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Pagosa Junction bridge to close

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its April 25 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) directed staff to close the Pagosa Junction bridge on County Road (CR) 500 and discussed imposing weight limits on the lower section of the road.

Public Works Director Kevin Pogue opened the discussion by highlighting that issues with the bridge are ongoing and that, following an inspection in October 2022, the county received a letter from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) giving the county 90 days to repair the bridge, although nothing has been done yet.

He noted that he has visited the bridge multiple times since then and discovered that this year's runoff has accumulated additional debris under the bridge and further damaged

its structural integrity.

"It's served its time and it needs to be replaced, honestly," Pogue said.

He added that it has been reported that "haul trucks" are traveling across the bridge despite the weight limit and that, at some point, there would be an accident on the bridge due its poor structural integrity and the railings entering and exiting the bridge not being up to code.

Pogue stated that, from the county's perspective in terms of liability issues, it would be ideal to replace the bridge or close it until an agreement is reached with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to allow for its replacement.

Commissioner Veronica Medina noted that Pogue had begun to address the issue by researching replacement bridges and pointed out that the county is limited in what it

■ See Bridge A9



Photos courtesy Christi Bode Skeie

"The Plumtaw: A Future with Fire" will premiere May 17 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Pictured are burn scars from the Plumtaw Fire.

Hunt appointed coroner

County releases executive session recording

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) appointed Bradley Hunt as the new county coroner at a special meeting on April 25.

This appointment follows the resignation of former coroner Brandon Bishop who resigned effective April 16 and the April 13 appointment of Steve Wadley as interim coroner on to serve following Bishop's departure and until a more permanent appointment could be made.

The BoCC interviewed Hunt and Shannon Balderas for the position at

the meeting prior to the deciding on the appointment.

Interviews were conducted one after the other with both candidates in the room and the same questions being asked of each candidate.

Balderas went first. During her interview, she highlighted her recent experience as a deputy coroner for the county; her compassion and empathy; and her background in kinesiology, physiology, anatomy and psychology from her experience as a massage therapist.

Balderas also highlighted her willingness to learn from other staff members on issues where she has less knowledge, such as the legal and investigation aspects of the job.

Hunt was interviewed second and highlighted his background as a police detective and as a private

■ See Coroner A8

Town approves \$500 annual fee on short-term rentals

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

Short-term rentals (STRs) — and a potential fee that the town could impose on them — was on the agenda at the April 20 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.

The council was considering the second reading of Ordinance 995 which, if passed, would create the framework for the council to implement a fee on STRs.

Revenue collected from the fee, which has been described by the council as a "workforce housing fee," would go into a restricted line in the town's budget "for use on workforce housing projects and programs solely," according to agenda docu-

mentation.

Mayor Shari Pierce explained that the ordinance being considered would not actually set the fee amount, but would allow the council to later adopt the fee. The specific amount would be considered by the council as a resolution later in the meeting.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips and Town Attorney Bob Cole informed the council that both the ordinance and the fee amount would need to stay within the parameters of the town-commissioned nexus study, conducted by Root Policy Research in 2022, which quantified the relationship between STRs and

■ See Fee A8

One year after the Plumtaw Fire

Film premiere and community panel: Exploring fire's role and community reactions

By Alex Handloff
Mountain Studies Institute

When the Plumtaw Fire started on May 17, 2022, fire officials feared the worst. Yet, the worst did not happen. In the aftermath, the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership (SJHFHP) teamed up with Christi Bode Skeie, environmental filmmaker and owner of Moxiecran Media, to document what led to this fortuitous outcome and how the Pagosa community can better prepare for future events. The result is Bode Skeie's new film, "The Plumtaw: A Future with Fire."

"We tend to only hear about catastrophic wildfires these days, leaving us with a feeling of hopelessness," said Skeie. "The Plumtaw Fire is an example of when things go right, and I think it's important to share lessons learned from these events, too."

The film will premiere in Pagosa Springs at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts at 6 p.m. on May 17, marking the fire's one-year anniversary and falling squarely in National Wildfire Awareness Month. Following the screening, a panel of local experts and residents will discuss the role of fire on the landscape and in our lives. The panel will be followed by a Q-and-A. The event is organized by the SJHFHP.

"Coming together as a community to talk about being prepared for fire events is the best way we can build upon the work already being done to plan ahead," said Dana Guinn, coordinator of the SJHFHP. "We live in a landscape adapted to fire, and all share the responsibility of caring for the landscape and for one another. Everyone has something

■ See Plumtaw A8



Martinez sworn in as newest member of town council

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On April 20, the Pagosa Springs Town Council considered appointing a new council member to serve out the remainder of former council member Jeff Posey's term, which ends in April 2024.

The seat was left vacant after Posey's recent resignation. In 2021, the council appointed Posey, filling a previous vacancy.

The town advertised on its website and in the newspaper to fill this most recent vacancy, with applications for the seat due by April 12.

Town Clerk April Hessman received two applications. Adam Buttons turned one in on March 31 and Leonard Martinez turned in an application on the deadline date. Subsequently, the two candidates

were invited to appear before the town council on April 20, with the interviews and possible appointment of a new town council member on the agenda.

At the meeting, Mayor Shari Pierce said, "Welcome, gentlemen. Thank you so much for taking an interest in our community."

She explained that the council would ask three questions of each candidate and afterward the council would "discuss and make a decision."

Pierce asked the first question, directing it toward Martinez: "What are the most important issues facing the town that need to be addressed by the council in the next one to three years?"

Martinez focused on what he

■ See Martinez A8



SUN photo/Derek Kutzer

Town Clerk April Hessman swears in Leonard Martinez to serve out the remainder of former council member Jeff Posey's term, which ends in April 2024. The Pagosa Springs Town Council appointed Martinez following interviews of prospective candidates for the position on April 20.

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OUR VIEW

Got junk? Get rid of it

This weekend is the perfect time to gather all of your unwanted junk in preparation for the Big Spring Clean event.

On May 5 and 6, you can take that unwanted stuff to a variety of locations for free disposal.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has teamed up again with Archuleta County to clean up the community. This year brings more opportunities than ever to clean up your act.

There are two free dump days this year. On May 5 and 6 you can dispose of general debris from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in roll-off dumpsters located at the town shop located at 550 Pirate Drive, the PLPOA Clubhouse on Lake Street between the clubhouse parking lot and the remote airfield, and at the Aspen Springs Playground on Ute Drive.

These dumpsters will be manned to make sure everyone is playing by the rules and only dumping roadside, park and home exterior trash. Please don't make it difficult for these people who are operating the dump stations. Follow the rules and don't forget to bring proof of residency such as your driver's license or a utility bill.

Do you have old TVs and computers you need to get out of your house? The Archuleta County Transfer Station

at 2140 County Road (CR) 500 will be recycling electronics for free. Yes, you read that right. Free. You can even take appliances. This incredible opportunity hasn't been available here for years.

Please note that there is a charge for disposal of building materials and you will pay \$25 for disposing of appliances with freon. Unfortunately, waste from businesses or commercial enterprises will not be accepted as part of the event's free disposal opportunity.

If you trek on down to the Archuleta County landfill located at 9179 CR 500, you will be able to dump furniture, mattresses and more for free. A limited number of tires will be accepted, too.

The Archuleta County 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 3 p.m. on May 6.

You can take your old cars, engines and car batteries to the Archuleta County Fairgrounds at 344 U.S. 84 for free disposal between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. You must have clear title in hand and drain vehicles all of the fluids.

The Arboles Transfer Station was previously excluded from the event, but is now included in the free dump-

ing with normal operating hours on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is one catch; the free dumping only lasts until the 50-yard dumpster is full. You may want to call ahead, (970) 883-2644.

One of the best parts of the community cleanup is coming together with your friends, neighbors and co-workers on Saturday to clean up the community.

Everyone will meet at Yamaguchi Park at 9 a.m. for volunteer projects cleaning up roads, parks, neighborhoods, trails and along the river. Get your assignment, bags for trash, safety vests and help clean up our community. The reward for your hard work can be found at a barbecue back at Yamaguchi Park at 11:30 a.m. followed by an ice cream contest in honor of the late Larry Fisher. There will be music by the Jackson Mountain Ramblers. Bring your lawn chair, relax and celebrate a good deed well done.

We commend our community leaders and the organizers of the Big Spring Clean for the commitment to helping us clean up Pagosa Country. Let's all do our part in supporting them in this effort. If you have questions, call the Visitor Center at (970) 585-1200.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
April 27, 1923

As it has become necessary to properly mark, re-plat, re-block and re-survey the lots in Hilltop cemetery, the Town Board of Pagosa Springs requests that all cemetery owners make donations of from \$1 to \$5 towards that purpose. Payment should be made to either Mrs. Jessie Hayden, county treasurer, or Jay Catchpole, town clerk.

We do not profess to know the intention of Judge Searcy as to what disposition he will make of the water adjudication proceedings which have been in progress in this county for the past three years, yet we will not be surprised if he orders that a decree be entered at the coming June term of the district court, based upon the claims filed and testimony heard by that time. If such action is taken, there are scores of ranchmen in this water district, who have not yet filed their claims nor submitted their testimony, who will find themselves without valid water rights and with a period of from ten to fifteen years likely to transpire before a similar opportunity is given them to obtain a lawful decree to the water they are now using.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
April 30, 1948

Pagosa said "scat" to dirt and debris this week and prepared to roll its sleeves for a town-wide Paint-Up, Clean-Up drive which opens May 3.

Paced by the Pagosa Lions Club with town officials joining in, the drive will include facilities for collecting trash and making a general effort toward beautifying the town.

Merchants prepared special displays of cleaning, painting and fix-up merchandise. Mayor R.C. Connelley issued a proclamation making the drive official.

Lions Club members will don overalls Monday morning and start at 9 a.m. from the Town Hall with trucks to collect trash. Every alley in town will be covered and they urged residents to have the trash ready and in receptacles so far as possible.

Two county trucks have been added to the fleet. Anyone who cares to volunteer other trucks or personnel to help the cleanup is asked to phone J.F. Whitefield at number 12.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
April 26, 1973

Total snowfall on Wolf Creek Pass through Tuesday of this week is 586 inches, 19 inches less than the record of 605 inches. Normally that much snow is a possibility between now and the end of the snow season. Unless there is a heavy storm it will be nip and tuck for a record breaker this year. Anyway you look at it, though a hair under 49 feet of snowfall isn't exactly anything to be sneezed at, or plowed from the highways with a light truck.

There is snow clear up to there up high in the mountains, according to a snow course survey by SCS last week. Jim Swartz and Bob Lehman made the trip up and sampled the five regular snow survey courses on Wolf Creek Pass.

They found as much as five times the amount of snow as that recorded last year at the same time. They also found up to four times the amount of meltwater content that was there last year. The readings were made on April 19 this year, April 20 last year.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
April 30, 1998

Bringing major roads in Archuleta County up to normally accepted standards could add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes and commercial buildings in the county. Property taxes could be impacted as well.

That was the conclusion of a study a Durango firm, Bechtolt Engineering prepared for the county and Pagosa Springs, Rich Bechtolt explained at a public meeting Tuesday night in the county extension office.

Only collector roads were studied. No roads within subdivisions except major collectors were included. The cost of maintenance was not considered.

In order to bring current roads up to standard, \$37.7 million will be needed, according to the report. Another \$23.3 million will be needed to pay for future road needs until 2020.

Since the county will only collect \$31 million for road purposes from sales tax by 2020, and another \$13 million from the current 3.5 mills property tax, additional financing methods must be developed.

LOOKING BACK



Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN files from May 1, 1997 — Alisha Smith and Zack Ketchum enjoy their dance after being crowned queen and king of Pagosa Springs High school's 1997 Junior-Senior Prom

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'Learn from our mistakes'

Dear Editor:

Anybody willing to say FOX (opinions) will tell start telling the truth after paying up \$787.5 million for knowingly continuously lying about the 2020 Presidential election...not me...a liar is a liar is a liar. To boot, the following day, they ran a huge ad in NYC claiming their complete and total adherence to veracity. Yup, yup they were lying about lying. And this isn't the first time FOX owners, the Murdoch's were British court determined to knowingly break the civil law & the rules of Journalism; and that settlement was biggggger.

But that's not the worst part, their spokespersons lied to keep the revenue, bonuses & stock prices up...and even worse, there's whole bunch of folks who if you asked them today wouldn't hesitate to say Trump was cheated. And to top it off they're angry and disappointed FOX admitted to the falsehood everybody knew was false... go figure. I'm betting those same folks are not a bit hesitant to show their faces and say...we were right.. MAGA..MAGA.

So what is it about Donald Trump a multiple draft dodger, liar, business/tax cheat, wife cheater, allegedly rapist, with absolutely questionable morals...and most importantly an insurrectionist that has so many folks that you'd meet and like not just devoted but want him as President...again..again..well it's a truism. We just don't seem to be able to learn from our mistakes... it's a puzzle.

David Blake

SIREN Act

Dear Editor:

The SIREN Act was signed into law on December 20, 2018. This law created a grant program for public and non-profit EMS agencies and fire departments in rural areas to support the recruitment, retention, education, and equipping of EMS personnel. The current 5-year authorization for SIREN ends September 2023. In response, Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced S. 265, the SIREN Reauthorization Act that would reauthorize the SIREN Act grants for another five years (2024-2028)

EMS agencies and fire departments across the United States are facing crisis-level challenges in recruiting and retaining personnel and maintaining their operations in the wake of exponential increases in expenses for medical supplies, equipment, fuel and medications. Increased costs coupled with continued supply-chain delays in obtaining ambulances and other emergency response vehicles, are creating unprecedented challenges. In today's economic environment, EMS agencies and fire departments struggle to stretch their budgets to cover basic medications and supplies. Declines in primary care and hospital service availability, greater distances between healthcare facilities, and low reimbursement rates have created a perfect storm of financial challenges for rural agencies. EMS agencies face ever-greater responsibilities--preparing for disasters and public health threats, responding to "routine" emergencies such as heart attacks and vehicle accidents, supporting the needs of an aging population, serving on the front lines of the opioid and fentanyl crisis, and filling healthcare gaps in rural communities created by declining numbers of primary healthcare providers. Rural EMS agencies often are forced to rely on community donations to supplement limited funding from municipal or county governments. While donations help rural EMS agencies and fire departments maintain their operations, they have not kept pace with the rising costs that these

agencies face.

The SIREN grant program is a critical lifeline for budget-challenged, rural EMS agencies and fire departments. SIREN grants have provided much-needed funding to assist rural agencies in procuring medication and medical supplies, recruiting and retaining personnel, increasing their levels of service from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support, and even replacing older ambulances with newer and safer models. Since the inception of the SIREN program in 2018, nearly 100 communities have been able to use these funds to elevate the level of emergency medical care provided to their residents. These operational improvements and service expansions were only possible with the support of the SIREN program.

Bruce Evans
Bayfield

A lesson in turbines

Dear Editor:

My name is Brooke Hinger. I am 11 years old and a homeschool student. One of my science lessons was learning about the different kinds of energy then writing a letter to the editor about it. The kind of energy I am writing to you about is wind energy. Wind is moving air as you already know. Scientists have discovered a way to turn wind into electricity. This is how it works. Turbines are huge blades that the wind turns. The turbines are like motors that create a tiny bit of electricity. If you have one house, it would take 3-4 turbines to have enough electricity to run a household. To power a community, you would need thousands of turbines. I found out that there are a couple of pros and several cons to having wind turbines. The pro is that wind is renewable. Another pro is that wind does not produce any kind of waste or chemicals. A problem is that there is not much electricity produced from using wind turbines. They cannot compete with coal, gas, and nuclear energy. Wind turbines are also very noisy. Studies also show that having a wind turbine farm is bad for people and the environment. People that live around wind tur-

bines have said that they have seen a change in wildlife. Bears, turkeys, deer and lots of other wildlife have disappeared from their habitat to escape the noise. A study was done in Australia that the turbines have been known to cause harm to people that lived by the turbine farms. The constant noise may cause problems like having a hard time sleeping, headaches, nausea, stress irritability and having a poor ability to concentrate. These problems I listed, may reduce immunity to illness which in turn will cause more health issues to humans. This condition is known as Wind Turbine Syndrome. Often birds and bats are the two things that are mostly affected by wind turbines. It has been reported that thousands of bats have died within a month of construction of a turbine wind farm. Birds often get injured by the turbines by flying through them. Birds of prey like hawks, eagles, and falcons are often killed because they use the blades of a turbine to perch on, so they are killed flying to and from the blades. Turbines are also very expensive. I learned that wind power might not be the best kind of energy.

Brooke Hinger

Health board

Dear Editor:

In reading about the TAC (page 3 - Middle of the article - Thursday April 6th) I feel that the comment by Webb should be reexamined. The comment was "Webb highlighted that no one on the Board

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Colo. 151 reopened south of Chimney Rock National Monument

Colorado Department of Transportation

Colo. 151 was reopened to two-way traffic the afternoon of Friday, April 21.

A full closure of the highway was put into place on Tuesday, April 11, after the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) was alerted of erosion issues on the shoulder of the highway caused by heavy spring runoff in Stollsteimer Creek, near Chimney Rock National Monument.

With the road reopened, motorists are urged to obey the lowered speed limit of 40 mph through the temporarily narrowed lanes. The section of highway, 5 miles south of the U.S. 160 junction near Chimney Rock National Monument, will

require repairs in the near future.

A core drilling test determined that the road base under the travel lanes is solid. However, because of erosion along the creek banks, concrete barriers have been set in place to narrow the lanes and keep vehicles away from the shoulder area. Once water flow recedes, the section of roadway will need a new pavement overlay and some repairs to the metal culverts will be performed.

The public is advised that closures may be necessary if snow runoff increases again or if additional significant precipitation is received in the region. Both maintenance and engineering personnel will closely monitor the site.



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

On April 21, Colo. 151 was reopened to two-way traffic. Drivers are urged to obey the lowered speed limit through the temporarily narrowed lanes. The section of highway, 5 miles south of the U.S. 160 junction near Chimney Rock National Monument, will require repairs in the near future.

Housing Solutions expands Home Rehabilitation Loan Program

By Elizabeth Salkind
Housing Solutions for the Southwest

Housing Solutions for the Southwest is pleased to announce that the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing approved a request to expand the Housing Solutions Home Rehabilitation Loan Program for homeowners in southwest Colorado.

For more than 35 years, the state of Colorado has awarded Housing Solutions funding to provide low-

interest (1 percent to 2 percent) loans for homeowners to complete home repairs.

At the request of Housing Solutions, the state approved an expansion of the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program to serve households with incomes up to 120 percent of the area median income. Previously, eligibility for the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program was limited to households earning below 80 percent of area median income. With the previous requirements,

many applicants who needed the funding did not qualify. With the new guidelines, many deserving community members are eligible. For example, a family of four living in La Plata County with an income of \$117,000 or below qualifies for the program.

The goal of the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program is to provide a low-interest loan for home repair for homeowners with low to moderate incomes. With high housing costs, this program provides fund-

ing to cover essential repairs so that families can safely remain in their home and preserve their largest asset. The program has served seniors, households with fixed incomes, first-time homebuyers and many people working in our local communities that might not have the funds for essential housing repairs. Housing Solutions provides loans for manufactured homes or conventionally built homes. Housing Solutions is currently accepting applications for the program.

Letters

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would have a medical background". Perhaps this should be given more thought.

Our present Hospital had 3 Doctors on the Board who helped rescue the USJHCD & build the Hospital.

I guarantee that we would have no Hospital and possibly no USJHCD without them. This is not to dig up old skeletons; but to show that local "rules" should not be automatically accepted. One would not have a Board without experts in Finance. (I hope)

James L Knoll III, MD

Fox photo

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate Darryl Saffer for taking that beautiful photo of the little fox which you so tastefully and appropriately published on the Earth Day Edition of the Preview section of last week's Sun. I regularly see and take photos of a pair of very pretty foxes at my house, but they are nowhere near as crisp as Darryl's. The intensity of the fox's stare and the clarity of the black whiskers and eyeliner around its eyes were just amazing. It is such a beautiful picture I wonder if Darryl would mind me framing it.

Chris Pike

Response to 'Warning shot'

Dear Editor:

As an officer in the military when I inspected an if I found an error I would dig in and find all the rest, and there always were others.

In this letter I found two specific data errors though there were plenty more and I don't want to address all the ones in his 500 word letter.

1. He specifically mentioned three weapon classes that he considered were problem "assault weapons". The AK and AR platforms with two sub items in the AR.

a. The AK, or specifically the AK47. This one truly has no civilian purpose. Although you can use it for hunting, all firearms can be used here but I don't see it being efficiently used as such..

b. The ARs, more specifically the AR15 and AR10, or the .223/5.56 or .308/7.62 NATO caliber. These calibers were already in use by hunters for varmints, ie. Prairie Dogs, coyotes, et all the .308 for lard game, and are still good here. However, he mentioned another AR, the AR14. For those that prefer an AR they know there is no such thing, and thereby the glaring er-

ror. He's mistaken here and thereby indicating there must be more data errors in his dissertation.

Suicide has been and still is the highest number of firearm deaths. Mass murders are only less than one percent of deaths.

