, Undersheriff Robert Hill, Rockensock and Pagosa Springs Police Deputy Chief Brooks Brown.

At its regular meeting the following night, Holt announced the meeting was attended by about 85 people in person and about 30 on Zoom.

Lynch opened the meeting by stating that safety of the schools is the No. 1 goal and explained the meeting would be broken into two portions: an explanation and discussion of practices and protocols that he hoped would help increase confidence, and community thoughts and concerns.

"We have a chance to step back from some recent events and reflect and learn and make sure that we're doing everything possible and everything that's demonstrated to be best practices to keep our schools safe and secure," he said.

"I hope tonight we can model our intent to be transparent in our desire to continuously improve our practices," Holt said before introducing the panelists.

Holt stated he imagined that the level of communication by the district can be frustrating due to the lack of details, but the district is limited when dealing with minors and that the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act limits what the district can say regarding students and student records, including behavioral records.

"I just want to call out that that is an area where we are continuing to get advice and talk to legal counsel and we also work closely with law enforcement to determine what can we legally say and not say, so ... I know that can be hard," he said.

He also acknowledged the timing of the district communications is "not always ideal," but that communication happens as soon as the district is certain about the information.

"Of course we wouldn't trade that for student safety, but it is a concern and it does slow us down. That said, I think recently we had an experience where we could have been much earlier and we were not. We shared information I believe a little after 7 a.m.," he said, adding that several families indicated that infringed on their ability to make the best decisions for their kids. "You're absolutely right and we've changed our procedures because of that and ... when we know about something the night before we'll do what we do for snow days, which is basically talk to each other at 4:30 or 5 in the morning, get that information coordinated. So, I just wanna say, we're learning how to be better." He noted this is not something you want to be good at.

good at talking about when there are threats or emergencies, but, unfortunately, that's where we are right now," he said.

He also pointed out things he thinks the district is doing well, including coordination with law enforcement and "upstream" work or building relationships with students and knowing them well to understand and support them to help limit the number of things that can turn into harmful behaviors.

He added they have a much better idea now about precursors such as social isolation, ideation of death, violence and firearms.

Hinger discussed practices and procedures used at the building level.

He opened by explaining school safety is definitely a community concern and acknowledged that "a lot" of things that are happening are at the middle school.

He also related that he was five years into his teaching career in 1999 when the Columbine High School shooting occurred.

"What we're talking about is bone-chilling," he said.

He noted that this is not something he and others thought they would be doing and that he got into the profession to teach kids.

"Columbine shook our world," he said.

He noted that protocols started coming out after Columbine such as working with law enforcement and lockdown protocols like getting behind a locked door.

Five years later he became a principal, he explained, noting the things that have been added over the years following additional incidents and the hours spent in trainings and working with law enforcement.

He also pointed out the district pursued grants for radios that can connect with local law enforcement and got a grant to put in single-point entries and badges and that the district pursued its mill levy override in part to provide school resource officers.

"We've been in active ... shooting trainings in this building," he said, adding, "I never dreamed I would be doing that as a professional educator.'

He added there has been a "purposeful, concerted, thoughtful effort" to make sure local schools are safe.

He later noted the most important thing they do at the middle school is building close relationships with every kid, supporting them and connecting with them so they have someone who can intervene early if there are any concerns.

student is pulled out of class to make sure they have nothing threatening on them, parents are notified and brought in, and law enforcement is involved if needed.

He noted a lot of things are said that are inappropriate, but it can't be left up to chance if a threat is credible or not.

He also referenced that the Colorado Department of Education has the threat assessment information and protocol on its website, adding the district is "thorough" in evaluating threats, does trainings, talks with students, does safety tabletop exercises and will continue to evolve its practices.

Le Roux told the audience the safety of kids is the "utmost priority' and explained that he was previously the county's emergency manager, suggesting he's been planning and preparing for a number of years.

He explained the sheriff's office has historically provided one school resource officer, that it went up to two for a while but is back at one with current staffing.

He suggested the office's current school resource officer "epitomizes" the school resource officer program.

Rockensock explained he has been in law enforcement in Pagosa Springs for 26 years and he takes the safety of students personally.

He explained his agency has brought in federal trainers and has tried to provide a school resource officer and had recently hired someone slated to begin on April 17.

He urged parents to speak to their kids and speak about posting on social media.

Rockensock also explained that with juveniles and investigations the agency is limited on what it can release, but that it investigates as fully as possible.

"Unfortunately, you have to trust us sometimes," he said.

Later in the meeting he added that all complaints received are investigated.

In turning the meeting to audience questions and feedback, Holt urged that no one discuss details of recent incidents and that names not be included.

Multiple people who spoke at the meeting referenced the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, with one asking the school board to commit to securing schools and not letting people in the building like happened in Uvalde.

Lynch stated he was "1,000 percent committed" and suggested the district could do a safety audit.

One parent and school staff member brought up the concern of backpacks at the meeting, suggesting that backpacks not be allowed in classrooms due to the possibility of them being used to carry in weapons or drugs and their being a trip, fire and health hazard.

pockets, take off things like sweatshirts and leave the room with the teacher while a detection dog goes in

Hinger acknowledged that both lockers and backpacks are hard to manage, stating, "Stuff can be anywhere.

He added they talk to students about reporting if they hear something is on campus that shouldn't be.

Another parent asked if students involved with threats are allowed to come back, with Holt indicating that sometimes expulsion is mandatory under federal law and other times it may be something like an out-of-school suspension while an investigation continues.

The parent also asked about the level of presence of emergency responders should anything happen, with Rockensock explaining that in the event of an imminent threat all law enforcement officers would come, including wildlife officers.

Concerns brought up by community members and parents at the meeting also included a lack of information and follow-up communication from the district updating families.

One parent referenced a date allegedly included in the threat, April 25, asking if the threat had been eliminated.

Holt acknowledged that the date had been identified and added that it is not perceived as a real threat, but that the district can't be sure and will be cautious.

In a follow-up interview, Rockensock stated there is no ongoing threat for April 25, stating the person charged in the incident was confirmed to be the only person to use the social media account from which the threat was posted.

Other comments focused on teacher and staff training, urged the district to put its procedures on its website and sought clarification on numbers of school resource officers. It was mentioned by Holt and law

enforcement at the meeting that contracts are in place to allow for offduty officers to provide additional security at the schools until more school resource officers can be hired.

It was also noted during the second half of the meeting that the district is working annually to add cameras to the schools as the budget allows.

Other members of the audience offered suggestions such as simple uniforms and metal detectors.

#### Follow-up meeting scheduled

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, the BOE set a special meet-





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"You don't want to have to be

He added he's happy kids are talking to their parents and their parents are reaching out to law enforcement and the schools with concerns.

"When we get that name, we know that kid," he said.

He also asked for the community's trust and that families will know if it is not safe to attend school.

Hinger further explained staff is trained to inform building leaders immediately when something inappropriate is said or posted, the

She also noted the use of lockers made it easier for things like drug dogs to check school buildings.

O'Donnell explained the school does a similar program, explaining classrooms are chosen at random and everyone in the room has to leave their backpack, empty their

ing to discuss feedback offered at the meeting and, according to Lynch, plot a path forward.

Lynch also directed Amanda Schick to look up companies that provide security audits and added he would do the same.

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# Education

# **Early Childhood Council to screen** documentary on early childhood education

By Laura Mijares Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County

The Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County (ECCAC) is hosting a free documentary about the most overlooked, underestimated and powerful force for change in America today: early childhood education.

The ECCAC is sponsoring a community showing of the documentary "No Small Matter" on Tuesday, April 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Through poignant stories and surprising humor, the film lays out the overwhelming evidence for the importance of the first five years.

It reveals how our failure to act on that evidence has resulted in an everyday crisis for American families and a slow-motion catastrophe for the country.

"No Small Matter" is built from stories of real children, families and teachers, illustrating the impact of high-quality early childhood experiences. We meet parents struggling to do their best for their kids, incredible teachers who model what early childhood classrooms should and could be like, and children learning and developing in real time. These cheerful, hopeful stories serve as motivational tools in the film and the "No Small Matter" campaign: Change is necessary, critical and attainable if we put our minds to it.

The film is also firmly grounded in science, opening up what's happening inside children's brains with exciting, stimulating animation and the voices of compelling scientists, physicians and early childhood education experts. Drawing on the work of economists such as James Heckman and the latest research in brain imaging and child development, we break down complicated scientific details into layman's terms, demystifying prevailing ideas that hinder our thinking about children's behavior and paving the way for us all to see what children truly need to thrive. When it comes to an understanding of the incredible dynamism of how a child's mind develops, seeing is believing, and these illustrations

drive home the critical nature of these early years.

"No Small Matter" is unique in the way it dives deep into the complicated science, history and sociology that has brought our early care and education system to where it is today. However, it does so without sacrificing entertainment or emotional impact. From a comic cameo by Cookie Monster to the tearful testimonial of a fantastic preschool teacher making poverty-level wages, the film has the power to move audiences in ways that a policy fact sheet or op-ed piece can't do.

For more information on this documentary or if you have questions, please get in touch with the ECCAC at director@eccarchuletacounty.org.



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Return your application to the library by April 17 at 6 p.m. Interviews will be held April 21.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Rotary Club Nolan Kay participates in a RYLA retreat in 2019.

## Seeds of Learning brings expansion plans before town council

#### By Derek Kutzer Staff Writer

At the April 4 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting, representatives of Seeds of Learning gave a presentation about the center's

plans for expansion. Seeds board president Lisa Pe-

"We offer a sliding scale of tuition that's based on family income, and most of our families are either at the bottom or very close to the bottom of that sliding scale," she said.

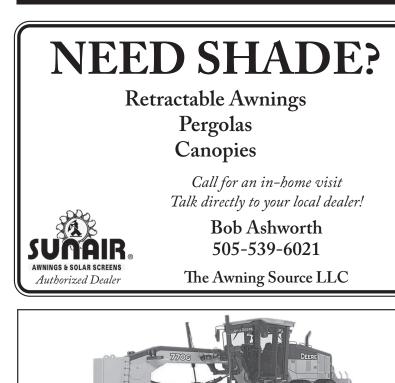
Peters added that 25 years in business gives the center a "long and proven track record."

the site plan. When opened up to questions and comments, Mayor Shari Pierce stated she was concerned about how Seeds' five-year development plan would sync with the town's

plans for South Pagosa Park. She said that the council should "discuss that amongst ourselves,

conversations with some of the other groups before we just give our absolute OK," she said.

Phillips mentioned that discussion about these plans could be discussed with the different parties involved, particularly the nonprofit organization that runs the multiuse pavilion, as future agenda items at



ters explained that the early childhood education center hopes to double its size by 2027, adding three to four new classrooms which would create up to 53 new child care slots — and a kitchen.

Peters explained that Seeds currently serves children ages 2.5 to 5 years old and has a total of 45 slots spread between three classrooms and, like other early child care providers in the area, has a wait list, which currently stands at about 62 kids.

The expansion, she added, would also allow the child care center to lower its starting admission age to a year and a half.

The education center is located on the southeast corner of townowned property at South Pagosa Park, for which Seeds pays the town \$1 per year in a 99-year ground lease agreement, according to an agenda brief.

The town also worked with Seeds on a \$500,000 state grant in 2006 to get the child care center up and running, according to the brief.

Most recently, the town allocated \$25,667 to Seeds out of its 2023 funds for early child care and education and has offered some level of funding from this line item since 2018.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips said that "Back in 1995, the town and the county collaborated to start South Pagosa Park, and ... the county conveyed those parcels to the town for use as parks and recreation."

Phillips added that, since Archuleta County originally conveyed this land to the town for the purpose of parks and recreation, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) also requested to be part of the discussion about the possible expansion.

Peters' presentation explained to the council the unique needs that Seeds serves in the community, stating that "the student population is approximately 51 percent 'at risk' as defined by the state of Colorado and about 80 percent of our families are considered 'low income.'

She also called the high standards and quality of its services as "as high as it can get as defined by the National Association of Educating Young Children."

"Our standards in our classroom — for things like the size of the classroom, the elements that are in the classroom, our curriculum and our teaching staff ... our standards for those ... are much higher than the state of Colorado sets for early childcare education centers."

According to Peters, who was joined at the meeting by Executive Director Michelle Cusick, the expansion, which would double the size of the center, would be a "viable plan as long as it's an adjacent facility so that we can take advantage of economies of scale."

Peters explained that the new facility wants to be able to use the same administrative staff, "so we don't have to duplicate that cost. We want to be able to share conference rooms and office equipment and computers that we use ... and kitchen facilities and to some degree playgrounds."

She stated that Cusick would be overseeing both the original facility and the expansion center, so "she needs to be close by.'

The meeting then turned to a site plan for the expansion, prepared by Brad Ash of Reynolds Ash and Associates, which, Peters said, "maximizes the use of the current lot that we are leasing from the city and minimizes the overlap into the lots we want."

The expansion was presented as taking place in two phases, but the presenters acknowledged that the second phase of the development, which includes a 6,000-square-foot gymnasium, a 2,500-square-foot plaza area and a 1,300-square-foot geodesic greenhouse, is a longshot, since this would encroach even further on South Pagosa Park and may require the relocation of the existing multiuse pavilion.

Ash called phase two "a moonshot," while Peters said, "Yeah, phase two is kind of a dream."

Thus, the council's focus remained on the phase one part of

because we've already been talking about some other plans for that area. And if that's gonna affect whether you want to build or not, I think it would be best for us to have that conversation."

Council member Gary Williams wondered about the funds that the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board already awarded for a roof cover for the multiuse pavilion/ice rink.

He stated that will expand the pavilion's footprint and wondered if this would encroach into Seeds' phase one plans for a new 17-space parking lot adjacent to the pavilion.

He noted he was overall supportive of the expansion in that area, but "we're just gonna have to work with the town on how the parking is gonna work out."

Council member Brooks Lindner said that he was "optimistic that we can figure it out for all parties involved.

When Pierce asked about the town's plans for the area, Phillips said, "We would definitely want to include some of the user groups here because, depending on what happens with the multipurpose pavilion and some of the others ... I know there's a lot of different discussion in flux about whether the ice rink stays here or goes up to another location."

She added, "And we would probably want to consider an amendment to the ground lease if they are going to be going into the vacated alley or additional expectations there."

Regarding the town's uncertain plans for the area, Peters suggested that since "there's no idea on that," Seeds would "continue to move forward," but would refrain from spending too much money on design until it knows for sure that it can have the land to expand.

Council member Mat deGraaf noted that he was "confused about where there's a hold up on us saying it's OK for phase 1."

Pierce replied that she just wants to make sure that Seeds knows what the town's plans for the area are going to look like before they move forward.

"I just think that we need to have

town council meetings.

She made clear that the pavilion's new roof "will encroach into that parking area."

She added that she agreed with Pierce.

"We received a lot of public feedback when there was talk about doing anything different with South Pagosa Park, and I think it would be important to ensure that there's public comment and that the other user groups, including the county, are involved in the discussions," Phillips said.

Peters added that the project's outlook for beginning construction won't even begin until about 2027, which should give all parties involved plenty of time to work out their differences and come to a common vision for the area.

Pierce suggested that she hopes it won't take the town "that long, but we just need to be cognizant of the different partners in this community."

Peters closed by saying that Seeds would consider it an action item to bring this same presentation in front of the county commissioners.

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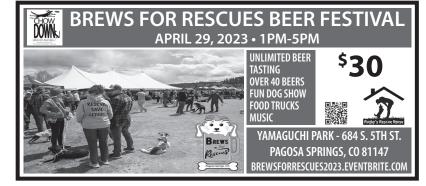


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Chantelle Caldwell launches over the bar on the high jump at Saturday's Abel Velasquez Invitational in Ignacio. She took second with a height of 4 feet, 8 inches.

