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## School bus driver dies from injuries in bus incident

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Shortly after 8 p.m., on Tuesday, May 9, Archuleta School District and the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) announced that school bus driver Beverly Flaming died following an afternoon incident involving two buses.

Shortly before 4:30 p.m., the district announced a bus accident

at the middle school involving a bus driver.

The district then updated families shortly after 8 p.m.

“As a follow-up to our earlier message about an incident involving a bus driver, it is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of one of our beloved and long-time staff members, Beverly Flaming,”

■ See Incident A8

## Body recovered from Echo Lake following report of person missing

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Responders recovered a body from Echo Lake Tuesday evening, May 9, after the person was reported missing in the water.

According to a press release from the Pagosa Fire Protection District, it was called to a missing person in the water at 5:33 p.m.

The press release notes the first arriving officer “established last know (sic) position of person in the water with the help of bystand-

ers” and notification was made to “incoming resources that water deployment would be necessary.”

It adds, “First arriving engine company arrived and began to deploy rescue boat and don protective dry suits. Search commenced near the last known location. One person was retrieved from the water with assistance from Archuleta County personnel. Resuscitation efforts were initiated immediately upon retrieval.”

■ See Recovered A8

## Property valuations released, deadline for appeals June 8

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Property valuation notices for 2023 were mailed out on or before May 1, with many seeing substantial increases in valuation, according to a press release by Archuleta County Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott.

The press release explains that state law mandates that the county assessor conduct a reappraisal of all properties every two years and that

this reappraisal must use market data to determine the value as of a set date.

It adds that the study period for the 2023 reappraisal was from June 30, 2020, to July 1, 2022, and that the valuation reflects the value the Archuleta County Assessor’s Office believes a property owner could have sold their property for as of the appraisal date, June 30, 2022.

■ See Property A8

## Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District ordered to check for lead pipes

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently made revisions to its Lead and Copper Rule, which will require the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) to take steps to verify that water pipes of homes, businesses, schools and child care facilities aren’t made of lead.

District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey explained this could include

inspecting meter pits or questioning homeowners.

“The homeowner can tell us what it is and we just take their word for it,” he said in an April 13 PAWSD Board of Directors meeting. “I even asked, ‘Do we have to trust their competency and honesty?’ and they said yes.”

Prior to 1988, there was no law in Colorado that outlawed lead in water pipes, according to Ramsey. As such, houses built prior to 1988 are most

■ See Lead A8

# High waters



SUN photos/Terri House, courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office

The San Juan River through Pagosa Springs was flowing at 238 percent of normal at 2,940 cubic feet per second on Wednesday. The Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue deployed sandbags in low-lying areas along Estate Circle and County Road 500 on May 4, which remain unbreached. The runoff means a big year for recreation in the area, including whitewater rafting and kayaking on the San Juan River. The Pagosa Paddle takes place this Saturday with whitewater racing through downtown starting at 9:30 a.m. and the down-river parade at 4 p.m.

## River running at above-average levels, area lakes full

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

As of 2 a.m. on May 10, the San Juan River at Pagosa Springs was flowing at 238 percent of normal at 2,940 cubic feet per second (cfs), measured at 9 feet at the gage, according to the San Juan River Basin SNOTEL site, which measures snowpack and river flows and is operated by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

A graph from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) clocks the snow water equivalent (SWE) on Wolf Creek Pass at 135.5 percent of normal as of May 10.

SWE is the “amount of water contained within the snowpack at a particular location. It can be thought of as the depth of water that would result if the entire snowpack were to melt,” according to the USDA.

Furthermore, the Lake Navajo Water Database measured the Navajo Lake level at 134.1 percent of the average as of May

■ See Water A8



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## OUR VIEW

### Heroes among us

There are people who deal with the unthinkable on a regular basis, and they do it without hesitation.

Tuesday was a day for those who protect and care for our citizens to show up in force — multiple times.

When the afternoon call for help went out concerning a school bus accident by Pagosa Springs Middle School, Pagosa's heroes showed up in a big way.

School staff and administration were first on the scene and sprang into action calling for help and attending to the incident and student's needs.

The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center (ACDC) adeptly broadcast the call to the community's first responders.

Heroes from Pagosa Springs Police Department, Pagosa Fire Protection District, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Colorado State Patrol and Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS responded to the scene.

Before that scene had been completely cleared, an ACDC dispatcher alerted responders to another tragedy that was unfolding south of town at Echo Lake, a missing person in the water.

Some of our first responders didn't even have a moment of rest after the bus incident before answering the call for assistance at the lake.

While efforts to find the man missing in the lake were ongoing, another medical emergency was paged out by a dispatcher who never missed a beat.

This time, it was one of ACDC's own who first responders were paged out to help. With her partner down, the dispatcher who was still standing never missed a cue and aptly held down the dispatch center in the face of tremen-

dous stress and chaos. Thankfully, the outcome of that emergency call had a much more positive ending than the other two emergency calls Tuesday afternoon.

Amazingly, there was no hesitation for these heroes in tirelessly responding to call after call after call for help.

A hero in her own light, school bus driver Beverly Flaming lost her life on Tuesday.

Flaming safely delivered countless children to their destinations over the years that she worked as a bus driver for Archuleta School District.

She was an integral part of transportation department and will be greatly missed.

"Decades of service and tens of thousands of miles... I know she was driving me to kindergarten and high school volleyball games as a kid and I'm 43," wrote Melissa Moeller on a social media post Tuesday evening. "So sad - thank you Bev for all of your years of service to this community. Thinking of her family."

Our hearts also go out to Flaming's family, school district staff and students in the wake of this tragedy.

Parents were called to pick up students from multiple bus routes. We cannot fathom what ran through their minds when they received notification from the school district.

We hold great concern for the students who witnessed this tragedy unfolding. Some were sitting on the school buses involved in the incident. Others were loading, unloading or just in the vicinity. The school district has lined up counseling for students and staff who will undoubtedly need tremendous support in the coming days,

weeks and years.

It's not every day that a school district staff has to switch modes and become first responders in such a tragedy, but staff and administration seamlessly filled the role they were handed on Tuesday.

By the end of the series of incidents, the Archuleta County coroner had also come to play a role in the list of responders on Tuesday.

Details were still unfolding regarding the lake incident at the time of this writing. Our hearts go out to that person's family and loved ones as well.

To compound matters, Tuesday's emergency calls played out amid yet another crippling telecommunications issue in Archuleta County. Most regional services were severely downgraded when contractors in downtown Durango cut a major uplink fiber for the region.

According to Archuleta County broadband manager Eric Hittle, "It's really similar to the fiber cut from April 27th in its effect. All Pagosa traffic is being shoved through a 1.5Gbps Microwave link, this time within Durango, instead of from Durango to Pagosa. Working, but degraded on the overloaded link, until the fiber is fixed."

First responders deal with difficult situations every day.

Those who respond to life-threatening incidents and tragedies without ever hesitating and those who perform the meaningful work of delivering our children safely to school are true heroes.

To all of our first responders, we offer a simple yet heartfelt thank you for a job well done — not just Tuesday, but every day.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 11, 1923

R.R. Duncan, state highway maintenance official, and Wm. McComas journeyed considerable distance up Wolf Creek highway last Saturday on an inspection trip. As a result, Oscar McCoy and son Clarence were employed to commence preliminary work in the way of removing the huge boulders and providing drainage for the water now coming down the road.

All band men in this vicinity are requested to meet at the Hatcher Hdw. Co. store next Tuesday evening for the purpose of preparing for Memorial day. This is not only an invitation to former members of the Pagosa Springs band but to newcomers in the city who may not be known by the leader, Leidy Baker.

Mrs. L.J. Goodman, nee Lowenstein, arrived last Friday from St. Louis and will remain here for the summer. Mr. Goodman will start about June 1st, proceeding via sedan.

There will be a dance at the Bayles school tomorrow night, Saturday, for the benefit of the school. Everybody is invited to attend.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 7, 1948

Buzzie Smith celebrated his 13th birthday with a plunge party Sunday afternoon. Refreshments were served at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ernest E. Smith, and his sister, Betty. Sharing the occasion with Buzzie were: Alfred Goosman, Franklin Anderson, Harry Cole, Ben Larry Lynch, Alva Lee Cox, Charles Knowlton, Roland Smith, Harvey John Catchpole and Michael Sheridan.

Handicapped by lack of personnel who volunteered, nevertheless, the Lions Club spent two days and part of a third day this week collecting trash in the clean up drive.

Those in charge urged that the drive be continued through this week-end to bring about the best results in cleaning up the town.

Baccalaureate services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday, May 16th, at 8:00 p.m. Rev. H.H. Hughes will be in charge. Commencement exercises will be held the following Thursday, May 20th, in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Joan Wiley is the Valedictorian of this graduating class and Wanda Miskoweic is the Salutatorian.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 10, 1973

Highway 160 northeast of town, just past the Turkey Creek bridge, may suffer further damage from slippage this spring. There are several areas in that particular stretch of highway that are starting to crack and signs of slippage above the highway can be seen. The town water supply line is below the highway at these points and is also in danger of being broken. The supply from West Fork was shut off so that in the event of pipe breakage there would be no damage from the city water. In the meantime water from another source is being fed into the filter plant and on into town. At this time officials are not sure if the slippage will continue and the water line will remain empty until that determination is made. The area slid in the same places in 1932. Two homes, on the Clew Woods property, are being threatened by the sliding movement.

### 25 years ago

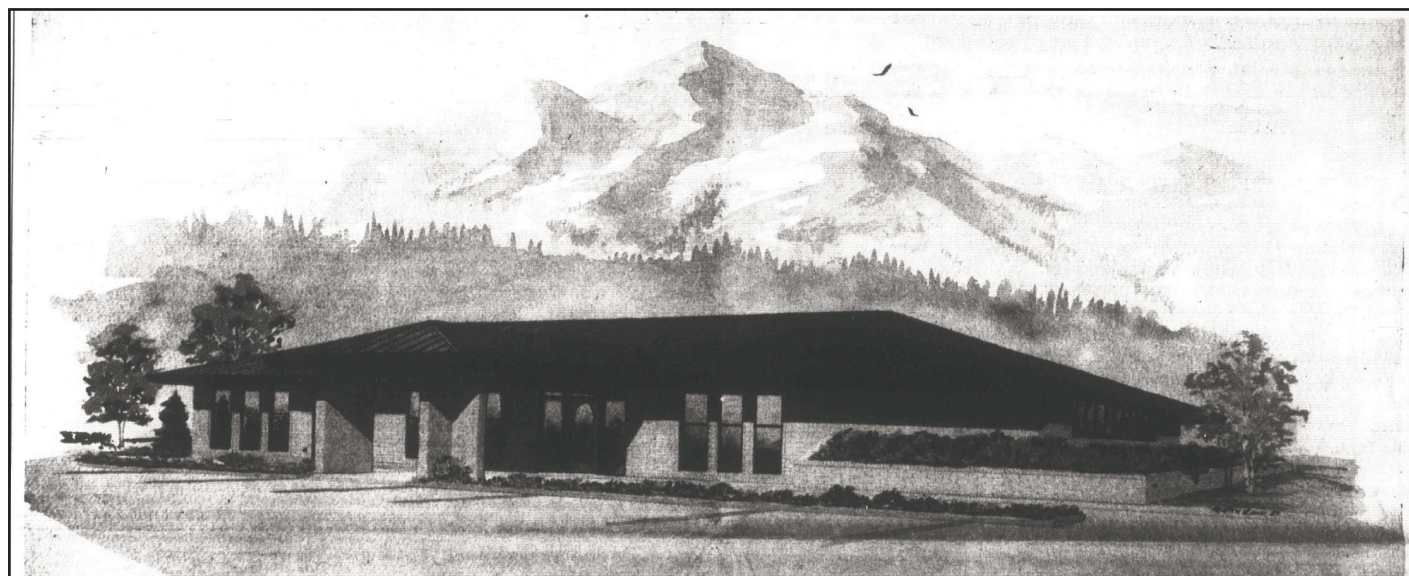
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May 14, 1998

Members of American Legion Post 108 will place white flag holders on veteran's graves at Hilltop Cemetery on May 16. The holders will identify unmarked graves and those graves without military headstones. American flags will be placed in the holders on May 24 for Memorial Day week.

Relatives and friends of deceased veterans are asked not to remove the holders when cleaning graves. If they do, that veteran's grave may not get a flag for Memorial Day.