Finally the real cause that needs to be addressed is mental health. Firearms are a brand of tools and as such do not kill people, people use these tools to kill people. This is the most erroneous aspect of this letter. In any issue like this one needs to address the cause, not the symptom.

He is letting emotions drive his opinions, not facts.

Doug Roberts

'Weapons of war'

Dear Editor:

Weapons of War?

I read Mr. Nielsen's letter on "weapons of war" with some amusement.

If someone is going to lecture us on firearms, he ought to at least know what he is talking about.

I do not claim to be a firearms expert. But I do know how to do an internet search.

For example, "Gun deaths are the #1 killer of our children."

The CDC did say that. However, they had to include 18 & 19 year old adults to get to that number. Take the adults out and #1 is accidents of all sorts. A clever deception but a deception nevertheless.

Then there is that dangerous weapon of war "preferred by mass murderers," the AR-14.

It was never put into production. Never sold to anyone, anywhere.

Designed in the 1950s, the AR-14 was proposed as a semi-automatic hunting rifle that would be available in various hunting calibers of the day, including .243 Winchester, .30-06, .308, .257 Roberts, and others. The design looks very similar to products offered by Browning, Remington, and others. Banning the AR-14 is banning

something that does not exist.

Covering in fear of it is fearing a phantom. Claiming it is the weapon of choice of "mass murderers" is laughable fiction.

Going back to calibers, rifle calibers are measured in decimals, .308, .300, .243, etc. I have no idea where the designation of the AR-14 in 7/16" X 2" came from. Perhaps from some crazy talking point memo. Maybe he meant the .44 Magnum?

History is also a good subject to brush up on when discussing firearms. Contrary to Mr. Nielsen's assertion these firearms were "unrestricted in the 1990s" we had the Clinton Assault Weapons Ban which Clinton signed into law on Sept. 13, 1994.

That ban was allowed to expire in 2004 because it was ineffective. Several studies, including one by the DOJ, concluded the ban had no measurable effect on gun crime. None, zero, zip, nada.

As far as the "weapons of war" nonsense goes, the AR-15 Modern Sporting Rifle, is produced in a wide variety of calibers, from .22LR to the .50 Beowulf. It the firearm of choice for many hunters, especially those after feral pigs. The grandson of a close friend used one to harvest his first Javelina, in Arizona, this last February.

The AR-15 is the civilian version of the M-16/M4 and has never been used as the primary infantry weapon in any country I've been able to find.

If the AR-15 is a "weapon of war" then so is every bolt action hunting rifle ever sold. Bolt action rifles are still used on battlefields today by sharpshooters, as they have been since before The First World War.

"Weapon of war" is a meaningless talking point used to scare people. In some cases it has obviously worked.

Barry Smith

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Obituaries

Bruce Sinclair Dryburgh

Bruce Sinclair Dryburgh was born on Nov. 9, 1943, and was raised in Wauwatosa, Wisc. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1965, then worked for several large corporations.



Bruce moved to Carrollton, Texas, where he raised his two kids, Jordan and Audrey, and spent many years working for General Portland Inc. and Lafarge, both cement companies.

By 1980 he was chief financial officer at General Portland in Dallas and retired in 1990 to attend SMU School of Law. After practicing law until 2002, he retired to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where he and his wife of 21 years built a beautiful home and gardens.

In Pagosa, he made many new friends who were great neighbors, supportive friends at AA, colleagues and friends who volunteered with him on the Archuleta County School Board, and many fans at The Senior Olympics, where he brought home 11 medals between the ages of 69 and 75.

Bruce served two terms on the Archuleta school board. He served as board president and accomplished many improvements, including raising teachers' salaries and supporting home-school groups.

Bruce loved snow skiing, motorcycles, spending time with family, and spending time in his yard and gardens. Bruce was an avid reader and loved traveling, especially with friends.

He is survived by his wife, Lyn Cowan Dryburgh, whom he married in 2002 in a little glass chapel in the woods; his two children, Audrey Herrera and Jordan Dryburgh, of Carrollton; his step kids, Kelly and Grant; all of their spouses, Robert, Marty, Dwayne and Kathi; his siblings, Scott, Mary and Erik; along with 11 grandchildren and his dog, Zelda who misses him very much, too.

Jack André Fleuridas

Jack André Fleuridas died on April 16, 2023, in Pagosa Springs. He was 93 years old.



Although born in New York City, Jack and his family lived in several states in the U.S. and in Mexico when he was a child and adolescent. As an adult, he was a resident of a few towns on the East Coast and in New Jersey. Jack moved to Pagosa Springs with his wife, Lillian, when they retired and sold the company that they had built together for over a decade. They quickly grew to love the beautiful countryside and the small, rural community of warm-hearted people.

On the day that Jack graduated from Brown University with his Bachelor of Arts degree, he also married and received his commission in the U.S. Navy as an officer (06/01/1953). During his service in the Navy, he and his first wife began a family with two daughters. Jack commenced a long-term career working for Bonat Company in the late 1950s. The pinnacle of his career was when he started his own successful business with his wife, Lillian, to sell and service a variety of scissors and related hair products.

A few of Jack's traits that stand out above the others: his friendliness and sociability; his positive outlook about his day-to-day life no matter the incredible challenges; and his "work hard and be successful" attitude, even when engaged in small tasks. His persistent loyalty to and care for his wife, Lillian, has been praised by many. He was also known for his conscientious and loving attention given to his dogs over the many decades. His hobbies included fishing, hunting and gardening.

Jack's neighbors and friends describe him as a very good neighbor: He was kind, welcoming, generous and surprisingly energetic. He loved engaging with his friends who lived in the neighborhood and

with family members who lived nearby or when they came to visit. In the final months of his life, his friends were very supportive and caring, which he greatly appreciated. When asked what he wanted to be included in his obituary, he told his daughter, "Say that you loved me" — and this is true; Jack is loved by his daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and by many others who knew him well.

Immediate living family members include his wife (of over 60 years), Lillian ("Winnie") Fleuridas, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mei Lan and Douglas Hee (Pagosa Springs); his daughter, Colette Fleuridas, and his son-in-law, Peter Piet (Napa, Calif.); his half-sister, Stella Koenig, (Scottsdale, Ariz.); and five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. His immediate predeceased family include his daughter, Lauren Fleuridas Warneke; his brother, André ("Penny") Fleuridas; and his parents, Lucienne Fleuridas and André Fleuridas.

Donations in honor of Jack can go to the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs.

Scott Allen Graff

Scott Allen Graff was born in Jamestown, N.D., Feb. 21, 1936, to Gottlieb George Graff (Scotty) and Helen Olivia (Jensen) Graff. He passed away April 6, 2023, at age 87 in Peoria, Ariz.



At the age of 10 years, Scott won the marble championship in Jamestown — something his father won as well in his younger years.

Scott was the quarterback of his high school football team and graduated in June 1954. He enlisted in the Air Force after spending several weeks in Virginia with friends. After basic training, he was sent to Salina, Kan., where he married his high school sweetheart, Beverly Ann Peterson. Then, to England as airman first class for a year and a half. While in England, the couple's first child, Jeri Lynn, was born in Pierre, S.D., where Bev stayed with Scott's parents. The remainder of his military tour was at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, S.D., before being discharged. The young family moved to Jamestown, N.D., where Scott attended Jamestown College and attained a degree in business. He was once again the quarterback of his college football team (the Jimmies) all four years. He spoke at the closing banquet as MVP and graduated in 1962.

Upon college completion, the family moved to Minnesota, where Scott was hired by the Honeywell Corp. in the finance department. He spent some time in Minneapolis before transferring to Phoenix, Ariz. Later in their careers, they moved to New Hampshire and both retired there before returning to a cabin in Ponderosa Springs, Ariz.

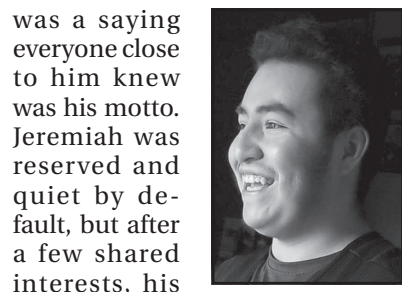
After the sale of the cabin, they relocated to Payson, Ariz., for the next 20 years. During that time, they were an integral part of the Payson Packers hiking group and hiked all over that part of Arizona and the U.S. While in Payson, for six years Scott volunteered for Habitat for Humanity as treasurer as well as construction fundraising. They returned to Peoria, Ariz., where they were closer to family and medical facilities.

Scott is survived by his wife, Bev; daughter, Jeri; son, Mike (Cheryl); his sister, Diane Cooney (Judd); niece, Lisa Kraetsch (Mike); granddaughters, Brandy (Maricio) and Candace; and great-granddaughters Havana, Eva and Riley.

"Till we meet again with our new, healthy bodies."

Jeremiah Enrique Villarreal

Jeremiah Enrique Villarreal was brought into this world on Oct. 4, 2000. The light in his demeanor was infectious and unforgettable as soon as he was able to smile. His laugh filled rooms with warmth and playful joy whether it was with friends or family. Jeremiah was a kind soul who was instilled with a God-strengthened bond through his family. "Family first"



was a saying everyone close to him knew was his motto. Jeremiah was reserved and quiet by default, but after a few shared interests, his heart would reveal to create unforgettable memories with whoever would cross his path. His heart was big and nonjudgmental. He was the type of boy who would hold your hand through your struggles as well as celebrate with you in all your achievements. We were blessed to have experienced his genuine spirit in our lifetime, which will forever be irreplaceable. Jeremiah was simply, yet far from simple, a God-given blessing.

As we find ourselves in this devastating and heart-wrenching time, we know God knows all, and God sees all. God is in need of his strongest angels and most deserving of angels. Our Jeremiah, beyond any doubt, is exactly who God needed to return home.

Jeremiah will forever be loved and is lived on through his beautifully strong mother, Cathy Villarreal; his beautiful Grandma Angie, who he adored so much; his Nino Max; his many aunts and uncles; his many cousins; and a multitude of loving friends and acquaintances. He will be reunited at Heaven's Pearly Gates with a warming embrace by his Uncle Felix, his little cousin Trinity's brightened face, and a pair of excited wagging tails from his adopted dogs Mijo and Cojack.

The rosary will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary, located at 445 Lewis St., Pagosa Springs.

Services will be held the following day on April 28 at 10 a.m., also located at the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Lunch will be held at John Paul II Catholic Church, located on 353 S. Pagosa Blvd, in Pagosa Springs, after the funeral services. Jeremiah loved sharing a meal with those he loved. All are welcomed to honor our beloved Jeremiah for services and to break bread with his family during this devastating time.

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County unemployment drops in March

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

According to an April 21 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Archuleta County's unemployment rate dropped from 3.4 percent in February to 2.8 percent in March.

County unemployment rose in January and February after falling for most of 2022.

From February to March, Archuleta County's labor force dropped from 6,954 to 6,949.

For the month of March there were 6,753 individuals employed in Archuleta County, according to the press release. This figure is up from February's report of 6,715 individuals employed in Archuleta County.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for January was Huerfano County at 5.6 percent,

followed by Fremont County at 4.4 and Las Animas County at 4.

Montezuma County is next at 3.9 percent, with Pueblo County following at 3.8 percent.

The state's unemployment rate dropped to 2.8 percent in March from 2.9 percent in February.

The state's labor force increased from 3,217,000 in February to 3,227,300 in March.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point in March to 2.8 percent compared to the February rate of 2.9 percent. The number of unemployed individuals fell by 1,700 over the same time period to 91,000. Colorado's unemployment rate has been below 3.0 percent for eleven consecutive months and remains at pre-pandemic levels. The national unemployment rate also fell by one tenth of a percentage point to 3.5 percent from February to March."

Employers in Colorado cut 4,700 nonfarm payroll jobs from February to March, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to 2,879,800.

Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector lost 6,200 nonfarm payroll jobs and the government sector gained 1,500 jobs.

The private-industry sector with significant job gains in March is other services at about 1,200.

Significant over-the-month declines occurred in the following private-industry sectors:

- Professional and business services at about 2,200.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 2,000.
- Financial activities at about 1,900.

"Since March 2022, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 33,400, with the private sector growing by 24,700 and government adding

8,700 jobs," the press release notes.

Since March 2022, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Leisure and hospitality at about 15,700.
- Professional and business services at about 12,900.
- Educational and health services at about 4,600.

Since March 2022 the largest private-sector job losses include:

- Financial activities at about 6,400.
- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 5,000.
- Construction at about 1,800.
- Information at about 1,300.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 32.9 to 33.1 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$33.72 to \$35.21, over two dollars more than the national average hourly earnings of \$33.18."

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Commissioners hear short-term rental regulation recommendations

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard recommendations from the county short-term rental (STR) task force report for STR policies and regulations at its March 21 work session.

County Manager Derek Woodman summarized and explained the recommendations to the BoCC, noting that he was requesting that the commissioners each provide suggestions on if they thought the recommended regulations were effective and to submit those suggestions to him to guide the amendment of the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations (LUR).

He also pointed out that all violations must be verifiable, since violations of ordinances run through the courts and will be subject to regular rules of evidence.

He also raised the issue that the violators, typically STR guests, would have to be charged for violations, not the owners, which he noted is a "big hurdle."

The first recommendation Woodman discussed was having a saturation threshold for STRs in the county between 8.5 and 10 percent, which, if exceeded, would lead to a moratorium on new STR permits.

He added that the process of coming to this recommendation was "contentious" and that the county is currently near 6.5 percent saturation.

Woodman noted that the county received 31 verifiable complaints about STRs, including parking, noise and trespassing complaints, that were addressed in 2022.

He added that there were no recommended changes to the STR permit registration and renewal process, although the task force recommended that the county publish STR addresses and contact information, and that the permit holder should notify new neighbors annually when renewing their permit, among other recommendations.

The group then discussed the task force's recommendation that the county add an insurance requirement to the county permitting form, with Commissioner Warren Brown highlighting the value of the requirement to ensure all STRs are properly reported to property insurance companies and Commissioner Veronica Medina questioning if the requirement is necessary or the county's responsibility.

Woodman noted that, if this change is implemented, it would require an LUR change.

He discussed the recommenda-

tion to remove the requirement for the STR owner to provide a certificate of taxes due next, noting that, if this requirement is removed staff would recommend a change in fees as staff would have to determine if the property is current on its taxes instead of the applicant providing proof.

Woodman explained that the task force recommended that each STR be required to have a physical binder inside the unit containing rental rules and requirements.

He added that this is currently required but is difficult to enforce, although each STR is checked for a binder upon renewal.

The task force also recommended that applicants provide updated lists of links to advertisements during the registration and annual renewal process to help combat unauthorized increases in occupancy at the STRs, Woodman explained, noting that the county's current permitting software can also work to detect such changes.

He explained that the task force recommended an accelerated permitting timeline, going from a 45-day to 14-day timeline, which he expressed confidence the county could meet.

Woodman added that the task force recommended the county provide a 30- to 45-day grace period during a transfer of ownership to prevent disruptions in bookings.

He added that the task force also proposed allowing the new owners of an STR that is changing ownership to apply for a permit before the closing date to prevent disruptions.

Brown and Medina both expressed support for a grace period of 30 days and discussed that allowing applications to be submitted prior to closing could also be a way to handle the issue.

Development Director Pamela Flowers noted that the Planning Department implemented a 30-day grace period in response to the STR task force's recommendation.

Woodman stated that the task force suggested the county check if the difference in fees between owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied STRs is legal, which Brown and County Attorney Todd Weaver indicated it is.

The task force recommended that the county expedite the fines for illegal, unpermitted STRs before those properties would be allowed to apply for a permit, Woodman explained, adding that the county already requires all fines to be paid before a permit can be issued.

Woodman moved on to discussing a series of recommendations by the task force for LUR changes, beginning by pointing out that verifiable violations would have to

exist before the violator could be fined or charged.

Woodman explained that the task force recommended that the owner or manager must be within 60 miles of the STR, although he indicated that he felt the requirement should be that the owner or manager be within 30 minutes of the property to ensure that issues and complaints are addressed promptly.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated he agreed with Woodman's recommendation.

Woodman then explained that the task force recommended that the permit documents require the local responsible party for the STR to sign and state that they have read and agree to be responsible for enforcing the rules.

The next recommendation he explained is that the county should create a fee schedule for property managers for guest noncompliance with regulations, Woodman stated.

He added that he felt the county potentially needs to consider ways to address management companies in a different manner from owners when they do not address noncompliance.

Weaver noted that these two groups might need to be addressed with LUR changes for owners and an ordinance for management companies.

Woodman added that the task force is recommending putting any fine schedule on hold for 12 months to collect data, although he and Brown expressed skepticism about this approach.

Woodman also highlighted the importance of having verifiable violations and that any ordinance violations would have to be addressed to the violator not to the management company.

The task force recommended that the changes in management companies for STRs must be reported to the county within 10 days, Woodman stated, noting that this is already in place.

He added that the task force recommended that the county update contact information on each STR permit within five days of receipt, which he indicated would not be a problem for the county.

Woodman also discussed two recommended upgrades to the county's STR portal, allowing property managers to sign in to view all their properties and having an STR permit list available to the public, which he noted are already in progress.

He touched on the suggested requirement of noise monitors at every STR, emphasizing the importance of verification.

The group then discussed sev-

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Town sends letter to county outlining plans to withhold justice center certificate of occupancy

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On April 20, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a letter from Town Attorney Bob Cole to Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver. The letter concerns the county justice center's alleged violation of the town's building codes.

The letter states the town plans to "withhold a certificate of occupancy for the Archuleta Justice Center" unless the county "complies with all conditions" that would bring the building into compliance with the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

The building, which sits within town limits, was originally approved by the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, sitting as the Design Review Board, and was awarded a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO), but this came with certain conditions, "which among other things require the County to screen from view rooftop appurtenances, such as mechanical equipment and antennas," the letter states.

On Jan. 10, the county came before the town's planning commission on asking for a variance to waive the rooftop screening requirement. At the meeting, County Manager Derek Woodman cited the cost burden that this requirement would have on county taxpayers, estimating the cost to be \$100,000.

The town planning commission unanimously denied the request, citing that the county should have budgeted for the amount of this requirement and that, for the sake of fairness, it should be treated like any other applicant in terms of compliance with the town's LUDC.

However, on Jan. 17, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted in favor of a resolution to "overrule" the town's denial of the waiver.

The resolution declared that the county has "sole authority" over the building and therefore is not subject to the town's LUDC requirements.

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," citing court cases that support the county's authority in the matter.

At the same meeting, Weaver stated that the county is only subject to "location and extent" review by the town planning commission and that it has the power to "overrule or disregard" the restrictions of municipal zoning regulations.

At the April 20 town council meeting, Cole pointed out what he believes to be the legal flaws in Weaver's reliance on these court decisions.

Cole suggested that the cases that Weaver cited actually "don't apply in this situation," because in those cases, unlike Pagosa Springs,

the municipality involved was not a "home-rule municipality under a home-rule charter."

He then distinguished between home-rule municipalities and counties and statutory municipalities and counties in Colorado.

"The distinction is that a home-rule entity has a charter that the voters approved," he said.

While this is "done out by statute, the authority for it comes out of the Colorado Constitution. And the Colorado Constitution says that if you're a home-rule entity, you have the power to write the legislation on all matters of local and municipal concern," he said.

"So, the Town of Pagosa Springs, as a home-rule charter, has the ability to write ordinances, approve ordinances through the council process," he said.

And where local ordinances might conflict with state statutes, "those local ordinances will control, not state statute, if the matter that they're written on is of local and municipal concern," Cole said.

"The case law that the county has relied upon" involves "statutory authority," rather than home-rule municipalities, he said. The drafted letter further states, "As a home rule municipality, the town's Land Use and Development Code supersedes state statutes."

In response to Weaver's claim that the town only has review authority under the "location and extent review process," the letter states that the county neither complied with this statute nor followed the process' procedures because it "never applied to the Town for location and extent review" pursuant to state statute.

The letter states that "process does matter" and that "filing an application for location and extent is a prerequisite to exercising any authority to overrule a [town's] denial."

The county pursued the town's major design review process and then later asked for a variance to waive the requirement from that same body, the letter explains, also stating, "the County cannot now try to convert one process into another."

Cole told the council that the county appeared to recognize the town's authority to enforce its LUDC when it initially applied for design approval through the town's process and then later applied for a variance, which the planning commission denied.

He explained that the time to challenge any of these town decisions had "long since passed."

He added, "The town is willing to sit down and meet with county representatives to talk about how we can get to a scenario where the town would be willing to issue a certificate of occupancy" if the remaining requirements can be met.

The letter states that an agreement "would have to address the Town's requirement for rooftop screening ... with sufficient assurances that such agreement would

this time be honored."

Cole explained that it is wholly a council decision whether to send, not send or amend the letter, and that he was able to answer any questions the body might have.

Council member Mat deGraaf asked, "If this was a business owner, and not the county, would we extend the same olive branch and extensions on something like this to anyone?"

Community Development Director James Dickhoff replied that his department is usually pretty flexible when trying to get applicants to fully comply with the LUDC.