Photo courtesy Gerry Lindstrom

Colton Lucero goes for distance in the long jump at Saturday's Abel Velasquez Invitational in Ignacio. Lucero placed eighth in the event with a mark of 17 feet.





# Pirates log firsts, PRs at Ignacio meet

**By Randi Pierce** Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School track and field teams recorded a number of first-place finishes at last weekend's Abel Velasquez Invitational in Ignacio.

'The weather in Ignacio on Saturday was beautiful," coach Connie O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN. "We only had a little trouble with wind during the 200 meter races. Some of our 200 times won't count for state ranking because it was just enough to make our 200 times 'wind aided'."

Pagosa's effort at the meet included a first-place finish for the Lady Pirate team. The Lady Pirates logged 160 points on the day, with Durango tallying 96 to come in second among the 10 teams at the meet. Rylie Carr took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.12 seconds. She was followed by Annabelle Parker, who finished second in 13.39 seconds.

13th in 3:41.23, and Aspen Salazar finished 14th in 4:00.21.

Marie Smith took sixth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 8:10.30 and third in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 17:18.29.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Chantelle Caldwell placed second with a time of 17.72 seconds.

"Chantelle Caldwell finally got her steps down in the 100 hurdles and is now ranked 12th in the state," Connie O'Donnell wrote. "Even with the delay of getting on the track, I feel like we are better than last year at this time."

Mars finished fifth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 18.72 seconds and Jordan Lindstrom finished 11th in 21.97 seconds.

Mars completed the 300-meter

Groves finished tied for 14th in the long jump with a distance of 12-02.00 and Campbell took 18th with a jump of 11-09.00.

Pagosa swept the top four finishes in the triple jump with Lindstrom taking first with a distance of 31-03.00, Groves finishing second with a distance of 30-07.00, Annie O'Donnell finishing next with a distance of 28-07.00 and Campbell placing fourth with a distance of 28-06.00.

Abigail Nehring finished eighth in the shot put with a throw of 21-07.00 and seventh in discus with a throw of 69-10.00.

The Pirates' boys' team finished second out of 12 teams, with Dove Creek besting the Pirates by six points.

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O'Donnell notes both runners had "great" races, with Carr running a season-best time and Parker logging a personal record (PR).

Abigail Packer took fifth in the 100 with a time of 13.99 seconds. Alexis Campbell finished seventh in 14.16 seconds.

Carr also took first in the 200-meter dash, logging a time of 28.37 seconds. Senna Rose took second with a time of 28.96. Elissa Mars finished fifth in 30.16 seconds, Packer finished seventh in 30.54 seconds, Emma Gantt finished 11th with a time of 32.15 seconds, and Hadley Phillips finished 17th in 32.88 seconds.

Rose took first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 65.09 seconds, while Phillips took fifth with a time of 73.77 seconds, Gantt took sixth in 73.90 seconds and Lucy Taylor finished seventh in 75.90 seconds.

Annie O'Donnell placed second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:39.69. Taylor finished 10th in 3:23.28. Grace Grimes finished

hurdles in 51.84 seconds to finish third.

"Elissa Mars has been working on some different steps in hurdles," the coach wrote. "She ran close to the same time as the week previous, but in a few more practices I think that she will get it down. She ran a tough 300 meter hurdle race and improved her time by 4 seconds."

The Lady Pirate 4x100-meter relay team of Caldwell, Carr, Rose and Annabelle Parker finished first with a time of 52.38 seconds.

The same quartet of Lady Pirates finished first in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:51.55.

In addition to their performances in the dashes, the coach also highlights Carr's and Parker's contributions to the relays and notes, "Both relays were season bests and they continue to be ranked in the top 10 in the state."

The team of Campbell, Parker, Annie O'Donnell and Packer took first in the 800-meter sprint medley with a time of 2:04.23.

The Lady Pirates took several of the top spots in the high jump, with Lindstrom taking first with a height of 4 feet, 10 inches. Caldwell followed in second and Annie O'Donnell took fourth, both with a height of 4-10.00. Elio Groves finished sixth with a height of 4-06.00.

Colton Lucero finished first in the 100 with a time of 11.81 seconds, with the coach noting he got a "huge PR.'

"He just keeps getting faster every week," she wrote, adding he also helped the Pirate relays win first place.

Harley Armijo took fifth with a time of 12.29 seconds, and Kameron Winkler and Gavin Carter tied for sixth with times of 12.34 seconds.

Nathaniel Kinsley placed third in the 200, finishing in 25.10 seconds. Jonathan Nasralla finished seventh in 25.58 seconds and was followed by Armijo in eighth with a time of 25.73 seconds and Jacob Miller in ninth with a time of 26.07.

Miller took seventh in the 400 with a time of 59.51 seconds. Jeremiah Jones placed ninth with a time of 60.77 seconds. Carter ran the event in 61.59 seconds to take 14th, and Miles Baker finished 16th in 62.66 seconds.

Kyle Marotta finished 10th in the 800 in 2:41.68. Connor Thomas finished 12th in 2:45.71. Elijah Nehring took 15th with a time of 2:55.76.

Jesse Beck notched first in the 1,600 with a time of 5:27.66 and Thomas took eighth with a time of 6:15.56.

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# BASEBALL Pirates fall in league doubleheader against Alamosa By Randi Pierce

#### Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team opened up league play last weekend in Alamosa with a pair of losses.

"We played horribly," coach Nathan Morales said.

The Pirates dropped the first half of the doubleheader 10-2. Alamosa scored one in the sec-

ond, six in the third, one in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Pagosa's two runs came in the top of the fourth, when Hunter Pouver hit a double to lead off the inning and came around to score on an error and Kaison Clifford, who reached on a walk, came around to score on another Alamosa error.

Pagosa's two runs came on four hits and one walk. The Pirates

The Pagosa Springs High School

Lady Pirate soccer team fell in

another two games this week,

including a 6-2 defeat against the

Alamosa Mean Moose in Alamosa

on April 7 and a 1-0 overtime loss

to the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers

plained that 10 minutes into the

game against the Mean Moose,

Alamosa scored by beating one of

Pagosa's defenders and "hit it on

the ground to the lower left corner

He stated that, at 31 minutes

into the game, Pirate Kiera Davis

"knocked a ball from midfield over

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason ex-

By Josh Pike

in Cortez on April 8.

and put it in."

Staff Writer

struck out six times and left five in the top of the first inning. runners on base.

Hunter Pouyer, Braylon Cotts, Triston Iguchi and Chris Young-Martinez each had one hit in the game.

Cotts, Iguchi, Riley Laugel and Zach Pouyer each reached on errors

Zach Pouver and Young-Martinez logged stolen bases in the game.

Cotts, Clifford and Laugel took the mound in the game, combining to allow 10 runs (one of which was earned) on seven hits and eight walks while striking out 12. One Alamosa batter was hit by a pitch.

Pagosa committed seven errors in the game and Alamosa committed five.

Pagosa fell to the Mean Moose 10-4 in the second half of the doubleheader.

Pagosa jumped out to a 2-0 lead

In the inning, Hunter Pouyer singled, stole a base and scored on an error. Cotts doubled and came around to score on an error.

The Mean Moose countered with three in the first, two in the second, three in the third and one in the fifth to build a 9-2 lead before the Pirates scored again.

Pagosa's other two runs came in the sixth after Cooper Ralston singled and scored on a triple by Young-Martinez and Young-Martinez scored on a single by Quintin Blankenship.

Alamosa picked up another run in the bottom of the sixth to secure the 10-4 win.

Pagosa's four runs came around on seven hits and two walks. The Pirates struck out six times and left seven runners on base.

Cotts picked up two hits and a

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Pirates drop games against Alamosa, Montezuma-Cortez

run scored in the game.

Young-Martinez tallied a hit, an RBI and a run scored. Blankenship had one hit and an RBI, Hunter Pouver had a hit and a run scored and Ralston had a hit and a run scored

Seth Aucoin and Iguchi reached on errors, and Iguchi and Ralston drew walks.

Triston Iguchi, Zach Pouver and Hunter Pouyer each stole a base in the game.

Aaron Aucoin, Cotts and Young-Martinez pitched, combining to allow 10 runs (six earned) on nine hits and 10 walks while striking out 11. Two Alamosa batters were hit by pitches.

Both teams committed four errors in the game.

"We walked a bunch of people again and had errors compounded with that," Morales said. "They had

the bases loaded I think eight times in two games. We walked at least five runs in. We walked 18, hit three batters. So, we just put 21 guys on base in two games. ... So we're just chasing from behind the whole time; it's hard. We've gotta throw strikes. And I've gotta do a better job of figuring out how to do that."

He noted it's hard to work on pitching in practice due to the need to protect the athletes' arms from throwing too much, leaving them to work on technique without a ball.

"It is what it is," he said. "It's a process. I thought for sure pitching was going to be a bright spot with hitting, and it's struggled so far. And, I think we can turn a corner, just hopefully soon."

He also noted that, as of Tuesday, the team was still unable to practice on its field.

On Saturday, the Pirates will

continue league play in Cortez when they take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers for a doubleheader that is slated to begin at 11 a.m.

The Panthers are 9-3 on the season.

On Tuesday, the team is scheduled to have its first home game against the 7-0 Del Norte Tigers at 4 p.m.

Morales indicated if the Pirates throw strikes, they'll have a chance.

After the first week of league play, Bayfield and Alamosa are both 2-0 in league play and 9-3 overall, Pagosa is 0-2 in league play and 5-8 overall, Centauri is 0-2 in league action and 6-4 on the season. The Panthers had not played a league game as of Wednesday.

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# Track

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"He ran a great race and looked really smooth," the coach wrote of Beck

Pirates took the top two spots in the 3,200-meter run, with Andrew Bowles placing first with a time of 11:40.30 and Beck following in second with a time of 11:58.39.

the top of everybody and ... Elizabeth Currier got it right on the right corner of the box and made a move on the keeper who was coming out and she just passed it into the goal,

which was pretty classy.' Kurt-Mason indicated the score was 1-1 at halftime.

However, in the second half, he noted that the Pirates were "getting behind" in their defensive movements and not marking as well as in the first half, allowing Alamosa to score twice, in the 43rd and 45th minutes of the game.

Currier scored again for the Pirates in the 51st minute of the game, shooting "from the top of the box" and beating the Mean Moose goalkeeper to bring the score to 3-2. However, Alamosa continued to

pull ahead throughout the rest of the game, scoring three more times.

for us that we need to figure out our defensive marking a little better," Kurt-Mason said.

The next day, the Pirates played Cortez in what the coach described as a "nail-biter" with back-andforth play and a nearly equal number of shots on goal for both teams.

to that day, our marking had jumped to 100 percent. It was awesome, and that was a big plus for us."

scoreless for both teams and entered the first overtime period, in which, Kurt-Mason explained, the first goal determines victory.

distance of 17-03.50 to finish sixth.

Creede Dozier followed in seventh

with a jump of 17-02.00, Lucero

finished eighth with a distance of

17-00.00, Jones finished ninth with a

jump of 16-09.00 and Miller finished

13th with a distance of 16-02.50.

He stated that, four minutes into overtime, Cortez had a "fast break at the half line and this girl took the ball and she was off to the races but [Pirate Jeidy Moreno Echavarria] was closing down on her and she

game against Montezuma-Cortez was a "big improvement" and the team was "in a position to win that game, and in the first half of the Alamosa game we were in a position to win."

"We're getting closer," he added. The Lady Pirates are now 0-6 on the season.

the lack of Pirate athletes par-

events, writing, "We are really look-

right person dedicates themselves,

we could have a lot of success. We

The Pirates will next play Lake County in Leadville on April 13 at 4 p.m. before returning to play a home game on Tuesday at 4 p.m. against Ignacio.

The Lake County Panthers are currently 0-4 on the season and the Ignacio Bobcats are 0-5. josh@pagosasun.com



"It was just a learning moment

He added, "From the day before

The game finished regulation

#### was getting closer and closer and closer, and right about the time Jeidy got to there, the Cortez player shot and it went over the fingertips of our goalkeeper." Kurt-Mason added that the

Connie O'Donnell noted Bowles ran a personal best.

Of Beck and Bowles, she wrote, "Both of these runners have been working hard at practice. It's nice

fifth in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:17.00. Jones finished fifth in the high

to see their work pay off."

a time of 1:38.56.

jump with a height of 5-02.00. In the long jump, Baker landed a

The team of Armijo, Lucero,

In the 4x200, Kinsley, Lucero,

The team of Marotta, Elijah Ne-

hring, Baker and Jones finished

Nasralla and Winkler took first with

Miller and Winkler placed first in

the 4x100 with a time of 46.57.

a distance of 36-08.00 to take first and Dozier jumping 35-11.00 to finish second.

the triple jump with Baker logging

Both of Baker's jumps were PRs, according to O'Donnell.

Pagosa took first and second in

letes to compete in throws as well. This week, the team will head to Del Norte for a Saturday meet, with field events set to start at 9 a.m. and

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# Water boards discuss progress, joint projects

#### By Josh Pike Staff Writer

On March 9, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors and the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors held a joint work session to discuss potential joint projects and update each other on progress and activities.

The meeting began with a discussion of the possibility of extending the PAWSD water line from its current endpoint at Elk Park to Aspen Springs and creating a fill station there.

PAWSD District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey explained that PAWSD operates a fill station on Trails Boulevard where many Aspen Springs residents get their water.

He added that the line to Elk Park currently has to be flushed monthly, wasting significant amounts of water, due to low use.

He indicated that, if the line is extended to Aspen Springs and a fill station created, the usage would likely be high enough to prevent the lines needing to be flushed.

Ramsey expressed a desire for SJWCD to communicate with the Aspen Springs Metro District to see if they would be willing to take the lead on the project and look for grants to fund it.

SJWCD president Al Pfister indicated that he would be willing to reach out to the district and deter-

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mine its interest in the project. Conversation then moved on to PAWSD's efforts to construct affordable housing units on the Running Iron Ranch property.

PAWSD secretary Bill Hudson explained that PAWSD intended to use a portion of the approximately \$2 million in funding contained within its loans for the Snowball Water Treatment Plant expansion that is intended to pay per diem for construction workers on the project to develop affordable housing on the ranch to house the workers.

However, he stated, PAWSD learned that the loans cannot be used to fund housing projects and is now investigating other options for funding the creation of affordable housing on the property.

Ramsey highlighted that the area where the project would be located is level and has water and wastewater connections, so utilities should not be an issue.

Pfister raised concerns both about how the project would be funded and about its potential impacts on the state park nomination that SJWCD is currently pursuing for the property, as well as its future usability as the site of a proposed reservoir.

PAWSD treasurer Peter Hurley commented that he feels that the affordable housing project is a valuable idea if funding can be found for it.

Following further discussion, the boards agreed that funding must be secured for the project before further discussion and planning can occur.

Also at the meeting, the boards briefly discussed the possibility of leasing a portion of the Running Iron Ranch to create public river access, with the PAWSD board expressing openness to the idea and stating that it is willing to hear proposals, such as a potential proposal from Archuleta County discussed at the meeting.

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Pfister also delivered a report from SJWCD on its progress in advancing the San Juan Headwaters Project, highlighting that SJWCD commissioned a water demand study to help assess the reservoir size needed to accommodate future water demand.

However, he added that there is still a large amount to be done on the project and stated that SIWCD continues to look for grants and partners to assist in funding the project.



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A statewide program, LEAP helps keep Coloradans warm during the winter months by making a onetime payment directly to the utility company on behalf of each LEAP eligible household. Since

Nov. 1, 2022, more than 125,000 come level, which equates to a Coloradans have applied for LEAP, a 16 percent increase over last season. Eligible households have received an average benefit of \$441.

"With the recent reduction in SNAP benefits and the cost of heating up more than 35 percent over the last two winters, the choice between heating or eating is real for too many in our communities," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. "We encourage anyone who thinks they may be eligible for LEAP to apply.'