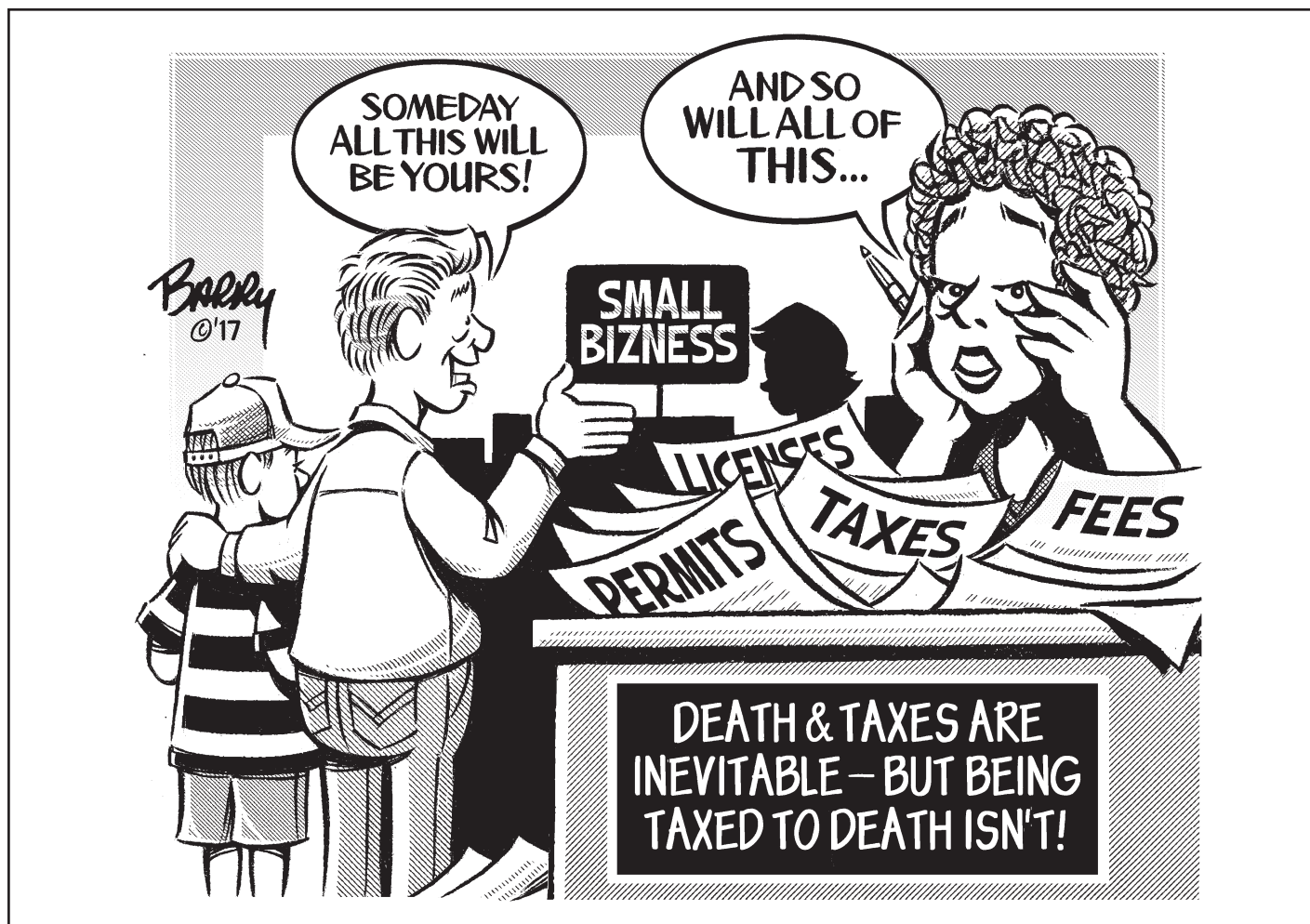
Clean-Up Week '98 officially ends on May 16, but town of Pagosa Springs crews could work into the next week hauling items left for curbside collection.

"Our curbside pickups within town have gone very well," Town Administrator Jay Harrington said Wednesday. "This part of Clean-Up Week has been very well received and our crews can barely keep up with the daily pickup schedule. The number of town residents participating and putting stuff out on the curbs is incredible."



ARTIST'S RENDERING OF NEW LIBRARY — Artist Milton Lewis' rendering of the architectural plan for the new library building is currently hanging in the present library. With just \$70,000 remaining to be raised, of the \$400,000 needed to complete the building, library board members are hopeful building will begin in mid-December. Librarian Lenore Bright says she is overwhelmed by the generosity of the residents in Archuleta County.

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# Woman fires shot while at gas station

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

An unidentified female fired a single shot at a Pagosa Springs gas station Friday evening following an interaction with a semi driver.

According to Undersheriff Robert Hill, the suspect was parked blocking gas pumps at the Marathon station on North Pagosa Boulevard for approximately 35-40 minutes before the semi driver asked her to move.

"The suspect remained in her car at the pumps for a few more minutes before making a U-turn in the parking lot and brandishing a handgun then firing a single shot in the direction of the truck driver," an email from Hill describes.

The incident took place at about 5:15 p.m. on May 5, Hill explained,

adding the shot only hit pavement.

The vehicle then left the scene, Hill indicates in the email, noting that it was last seen traveling through the City Market parking lot toward Talisman Drive.

He explained law enforcement searched area parking lots and restaurants following the incident, but was unable to find the woman, who he noted is not recognized as being a local.

The suspect is described as being a Black female, possibly in her late 20s, with a child approximately 18 months old, according to Hill. The vehicle is silver in color with a white license plate, unknown number.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Archuleta County Combined Dispatch at (970) 731-2160.

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# Public open house: Seeds of Learning expansion and roofed ice-skating rink proposed for South Pagosa Park

Town of Pagosa Springs

The Town of Pagosa Springs is hosting a public open house seeking public input on two proposed developments/improvements within South Pagosa Park, located at 550 S. 8th St.

The conceptual site plan envisions an expansion of the Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center and a proposed new roofed structure over an enlarged ice-skating rink and future multiuse pavilion.

Seeds of Learning is contemplating an expansion to accommodate future child care and preschool needs, and has been operating at capacity with 45 students, with another 60 children on a wait list. It serves families from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds and remain a crucial source of care for the community's workforce, offering a sliding tuition scale for many of its families. Its intended expansion will allow it to enroll an additional 43-53 preschool students by 2027.

The Pagosa Springs Multi-Purpose Pavilion (PSMPP) board is seeking support for a roofed structure to enclose the existing ice-skating rink in its current location. The structure would serve several purposes including lengthening the skating season, and allowing for additional revenue and an in-town winter outdoor recreation

opportunity. An additional future phase for the pavilion is envisioned that would enlarge the facility and could accommodate a range of off-season indoor youth and community activities.

Public comments are sought on this conceptual plan during the on-site public open house on Tuesday, May 16, at South Pagosa Park, 550 S. 8th St (southwest corner of S. 8th Street and Apache Street). The event will be open from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m., and town staff as well as representatives from both Seeds and PSMPP will be available to answer questions.

If you are unable to attend the event in person, please visit www.MyPagosa.org for the virtual open house to view the conceptual plan and provide your comments or ask questions.

For more information, please contact planning@pagosasprings.co.gov or call (970) 264-4151, ext. 221.

# Letter

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## What is democracy?

Dear Editor:

Last Friday, former US Attorney General Bill Barr appeared in a forum at the City Club of Cleveland. Mr. Barr served as AG during the administrations of George H.W. Bush and Donald Trump. Someone

in the audience asked Mr. Barr about erosion of the rule of law. I think his response is worth sharing.

Rule of law, he said, "is the key to democracy." He continued: "Democracy is the political translation of the Golden Rule, which is you should only do to someone else what you're willing to have done to yourself. ... The rule of law is that the same rules apply to everybody."

We can all find in whatever news we consume examples of lawmakers and public officials maneuvering to deliver some special benefit to allies or impose some disadvantage on critics. (Gerrymandering electoral districts is one tactic we see at both ends of the political spectrum.) Such uses of political power are misguided and antidemocratic.

Of course policymakers disagree about issues, priorities, and strategies. Open, honest debate about the needs and wants of constituents and the capacity of government to advance any particular policy can improve outcomes. And when politicians can't find a way to have constructive conversations about opposing views, democracy still requires, as Mr. Barr explained, that the majority not run roughshod over the process or the interests of those outside their clique.

To be clear, my policy views differ from those of Mr. Barr. I would push back on what he said about many of the topics he covered Friday. Acknowledging that I share some common ground with a policy opponent is not a concession that undermines my advocacy for an opposing view.

To the contrary, we get further debating the merits of our policy positions when we can trust that all sides are guided by the principles that unite us as Americans in a system of self-government. If we and the politicians we support bring the Golden Rule to policy debates and listen actively to people who advocate viewpoints different from our own, we stay true to the foundations of democracy and we may find that the process of governing works better on every level.

Candace Jones

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# Obituaries

## Kippy Dale Carr

Kippy Dale Carr, of Livingston, Texas, formerly of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away unexpectedly on May 1, 2023, at the age of 68. Kippy was born on Feb. 7, 1955, in Baytown, Texas, to Henry Ford Carr and Allean Hazel Carr.



Kippy was a dedicated husband, father, uncle, grandfather and friend. He was a true lover of anything outdoors; he was an avid hunter (never missing an opportunity to share his knowledge to help grow others). After 20-plus years of hunting in the beautiful San Juan National Forest of Colorado, he finally took his trophy bull elk of a lifetime with his bow, which was a dream come true. He also enjoyed fishing, golfing, flying around in his ultralight, classic cars and motorcycles. Kippy was also very passionate about his love for ball. He played softball for most of his adult life, always enjoying the friendships and tournament travel that came along with it. He has received multiple MVP and first-place team tournament awards over the years. His greatest joys were his family, whom he loved spending time with at their ranch in Mountain Home, Texas. He was a facilitator, voice of reason, loving husband, father, uncle and family man. He was also an amazing Paw Paw to his grandchildren, who he adored, and loyal friend. He was one of a kind. Kippy will never be forgotten but forever remembered and missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Kippy is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Ann Marie Carr, of Livingston, Texas; daughter, Kelsey Carr Murray and spouse Chris Murray, of New Caney, Texas; son, Hank Carr, of Atascocita, Texas; daughter, Whitney Jackson and spouse Jimmy Valdez, of Bangs, Texas; son, Austin Jackson, of Livingston, Texas; nephew (whom he viewed as another son), Kody Carr and spouse Laura Carr, of Baytown, Texas; grandchildren, Bryce Din-smore, Makenna Murray, Wyatt, Emerson and Kallie Valdez, Anniston Jackson; and mother-in-law, Gloria Glendenning, of Baytown, Texas; as well as beloved cousins,

nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Kippy is preceded in death by Henry Ford Carr (father), Allean Hazel Gibson Carr (mother) and Keith Lynn Carr (brother).

The family would like to thank Millennium Physicians Group in Cleveland, Texas, for their compassionate care during Kippy's treatment.

A celebration of life is to be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Kippy's name to B.A.S.S. - Home (baytownareaseniorsoftball.com), National Blood Clot Alliance or the cancer foundation of your choice.

Please sign online guestbook at [www.cochranfn.com](http://www.cochranfn.com).

## Eugene, (Gene) E. Cortright

Eugene E. Cortright, "Gene," entered into God's Kingdom on April 30, 2023, at the age of 95, surrounded by his immediate family. He was born Aug. 17, 1927, to Gladys and Emerson Cortright in Hastings, Mich. Devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Gene is survived by his loving wife Joan; daughter Lisa (Rob); granddaughters Michelle Gammino and Ashley Dieleman (Jeff); grandsons Greg Gammino, Trey Foster (Andrea) and John Foster (Kristy); and great grandchildren Lauren, Charlotte, Davis, Avery, Kade and Brooke. His daughter, Cynthia Covin, preceded him in death.



Gene attended a one-room schoolhouse in rural Michigan through the fifth grade. Upon graduation from Bellevue High School in 1944, Gene served in the US Army 11th Airborne Division during WWII. Gene met the love of his life, Joan, following his military service in Japan. They married 74 years ago on July 3, 1949. The GI bill facilitated Gene's further education. He received a BA from Kalamazoo College and his master's degree from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1955.