"We wouldn't issue a CO [certificate of occupancy], typically, until everything is totally complete; we would issue a TCO, so they could operate the business, they could occupy the structure," until such a time when all outstanding requirements are met "and then we'd issue a CO," he said.

deGraaf then stated, "I would like to treat the county like we treat anybody else."

Council member Gary Williams agreed, adding, "As public servants, we need not only to follow the law, but follow the spirit of the law."

He added, "What would it say to our citizens if we let one group deviate from the rules, you know? There's that charge that you're playing favorites, or you're not playing fair and I think we want to be fair and we want our colleagues in the county to follow the spirit and letter of our land use code."

Council member Matt DeGuisse wanted to make sure the town is not considering revoking the county's TCO, which prompted Mayor Shari Pierce to ask if there is a time limit or ending date on the TCO.

Dickhoff answered, "Typically we issue those for no longer than 180 days," but the town will usually work with applicants and be flexible about extending TCO permits in order to get any conditions worked out.

He could not think of an example in the past where the town actually "revoked a TCO."

Pierce explained she wasn't so much concerned about revoking the county's TCO, but worried about how many times the town would extend it and for how long.

Dickhoff added that town staff has not had any conversations with the county about the rooftop screening issue since the county's variance request to waive the requirement was denied.

After questions and comments ceased, a motion was made and then seconded to send the letter. It was carried unanimously by the council.

In a statement to The SUN Tuesday, Town Manager Andrea Phillips wrote that the letter was sent out to the county attorney on Friday, April 21.

She wrote that while the town has not "heard back yet," she is "hopeful we can work towards a successful resolution."

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Recommendations

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He added that regulations on STRs and other homes must be enforced the same way and that the graduating fine schedule is both legally problematic and difficult to track.

The group also discussed the possibility of creating an ordinance to fine management companies for not responding to complaints.

Woodman also briefly discussed a task force recommendation that three valid noise complaints must be received before a noise monitor would be required, although he

noted that noise complaints would likely not be validated without a noise monitor.

The group discussed measures to improve the visibility of address signs on buildings, with Woodman highlighting that unclear addresses for emergency services are a problem in the area.

The work session concluded with Woodman asking the BoCC to submit any recommendations for the changes to regulations concerning STRs to him as soon as possible.

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El Pomar Foundation approves funding for local organizations

Special to The SUN

El Pomar trustees approved funding allocated to nonprofit organizations and government entities in the southwest region at the foundation's March trustees meeting.

Through the foundation's grant-making process, the following local entities were awarded grants:

- Archuleta County Education

Center Inc. — \$25,000 for the Wings Early Childhood Center expansion; competitive.

- Healthy Archuleta Inc. — \$5,000 for youth engagement programs; competitive.

- Pagosa Community Initiative — \$25,000 for after-school programming; regional council.

- Pagosa Play Place — \$2,500 in general operating support; trustee regional merit.



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Fee

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the supply and demand of workforce housing in the community.

The study concludes that for every 100 STRs, about nine housing units are lost annually from the town's workforce rental stock and seven ownership units are lost annually.

Workforce housing (both rental and ownership) is defined by the study as housing inventory meeting the needs of those earning up to 120 percent of area median income (AMI).

The study also states that the growth of the STR industry created higher demand for service jobs and that, as these jobs were being filled, it created a demand for around 12 additional workforce dwelling units annually, but, at the same time, the area experienced a net loss of 16 workforce units (both rental and ownership).

The study, according to the ordinance, "determines that an aggregate annual fee of \$2,687 per STR unit bears a reasonable relationship to the costs to the Town to mitigate the quantifiable workforce housing supply and demand impacts created by STRs."

Phillips explained that the nexus study "provides the rational basis for the council to set such a fee," and also noted that an important aspect of the study is that it quantified the impact of a blanket fee to be applied across the board, regardless of zoning district.

Phillips emphasized that the study only factored the mitigating impacts of a blanket fee "not related to what zoning district the rental is in, whether it's owner-occupied or non-homeowner-occupied, whether it's a use by right [commercial district] or not a use by right [residential]. None of that really is part of the impact fee analysis."

The issue of a blanket fee came

up at several points during the meeting, as council members Brooks Lindner and Leonard Martinez worried that a blanket fee would negatively impact local members of the community who use vacation rentals to supplement their incomes.

However, Cole stressed that to remain within the boundaries of the legal definition of an impact fee, the council should only consider a blanket fee.

He explained that the nexus study is the town's best legal defense against potential legal challenges and, thus, the council should not stray from the quantified findings of the study, which factored a blanket fee to mitigate the impacts of STRs.

Phillips and Cole explained to the council that if the fee were to differentiate between different types of STRs, it could be interpreted as a tax and could therefore be successfully challenged legally, which is one of the reasons a previous voter-approved STR fee was challenged and defeated in court.

Cole explained, "The analysis that was done was based on the impacts. And so this fee is an impact fee. And so, legally, what can be charged for this fee is the cost of mitigating the impact, and the study looked at those costs associated with STRs, determining that the impacts were the same regardless of these other characteristics of how it's owned."

Council member Gary Williams asked if there was a way to stay within the parameters of the nexus study but charge a percentage fee that differentiates between different types of STRs instead of an across-the-board blanket fee.

Cole said, "Generally, in legal terms, if you're mitigating the cost of an impact, that legally is a fee. If you're charging something that's unrelated to costs, unrelated to impacts, and generally a percentage

charge falls under this category, it's not a fee, it becomes a tax."

He explained that if the council wanted to go in the direction of a lodging or an excise tax on STRs, it would not have the grounds to do so using the nexus study as its legal cornerstone.

"Conceptually, taking a 2,000-square-foot house and putting it into a short-term rental has a differential impact, economically, than a studio apartment. So, that's the issue I'm trying to deal with here," Williams said.

Pierce replied, "I don't think the study differentiates there ... I think if we wanted to dig that deep, it might require a different study."

Phillips added, "I agree. I think it's very complicated if you're gonna go for something in that scheme ... I think you'd need to re-establish a study."

When a motion was made to approve the ordinance, it was seconded and followed by a roll-call vote. The motion carried 4-1, with Lindner voting against it.

As an STR owner, council member Mat deGraaf recused himself from the discussion and vote on the issue.

Lindner wanted to make clear to the council and public that he supports the idea of an impact fee on STRs, but could not support either the ordinance, or setting a fee above the amount of zero, on top of the other STR regulations currently in place.

He explained that he favors the impact fee over other regulations, because "we paid for it, it's based on science," but that he couldn't support it unless these other regulations were repealed first.

The town's current STR regulations Lindner referred to include a two-year waiting period, density caps and a 250-foot buffer zone between STRs in residential neighbor-

hoods.

Later, during a resolution to amend the fee schedule, the council discussed setting the actual impact fee amount on STRs.

In conjunction with setting a fee on STRs, the council also needed to decide how it would handle fees the town already collects from STR license applications.

Town Clerk April Hessman explained that, currently, with "new license and renewal license fees, half of those fees are going into a restricted account for workforce housing ... so if you do decide you wanna have an additional fee, do you still want to continue to put half of those funds into that workforce housing account?"

Pierce explained that the town charges \$700 for new STR applications, "and that is the actual cost to the town of doing that license, but we are now taking half of it and putting it over into an account for workforce housing."

"Do we want to continue doing that?" she asked.

The council ultimately decided to continue putting half of both new and renewal license fees in the restricted workforce housing account.

"I'd say keep it the same, because it sends a message that we are committed to our workforce housing problem," deGraaf said.

Since the council had earlier passed Ordinance 995, the council next considered setting the workforce housing fee amount.

This again brought up the issue of differentiating between different types of STRs. Phillips reminded the council that this would lead it astray from the nexus study and open the town up to potential legal problems.

Martinez asked why the town couldn't be more "variable" on the fee, with Phillips responding that the challenge was "really a legal one."

"If you have fees that differentiate between square footage, zoning district, homeowner or non-homeowner occupied, conditional use versus use by right, you are opening the door up to additional legal challenges," she said.

She added, "When you start

Martinez

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called his "friends and neighbors in need," asking who these residents are, where they reside and how the council can address the issues they face.

He added that one of his major priorities is to "break the poverty cycle" and that the single most important factor in breaking "generational poverty" is the availability of affordable, high-quality early child care and education.

He also mentioned that he's "acutely aware of the affordable housing issues for workers" and how the issue of affordable and available early child care crosses "paths where poverty meets with housing, one of the main issues here."

As a native of Pagosa Springs, he explained, he has witnessed some of the big changes to the area.

He said many of these changes were "really good things happening in the community," but he does not see a "kind of a pathway that says, 'Well listen — here's what Pagosa was, here's where Pagosa is going.'"

He indicated he hopes that he can be a bridge that brings people together from the past, present and future to make Pagosa "something even better than what it is today."

He suggested he wants to "preserve the culture of who Pagosa was, who it should be and could be in the future."

For Buttons, the opening question came from council member Matt DeGuise, who asked the candidate to describe an example of a time when he "did not agree with a decision of a group" and to explain how he overcame that situation.

"There's been a few times in my life when I haven't agreed," Buttons answered. "You have to be able to negotiate and be able to work with people, and, today, in this culture war, we are losing the art of negotiation and that art of diplomacy."

He explained that, in his younger days, there were "times I didn't handle things so great and got angry, like most people."

But he noted that he learned from these mistakes.

"I learned what I did wrong and I made corrections" to do better in the future, he said.

He also mentioned that "you have to be the change you want to see" and you have to work hard at making those changes happen.

"So, I move forward, I improvise, I adapt and I overcome. And that's how I move on," he said.

The second round of questions

changing the way that you apply this from what was established in that nexus study, you're really getting away from the impact fee and you're creating, essentially, a tax."

Both the town staff and town attorney recommended that the council stick to a "flat amount, based on that nexus study, anywhere ... from zero up to \$2,687," as Phillips said.

The general consensus amongst the council was to start at a low number and ramp up the fee amount later on, when the council has more information at its disposal.

Phillips noted that the fee amount can be raised or lowered by resolution at any time in the future.

But while there was general agreement to start low, the council struggled to find consensus on what the specifics of a low number would look like.

Lindner said it was "a bad idea to put a fee on top" of current regulations, saying that around 50 percent of STR owners are locals.

"A lot of them are people just trying to make ends meet," he said, adding the extra income of having an STR is a big part of "how they make ends meet, and you add this fee ... and that's gonna be a hardship for a lot of those locals."

He added that the council should do more to reach out and talk to local STR owners to survey how they feel about the issue.

Williams responded that the area's workforce should also be surveyed to see how they feel about these issues, with Lindner agreeing, saying he wants to talk to everyone affected.

But Lindner indicated he could not support a fee above zero, saying that he would only be in favor of a fee if the current STR regulations are repealed.

Pierce replied that she is not in favor of repealing the current regulations, but she is in favor "of looking out for our locals in this respect."

With this in mind, she noted that she wanted to set the initial fee at "zero or something very low."

Williams wanted to go higher, resting his opinion on the nexus study.

"We have a fairly sophisticated study that shows there's actually a cost to the community from STRs and ... it changes the quality of neighborhoods and it takes houses out of the workforce housing market ... and so we need to recognize that there's an actual monetary cost when someone takes an apartment or a house and turns it into a short-term rental," Williams said.

He mentioned he hoped "to capture some of that to help us address the affordable housing issue."

He then suggested a fee in the range of \$500 to \$1,000.

Council member Matt DeGuise explained that he "somewhat" agreed with Lindner on current regulations, saying that the council is planning to "revisit" the regulations to see what aspects could be improved with this new fee in mind.

He added he hopes to return to "more of a free market," but that he leaned toward a \$500 to a \$1,000 initial fee, agreeing with Williams' fee range.

After public comment, the council returned to setting the fee amount, with Pierce reminding the council that it had the option to set the fee at "zero tonight and readdress it" later when the council has more information.

She said, "We just need a number to fill in that box so we can motion on this resolution."

Martinez replied, "You know, I can't put a number on the table, I can only think of principles and I'm not sure I have enough information here."

He asked what would happen if he abstained from the vote. Cole replied that an abstention would be counted as a vote in favor of the resolution, according to procedural rules.

Williams made a motion to set the fee at \$500 and it was seconded by DeGuise.

When a roll-call vote was taken, the resolution carried with both Williams and DeGuise voting in favor of the resolution; Pierce and Lindner voting 'Nay.'

deGraaf recused himself and Martinez abstained from the vote.

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Plumtaw

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to bring to the table."

Skeie spent the past year interviewing land and water managers as well as local landowners, understanding what it means to live with fire. There are many things outside of our control — especially with a changing climate — but the film explores the aspects that we can control, namely preparedness. Skeie was inspired by the collaborative spirit of SJHFHP and the connection between fire and water and found stories with a positive takeaway are rarely shared.

"We're fortunate to live in a community that is proactive about wildfire, but it will truly take all hands on deck — share what you learn with a neighbor, strike up a conversation on the trail, spread the word," said Skeie. "Education is a huge component of this, even in years when snowpack is abundant."

What may seem like luck from the outside is more nuanced when given the details. Yes, luck played a role in the outcome of the Plumtaw Fire incident, but is only part of a larger story. Through a collabora-

tive discussion years before the fire occurred, the SJHFHP identified the area as a priority for wildfire mitigation treatments due to its critical importance to drinking water access for Pagosa Springs. In 2021, the San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District conducted a fuels reduction treatment on Four-mile Road which in 2022 created additional decision-making space during the fire.

"Fire is not inherently bad. Fire can produce bad outcomes," said Josh Peck, district ranger at the San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District. "That is why it is important that we are collectively engaged in building a landscape that is resilient and accepting of fire in its natural role."

The story of the Plumtaw is not over. As forest managers look to the landscape surrounding Pagosa Springs and beyond, more work is on the horizon. The lessons from the Plumtaw will assuredly help us move toward a future where we live with fire, accepting both its benefits and the challenges that living in a fire-adapted landscape presents.

Pagosa Springs community members and landowners have important takeaways as well, namely understanding wildfire and our relationship with the forest. Skeie's film provides a window into that relationship, showing that it can be positive and reveal important lessons, perspectives and paths forward. Just as the Plumtaw Fire provided an opportunity for the forest to regenerate, it provides an opportunity for people to play a larger role in preparedness by sharing their voices, concerns and perspectives.

"Plumtaw Fire outcomes exemplify the power of collaborative input and partnerships between the public and land managers," said Guinn. "The SJHFHP looks forward to sharing this story and continuing to work hard for our community, forest, and watersheds. We hope you'll join us."

The premiere and panel event will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on May 17 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts located at 2313 Eagle Drive. There is a \$5 suggested cash donation to help support SJHFHP.

Coroner

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investigator while also referencing his lack of direct experience with the work of a coroner.

Following the interviews, Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked the other commissioners if they felt they should enter executive session to discuss the appointment or not.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he felt it was an "important enough appointment we should be able to have a discussion in executive session."

Maez then called for a motion, with Brown moving to enter executive session "pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters related to the appointment of a replacement county coroner."

Commissioner Veronica Medina seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The SUN obtained a recording of the executive session through a Colorado Open Records Act request because state statute notes that the personnel matters exemption may not be invoked to discuss, among other things, any elected official or filling the vacancy of an elected official.

A statement posted to the county's website Wednesday afternoon regarding the release of the recording reads, "During the BoCC Special Meeting to appoint a new County Coroner on April 25, 2023, the Executive Session discussion unintentionally transpired separate from

the public. The audio recording is now available online to comply with Colorado Open Meetings Law."

Brown opened the executive session discussion by stating that both candidates have their strong points, highlighting Balderas' recent experience and passion but stating, "I think there are some technical things she does not understand about the job which cause me a little concern."

He added that Hunt has technical experience with investigation but little to no experience with investigation of death itself and a significant amount of time has passed since his experience with investigation.

"But, I think both of them have very positive things that they could bring to the position. And so that's kind of where I'm sitting," Brown said. "Limbo, maybe."

Medina agreed with Brown, stating that she was concerned that Balderas would hire a large number of people to support her when Medina felt there potentially only needs to be two deputy coroners.

She also shared Brown's concerns about the amount of the time since Hunt has done investigations.

"Definitely, to your point, there is some concerns on both," Medina stated.

"I look at the professionalism," Maez said, adding, "Mr. Hunt has the law enforcement ... background. He has the ability to identify or even look for or has that ... previous law enforcement background to really make a good sound investigation

and experience."

Maez continued to state that this experience is critical in being able to identify to law enforcement if a death is suspicious.

"I think the experience for me, in my own opinion, I think rests with Hunt right now," Maez said. "Could Balderas learn from him? I would say probably yes, a lot. But you can see the experience and the professionalism in Mr. Hunt, a lot more than anything."

Medina asked Brown, given his recent law enforcement experience, if Balderas' comment that having an autopsy for every death is preferable is accurate.

Brown stated that this is not accurate and pointed out that Balderas had said "most of the time."

He added that one of the reasons to have a competent coroner is they determine when an autopsy should or should not be done as there are significant expenses associated with autopsies.

Brown also commented that Hunt's experience is in property crime investigations, which is distinctly different from crimes against persons, although he noted that the investigative processes are similar and he does not question Hunt's ability to investigate.

Maez commented that the board had had "good" discussion and noted the importance of the coroner's position, pointing out their ability to potentially arrest the sheriff.

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which includes vice president of economic development at New Mexico State University and vice president of management and manufacturing at Sandia National Laboratory.

After questions for the applicants, the council considered appointing one of the two candidates.

Pierce began by saying, "What rises to me is that I feel Mr. Martinez understands, from his answers, the importance of business, which I think is really important to our town as we're building things ... and he questions the dollar amounts that are presented about things. I like that."

She also mentioned that she was impressed with Martinez's experience in "strategic planning."

She added that kind of experience would be "really important to this board."

She also noted that Martinez is "very aware of what child care can do to help the community and hopefully break that poverty cycle," adding that Martinez is "aware of the housing problem in the community."

Pierce continued that Martinez "wants to try and bring cultures together in the community," but noted that she views this through the prism of bringing together "the old-timers and newcomers, and trying to make more of a community, so that kinda stood out to me."

Council member Brooks Lindner suggested that he "couldn't ignore the kind of impact" that Martinez would have on the council being a native of Pagosa, agreeing with Pierce that his focus on bringing together different cultures is a big positive in his mind.

"So, to me, that sort of raises you to the top of this choice," he said.

Council member Gary Williams then made a motion to appoint Martinez to the town council position, with Lindner seconding the motion.

Pierce asked for a roll-call vote. Martinez's appointment was then carried unanimously by the council, with council member Madeline Bergon being absent from the meeting.

Buttons commented, "I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to come down here," adding that Martinez "is gonna be a great council member."

Subsequently, the town clerk swore in Martinez to the position, with applause coming from the audience and the council. He took his seat amongst the other council members and participated as an official member for the remainder of the meeting.

Bridge

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can do because it cannot be on tribal land without permission.

Pogue explained that he worked with a bridge manufacturer and had a new bridge designed, which would be cost effective at a price of \$650,000, below the expected cost of \$1 million.

He noted that the new bridge would also have its abutments further out of the floodplain, increasing its longevity.

He added that the county does not have a right of way for the road and that he reached out to the tribe to attempt to establish a temporary easement or other agreement to allow the county to construct the bridge.

"I've reassured them more than once that ... we would minimize the impact of the construction, of the demo, that we would be very mindful of the sensitivity of the area and still it just falls on deaf ears," Pogue stated, adding that he has not been able to even secure a timeline of when the tribe would reply to him.

"I've gone to their office, I've sent emails, I've done all the legwork that I could to this point, and I don't see any other alternative until we get some sort of communication feedback from them. Some sort of participation," he said, adding that the county is not asking the tribe to fund the project.

He noted that the only thing supporting the bridge is its deck, which he suggested at some point would fail.

County Manager Derek Woodman asked Pogue what the weight limit on the bridge is.

Pogue stated it is 7 tons, adding that the weight of dump trucks and belly dump trucks both substantially exceed this limit.

He added that he has spoken with law enforcement about placing a camera on the bridge to detect trucks since he had been told trucks are crossing it at night.

Medina highlighted the safety issues with the bridge and the fact the county is past the 90 days granted by CDOT and asked what the plan for closing the bridge might be.

Pogue responded the county would place cement barriers and signage on the bridge to close it.

He added that the residents on the lower end of the road would have to use Colo. 151, which has been reopened following erosion issues near the highway (see related article for more information), which would be "an inconvenience to say the least."

He added that the county has faced multiple issues with the lower portion of CR 500 this year which need to be resolved with the tribe.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked how long it would take to replace the bridge if the county could get an agreement with the tribe.

Pogue stated this would take approximately a month, although the lead time on the prefabricated replacement bridge will likely be six months, meaning that the bridge could likely not be installed this year since it would arrive in November.

"Our window of opportunity I think is behind us unless we have some sort of crazy weather where it's sunshining and 70 in November, but I don't see that happening," Pogue added.

Brown asked if Pogue offered the tribe the opportunity to have staff on site during construction to observe and stop the process if it violates their conditions.

Pogue explained he had and that he asked the tribe what portions of the project it wants to be a part of as well as showing them the plans for the bridge.

He explained that, when this information was presented, it was stated that the staff responsible for these decisions were traveling and that, when he asked for a timeline for when he should reach out again, communication stopped.