To qualify for LEAP, Coloradans may have an income up to 60 percent of the state median inhousehold income of less than \$66,468 a year for a family of four. Additionally, LEAP recipients must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent and have at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S. living in the household.

Currently, LEAP recipients may also qualify for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), which is a temporary program that is part of the American Rescue Plan Act. LIHWAP provides funds to make a onetime payment to the water vendor directly on behalf of eligible households who are facing eviction due to unpaid water bills or whose account is either in arrears or shut off as long as funding is available and the water vendor is a LIHWAP participant.

To access the LEAP application, visit cdhs.colorado.gov/LEAP. Online applications are processed through the CO PEAK system. You can also call the HEAT HELP line at 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) to receive an application via mail or email or visit your local Department of Human Services office to pick up or drop off an application.

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### **The Blotter**

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 220. March 31 - Indecent exposure,

disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, Crooked Road.

April 2 - Under investigation, no location listed.

April 3 — Found property, Harman Park Drive.

April 3 - Fourth-degree arsonmisdemeanor. Catchpole Drive. April 3 — Information only, Gerhard

Circle. April 4 – Agency assist, child abuse criminally negligent-nonserious

bodily injury, South 10th Street. April 4 — Second-degree burglary, Bastille Drive.

April 4 - Possession of contraband in the first degree, Harman

Park Drive.

April 4 — First-degree introducing contraband, Harman Park Drive. April 4 — Information only, Bastille

Drive. April 4 — Agency assist, Harman

Park Drive. April 5 — Second-degree burglary,

criminal mischief, possession of burglary tools, criminal attempt to commit. unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Frontier Avenue.

April 5 — Information only, Crooked Road.

April 5 - Third-degree assaultsimple assault. harassment-strikes/ shoves/kicks, domestic violence, Echo Lane.

April 5 - Failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, Eagle Drive.

April 7 - Probation violation/arrest warrant other jurisdiction, Harman Park Drive.

April 7 — Information only, U.S. 84. April 7 - Failed to display valid registration, drove a defective or unsafe vehicle, speeding mph over limit not listed, restricted license/no

interlock device used, U.S. 160/Aspen Village Drive. April 9 - Information only, Great

West Avenue. **Town of Pagosa Springs Police** 

Department Calls for service for week: 159. April 1 - DUI, speeding, U.S. 160/

Pinon Causeway. April 1 - DUI, following too close-

ly, failed to drive in single lane, U.S.

April 1 - Speeding 25-39 mph, San Juan Street/8th Street. April 3 - Shoplifting, Aspen Village

Drive. April 4 — Careless driving, drove

vehicle without valid driver's license, Harman Park Drive/U.S. 160.

April 6 - Warrant arrest, 10th Street April 7 — Warrant arrest, Country

Center Drive. **Pagosa Springs Municipal** 

Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay April 5 - Elizabeth K. Schur, following too closely, fines and costs — \$172.50.

April 5 - Bernall Cher Begay, driving under restraint, fines and costs - \$177.50 April 5 - Vale W. Zins, improper

mountain driving, fines and costs -\$149.50.

April 6 — David M. Ballard, driver's license-driving without, tail lamp violation, fines and costs - \$94.50.

April 7 - Joshua A. Ezernack, improper mountain driving, fines and costs - \$149.50.

April 10 - Barbara A. Mahoney, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs - \$127.50.

April 10 — Arianna Ibarra, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$596.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson No report.



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#### Thursday, April 13

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 8 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.

Main Street Advisory Board monthly meeting. 4 p.m., Pagosa zoom.us/j/81315987125?pwd= UjhGQStKVEl5bjFHMldhNXdtc 2hKUT09.

#### Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular board meeting. 5 p.m. PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

#### Monday, April 17

Archuleta County Public Health **Department Transitional Advi**soryCommittee meeting.9a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meet-

#### Tuesday, April 18

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter. Archuleta County Board of County **Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: https://zoom. us/j/91609048375?pwd=dlFFV 0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxt Zz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter. Pagosa Peak Open School Board

of Directors regular meeting. 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. Join Zoom meeting: https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/9656099136?p wd=Z3Job2R1eXl0SE8rRzNpL0F ucGpKZz09, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.

#### Wednesday, April 19

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session. 1-4 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. Work session on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.



Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web.

ing room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter.

and federal funding for recovery ef-

#### COVID-19 disaster declaration extended

Gov. Jared Polis' office

On April 5, Gov. Jared Polis issued an executive order extending the COVID-19 disaster declaration. The disaster declaration allows

forts, to rapidly respond to changes in the public health environment, and to support the health care system to remain appropriately staffed and prepared to respond to public health. agencies to continue to access state

**Upper San Juan Library District** Board meeting. 4 p.m. via Zoom. Join us at https://us02web.zoom. us/j/83398449146.

#### Thursday, April 20

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: https:// pagosasprings.civicweb.net/ portal/.

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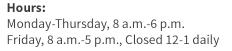
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# Outdoors

# Hummingbirds will be arriving in the next few weeks

#### By John Porco Weminuche Audubon Society

The hummingbirds will be arriving in Pagosa Country in the next few weeks, providing a flash of color on our gloomy days. Scout birds arrive early to identify feeders, so it is important to get the feeders out by mid- to late April. So, courtesy of the Weminuche Audubon Society, here are a few guidelines.

#### Feeders

There are many good feeders on the market. The most important criteria when selecting a feeder are that it be easy to clean and easy to fill. In order to be a responsible host, you must keep your feeder very clean and full of fresh nectar. Feeders should come apart so that all parts are open and available for cleaning. Red attracts the hummingbirds. If your feeder isn't red, tie a red ribbon on it or use red tape. Hummingbirds are very territorial. If you put out more than one feeder, try to put the two feeders in locations out of sight of each other. Feeders attract bears, so keep your feeders out of bear range.

#### Food

flower nectar for energy and bugs for protein. Here is the recipe for making hummingbird nectar:

Mix four parts water to one part white table sugar in a pan. For example, use 1 cup sugar to 4 cups water. Do not use honey, Jell-O, or powdered or brown sugar. Especially do not use artificial sweeteners, as putting hummingbirds on a diet will kill them. They burn prodigious amounts of energy for their size and need real sugar. Do not use red food coloring or buy premade red nectar. It is unnecessary and can harm the little hummers even in low concentrations because they eat so much nectar. Do not add anything else — just sugar and water.

Bring to a boil then remove from the heat. Stir it while it is heating until all of the sugar is dissolved. Don't boil it for long because that will change the ratio as water is boiled off. The reason for boiling is not to make syrup, but to drive out the chlorine in the water and to kill mold and yeast spores that might be in the sugar. This will help make the nectar last longer both in the feeder and in your refrigerator. Cover In nature, hummingbirds eat and allow to cool before using

or pouring into a storage bottle. We recommend making a large batch of nectar and storing it in the refrigerator.

#### Cleanliness

Sugar water is a very rich growth medium. Yeasts like to eat it, causing fermentation, which can harm hummingbirds. Mold and bacteria grow in it and can also harm the birds. If you see black spots inside your feeder, this is mold and you will need to scrub it out with a good bottle brush. You must change the nectar frequently to avoid contaminants.

In cooler temperatures, we recommend changing it every seven days. If the temperatures are getting above 70 degrees, clean it every three days. Clean the feeder thoroughly using a mild detergent. You can use a mild bleach solution (one part bleach to nine parts water). In any case, rinse the bottle thoroughly. Some pet stores sell specialized brushes made to fit into feeder bottles and the holes in the base.

So, get your feeders out and enjoy the antics of these wonderful and colorful little birds through the summer and fall.

Association, against real property legally described as follows: Lots 401, PAGOSA TRAILS, according to the plat thereof filed for record September 13, 1971 as Reception No.

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DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021CV030040 DIVISION NO MG COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL

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Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association

Defendants, GERALDINE JANSSEN Sheriff Sale 2023-07

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This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated February 2, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on June 12, 2002 at Rec. No 20205277, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, against real property legally described Lots 400, PAGOSATRAILS, according to the plat thereof

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defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shal be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. Dated: March 7, 2023 Published in The Pagosa Sun First Publication: March 23, 2023

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Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action Case Number 2023CV030025 Attorney or Party Without Party Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number (970) 264-8321 Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CANADIAN CRAFTS, INC. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. Dated: March 7, 2023 Published in The Pagosa Sun. First Publication: March 23, 2023 Last Publication: April 20, 2023. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13 and 20, 2023 in The

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Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any nterest in the Subject Matter of this Action Case Number 2023CV030021 Attorney or Party Without Party: Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number (970) 264-8321 Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CANADIAN CRAFTS, INC. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and

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Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action Case Number 2023CV030023 Attorney or Party Without Party Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number (970) 264-8321 Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CANADIAN CRAFTS. INC.

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DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022CV030068 DIVISION NO.

# Volunteer opportunities available with Weminuche Audubon Chapter

#### By Jean Zirnhelt Weminuche Audubon Society

In April, local Audubon chapter members plan for spring, summer and fall projects and fun ways to spend time outdoors. We have volunteer opportunities across a range of interests, and we invite you to share your enthusiasm and curiosity with us. At our meeting on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m., we will be promoting our projects and signing up volunteers to get involved with us.

Do you love getting your hands in dirt? Then help us maintain and enhance our garden showcasing native plants at the Geothermal

Centennial Park. Are you interested in helping to educate youth and spark a passion for protecting the environment in future generations? There's a place for you in Audubon Rockies' programs for area youth headed by Southwest Colorado's community naturalist, Keith Bruno.

An exciting learning opportunity will be shared with Pagosa Wetland Partners, whose members will prepare you to participate in the Riverwalk Naturalist Program and share with locals and tourists the magic of our wetlands along the river in town. And, of course, we have citizen science projects for the bird lovers among us. Learn to

Greenhouse Partnership site in survey bird populations and spend some time in the woods watching and listening to birds.

> We are a welcoming group and encourage you to come and see what we are about. A desire to learn is the primary qualification we look for in volunteers. Join us on April 19 at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street at 6 p.m. for social time before the meeting starts at 6:30. In appreciation for our meeting space, we welcome donations of nonperishable food for the church food bank.

A Zoom link for those unable to join us in person will be posted on our website, weminucheaudubon. org, prior to the meeting.

CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIR HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE. \*\* PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED PROPERTY.

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#### **Recreation News**

## **Tee-ball league registration closes Friday**

#### By Matt Zaborowski Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for our tee-ball league. The tee-ball league is for 4- and 5-year-olds and the cost is \$40. Games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 5:20 p.m. The season will run for four weeks in May. The deadline to register is April 14.

#### Youth baseball (ages 6-12)

Youth baseball registration for ages 6-12 is open until May 5. The registration fee is \$40 for the first child and \$20 for a second child in the same household. Online registration will be available through the town's website, or you can fill out a

registration form at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Practices will start the week of May 8 and games will begin the week of June 5.

#### Adult softball (coed and men's league)

Registration for coed and men's adult softball is open until June 2. Games will start the week of June 13 and end mid-July. There will be a two-week tournament after double elimination. The cost is \$250 to register a team. There is no online registration for this program.

#### Online registration

You can register online at https://www.pagosasprings. co.gov/recreation-division or stop by the Community Center to fill

#### out a form.

Please call the Recreation Department with any questions at (970) 264-4151, ext. 233



**The Pagosa Springs SUN** 970-264-2100

# **Public Notices**

#### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2023-001

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is gi to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 12, 2023, 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) Jonathan A. Bollig and Brandie J.

Herrera Original Beneficiary(ies) Bank of the San Jua

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Park Tree Foundation, LLC Date of Deed of Trust May 09, 2006

County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 16, 2006 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20604449

Original Principal Amount \$62,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$61,080.26 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 thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 602, PAGOSA HIGHLANDS ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FEBRUARY 7, 1972, AS RECEPTION NO. 75409, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.

Also known by street and number Court, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. as: 45 Navajo

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 Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 05/11/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. 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 3/16/2023

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 01/12/2023

FIsa 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: Brown Dunning Walker Fein PC 2000 SOUTH COLORADO BLVD., TOWER TWO, SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80222 (303) 329-3363 Attorney File # 3938-018

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided

#### mav be used for that purpose

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DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF COLOBADO

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021CV030040 DIVISION NO.

COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM Plaintiff, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS

ASSOCIATION

#### Defendants, GERALDINE JANSSEN

Sheriff Sale 2023-06 Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38 38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please

take notice: This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated February 2, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on June 12, 2002 at Rec. No. 20205277, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of he County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a

lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners

Attorney or Party Without Party Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number (970) 264-8321 Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CANADIAN CRAFTS, INC.

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice Dated: March 7, 2023 Published in The Pagosa Sun. First Publication: March 16, 2023. Last Publication: April 13, 2023. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action Case Number 2023CV030015 Attorney or Party Without Party: Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number (970) 264-8321 Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CANADIAN CRAFTS. INC.

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109 Harman Park Drive Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO

Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action Case Number 2023CV030024 Attorney or Party Without Party Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number (970) 264-8321 Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Bule

Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action. Case Number 2023CV030020 Attorney or Party Without Party: Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number (970) 264-8321 Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CANADIAN CRAFTS, INC.

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Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action. Case Number 2023CV030018 Attorney or Party Without Party Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708

#### COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL

PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners

Defendants, CLETUS FOY; JANET FOY

Sheriff Sale 2023-08 Regarding: Sheriff Sale of Real Property under Decree of Foreclosure, pursuant to Court Order and C.R.S. §38-38-101 et seq., County of Archuleta, State of Colorado TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated January 3, 2023, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on September 21, 2016 at Rec No. 21606036, in the records of the Clerk and Records of the County of Archuleta. State of Colorado. The judicia foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, against real property legally described as follows

Lot 418, PAGOSA TRAILS, PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng

Also known as: 31 Arroyo Ct, Pagosa Springs CO 81147 NOTICE OF SALE

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 10:00 a.m., on the 24th day of May, 2023 at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 phone number 970-264-8434. At which sale, the above described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

\*\*BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIF HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE. \*\*

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

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Mike Le Roux. Sheriff

Archuleta County, Colorado

By: /s/ Lorena Medina

Lorena Medina, Office Manage ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF: ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC

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DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022CV030068 DIVISION NO. COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Associa

Defendants, CLETUS FOY; JANET FOY Sheriff Sale 2023-09

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BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE FRUITLAND COAL FORMATION, IGNACIO-BLANCO FIELD, LA PLATA AND ARCHULETA COUNTIES, COLORADO ) CAUSE NO. 112 DOCKET NO. 230200055

TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING Red Willow Production Company ("Red Willow" or "Applicant") (Operator No. 81295) ("Applicant") filed an Application with the Commission for an order to establish a drilling and spacing unit, as well as to authorize the drilling of up to six (6) multi-lateral horizontal wells, each with four (4) to six (6) laterals per well within the proposed unit on lands identified below. This Notice was sent to you because the Applicant believes you may own oil or gas ("mineral") interests within the proposed unit Generally, spacing is the process whereby an applicant obtains approval to assign certain mineral interests to be developed by a specific number of wells. Importantly spacing is not pooling, and it is not an application for a drilling permit.