Gene began his professional career as a foreign affairs analyst

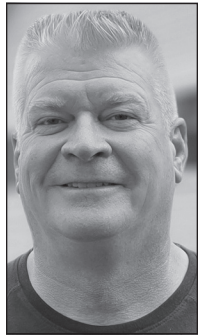
for the federal government and leveraged these skills and experiences successfully in the oil and gas industry. His career path moved the family to Virginia; Washington state; New York; Paris, France; and Oklahoma before retiring to his beloved Pagosa Springs in 1984. He quickly became involved in his new community by serving in a variety of organizations including Rotary, the Archuleta County GOP and the local road committee.

Gene's love of the outdoors prompted frequent hikes in the national forest, great appreciation for wildlife and a passion for landscaping.

All of Gene's caregivers made a significant, positive impact on his life and those of his loved one's over the past year. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mercy Home Health and Hospice. A memorial service is planned for this summer.

## Jeffery Scott Leavenworth

Jeffery Scott Leavenworth passed away unexpectedly in his home on April 26. He was 60 years young.



He was born on Oct. 13, 1962, in Corning, N.Y. Always an avid adventurer with a love for travel, Jeff spent his late teens and early adult life living in various places across the United States before eventually settling in Pagosa Springs in 1999.

Combining his love for art and detail, Jeff found a passion for tile when he moved to Arizona in the early 1980s, eventually starting his own tile business in 1989. He continued his tile business, ProTile, upon moving to Pagosa Springs and built a name for himself in the community as a creative and professional craftsman.

When Jeff wasn't hard at work, he found solace in nature and music. His hobbies included riding his motorcycle, fishing, camping, snowboarding, shooting pool and playing guitar.

Jeff was charismatic, friendly and kind, and made a lasting impression on everyone he met. He loved mak-

ing people laugh and had a wit that made it appear effortless. He was a supportive and loving husband and father, a caring son and the kind of neighbor who offered a helping hand without expecting anything in return. He loved deeply and unconditionally and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Jeff is survived by his children, Tamra Leavenworth and Tyler Leavenworth; his fiancé, Denise Inez, and her son, Joseph Hammond; his parents, Richard Leavenworth and Jean Leavenworth; and his stepdaughter, Laura Ogletree. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy "Gail" Leavenworth (Elmore).

A celebration of life service will be held at the Tennyson Building Event Center in Pagosa Springs on Saturday, May 20, at 3 p.m.

## Lesha Marie Powell

1/13/1965 – 4/23/2023  
Lesha Marie Powell was born in John Day, Ore., but she grew up and attended school in Pagosa Springs, Colo. She played volleyball at Pagosa Springs High School. From her first marriage, she had Eric and Keith Baldwin. Her second marriage produced no children. Her third and final marriage produced Teryn Watters. She loved her children, grandchildren and all animals. Her favorite position in life was as an office manager at the La Plata County Humane Society Thrift Store. She loved to feed the birds and discuss the wildlife that frequented her yard. She loved to cook and crochet blankets for her family.

Lesha is predeceased by her parents, Leonard and Virginia Powell; son, Keith Baldwin; uncle, Fred Gallegos; and her dog, Francois.

She is survived by her brother, Michael Powell; daughter, Teryn Watters; son, Eric (Joanna) Baldwin; and grandchildren, Trent and Gemma Baldwin.

A celebration of life for Lesha will be held at Fassbinder/Triangle Park on May 13 at 1 p.m.

Donations can be made in her honor to the La Plata County Humane Society.

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## Cards of Thanks

### Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SoS) served as host for this year's Earth Day community event in April. The planning team wishes to thank the community and its partners for celebrating with us and keeping the earth front and center.

From the opening ceremony honoring the earth's sacredness, which included a sound bath meditation, offered by the wellness team from the local hot springs to the closing ceremony where an intergenerational offering by two amazing native flute players was a highlight, everyone in attendance made it a special day.

The making of seed balls, chalk art contest, wetland walk and the live music were all enjoyed by the multi-age community, which was part of the wider goal of building community engagement.

Another highlight was the tea ceremony and the making of tea bowls led by Mark Epstein, a local potter.

There is talk about a harvest festival towards the end of the Pagosa Farmers Market season in September, which is also sponsored by SoS. We imagine coming together again

in the spirit of honoring the earth's bounty and celebrating with one another, and even drink tea together. Stay tuned and as always, if you'd like to be involved in planning, contact us at [SoSPagosa@hotmail.com](mailto:SoSPagosa@hotmail.com).

A special thanks to the many who volunteered time and effort for a wonderful Earth Day.

### Villarreal

I would like to thank law enforcement of Archuleta County and the friends and family of my son Jeremiah Villarreal who effortlessly brought him home. Breeza Quezada, Kimmy Rivas, Rachel Ingram, Monica, and Brian Bentley, and all who were with me at the lake until we found and brought Jeremiah home.

I would also like to thank the entire community who have shown the multitude of support and love during this tragic time. To Archuleta County Sheriff Deputy James Martinez (Bubba) and Pagosa Springs PD officer Zach Lewitt who took this case immediately and showed the care to find and bring my son home. To Sheriff Mike Le Roux, Commander Lattin, and the rest of the Archuleta County sheriff's department, thank you for bringing Jeremiah home and helping us to have a successful and safe vigil. To the Colorado Bureau of Investigations detective Brandon and his colleague Jeff for everything they have done and are continuing

to do. Thank you to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Marine Division for finding my son and being as gentle as you could with him. Father Samuel for the loving support that he has given me and for giving my son the most beautiful service anyone can ask for. To Marcus Rivas, Tony Rivas and June Marquez for singing so beautifully for my baby boy. Thank you to the Guadalupanas; Darlene, Andrea, Clara, Julie, Juanita, and Betty for cooking and setting up for Jeremiah's luncheon. Thank you to Benny's restaurant, City Market, and Walmart for supplying food for us. Thank you to the entire community for showing me so much love and support; friends who have brought me food and who have just sat with me to show me comfort and love. But most of all thank you Tom Inman and Luz Ruiz who have been here for me since day one, who didn't stop showing me support, care, love, and concern for Jeremiah and for staying by my side.

To PLPOA thank you for allowing us to have a lakeside vigil and for allowing us to keep his memorial at Pagosa Lake. Shane Lucero, thank you for closing early to have a vigil at Jeremiah's favorite spot The Den. To Pagosa Bar for renaming Jeremiah's favorite drink after him and donating proceeds so I can bury my angel. To Veronica Medina for participating in making Jeremiah's vigil a success and

being by our side.

To Andre and Debra Redstone who sent my son's soul with prayer and song, and who now have become a brother and sister to me; thank you so much for all your generosity, love, compassion and support you have given me.

Annette Medina thank you for supporting me and being with me during my difficult time and not leaving my side.

Thank you to all who have donated to Jeremiah's GoFundMe Me page and those who worked hard to put out the missing person's flyers and The Pagosa Springs SUN who immediately posted on Facebook about Jeremiah's disappearance.

Lastly, thank you to my entire family who traveled short and long distances to be by my side immediately with no hesitation, I LOVE YOU ALL.

This has been the most difficult time in my life but the gratitude I have for all the love and support is immensely appreciated. Please continue to pray for us during this time. God Bless you all.

Love,  
Cathy Villarreal

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# Business

## Ways to better inform your employees

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

A lot of times, people read this Chamber article to find out what is happening in our community. Are you one of those business owners?

I might venture to say no because you are so busy working in your business on a daily basis. However, how many times do employees come to you as the trusted employer to help them with a problem, or they need a service? Can you share our community's resources with them? Do you even know who you can refer them to?

I would encourage you to find a method of trying to find out as much as possible about how you can help your employees. We try to help keep you as a business owner and the community informed. Oftentimes, you will need to know about events so you can schedule or plan for an uptick in business. However, we also use this outlet to communicate with you important guidelines and programs that you should become familiar with in order to better help your staff members.

### Housing programs

With that thought in mind, here are a couple of programs where you can be better informed and pass this information onto staff. We start out with an important program expansion offered by Housing Solutions of the Southwest. It has expanded its rehabilitation loan program offering incredible interest rates to those homeowners looking to improve their homes.

Housing Solutions can offer 1-2 percent loans to an increased area median income (AMI) sector of the population. Whereas the program only served those making at or below 80 percent of the AMI, the program now covers up to 120 percent AMI. This is a big win for homeowners as many made just a skosh too much to qualify for an important program such as this. Essential repairs are included in this need so that families can get a new heating source or water heater or energy improvements such as siding or insulation to increase the value of their home while decreasing their energy costs and allowing them to stay in their homes safely.

If you or any staff or neighbors are looking for a program such as this, refer them to Housing Solutions of the Southwest at (970) 259-1086 to start the qualifying process.

And, speaking of housing, if you have any staff looking to purchase a home, one of the smartest things you can recommend they do is attend a HomesFund Homebuyer Education Class. The next class will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 8:30 to 4:30 at the Ross Aragon Community Center. People attending this class will have mortgage assistance programs open up for them that they may not have had access to, including a program of offering up to \$125,000 or 25 percent of the purchase price. Having this class under your belt helps new homeowners regardless if they work with HomesFund or not. To register for the class, go online to [www.homesfund.org/attend-a-class](http://www.homesfund.org/attend-a-class) or call (970) 259-1418.

Let's help those looking to invest in a home in our community.

### Division of Motor Vehicles

The Division of Motor Vehicles licensing process will be back May 22 and 23 by appointment. The services offered include new licenses, renewals, permits, out-of-state license transfers, IDs, motor vehicle records and much more.

You can make an appointment by going online to [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da4a82da0f5c16-archuleta1#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da4a82da0f5c16-archuleta1#/) or call the county admin offices at (970) 264-8300.

Remember that these services do not include driving or CDL tests. These tests need to be completed through other agencies. However, you can avoid the drive to Durango by making an appointment. The temporary office is located in the county building on San Juan Street, on the south side of the building and by entering through the door at the far right. If you have questions, please contact the county offices.

### Rural Philanthropy Days

For our nonprofit agencies, we have been talking about Rural Philanthropy Days and the event that will be occurring June 7-9 in Durango. As a reminder, the Chamber, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation and the Community Resource Center (CRC) will be hosting training on

May 25. We will have the CRC Zoom presentation online at the library starting at 1 p.m. and then be available afterward for questions and answers from our nonprofits.

In addition to this training, Ron Beckman, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) board director and grant writer, will be presenting a grant writing class for free to our nonprofit agencies. The training will take place at the PFPD offices at 191 N. Pagosa Blvd. on Thursday, May 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. He will be covering tips for grant writing, where to look for grants, who can get grants and how to help "fill in the banks." If your nonprofit is interested in sending someone to this class, preregister with Tomi Bliss at (970) 731-4191 as the class size is limited.

### Colorado Secure Savings program

The June deadline for the Colorado Secure Savings program for employers is quickly approaching. All businesses with five to 14 W2 employees are required to register with the state for this program by the end of June. Employers with 15-49 employees, the registration deadline is right around the corner on May 15.

Employers are to offer employees this program or another program such as a traditional pension, a 401(k) plan, a Simple IRA plan, a 403(b) plan or SEP Plan. Employees can opt out of the program and not participate; however, businesses must register with the state. You should have received or should receive soon through regular mail or email an access code with which to use when you register.

If you would like to refresh your memory and find out what you need to do as an employer before the June deadline, visit <https://coloradosecuresavings.com/>. It is important that you know what changes are coming up for you and your employees.

As mentioned, become informed and garner important information for your employees to help them in their efforts to live in Pagosa Springs and take advantage of the services the community offers. As always, contact us should you need immediate assistance or direction to help you or your staff.

## May events set to help local organizations

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

With the weather warming up, it seems that spring also brings on numerous events to help support our community nonprofit agencies.

There are several upcoming events where you can have a lot of fun and support a great cause. Following are just some of the festivities that are planned.

### Build Pagosa

On May 12, the career and technical educational component of the high school will host its annual Build Pagosa fundraiser. Every year the students build fabulous structures.

In the past they have built doll houses, chicken coops and dog houses along with other hand-crafted items that will be included in the silent auction.

The festivities will be held at the

Ross Aragon Community Center starting at 5 p.m. Food will be provided by chef Todd Stevens and his culinary arts program and the entertainment will be provided by Bob Hemenger's Americana Project class.

The live auction will have very functional gardening sheds as the main item; however, bidders certainly enjoy the "mystery buckets" and other valuable construction-related packages.

You can purchase tickets through Eventbrite for \$25 or reserve a table for \$1,000. Food and a cash bar will be available. If youth vocational enrichment is your passion, plan to attend this fun event.

### Pagosa Paddle

With the river running at rates we haven't seen in a few years, this year's Pagosa Paddle, supporting the Friends of the Upper San Juan River, is in for some exciting activities.