Brown raised the issue that, if Colo. 151 closes again and the bridge closes, there would be emergency response issues as well as a financial burden on residents of the area.

Woodman noted that the repairs on Colo. 151 will close the road at some point.

Pogue noted that the county supplied rock materials from its yard in Arboles to assist CDOT in addressing

the erosion issues on Colo. 151.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that a CDOT representative had asked him to thank Pogue and to express that truckers need to adhere to the speed limit on Colo. 151 near the erosion area.

Maez pointed out that the county is past the 90 days to fix the Pagosa Junction bridge and that the county has tried "everything we possibly can" and "we should have probably closed that bridge a long time ago."

He added that, while the BoCC is considering closing the bridge, it should also consider how to address the impact of the "heavy haul traffic" on the lower part of CR 500, which is a "severe detriment" on the road.

He stated that he wanted the BoCC to consider a weight restriction on the lower section of CR 500, noting that, in places, the road is near or below the base and has large amounts of mud present — issues exacerbated by fast-moving truck traffic.

Maez noted that he is not opposed to closing the bridge, but that he feels that the county needs to consider restrictions on heavy truck traffic on the road.

Pogue agreed with Maez about the impacts of heavy truck traffic and stated the county needs access to improve the drainages on the road.

He added that the tribe sent a permit which the county could not agree to due to it violating county policy.

In an interview with The SUN, County Attorney Todd Weaver stated that the permit asked the county to indemnify the tribe, which is prohibited by state statute.

Pogue noted that the county is absorbing a cost in continuous repairs to the lower section of CR 500 to address "somebody else's impact."

Medina stated she would support a weight limit on the road but questioned how it would be enforced.

Pogue agreed this is an issue and stated that he had spoken with Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux, who had stated that he could place a trailer with a license plate-reading camera in the area once it is operational.

Brown highlighted that, even if the county could not determine the drivers of the vehicles detected in the camera, it would have legal standing to issue cease and desist letters to the companies operating their vehicles on the roadways against county regulations.

He added that he is "disappointed" that commercial users of the roadway do not have to pay an impact fee for use of the roadway.

Weaver stated he had "no idea" if the county could implement an impact fee, although he noted that under Colorado law local governments have no jurisdiction over tribal resources.

Weaver added the county can impose weight limits on a road under its jurisdiction.

Pogue proposed that the county could put weight restrictions on the road to prevent trucks from being able to access it, then provide special use permits for a fee to trucks or companies for use of the road, which would help offset some of the costs.

"I think putting a weight restriction is going to open the door for negotiations," Maez commented.

He added that he does not want to compromise the residents' lifestyle and ability to receive deliveries, but that he thought their activities would fit within a 7 ton limit.

Pogue agreed that hauling cattle or horse trailers would fit under a 7 ton limit.

Maez stated that, in his opinion, the county needs to close the bridge due to being outside the timeline from CDOT and to protect the county and the BoCC needs to direct staff to work on a weight limit ordinance for the lower part of CR 500.

Maez then stated that the BoCC can give direction to close the bridge immediately, which Pogue said is a "good idea."

Pogue added that the county would have to give a five-day notification to people in the area.

"We have to maintain the safety of our citizens and also minimize the liability that the county would face," Brown said.

In an interview with The SUN, Pogue explained that he wants to give additional time beyond the notice period for residents to learn about the bridge closure, but that it would be closed by May 5.

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Coroner

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Brown raised concerns about the fact Hunt is retired and that, in the previous week, there had been three deaths.

"That's not very retired," he added. "I don't know if he understands ... that we are and can be and usually will be busy with deaths. ... I just want to make sure he's going to be solidly there if he's the candidate knowing that this is not a ... part-time, full-time job in that you're on call all the time."

Brown added that he feels that both candidates are "very good people" and that he hoped that the candidate who was not selected would stay on staff or choose to become part of staff.

Medina said, "And I'm holding on to this maybe and I shouldn't because I feel, you've expressed it, just

the professionalism, I felt it was very unprofessional (sic) of Shannon when she left on vacation and then not even returning when Brandon's end date was gonna be, it was two days after and that put us in a precarious situation that I wasn't OK with, so it didn't feel like this was super important to her then. And there was so many ... clarifying questions I wanted to ask her but I knew I couldn't because I wouldn't be asking him. ... So I didn't, I held my tongue. ... So, I'm still holding that and ... I don't feel like it is super important to her. ... So, that is something that I felt like it wasn't 100 percent a passion for her like she stated."

County Attorney Todd Weaver commented that he liked Hunt's professionalism and that he thought Balderas could learn from him if she continues as deputy coroner and

would potentially be ready to run for coroner in the next election.

He added that he felt Hunt could step up and become sheriff if necessary, adding on Balderas, "My instincts tell me that she would not be ready to handle that type of position, that type of responsibility as the interim sheriff. ... I think that would overwhelm her."

The BoCC then exited the executive session and returned to the meeting.

Maez commented that he appreciated both candidates applying for the position.

Medina moved to appoint Hunt as the new county coroner, effective May 1 and to serve until a coroner is elected in the 2024 general election.

Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
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Education

School district votes to move ahead with political consultant

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At a special meeting Tuesday evening, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education voted to move forward with a consultant to explore the possibility of putting a mill levy override (MLO) on the upcoming ballot.

The vote allows Superintendent Rick Holt to complete contract negotiations with Hansen Communications, which is one of two firms the board heard from at its April 11 regular meeting to potentially help the district with a new MLO and building construction/renovation bond.

In 2018, voters within the school district approved a \$1.7 million MLO, which is set to sunset in 2025. Due to the state offering free full-day kindergarten (one of four initiatives listed for the district's MLO revenue), the district is collecting \$1.5 million for the MLO.

The board heard presentations from Ryan Winger of Magellan Strategies and Lynea Hansen of Hansen Communications via Zoom on April 11.

Winger presented that Magellan is a public opinion research firm that has done more than 1,000 surveys, including surveys for school districts such as community surveys and ballot measure surveys, the latter of which he noted will help the district tell its story.

He noted the need to be accurate and that Magellan accurately predicted more than 20 ballot measures in 2020, including Archuleta County's recent failed sales tax initiative.

He then used an example of another district's ballot measure to discuss steps that the firm could take with ASD to inform voters, move voters from uninformed to informed and develop ballot

language.

In response to questions from board member Amanda Schick regarding what the district's total investment would be and what the next step would be if it isn't a good idea for the district to move forward quickly, Winger noted he could put together a brief proposal of costs and suggested if there's not support, the district may need to lay more groundwork about what it is doing.

Hansen noted she has been running campaigns for just over 25 years and does a lot of education ballot races because of her love of education.

She added that, to date, she has not lost a tax campaign.

She presented a possible timeline for the district beginning with the community process in May, June and July; placing a measure on the ballot in August; kicking off the campaign after Labor Day; when ballots are mailed; and Election Day.

She also explained more about the community process, which she indicated includes school district feedback, community feedback, statistically valid polling and political analysis, which together lead up to a decision to move forward or not.

She also spoke about Archuleta County voter statistics and encouraged the district to think about who its voters are and when an election would be most friendly to them.

She also spoke about doing election analyses and seeing how voters voted on state measures.

She further presented a draft budget that would include approximately \$47,500 for the district for the consulting, polling (which Hansen noted she does through other firms), and outreach and materials.

She then noted the campaign estimate, which would not come

from ASD coffers, at about \$20,700.

During board discussion following the presentations, board member Butch Mackey noted Hansen had more data, more suggestions and more ideas and did an "admirable" job.

Schick noted the companies seemed different in their volume, personnel and reach, and added Hansen was thorough in presenting a timeline, figures, phases and expectations.

She noted there were holes in the comparisons since the district only had cost figures from Hansen.

Board president Bob Lynch suggested Hansen is better on the end-to-end process and added he would be much more comfortable moving forward with her.

Holt noted he worked with Hansen at a previous district and chose to bring her forward as a candidate because of that experience and the fact that she will say what the district needs to hear.

He noted he also brought forward Magellan because that firm has a large presence with the Colorado Association of School Boards.

The board ultimately voted unanimously to move forward with contract negotiations with Hansen and have directors Mackey and Dana Guinn work with Holt.

On Tuesday, Holt, Guinn and Mackey presented their thoughts after meeting with Hansen again on Monday, with all three indicating willingness to move forward with Hansen's firm.

"I think Ms. Hansen is gonna be very helpful to us in the process, thinking through what our strategic needs are and how to approach that in an order that supports what the goals we have are for the district so we can continue to best support students and the community," Guinn said. "So, I feel comfortable and happy with

the way the conversation went discussing different initiatives that we have kind of coming towards us in the next year to three years that are gonna help support our staff and our students."

"I feel that Ms. Hansen is very experienced, very knowledgeable and very thorough, which I was very impressed with," Mackey said, adding the district needs "good, solid, sound data" to make a decision, which he feels she can produce.

He also noted her ability to tell the district if she feels it's headed down the wrong path.

Holt noted the meeting with Hansen was productive and enlightening and that Hansen provided a progressive way to proceed in the exploration with clear benchmarks.

In response to a question from Schick about what Hansen discussed that was different than on April 11 and if she brought proposals with numbers, Holt noted Hansen was prepared to speak directly about the district's situation and that she provided a range of costs for monthly services and other community outreach services.

Holt and Guinn also spoke of a one-day-out clause that would allow the district to stop services with one day's notice.

Holt suggested if the board opted to move forward with Hansen, he would try to pull a meeting together within the next two to three weeks with a steering committee, which would serve as the core group for the exploration.

Guinn motioned to allow Holt to complete contract negotiations and sign the contract upon completion, which passed 4-0, with board member Tim Taylor absent from the meeting due to coaching duties.

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Pagosa Springs Arts Council awards scholarship

By Sherry Phillips
Pagosa Springs Arts Council

Regina Sikes has always been interested in art from the time she was a child doodling in her books in Rio Rancho, N.M. She moved on to photography, which she really enjoyed, and got interested in scrapbooking as well. She stopped doing most art, except for photography, between grades eight and 10 because she was so busy. She has been home-schooled her entire life.

When COVID hit, her family made the decision to move to a smaller community where they could enjoy the natural beauty of the land. Her grandparents and her sister joined them so they have extended family here in this small mountain town. When she started attending school in Pagosa Springs, she took as many art classes as she could and has been inspired by her teacher, Kelly Lewis, to attend college and pursue a career in the arts.

She got quite involved in the arts and many other activities while at Pagosa Springs High School with the Americana Project, Knowledge Bowl and cheer. She was a cast member in the high school productions of "Music Man" and "Beauty and the Beast," as well as an actor in the Curtains Up Pagosa production of "The Addams Family" and is now designing sets for "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

She plans to attend the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M. Her mother is Navajo and Sikes is in the process of proving her ancestry in order to attend



Regina Sikes

this prestigious university. In the meantime she is wasting no time furthering her artistic and academic career and will attend Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque, N.M., until her proof of ancestry comes through.

She plans to study studio arts and eventually make a career out of the arts, whether it is as a freelance painter or a more traditional career such as a graphic designer or education teacher. In the meantime, you can probably find Sikes out in nature gathering inspiration for the beautiful art she creates.

The Pagosa Springs Arts Council is proud to offer our yearly scholarship to Sikes and wish her the best in advancing the artistic beauty of our world.

Card of Thanks

Military ceremony

First-grade students and teachers would like to thank the wonderful veterans that took time out of their day, Thursday, April 20, to perform a special military ceremony for our first-graders. The students loved seeing men and women in uniform as they performed the flag folding ceremony and a rifle volley. We are learning about patriotism in our Open Court language arts program, which also includes a section on veterans. This was a special way for our kids to see veterans.

Durango Elks Lodge announces scholarship winners

By Helen Wilkinson
Durango Elks Lodge

The scholarship committee is excited to share the recipients of the 2023 Durango Elks Lodge scholarships.

The following Pagosa Springs High School students will receive \$1,000 scholarship awards from Durango Lodge No. 507: Hannah Rockensock, Noah Slingerland, Kaleb Johnson and Kyle Marotta.

David Ashbaugh, also graduating from Pagosa Springs High School, will be receiving the \$1,000 Durango Elks Lodge Veteran's Scholarship (made possible by the Durango Elks Lodge Veterans' Committee); he has two military parents and one veteran grandparent. He will be attending Southern Utah University in Cedar City, where he will be majoring in rotary

wing aviation.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge Rockensock, who was named a state finalist in the Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student Competition.

We will be recognizing the students at an awards ceremony at the Durango Elks Lodge on May 15 beginning at 5:45 p.m. Feel free to stop by and meet some of the students.

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Seeds of Learning hosts Science Night



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

Science Night at Seeds of Learning was a fun-filled event with hands-on science experiments complete with hypothesizing and testing theories on April 20.

By Danyelle Leentjes
Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning hosted Science Night for the parents and children who are enrolled at the preschool on April 20.

It was a fun-filled night of hands-on science experiments filled with hypothesizing and testing their theories out.

The intention of Science Night is to provide the opportunity for families to spend quality time with their children, modeling developmentally appropriate science activities, encouraging positive relationships between parents and teachers, and providing science activities they can complete with their child at home.

All three classrooms had science stations set up for parents and children to participate together at their own pace.

In one of the experiments, students and their parents constructed boats and had to estimate how many "manipulatives" they could place in the boat before it sank. Nikolai and his father were able to fit 53 miniature bears in their boat before it took on water.

In the "make a rainbow" experiment, families used Skittles candies in warm and cold water to see how the food coloring would spread to make a rainbow. Families also learned about how clouds produce rain using water, shaving cream and blue food coloring.

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Sports

TRACK

Rylie Carr sets new school record at Durango meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate runner Rylie Carr set a new school record at the April 22 Ron Keller Invitational in Durango, running the 100-meter dash in 12.58 seconds.

According to coach Connie O'Donnell, Carr beat a record set in 2006 by Nikki Kinkead.

"We have not had a school record broken since 2019. I have a feeling that it won't be the only one broken this year," O'Donnell wrote in an email, adding Carr is now "well positioned" in the state rankings in the 100 and 200-meter dash.

Carr's finish helped the Lady Pirates to a second-place finish at the 10-team Durango meet, with the Pirates finishing behind Durango.

Annabelle Parker finished second in the 100 at the meet with a time of 12.96 seconds. Sienna Rose finished sixth in 13.42 seconds. Reece Peterson finished ninth with a time of 13.91. Faith Domingo came in 26th in 15.06 seconds and was followed by Eden Conner in 27th with a time of 15.08 seconds. Alia Hibbert finished 47th in 16.94 seconds.

Carr also took first in the 200, running a time of 27.03 seconds. Alexis Campbell finished eighth with a time of 29.20 seconds. Emma Gantt took 21st with a time of 31.60 seconds, and Evelyn Rose followed in 22nd with a time of 31.60 seconds. Domingo finished 24th in 31.77 seconds. Hibbert finished 38th with a time of 35.94 seconds.

In the 400-meter dash, Sienna Rose took third place with a time of 1:04.25. Annie O'Donnell placed fifth in 1:07.12. Gantt finished ninth in 1:12.19. Evelyn Rose finished 11th with a time of 1:12.97. Lucy Taylor finished 18th in 1:16.50.

Marie Smith finished 18th in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:26.07. Aspen Salazar finished 20th with a time of 3:35.61.

Taylor finished seventh in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 7:30.71 and was followed by Smith in eighth, who logged a time of 7:33.29.

Connie O'Donnell highlights that Smith dropped seven seconds in her 800 and 15 seconds in her time on the mile.

Chantelle Caldwell took first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.71 seconds. Kylie Ketchum finished fifth with a time of 17.69 seconds. Elissa Mars took eighth with a time of 18.11 seconds.

Mars finished third in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 53.85 seconds. Conner finished ninth in 1:02.30.

The Lady Pirate team of Campbell, Packer, Amber Snarr and Peterson took first in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 54.89 seconds.

The Lady Pirate team of Campbell, Ketchum, Aspen Pitcher and Packer took first in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:53.95.

"Both our girls 4x1 and 4x2 won without our fastest runners," the coach wrote. "It shows that we have some depth in our roster and that there are more good things to come in Pirate track and field."

The 4x400-meter relay team of Carr, Annie O'Donnell, Peterson and Sienna Rose took first with a time of 4:25.59, which the coach notes put them in the top 18 in the state.

The Lady Pirates took five of the top six spots in the high jump, with Caldwell winning with a height of 4 feet, 10 inches and Jordan Lindstrom following in second, also with a height of 4-10.00. Elio Groves, Annie O'Donnell and Ketchum took fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively,

with heights of 4-06.00.

"Girls high jump just keeps switching winners," Connie O'Donnell wrote. "It's been Annie O'Donnell, it's been Jordan Lindstrom, last week it was Elio Groves and this week it was Chantelle Caldwell."

Ketchum took third in the long jump with a distance of 15-01.00. Groves finished ninth with a distance of 13-09.00. Mars finished 10th with a jump of 13-07.25. Lindstrom followed in 11th with a jump of 13-07.00.

Groves took first in the triple jump with a distance of 31-06.50, and Lindstrom followed in second with a distance of 30-11.25.

Abigail Nehring took eighth in the discus with a throw of 77-02.00 and 12th in the discus with a distance of 22-10.50.

Connie O'Donnell also highlights the work of several other athletes on the day, writing, "Kylie Ketchum had a breakout day in Durango. She decided to give high jump a try and ended up placing and she jumped her PR in long jump. She figured out the 3step in 100 hurdles and dropped a ridiculous 3 seconds. She is now in the top 18 in the state along with Chantelle Caldwell. They have a little bit of time now just to continue getting faster. Elissa Mars is not far out of the top 18 and keeps improving every week as well."

The Pirate boys' team took fifth out of the 11 teams at the event.

The Pirate team had seven runners in the 100: Colton Lucero finished sixth in 11.52 seconds, Kameron Winkler finished 10th in 11.65 seconds, Harley Armijo finished 15th in 11.82 seconds, Gavin Carter finished 21st in 12.04 seconds, Gavin Lindahl took 24th in 12.11 seconds, Jacob Miller took 29th in 12.30 seconds and Jeremiah Dean took 37th in 12.66 seconds.

In the 200, Winkler finished seventh in 23.72 seconds, Miller finished 23rd in 26.26 seconds and Miles Baker followed in 24th with a time of 26.42 seconds.

"It was a fast day for the boys, but the wind was just above the speed allowed for qualifying," O'Donnell wrote. "Colton Lucero took three tenths of a second off of his 100. That is a big amount of time to drop in just a week. If the wind had not been a factor, Colton would be ranked 20th in 3A which is huge for a freshman. He got the honor of running in the same heat as Zander Cruzan from Montezuma Cortez who was in the state finals last year. I think that sometimes athletes are intimidated to be in a heat that fast, but I feel like Colton just relishes it and uses it to make himself better. Kam Winkler was in the fast heat with Cruzan for the 200."

Elijah Nehring finished 24th in the 400 with a time of 1:12.16.

Jesse Beck took fifth in the 800 with a time of 2:19.51. Elias Sanchez finished 12th in 2:37.79 and was followed by Connor Thomas in 13th with a time of 2:39.07. Kyle Marotta finished 15th in 2:42.81.

Beck placed second in the 1,600 with a time of 5:11.13. Sanchez took 13th with a time of 6:00.41. Tucker Haines took 14th in 6:03.00. Thomas finished 15th in 6:05.41. Elijah Nehring finished 21st in 6:36.85.

The Pirate team of Winkler, Jonathan Nasralla, Lucero and Armijo finished second in the 4x200 with a time of 1:36.62.

Nasralla took seventh in the high jump with a height of 5-06.00. Jeremiah Jones finished 10th with a height of 5-04.00. Creede Dozier took 14th with a height of 5 feet.

Jones took 13th in the long jump with a jump of 17-01.00. Lucero followed in 14th with a jump of 17-00.25.

Dozier placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 37-07.75. Nasralla followed in fourth with a result of 36-08.25. Baker took seventh with a distance of 36-00.50.

Miller finished ninth with a distance of 35-03.50.

Aidan Vega finished 16th in the discus with a throw of 74-09.00.

Lindahl took fourth in the shot put with a throw of 34-07.25. Armijo finished 10th with a throw of 31-09.50.

"Gavin Lindahl and Harley Armijo both answered our call for more throwers and decided to give shot put a try," the coach wrote. "Gavin ended up throwing really well and placing 5th. There is a good chance that Gavin and Harley will get the shot figured out and do really well since they are strong and explosive athletes."

The coach notes the meet had almost perfect weather, but that it was not without difficulties, explaining the timing system didn't function on the fast heats of the girls' 100 race and the 100 hurdles.

"Rylie Carr, Annabelle Parker, Sienna Rose, Elissa Mars and Chantelle Caldwell all had to rerun their races," she wrote. "The funny thing is that I am pretty sure they ran faster the second time anyways. I was proud of them for not complaining and just rerunning the race. They are all in such a good place mentally."

Too, Connie O'Donnell notes the boys' 100 and 200 races had too much wind to count toward qualifying for state.

"Even with that, we had some really good times. Everyone just keeps getting faster and I think the athletes are even surprising themselves," she wrote.

On Monday, the Pirates took part in the Bayfield Invite #2, which was postponed from the previous week due to wind.