APPLICATION LANDS Township 32 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M. Section 1: N1⁄2 Township 33 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M. Section 14: W1/2, SE1/4 Section 15: All Section 22: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, Lots 1-4 (All) Section 23: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, Lots 1-4 (All) Section 24: W1⁄2 Section 25: W1/2. SE1/4 Section 26: Section 27: E1⁄2 Section 35: All N1/2, N1/2S1/2, Lots 1-4 (All) Section 36: DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF HEARING (Subject to change) The assigned Hearing Officer will hold a hearing only on the above-referenced docket number at the following date, time, and location: Date: June 7, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m. Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Place: The Chancery Building 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, CO 80203

**PETITIONS** DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS BY AFFECTED PERSONS: May 8, 2023

Any interested party who wishes to participate formally must file a written petition with the Commission no later than the deadline provided above. Please see Commission Rule 507 at https://cogcc.state.co.us, under "Regulation," then select "Rules." Please note that, under Commission Rule 510.I. the deadline for petitions may only be continued for good cause, even if the hearing is continued beyond the date that is stated above. Pursuant to Commission Rule 507, if you do not file a proper petition, the Hearing Officer will not know that you wish to formally participate in this matter and the date and time of the hearing may change without additional notice to you. Parties wishing to file a petition must register online at https://oitco.hylandcloud.com/DNRCOGExternalAccess Account/Login.aspx and select "Request Access to Site. Please refer to our "eFiling Users Guidance Book" at https://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Hearings/ External\_Efiling\_System\_Handbook\_December\_2021\_ Final.pdf for more information. Under Commission Rule 508, if no petition is filed, the Application may be approved administratively without a formal hearing Any Affected Person who files a petition must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of May 8, 2023, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant or by any person who has filed a petition. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 five business days of the date of its decision. If you are satisfied with the county board's decision, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the valuation and classification reflected in the county board's decision. If you disagree with the action of the county board, you may file an appeal with the State Board of Assessment Appeals or the district court, or you may request a binding arbitration hearing. Your appeal must be made within 30 days of the date of the county board's mailed decision. For additional information regarding the protest and appeal process, contact your county assessor at (970)944-2225 ext. 140. Published April 13, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.

#### Vinston D Carlson, et al Case No.: 2022CV30045 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM Sheriff Sale 2023-10 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered December 22, 2022, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof VINSTON D CARLSON HARRIET R CARLSON JOYCE C MYERS, TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE TRUST, DATED NOVMEBER 2, 2004 TYLER SAENZ DONALD D HOLT LAVERA HOLT ROBERT L MITTEN HELEN D MITTEN MARSHALL L CROSS PAULINE R CROSS CANDACE J WARNER BARRY WARNER CHRISTY BARBER AMY JOY WARNER GINNY WARNER SHELLEY WARNER EARL B MOIZE WALINELL MOIZE GARY D PERKINS CELESTE A PERKINS MICHAEL EUBANKS, TRUSTEE OF THE MICHAEL AND HYDIE EUBANKS JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST HYDIE EUBANKS TRUSTEE OF THE MICHAEL AND HYDIE EUBANKS JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST PATRICIA A MORRISON, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP OF ERNEST R MORRISON PEDRO ALDERETE

JERI ALDERETE Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs. Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.

Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

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

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on 7th of June, 2023, Sale Number 2023-10 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147 sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: 4/13/2023 Last Publication: 5/11/2023 Name of Publication: The Pagosa Sun NOTICE OF RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES URSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Total: \$3,435.82 ROBERT L MITTEN and HELEN D MITTEN (C#178756151) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 37, Lot (Unit) Number 7110, Building Number 3, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.70 Interest: \$280.92 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,437.44 MARSHALL L CROSS and PAULINE R CROSS (C#178761433) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 40, Lot (Unit) Number 7115, Building Number 4, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00 Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3.435.82 CANDACE J WARNER and BARRY WARNER and CHRISTY BARBER and AMY JOY WARNER and GINNY WARNER and SHELLEY WARNER (C#178762407) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 3, Lot (Unit) Number 7105, Building Number 2A. Unpaid Assessments: \$1,614.92 Interest: \$207.27 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,068.01 CANDACE J WARNER and BARRY WARNER and CHRISTY BARBER and AMY JOY WARNER and GINNY WARNER and SHELLEY WARNER (C#178762415) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 25, Lot (Unit) Number 7105, Building Number 2A, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00 Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,435.82 EARL B MOIZE and WAUNELL MOIZE (C#178763694) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 41, Lot (Unit) Number 7116, Building Number 4, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00 Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,435.82 GARY G PERKINS and CELESTE A PERKINS (C#178763884) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 50, Lot (Unit) Number 7115, Building Number 4, Unpaid Assessments: \$1.389.54 Interest: \$151.17 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,786.53 MICHAEL EUBANKS AND HYDIE EUBANKS, TRUSTEES OF THE MICHAEL AND HYDIE EUBANKS JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST (C#178802484) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 7, Lot (Unit) Number 7116, Building Number 4. Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00 Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,435.82 PATRICIA A MORRISON, surviving joint tenant with rights of survivorship of ERNEST R MORRISON (C#179201660) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 26, Lot (Unit) Number 7114. Building Number 4. Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00 Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,435.82 VINSTON D CARLSON and HARRIET R CARLSON (C#179301825) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 15, Lot (Unit) Number 7116, Building Number 4, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00 Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3.435.82 PEDRO ALDERETE and JERI ALDERETE (C#179400221) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 20, Lot (Unit) Number 7118, Building Number 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,562.63 Interest: \$194.22 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,002.67 In Flk Bun Townhouses All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Lot (Unit) Weeks in the described Units in Elk Run Townhouses as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 140480 and 0151975, subject to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run ownhouses recorded as Reception Number 140481, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta

County, Colorado. Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

> COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2023-002

This Notice is

CRAFTS, INC.

Case Number 2023CV030019

Attorney or Party Without Party

Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708 P.O. Box 1507

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number (970) 264-8321

ARCHULETA COUNTY

Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: CANADIAN

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the

last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice Dated: April 3, 2023 Published in The Pagosa Sun First Publication: April 13, 2023 Last Publication: May 11, 2023 Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

ARCHULETA COUNTY January 2023 PAYABLES			
VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOU	INT
A SAFE PLACE IN PAGOSA	ARPA SUBMISSION 8 & 9	\$	17,579.98
ACCURATE LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES	LEGAL SERVICES	\$	914.00
ACTIVE 911 INC	EMERGENCY ALERT SUBSCRIPTION	\$	810.00
ADRIAN A CHAVEZ VALENZUELA ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	TRAINING REGISTRATION FLEET PARTS AND SUPPLIES	\$ \$	51.97 94.52
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	1,353.08
ALL-PRO FORMS, INC.	TREASURER SUPPLIES	\$	2,962.78
ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS ALSCO	PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL UNIFORM AND CLEANING SERVICES	\$ \$	560.00 1,023.64
ALUGO ALVIN SCHAAF	MILEAGE	\$	120.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SO & INMATE SUPPLIES	\$	1,423.79
ANN SALAZAR ARCHULETA COUNTY SOLID WASTE	WINTER CONFERENCE PER DIEM KSUT FOLK FEST DUMPSTER RENTAL	\$ \$	207.50
ARCHULETA COUNTY TREASURER	PHASE IV DEEDS	э \$	953.50 8,164.38
ARCHULETA COUNTY VICTIM	DHS-TANF CONT SVCS DEC. 22	\$	1,667.00
ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT	DHS-CMP DEC EXPENSES	\$	51.38
ARCHULETA SENIORS, INC. ARTISTIC CUSTOM BADGES & COINS	2023 Q1 GRANT FUNDS SO UNIFORM SUPPLIES	\$ \$	57,500.00 226.50
ASPIRE MEDICAL SERVICES	DHS-TANF MENS CLASSES NOV	\$	416.66
AT YOUR DISPOSAL	COUNTY TRASH SERVICE	\$	2,910.00
AT&T MOBILITY LLC.		\$	3,118.17
AXXIS AUDIO OF DURANGO BADGEANDWALLET.COM	DHS-FIRE & ALARM MONITORING SEPT 22-DEC 23 SO UNIFORM SUPPLIES	\$ \$	1,201.87 600.00
BARBARA ELEANOR LUCERO	WINTER CONFERENCE PER DIEM	\$	207.50
BI INCORPORATED	SO SUPPLIES	\$	367.40
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	COUTY NATURAL GAS SERVICE	\$	23,150.85
BOK FINANCIAL BR PRINTERS, INC.	LOAN PAYMENT TREASURER TAX NOTICES	\$ \$	125,102.04 6,400.00
BRUCKNER'S TRUCK SALES	FLEET SUPPLIES	\$	313.09
BUCKSKIN TOWING & REPAIR	TOWING TO COUNTY SHOP	\$	152.90
BWD CONSTRUCTION	SNOW REMOVAL	\$	4,661.25
C & J GRAVEL PRODUCTS, INC CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COUNTY SAND COUNTY COPIER LEASE AND USEAGE	\$ \$	3,493.77 7,138.80
CAREY COSTELLO	SW OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	36.25
CARL MACHT	PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SERVICES	\$	320.00
	WASTEWORKS SOFTWARE Q1	\$	250.00
CASCADE WATER-COFFEE CO. CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICING	OFFICE SUPPLIES LANDFILL EQUIPMENT FINANCE FEE	\$ \$	49.46 1,629.50
CCI PUBLIC LANDS INC.	2023 PUBLIC LAND DUES	\$	1,239.00
CENTURYLINK	COUNTY LANDLINE SERVICE	\$	1,221.40
CHARM-TEX INC. CHEREE HENDERSON		\$ \$	261.90
CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	WINTER CONFERENCE PER DIEM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	э \$	207.50 34,197.71
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	COUNTY FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$	185.15
COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF TRANSIT	2023 AGENCY MEMBERSHIP	\$	332.75
COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIIONS COLORADO CORONERS ASSOCIATION	DECEMBER CCW SERVICES 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ \$	275.50 1,287.00
COLORADO CONTIES CASUALTY & PROPERTY POOL	2023 ANNUAL CAPP CONTRIBUTION	\$ \$	686,691.00
COLORADO COUNTIES INC.	2023 ANNUAL DUES	\$	13,500.00
COLORADO COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION	2023 ANNUAL DUES	\$	1,217.37
COLORADO COUNTY TREASURER COLORADO DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	ASSOCIATION DUES JUNE 22-MAY23 2023 BIOLOGICAL SUBSCRIPTION	\$ \$	700.00 1,000.00
COLORADO DEPT OF AGRICOLI ORE	BRAIS Q4 SURCHARGES	\$ \$	1,360.00
COLORADO STATE TREASURER	2022 Q4 UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	\$	4,242.85
CONSERVANCY OIL CO. OF DURANGO	FLEET FUEL AND SUPPLIES	\$	1,620.29
CORNER HOUSE COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA	DHS-CW FORENSIC INTVW TRNG CORONER SERVICES	\$ \$	2,150.00 200.00
COWBOY CAR WASH	COUNTY USE NOV & DEC. 2022	\$	431.99
CROSSFIRE AGGREGATE SERVICE	ROAD BASE GRAVEL	\$	13,442.77
DAVIS ENGINEERING DELTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT	PROJECTS P07217/P07771 DHS-CS CIVIL SERVICE	\$ \$	130,618.00 55.00
DELTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	э \$	6,882.57
DENISE INEZ	WINTER CONFERENCE PER DIEM	\$	207.50
DIVISION OF PROPERTY TAXATION	CLASS FEES	\$	180.00
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING DURANGO FAMILY LAW	EMPLOYEE SCREENING DHS-CW & CS ATTY FEES DEC. 22	\$ \$	1,055.00 8,075.80
DURANGO MOTOR COMPANY	FLEET PARTS	\$	232.44
ELIZABETH ANNE BLIZZARD-	CORONER ON CALL	\$	200.00
ELK PARK ANIMAL HOSPITAL		\$ \$	800.00
ETHAN PROUD FLYERS ENERGY LLC.	PARKING FEE REIMBURSEMENT COUNTY FUEL	ъ \$	10.00 34,187.01
FORREST CONST-BEARFOOT GARAGE	PO 000873	\$	4,453.50
FOUR CORNERS MATERIALS	ASPHALT	\$	1,489.36
GALLS, LLC. GEORGE DEAVERS	UNIFORM SUPPLIES AUTOPSY ASSISTANT NOVEMBER	\$ \$	1,026.29 100.00
GEORGE T. SANDERS COMPANY	SO TRAINING SUPPLIES	\$	174.12
GLADIATOR INVESTMENT GROUP	REFUND PERMIT FEE	\$	700.00
GRAINGER	R&B VEHICLE SUPPLIES	\$	532.62
HAZEL WEDEMEYER HEALTHY ARCHULETA	WINTER CONFERENCE PER DIEM FSFE NOVEMBER EXPENSES	\$ \$	207.50 21,895.37
HIGH COUNTRY TITLE, INC.	PHASE II O&E REPORTS	9 \$	800.00
HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO.	FLEET SUPPLIES	\$	301.89
HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS	JANUARY 2023 CONTRIBUTION	\$	5,833.24
HUNT INSURANCE GROUP LLC J.J. KELLER & ASSOCIATES	2023 CIMI INSURANCE RENEWAL FLEET SAFETY SUPPLIES	\$ \$	4,710.00 21.05
JACKALOPE PRINT & DESIGN	UNIFORM SERVICING	\$	75.00
JAMES JENNINGS	CDL PHYSICAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$	93.50
	REGIONAL BROADBAND WORKSHOP	\$	167.00
JASON HIBBERT	CORONER ON CALL WINTER CONFERENCE PER DIEM	\$ \$	300.00 207.50

For more information, you may review the Application, which was sent to you with this Notice. You may also contact the Applicant at the phone number or email address listed below.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at Cogcc.Hearings\_Unit@state.co.us, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made. OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO By Mimi Larsen, Commission Secretary Dated: April 3, 2023 Red Willow Production Company c/o Jillian Fulcher Ryan McKee Beatty & Wozniak, P.C. 1675 Broadway, Suite 600 Denver, CO 80202 303-407-4499 jfulcher@bwenergylaw.com rmckee@bwene Published April 13, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

#### REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYER REMEDIES (Media Release) NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT:

Sherri Boyce - Assessor P O Box 28 Lake City, CO 81235 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (970) 944-2225 ext. 140 For tax years 2023 and 2024, the county assessor is required by law to appraise all real property at a June 30, 2022 level of value. Notices of Valuation reflecting the 2023 values will be sent to owners of real property

by May 1. The information used by the assessor to value your property is available for your review. From May 2 through June 8, owners of real property may protest the value or the classification established by the assessor. This protest period provides an opportunity for taxpayers to inform the assessor of errors in classification, property description, or other discrepancies that may result in a reduction in value or a change in classification.

Protests to the assessor must be postmarked or presented in person on or before June 8. The assessor must make a decision concerning your protest and mail you a written Notice of Determination on or before the last working day in June.