On Saturday, May 13, try your hand at some of the contests such

as the sprint, head2head, slalom or ducky pinball. There will be categories for inflatable and hardshell kayaks and SUPs. The R4 races are sanctioned by the US Rafting Association as a regional qualifier for the finals in Salida in June. As this organization works to provide stewardship of our beautiful river, it could use your support as a contestant.

Contestants can register at Eventbrite for \$35 per athlete until Thursday, May 11.

This year, contestants will also receive a free soaking pass in partnership with the Pints and Pools event that will also be occurring on May 12 and 13.

Don't have the equipment or bravery to tackle the river? You can watch the festivities along the river walk or at the Overlook beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until 3 p.m. when the ducky pinball is held. Then at 4 p.m. watch the down-river parade. It is certainly exciting to see these talented river runners.



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# Education



## Exploring Stevens Field

Photos courtesy Keith Serkes  
Students from Our Savior Lutheran Preschool visited the Stevens Field airport for a tour on May 3.

## Charter school board looks at strengths, weaknesses at work session

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors met April 19 to discuss its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as well as progress of the charter school since its opening in 2017.

The work session was facilitated by consultants Ashley Wilson and Natasha Bruss, both parents of former students.

"Ashley and I are very committed to the success of this organization," Bruss said.

The meeting began by discussing the progress the school has made in the last six years, starting with the founding of the school in 2017.

Wilson and Bruss noted that there was a lot of family involvement.

"A huge reason why we opened was to have a community school that had a huge family involvement. The parents and families were just as equally as important as the teachers," Bruss said.

According to a summary of the work session provided by the consultants, the board noted a strength during this period was "always asking for input, creating collaborative community spaces, and learning to work closely with the district overcoming barriers and obstacles with establishing a new school."

During school shutdowns in the height of COVID, the board noted it had to transition to being more of a governing board rather than a working board so things could get done in a more timely fashion.

In regards to what the school is like in the present day, the school has expanded from kindergarten through fourth grade to kindergarten through eighth grade and hopes to add a pre-K in the near future, the summary notes.

The board added it has improved in intensives, a safer facility, lunch, academic growth and an after-school program.

According to the summary, the board added that the school was able to keep its doors open in the fall of 2020 despite added restrictions and district regulations, which "set them apart from other

educational options in town, showing that PPOS was committed to equity, consistency and accessibility."

The board identified three goals it will be working toward in the coming years: financial stability, improved academic performance and improved operational/governance efficacy.

The summary addresses how to achieve financial stability by increasing enrollment to "ensure that our school community will grow to be a premier school ..."

**"A huge reason why we opened was to have a community school that had a huge family involvement. The parents and families were just as equally as important as the teachers."**

Consultant Natasha Bruss

It also notes the board will create a marketing plan to do so. The school's enrollment was 131 in 2022-2023 and will be 135 in 2023-2024, according to the summary.

The board will also continue to review the success and impacts of expanding the school to a K-8 school. It will explore space to be leased to increase future revenue and enrollment. The brief states the board will create a five-year budget forecast and ensure all board members understand and participate in all financial discussions.

As far as the goal of improving academic performance, the summary states that, to continue to operate the school, the school will need to increase the school's academic performance by October 2024 to "create a great k-8 school for the community."

According to the summary, the board hopes to measure and improve student engagement in three categories: academic engagement,

emotional engagement and behavioral engagement.

The summary states that, according to a 2021-2022 survey, 90 percent of classes are making expected growth. PPOS has completed curriculum mapping for every grade level and new math curriculum was piloted in classrooms with intensive teacher support.

The board added that, according to a 2022-2023 survey, 80 percent of students are making adequate progress throughout the year based on where they began.

The summary states, "At grade level, the student is making a year's worth of progress, and below grade level, the student is making a year and one-third progress in a year."

Included in the goal of progressing academic achievement, the consultants note in the summary that PPOS will achieve a performance rating per Colorado Measures of Academic Success (also commonly called CMAS) ranking.

The board is also going to develop and implement ways to engage families to enhance student performance and overall school experience.

The summary states that 70 percent of families are participating in family engagement hours.

Family surveys indicate that 80 percent of families feel connected to their student's classwork, according to the summary.

To increase academic performance, the board plans to create a curriculum map and calendar to ensure each grade has standards met during the school year that includes rigorous, standards-based projects that engage students in real-world work that is relevant to the students and community.

The board also wants to promote staff in kindergarten through fifth grade to facilitate at least four projects and staff in middle school will facilitate at least six projects, the summary states.

The board also addressed improved operational/governance efficacy and noted a strength in communication.

Board members added that the families are in constant contact with advisors and school staff.

In the summary, the consultants note that "in 2021-2022, 75% of staff are satisfied with director communication as indicated on the director feedback survey."

Wilson and Bruss identified weaknesses in leadership development through the school staff's director evaluations.

The board plans on incorporating the concerns into the leadership team's communication plan and this year's leadership team work plan, which will be addressed through the school director's professional development plan, according to the brief.

Through family surveys, the board found that 75 percent of families are satisfied with school communication based on feedback given on the family survey put out by School Accountability Committee.

The summary notes that this communication is maintained through newsletters, calendars, Infinite Campus, progress reports, family engagement advisors and a back-to-school night the first week of school each year.

Additionally, the board noted that 2022-2023 board member volunteer-hour requirements were established and met by all board members, adding that the board member communication policy is reviewed annually.

The board also wants to ensure the Pagosa Springs community is well-informed via branding and public relations regarding the PPOS's projects and achievements. Social media is updated weekly with photos and updates, and two articles per month are sent to the press, social media and families' emails.

Furthermore, it was noted that a board representative will attend each Archuleta School District board meeting and present to both the town and county once per year, according to the summary.  
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Pagosa Springs Elementary School students delight in their tour of the Education Dome of Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership on April 21. These happy faces are, left to right, Izayah Otero, Emery Rohwer, Kiran Rardin, Matthew Reaza-Sauceda, Ayleen Segura, Olive Pond, Legend Meyers and Logan Candelaria.



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# Commissioners approve Marijuana Offset Impact Fund grants

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its May 2 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved Marijuana Offset Impact Fund grant awards, among other business.

County Executive Assistant/Paralegal Mary Helminski presented the proposed award recipients.

She stated that the county had received five applications from nonprofits and 19 applications from graduating high school students or college students continuing with college.

She explained that high school students were asked to write a 500-word essay on healthy lifestyle choices they have made or their plans for the future while students in college were asked to write about the drug culture on their campus and how they have handled the pressure to do drugs.

Helminski stated that some of the applications were not 500 words long or contained a weak essay, so the selection committee was recommending that they receive \$300 instead of the \$500 award given to other applicants.

She also explained the commit-

tee also recommended that the BoCC deny two of the nonprofit applications, including an application by A Safe Place in Pagosa doing business as (dba) PS Froyo for replacing furniture and an application by Four Corners Flyers Disc Golf for support installing concrete tee pads in Cloman Park, due them not aligning with the goals of the grant to provide alternatives to drug use.

She noted that the other three nonprofits, including A Safe Place in Pagosa dba Aspen Services, Pagosa Peak Open School and the Dust2 Youth Cycling Team, would receive \$750.

Helminski added that the fund receives \$1,200 in marijuana license fees each year, supplemented by \$5,000 from the county's general fund and that the committee wanted to discuss options for increasing the size of the fund with the BoCC, either by raising licensing fees, adding more marijuana licenses or increasing the county's general fund contribution.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez thanked the committee for dedicating time to this project.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he was impressed by the number of applicants, par-

ticularly the number of student applicants.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked how the money is issued to students, which Helminski explained is handled by Michael Branch, a local accountant who holds the money and submits it to the financial aid offices of the schools the awardees attend.

Maez commented that the only way the fund would grow is by adding more permits as he would oppose taking more money out of the general fund for the program.

Brown commented that the prices at marijuana stores have likely risen and that he thought it would be appropriate for the BoCC to adjust the fees on the permits.

Maez questioned if it would be possible to adjust the fees enough to have a substantial impact, although he noted this would be a discussion for a work session.

## Quit claim deed and tax refund

Also at the meeting, the BoCC approved a quit claim deed for Archuleta County Education Center Inc., which operates as Wings Early Childhood Center.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that the county agreed in

February to deed a 0.31-acre piece of county property that the center currently rents to Wings and that BoCC exempted the property from the definition of subdivision at a recent meeting.

He added that the quit claim deed would finalize the transfer, which he mentioned will facilitate Wings' expansion.

The BoCC also approved refunding the \$704.89 county portion of 2022 real estate taxes for Olympus SRH LLC as an incentive for its Lewis Street apartments to remain workforce housing.

Weaver explained that in June 2021 the BoCC approved an agreement with David Dronet, the owner of the building and The Springs Resort, to refund the county's portion of the property taxes so long as rents for the building do not exceed 100 percent of the area median income (AMI).

He added that part of the agreement is to provide an annual report on the price of the units to verify they remain below the AMI level.

Weaver added that the owners pay the property taxes and the county refunds them out of the fees collected for short-term rental permits.

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# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

## Thursday, May 11

**Main Street Advisory Board monthly board meeting.** 4-6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821999924?pwd=ZzIKS1JYL1BKbmRzRUUpZcUkxUkx5Zz09>.

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

**Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for partici-

tion information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Monday, May 15

**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>.

**San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting.** 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

## Tuesday, May 16

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, com-

missioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

**CSU Advisory Committee meeting.** Noon, 344 U.S. 84.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 9160904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

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**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting.** 4 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

## Wednesday, May 17

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

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting.** 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9656099136?pwd=Z3J0b2R1eXl0SE8rRzNpL0FucGpKZz09>, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.



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# Property

## Continued from front

Tully-Elliott explains the increase in valuations in the press release, stating, "Property values are at an all-time high across the state of Colorado. The perfect storm of low values, a strong demand for real estate, increased building costs, historically low mortgage rates,

COVID-19 pandemic shifting where we can work from and population wanting a safe place to locate to has caused property values to escalate at an unprecedented rate across Colorado. The Western Slope has been discovered and the people are paying much higher prices for properties for the opportunity to live here."

The press release indicates that median property value in 2018, the beginning of the prior assessment period, was \$303,250, while the average was \$349,508 with 372 sales.

By 2020, the press release states, the median property value had risen to \$534,125, the average property value to \$615,645 and sales to 490.

In 2021, median values rose again to \$609,280, while the average value rose to \$699,758 and sales climbed to 491, according to the press release.

In 2022, median values fell to \$573,076, while the average value dropped to \$626,586 and sales fell to 272.

At the May 9 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' work session, County Manager Derek Woodman and County Attorney Todd Weaver discussed the increases with the board.

Woodman pointed out that the assessor is not the one creating the valuations, with many of the procedures being handed down by the state and the assessor being the position that puts the information out to the public.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that the sale of properties drives the costs, to which Weaver added that it is a market valuation and that home values went "through the roof" with 20 percent increases in both years of the two-year study period.

Weaver added that the tax rates did not change and that there was great demand for properties in rural areas of Colorado during the COVID-19 pandemic due to people wanting to move out of cities.

In the press release, Tully-Elliott explains that the assessor's office has no control over taxes and that the office's goal is "to value properties fairly and equitably so that the tax burden is distributed fairly and equitably among our taxpayers within the statutory and constitutional guidelines set forth by the state of Colorado."

The release adds that property owners have a right to appeal their

valuation, but not their taxes.

It states, "A valuation protest is an attempt to demonstrate that your property's market value is incorrect. The reason your valuation could be incorrect is that the properties [sic] characteristics are inaccurate, or there is evidence of similar properties that have sold for less than the Assessor's office hasn't considered, or you have other relevant home sales data that should be considered. By Colorado State statute, the Assessor's office cannot consider any market data after the appraisal date, which is June 30, 2022."

The press release indicates that the appeal period for valuations is between May 1 and June 8 and that all appeals must be dropped off at 449 San Juan St. by June 8 or mailed to P.O. Box 1089, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 with a postmark no later than June 8.

The release notes that appeals can also be emailed to assessor@archuletacounty.org before June 8. It adds that notices of determination must be mailed by the assessor's office no later than June 30 and that, if a property owner disagrees with the assessor's determination or if they did not receive one, they must submit an appeal to the County Board of Equalization in writing by July 15.

The release reminds property owners, "If you choose to appeal your notice of valuation, make sure you have completed the protest portion on the back of your Notice of Valuation form or have given enough information to be able to locate the property you are protesting (Account Number, Physical Address, Name, Contact Information), the estimated value as of June 30, 2022, plus any

and all documentation to support a different value."