"I moved some people around and didn't enter a few athletes in too many events because I was trying to give them a bit of recovery time," O'Donnell wrote about the event. "It's hard to run at a track meet on Saturday and be ready to go again on a Monday. There were some good things that came out of the meet."

The Lady Pirates swept the top finishes for the 100, with Parker finishing first in 13.28 seconds, Campbell finishing second in 13.66 seconds and Pitcher taking third in 14.19 seconds.

"It's always fun to take the 1st 3 places," the coach wrote.

Carr took first in the 200 with a time of 26.89 seconds. Pitcher took third with a time of 30.16 seconds. Hadley Phillips finished tied for seventh with a time of 31.33 seconds.

Carr finished second in the 400 in 63.73 seconds. Sienna Rose finished fourth in 65.59 seconds and Evelyn Rose finished ninth in 74.97 seconds.

"Rylie Carr ran an open 400 for the first time this year," O'Donnell explains. "Her time was good for a season 1st, but I know that she can run it faster. She also ran the 200 and depending on the wind, should be ranked 11th in 3A."

Annie O'Donnell won the 800 with a time of 2:40.18. Smith finished 10th with a time of 3:32.46.

Caldwell took first in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.79 seconds. Mars took second with a time of 17.88 seconds. Ketchum finished sixth in 18.57 seconds.

"While Chantelle Caldwell won

the 100 hurdles, Elissa Mars came in 2nd and finally got herself into the 17s as far as time," Connie O'Donnell highlights. "We have 3 hurdlers with times in the 17s now."

Mars finished second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 53.15 seconds.

The team of Campbell, Caldwell, Parker and Sienna Rose finished first in the 4x100 in 52.73 seconds.

"I put the members of the girl's 4x1 in the sprint medley with Sienna running the 400. They took off 3 seconds and helped us to be ranked in the top 18," O'Donnell wrote.

The team of Ketchum, Campbell, Pitcher and Gantt finished second in the 4x200 in 2:00.10.

In the 4x400, the team of Gantt, Phillips, Evelyn Rose and Taylor finished fourth with a time of 5:04.26.

The team of Carr, Parker, Caldwell and Sienna Rose finished first in the 800-meter sprint medley with a time of 1:59.31.

Caldwell took first in the high jump with a height of 5 feet, which the coach notes is a "huge" personal record for Caldwell and puts her tied for sixth in the state.

Annie O'Donnell took third in the event with a height of 4-08.00 and Lindstrom took fourth with a height of 4-06.00.

In the long jump, Ketchum took third with a jump of 14-06.25, Mars took fourth with a distance of 14-05.50 and Lindstrom took fifth with a jump of 14-04.75.

Lindstrom took second in the triple jump with a distance of 30-11.25.

Abigail Nehring finished ninth in the shot put with a throw of 22-08.00 and finished third in the discus with a throw of 87-02.50.

"Abigail Nehring had a big discus PR and placed 3rd. She increased her throw from Saturday by 10 feet," O'Donnell highlights.

Lucero took first in the 100 with a time of 11.63 seconds. Winkler finished fifth in 11.77 seconds. Nathaniel Kinsley finished 14th in 12.28 seconds.

Winkler took third in the 200 with a time of 24.22 seconds. Armijo finished fifth in 24.65 seconds. Kinsley took seventh with a time of 24.79 seconds.

In the 400, Miller took ninth with a time of 59.08 seconds, Baker finished 13th in 60.00 seconds and Levi Hinger finished 14th in 63.54 seconds.

Andrew Bowles won the 800 with a time of 2:18.95 and Marotta finished eighth in 2:39.50.

Bowles also won the 1,600, logging a time of 4:58.69. Marotta finished 11th in 6:17.96 and was followed by Sanchez in 12th in 6:20.81.

The 4x100 team of Armijo, Lindahl, Winkler and Lucero finished sixth with a time of 51.33 seconds.

The 4x200 team of Winkler, Lucero, Nasralla and Armijo finished third with a time of 1:36.25.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Sanchez, Haines, Hinger and Miller finished second with a time of 10:31.82.

In the high jump, Nasralla took second with a height of 5-04.00 and Dozier tied for third with a height of 5 feet.

Lucero finished 10th in the long jump with a distance of 17-4.00. Baker finished 13th with a jump of 16-08.50.

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BASEBALL

Pirates sweep doubleheader with Centauri, fall to Durango

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School baseball team improved to an 8-11 record over the last week, including sweeping a league doubleheader against the Centauri Falcons.

The team is now fourth in the Intermountain League with a 2-4 league record.

The Pirates picked up a pair of league wins in a Saturday home doubleheader against the Falcons.

"The kids played well," coach Nathan Morales said of the wins.

The Pirates won the first game 12-11 in walkoff fashion.

Centauri struck first in the game, scoring three in the top of the first inning.

The Pirates brought one run around in the bottom of the inning after Riley Laugel hit a bunt single, advanced to third on a single by Chris Young-Martinez and scored on a single by Braylon Cotts.

The team made it a 3-2 game in the second when Laugel tripled to score Jaden Tuggle-Reed, who had reached on a single.

The Pirates put together a nine-run fourth inning to take an 11-3 lead. The Pirates sent 13 batters to the plate in the inning.

Tuggle-Reed walked to start the inning and advanced to third on a double by Laugel. Tuggle-Reed then scored on an error that also allowed Laugel to move to third, and Laugel scored on a sacrifice bunt by Young-Martinez.

Cotts then doubled, advanced to third on an error and scored on a single by Hunter Pouyer. Pouyer stole second and came around on a triple by Triston Iguchi, with Iguchi tagged out while try to turn his triple into an inside-the-park home run.

With two outs, Cooper Ralston singled and scored on a triple by Kaison Clifford. That was followed by a walk to Seth Aucoin, who then stole second. Clifford and Aucoin scored on a single by Tuggle-Reed.

Tuggle-Reed, who advanced to second on a wild pitch, scored his second run of the inning on a single by Laugel. Laugel scored his second run of the inning on a single by Young-Martinez after advancing to second on an error.

The Falcons, however, battled back with four runs in the fifth and four in the sixth to tie the game 11-11 heading into the final inning.

The Falcons were unable to bring any runs around in the seventh, but the Pirates scored a walkoff run.

The run came after Cotts led off the inning with a triple and the Falcons intentionally walked Pouyer and Iguchi. Clifford singled to score Zach Pouyer, who was serving as a courtesy runner for Cotts.

Pagosa's 12 runs (11 of which were earned) came on 20 hits and five walks. The Pirates struck out three times in the game.

Laugel went 4-for-5 in the game with a triple, a double, a stolen base, two RBIs and three runs scored.

Tuggle-Reed was 3-for-3 with two RBIs, three runs scored and a walk.

Cotts and Clifford were both 3-for-5. Cotts notched a triple, a double, an RBI and a run scored. Clifford also had a triple and a double, as well as two RBIs and a run scored.

Young-Martinez and Ralston were both 2-for-4. Young-Martinez



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Pirate Riley Laugel slides into third and beats the tag during the Pirates' 12-11 walkoff win over the Centauri Falcons on April 22. The Pirates swept the Falcons in the day's doubleheader.

picked up two RBIs in the game. Ralston also reached after being hit by a pitch and scored a run.

Hunter Pouyer had one hit, a walk, a stolen base, an RBI and a run scored.

Iguchi had a triple, two walks, reached on an error and picked up an RBI.

Aucoin logged a hit, a walk, a stolen base and scored a run.

Zach Pouyer scored a run.

The team left nine runners on base.

Cotts pitched five innings and picked up the win with Clifford pitching two innings in relief. They combined to allow 11 runs (four earned) on 12 hits and five walks while striking out six.

The Pirates committed six errors in the game and Centauri committed four.

The Pirates picked up a 9-2 win in the second half of the doubleheader.

The Pirates scored one in the first on an inside-the-park homer by Laugel.

The Pirates' second run came in the second after Clifford tripled and scored on a wild pitch.

Centauri scored on in the top of the third before Pagosa notched two in the bottom of the inning to take a 4-1 lead.

The runs came around after Hunter Pouyer walked and stole second, which was followed by a walk to Iguchi. Hunter Pouyer then stole third and Iguchi stole second. Hunter Pouyer scored on an error that also allowed Iguchi to advance, and Iguchi scored on a ground out by Ralston.

The Falcons picked up another run in the top of the fourth, which was answered by a Pirate run in the bottom of the inning.

In that inning, Laugel doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on another wild pitch.

Pagosa picked up another four runs in the fifth to improve their lead to 9-2.

Iguchi led off the inning with a single, stole second and scored on a single by Ralston. Ralston then advanced to second on an error, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Clifford. Clifford advanced to third on a sacri-

fice bunt by Aucoin and scored on a single by Tuggle-Reed. Tuggle-Reed advanced to third on a double by Laugel and scored on a ground out by Young-Martinez.

Pagosa's nine runs came on 10 hits and four walks. One Pirate batter struck out.

Laugel and Clifford each went 3-for-4 in the game. Laugel's effort also included the home run, two doubles, a stolen base, an RBI, two runs scored and he reached on an error. Clifford's effort included a triple, an RBI and two runs scored.

Tuggle-Reed had two hits on the day, including a double, earned an RBI and scored a run.

Iguchi had a hit, two walks, two stolen bases and two runs scored.

Ralston had a hit, two RBIs and a run scored.

Hunter Pouyer walked once, stole two bases and scored a run.

Young-Martinez reached on an error and logged an RBI.

Cotts walked once and reached on an error.

The team left seven on in the game.

Aaron Aucoin pitched 4.1 innings and picked up the win, with Clifford and Laugel pitching in relief. The trio combined to allow two runs on five hits and eight walks while striking out six.

Pagosa committed three errors in the game and the Falcons committed five.

"We're continuing to get better at the small things and the kids are working hard and we're seeing those results," Morales said.

Track

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Dozier finished fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 37-00.50. Baker took seventh with a distance of 36-00.75. Nasralla finished eighth with a result of 34-11.00.

Lindahl took fourth in the shot put with a distance of 34-04.00. Armijo finished seventh with a throw of 32-05.50.

This week, the teams will head to

On Tuesday, the Pirates welcomed the 4A Durango Demons to town for a nonleague matchup.

The Demons returned home with a 17-5 win.

Pagosa took a 1-0 lead in the first after Young-Martinez drew a walk and scored on a double by Cotts.

Durango broke out for 10 runs in the top of the second, with Pagosa scoring two with two outs in the bottom of the inning.

Those runs came after Tuggle-Reed doubled, Seth Aucoin walked, the pair stole bases and scored on a line-drive single by Laugel.

The Demons picked up another five runs in the top of the third and Pagosa picked up another two in the bottom of that inning.

In the inning, Cotts singled, stole second and advanced to third on a dropped third strike and scored on a passed ball. Hunter Pouyer walked, stole second and third and scored on a single by Zach Pouyer.

Durango scored another two in the top of the fourth to secure the 17-5 win.

Pagosa's five runs came on seven hits and five walks. The team struck out four times.

Laugel and Cotts both went 2-for-3 in the game. Laugel also had two stolen bases and two RBIs. Cotts' effort included a double, a stolen base, an RBI and a run scored.

Zach Pouyer had a hit, a walk, a stolen base and an RBI.

Tuggle-Reed had one hit in the form of a double, a stolen base and a run scored.

Ralston had one hit.

Young-Martinez reached on an error, drew a walk and scored a run.

Hunter Pouyer walked, stole two bases and scored a run.

Seth Aucoin walked, stole a base and scored a run.

Clifford drew a walk. The team left six on base.

Hunter Pouyer, Clifford and Laugel combined to allow 17 runs on 18 hits, five walks and three hit batters while striking out five.

Pagosa committed two errors in the game and Durango committed one.

"I thought we played all but ... one inning that was just tough with the wind and the sun, you know, losing the ball and whatnot that led to runs for them," Morales said. "Other than that I felt we were right there. The score's a lot worse than it really was."

He added, "We feel we can compete with anyone, so it's a positive thing."

The Pirates are now on a break from competition until May 6, when they will continue league play against the Bayfield Wolverines.

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Sheila Soares Recognized as National Caregiver of the Year Award Nominee

Visiting Angels is proud to announce that the Visiting Angels Home Office is recognizing our very own Sheila Soares. She is moving on to Round 2 for the Visiting Angels 2023 National Caregiver of the Year Award.

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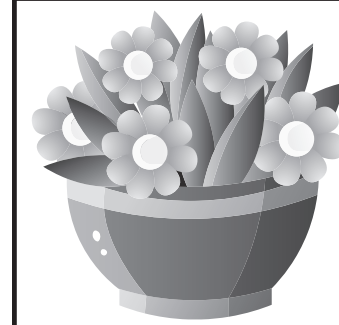
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Client Care Mgr, Emily Green.

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The Caregiver of the Year semi-finalists were announced on March 21st. The grand prize winner will be announced on June 21st. The grand prize winner, as well as the two finalists will receive a cash prize.

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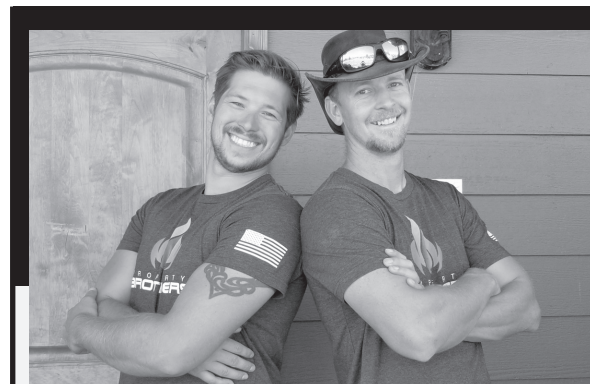
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Lady Pirate Elizabeth Currier goes past the Bayfield goalkeeper to score Pagosa's first goal in the team's home game against Bayfield on April 25. The Lady Pirates were defeated 5-2 overall in the match.

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Lady Pirates fall to 2-9 on season

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates soccer team fell in three more games against Alamosa, Montezuma-Cortez and Bayfield over the last week, bringing the team's record to 2-9 for the season so far.

The Lady Pirates were defeated 3-2 in a home game against the Alamosa Mean Moose on April 21.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason described the game as "close" and added, "That could have gone both ways."

He added that the Pirates were less aggressive in that game compared to later ones, which weakened their play.

The Mean Moose scored twice in the first half of the match, with the Pirates notching one unassisted

goal by Ava Pargin.

In the second half, Pagosa briefly closed the gap with Alamosa after another goal by Pargin before Alamosa scored again, bringing the final score to 3-2.

Pirate goalkeeper Kiera Davis made 15 saves in the match.

On April 22, the Pirates traveled to Cortez to play the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in a nonleague match, where they were defeated 2-0.

Kurt-Mason explained that the game was 1-0 in the Panthers' favor for most of the game, with Montezuma-Cortez scoring its second goal "right at the end."

"So, it was a really tight game," he added. "A lot of parity."

Davis made 14 saves in the match.

The Pirates returned home on April 25 to play the Bayfield Wol-

verines, where they were defeated 5-2.

The Wolverines scored two goals, including one own goal by Pagosa, early in the first half before Pagosa began to close the gap with a goal by Elizabeth Currier followed with a goal scored by Lauren Monterroso.

Pargin also logged an assist.

In the second half, the Wolverines pulled ahead with three more goals, including one own goal by the Pirates, ending the game 5-2 in their favor.

Pirate goalkeeper Sofia Haymaker made nine saves.

Kurt-Mason stated after the game the Pirates' play improved in the game, particularly in the second half, with more aggressive play, more effective passing — including passing the ball back — and more switching of the field.

He noted the team was "playing with few numbers" due to the high number of injuries on the team, adding, "They did as good as they could do today."

He also commented on Currier's performance as a striker and a "motivator."

Kurt-Mason concluded, "This was a team effort. That was a good team effort ... and the kids enjoyed playing. And, once again, the [referees] congratulate the team for sportsmanship."

Next, the Pirates will face Montezuma-Cortez for a league match at home on April 29 at 11 a.m. in Golden Peaks Stadium.

Cortez has a 7-3 record and is first in the Intermountain League with a 3-0 record while Pagosa is fourth in the league with an 0-5 league record.

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Parks and Rec talks skating rink roof, security cameras and more

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

The Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on April 6 to discuss the addition of a roof for the ice rink, security cameras, the construction of the Veterans Bridge and upcoming events.

Brian Collabolletta, of the Pagosa Multipurpose Pavilion, held an informational session regarding the construction of a roof for the ice rink.

"Last year we got 28 days of operation, so we're ready to expand, to put a roof on," Collabolletta said.

He added that, on average, they get 3,700 skaters per year with 550-570 people in the stands watching.

Collabolletta added that they have so far received \$200,000 from the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board, but the total cost is around \$650,000, so they're hoping to ask for more construction grants from Archuleta County and the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

He noted that \$150,000 of the budget is their own funds and donated labor.

Collabolletta elaborated, "The

last two years we've been open 31 days on average. Once the sun rises past the shade, it starts melting the ice after the first of the year ... We think by adding a roof we'd be able to get four times the amount of skating days."

He noted that putting up the shade, currently the only structure protecting the ice from the sun, is dangerous and takes a lot of man hours.

Collabolletta added it is only effective for 30-40 days each year.

Collabolletta noted that, if plans are approved, they hope to improve the ice rink in two phases, the first of which could be done by this coming winter.

This phase will cover the rink by adding a 115-foot-by-130-foot roof. The sides would come all the way to the ground and can be rolled up in the winter while the north end will stay wide open for a view of the mountains, according to Collabolletta.

He indicated the second phase will involve an entirely new structure and will require different outlets for funding.

"We're looking at a few million," Collabolletta said. "We'd need to

remove all the concrete and boards and have a regulation-size rink brought in."

He added that the solid surface of the rink could be refrigerated for six months and be used even while temperatures outside reach 70 degrees.

"We can't do nearly the programs we could do for the community. We could have hockey available; it's just a skating rink as of now," Collabolletta said.

He noted it could be a multipurpose facility used year-round, offering deck hockey or roller skating in the summer.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board also discussed the possibility that South Pagosa Park might not be the final location of the ice rink. Board members noted that moving locations would be much more expensive, and that is imperative they make a decision as to the ultimate location of the ice rink as soon as possible, which the town council will coordinate.

Park security cameras

In the meeting, the board also addressed the issue of the security cameras downtown — something the town council considered and took action on Thursday, April 20.

The contract bids were awarded by the town council on April 20. The bid was awarded to Echo IT Consulting, who will be using a brand of camera called Verkada.

The motion to award the security camera project came in at \$59,920.06 and the town will work with the contractor to spend an additional \$18,079.94 not to exceed a total cost of \$78,000, according to a brief from the town council meeting.

The project will upgrade the security cameras in six Pagosa Springs parks' restrooms and the town shop and maintenance facility, for a total of 28 new cameras.

The motion to accept the bid was made by council member Mat deGraaf and was accepted unani-

mously.

"We've already seen that with what's happened at the bathrooms the last couple of years, that we need something better there, and so for me, that's a bigger priority, the time, energy, and money that's been spent to clean up other people's destructive tendencies," deGraaf said.

Other business

In other business at the advisory board meeting, Darren Lewis, Parks and Recreation director, announced upcoming sports registrations and pointed out the kids' camp registration opened on Friday, March 31.

He noted that the town is still hoping to hire counselors to get at least 60 kids participating per day. The town is accepting applications for anyone 16 or older.

Lewis explained they've also filled vacancies in the Parks and Recreation Department by adding an administrative assistant, a new coordinator, a new supervisor and an individual who will assist with coordination.

He noted the department is now fully staffed outside of seasonal employees.

"I'm pretty excited about my new team on the recreation side of things," Lewis said. "There will be lots of training going on for the next year."

The board began by announcing Arbor Day celebrations at Yamaguchi Park, where they will begin planting trees at 10 a.m. on April 28. This event is open to the public.

The board also addressed the Veterans Bridge project near the gazebo.

The bid went out in January for fixing the bridge and the contract was awarded to R&B Oilfield Services out of Cortez. The wood planks will be replaced this year and finished by June 30.

It was added that the bid came in under budget.

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Photo courtesy Rebecca Aucoin

On April 18, Pagosa Springs High School's Aaron Aucoin became the inaugural winner of the Scheels All Star Award.

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A Cut above

Arbor Day ceremony set for Friday

By Amanda Gadomski
Town of Pagosa Springs

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In 2021, Pagosa Springs was officially recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community.

Trees are an invaluable part of the Pagosa Springs community. They provide shelter for local wildlife, improve air quality and overall community health, enhance the

area's visual appeal, and give shade to our residents.

This year, the town will recognize Arbor Day on Friday, April 28, at 10 a.m., with a celebration and tree-planting event at Yamaguchi Park that residents are invited to attend.

To ensure the future health of the town's trees, plans are underway to conduct an inventory and assessment of all town trees in parks and along roadways. Regular maintenance and pruning of healthy trees will also occur in 2023.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, April 27

San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Health meeting. 9 a.m. For more information, visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/>.

Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors special meeting. Noon. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/83611276692>, meeting ID: 836 1127 6692.