For protests of values on rent producing commercial real property, taxpayers must submit, two full years of rental income data, two full years of tenant reimbursement data, two years of itemized expenses and two full years of rent roll data on or before July 17. For further information, please contact your county assessor's office.) If you are satisfied with the assessor's determination, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the value and classification reflected on the Notice of Determination. If you disagree with the assessor's decision, you may file an appeal with the county board of equalization An appeal to the county board of equalization must be postmarked or hand-delivered no later than July 17. The county board will notify you by mail of the hearing date, time, and place where you may present evidence to substantiate your case. Evidence includes documentation such as the sale prices of properties similar to yours that sold between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2022. The county board will conclude hearings and render decisions by the close of business on August 7. The county board must mail you a decision within

IS ATTACHED HERETO. IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED. THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A

FIRST LIEN.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for Archuleta County, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed February 9, 2023. Mike Le Roux, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: Lorena Medina orena Medina, Office Manager EXHIBIT "A" Elk Run Townhouses Matter Amount VINSTON D CARLSON and HARRIET R CARLSON (C#178708822) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 25, Lot (Unit) Number 7102, Building Number 1, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00 Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,435.82 JOYCE C MYERS, TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (C#178709739) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 47, Lot (Unit) Number 7106, Building Number 2, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00 Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,435.82 TYLER SAENZ (C#178751772) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 36, Lot (Unit) Number 7108, Building Number Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00

Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$3,435.82 DONALD D HOLT and LAVERA HOLT (C#178753323) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 21, Lot (Unit) Number 7108, Building Number 2, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00 Interest: \$280.77 Late Fees: \$50.00 Costs: \$195.82

to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 9, 2023, 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) RALPH JOSEPH SHEPHERD AND JOANN MIHOTZ Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC

REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. Current Holder of Evidence of Debt DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-AR11, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR11 Date of Deed of Trust March 20, 2006 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 21, 2006 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20602621 Original Principal Amount \$135,200.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$113,085.31 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 2 OF BLOCK 23 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 20, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74785. Also known by street and number as: 98 W BEUCLER LANE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by 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 Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/08/2023, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. 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 4/13/2023 Last Publication 5/11/2023 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 MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 02/09/2023 Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado By: /s/ 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: Randall M Chin, Esq #31149 Barrett Frappier Weisserman, LLP 1391 SPEER BLVD. SUITE 700, DENVER, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711 Attorney File # 00000009707340 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is ttempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose. ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015 Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 2023 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

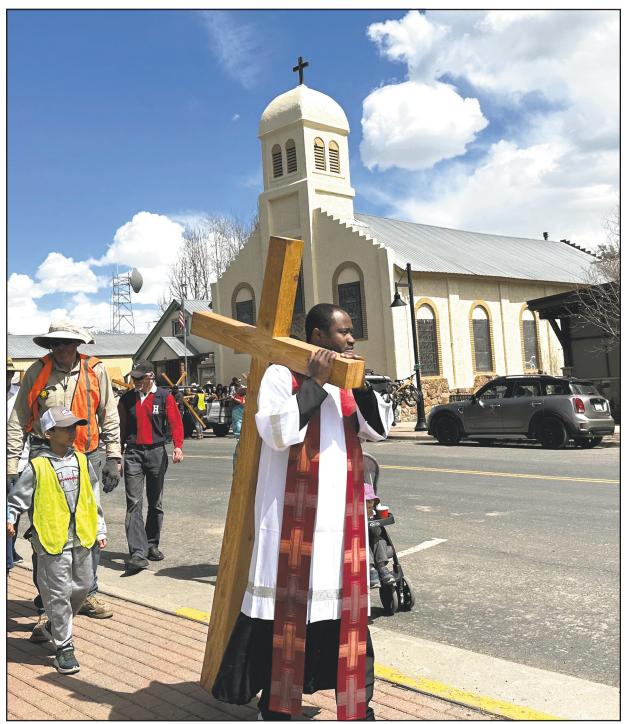
109 Harman Park Drive Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO

Defendants: Canadian Crafts, Inc., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action.

JAMES JENNIN JASON HIBBEF JEFFREY STUCKWISH JUSTICE BENEFITS INC KELLY L. ROBERTSON KEVIN POGUE KILGORE COMPANIES, LLC. KNOT YOUR AVERAGE THREAD KNOWBE4, INC. KRISTY ARCHULETA LA PLATA COUNTY DHS LA PLATA COUNTY SHERIFF LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION LA PLATA FAMILY CENTERS LEXIPOL. LLC. LIFE PATH, LLC. MARSHALL & SWIFT MEGAN CANTU MHC KENWORTH MHQ OF NEW MEXICO MITCHELL & COMPANY, LLC. MOBILE JO, LLC. MODERN IMAGINE SOLUTIONS MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND & SECURITY MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. MUTUAL OF OMAHA NAVAJO TRAIL RENTAL CENTER NEWEGG BUSINESS INC. NORTH AMERICAN INVASIVE SPECIES ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS O'REILLY AUTO PARTS ORKIN, LLC. PAGCO INCORPORATED PAGOSA SPRINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER PAP. LLC. PARKER'S WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS PARTS PLUS OF NEW MEXICO PEDRO CARAVEO POWERLINE TECHNOLOGIES INC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY, LLC PROSCREENING, LLC. QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC. **REYNOLDS ASH & ASSOCIATES** ROBERTA E. AMBROSE ROSE MOUNTAIN DHS LLC. SALT LAKE WHOLESALE SPORTS SHAMROCK FOODS COMPANY SHANNON L. BALDERAS SHORT-ELLIOTT-HENDRICKSON SOUTHERN COLORADO COMMUNITY STATE OF COLORADO (IDS) STATE OF COLORADO JUDICIAL STERLING INFOSYSTEMS INC TERRY'S ACE HARDWARE THE LANE LAW FIRM P.C. THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN THE PONDEROSA LUMBER COMPANY THE WATER RUNNER THOMSON REUTERS - WEST TINA WOODMAN TODD WEAVER TONYA M. HAMILTON TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS TRANSWEST TRUCK TRAILER RV TRAUTNER GEOTECH, LLC. TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY VALE-VICTIM ASSISTANCE VAL'S VIP CLEANING LLC. VALUEWEST, INC. VERIZON WIRELESS VERONICA MEDINA (C) VIGILANT SOLUTIONS LLC WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO. WAGNER RENTS INC. WARREN BROWN WESTERN PAPER DISTRIBUTORS WORLD FUEL SERVICES, INC.

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The annual Good Friday pilgrimage procession took place from Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church to Pope John Paul II Church on April 7 with Father Samuel Auta leading the group.

### Some forest roads impassable due to winter weather

#### By Scott Owen U.S. Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest is assessing damage caused by winter weather on seasonally closed roads. Some usually passable roads are covered in deep snow and will not be passable for several weeks. Many forest roads are covered by more snow than in recent years, leading to a delay in reopening the roads.

The Pagosa Ranger District recreation staff have been assessing roads this spring and opening as conditions allow. The San Juan National Forest will continue to monitor road conditions; upper elevation and backcountry roads will be opened June 1 or later as conditions permit.

surfaces. Travel on muddy roads or trails creates damage that lasts throughout the year. The road or trail is not ready for travel if you leave a tire print or a boot print in the mud. Delay your trip on the road or trail until the mud dries. Even though a road may appear dry at its beginning does not mean it's ready to be traveled on further up in elevation or distance.

Closures offer wildlife herds forage, shelter and protection from disturbance over the winter and into early spring, when animals are most vulnerable. Seasonal closures also prevent damage to road surfaces during freezing and thawing periods, even if snow levels are not very deep. Spring conditions

and/or to prevent damage to road snow drifts, waterlogged roadbeds, down trees or other debris. Visitors are asked to stay off wet roads and respect road closures, which will decrease long-term and costly damages to the roadway.

> When visiting the national forest, please follow Leave No Trace principals and, to get the most out of your experience, visit the Know Before You Go website. The Recreate Responsibly Coalition also offers guidelines and tips for getting outside and staying healthy while practicing responsible outdoor recreation and wildfire prevention activities.

For specific road information, visit the road conditions Web page or contact the Pagosa Ranger District at (970) 264-2268.

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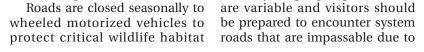
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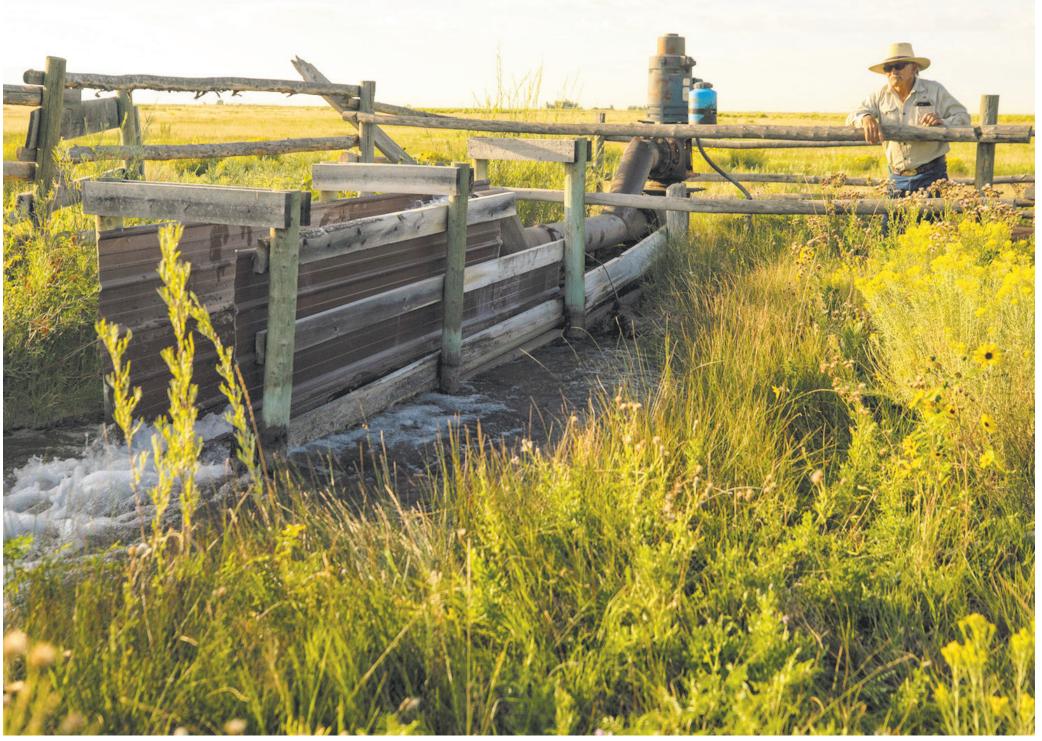


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"Voices of the Grand Canyon" describes indigenous points of view about the lands through which the Colorado River flows. See "Voices of the Grand Canyon" Saturday at The Springs Resort. The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Environmental Film Festival tickets are going fast at www.pagosagreen.org/environmentafilmfestival.

# Spring thaw and environmental films to open Pagosa's Earth Week

#### By Sally High

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's (GGP) 2023 Environmental Film Festival is finally here. The celebration of spring opens Pagosa Springs Earth Week this Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, at The Springs Resort.

Nine films by Colorado filmmakers or about Colorado will be shown this year. GGP supporters will once again visit with environmentally minded friends, trace Colorado water, and discuss Colorado experiences and history. The 2023 Film Festival benefits the GGP's educational and operational expenses.

Guests will enjoy three films by Christi Bode Skeie on See Films on next page



Friday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jackson Mountain Ramblers, 5 p.m.

#### Tuesday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.

Wednesday The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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# Earth Day 2023 celebration being planned

#### By Pauline Benetti

Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The SOS Earth Day Planning Committee is well into planning Earth Day 2023, so mark that day on your calendar: Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and beyond. The event will take place along the Riverwalk in Centennial Park, roughly between the two foot bridges with an entrance at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) site.

Our theme this year is "\*\* GROW \*\* Soil — Gardens — Peace — Community."

Our Earth Day celebration is dedicated in memoriam of Puja Parsons and Phyl Daleske — both planet warriors, each one in her own unique way.

Once again, we extend a warm invite to any business, nonprofit organization, agency, organization, etc. that believes it has a stake in the outcome to participate in our celebration of planet Earth, our home. Contact information is below.

During the days preceding April 22, several opportunities to reflect

upon the meaning of Earth Day offer themselves.

On April 14 and 15, the GGP's Colorado Environmental Film Festival invites you to a gala evening on Friday evening and to two viewings of nine environmental films on Saturday at 10 a.m. or 5 p.m. Tickets are available at www. pagosagreen.org.

At 6 p.m. on April 20, the Library Lifelong Learning Lecture Series will host Bill Hudson presenting "A Curious View of Northwest Coast Native American Art."

The library will also host an Earth Day display from April 16 through Earth Day which will include, among other attractions, Darryl Saffer, local environmentalist and photographer/filmographer. His recent prize-winning film "Pagosa Is My Name" tells the environmental story of our home. Watch for a showing of this film soon.

Participate with a booth or table and a giveaway of some type appropriate to the celebration. Contact us at sospagosa@hotmail. com or call (970)264-5232.

# Films

■ continued from previous page Friday evening at the Premiere Gala starting at 5 p.m. in The Springs Resort Phoenix Room. Tickets for the premiere gala are \$50 and include all nine films on Saturday. Friday evening a crepe buffet and a discounted cash bar will welcome GGP supporters as they greet likeminded locals and meet filmmaker Christi Bode Skeie. She will describe her professional filmmaking and environmental focus.

All nine Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) Caravan films, each new to Pagosa Springs, will be shown Saturday in two sessions. Two start times, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., are necessary, because seating is limited. Each Saturday session is \$15. The GGP receives films, licensed by the filmmakers, from the CEFF, held each year in February.

Films will be shown in the conference space adjacent to the Phoenix Room. Here is the order of the GGP's first-run films:

• "Right Here Right Now"

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• "Voices of the Grand Canyon"

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"Our Desert Farms""Chasing Water"

- "Mighty Oak"
- "Farm to Faucet "
- "Counting Cranes"
- "The Seekers
- "Amache Rose"

The 2022 film festival sold out. 2023 tickets are moving fast. Round up your friends and purchase your tickets today. Go to https://www. pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival.

Ticket holders do not receive paper tickets. Your names will be at the registration table where GGP volunteers will welcome and wristband you. Registration online is greatly encouraged and only available through Saturday morning. Tickets, for cash, may be available at the door if there are empty seats.

The GGP thanks the Pagosa community of environmentally aware supporters for enthusiasm and local stewardship. The GGP is "growing food and community with local energy!" See you at the film fest and on the Riverwalk.





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Celebrity designers for this Saturday's gala event, The Library Affair, are hoping to take home one of these coveted awards for receiving the highest bids on their book-themed table. Tickets for the gala event are available online at www.pagosalibrary.org. Left: The Ruby Award, designed by Mary Kurt-Mason. Right: The Pagosa Pulitzer Prize designed by Jim Lutowski.

## The Library Affair gala slated for Saturday

#### By Sally Neel

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

This Saturday, April 15, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts (2313 Eagle Drive), supporters of our beloved Ruby Sisson Memorial Library will gather for The Library Affair gala event.

This promises to be a joyful evening, filled with plenty of eye candy (20 beautifully decorated tables based on book themes) on which to bid, great food, a free drink ticket included with admission ticket price (\$50), a cash libation bar (alcoholic and nonalcoholic) and a room filled with friends with whom to share the fun. Wear your favorite bling and be sure to bring some extra cash for the cash bar and chance tickets (\$10 each or 15 tickets for \$100) for three special tables. Parking space is limited, so perhaps you can make it a night out with friends by sharing a ride.

A fabulous food buffet will provide a wide selection of mouthwatering delicacies by the culinary class at Pagosa Springs High School under the direction of Chef Todd Stevens that will no doubt delight your pallet. The menu includes smoked salmon with crostini goat cheese, various flavors of bruschetta, pita bread with roasted garlic humus, mini shrimp cocktail with fried garlic chili, smoked petit filet medallions with rosemary horseradish crema, fruit brochettes, lamb kofta skewers with Harrissa tzatziki, a fruit and cheese display, Italian toasted scallion meatballs (pork) with balsamic glaze, and Thai chicken lettuce wraps with cilantro wine vinaigrette and peanut sauce. A specialty 'Ruby's Affair" drink is being created by Annie and Tony DeMille.

The event will be emceed by

Brooks Lindner with special entertainment by Steve Blechschmidt on acoustic guitar. A live auction for the five tables receiving the most online votes will take place later in the evening with Darren Lewis serving as auctioneer.

The coveted Ruby Award for the highest auction bid will also be presented, as well as the The Pagosa Pulitzer Prize for the top recipient of online votes. The Ruby Award is a gorgeous one-of-a-kind glass plate designed and created by Mary Kurt-Mason. Last year, Evelyn Tennyson won the Ruby Award and generously donated the prize back to the live auction. The lucky winner purchased it for \$2,500. Last year's 2022 Pulitzer Prize, designed by Jim Lutomski, was won by Robin Brobst, Terri Frahm and Jenny Highum. These talented artists will have tables representing their See Gala on next page

NUSIC at the Springs Resort = 5-7 pm in the Lodge Atrium Saturday, April 15 Jackson Mountain Ramblers **Tuesday, April 18 Dustin Burley** Friday, April 21 Joel Racheff Saturday, April 22 Jason Rose Charcuterie Board \$45 available for purchase during live music 323 Hot Springs Blvd. 800-225-0934 pagosahotsprings.com **Your Local Eatery** serving Prime Steaks, Seafood, Pastas, Subs, Wraps & Salads Eat In or Take Out Open Tuesday-Saturday • 11 am-9 pm Call Today to Reserve Our Private Gondola 970.398.2409 CAFE & GRILLE 2151 Eagle Drive | cityhallcafe.co | 970.398.2409



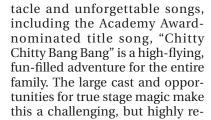
# 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' auditions this weekend

Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa is holding auditions this weekend for "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

Auditions will be held in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. Video auditions will also be accepted, please contact the artistic director at director. curtainsup@gmail.com for more information.