The press release explains that valuation increases are not directly correlated to property tax amounts and that several factors go into calculating property taxes, including property tax rates, special district mill levies and property tax exemptions.

The release also points out that high property taxes are an issue of concern to the state of Colorado and that the Colorado Legislature has provided a \$15,000 actual value exemption per residential property and a \$30,000 actual value exemption for commercial property for tax year 2023, payable in 2024.

It adds, "For tax year 2023 the state has lowered the assessment rates for residential and multi-family to 6.765. Vacant land, commercial, and industrial to 27.9, and agricultural to 26.40."

The release also references two bills passed by the Colorado Legislature, including Senate Bill (SB) 23-108, "which is intended to provide relief by allowing local taxing entities to temporarily lower their mill levies," and SB 23-303, which creates "limits on annual property taxes increases through assessment rates, exemptions and owner-occupied vs non-owner-occupied considerations."

According to the press release, the assessor's office is currently open by appointment only through June 8.

Property owners can make 15-minute appointments Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to discuss their valuation with an appraiser by calling (970) 264-8310.

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# Water

## Continued from front

9. The inflow of water into the lake was 5,791 cfs, as opposed to May 9, 2022, when the inflow was 2,575 cfs.

According to local Josh Kurz of southsanjuans.com, "In multiple locations, snowmelt overwhelmed culverts sending water across North Pagosa Boulevard during the week of April 9th. And the Piedra River topped 4110 CFS on April 14th, breaking the all-time flow record for early April."

Kurz adds that the high-elevation snowpack ended the winter at 162 percent of normal, which may make this year break into the top 10 runoff in recorded history.

Furthermore, the Navajo River near Chromo sits much higher than average, running at 239 percent of normal as of May 10.

"The reservoirs are full," said District Manager Justin Ramsey of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), "and there's still a lot of snow up there. I think it will probably be a good year."

He added, "I don't think we'll expect any flooding. It's melting pretty slowly because of the cold. But with a heat spell, all bets are off."

According to Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue deployed sandbags in low-lying areas along Estate Circle and County Road 500 on May 4, which flooded in the spring of 2019.

As of Wednesday, the sandbags remained unbreached, he indicated.

While there was more snow overall in 2019, there was more water overall this year (a higher SWE), according to the SNOTEL site.

Kurz adds on his website, "Already the San Juan river reached 3080 [cfs] on May 2nd driven by 3 consecutive 60-degree days on Wolf Creek Pass. Normally, the San Juan River peaks around 2500 CFS on May 25th ... the river is still running over 2 times

higher than normal."

According to a probability graph made by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the San Juan River has a more than 90 percent chance of peaking at 9.6 feet between May 16 and May 23, putting the river just over flood stage. The river has a 10-25 percent chance of peaking during this same time period at 11.7 feet, at which point the area is in moderate flood stage.

At 10.3 feet, "Water is flowing over the yards of homes in San Juan River Village northeast of Pagosa Springs," NOAA's website states.

In the 10-25 percent chance that the river reaches 11.7 feet, it states, "Water will approach the area around the River Center shopping complex in Pagosa Springs. Inundation of sections of Hermosa Street and low land areas adjacent to the river can be expected."

In 2019, the San Juan peaked at 10.22 feet on June 9. It peaked at just 7.91 feet in 2022, on May 22, the NOAA graph indicates.

All of these measurements mean a big year for recreation in the area, including whitewater rafting and kayaking on the San Juan River.

Tobi Rohwer, owner of Pagosa Outside is optimistic about the upcoming rafting season.

"The snowpack this year is similar to the summer of 2019, maybe not as much as 2005, so we hope to see sustained medium to high flows," Rohwer said.

"I'm excited ... it looks good," said Pagosa Outside operations manager Madeline Bergon. "We have precedents set from other high water years, so we're not flying blind on what our protocol is going to be. We have plans in place for how we're going to talk to customers and set expectations correctly because the last thing we want is for people to feel like they're getting in over their heads."

Rohwer noted that the commer-

cial operations are prepared with their protocols, but private boaters need to "pay attention."

"It's been a while since the town features had some power and some oomph to them, so at high flows it's a completely different river than it is at low flows," he said. "It's fun, thrilling, exciting and primo whitewater rafting if you're appropriately prepared."

Cody Myers, owner of Pagosa Adventure, indicated he's hopeful they'll be able to raft through their busiest time, July 4.

Last year the two companies rafted just through the first week of June with occasional trips in July due to peaks in the water from monsoon rains, according to Myers.

"Initially, the NOAA graph said we'd be potentially rafting through August," Myers said. "But the graph keeps getting shorter, and now it says we could be rafting until July 17."

He added, "Unless it gets cold it will probably melt pretty fast," Myers added. "It got to over 3,000 [cfs] already, they [NOAA] are saying it might get past 3,000 again pretty soon."

Myers said that if the water peaks to the upper extent of estimations, private and commercial boaters need to be wary of bridges, especially the one by the Malt Shoppe and "all the bridges in Mesa Canyon."

Doug Large, a 32-year resident of Pagosa Springs who has been rafting since 1983, is "excited."

"It's going to be some big water, some really fast water. Something I like to caution people who are running the San Juan — especially if they're new to this section — is the water is ice cold. It's the headwaters. ... The gradient through town and through Mesa Canyon is a little steeper than the rivers most people are used to. ... Stuff is going to be coming at you a little faster than you're used to."

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# Incident

## Continued from front

the Tuesday evening email from the Superintendent Rick Holt sent to district families states. "Bev has diligently served the students of Archuleta School District as a bus driver for over 20 years."

The email also announced the cancellation of school and activities on Wednesday, May 10.

"The family is grieving at this time and asks that you respect their privacy," it states, adding that counseling would be available for students who need support.

According to the PSPD press release, the police department and emergency services personnel were dispatched to an incident involving

two buses stopped on Lewis Street next to Pagosa Springs Middle School during the routine pickup time for students.

The press release explains the driver became trapped between two buses, with PSPD Deputy Chief Brooks Brown explaining Wednesday that one bus rolled forward and flaming, 74, tried to get back in and stop it, but was caught between two buses.

A press release from the Pagosa Fire Protection District notes the first firefighter to arrive was able to extricate the individual and initiate CPR.

"The driver was transported to Pagosa Medical Center where she

died from her injuries," the PSPD release states.

The press release further notes, "This tragic incident is an ongoing investigation."

Brown explained the PSPD is still working to determine how the incident happened.

No students were injured, according to both the school district and PSPD.

The school district's initial notification about the accident also noted students from three bus routes needed to be picked up.

A separate statement announced the delay of a fourth route.

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# Recovered

## Continued from front

Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux explained Wednesday morning officials know at a point

the individual was in the water swimming.

Le Roux declined to release the name of the individual prior to

completion of the autopsy Friday, adding the incident is still under investigation.

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# Pagosa Springs woman arrested in Chaffee County

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A Pagosa Springs woman was arrested in Chaffee County late last week on drug-related charges.

According to a May 7 press release from Chaffee County Sheriff John Spezza, Misty M. Rusch, a 48-year-old female from Pagosa Springs, was arrested on May 5 after the Chaffee County Commu-

nications Center received information of a possible impaired driver who was observed swerving on U.S. 50 in Poncha Springs.

The press release notes the caller advised that the driver of the vehicle was stopped at a local business in Poncha Springs.

"Deputies responded to the location and contacted the driver of the vehicle matching the description provided by the caller,"

it states.

It notes that, after a brief investigation, the driver was arrested for suspected driving under the influence (DUI), and alleges that further investigation revealed that the driver was in possession of illegal narcotics.

"Rusch was found to be in possession of 19 grams, over 275 pills, of Fentanyl, 2 grams of Methamphetamine and a large sum of U.S.

Currency," it states.

The press release further states Rusch was booked into the Chaffee County Detention Facility and charged with:

- "Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance-Fentanyl, a Class 2 Felony."
- "Possession of a Controlled Substance, Drug Felony 4."
- "DUI and DU/D." *randi@pagosasun.com*

# Judge dismisses lawsuit over 2022 ballot issue

By Randi Pierce  
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On April 14, Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson issued an order granting a motion filed by Archuleta County to dismiss an election-related lawsuit filed against, among others, Archuleta County Manager Derek Woodman.

The case was filed on Oct. 5, 2022, by Bill Hudson, with Hudson alleging the county violated Colorado election law in creating pro and con statements for the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) Notice for Ballot Issue 1A that was mailed to registered voters.

That ballot issue asked county voters if the sales tax should be increased 1.5 percent to provide additional funding for the county and town.

In his filing, Hudson alleges the county and its designated election official, Woodman, inappropriately used anonymous survey responses and eliminated a large portion of the argument against the ballot issue that was legally submitted in creating its pro and con statements for the notice.

Hudson asked that the county be directed, "in an expedited timeline," to include Hudson's legally submitted arguments against the ballot issue and delete the pro

statement, or to mail an amended notice.

On Oct. 14, 2022, Hudson filed a motion for an emergency hearing, which an order by Wilson indicates the court became aware of on Oct. 21, with early voting starting Oct. 24 and Election Day being Nov. 8.

At a subsequent status conference in the case, Wilson, Hudson and the county, represented by Attorney Todd Weaver, discussed the timing of the filing with regard to the election and if the issue would become moot if the tax failed at the polls.

On Nov. 1, 2022, Weaver filed a motion to dismiss the case, with the parties responding back and forth.

The ballot issue failed in the Nov. 8 election.

Wilson's April 14 order dismissing the case notes that the court finds the case moot.

"The county makes several arguments to support its motion to dismiss arguing that the issue is moot," the order states. "The petitioner argues that because of the current early voting election schedule and the TABOR timelines there is very little time to litigate whether the written summaries comply with TABOR requirements from the time the electorate receives the summaries before the start of early voting. The petitioner argues that the doctrine of mootness does

not apply where '(1) the challenged action is in its duration too short to be fully litigated prior to cessation or expiration, and (2) there is a reasonable expectation that the same complaining party will be subject to the same action again.'"

The order cites a 1998 Federal Election Commission case.

It continues, "However, unlike the Federal Election Commission, this case involves a ballot measure that was referred to the voters and was defeated. Campbell v. Meyer, 883 P2d 617, 619 (Colo. App. 1994) held that a TABOR challenge to a ballot measure that was defeated at the election is moot. ... Campbell held that the 'capable of repetition, yet evading review' exception to mootness does not apply in these cases because '[w]hether an identical measure would be presented and approved by voters is a matter of speculation. Further . . . if and when such a ballot measure is passed, plaintiffs in such case may pursue their claims on appeal.' ... The petitioner argues that the current system of early voting did not exist when Campbell was decided, and the current system of early voting makes it virtually impossible to challenge the adequacy of the written summaries prior to the commencement of the election. However, a similar situation has occurred in the past when taxpayers

filed a challenge to a tax increase five days prior to the election where the tax increase was approved. The case proceeded to judgment in the trial court and appeal after the election. ... Thus, if a similar controversy arises in the future, the adequacy of the written summaries can be addressed by the Court and the 'capable of repetition, yet evading review' exception to the mootness doctrine will not apply.

"For the foregoing reasons, the Court finds this case to be moot and grants the motion to dismiss." "I'm disappointed in the decision, naturally," Hudson wrote in an email to The SUN. "I had hoped the judge would make a ruling on the legality of the County's TABOR notice, so that we all would have a better understanding of how a proper TABOR notice is constituted.

"Of course, since the arguments in the case mainly took place after the County's sales tax increase was defeated at the polls by a 3-to-1 margin, I can understand that the judge felt the case was 'moot.'

"My personal lesson in this case is to file a complaint immediately when a TABOR notice appears to violate Colorado law, rather than wait and see if the County will voluntarily address the alleged issue." "It's done in our eyes," Weaver said.

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## The Blotter

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

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Calls for service for week: 212.

April 29 — Death by natural causes, East Golf Place.

April 29 — Second-degree burglary, Colo. 151.

May 1 — Information only, Morro Circle.

May 1 — Domestic violence, criminal mischief, information only, harassment-repeatedly insults/taunts/challenges, County Road 982.

May 3 — Driving while ability impaired by alcohol, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, driving while ability impaired by alcohol, Harman Park Drive.

May 4 — Disorderly conduct-misdeemeanor, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, Colo. 151/County Road 988.

May 4 — Information only, South Pagosa Boulevard.

May 5 — Civil standby, County Road 500.

May 5 — Obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, North Pagosa Boulevard.

May 5 — Reckless endangerment, illegal discharge of a firearm, illegal discharge of a fireman, North Pagosa Boulevard.