Joint Pagosa Springs Town Council and Pagosa Springs Planning Commission work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Saturday, April 29

Structure

Continued from A18

Weaver stated this is something the receiver is examining and commented that cooperation between the receiver and SJBPH has improved recently as SJBPH has become more aware that the receiver has control over finances.

TAC member John Ranson commented that the TAC and Woodman had agreed that the county should not count on additional funds from SJBPH.

He then asked what the BoCC's desires are in terms of what programs the health department should include in terms of budgeting.

Brown commented that he felt ensuring that statutory obligations are met is the responsible thing to do.

Medina agreed and added that, if adding additional programs is possible, it could be done.

Maez added that he would want WIC and childhood immunization programs to continue.

He also commented that retaining current SJBPH staff with connections to the community is important.

Phillips highlighted that the health department should also consider the potential that programs may be needed that lack funding, which Medina agreed would be valuable to consider.

The work session concluded with members of both committees expressing the opinion that the meeting had been valuable.

The issue of county funding to SJBPH was raised again at the April 18 BoCC work session, where Woodman highlighted that Archuleta County is being asked to approve \$292,285 in funding for SJBPH in 2023.

He added that there has been discussion among the board about the possibility of withholding or providing modified funding to SJBPH.

Maez asked what caused the increase.

Woodman explained that the funding is based on a certain charge per resident of the county and Maez highlighted that the funding increased last year as well.

Brown stated that he would like an amended budget from SJBPH to see why the costs have increased and what the money would fund.

"Because, my understanding is that there should be reserves and, by the end of this year, there should still be reserves and if there are not going to be reserves, I want to know why," Brown said.

"And where they went," Maez added.

Woodman stated he could make that request.

Weaver highlighted that SJBPH should have reserves but that the indications from the receiver are that this is not likely at the end of the year.

Brown reiterated that some grants may not come in until later in the year.

Maez noted that grants that are anticipated should be presented "at budget time."

Woodman explained an environmental health presentation from SJBPH he heard the day before had shown three grant-funded programs that have not begun yet.

Maez questioned why SJBPH is launching programs during the transitional period, adding, "In truth and reality, they projected a savings at the end. ... That has nothing to do with these grants if that was presented during the budget."

"Well, the grants should offset on the program," Woodman responded. "Shouldn't hit the reserves," Maez said.

Later that day, at the BoCC meeting, the board approved the resolution creating a county health department and transitional BoH.

According to the resolution, the

San Juan Water Conservancy District field meeting: Running Iron Ranch river access. 8 a.m., 7101 E. U.S. 160.

Monday, May 1

Archuleta County Public Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Tuesday, May 2

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/916090483>

8375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, 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/916090483> 75?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information:

<https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District special board meeting. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Thursday, May 4

Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaspings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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transitional BoH will include the three county commissioners and the permanent BoH will include two county commissioners and three or five other community members, appointed to staggered five-year terms.

The resolution also indicates that the public health director will report to the county manager, who will assemble a panel of citizens with public health or medical knowledge to interview director candidates and facilitate the recruitment, interviewing and hiring of the director.

The resolution adds that the county manager will assist the public health director in hiring staff and that

the director will be hired as an interim director by the transitional BoH, with the permanent BoH having to approve their retention before they will permanently assume the role.

At the meeting, Woodman highlighted that the resolution had been revised to address the concerns raised by the TAC.

The BoCC then heard a public comment expressing disapproval of the BoH structure, with the audience member stating that the commissioners could be outvoted on the BoH by the other members and should have more control.

Weaver responded, stating that a

state statute "will not allow a government entity to be a majority of the BoH."

He added that this was a recent change and that, thus, only two commissioners can serve on the permanent BoH.

Brown added that this law only applies to newly formed BoHs, with already existing BoHs composed entirely of county commissioners being grandfathered in, which Weaver confirmed is accurate.

The BoCC then unanimously approved the resolution establishing the county health department.

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DUST2 gears up for new season

By Janine Emmets
DUST2

As spring sets in, DUST2 is gearing up for its 2023 programming. Both the Middle School Summer Camp and the Fall Cycling Team have become very popular over the last few years, so spots are limited in both programs.

The Middle School Summer Camp will be July 17-21 this year. Programming runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Kids will focus on different skills as well as ride the fun trails we have here in Pagosa. Summer camp is open to kids go-

ing into fifth through eighth grade in the fall of 2023.

The Fall Cycling Team starts July 31 and is open to kids going into sixth through 12th grade in the fall of 2023. Students in high school will have the opportunity to race with the Colorado High School Cycling League if they choose to. Middle school students focus more on skills and adventure riding.

Registration for both summer camp and fall team opens on May 1. Registration links will be posted on the DUST2 website: www.dust2.org.

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Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022CV30088 DIVISION NO. 1
COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM
Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v. 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 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 as follows:

LOT 418, PAGOSA TRAILS, PT Sec: 24 Twn: 35 Rng: 2.5W

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 THEIR 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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DATED in Colorado this 23rd day of February, 2023.
Mike Le Roux, Sheriff
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Lorena Medina
Lorena Medina, Office Manager
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF: ORTEN CAVANAGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC
1445 Market Street, Suite 350, Denver, CO 80202
Published March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
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AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM
Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v. Defendants, CLETUS FOY, JANET FOY

Sheriff Sale 2023-09
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:

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Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

v. **Vinston D Carlson, et al**
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30045

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

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 (Owner(s):

VINSTON D CARLSON
HARRIET R CARLSON
JOYCE C MYERS, TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2004
TYLER SAENZ
DONALD D HOLT
LAVERA HOLT
ROBERT L MITTEN
HELEN D MITTEN
WAINELL MOIZE
PAULINE R CROSS
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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

WHEREFORE, 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.

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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the

forementioned 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
Lorena 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 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
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 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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: \$3,435.82
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
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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 WAINELL 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
VINSTON D CARLSON and HARRIET R CARLSON (C#179301625) 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#17940221) 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 Elk Run 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 Plat recorded under Reception Numbers 140480 and 0151975, subject to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 140481, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restored, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO
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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.

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Account Number: R008248
Schedule Number: 569917108058
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2009-00897

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefor to Archuleta County. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2008; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of:

PAGLAND INVESTORS, INC., A COLORADO CORPORATION for said year 2008;
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Witness my hand this 30th day of March 2023
/s/ Elsa P White
Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate Carol Rita Bernice, Deceased
Case No. 2023 PR 30007

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before August 28, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.
Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
190 Tallisman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

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NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by

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WHEREFORE, 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.

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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 # 00000090707340

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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Outdoors

Vallecito-Piedra prescribed fire planned

By Lorena Williams
San Juan National Forest

The Columbine Ranger District is planning to burn approximately 1,500 acres in the Beaver Meadows and First Notch areas of the San Juan National Forest to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and improve forest health.

The Vallecito-Piedra prescribed fire project area is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Bayfield. Operations may begin as soon as late April and continue into early summer, depending on weather conditions and availability of fire personnel and other resources.

Ignitions will take place over several consecutive days and operations may take multiple weeks to complete. Burning operations will be conducted by district personnel and other fire resources from the Forest Service and partner agencies using both ground and aerial ignition. Prescribed fires will only be ignited when all weather, fuels and smoke requirements are met.

This burn project is aimed at reducing hazardous ground fuels, reducing the risk of unplanned catastrophic wildfire, restoring ponderosa pine ecosystems and improving wildlife habitat. The forests in Southwest Colorado are

part of a fire-adapted ecosystem, which historically experienced frequent, low-intensity fires on a large scale. Prescribed fire replicates that fire regime and increases the area on our landscape that has been burned at low and moderate conditions.

Daytime smoke is expected to travel to the north/northeast and to be lofted high into the sky. Nighttime smoke is expected to travel downslope into the Beaver Creek drainage, the Piedra River and south to the Pine River just north of Ignacio. Smoke will be heavier in the mornings following burning operations, then lifting and clear-

ing out by mid-day. Smoke will be visible from Bayfield, Pagosa Springs and the U.S. 160 corridor between those two towns. Learn how smoke from prescribed fire may affect your health by visiting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website.

For more information on the Vallecito-Piedra Prescribed Fire Project, please contact the Columbine Ranger District at (970) 884-2512. More information on the prescribed fire program can be found on Inciweb. For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the forest website.

WRITERS ON THE RANGE

Opinion: People just like to get things done

By John Clayton
SUN Columnist

Although I've lived in a small Western town for 30 years now, I have never known much about one of its fundamental institutions, the service club. Many small-town residents still center their lives on Lions, Elks, Rotary or similar organizations.

Not me. I'm not a joiner. Yet as our national culture moves further away from such settings for broad discussions, I worry that I'm part of the problem.

A while ago when I was asked to speak at our local Rotary Club, I hesitated, picturing white guys networking with each other and complaining about newcomers. But I had published a book, and publishers instruct authors to market wherever you can.

Upon arrival, I cataloged the changes since my last Rotary visit decades ago: The president was a 20-something woman, we ordered off a menu and people seemed less guarded.

Our local Rotary, I learned, was known as relatively liberal, and some of the older men seemed pretty vigorous. The faces reflected the town's lily-white complexion, but I noticed that the room contained Republicans and Democrats, evangelicals and atheists, entrepreneurs and socialist-leaning nonprofit workers, feminists and fans of traditional gender roles.

Of course, we didn't talk about any of that. As one man said, the point of the club is to avoid ideology in order to focus on projects that help people. Perhaps that's why they'd invited an author — to be supportive of local literature.

So we talked about something close to my heart, and as it turned out, to theirs. My book, "Natural Rivals," chronicles a 1890s collaboration between Sierra Club founder John Muir and U.S. Forest Service founder Gifford Pinchot. The two men are often seen as enemies: Muir's preservation philosophy dictated a hands-off policy to nature, while Pinchot advocated aggressive management of natural resources to provide for human needs.

So when Muir and Pinchot camped together in 1896, alongside Montana's Lake McDonald in what would later become Glacier National Park, did they argue about whether to cut trees or dam valleys? No. They set aside their ideological differences to focus on a bigger threat.

The then-new idea of public lands — national parks, national forests and other lands held collectively and managed with public involvement by our democratic government — was controversial. While disagreeing about the priorities for those lands, Muir and Pinchot were united in believing that public lands mattered.

The Rotarians I met immediately connected with this message. That's what lively small town folk do: Set aside differences to get things done.

By contrast, in metropolitan areas, I've found that people resist the message about collaborating on common goals, especially when I suggest it could work today. Surely the 1890s were different, they say. Ideologies were different, or personalities were different, or the stakes were not as high.

To me, the difference is that

today we cluster in like-minded neighborhoods. Our stores, restaurants and media are all ideologically segregated. We wrap our identity in ideology. And we forget how to find common ground.

I say "we" because I do it, too. My attempted justification is the one I mentioned: I'm not a joiner.

But Muir wasn't a joiner either. The individualistic mountaineer wasn't even an official member of the blue-ribbon commission visiting Montana's Lake McDonald. He just decided to tag along so that he could converse with — and listen to — people who disagreed with him.

In the dramatic results of those conversations, Muir's essays and interviews of 1896 and 1897 merged his ideas with Pinchot's to help persuade citizens of the value of public lands.

If we still think of today's Rotarians as old-fashioned, maybe it's because they attract members of all stripes who embrace idealistic values about helping people help themselves. I learned, for example, that they work to end the scourge of polio internationally while providing scholarships to high school kids. And they don't have a political test for pitching in.

They just pick their causes and then they fight for them.

John Clayton is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit that promotes lively dialog about the West. He lives in Montana and is the author of several books including "Natural Rivals: John Muir, Gifford Pinchot, and the Creation of America's Public Lands." Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of *The SUN*.

Bats to be topic at San Juan Outdoor Club meeting

By Joe Tedder
San Juan Outdoor Club

The San Juan Outdoor Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Mylea Bayless, chief of strategic partnerships with Bat Conservation International, will speak about bats and the work that Bat Conservation International is doing to protect an endangered species.

Her talk will start with basic information about bats (Bat 101) and include gardening tips to encourage bats in our area and information on the Colorado white-nose syndrome that is impacting our local bat population. And, of course, there will be lots of beautiful photos of bats.

The public is welcome to join us. The meeting starts with a social half hour at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. For more information, please email sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

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Commissioners and transitional committee discuss communication, board of health structure

By **Josh Pike**
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and the Archuleta County Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee (TAC) held a joint work session on April 11 to discuss communication between the two boards and goals for the county's new health department.

The discussion opened with Paralegal/Executive Assistant Mary Helminksi outlining that the TAC wanted to discuss its recommendation for the structure of the Archuleta County Board of Health (BoH), which had been for a five-person committee with one county commissioner and four citizens with knowledge of public health, and a resolution for the creation of a county health department considered and tabled by the BoCC at its April 4 meeting, which specified a transitional BoH composed of the county commissioners and a permanent BoH comprised of two commissioners and three to five citizens.

At the April 4 meeting, the BoCC tabled the resolution until the April 18 meeting after concerns were raised by citizens and the TAC about it not being consulted on why the commissioners were considering deviating from the TAC's recommendations, with the April 11 work session scheduled to discuss this issue, among other matters.

At the work session, TAC chairperson Kathy Campbell highlighted that the members of the TAC are spending significant amounts of time assisting the county in developing a health department and that it would be "nice" if the BoCC could provide the TAC input when it chooses to diverge from its recommendations.

She added that it would be helpful to know what the BoCC's goals are for the health department to ensure the TAC is not committing time to directions the BoCC is not interested in.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez said, "Usually, I just speak what's on my mind about things — and if I upset some people, I apologize — but that's not my intent. My intent was, when we formed this transitional committee was to transition and, as we all know, back six or even eight months ago we tried to reach out to

La Plata County to have this negotiation and rescind that decision. But, it's already past. That was my intent to the comment. We formed the transition committee to transition, not to keep going back and forth. And that was my thing about that, but if you got offended, I apologize. It wasn't meant to offend."

Maez's comments referenced earlier comments he made at the March 28 BoCC work session where he commented that he is not in favor of reconciliation with La Plata County and an attempt to prevent the dissolution of San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and commented that TAC members who were unwilling to move forward with the creation of a county health department should resign.

The TAC had raised concerns about these comments at its April 3 meeting, where TAC member and Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb described them as "insulting."

At the work session, Webb stated that she is "very blunt too" and that she understood Maez, adding that the TAC is committed to creating a county health department.

She added that TAC members were contacted by people in the community who urged them to pursue reconciliation, a possibility these members felt was worth investigating, although she noted that they had not spent "a lot of time" on the issue and continued completing other work for the TAC.

Commissioner Warren Brown stated that he asked for a change from one to two commissioners on the BoH out of a concern for having additional voices and political perspectives of elected officials represented on the board.

"It kind of pigeonholes the board if one commissioner is on the BoH," Brown said, "because I think we need to have the ability to have a more broad spectrum of points of view, hopefully not based upon politics."

Brown noted that he felt public health should not be based on politics before continuing, "I guess, in my mind, that this was an attempt to safeguard. ... I don't know what's to come just like you don't know what's to come, and I don't want to confine us to a single view on a board for our entire county."

Maez highlighted that commissioners are elected by the community as a whole and that he feels he serves all citizens of the county.

TAC member Ashley Wilson expressed her appreciation for the commissioners' comments, adding that the TAC had been sure there was a rationale, but the communication was valuable as the committee had made its recommendations considering the commissioner's heavy workloads and the fact that smaller committees make decisions more rapidly.

"I think that the open dialogue was what we were hoping for 'cause I think you make a really good point. ... I can see that and see how valuable that is ... to our community, particularly if we do have another party affiliation on this board and it has to be the one person, then there's no representation" Wilson said. "But I think that was why ... we thought this was so important, so that you could hear our sort of debate around our table and also to understand why you guys came to those decisions. So, I find this important for us."

Maez then raised the issue that alternates on the SJBPH board do not have voting authority, noting that the BoCC's previous experiences inform things that do not need to be repeated.

Brown emphasized his openness to questions from the TAC and his willingness to share his reasoning, although he noted that he was working to prevent having any "additional weighted influence" on the TAC to ensure the department is a creation of the committee the commissioners seated as much as possible.

"And I think that that's important," Brown said. "Because, if we just wanted to say we'll do it, it will be the product of the three and staff. That's not ... where my interest is. My interest is to have these learned and educated ... and community insightful people that create this."

Brown then discussed the management of the health director by the county manager, which he added he recommended, and stated his belief that having a single point of management is more effective than having multiple points of communication.

He added that this does not mean the public health director would not have autonomy to run the depart-

ment, but that this structure would help ensure effective communication and allow problems to be addressed promptly.

TAC member Andrea Phillips noted that the management structure is not a concern of the TAC as a whole.

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that the concerns with the county manager's involvement had centered around language in the resolution before the BoCC that indicated the county manager would "recruit, interview and hire" the health director.

He commented that he did not intend to do this "in a silo" and suggested modifying the wording to state the county manager would facilitate recruitment, interviewing and hiring.

Maez stated that, in his mind, the BoH or transitional BoH would hire the director.

County Attorney Todd Weaver added that statute requires that the public health director must be hired by the BoH or the transitional BoH, although supervision could be delegated to the county manager.

Woodman noted that the transitional BoH lacks statutory power and that the permanent BoH would have to approve the retention of a transitional health director hired by the transitional BoH.

The group then further discussed amending the resolution to clarify the role of the BoH in hiring the public health director, which the group agreed should be done.

They then considered how many overall members the permanent BoH should have, with Maez and Commissioner Veronica Medina expressing support for five total to facilitate more rapid decision making.

Brown stated that he had requested the resolution include flexibility for a five- or seven-member BoH to give the TAC latitude as it considers the appropriate number of members for the BoH to have.

He added that he generally prefers smaller boards, though the diversity of opinions on a larger board can be valuable as well.

The group moved on to discuss the process of adopting bylaws for the BoH, with Woodman highlighting that the bylaws must be adopted by the permanent BoH, although

the transitional BoH could adopt transitional bylaws.

They also highlighted the value of seating the permanent BoH early and moving forward with hiring a public health director in the near future, even if the pool of applicants for the position is not large.

Medina expressed her appreciation for the TAC's questions, noting that she raised many similar concerns with Woodman, and reiterated that the creation of the county health department is not a political issue.

Maez also expressed his willingness to speak with the TAC.

Discussion then returned to the hiring of the public health director, with Brown indicating that he would like to see the director hired by June.

Phillips then asked if there are specific programs the BoCC would like included in the new health department beyond statutorily required programs.

Maez commented that child care programs such as the special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); immunizations; Nurse Family Partnership; and others are critical.

Brown added that the county health department will not be able to initially match SJBPH's offerings but that adding additional programs that are not statutorily mandated over time is an effective way to expand the department.

The group also discussed the importance of expanding suicide prevention and drug-abuse prevention programs in the community and the possibility of housing clinic services at the 8th Street location where SJBPH is currently located and where the county health department will be based.

Woodman then updated the BoCC on the current progress of forming the health department, explaining that the county is going to have monthly meetings with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on the creation of the health department.

He also noted that the county's contribution to SJBPH increased for 2023 from 2022's amount.

Weaver noted that he discussed with the receiver appointed for SJBPH the possibility that SJBPH may need to amend its budget due to using more money than expected

so far this year.

He added that it is also possible the counties "may want to revisit" their contributions to SJBPH and retain the funds for their own health departments.

Medina asked if the discussion of SJBPH stopping creating new programs and limiting its activities had occurred.

Weaver stated that it had and that "things are much more aligned now than they were a few weeks ago" and that SJBPH is providing additional justification for new hires.

"I sure ... as heck hope it's justifiable," Maez said. "Because, in my own experience, sometimes a lot of people bleed it all out before it's done."

Weaver commented that this was a concern of his and La Plata County and that SJBPH, which was budgeted to have a \$2.5 million in funds remaining to be split between the counties, could potentially have no money remaining by the end of the year.

He added that the receiver is investigating the issue.

Campbell commented that SJBPH must have staff to provide services until the end of the year and that Archuleta County is a "big part" of the dissolution and needs to "own up" to the fact that there will be substantial administrative and receiver costs involved.

Brown highlighted that some additional programs may have to be created due to the obligations of grants and that he believed there is an "earnest effort ... on all included to make sure this is done as well and as equitable as possible."

Maez raised the possibility that SJBPH could reject grants it received.

Brown responded that he was unsure if that was possible and was speaking in generalities.

He added that some grant funding may be received later in the year, which could be contributing to the financial shortfalls.

Weaver highlighted that SJBPH has many unexpected costs this year that were not budgeted for, such as paid-time-off payments for staff leaving the organization.

Maez stated that, in his perspective, SJBPH should not accept grants for new programs.

■ See Structure A15



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Brews for Rescues Beer Fest

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April 27, 2023

Brews for Rescues Beer Fest set for Saturday

By Shane Lucero
Rugby's Rescue House

Brews for Rescues Beer Fest is back for its second year. This unique festival will take place on Saturday, April 29, at Yamaguchi Park at 1 p.m.

Brews for Rescues Beer Fest is family- and dog-friendly and is raising funds for local dog rescue Rugby's Rescue House. There will be a dog walk, dog show, live music by the Pagosa Blues Rats band, food trucks and, of course, an unlimited beer tasting with some of the region's best breweries.