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"Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" is sure to be a delight to all. Come join us and be a part of our 2023 summer musical. Show dates are June 29 through July 2. More information on shows and tickets to come, so stay tuned.



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### Pagosa Bible Church announces film night series

By Denise and Eric Fisk Pagosa Bible Church

A free film night series will be offered at Pagosa Bible Church for six Fridays beginning on April 14 and continuing each Friday, with the last night being May 19.

Attend one night or all as each night is a separate film. A Christian growth film will be shown followed by group discussion. Each film will deal with how modern science substantiates the Bible.

The starting time is 6:30 p.m. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Pagosa Bible Church is located at 209 Harman Park Drive (behind Wells Fargo). Call (303) 828-6386 for more information.



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Don't forget, you can still go online (www.pagosalibrary.org) to vote for your favorite table. Each vote costs \$2 and helps your favorite artist/table advance toward one of these coveted awards. Voting opportunities will end at midnight tonight, so go to your computer right now to make your selection. Tickets may be purchased online at the same online site, or you may purchase them in person at the library (cash or check only). Tickets that are not sold in advance will be made available at the door.

Come and show your support for the library expansion project and join us at The Library Affair this Saturday evening. It will be a night to remember.

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# Noxious Weed of the Month: camelthorn

#### By Ethan Proud PREVIEW Columnist

If you have been keeping up with the Noxious Weed of the Month for the past five seasons, then you have been introduced to most of the weed species that are found in Archuleta County. This season, we will focus largely on plant species that are not present in Archuleta County.

Does this mean that you should skip these featured species? Not at all. The easiest weed to manage is the one that you don't have yet. Prevention is the most costeffective management strategy and a cornerstone of Archuleta County Weed and Pest's educational campaign.

To kick off this year's Noxious Weed of the Month, we will cover camelthorn, a noxious weed on the Colorado A List. Its status on the A list means that the goal is eradication whenever found. It has not been reported in Colorado yet, but it has been found along the San Juan River in Utah and is present along the West Coast from Washington to California and inland as far as New Mexico and Utah.

Camelthorn is in the pea family and is a perennial shrub that grows up to 4 feet tall. The flowers range from pinkish purple to maroon and mature into reddish-brown seed pods. The stems are stiff and covered in half-inch-long thorns. Camelthorn reproduces by both seeds and rhizomes, or lateral roots, which can spread 32 feet in a single season.

This plant is a tenacious invader and can grow through asphalt and



housing structures. Camelthorn forms dense stands which have little forage value for wildlife and can become impenetrable for both humans and wildlife due to its thorns.

If you spot this plant in Archuleta County, please report it to the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department.

#### Upcoming events

April 8 and 15 — The Archuleta County Master Gardeners will be at Terry's Ace for the 4 Ws of gardening in Pagosa Springs.

April 22 — Earth Day Events. Look for details in The SUN.

April 24 — An evening discussion on the diverse perspectives of wolves in Colorado. Details to be determined.

April 28 — An evening discussion on climate and weather at 6 p.m. at the Extension office.

April 29 — Viticulture Workshop. Details to be determined.

May 6 — Weed Warrior Program presentations from 9 a.m. to noon at the Extension building. The Weed Warrior Program will cover an introduction to noxious weeds, their control and how to be a steward in your community. Please RSVP with Ethan Proud at eproud@ archuletacounty.org.

May 10 and 11 — Certified seed potato sale.



Photo courtesy Ethan Proud

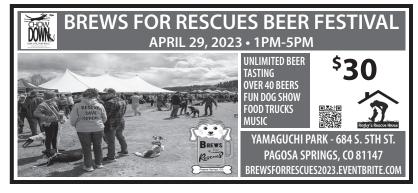
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#### Local Noxious Weed Advisory Board vacancies

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is seeking to fill open positions on the Local Noxious Weed Advisory Board.

According to the Colorado Noxious Weed Act title 35 article 5.5, the local advisory board is appointed by the BoCC. Members will help update the Integrated Pest Management Plan at least every three years and voice suggestions to county staff for ultimate approval by the BoCC.

If you are interested in a posi-See Viewpoints on next page





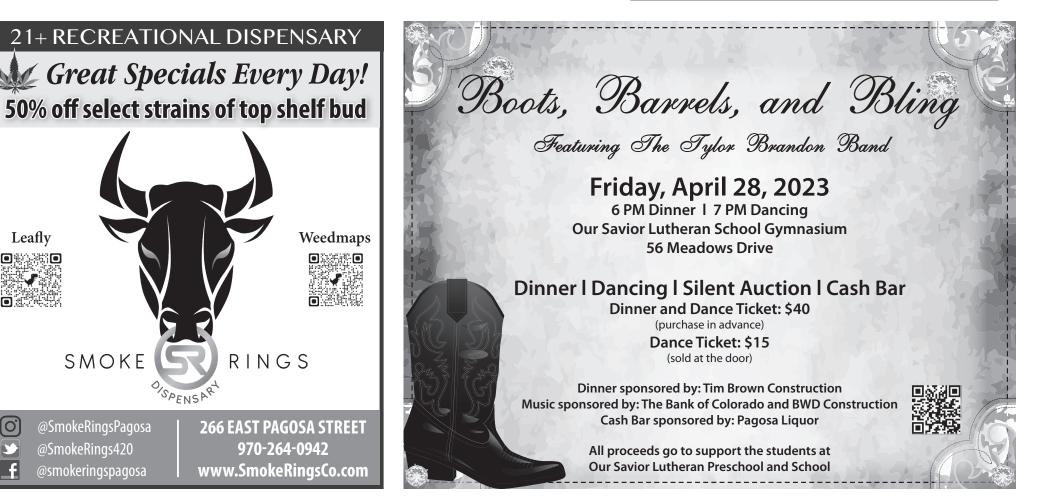
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# My made-up boyfriend

I told the world for the past four years about the book I've been writing that would soon be released into the market. I don't think anyone believes me anymore.

It's like a made-up boyfriend. No one has seen him, but, in my mind, he is real. I continue to tell them how wonderful he is. His name is Luke, 26 and a goodlooking Colorado cowboy. He lives on the Upper Blanco with his fivegeneration family at the Crawford River Ranch, where they run cattle and raise hay.

Bree Steele witnesses a murder and is on the run from the San Francisco Syndicate. She arrives at the Crawford ranch uninvited. Luke sees Bree through the eyes of love — to his grandmother's disappointment.

Luke rescued a curly sulphur mustang from Disappointment Valley, north of Dove Creek, Colo. This put him on the path to meet Dr. Mitch Wilkinson in Pagosa Springs, who works with curly sulphurs. It changed the direction of Luke's story to become a fiction based on actual facts and events.

During the writing of the manuscript, I met the doctor on the front page of The SUN on Feb. 20, 2020. I saw an article titled "D-N-Neigh,"

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written by John Finefrock, about a Pagosa doctor and his two curly sulphur mustangs. I reached out to him and learned more about the dwindling numbers of the Spanish Colonial and the North American curly horse.

The doctor described Pagosa as ground zero for these horses and is close to proving that the genetic mutation that causes the curly hair

#### is unique to North America.

He states, "We have not found this gene anywhere else in the world and it came from the American wild horse herds."

In order to write an authentic story about this dying breed, I needed the doctor's help. Collaborating and making visits to the doctor's house and seeing his curly mustangs, he taught me about DNA and certain genes found in this breed.

He wrote in a recent email. "The Sulphur paper that I sent you is being reviewed in Spain by Dr. Maria Martin. She is a professor at the University of Extremadura in Caceres. She is a vet and a specialist in horse breeding. She also has a Ph.D. in Spanish horse history. Then at Texas A&M the paper is being reviewed by Dr. Gus Cothran. My friend Gus is the most recognized horse geneticist in the U.S.

"I hope to hear back from them next week. I have much the same process as you. While your people are book editors and publishers, mine are scientists and historians."

The doctor and I are on different missions: he's saving a breed, I'm writing a novel. Together, we have a good, believable story with romance and drama about a country family. My book will be on the market very soon. Really.

Final brushstroke: It has been a delightful journey and I plan to turn this story into a series. I hope I can make the people of Pagosa proud. Send your comment to bettys-

lade@centurytel.net.

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## Friday, April 14

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## Saturday, April 15

Two seatings at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. — A \$15 ticket includes 9 films: Right Here Right Now, Voices of the Grand Canyon, Our Desert Farms, Chasing Water, Mighty Oak, Farm to Faucet, Counting Cranes, The Seekers, Amache Rose

> **Tickets at https://pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival.** Proceeds benefit GGP's ongoing educational operations.

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# Local team seeks to conquer two volcanoes in Guatemala for a purpose

#### By Bryce Baca Edify

At the end of April, Bryce Baca, a Pagosa Springs local, is leading a trip to Antigua, Guatemala, with a group of trail runners from Pagosa. They are going with an organization called Edify.

Edify is a global nonprofit that works to help Christ-centered schools in the developing world improve and expand. They currently work with more than 17,000 schools across 12 countries in Latin America and Africa. Edify's cofounder and CEO currently resides in Pagosa Springs along with four other Edify staff members.

Baca's team is going to Guatemala to visit a few of the schools that Edify partners with, but they are also doing something quite extraordinary while they are there. The team is running 20 miles across two volcanoes located outside of the city. The real challenge comes with the 8,000 vertical feet of climbing the team will have to do to reach the top.

The main purpose in doing this adventurous challenge is to raise \$50,000 for Edify. Each member of the team is paying their way to Guatemala, so that means that all the money raised is going to directly to support Edify's operations around the world. Also the team would like to note that every dollar that is raised from this event is being matched by a generous partner. So, if they are able to reach their target, then they will have raised \$100,000.

One of Baca's friends that is running with them is a videographer from Vancouver, Canada, who will be filming a short film about the schools they visit and the run over the volcanoes. Baca plans to premiere the video at an event



Photo courtesy Edify

At the end of April, a team of trail runners from Pagosa Springs will go to Guatemala with local Bryce Baca and Edify to visit schools the organization works with and run across two volcanoes in an effort to raise \$50,000.

later this year for the community to attend. More details to come this summer.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Baca at bbaca@ edify.org. More information can also be found on his Instagram and Facebook pages (@baca.bryce).

#### How you can partner

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### Senior Center to view, discuss 'Antidotes for Ageism'

#### By Rose Chavez PREVIEW Columnist

On Friday, April 14, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Pagosa Senior Center, Archuleta Seniors Inc. will be taking part in the online viewing of the film "Antidotes for Ageism," an original production of Changing the Narrative and the Boulder County Area Agency on Aging, and discussing it. Come join us.

As the Changing the Narrative website (https://changingthenarrativeco.org/) states, "The film introduces how ageism shows up in healthcare and what we can do about it. Did you know that ageism is a risk factor that impacts social, emotional, and physical health? It shortens lifespans and increases social isolation.

"Ageism shows up in systems, societal beliefs and policies: fewer medical students becoming geriatricians, older people historically excluded from clinical trials and the pervasiveness of ageism during the pandemic. People suffer unnecessarily when structures and systems are consciously or unconsciously rife with ageism."

The film, 16 minutes, is a compilation of interviews with professionals who serve older adults and are experts in their fields. Learn from their insights about what ageism is and how it shows up in health care settings. Inspire your community to take actionable steps that will remove ageism from health care.

If you would like to have lunch, you must call or text (970) 264-2167 before Friday or by 9 a.m. Friday. The lunch is pork ramen bowl, spring roll, garden salad and fruit. The suggested donation is \$10 or whatever you can offer to support our services.

#### **Dine in Monday** through Friday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den in person for daily hot meals Mondays through Thursdays downtown at the Ross Aragon Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kind-



ness and warmth.

We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal for a suggested donation of \$10; no one will be turned away. Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, organic garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include: Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays. We look forward to bringing music to the dining hall as the weather warms.

ASI provides a delicious nutrition center that additionally serves as a community hub where food and other resources/supports are available to help older adults and their caretakers stay independent, active, engaged in our community and living in their homes. Weekly educational and social activities include our healthy aging and yoga therapy class, Mahjong and more.

Also, check out our Senior Discount card for local discounts and perks at http://www.psseniors.org/ discount-club.html.

#### New in-person group: **Senior Conversations**

Join us Mondays at 9 a.m. for a series of Senior Conversations



with local Bill Salmansohn. He will lead the group through a mindfulness exercise and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns. The meeting will be held at the Senior Center in the dining hall.

#### Free seasonal art class

The next free art class at the Senior Center will be Tuesday, April 25, at 1:15 p.m. No reservations are required, but space and supplies are limited, so be sure to be there by 1:15 p.m. The class will last approximately an hour and a half.

Not really art, but certainly creative, this craft class will explore how you can transform a simple washcloth into the cutest little spring bunny. No art skill is required for this class, just a desire to have fun and learn how to use your hands and your skill into shaping a little bunny from a washcloth.

All materials will be provided including the washcloth, trimmings, scissors and glue. This is suitable for the grandkids provided they are over 8 years old, and friends are always welcome to join us. Our

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teacher will be Denise Fisk, who is a retired elementary art teacher from Iowa.

Come and enjoy the camaraderie and take home something so cute your friends will be jealous.

#### Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, started by Melissa Bailey, and was continued by Kathy Ruth through the years. The group met in the Senior Center dining room until 2020, took a break due to COVID and then resumed meetings in the Community Center.

They are truly excited to be meeting in the Senior Center dining area again. They will meet each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new 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. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhavercreative@ gmail.com.

### COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of six free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

#### **Text reservations**

Don't forget that we also 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.

Texting services are available for dining-in meal reservations, Grabn-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

### Mobile food pantry service

The Senior Center would like to remind the community about our mobile food pantry services we provide in partnership with Archuleta County MET to seniors age 60 and older throughout most areas of Archuleta County.

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the Community Center, to fill out an application to qualify for the mobile pantry service.

The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the bottom of the Community Cafe page: http:// www.psseniors.org/communitycafeacute.html. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

#### Admin volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with our front desk pickup meals and in the office in administrative tasks. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

#### **Board vacancies**

The Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open.

The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term. Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

#### Community Cafe menu

Thursday, April 13 — Tilapia with dill sauce, rice pilaf, blueberry cobbler, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, April 14 — Tonkatsu pork ramen bowl, spring roll, garden salad, fruit, lemon bars and milk.

Monday, April 17—Chicken Parmigiana, egg noodles, green beans, garlic bread, garden salad, French apple tart and milk.

Tuesday April 18 — Beef chili Frito pie, peach cobbler, garden salad, fruit, vanilla yogurt and milk.

Wednesday, April 19 — Mushroom and spinach quiche, asparagus hollandaise, garden salad, strawberry shortcake and milk.

Thursday, April 20 — Crispy cod with tartar sauce, wilted spinach, fruit salad, cinnamon coffee cake and milk.

Friday, April 21 — Beef meatloaf with roasted herb potatoes, garden salad, fruit, bread pudding and milk.

#### Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10 also. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

#### 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. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

#### **Requesting donations**

ASI has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County. Please consider donating.