May 5 — Trespass warning, Haystack Place.

May 5 — Agency assist, USFS 629/USFS 628.

May 6 — Information only, Valley View Drive.

May 7 — Information only, U.S. 84.

May 7 — Agency assist, North 5th Street.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**  
Calls for service for week: 140.

April 29 — DUI, failure to use turn signal, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 29 — Warrant arrest, 7th Street/Durango Street.

April 29 — Violation of restraining order, U.S. 160/County Road 600.

April 30 — Arson fourth degree, Spring Street.

April 30 — Assault third degree, U.S. 160.

May 5 — DUI, speeding, careless driving, County Road 600.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards**

April 25 — Robert Romero, speeding 25-39 mph over prima facie limit, six points off, fines, costs and fees — \$285.

**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

May 3 — Keith Jacobson Brons, speeding 1-4 over, fines and costs — \$120.

May 3 — Ilene F. Barajas, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

May 3 — James W. Nicolaisen, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

May 3 — Thomas R. Weber, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs

— \$162.50.

May 3 — Christopher Troy Gilbert, driving under restraint, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$242.50.

May 3 — Joshua Martinez, headlamps-failure to display, fines and costs — \$60.50.

May 3 — Patrick F. Waller, improper mountain driving, fines and costs — \$149.50.

May 3 — Benjamin James Lawrence, driving ability impaired-with prior conviction, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 10 days electronic surveillance, two years probation, fines and costs — \$1,920.50.

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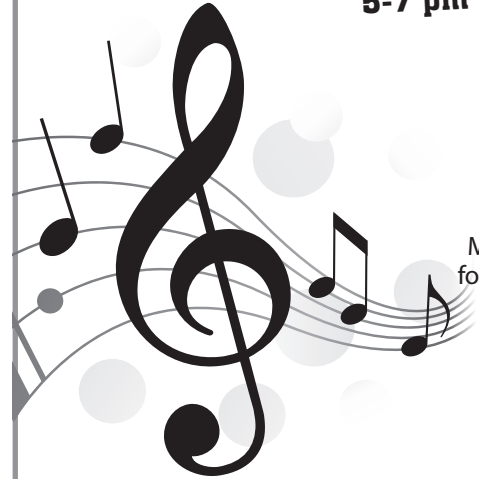
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# Outdoors

## May is Wildfire Awareness Month

By Bill Trimarco  
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

All across the country, May is Wildfire Awareness Month.

I know it is hard to think of this after our heavy winter snows, but the forecasters are expecting the weather to be warm and dry through June. As things start to dry out, we will see wildfires again. There is no way of predicting when we will have fires or whether or not one will directly impact our community, but we do have a responsibility to ourselves, our families and our neighbors to make preparations for the inevitable.

Please don't assume that it can't happen here just because it has not happened recently. Wildfire is a serious threat to almost every home in our county. Ignoring that fact will never make it go away. Understanding what the threat is can help us prepare for it.

Most of our forests have not seen

a significant wildfire for over 100 years. That is a lot of time for unchecked growth of potential fuel. Without fire to thin the trees and underbrush, that excessive growth is so close together and reaching from the ground to the tree crowns that huge fires have become the norm.

Many residents here feel very safe because their homes are nowhere near the forest. Unfortunately, that may not make a difference. Most of the homes lost to wildfire are never directly touched by the flames. No, you did not misread that. Most of the structure loss is caused by the blizzard of embers that blow ahead of the fire, starting spot fires outside of the area that is burning. Those embers can travel over a mile. All it takes is one ember landing on some kindling and you have a new fire start. Usually, you will see thousands of embers swirling ahead of the fire. If those embers enter your house or find some kindling on or near your

house, there is a good chance that your house will catch fire, too.

Spring is cleanup time for a lot of us. This is a great time to take steps to safeguard your house also. Some basic steps can make a big difference:

- Clean the leaves and pine needles off of the roof.
- Clean the eavestroughs.
- Make sure all attic and soffit vents have 1/8-inch metal screening.
- Chimneys need spark arrestors (they keep birds out of your woodstove, too).
- Repair any holes or gaps in the siding.
- Crawl space vents need 1/8-inch metal screening.
- Rake up leaves and needles within 10 feet of the structure.
- Remove all combustibles on, under or near wooden decks.
- Install metal screening under the deck to keep duff and critters out.
- Maintain decks and stairs.

Dried-out wood is more flammable than oil-stained or painted wood.

• Use noncombustible fencing within 5 feet of the house. (If you cannot do that, then clear the combustibles from either side of the fence for its entire length.)

- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet away from structures.
- Remove any combustible plants within 10 feet of the house.
- Within 30 feet of the house, mow grasses to a 6-inch height or lower.
- Ornamental junipers and spruce are highly flammable.

Those are some good spring fire cleanup tips. If you want to learn what else you can do, especially with the vegetation within 100 feet of your home, check with Wildfire Adapted Partnership at (970) 385-8909. Register for its E-News at wildfireadapted.org and sign up for a free site assessment and the popular chipper rental rebate program.

## Global Big Day: A day for birds on May 13

By Jean Zirnhelt  
Weminuche Audubon Society

Join bird enthusiasts worldwide on Saturday, May 13, in celebrating the birds that share our lives. Two events mark these yearly celebrations held on the second Saturday of May.

Global Big Day is an online event organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. By participating in Global Big Day, you can be a member of the world's largest birding team. Last year, people from 201 countries submitted checklists of

the birds they identified on this day. Between midnight and midnight on May 13, you can travel to a favorite bird viewing spot or participate from your own backyard. Spend as little as 10 minutes or the whole day keeping track of bird numbers.

Documentations including where, when and how you identified birds, and the species and numbers of each you observed are entered on ebird.org, a platform used by millions of birders across the globe. Here citizen-generated data becomes an invaluable tool used by scientists in understanding

how birds are reacting to changes in the environment. For detailed information, visit ebird.org/globalbigday.

Also celebrated on May 13 is World Migratory Bird Day, bringing to attention the challenges that birds face on their journeys to and from breeding areas and the need for cooperation across the globe. Habitat needs must be met not only in breeding areas, but also in areas where birds spend their winters.

The theme of this year's Migratory Bird Day is the importance of water in sustaining bird life.

Drought, development, pollution and climate change are some of the stressors that impact this critical resource. This is a call to action to protect this life-sustaining resource.

Members of the Weminuche Audubon Society invite you to join us on Saturday, May 13, at 8 a.m. to see what birds we find at Lake Capote Recreation Area, located just south of U.S. 160 on Colo. 151. Lake Capote is owned by the Southern Ute Tribe and a \$5 entrance fee is charged. For more information, email weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

## 'Birding by Ear' workshop and year five of forest bird monitoring kicking off

By Herb Grover, Weminuche Audubon Society, and Keith Bruno, Audubon Rockies community naturalist  
Special to The SUN

Have you ever thought about how much the "soundscape" adds to our enjoyment of the Pagosa Country landscape?

At this month's Weminuche Audubon Society meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Keith Bruno, Southwest Colorado community naturalist with Audubon Rockies, will be hosting a session on "Birding by Ear" (note the day change from our regular Wednesday evening time slot).

We'll explore the varied songs and calls of many familiar local and backyard birds. The purpose of this meeting is to improve everyone's birding-by-ear skills, as well as

encourage volunteers to sign up to help with the fifth year of our citizen science project monitoring bird communities in the forests surrounding Pagosa Springs.

Over the past four years, volunteer observers working with this project have identified more than 80 bird species and counted over 7,000 birds at four study sites in the ponderosa pine forests around Pagosa Springs. About half of the bird species that we have observed are resident species found year-round in Pagosa Country, with the other half migrating to our south, some as far as the southern tip of South America. Moreover, we've also discovered that about 40 of the bird species we've observed, some residents, but many migrants, are losing the battle in terms of population numbers.

This notable concern makes understanding the linkage between habitat quality and bird community composition — a major focus of our project — even more important.

But over and above the conservation goals of our study is the experience project volunteers gain through visiting established monitoring points several times during the six weeks of our sample season, from late May to mid-July, when most of the birds we have studied are building nests and rearing young. In fact, observing bird species like warbling vireos, house wrens, pygmy nuthatches and common nighthawks successfully raise their nestlings is one of the greatest rewards from participation in this citizen science endeavor.

If you'd like to participate in our

citizen science project this year, you don't need to be an accomplished birder — helping observers improve their birding skills is a key goal of the project. We'd love see you at our next meeting, or you can contact us by emailing weminuche.audubon@gmail.com with any questions.

Join us on Thursday, May 18, at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street at 6 p.m. for social time before the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

In appreciation for our meeting space, we welcome donations of nonperishable food for the church food bank.

A Zoom link for those unable to join us in person will be posted on our website, weminucheaudubon.org, prior to the meeting. Additionally at this site are more links to videos and reports about our forest bird monitoring project and many of the other things our chapter does under the "Projects" and "Events" tabs.

## Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission approves final Wolf Restoration and Management Plan

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

After more than two years of extensive statewide stakeholder meetings and outreach via a series of public hearings, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission on May 3 gave final approval to the final Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan.

The plan was unanimously adopted through a two-step approval process that began at a CPW Commission meeting last month in Steamboat Springs.

The final approval clears the way for CPW biologists to introduce wolves in the Western Slope area and meet the voter-approved deadline of reintroduction by Dec. 31.

After the Draft Wolf Restoration and Management Plan was released Dec. 9, 2022, CPW's extensive public outreach efforts through in-person and virtual meetings, as well as on its website, engagecpw.org, produced about 4,000 comments online and via in-person testimony from 232 people at its five public meetings across Colorado in January and February.

At the April commission meeting, many of the final edits for the plan were discussed, including the following.

### Wolf-livestock depredation compensation

• The commission supported revising the draft plan to raise the cap on livestock compensation, as well as

guard and herding animal compensation, to \$15,000 per animal.

• The commission supported revising the draft plan to exclude veterinary expenses from the compensation cap for livestock, as well as guard and herding animals, up to \$15,000 or the fair market value of the livestock at issue, whichever is lower. This means claimants can get paid for injury and death to livestock and related veterinary expenses, up to a potential maximum of \$30,000 per animal.

• The commission supported revising the draft plan to require claimants pursuing an itemized claim to provide documents or self-certify the use of vaccines and pregnancy checks in lieu of producing "Records for the current year that demonstrate vaccination status."

• The commission supported revising the draft plan to include a two-tiered compensation ratio (1.25:1 or 1:1) for missing yearlings depending on whether the claimant uses conflict minimization practices.

• The commission supported the draft plan, as written, insofar as it conditions 7:1 ratio claims on the claimant's use of conflict minimization practices.

Chapter 6 of the final Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan provides more detail and examples specific to compensation and conflict minimization.

### Wolf reintroduction and management

• The commission supported

Chapter 3 (Reintroduction Implementation) of the draft plan, as written, provided the Technical Working Group recommendations are incorporated by reference into the plan and that wolves injured in transport, if any, will be sent to a rehabilitation facility where feasible and appropriate in lieu of euthanasia.

• The plan will not contain a geographical distribution component as a prerequisite to gray wolves moving from Phase 1 (endangered) to Phase 2 (threatened).

• To transition from Phase 2 to Phase 3, the plan was amended to require a count of 150 wolves for two successive years or 200 wolves at any time and will add a geographical distribution component through a finding that the species "is present in a significant portion of its range."

• The plan was amended to require division staff to conduct a population viability analysis as a prerequisite to gray wolves moving from Phase 2 (threatened) to Phase 3 (nongame).

• Following the conclusion of the initial release, CPW staff will provide updates on the plan at least annually to the commission on the plan's progress, but staff can be asked to provide an update, and the commission may revise the plan and its regulations, at any time interval if there are significant new developments. A more formal review of progress on the plan will be scheduled for five years after the initial release.



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# Sports

## TRACK



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Pirate Creede Dozier eyes his landing during the triple jump at the Terry Alley Invitational Saturday. Dozier bested his personal record in the event by 1 foot, 3 inches, and also set a new personal record in the high jump.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Abigail Nehring launches the discus during Saturday's Terry Alley Invitational. Nehring beat her personal record by 16 inches at the meet with a throw of 103 feet, 4 inches, which puts her in the top 10 for 3A Colorado throwers.

## Pirate teams take first, second at Terry Alley Invitational

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field teams hosted the Terry Alley Invitational at Golden Peaks Stadium Saturday, with the Lady Pirates taking first and the Pirate boys taking second.