The day will start at noon with a community dog walk led by the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club around Yamaguchi Park. After the dog walk, the beer tasting will begin at 1 p.m. and fun events such as a fun dog show with categories for every dog such as: Best Costume, Best Treat Gatherer, Best Trick, Best Hair Style, Best Tail Wag and, of course, Best in Show.

Tickets for the unlimited beer tasting are \$30, which will allow you access to sample more than 40 different beers from some of your favorite breweries.

Rugby's Rescue House was established in December 2019 and is a foster-based rescue focusing on the unwanted, neglected, overpopulated animals from the surrounding reservations in northern New Mexico. The primary areas it receives animals from are Dulce, N.M. — the Jicarilla Apache and the Navajo Nation reservations.

To date, it has rescued more than 365 dogs. Every dog that comes into its care receives any necessary medical treatment, vaccines and is spayed or neutered before adopting out into forever homes. Not only does it rescue dogs in need from these areas, but is building its community outreach as well. Rugby's holds low-cost or free vaccination clinics and spay/neuter clinics

in Dulce, N.M., as much as funds allow. It is a small rescue that relies solely on donations and adoptions. Last year its vet bills and vaccines exceeded \$30,000, food and supplies exceeded \$10,000. Its goal in 2023 is to continue to grow so it can save more animals by increasing its foster list, secure more frequent spay/neuter clinics in the Dulce area to reduce the overpopulation problem and establish a location in downtown Pagosa for its "headquarters" (to hold more frequent adoption events, and be a donation drop-off location and supply pickup for our fosters).

Rugby's Rescue is a volunteer- and donation-based organization. It does not receive any federal or state funding. The organization is based on fundraising and donations of many forms. Of course, attending events such as Brews for Rescues helps, but you can also donate time; in-kind donations such as dog toys, blankets and towels; and even sign up to be a foster parent for puppies or tired mamas. Fostering dogs is a great way to help socialize, train and help an animal become more adoptable. Fostering is also a great option for those who are not ready for a full-time commitment of having a lifelong pet, but can help out from time to time.

If you're a beer lover, a dog lover or just a lover of fun, come out to Yamaguchi Park on Saturday, April 29, and support Rugby's at the Brews for Rescues Beer Fest.

If your four-legged friend is well-behaved and gets along with other dogs and humans, feel free to bring them as well (must be on a leash). There's no better way to spend the day than with your best friend having a beer. For more information about Rugby's, visit www.RugbysRescue.com. For tickets, visit www.brewsforrescues2023.eventbrite.com or get tickets at the gate. We hope so see you Saturday.

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San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club meeting slated for May 4

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

You are invited to join the San Juan Stargazers for an amazing summer of learning.

The Stargazers will hold their regular monthly educational meeting on Thursday, May 4, at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. Use the parking lot and enter at the door right off the parking area. We keep the front doors locked. There is a social hour starting at 6 p.m. with coffee/tea and treats. You can bring something if you'd like.

This month, we will have a cake honoring Janie Garms for all the work she has done for the club. If you are a friend of hers, you are welcome to join us for our social hour. Of course, you can also stay for our meeting, which is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We will be studying the planet Neptune, which is windy with the wildest moon.

The Stargazers are gearing up for an amazing summer putting on at least 12 programs open to the public at Chimney Rock National Monument. If you have a telescope, this is a fabulous opportunity to join us and I can almost guarantee with regular attendance you will know how to use it by the end of the summer.

After the full moon has dimmed each month, we will have a night of

telescope training. All our events are on Friday nights. The next Friday, we present a program titled Stars and Galaxies where we look for deep-sky objects. The next Friday we study our solar system and focus on the moon and planets. With larger telescopes, it can almost feel like you are taking a hike on the surface of the moon.

The dates are:

- May 12 — telescope training.
- May 19 — Stars and Galaxies.
- May 26 — Our Solar System.

The gate opens at 7:30.

Also, on June 3 and 4, we will be at Life at Chimney Rock (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), a free event, where we will be explaining the lunar standstill that begins later this fall.

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25 per family. You can join the club at any of our events or you can join at our website, sanjuanstargazers.org now using Paypal. Check out our improved website with information and fabulous pictures.

We invite you to join us, learn about and appreciate our unbelievable universe.

Pine River Shares' Thrive in Place Project to hold free lunch, presentation on aging in Arboles

By Jules Masterjohn
Pine River Shares

Join with others for a free lunch and presentation by Debra Herrera of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at the TARA Community Center located at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles.

Herrera will share information on resources and financial support available for seniors in the Pine River Valley. Lunch will be served.

Included in the discussion topic will be an introduction of the various voucher programs for dental and vision checkups, and support for homemakers, personal care and respite care.

This free program is organized by Pine River Shares' Thrive In Place (TIP) project that advocates safe, independent living for seniors and vulnerable adults living in the Pine River Valley. TIP is supported by a grant from Next 50 Initiative.

TIP holds regular luncheon meetings in the Pine River Valley: in Arboles on the second Tuesdays of each month at TARA Community Center, and in Bayfield on second and fourth Thursdays at Pine River Shares located at 658 S. East St.

For more information and transportation assistance, contact Pine River Shares at (970) 884-6040.

Information about Pine River Shares' programs can be found at <http://www.pinerivershares.org>.

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May 6 workshop to cover garden bed preparation and irrigation setup

By Kim Barnes
Healthy Archuleta

Spring is emerging in Pagosa Country. Now that the snow has melted and we can see the ground again, it is time to turn our attention to our gardens. In gardens across Archuleta County, garlic is sprouting, rhubarb is unfurling and many gardeners have begun to start seeds indoors for the season ahead.

The Healthy Archuleta Growers and Producers Group has planned a series of gardening workshops to help community members develop the skills they need to grow successfully in our mountain climate.

The next workshop in the Garden Education Series will be held on May 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Vista Lake Community Garden.

The workshop will focus on how to prepare garden beds for spring planting and how to set up a basic drip irrigation system. Workshop participants will gain hands-on experience preparing an existing raised bed for planting, double-digging a new in-ground planting bed, laying tarps to suppress weeds for next year's in-ground planting and working with drip irrigation.

The workshop will be taught by Suanne McLellan, former president of the Mountain High Garden Club and an experienced gardener for over 35 years, and Kim Barnes, who has been growing food on organic farms for the past 20 years.

Preregistration is required for the workshop and the fee for the workshop is \$10. To register, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/garden-education.html>.

The Healthy Archuleta Growers and Producers Group has also been working to support gardeners to grow extra produce to contribute to the food pantry network in Archuleta County.

With the recent cuts in SNAP benefits, rising food costs, and ongoing supply chain issues, our local food pantries need commu-



Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

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nity support now more than ever.

If you're interested in contributing fresh garden produce to the pantry network, mark your calendars for a potluck orientation and meet and greet event for the Grow and Share/Backyard Grow-

ers Group.

This event will be held on Thursday, May 11, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The location has yet to be determined, but if you'd like to attend, email Vanessa at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.



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Your voice supports survivors

By Ashley Wilson
Rise Above Violence

As April comes to a close, we as a community can continue to support victims and survivors all year long. We begin by ending the silence.

Ending the silence means being the voice for those who do not have a voice, for not tolerating the undertones of victim blaming and sexual harassment that create space for those who would perpetrate sexual violence. Sexual assault brings shame and doubt to victims. We as a community can be the voice for these victims, and it begins by ending the silence.

So, embrace your voice, not just in April but all year to support victims and survivors of sexual violence. There are many ways you can use your voice:

1. Believe victims. If a friend, co-worker, child or anyone else tells you, believe them.
2. Encourage others to learn more. If you know the facts, share them with community members who may not understand the issues.
3. Get involved. Rise Above Violence always needs volunteers — crisis hotline volunteers and special event or office volunteers.
4. Break the silence. Silence is what keeps victims living in shame instead of freedom. Silence lets the abuser get away with it. Silence is not part of the solution.

The solution is creating a community where violence is not tolerated, where we as individual community members hold each other accountable for things we say and actions we take. How we talk about sexual violence matters. One voice cannot change the dialogue, but all of our voices can. Most importantly, we need to give a voice to those who are too afraid to speak.

We need to give a voice to the child who is being sexually abused at home, to the teen who is being harassed and assaulted at school or out in our community, to the women and men who do not tell because they are afraid or ashamed. We are their voice. Shout out with Rise Above Violence that our community will support survivors, that they have a place, that they have hope and that healing is possible.

If you are a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence, there is help. Rise is a nonprofit organization that provides free services to victims and survivors. Whether it has been 10 minutes or 10 years, our advocates are here to help you. There is no obligation to report to law enforcement; our advocates will help you understand all your choices. You are not alone. Call (970) 264-9075 for 24/7 support.

You can continue to support

Rise throughout the year at the following events:

- May 10 — Business After Hours with PMAB at 5:30 p.m.
- May 20 — Mental Health Awareness Walk with Youth Rise at 10:30 a.m. in Town Park.
- May 20 — Rise Above with Riff Raff, a party with a cause at noon. Rise is hosting a cornhole tournament. More information is available on Facebook and our website.

• Sept. 30 — Art Above Violence Gala, more information to be determined.

• October — Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the iRISE Adventure Challenge.

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Best-selling true crime and crime fiction author set to come to Pagosa Springs

By Cindi Galabota

Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends

The Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends invite you to mark your calendar and save May 13 as a unique day of opportunities to visit with Ron Franscell, a true crime and crime fiction author.

Franscell, a veteran journalist, is the New York Times best-selling author of 18 books, including international bestsellers “The Darkest Night” and Edgar-nominated true crime “Morgue: a Life in Death.”

His writing, lauded by Ann Rule, Vincent Bugliosi and Least-Heat Moon, has established him as one of America’s most popular narrative nonfiction authors. His just-published crime novel “Deaf Row” has been reviewed with acclaim by Anne Hillerman, John Lescroart and CJ Box.

Franscell’s appearances in Pagosa Springs are all in support of the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends. Proceeds from the day’s events and book sales will benefit the library building campaign and will provide several possible times to hear and learn more about the writer’s work and

experiences:

- The day will begin with a 9 to 11 a.m. The Hero’s Journey Writer’s Workshop at your Ruby Sisson Library. Franscell and aspiring writers will spend the morning exploring the patterns that can transform a novel or screenplay from ordinary to extraordinary. Learn how to tap into something universal about the human experience so your story feels timeless. Tickets will be \$25 per person and seating is limited to the first 20 students who register. A book signing will follow.

- At 12:30 p.m., the library will host a free “Ruby’s Meet-and-Greet Reception with Ron” for patrons to hear Franscell talk about his latest novel, “Deaf Row.” This event will allow library patrons the chance to get the inside scoop on this latest publication. This event will take place at your Ruby Sisson Library and is free of charge. Seating is limited.

- Capping the day off, the main event from 6 to 8:30 p.m. is a fire-side chat with Franscell, moderated by eminent guest interviewer Sheriff Mike Le Roux. Come and eavesdrop on their conversation and gain insight into the research and process of writing true crime



Photo courtesy Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends

Veteran journalist and New York Times best-selling author Ron Franscell will be the guest of honor on May 13 in support of the Ruby Sisson Library Foundation and Friends’ building campaign. Tickets for the events may be purchased at pagosalibrary.org.

and crime fiction. With a cash bar and delicious hors d’oeuvres, the event will be at the Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Tickets will be \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door, all benefiting the Library Foundation.

Tickets are available online at pagosalibrary.org — credit/debit card only. Cash, check or credit purchases can be made at the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library.

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New Thought topic: 'Planting Spiritual Seeds for your Spiritual Harvest'

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on April 30 at 11 a.m. will be "Planting Spiritual Seeds for your Spiritual Harvest," with Shayla White Eagle.

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.

Sunday, April 30: Ignite Your Life group meeting with Dr. Elaine Harding.

May 13, 6 p.m.: Quintangled game night with co-creator Julie Loar. Free for children and adults alike. Reserve your spot now. Limited seating. Text/call (970) 510-0309.

May 19, 20 and 21: Honoring the Water Medicine Wheel Ceremony with Russ MaHeWa, White Eagle and Maggie.

July 15: Second annual tree orientation ceremony led by Rhonda Sande.

The John and Sue Love benefit barbecue date and time is to be announced.

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New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com;

mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Center for Inspirational Living).

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One flew over the crazy nest

Recently an article flew into my email box and nested there. It shrieked at me, pecked at me and beckoned to me to take notice of the eagle and the crow. The story is about rising above negativity.

My Sweet Al and I watch a certain amount of news every day. We shake our heads and can't believe all the crazies flying around. The loud cawing is deafening and we can't help but give it our attention. It's like a biting crow on the back of an eagle. We've allowed negativity to pounce on us and doubt our future. It's designed to bring us down and give up.

There is a battle going on for our souls. The chatter is destructive and subtle. We allow it to make a nest in our minds and we rehash the nonsense over and over.

As the article goes, the crow catches a ride on the back of the eagle and bites the eagle's neck. The crow fights the eagle in the air. The eagle doesn't respond or fight with the crow, but simply opens its wings and rises higher into the sky. The higher the eagle goes the harder it is for the crow to breathe. The crow lacks oxygen and will eventually fall away.

We must raise our eyes higher and look to the One who holds our tomorrows or we will be overpowered by the squawking of a murder of crows.

What about the sparrow? Some of us fly low. We are not meant for those high skies like the eagle. It seems at times God has forgotten the sparrow. Life is full of obstacles. We can't escape them. We feel helpless as the devil bids for our health, our children and our country.

When the crow attacks the sparrow, it will fight the crow. Maybe that's why the Lord tells us His eye is on the sparrow. The sparrow is easy prey for the crow.

Crazy is everywhere today. Nothing makes sense. Needless

Crowning of Mary to take place at May 21 Mass

By Peggy Duggan
St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church Carmelitas

There will be a Crowning of Mary at the May 21 Sunday Mass at St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles, followed by a pancake breakfast in the church hall.

Mass time is 8:30 a.m. The church is located at 18851 Colo. 151 in Arboles.

The event is open to all.

For more information, please call (970) 883-2556.

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Betty Slade



corruption, stealing and shooting. Are we smart enough to protect what is ours? Our homes, property and, most of all, our children? We must look up to a higher power, the One who looks down to where the eagle flies.

The Lord wants to take us higher in our faith. He wants us to understand the source of where all life comes from. He wants us to take hold of the kingdom He died for.

He has not left us alone. He has left us His Word. Solomon writes through the inspiration of God, "Here are Kingdom revelation words to live by, and words of wisdom given to empower us to reign in life. These Kingdom revelations will break open our understanding to unveil the deeper poetic riddles, epigrams, and will unravel the words and the enigmas of the wise." — Proverbs 1:1,5-7 (TPT).

If we ask, the Lord will break open our understanding to throw off the crow so we can see clearly what is really going on. There will always be a crow challenging us,

gnawing at us, convincing us life is too hard. Don't listen to him. He will run out of breath if we continue to soar.

Christ has risen. He has answered the crow. He has crossed over and given us access into His kingdom. Christ died for us on our worst day. As I seek the Lord to make sense, His words reassure me everything is under control.

The wind is hitting us in the face as Al and I move into a new chapter of our lives. That pesky crow is still on our backs, but God will bring our lives full circle. A good story is written with the end in mind. What does that tell us about our lives? The scripture says, "We are to fulfill the destiny he has given each of us. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it." — Ephesians 2:10 (TPT).

Final brushstroke: We all have limitations. Rise above the negativity of this world. Wherever you're flying or walking, Jesus has walked out our story. He is our completeness. We are completely filled with God as Christ's fullness overflows within us. We need to learn how to take hold of our faith, spread our wings and climb higher.

Send your comment to bettyslade@centurytel.net.

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Invasive plants versus mycorrhizae fungi

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Fungi are a fascinating kingdom of life and can be found in many different aspects of the natural world, connecting ecosystems and forming symbiotic associations with nearly all lifeforms. Fungi are even present in our digestive system, helping us to gain nutrients from the foods we eat.

In the great outdoors, a similar function is performed by mycorrhizal fungi, which form an association with the roots of plants. This is a beneficial association that helps plants take up more nutrients or share nutrients be-

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tween different plants, sometimes of different species. Some plant species like spotted coralroot and pinedrops are parasitic plants that tap into this network to steal nutrients and thus do not produce chlorophyll to photosensitize and lack a green coloration.

Invasive plants can negatively impact this network in a variety of

ways and can have lasting impacts on soil health once the invader is removed. Some changes can even be permanent if the invader causes the extinction of a native plant species. Invasive species can disrupt fungal and plant associations in

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Rosa Cemetery cleanup planned for May 20

By Peggy Duggan
St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church Carmelitas

The Carmelitas of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church will hold a community spring cleanup of the historic Rosa Cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon on May 20 in Arboles.

This cemetery was created when Navajo Lake Reservoir flooded Rosa and caused its graves to be moved to this new site.

The cemetery is located at the south end of County Road 975, immediately to the left after the state border cattle guard.

Attendees are asked to wear gloves and hats, and bring what they can, including rakes, shovels, Weedwackers and rider mowers. Morning coffee, water and lunch will be provided by the Arboles Carmelitas.

The event is open to all.

For more information, please call (970) 883-2556.

Pagosa Bible Church to offer free four-day course in fly-fishing basics

By Denise Fisk
Pagosa Bible Church

Fly-fishing is one of the most spirit-fulfilling activities you can do, and in this study we will learn how biblical principles can help anyone find inner peace through this life-enhancing venture.

This is a free four-day course spread over four Sundays which will offer the basics of fly-fishing. The classes will be held on May 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. each of these four days at Pagosa Bible Church.

Each class is designed to teach

potential future and current fly-fishers the basics of equipment and the techniques to catch fish in rivers and lakes. The course will cover equipment needed, techniques for tying knots along with casting instruction and practice. We will also learn about artificial flies and how they imitate nature, and effective ways to use the variety of flies available. Included will be the opportunity to take your knowledge out to the water and learn how to catch fish with a fly rod.

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El Dia de los Ninos, National Library Week and new book club for kids

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

This Saturday, April 29, you are invited to join us for a free fun event to celebrate El Dia de los Ninos (Children's Day) with bilingual storytimes, Mexican-inspired crafts and games, a scavenger hunt, live music and food.

Families are urged to stop by the library any time from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and stay as long as you like.

National Library Week

Libraries across the U.S. are celebrating National Library Week April 23-29 with the theme "There's More to the Story." Its aim is to remind Americans that not only is your library full of books in a



variety of formats from picture books to large print, audio books to e-books, it's also your source for Internet and technology access, literacy skills, support for job seekers and entrepreneurs, and so much more.

New book club for kids

Our newest free book club — Junior Page Turners for elementary students in grades three through

five — debuts Tuesday, May 2, with two different times: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for your convenience.

The kids' first book will be "Wish" by Barbara O'Connor, an engaging story of family, childhood friendship and an adopted dog. Copies are available at your library. This book club is geared for kids reading at or above grade level.

Lifelong Learning tonight

Our free spring Lifelong Learning lectures from 6 to 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays in April and May continue. Tonight, April 27, will showcase Jen Doane talking about the amazing honeybees and other

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two major ways: change in available host plants for fungus through competition and displacement, and production of compounds that are toxic to mycorrhizal fungi.

In the first scenario, the displacement of native species affects the quality and quantity of plant partners for the fungi. This disruption of the plant biodiversity has negative impacts on the soil biodiversity. The longer the invasive species is present, the fungi population is reduced and the soil may no longer be able to host the species that were there pre-invasion.

In the second scenario, the invader secretes a chemical from its root system that kills either other plants or mycorrhizal fungi. Invasions of certain mustard species can reduce fungi colonization on tree roots and affect seedling recruitment and growth. The term for plants that secrete chemicals to damage other plants and fungi is allelopathy. Allelopathic chemicals can be broken down in some cases by soil microbes and, in other cases, the chemicals may persist long after the invader has been successfully removed, leading to a shift in fungal richness and the plant species supported.

Invasive plant management is species conservation and protects our native biodiversity. There is a misconception that all weeds are soil colonizers and play an important role in our ecosystems. Not all introduced species have negative impacts to our ecosystems, but the ones that do make lasting changes that can forever alter our landscapes.

The information for this article was pulled from "Mycorrhizae, invasions, and the temporal dynamics of mutualism disruption" by Sara Grove, Karen Haubensak,

Catherine Gehring and Ingrid Parker.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

Upcoming events

April 28 — An evening discussion on climate and weather at 6 p.m. at the Extension office.

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 will be on sale for \$2 per pound. This year we will not be taking orders; it is a first-come, first-served service. Please bring your own bag or box to take your seed home.

May 19 — Archuleta County Fair Board Dance, 5 to 9 p.m. at the Extension Exhibit Hall.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 246-5931 to register.



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May 11 will highlight Dr. Janice McIntyre with an introductory yoga class, so you should wear comfortable clothing and bring a bottle of water.

May 18 will feature Arleen Prochazka from the Pagosa Weather Team describing the services it offers to our community, and telling us about North American monsoon formation and its impact on our local mountains.

Pick up a brochure at the library for more details on these presentations.

Save the date for special day with a crime writer

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 13, when true crime and fiction author Ron Franscell will join us for three special events to raise funds for your library's building campaign.