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs CO 81147 or please visit our website: http://www.psseniors.org/. Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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# Let's talk about it: April is Sexual **Assault Awareness Month**

#### **By Ashley Wilson Rise Above Violence**

If you follow the headlines, you know that child sexual abuse happens. It happens often and close to home. This reality can be overwhelming, but it's important to remember that child sexual abuse can be prevented when we all play our part.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and, this April, communities across the country are standing up for child sexual abuse prevention by proclaiming "It's time ... to talk about it!" All adults have a role in child sexual abuse prevention, and this year's campaign encourages individuals and communities to support healthy childhood sexual development by talking early, talking often and taking action.

By learning and talking about healthy childhood sexual development, adults are able to support the children in their lives. When adults support age-appropriate behaviors, model healthy boundaries and speak up to other adults, they are an ally to prevention. It's also our job to respect children, model healthy behaviors and boundaries, and confront adults when they act in ways that are not appropriate.

Children and youth are affected by sexual assault:

• One in six boys and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before the age of 18.

• One in three teens will experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend this year.

· Females ages 16-19 are four times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.

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• College-age women (18-24) are at more risk — those in college are at three times the risk and that same age group that are not in college are four times more likely to experience sexual assault.

There is often silence and discomfort when it comes to the discussion of sexual development. It's important to understand that this is a normal experience we all share. By opening up communication, sharing age-appropriate information with children and educating one another we are taking steps toward a safer community. (National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2013). Having an open communication mean that children and youth will also feel more comfortable coming forward and telling someone when something inappropriate is happening.

For more information on how you can talk about healthy sexual development with your children and prevent child sexual abuse, call Rise Above Violence's 24-hour hotline at (970) 264-9075.

Mark your calendars and join us at our Denim Day walk on Wednesday, April 26. We meet at noon at the bell tower (intersection of U.S. 160 and Lewis Street). More about Denim Day will be included next week.

Rise is a nonprofit organization which promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other

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forms of violence, serving more than 350 victims each year.

Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit www. riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call (970) 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.



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### Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to hear about Habitat for Humanity

#### By Joan Ward

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

On Sunday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m., please join the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship in-person or on Zoom to hear a presentation from the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate through a UU lens.

For nearly 30 years, Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County built one home per year. For a long time, the group raised funds for construction and sold the home to a local workforce family for a price they could afford. The office would even manage its own mortgage loans and track monthly payments as they came in.

With the rising cost of construction, and a growing need for workforce housing and home ownership in the community, things have changed at this small, rural Habitat office. Habitat Archuleta is now in its second year of their current project to build 15 homes in five years, tripling their capacity.

Leah Ballard, the homeowner services coordinator at Habitat Archuleta, will give a personal account of her role on the team, update the community on the 2023 build season, discuss volunteer and donor opportunities, and explain the 2024 application process and depict what it might be like to partner with Habitat Archuleta to build a home. Anyone interested in volunteering, donating or applying would be welcome attend.

Ballard has been the homeowner services coordinator at Habitat Archuleta since the spring of 2022. After attending homebuyer education firsthand in 2018, Ballard decided to pursue a career demystifying creditworthiness. She obtained her NMLS license in 2019 just before hiking the entire Pacific Crest Trail.

Ballard then worked in the conventional mortgage world and perfected her file-naming conventions before finding her niche in the nonprofit arena. Now her days are filled not only with the puzzle of mortgage loan packaging, but also the dynamic tasks of heralding octogenarian volunteers, hugehearted subcontractors, and the most vibrant board members and partner families a gal could ask for.

Join the Zoom meeting at https://us02web.zoom. us/j/8991941305; Meeting ID: 899 194 1305. The call-in number is (346) 248-7799.

Depending on the current CO-VID recommendations, please be prepared to wear a well-fitting mask, if deemed necessary, while in the building. Social distancing will be encouraged and, to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in their unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community. Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the mountains.

Services are on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Meditation is on the second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m. For more information about the fellowship, our services and the meditation group, please see the website www. pagosauu.org. If the service is canceled due to weather conditions, it will be announced on the website by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.



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# Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss 'The Spiritual Laws of Life'

#### By Laurah Brock Young

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

There exist wonderful truths: Spiritual laws that nourish us, one and all. Laws of wisdom, freedom and charity, or divine love.

How can we shape our lives and destiny to live in harmony with them?

We can meet today's challenges in a more relaxed and happy way. Once we become aware and understand these spiritual laws, they give us many resources to make the best decision at any moment.

Do you wish to open the door to hidden spiritual truths that uplift us all? Then join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs for an uplifting open discussion on "The Spiritual Laws of Life: Life Makes More Sense When You Know These Laws."

Begin working with these laws for a greater ability to live a life with more love, energy and under-

e standing.

This free event will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, 230 A Port Ave., on Sunday, April 16, at 1 p.m. People of all faiths and beliefs are welcome. JIM GARRETT \* ATTORNEY \*

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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 American robin.

This is one of the first birds that children are taught to recognize and is familiar both in appearance and in song. The American robin has not only adapted to urbanization and agricultural development, but has actually benefited from these landscape changes. Its large breeding range extends from Alaska through Canada and across the lower United States. Both sexes appear plump and have dark backs and heads, broken

white eye-rings and distinctive orange-colored breasts. Females are paler than males and young birds have spotted instead of orange breasts. The American robin's scientific name, turdus migratorius, suggests

a bird that follows regular seasonal movements, but nomadic describes their travels better than migratory does. Their winter range depends on local food supplies and, in many areas, robins may migrate one year and not the next.

Although we think of these birds as a sign of spring, while robins aren't as common, they don't entirely disappear from our region in winter. Year-round, fruits and berries provide 60 percent of a robin's diet and sustain them through the winter.

In spring and summer, we are used to seeing them hopping across our lawns and in forest openings in search of earthworms, snails, spiders and insects. Standing still with head cocked to the side, a robin uses its sharp eyesight to detect a worm poking out of the ground or movements in the soil and grass which signal the presence of one below the surface. Rain and irrigation which drive earthworms to the surface provide robins with a feast.

In winter, robins are social birds, gathering in large flocks to forage and roost, but in spring it's time to find a mate. In breeding season, a male robin greets the day with song, starting even before the sun lights up the sky. Robins are one of the first songbirds to lay eggs in spring and may raise up to three broods in a season, but only 25 percent of these birds that fledge survive to November.

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

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# A Colorado reservoir gets ready for an epic snowmelt

#### By Dave Marston **PREVIEW** Columnist

Reservoir manager Ken Beck said wryly that he has lots of water coming his way, "and I need a hole to put it in."

In southern Colorado, Beck is the superintendent of Pine River Irrigation District and Vallecito Reservoir, which catches water from the 13,000- and 14,000-foothigh peaks of the Weminuche Wilderness. It's a place so wild and beautiful that Teddy Roosevelt protected it in 1905 by creating the 1.8 million-acre San Juan National Forest.

The name Vallecito means "little valley" in Spanish, and the reservoir stores water for the town of Bayfield, population 2,838, as well as providing supplemental irrigation for 65,000 acres of tribal and non-tribal land to the south.

This winter, Beck has been faced with a near-record snowpack, now expected to turn into some 320,000 acre-feet of water. His 82-year-old reservoir, however, can only hold 125,000 acre-feet. What's more, snow was still falling in early April.

In late March, Beck saw moisture going up dramatically. Any reservoir manager has to deal with uncertainty, but Beck's job, which he has held for seven years, has an Achilles heel.

"I was told by the Bureau (of Reclamation) to manage my reservoir so I don't use my spillway," he said. "We're restricted because of the needed repairs."

Spillways are critical elements of any dam. When oncoming water overwhelms the intakes for hydroelectric and outlet works, excess water flows into the riverbed below. Beck has few options without the safety valve of a dependable spillway, yet he may be forced to use it.

Beck is well aware that dams can fail. Six major dams have failed in Colorado since 1950, with the biggest disaster occurring in Larimer County in 1982. When its Lawn Lake Dam failed, three people died and property damage amounted to \$31 million.

Beck said Vallecito's management challenges came to the fore

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California."

ville, resembles Vallecito in being earthen built. It nearly failed when its spillways began eroding during high runoff.

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snowmelt.

a reservoir apostate. Spring is when reservoir managers follow a creed that's been honed during periodic drought: Store as much water as possible as early as possible.

don't mistake my being meek as weak," he said. "I've got an Abe Lincoln style: Wrap good people around you and encourage them to say things you might not want to hear.'

with a team of straight shooters, though he relies most on Susan Behery, a Bureau of Reclamation hydrologic engineer based in Durango. With Behery's advice, Beck decided that Vallecito's reservoir needed to be dramatically drawn down.

Evidence for doing that was obvious this winter as roofs sagged, driveways became mini-canyons, and snow at the nearby Purgatory ski area outside Durango reached 20 feet high in places. U.S. Department of Agriculture SNOTEL sites above Vallecito Reservoir mea-

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after "the big wakeup call of 2017, when Lake Oroville fell apart in

California's tallest dam, Oro-

Soon after, Vallecito's dam was closely inspected, revealing leaks and erosion in its spillway. The Bureau of Reclamation, which built the dam, patched up the spillway but also put the dam "under re-

By the end of March, Beck had released 15 times more water daily than during the previous month. By late April, Beck estimated, the formerly half-empty Vallecito Reservoir be just 20 percent full, better prepared for what could be an epic

In the arid West, this makes Beck

For Beck, that's not wise. "But

Beck has surrounded himself

sured snowpacks at 170 percent and 180 percent of normal.

With so much big water ready to head their way, a reservoir manager might have decided to operate quietly and hope for the best. Instead, Behery said, Beck has been transparent with the public and collaborative. She admires Beck for it.

"I'm an engineer and nobody gets into engineering because they're super good with people. I don't do the fluffy stuff," she said.

Beck makes a lot of information available. He holds open meetings

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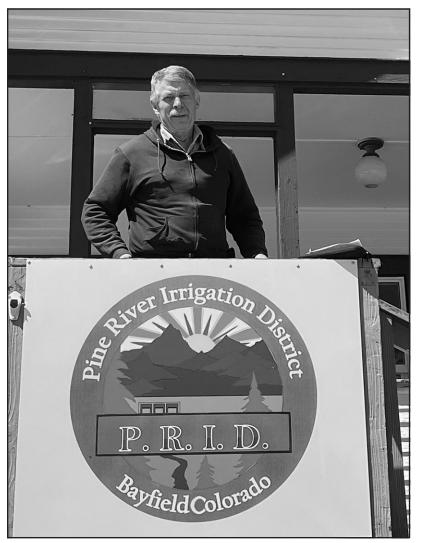


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Ken Beck on the porch of the Pine River Irrigation Headquarters. It was formerly a house for workers who built Vallecito Reservoir, circa 1938.

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continued from previous page and emails a weekly newsletter to anyone interested.

"A lot of people are asking why we're turning out more water," he said, "but I just met with farmers that say I haven't brought it down enough."

What does Beck predict will happen to his reservoir as snowmelt barrels toward Vallecito Reservoir?

"If spring rains come, it will add to the pucker factor. But the spillway will hold," he said. Meanwhile, he's a little bit on edge.

Dave Marston is the publisher of Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He lives in Durango, Colo. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

# **Preview Calendar**

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

#### Thursday, April 13

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- Knowledge Bowl. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in middle school. Test your trivia skills in a wide range of subjects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., See Calendar on next page



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# New Thought topic: 'Planting Seeds for Your Spiritual Medicine Garden'

#### By Shayla McClure New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service at 11 a.m. on April 16 will be "Planting Seeds for Your Spiritual Medicine Garden "

"We never become truly spiritual by sitting down and wishing to become so. You must undertake something so great that you cannot accomplish it unaided." — Phillip Brooks.

#### Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

April 14: Good Friday "Spirit Beauty Spa Refresher Day," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for a refresher of the body, mind and spirit as a holy day for yourself. Intuitive sessions, skin repair, energy clearings and more at the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living at the Pagosa Lodge. This is a fundraiser for our 501(c)(3). Call or text (970) 309-6067 for your time.

April 22: Earth Day celebration and drumming circle, noon to 4 p.m. We will build a community medicine wheel to honor Earth Mother. Live music. Tickets \$10. Sponsored by the Good Vibe Tribe. (970) 510-0309.

May 13: Quintangled game night at 6 p.m. with co-creator Julie Loar. Free for children and adults alike. Reserve your spot now. Limited seating. Text or call (970) 510-0309.

John and Sue Love donations can be dropped off at our New Thought Center; slide between the glass doors or mail to: The New Thought Center, P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Make checks out to John Love. Thank vou.

#### About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).

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- Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Roberta Strickland will teach us about a simple art method that is also a form of relaxation.

#### Friday, April 14

- Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.
- Mini Monets. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library.For ages 1-4. This program uses art, sometimes messy, to build early literacy skills. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Meet with a volunteer civil attornev via Zoom at the library. Call (970) 264-2209 or email ruby@pagosalibrary

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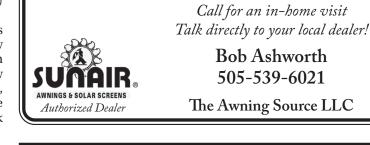
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- more information. Powerhouse: Matchstick Wildfires. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For students in K-5th grade. Enjoy weekly hands-on STEAM projects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information
- Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Colorado Environmental Film Festival Premiere Gala. 5 p.m., The Springs Resort. Nine films about Colorado or by Colorado filmmakers will be shown. The premiere gala will include three films, conversation with Christi Bode Skeie, a pass for one of Saturday's showings of all of the films and more. Wristbands are available for \$50. For tickets, visit https://www.pagosagreen.org/ environmentalfilmfestival.

San Juan Stargazers Deep Sky Viewing Night. Meadows East location. For more information and directions, call (720) 626-9304.

Pagosa Bible Church: Film Night Series. 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive (behind Wells Fargo). Attend one night or all as each night is a separate film. A Christian growth film will be shown followed by aroup discussion. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Each film will deal with how modern science substantiates the Bible. Call (303) 828-6386 for more information.

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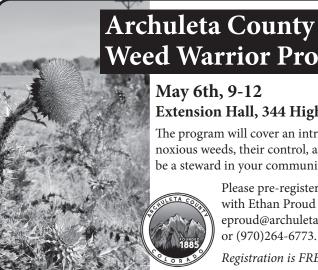
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Registration is FREE

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- **Book Buddies.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For students in K-2nd grade. Join us monthly to celebrate our favorite book characters. We'll play book-related games, create book character art and practice our reading skills. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- **GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A grief support group. You may start at any time. For more information, call the church at (970) 731-2205 or Marie Rascoe at (970) 946-9379 (leave a message).
- Grow Seed Grow! A Children's Gardening Project. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Terry's ACE Hardware, 525 Navajo Trail Drive. Plant vegetables with Archuleta County Master Gardeners. Become a gardener by planting vegetable seeds into egg cartons. Watch them sprout and grow at home. Email janeweitzel@comcast.net for more information.
- Makerspace. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Build, design and create.
- Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Colorado Environmental Film Festival. 11 a.m., The Springs Resort. Nine films about Colorado or by Colorado filmmakers will be shown. Wristbands are available for \$15. For tickets, visit https://www. pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival.
- Pokémon Club. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6 and up. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokémon too. No experience required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Colorado Environmental Film Festival. 5 p.m., The Springs Resort. Nine films about Colorado or by Colorado filmmakers will be shown. Wristbands are available for \$15. For tickets, visit https://www. pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival.
- Curtains Up Casting Auditions: 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.' 5-9:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Video auditions are also being accepted. They must be submitted by 8 p.m. on April 15. For more information or to submit a video audition, please contact Dale Scrivener at director.curtainsup@ gmail.com.
- The Library Affair. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The fundraising gala hosted by the Ruby M. Sisson library Foundation and Friends will include beautiful table settings based on book themes that will be auctioned off. The gala event will also include food, a cash wine and beer bar, live music and more. Tickets are \$50 each and are available both online at www.pagosalibrary.org and at the library (cash or check only). You may also go online to get a peek at

the table designs and, for only \$2, vote for your favorite tables. The table that wins the most votes by April 13 will receive the prestigious Pagosa Pulitzer Prize. The top five vote-getters will go into a live auction at the event.