According to an email from coach Connie O'Donnell, the day also featured continued improvement by several Pirate athletes and multiple personal records (PRs).

The Lady Pirates finished first out of the 10 teams present with a score of 220. Sanford took second with a score of 79.

In the 100-meter dash, Rylie Carr took first with a time of 12.93 seconds. Annabelle Parker finished second in 13.22 seconds. Aspen Pitcher finished fourth in 13.85 seconds, and Alexis Campbell took sixth in 14.03 seconds.

Also running for the Pirates but not counting toward the team's overall score were Abigail Packer with a time of 13.83 seconds, Reece Peterson with a time of 14.07 seconds,

Hannah Schultz with a time of 14.73 seconds, Hayden Peterson with a time of 15.00 seconds and Alia Hibbert with a time of 16.90 seconds.

Carr also took first in the 200-meter dash, logging a time of 37.37 seconds. Campbell finished third in 29.10 seconds and was followed by Packer in fourth with a time of 29.33 seconds. Pitcher finished sixth with a time of 29.49 seconds.

Also running but not scoring for the Pirates were Peterson with a time of 28.96 seconds, Charity Domingo with a time of 31.55 seconds, Faith Domingo with a time of 32.83 seconds and Eden Conner with a time of 34.56 seconds.

"Reece Peterson took 2 full seconds off of her 200 in a month's time," O'Donnell wrote, highlighting, "That is an incredible improvement."

In the 400-meter dash, Annie O'Donnell placed second with a time of 1:04.67. Sienna Rose finished fourth with a time of 1:06.42 and was followed by Peterson in

fifth with a time of 1:08.22. Emma Gantt took eighth with a time of 1:13.29.

Also running but not scoring for the Pirates were Honestye Sweet with a time of 1:12.51, Hadley Phillips with a time of 1:15.51 and Hibbert with a time of 1:34.45.

Evelyn Rose finished third in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:02.48. Grace Grimes finished seventh in 3:31.60. Aspen Salazar finished ninth in 3:48.25.

Sweet finished second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:49.02, and Marie Smith took third with a time of 7:47.11.

Kylie Ketchum took second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.74 seconds. She was followed by Chantelle Caldwell, who took third with a time of 18.94 seconds, and Elissa Mars, who took fourth with a time of 19.23 seconds.

Mars took second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 52.94 seconds. Conner finished seventh with a time of 1:02.49.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Carr, Sienna Rose, Parker and

Caldwell finished first with a time of 51.50 seconds — which Connie O'Donnell notes is a season record for the team.

The team of Carr, Parker, Sienna Rose and Mars took first in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:51.60. The team of Packer, Hannah Schultz, Amber Snarr and Hayden Peterson took fourth in the event with a time of 2:04.00.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Gantt, Evelyn Rose, Phillips and Lucy Taylor finished third, logging a time of 5:15.74.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Salazar, Smith, Sweet and Taylor finished fourth in 14:03.30.

The 800-meter sprint medley team of Caldwell, Campbell, Parker and Annie O'Donnell finished first in 1:59.40.

Jordan Lindstrom placed first in the high jump with a height of 4 feet, 11 inches. Caldwell finished second with the same height. Annie O'Donnell took fifth with a height of 4-07.00, and Elio Groves finished sixth with a height of 4-05.00.

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce  
Lady Pirate Jordan Lindstrom clears the bar during the high jump at the Terry Alley Invitational Saturday at Golden Peaks Stadium. Lindstrom took first on the day with a height of 4 feet, 11 inches.

## Track

### Continued from A11

Also jumping but not scoring for the Pirates, Ketchum finished with a height of 4-07.00.

Groves placed second in the long jump with a distance of 14-10.00. Mars finished sixth with a jump of 13-10.00.

Schultz, who did not contribute to the Lady Pirates' score, logged a distance of 12-11.50.

Lindstrom finished fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 31-08.00. Campbell finished seventh with a distance of 30-07.00. Groves took eighth with a result of 30-02.50.

"Elío Groves continues to improve in long jump," the coach wrote. "She didn't have the best triple jump day, but hopefully she can get back into the 32' range in Grand Junction."

Abigail Nehring finished third in the shot put with a distance of 26-11.25 and first in the discus with a throw of 103-04.

"Abigail Nehring is continuing to amaze us in discus," the coach wrote, noting Nehring had "another huge PR" and is now in the top 10 in the state.

Grimes finished 13th in the discus with a throw of 54-01.50.

The Pirate boys' squad took second out of the 10 teams present with a score of 122. Dove Creek took the top spot with a score of 136.5.

In the 100, Colton Lucero finished in third place with a time of 11.76 seconds. Kameron Winkler finished fifth in 11.94 seconds. Harley Armijo finished ninth with a time of 12.19 seconds, and Gavin Carter finished in 10th with a time of 12.28 seconds.

Also running but not contributing to the team score were Gavin Lindahl with a time of 12.14 seconds, Nathaniel Kinsley with a time of 12.53 seconds, Miles Baker with a time of 12.71 seconds, Luke Kinsley with a time of 12.81 seconds and Jonathan Baker with a time of 14.18 seconds.

In the 200, Lindahl took sixth with a time of 25.22 seconds. Nathaniel Kinsley finished 12th in 25.87 seconds. Gavin Carter finished 14th in 25.92 seconds. Jacob Miller finished 15th in 26.25 seconds.

Not contributing to scoring, Miles Baker ran a time of 26.89 seconds.

Winkler took seventh in the 400 with a time of 58.28 seconds. Jeremiah Jones finished ninth in 59.70 seconds. Miles Baker finished 10th in 1:00.09. Miller finished 11th in 1:00.83.

Also running but not contributing to the team score, Andrew Bowles finished in 56.19 seconds, Connor Thomas finished in 1:04.02 and Levi Hinger finished in 1:05.56.

Jesse Beck took the top spot in the 800 with a time of 2:16.20. Kyle Marotta took eighth with a time of 2:34.86. Elias Sanchez finished 10th in 2:39.33.

Bowles took the top spot in the 1,600 with a time of 5:08.75. Beck finished third in 5:16.13. Thomas finished sixth in 5:52.85. Tucker Haines finished eighth in 6:06.83.

Bowles took second in the

3,200-meter run with a time of 12:44.66.

The team of Lucero, Winkler, Armijo and Carter finished first in the 4x100 with a time of 45.78 seconds.

Also running but not scoring was the team of Creede Dozier, Jeremiah Dean, Aidan Vega and Luke Kinsley, which ran a time of 49.69 seconds.

In the 4x200, the team of Winkler, Lucero, Armijo and Nathaniel Kinsley finished second with a time of 1:35.87.

Also running but not scoring was the team of Luke Kinsley, Dean, Jones and Vega, which logged a time of 1:43.56.

"Both the boys 4x1 and 4x2 ran really well," the coach wrote. "They are still just slightly out of reach of being in the top 18. I'm hoping that Grand Junction will be good for us. It is a lower elevation and it's warmer. It would be so fun if we could get these relays qualified for state."

The 4x400 team of Marotta, Sanchez, Hinger and Beck finished third with a time of 4:12.78.

The 4x800 team of Marotta, Haines, Sanchez and Hinger took second with a time of 10:31.90.

Dozier took the top spot in the high jump with a height of 5-09.00. Jonathan Nasralla finished third with a height of 5-07.00.

Dozier took third in the long jump with a distance of 19-4.00.

Dozier, according to the coach, had a breakout meet, furthering his long jump by 1 foot, 3 inches.

"That is a huge PR," she wrote, adding he also set a 3-inch PR in high jump. "He is another freshman that is improving by leaps and bounds literally. I feel like this freshman class of boys is going to dominate in track and field by the time that they are seniors. I'm looking forward to being able to watch it all happen."

Jones took 10th in the high jump

with a jump of 16-03.75. Lucero took 12th with a distance of 16-02.25.

Dozier took fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 37-05.50 and was followed by Miller, who finished fifth with a distance of 36-06.50. Miles Baker finished seventh with a distance of 35-09.00. Nasralla finished 13th with a distance of 25-07.50.

The Pirates had three compete in the shot put. Lindahl finished sixth with a distance of 34-02.75. Armijo finished 11th with a distance of 30-05.00. Vega finished 15th with a throw of 26-09.00.

Vega took 10th in the discus with a throw of 77-06.

"I am so full of gratitude for all of the volunteers that help to put on our home meet," Connie O'Donnell wrote. "They do such a good job of keeping everything running smoothly. It makes for a long day of standing in the sun and wind, but I always have people willing to help. It is so important for our kids to be able to compete at home in front of their peers. We couldn't do it without the support of parents, teachers and other volunteers from our community."

On Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, the Pirate teams will compete at the Dennis Teeters Tiger Invite in Grand Junction — the final regular-season meet of the season for Pagosa.

The coach notes that prelims will be run in all events 400 meters and shorter, with finals taking place on Saturday.

Competition is set to begin at 9 a.m. each day.

"In the past, this meet has treated us well and we have come out of there with many PRs," she wrote. "We have so many athletes that are within reach of qualifying for state. It's our last chance."

The state meet will take place May 18-20 in Lakewood.

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## RECREATION NEWS

### Adult softball registration open

By Matt Zaborowski  
Town of Pagosa Springs  
Parks and Recreation

Registration for coed and men's adult softball is open until June 2.

Games will start the week of June 13 and end mid-July. There

will be a two-week tournament after double elimination. The cost is \$250 to register a team. There is no online registration for this program.

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

### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

**Aaron Aucoin**  
Football, basketball, baseball

**Favorite subject:** English  
**Comments from coach Nathan Morales:** "Over the course of Aaron's senior year he has matured into a fine young man. From his impact on the field, in the classroom, and in his free time giving back to the community, Most recently, you can find Aaron using his senior off period to tutor students needing extra help with their studies. Aaron has truly embodied what a triple impact athlete is. Congratulations on receiving this award Aaron, you are truly deserving."

## SOCCER



SUN photo/Randi Pierce  
Pirate goalkeeper Sofia Haymaker makes a save during the Pagosa's 6-0 loss to the Crested Butte Titans at home on May 5. Haymaker was named player of the game for the team.

### Lady Pirates end season with loss to Crested Butte

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team ended its season with a 6-0 loss to the Crested Butte Titans at home on May 5.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained that the Pirates had only 11 players on the day, which he described as a challenge, although he noted that the team rose to the occasion.

"They know that that's all we have and that's all we need, and so we went forward with the team we had," he said.

The coach explained that Crested Butte went to the finals last year and that they brought "two and a half teams" worth of players to the match.

Kurt-Mason explained that he set up the team to attempt to prevent the Titans from scoring.

He stated that goalkeeper Sofia Haymaker had made 14 saves in the first half, although she was "nervous" in the first 10 minutes of the game.

The Titans scored their first goal four minutes into the game with a shot on the ground in the left side of goal, Kurt-Mason explained, followed by another goal off a 20-yard shot on the upper middle of the goal that went over Haymaker's hands.

At minute 33, Crested Butte scored again by crossing a ball from the left sideline and volleying it in, the coach explained.

"It was pretty cool to have only that amount scored against us," Kurt-Mason said. "It was a testament to their grit. They had a couple of chances to score. Not many, but we did get the ball downfield and got it in their half more times towards the end of the first half."

He noted that Pagosa's passing was good and the team's formation remained solid.

"And then, at halftime ... they were getting tired, I could tell, but they didn't admit it and I said, ... 'The best thing we can do is just for the next 40 minutes is just go out and give it everything because when you do that you'll feel good about the game no matter what the outcome is,'" the coach stated. "And they did exactly that. They held Crested Butte's team for a good amount of time, until the 76th minute."

He indicated that Crested Butte scored three more times, at minutes 76, 78 and 79, commenting, "I think we just ran out of gas in the 76th minute. You could see the players running and it was just a tad slower than it was in the first half when it got to the 76th minute, and of course, Crested Butte, they're a good team, they took advantage and scored three quick goals right at the end of the game."

Kurt-Mason commented that he was "really, really pleased" with the effort exerted by the Pirates.

"And they were really happy about the whole thing at the end," he added. "They weren't crying.

They were just, 'We did everything we could.' I said, 'Yup, that's exactly all we can do.' It was a great deal."

The coach explained that Haymaker made approximately 30 saves in the game and was really "dialed in."

Although the game against Crested Butte was the Pirates' last game of the season, Kurt-Mason stated the team played every game "like it was our last game."

"We just gotta do everything we could to do our best," he said. "I thought they stayed focused, the ones that stayed with us. ... We got a solid group, a solid team at the end. We didn't have a whole lot of numbers, but the players we did have were ... giving everything they could and that's all you can ask for."