From 9 to 11 a.m., he'll lead a writing workshop. The cost is \$25 and the limit is 20 seats. From 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., he'll host a free gathering for book clubs and other readers to discuss his murder mystery "Deaf Row." From 5 to 7 p.m., he'll be at the Tennyson Building Event Center for a special fun event with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets are \$40 in advance and there will be limited seating.

New writers support group

On Thursdays beginning May 4 from 9 to 11 a.m., the Ruby Writers Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Online author talk today

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. Today, Thursday, April 27, at 6 p.m., showcases William Kent Krueger, author of "Ordinary Grace."

May will bring us three more talks.

On Wednesday, May 3, at 11 a.m., we'll interact with Britt Hawthorne, author of the practical parenting guide "Raising Anti-Racist Children."

May 10 at 6 p.m. will showcase Jena Friedman, author of "Not Funny," a collection of essays on life, comedy and culture.

May 20, at noon will feature Courtney Summers, Canadian award-winning author of "Sadie"

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Academic help for tweens and teens

We hope you will take advantage of our academic assistance program for high school students on Mondays, May 1 and 16, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. It provides extra support, study time and homework assistance.

New beginner computer class

Join us from 1 to 2 p.m. on May 1 and 3 for a free beginner computer class Mondays and Wednesdays aimed at adults who want to learn practical skills related to PC use, emails, and creating new documents and folders. Registration is required. Note that when you sign up, you are committing to all eight sessions in this month-long program.

Music fun

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 1, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. Anyone under age 18 is welcome with a signed parental permission, available at your library. For program information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396 (not the library).

Homework and tutoring help

Free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for those in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. A registration packet for parents and guardians is available by emailing the library or coming in.

Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.,

join us for a free educational hour of reading, singing and play to build early literacy skills.

Game Master Playground

Teens are invited to a free re-branded online Game Master (GM) Playground Dungeons and Dragons program next Thursday, May 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. that is now open to a wider variety of players on the first and third Thursdays of every month.

GMs can lead a variety of tabletop role-playing games but sometimes are uncertain how to start or may want to test a new idea before running a full campaign. Interested GMs should contact Josie at the library to sign up to run a one-shot game (no more than three sessions). Registration is required.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

PALS/GED adult education

Join Mark for his free PALS sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions. Note there will be no Tech Time May 2.

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“House of Sky and Breath” by Sarah J. Maas is a young adult Crescent City fantasy romance. “Hester” by Laurie Rico Albanese is a fresh look at the legacy of witchcraft through the eyes of a young immigrant woman. “Cold People” by Tom Rob Smith follows the last survivors of humanity racing to reinvent civilization.

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“Jaws” is the 25th anniversary edition of this Steven Spielberg classic which includes additional features. “Black Adam” is a sci-fi action film. “Royal Flying Doctor Service” is a two-disc package of this drama set in Australia. “All Creatures Great and Small” is season three.

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Quotable quote

“Advances are made by answering questions. Discoveries are made by questioning answers.” — German-born American astrophysicist Bernard Haisch, who specializes in solar-stellar astro-

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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the western grebe.

On a map of North America, the breeding range of this waterfowl appears as an irregular blob covering states west of the Mississippi river to the coast and extending into southern areas of western Canada. Instead of the south to north direction that we usually associate with spring migration, many of these birds travel west to east from wintering areas along the Pacific Coast.

The habitat suitable for breeding by western grebes is fairly limited. In summer, they are found on large freshwater lakes with areas of emergent vegetation along the shoreline for nesting and populations of small schooling fish for food. In our area they can be found on Navajo Lake, Hatcher Lake, Echo Canyon Reservoir and Lake Pagosa.

With legs set back far on the body, western grebes are excellent divers but extremely awkward out of water. Their wings are small relative to body size, making even flight a challenge and requiring them to run across the water while flapping their wings fast in order to get airborne. These challenges, coupled with migrating under the cover of darkness, mean that these birds are rarely seen out of water.

Sitting low on the water, their long, white necks can give the appearance of serpents sticking up out of the water. Black caps which extend over the eyes; long, dagger-like yellow bills; and red eyes are distinguishing traits.

Western grebes are admired for the precision of the courtship ceremonies conducted by pairs which are among the most complex performed by birds. They are attentive parents which build anchored nests on floating mats of vegetation.

Soon after hatching, chicks climb onto the safety of a parent's back, where they can hide from danger and remain for two to four weeks. Both parents alternate between back brooding and feeding the chicks.

Nesting by western grebes suffers when nests are flooded or tipped by wakes of watercraft, or if nests are abandoned when people on kayaks and paddleboards approach too closely.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Very top
- 5 Erased, mob-style
- 10 Shade of purple
- 14 Trendy
- 15 Migrating flock
- 16 Courtroom request
- 17 Poison ivy woe
- 18 Oktoberfest garb
- 20 Keyed in
- 22 Swampy area
- 23 Current fashion
- 24 Proofreader's finds
- 27 Binge
- 29 Shopping bag
- 33 "Fantasia" creator
- 36 Worked up
- 38 Goings-on
- 39 Filled to the gills
- 41 Dust remover
- 42 Broken-down
- 44 Shoe insert
- 46 Japanese drink
- 47 Critter with a pouch
- 49 Current amount
- 51 Fasten
- 55 Grapevine talk
- 58 Polish remover
- 60 Make drunk
- 63 Surfer's concern
- 64 Look over
- 65 1953 film, "The ___ Spur"
- 66 Musk of Tesla
- 67 His match?
- 68 Student's worry, sometimes
- 69 Notable events

DOWN

- 1 Farm units
- 2 Protestor's shout
- 3 Drizzly
- 4 Level of command
- 5 Stare flirtatiously
- 6 Birdseed holder
- 7 G-man
- 8 WNW's reverse
- 9 Skin affliction
- 10 Fairly divided
- 11 Sister to Bart and Maggie
- 12 Exploits
- 13 Part of YMCA
- 19 Sweltering
- 21 Revolutionary rider
- 25 One with a lot to offer?
- 26 Throw a fit
- 28 Incredible to behold
- 30 Other, in Acapulco
- 31 Jacksonville Jaguars uniform color
- 32 Brim
- 33 June honorees
- 34 "I had no ___!"
- 35 Puppet material
- 37 Professor's milestone
- 40 Snowman prop

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- 45 Enamored
- 48 On one's rocker
- 50 Dance recording
- 52 Semi-sheer fabric
- 53 Give a grant
- 54 Low double digits
- 55 Lillian of silent films
- 56 Tale starter
- 57 Lower-left phone button
- 59 Give up
- 61 One for the road?
- 62 Alias preceder

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Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. No

registration required. "What's the buzzzzz about bees?" with Jen Doane.

Online Author Talks: William Kent Krueger. 6 p.m. We will gather virtually with William Kent Krueger, author of "Ordinary Grace." Listen live or recorded. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/upcoming/> to learn more.

Friday, April 28

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association: New Volunteer Training Session. 9 a.m.-noon, Tennyson Event Center. We will explain more about CRIA and our volunteer program. If you cannot attend this event, you can still volunteer by calling the CRIA office at (970) 731-7133, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Powerhouse: Racing Robots. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For students in grades K-5. Enjoy weekly hands-on STEAM projects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

An Evening With Climate and Weather Experts: How One Snowflake Affects Climate. 6-9 p.m., CSU Extension Exhibit Hall, 344 U.S. 84. Come hear from weather and climate experts on weather and drought outlooks, how predictions are made, the CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain and Hail Study) weather program, and much more. For more information, email robin.young@colostate.edu or call (970) 264-5931.

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 group 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.

Saturday, April 29

365 Health Fair. 7-11 a.m., Ignacio High School, 315 Ignacio St. Residents in Ignacio, Bayfield, Pagosa, Durango and surrounding areas will be able to receive access to free and affordable preventive health screenings. Walk-ins are welcome, but signing up online is encouraged to expedite the process. That can be done at: <https://365health.org/healthfair-locations/>. Hosted by the Bayfield Lions Club and Mt. Allison Grange.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association: New Volunteer Training Session. 9 a.m.-noon, Chimney Rock National Monument. We will explain more about CRIA and our volunteer program. If you cannot attend this event, you can still volunteer by calling the CRIA office at (970) 731-7133, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Special Event: Children's Day. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Discover the joy of reading at this open house event celebrating children and books. Enjoy crafts, live music, a scavenger hunt and more.

Brews for Rescues Beer Festival. 1-5 p.m. Yamaguchi Park, 684 S. 5th St. Tickets are \$30. Unlimited beer tasting. Over 40 beers, fun dog show, food trucks and music. See brewsforrescues2023.eventbrite.com.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Soccer. 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

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Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 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, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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 one month long. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Academic Help. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Open to high school students looking for some extra support, study time and 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, May 2

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.

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.

Junior Page Turners. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sisson Library. For elementary students in grades 3-5. The kids' first book will be "Wish" by Barbara O'Connor, an engaging story of family, childhood friendship and an adopted dog. Copies are available at your library. This book club is geared for kids reading at or above grade level.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and

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Wednesday, May 3

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.

Online Author Talks: Britt Hawthorne. 11 a.m. We will gather virtually with Britt Hawthorne, author of the practical parenting guide "Raising Anti-Racist Children." Listen live or recorded. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/upcoming/> to learn more.

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Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Thursday, May 4

Ruby Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. The Ruby Writers Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

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Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Soccer. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Ignacio.

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.

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.

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.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Writer C. Neal

Johnson will teach you how to write a feature-length movie script.

San Juan Outdoor Club Monthly Meeting. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Mylea Bayless, chief of strategic partnerships with Bat Conservation International, will speak about bats and the work that Bat Conservation International is doing to protect an endangered species. Her talk will start with basic information about bats (Bat 101) and include gardening tips to encourage bats in our area and information on the Colorado white-nose syndrome that is impacting our local bat population. And, of course, there will be lots of beautiful photos of bats. The public is welcome to join us. The meeting starts with a social half hour at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. For more information, email sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

San Juan Stargazers Monthly Meeting. 6-8:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. If you would like coffee/tea, snacks and conversation, you can arrive at 6 p.m. for social hour. The meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The topic will be Neptune.

Friday, May 5

Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Tween/Teen Takeover. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Conversational computers will be reserved for users ages 9-19. Come play.

Powerhouse: Tinker Technology. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For students in grades 4-8. Enjoy STEM projects including tinker technology and dissection. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Powerhouse: Racing Robots. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For students in grades K-5. Enjoy weekly hands-on STEAM projects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Board Game Central. 4-6 p.m. Learn to play a new board game or bring your own to share with others.

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 group discussion. Coffee, tea and snacks

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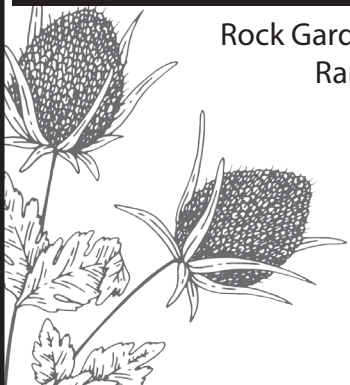
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Pagosa Senior Center to rekindle Spanish fiestas

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Senior Center invites community members of all ages and backgrounds to rekindle the Spanish fiestas of the past that honor the culture and diversity of the Archuleta and Pagosa Springs community.

On Friday, May 5, at 2 p.m., community members interested in helping revive and honor the heritage of Pagosa Country with an emphasis on Hispanic and indigenous are asked to meet at the dining hall in the Senior Center located within the Ross Aragon Community Center. We are a group of folks trying to revive a custom

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that used to celebrate our local heritage and promote scholarship in our local youth. This includes many of Archuleta County's founding families.

The group is planning a headliner concert featuring the music of the godson of New Mexico music Al Hurricane Jr. and his band along with local talent featuring Los Mitotitos at the Archuleta County

Fairgrounds during the afternoon and evening of July 29.

During this initial meeting, we will discuss ideas to celebrate Hispanic and Indigenous heritage in conjunction with the musical event planned for this summer. Funds raised during this event will be used to support the intergenerational mission of Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) and a future scholarship fund for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and youth of color) youth of Archuleta County.

All community members are welcome to attend; snacks will be provided. For more information, contact rosa@psseniors.org.

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will be provided. Each film will deal with how modern science substantiates the Bible. Call (303) 828-6386 for more information.

Saturday, May 6

TrashFest. 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Ute Park Drive, Aspen Springs. Archuleta County is providing a dumpster for residents to dispose of cleanup trash or outdoor property trash free of charge from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Track. 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Terry Alley Invitational.

Weed Warrior Program Presentations. 9 a.m.-noon, 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.

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.

Garden Bed Preparation and Irrigation Setup Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon, Vista Lake Community Garden. The workshop will focus on how to prepare garden beds for spring planting and how to set up a basic drip irrigation system. Preregistration is required for the workshop, and the fee for the workshop is \$10. To register, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/garden-education.html>.

Makerspace. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Build, design, create with various materials. Prompts provided. We will create upcycled CD coasters.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball. 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield doubleheader.

Sunday, May 7

Free Four-Day Course in Fly-Fishing Basics. 2-5 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Fly fishing is one of the most spirit-fulfilling activities you can do and in this study we will learn how biblical principles can help anyone find inner peace through this life enhancing venture. Each class is designed to teach potential future and current fly-fishers the basics of equipment and the techniques to catch fish in rivers and lakes. The course will cover equipment needed, techniques for tying knots along with casting instruction and practice. We will also learn about artificial flies and how they imitate

nature and effective ways to use the variety of flies available. Included will be the opportunity to take your knowledge out to the water and learn how to catch fish with a fly rod. For more information, call (303) 828-6386.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasan.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

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Sheila Soares Recognized as National Caregiver of the Year Award Nominee

Visiting Angels is proud to announce that the Visiting Angels Home Office is recognizing our very own Sheila Soares. She is moving on to Round 2 for the Visiting Angels 2023 National Caregiver of the Year Award.

Sheila is among caregivers selected from hundreds of nominations from across the country. This national program recognizes a caregiver from a Visiting Angels franchise location who demonstrates extraordinary commitment to their clients, families, and the Visiting Angels mission.

"Sheila goes above and beyond She is generous in gifting her many talents and never asks for anything in return. Sheila is not just a Visiting Angel; she is a true angel sent from God to help those in need and she is very deserving of this recognition," said

Client Care Mgr, Emily Green.

"Caregiving requires compassion, patience, and dedication. It is not an easy job," says Larry Meigs, CEO of Visiting Angels. "Sheila and the other nominees for the 2023 Caregiver of the Year award demonstrate their extraordinary commitment to their clients by helping them maintain their independence as long as possible."

The Caregiver of the Year semi-finalists were announced on March 21st. The grand prize winner will be announced on June 21st. The grand prize winner, as well as the two finalists will receive a cash prize.

Congratulations to all of the 2023 Caregiver of the Year Award nominees, and THANK YOU to the best of the best—our caregivers here at Visiting Angels of SW Colorado!



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Remembering When: senior safety series set

On Mondays, May 1, 8 and 15 at 1:15 p.m., the Pagosa Fire Protection District will host a 45-minute presentation for older adults on fire and fall prevention called Remembering When.

The presentation will be held at the Community Center. All adults from the area are welcome to attend. Older adults are at high risk of fire and falls. The Remembering When program, developed by the National Fire Protection Association, teaches older adults through trivia, humor and nostalgia how to protect themselves from fires and falls. The focus is on fun, but the safety messages are serious.

The presentation will include a hands-on smoke alarm demonstration.

Celebrate spring during the Kentucky Derby May 6

The Senior Center invites the community to our first Kentucky Derby event at the Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive, on Saturday, May 6, from 3 to 6 p.m.

This event is a fundraiser for ASI.

Dress and wear your derby hats and dance to the music of Tim Sullivan. Enjoy appetizers and desserts. We will offer a cash bar with wine, beer and mint juleps. We will be live streaming the Kentucky Derby. Bid on fabulous silent auction items, and have fun to help Pagosa seniors. For more information about the event, contact the Senior Center (970) 264-2167.

Share lunch Monday through Thursday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays downtown at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$10, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, 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 provide a welcoming gathering space that serves as a community hub where nutritious 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.

Check out our senior discount card for local discounts and perks at <http://www.psseniors.org/discount-club.html>.

Senior Conversations

Join us Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn. He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises 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; snacks will be provided.

Pagosa Springs 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
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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 copenhaver-creative@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 dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-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/community-cafecute.html>. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair. Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. This service is available by appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. We have eliminated Monday bridge due to lack of consistent participation and will be replacing it with different programming.

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

Hand and foot card game

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

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Engaging pictures

Engaging pictures are needed from seniors and their families who live, work and play their best lives in Archuleta County. We are looking for pictures that convey people's active lifestyles, families, culture and more. We would like to use these pictures in our grant applications, on social media and on our website. Please email all pictures to rosa@psseniors.org or feel free to drop them off.

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 doing administrative tasks. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

Board vacancies

The 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 27 — Pork tenderloin with orange glaze, Romanesco broccoli, carrots, garden salad, fruit, banana brunch cake and milk.

Friday, April 28 — Chicken Marsala, baked potato, peas and onions, garden salad, fruit, cookies and milk.

Monday, May 1 — Beef spaghetti, cauliflower, garlic knots, garden salad, fruit, cookies and milk.

Tuesday, May 2 — Tuna salad

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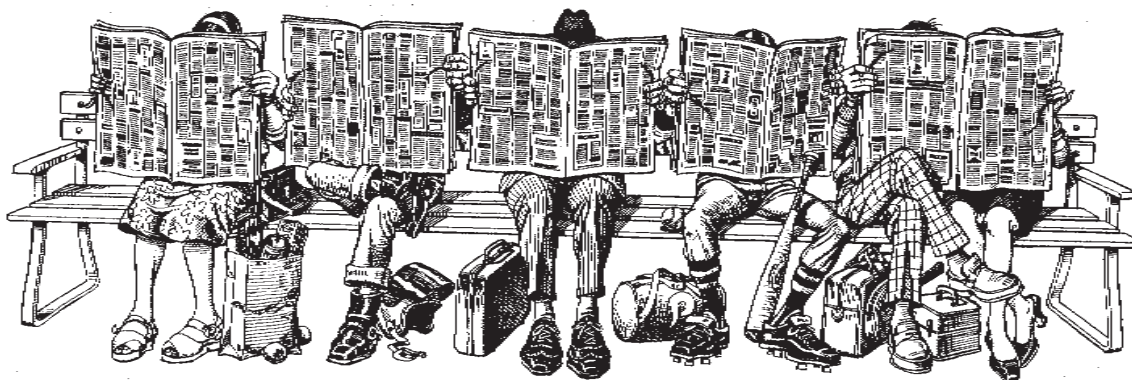
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Tips to make baking more healthy

Special to The PREVIEW

Baking sessions are a beloved family tradition in many households. But such sessions may not be as revered by family physicians, as baked goods are often prepared with ingredients, like sugar and butter, that aren't necessarily sound additions to a person's diet.

Though baked goods may never rival vegetables in nutritional value, there are ways for amateur bakers to make these beloved foods a little more healthy:

- Replace sugar with a fig puree. Figs are nutrition-rich fruits that serve as significant sources of calcium, potassium and iron. WebMD notes that figs also are excellent sources of fiber. Soaking 8 ounces of figs in water can soften them before they're pureed with between 1/4 to

1/3 cup of water. The resulting fig puree can serve as a sugar substitute.

- Make it a "dates" night. Much like figs, dates can be pureed and serve as a sugar substitute. However, WebMD notes that pureed dates will not be able to replace all of the sugar in a recipe. One cup of pureed pitted dates with 1/2 to 1 cup of water can replace as much as half of the sugar a recipe calls for.

- Replace butter with avocados. It's not just sugar that can make baked goods so unhealthy. Many baking recipes call for a substantial amount of butter. California Avocados notes that avocados can replace butter at a 1:1 ratio when baking. So, if a recipe calls for 1 cup of butter, bakers can replace that with 1 cup of pureed avocados. WebMD warns that avocados have more water than butter, so bakers

may want to reduce the temperature in their ovens by 25 percent and bake the foods a little longer.

- Replace white flour with whole-wheat flour. White flour is often the go-to for amateur and even professional bakers. But white flour is processed, which removes the bran and germ of the grain, thus stripping white flour of much of its nutritional value. Whole-wheat flour is not processed, so it retains its nutritional value. Baking with whole-wheat flour may require a learning curve, and some bakers prefer to use a mix of whole-wheat and white flour to preserve the flavors they've grown accustomed to.

Baked goods may never pack the most nutritious punch, but there are ways for amateur bakers to make such foods a little more healthy.

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■ continued from previous page sandwich on whole-wheat bread, cucumber salad, potato salad, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, May 3 — Hawaiian chicken with pineapple and peppers, coconut rice, baked bananas, garden salad and milk.

Thursday, May 4 — Stuffed portabella mushrooms, wilted spinach, broccoli Romanesco, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, May 5 — Barbecue pork ribs, cornbread, baked beans, garden salad, fruit, lemon bars 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

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For more information about ASI, visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

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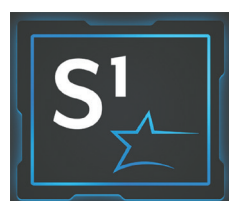
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