#### Sunday, April 16

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., earlybird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink

#### Monday, April 17

- Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/ or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.
- Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.
- Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. If you have not attended before, call Beverly for information at 264-2064.
- Beginner Computer Class. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn practical skills to operate a personal computer, create and send emails, and make new documents and folders. This class will be a total of eight hours. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Academic Assistance. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Open to high school students looking for some extra support, study time or homework assistance. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Inviting musicians who want to jam and sing with others in a supportive environment. Parental permission needed if under age 18. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for more information.

#### Tuesday, April 18

- 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. Open to all.
- Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail 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. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring all your device chargers. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for
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- Adult DIY: Woven Placemats. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. You can make a woven placemat using colorful yarn, all supplies provided. Call (970)264-2209 for more information.
- **Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.
- Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Del Norte
- English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.
- Spanish Conversation. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Our conversation hour will help you increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language speakers. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Early Childhood Council of Archuleta County Presents Documentary: 'No Small Matter.' 6-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Built from stories of real children, families and teachers illustrating the impact of high-quality early childhood experiences. Through poignant stories and surprising humor, the film lays out the overwhelming evidence for the importance of the first five years. It reveals how our failure to act on that evidence has resulted in an everyday crisis for American families and a slow-motion catastrophe for the country. For more information, please get in touch with the ECCAC at director@eccarchuletacounty.org.

#### Wednesday, April 19

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Loaner paddles are available.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories,

fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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- Game Master Playground. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Are you a game master with an idea you want to try? Do you want to try your hand at being a game master? Sign up to run a one-shot game. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
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- Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. "A Curious View of Northwest Coast Native American Art" with Bill Hudson.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m.,



Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.





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Seeds of the plant cannabis sativa, hemp seed, contain all the essential amino acids and essential fatty acids necessary to maintain healthy human life. No other single plant source has the essential amino acids in such an easily digestible form, nor has the essential fatty acids in as perfect a ratio to meet human nutritional needs. Hemp is not unique in having all the essential amino acids in its embryonic seed. Flax seeds also contain all the essential amino acids as do many other seeds in the plant kingdom. What is unique about hemp seed protein is that 65% of it is globulin edestin, the highest in the plant kingdom. Edestin is a type of plant protein that is similar to protein found in the human body, and thus perfectly suited to aid in meeting the body's cellular needs such as DNA repair. Since much of hemp's protein resembles that found in human blood, hemp protein is very easily digested and assimilated. In addition, another one-third of hemp's protein is albumin, another high-quality globulin protein also found in egg whites. When possible, it is always best to buy "organic" hemp seeds.



#### What Seventh-day Adventists Believe...

#12 of 28: THE REMNANT AND ITS MISSION: "The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness."

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

Revelation 14:12. NKJV

A public service from your Adventist friends & neighbors at Pagosa Springs Seventh Day Adventist Church. Disclaimer: This and all our Nature's Remedies are for health information purposes only. The Seventh Day Adventist Church is not responsible for results.



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# A tale of five book clubs

#### **Bv Carole Howard** PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Many booklovers prize reading as a solitary activity, an opportunity to escape their day-to-day routine and become immersed in others' travels, troubles, romances, families and adventures. Others prefer the sociability and camaraderie involved with exchanging opinions and ideas about a book with others in a book club setting.

We don't know how many book clubs exist in Archuleta County, but we do know that there are a lot and that they are an important part of the lives of many avid readers in our community.

One such group calls itself the Retro Book Club because its members wanted to focus on the classics, from "Wuthering Heights" to "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"

- although they occasionally will choose a current bestseller. Initially made up of 17 women when it was formed four years ago, it became moribund during COVID and then resurfaced with a more manageable membership of seven.

Each month the host picks the book and cooks a one-dish-meal dinner like lasagna or shepherd's pie while guests bring their own beverages. Book discussions are wide-ranging and stimulating, and it is a rarity when someone can't participate in depth because she hasn't read the assigned book carefully enough.

"I've been very impressed by how intelligent everyone is and how involved we all get as we talk about the plot, the characters and the other details of the books," said Chris Pike, a founding member. "We've become really good friends through our love of reading and our respect for each other."

Another local club known as the B3 Book Club has been in existence for 12 successful years – although the meaning of their name is known only to insiders. Like most book clubs, they meet monthly at a member's home. The host picks the book and prepares dinner matching its theme — for example, a Hawaiian meal when they read "The Book of Molokai."

Robin Brobst, a founding member, said everyone tries hard not to miss a session, just like you would arrange your schedule to be sure you could attend a family reunion.

"We're like a large, close-knit family," she said. "Our ages range from mothers in their low 40s to women in their mid-70s, and everyone's varied experiences bring a depth to the discussions that greatly add to our understanding and enjoyment.

"We read books with a wide variety of subjects, but it's interesting to note that we often gravitate to stories featuring strong women."



If you want to participate in a book club without having to organize and host one, consider joining one of the three available at your library:

Our book club for adults has been around for almost 10 years. Named for the library's namesake, Ruby's Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Members nominate books for the year and then vote to decide the final list. Discussions are stimulating and can become heartfelt when participants relate personally to a topic, as happened recently with "Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting.'

Next in longevity comes our teen book club for sixth- through 12th-graders that began more than five years ago. Although COVID affected attendance, the boys and girls who are members say it is a good way to find new books they like and also to make new friends.

Our newest book club is Junior Page Turners for elementary students in grades three through five that will debut May 2. Their first book will be "Wish" by Barbara O'Connor, an engaging story of family, childhood friendship and an adopted dog.

Whatever your choice — reading alone, participating in a book club or some combination — we are glad you are reading.

As Dr. Suess said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

#### Library fundraiser this Saturday

Saturday, April 15, is the second annual Library Affair fundraiser for our building campaign to expand and renovate your library. This elegant event will happen at 6 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and feature an auction of 20 different table settings designed by some of Pagosa's most creative artists.

Book themes for the tables range from delightful children's stories such as "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" to adult classics like "The Great Gatsby." Food will be courtesy of Todd Stevens and the Pagosa Springs High School culinary class with acoustic guitar music by Steve Blechschmidt. Tickets are \$50 each, on sale now at the library (cash or check only) or online at pagosalibrary.org.

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#### Lifelong Learning tonight

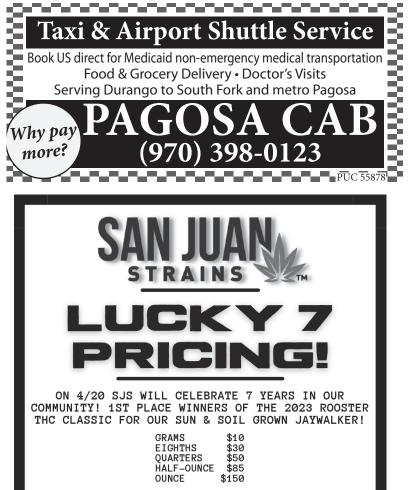
A new free spring series of Lifelong Learning lectures in April and May begins tonight, Thursday, April 13, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. when we will welcome Roberta Strickland teaching us about a simple art method that is also a form of relaxation. April 20 will feature Bill Hudson discussing Northwest Coast Native American art. April 27 will showcase Jen Doane talking about the amazing honeybees and other native Colorado bees.

#### Art fun for kids tomorrow

Mini Monets takes place tomorrow, Friday, April 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. for artists aged 1 to 4 using art to teach literacy skills. Participants should come ready to get messy at this free event. All materials are safe and nontoxic.

#### Legal clinic tomorrow

This month's legal clinic on civil issues is by appointment tomorrow, Friday, April 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. Come to the library to See Library on next page



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# Library

■ continued from previous page meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney. To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic" with your first name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library.

#### Powerhouse fun

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will enjoy hands-on STEAM projects tomorrow, Friday, April 14, from 3 to 4 p.m.

#### **Book buddies Saturday**

Kids in kindergarten through second grade will celebrate favorite book characters with books and art Saturday, April 15, from 10-11 a.m. at this free event.

#### Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to noon, when we'll provide the materials so you can build, design and create.

### High school academic help

A free academic assistance program for high school students will happen Monday, April 17, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to provide extra support, study time and homework assistance.

#### Adult DIY

At the free in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, April 18, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., you can make a woven placemat using colorful yarn. All supplies will be provided.

#### Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, April 18, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is no minimum skill level needed.

#### Online author talks

There will be one more talk this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors. You will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Thursday, April 27, at 6 p.m. will showcase William Kent Krueger, author of "Ordinary Grace."

#### Poetry challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted April 10 on the library's Facebook page. In honor of Poetry Month, we're asking you to write a poem in 15 words or less.

#### Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's stories, games, and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

### Short stories about the outdoors

"Wilderness Tales" compiled by Diana Fuss is a collection of 40 short stories about North American outdoor life — both classics and contemporary pieces — by authors from James Fenimore Cooper and Jack London to Washington Irving and Margaret Atwood.

#### Novels

"The Librarian of Burned Books" by Brianna Labuskes is an historical novel inspired by the true story of a World War II organization founded by booksellers, publishers, librarians and authors to combat censorship. "Archconspirator" by Veronica Roth reimagines Sophocles' "Antigone" in a place in the far future. "The Queen of Dirt Island" by Donal Ryan is a story of four generations of women in Tipperary. "The Last Kingdom" by Steve Berry is a Cotton Malone adventure centering on the discovery of a lost historical document.

Nonfiction

"Enchantment" by Katherine May is an invitation to rediscover feelings of awe and wonder in an anxious age. "Invention and Innovation" by Vaclav Smil draws on science and history to re-evaluate the overpromise of many inventions like supersonic flight.

#### Donations

Our thanks to La Plata Electric Association for the generous monetary donation; to Jeanne Wilkins for the six new chess sets for Chess Club; and to Rosalea Connor, Linda Lutomski and John Prutsman for their materials donations.

#### **Quotable quote**

"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are." — J. P. Morgan (1867-1943), American banker and philanthropist.

#### Website

For more information on library books, services and programs and to reserve books, e-books, books on CD and DVDs from the comfort of your home — please visit our website at https://pagosalibrary.org.





**Did you know?** The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) funds a local program that humanely manages the growth of our community's free-roaming cat population. Through our TNR Program, HSPS works with volunteers to conduct live-trapping. Trapped cats are examined, vaccinated and sterilized by local veterinarians, then released back to where they came from. This program helps limit dozens of unwanted kitten litters each year!

#### Help support our TNR program today! Donate online at www.humanesociety.biz.

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BELLE: I'm Belle, a sweet year-old girl who would love to find a cozy home to call my own. Got room in your heart and home for a lovely girl? I would be best as your only kitty as I want all your love! Please come by the shelter or call (970)731-4771.



CHIRRUT: I'm Chirrut, a 5-year-old little Jack Russell/Chihuahua mix boy that is in need of an exceptional home. I am blind,- and need lots of work on housetraining, but I am full of love and adore people. If you need a darling lap dog, there's nothing I like better than being held. Please call the Shelter to meet me - I would love to have a new home! (970)731-4771



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PHASE II. 2023 VALE FUNDS – 6TH Judicial



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District, La Plata, San Juan & Archuleta Counties. (VICTIM ASSISTANCE and LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT). GRANT PERIOD: June 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board announces the availability of 6th Judicial District VALE funds. The VALE Board is a five member, volunteer, community board appointed by the judicial district's Chief Judge, the Honorable Jeffrey R. Wilson. Funding for these grants is generated from a surcharge or fees assessed to people convicted of felonies, misdemeanors, traffic offenses and fish and game violations, no tax dollars are used. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT AVAILABLE: \$100,000. During the first 2023 Grant Cycle, five agencies were funded for a total of \$132,000. FUNDING PURPOSE: The purpose of the 6th Judicial District VALE grant process is to fund effective and efficient programs who will provide services to crime victims in the 6th Judicial District and assist them with: emotional and physical needs to stabilize their lives, provide a measure of safety and security, and/or enhance victims' experience with the criminal justice system. FUNDING PRIORITIES: Programs that are required to implement the victim's rights constitutional amendment, programs that provide direct services to crime victims and witnesses as outlined in VALE statute\*, victim-related training, equipment and personnel needs of law enforcement agencies. The VALE Board has also established the following priorities: early crisis intervention programs, Programs that provide direct services to victims of violent crime, unique and non-duplicative programs; agencies working with children and young adults; agencies offering a unique service to the community (unmet needs in an underserved community); The VALE Board may take into consideration factors other than those stated above in making their final decisions. Board members may award money for projects not designated in the priority categories. The fact that an applicant meets eligibility requirements and applies for services within a priority category does not guarantee funding. APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications will be available Friday April 7, 2023 returnable no later than Friday May 6, 2023. To request an application please contact Jane Foy at the District Attorney's Office in Durango ph (970) 382-6345, 1060 E Second Avenue,

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FREE ISRAELI FOLKDANCE CLASS at Ross Aragon Community Center every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. Ages 13 and up. Come in comfortable clothes. No experience necessary. Call Kim at (970)946-7285 or Jasmine at (276)730-4408

PAGOSA AA: M-W-F 5:30P.M.; Sunday 10a.m. Zoom Sunday 10a.m., ID 858 319 763, password 754 234, 315 N. 2nd St., County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). Information, call Kathi (970)946-1482, or Central Office (888)333-9649.

**CONCERNED ABOUT ANOTHER'S DRINK-ING?** Pagosa Springs Al-Anon Family Group, Tuesdays 6-7p.m., Pagosa Bible Church. Questions? Call/text (303)815-8569. www. al-anon.org.

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PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pav. Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. Primary responsibilities: Greeting and checking in customers. Advising customers on the best product for their needs and preferences. Processing payments through a point-of-sale system and cash handling. Ensuring product security and compliance. Maintaining store appearance and organization. Required qualifications: Outstanding customer service and communication skills; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; reliable and professional; full-time availability and ability to work nights and weekends. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Previous retail, food service, and/or cannabis industry experience is preferred but not required. We provide an extensive training program on product knowledge and compliance requirements, with opportunities for continuing education. Benefits include paid sick leave, sales bonuses, and employee discounts. We are growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please e-mail your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

VIP COMPANIES IS SEEKING a front desk person to answer phones, greet customers for walk in product sales, schedule service calls, process accounts receivable and other administrative duties. Must be comfortable talking on the phone and face to face when dealing with customers. M-F, 9a.m.-5p.m. \$17-\$20/hour, bonus, PTO. (818)963-0836.

LINE/ PREP COOKS for City Hall Café. Experience preferred but will train. Contact John at (970)398-0355.



#### **HELP WANTED**

LOVE ANIMALS? Help us get them adopted by joining our shelter team working at the Front Desk. Part time. We're looking for a compassionate, enthusiastic self-starter with a professional attitude and superior attention to detail to join our team. Everything we do is to help improve the quality of life for companion animals, while working to help reduce the homeless pet population through spay/neuter programs. You will act as the first point of contact for the public, interacting with them over email, phone, and in person. You'll need to be computer/internet literate and will be responsible for shelter software data entry, maintaining complete and accurate records for each animal (including intake, veterinary/medical treatments and notes, all the way through to adoption). Must be able to manage multiple projects simultaneously, possess a willingness to learn, and have reliable transportation. Apply in person at the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Animal Shelter, 465 Cloman Blvd.

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#### **YARD SALES**

FURNISHED APARTMENT ITEMS for sale. Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, 9a.m. sharp. Beds. cabinets. buffet. dressers. chairs. framed artwork, kitchen items, decorative items, bike parts, bedding, grandfather clock, table and chairs, stereo, fold up kavak, CDs and more. Hwy. 160 west, right on Piedra, left on Cloud Cap, house #702. Rain or Shine. AEHPOS

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