He noted that the team improved over the season, particularly in terms of basic skills, speed and agility.

Kurt-Mason also indicated that the team is very young and that he had to play inexperienced players that a team would not normally play.

"And you gotta give a hand to them because they were in unknown waters and they did the best they could," he said. "They're only going to be a better team next year because of what they did this year."

The Lady Pirate team will lose three seniors from this year's squad — Haymaker, Ava Pargin and Vida Maes.

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# BASEBALL



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Pirate shortstop Chris Young-Martinez looks to throw out a Bayfield runner during Pagosa's 13-2 loss to the Wolverines.

## Pirates set to host Bobcats Thursday to close regular season

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team will close out its regular season this afternoon at 4 p.m. with a home game against the 2A Ignacio Bobcats.

The Pirates will also look to close out the regular season with a win streak after the team went 1-2 over the last week.

"We're really close to being a good team," coach Nathan Morales said Wednesday.

The Pirates fell prey to the No. 3 Bayfield Wolverines in both halves of their home doubleheader on Saturday, May 6.

The Wolverines picked up a 15-1 win in the first game of the day, scoring seven in the top of the first, one in the second and seven in the fifth.

Pagosa's sole run came around in the bottom of the first inning after Riley Laugel was hit by a pitch, stole second and third, and scored on an error.

Pagosa had one hit in the game — a double by Braylon Cotts. Kaison Clifford drew a walk in the game.

The Pirates left two runners on in the game and struck out seven times.

Cotts and Cooper Ralston took the mound in the game, combining to allow 15 runs (10 earned) on eight hits and four walks. Four Wolverine batters were hit by pitches.

The Pirates committed seven errors in the game and Bayfield had one.

The Wolverines picked up a 13-1 win in the second game, scoring three in the second, six in the third and four in the fourth.

Pagosa picked up one run in the fifth after Pouyer was hit by a pitch and stole second. Ty Richey, pinch running for Pouyer, stole third and scored on a single by Chris Young-Martinez.

The Pirates had four hits in the

game.

Laugel picked up two hits, including a triple.

Young-Martinez picked up a hit and an RBI.

Triston Iguchi had a hit and a stolen base.

Pouyer and Young-Martinez reached after being hit by pitches and the Pirates drew two walks in the game — one each for Pouyer and Jaden Tuggle-Reed.

Pagosa left seven on base and struck out 10 times.

Aaron Aucoin, Cotts, Clifford and Seth Aucoin combined to allow 13 runs (seven earned) on eight hits (including one home run) and six walks while striking out six.

One Wolverine batter was hit by a pitch.

The Pirates picked up four errors in the game and Bayfield had one.

The Pirates rebounded with a win against the 2A Del Norte Tigers Tuesday in Del Norte.

Laugel opened the game with a double. He came around to score on a Tiger error, giving the Pirates an early 1-0 lead.

The Tigers tied the game in the bottom of the inning.

The Pirates pulled ahead with a run scored in the third and added to that lead with a run in the fourth.

Pagosa's third-inning run was scored after Pouyer doubled, advanced to third on a single by Clifford and scored on a double by Iguchi.

The team's fourth-inning run came around after Young-Martinez hit a single, advanced to second on an error and moved to third on a ground out, and scored on an error.

Pagosa picked up three more runs in the sixth to move to a 6-0 lead.

Laugel singled to lead off the inning, stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on an error that also allowed Young-Martinez to reach.

Young-Martinez stole second and advanced to third on an

error. Young-Martinez later scored on a single by Pouyer.

As the inning continued, Pouyer stole second and advanced to third on a ground out by Clifford.

Pouyer scored on a two-out single by Iguchi.

The Tigers picked up a run in the bottom of the seventh, but were unable to overcome the Pirates, who won 6-2.

The Pirates' six runs came on 12 hits, three walks and one hit batter.

Iguchi notched three hits in the game, which included a double, walked once and picked up two RBIs.

Laugel and Pouyer each had two hits, with both Pirates hitting a double in the game. Laugel scored two runs, and Pouyer scored two runs, logged an RBI and was hit by a pitch.

Young-Martinez, Cotts, Clifford, Jaden Tuggle-Reed and Seth Aucoin each had one hit.

Young-Martinez's effort also included an RBI and two runs scored. Tuggle-Reed also drew a walk, as did Zach Pouyer.

The Pirates struck out seven times and left 11 runners on.

Laugel and Clifford took the mound in the game, combining to allow two runs (neither earned) on six hits and five walks while striking out 12. Three Tiger batters were hit by pitches.

Pagosa committed two errors in the game and Del Norte had six.

Morales noted the Pirates threw strikes and made all the routine plays in the game.

But, he noted, the team is still missing timely hits, with the Pirates leaving the bases loaded multiple times against the Tigers.

Following the win, the Pirates are 9-13 on the season.

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# Commissioners hear transportation update

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update from Director of Transportation Kevin Bruce at its May 2 work session.

Bruce began his update by highlighting that the department is awaiting National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) approval from the U.S. Federal Transit Authority (FTA) for the new transit center and, after this, the project is ready to go to bid.

He added that the FTA indicated that the approval could take four to six months and that he was expecting the approval to be completed between the end of May and July.

In a May 8 interview with The SUN, Bruce explained that the county had received NEPA approval from the FTA on May 3, which he noted is on the early end of the approval timeline the agency had provided.

Bruce added that the project will now move forward into the bidding process.

At the May 2 work session, Bruce discussed the Aspen Springs Park and Ride, stating that he had had a meeting with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in April and that CDOT indicated it is willing to transfer the property where the Park and Ride would be located to the county, which would likely occur in a month to two months.

He added that he has begun reaching out to engineers to develop a concept for the property, although the small area of the property and utility lines in the area could be challenges.

Bruce stated that the Internet provider that wanted to use the property is no longer interested and he needed to find out if the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District is still interested in a water filling station in the location, as well as investigating the possibility of partnering with the school district to use the location as a bus stop.

He noted that collaborations with other agencies would assist the county in grant applications to fund construction of the project.

The group also discussed the placement of an electric vehicle charging station at the site, as well as a stop for the Bustang Outrider service and the potential difficulties of paving the location given parts of it are in the floodplain, although Bruce indicated this would not be a significant issue.

Bruce explained that he is work-

ing on reaching out to local organizations to increase ridership and knowledge of the Mountain Express Transit (MET) system, including Veterans for Veterans, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and an event with the Department of Human Services.

He noted that the department is looking at providing an additional stop in Aspen Springs during the summer or later hours, all supported with funds from the Colorado Department of Energy.

Bruce indicated that the department has one bus on the way that is expected to be delivered to the department in May as well as another bus that will likely be received in the fourth quarter of 2023 or the first quarter of 2024.

He added that another bus that the department currently uses will become a backup bus once the other two buses are acquired.

Bruce also discussed the grant application the department made to replace additional buses and the expansion of the bus service to Durango to run through Arboles.

He noted that the bus from Arboles to Pagosa Springs is frequently full or close to capacity.

The group then discussed the department's work to streamline the MET routes and move stops out of parking lots, particularly at City Market, although Bruce highlighted the difficulties of finding a new stop location that is near enough to City Market to remain accessible while being safer.

Bruce added that the department is looking at additional stops and expanding social media promotion of the MET system.

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## Public Notice

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "Sketch Major Design Review" for a conceptual site plan for South Pagosa Park at 550 S. 8th Street (at Apache Street).  
The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on the proposed conceptual site plan Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 5:30 pm to consider the SKETCH Major Design Review Application.  
Public Hearings and Meetings will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round Minutes and Agendas tab located along the bottom of the photo

on the Town's website home page at [pagosasprings.co.gov](http://pagosasprings.co.gov). You may also view the application at [mypagosa.org/proposed-development-projects](http://mypagosa.org/proposed-development-projects). We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Division prior to the public hearing dates, with any questions via phone at 970-264-4151 x221 or email at [cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov](mailto:cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov). Written comments received 7 days prior to the meeting or public hearing will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearings/meetings.  
Published May 11, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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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 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
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- DONALD D HOLT
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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**  
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This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed February 9, 2023. Mike L. 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#178708522) 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  
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Costs: \$195.82  
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Interest: \$280.92  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$195.82  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,437.44  
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Interest: \$280.77  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$195.82  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,435.82  
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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 SHELLY WARNER (C#178762415) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 25, Lot (Unit) Number 7105, Building Number 2A, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00  
Interest: \$280.77  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$195.82  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,435.82  
EARL B MOIZE and WAUNELL MOIZE (C#178763694) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 41, Lot (Unit) Number 7116, Building Number 4, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00  
Interest: \$280.77  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$195.82  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,785.82  
MICHAEL EUBANKS and HYDIE EUBANKS, TRUSTEES OF THE MICHAEL AND HYDIE EUBANKS JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST (C#178802844) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 7, Lot (Unit) Number 7116, Building Number 4, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00  
Interest: \$280.77  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$195.82  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,435.82  
PATRICIA A MORRISON, surviving joint tenant with rights of survivorship of ERNEST R MORRISON (C#179201660) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 26, Lot (Unit) Number 7114, Building Number 4, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00  
Interest: \$280.77  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$195.82  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,435.82  
VINSTON D CARLSON and HARRIET R CARLSON (C#179301825) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 15, Lot (Unit) Number 7116, Building Number 4, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,910.00  
Interest: \$280.77  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$195.82  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,435.82  
PEDRO ALDERETE and JERI ALDERETE (C#179400221) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number(s) 20, Lot (Unit) Number 7118, Building Number 5, Unpaid Assessments: \$1,562.63  
Interest: \$194.22  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$195.82  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,002.67

IN 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 Plats 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 as in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Published April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE**  
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On February 9, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.  
Original Grantor(s) RALPH JOSEPH SHEPHERD AND

JOANN MIHOTZ  
Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELYAS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-AR11, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR11  
Date of Deed of Trust March 20, 2006  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 21, 2006  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20602621  
Original Principal Amount \$135,200.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$113,085.31  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust and other violations of the terms thereof  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.**  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
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IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 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.  
DATED at Archuleta County, Colorado, this 3rd day of March, 2023.  
Mike L. Roux, Sheriff  
Archuleta County  
By: Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
Exhibit A  
Peregrine Townhouses Phase II  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: DARVIN PATRICK  
Building Number: 6  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7811 and 7812  
UDI Points: 90,000 / 17,743,000  
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase II, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173554, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Principal Amount Due: \$1,228.04  
Accrued Interest: \$464.55  
Late Fees: \$45.00  
Costs: \$256.93  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$2,994.52  
Peregrine Townhouses Phase III  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: THE EMMETT JONES FAMILY LIVING TRUST, DATED MARCH 11, 2004  
Building Number: 7 and 8  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7813 - 7816  
UDI Points: 90,000 / 17,743,000  
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Principal Amount Due: \$175.00  
Accrued Interest: \$1,553.13  
Late Fees: \$45.00  
Costs: \$256.93  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$6,227.47  
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: STEVEN VARGAS and NORMA YOLANDA VARGAS  
Building Number: 12  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226  
UDI Points: 154,000 / 60,310,500  
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20105850, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and any further supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Principal Amount Due: \$14,259.46  
Accrued Interest: \$5,628.19  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$256.93  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$21,219.58  
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Five  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: ELOYCE JONES FLEMING  
Building Number: 15  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1511-1516, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1525 and 1526  
UDI Points: 105,000 / 60,310,500  
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Five- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20204764, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, and Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20204765 and any further supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Principal Amount Due: \$6,201.37  
Accrued Interest: \$2,340.18  
Late Fees: \$60.00  
Costs: \$256.93  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$9,351.55  
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: ELINOR M DICKSON and FRANK P DICKSON, JR  
Building Number: 16  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1611-1616, 1621-1626  
UDI Points: 105,000 / 62,896,000  
of the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20304272, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20211905 and any further supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Principal Amount Due: \$7,216.58  
Accrued Interest: \$2,576.59  
Late Fees: \$55.00  
Costs: \$256.93  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$11,105.10  
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: TIMOTHY H KLING and CLARA L KLING  
Building Number: 17  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726  
UDI Points: 64,000 / 62,896,000  
Principal Amount Due: \$6,693.16  
Accrued Interest: \$2,895.32  
Late Fees: \$60.00  
Costs: \$256.93  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$10,905.41  
Property Owners: BENNIE L DAILEY and JOSEPHINE DAILEY  
Building Number: 17  
Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726  
UDI Points: 105,000 / 62,896,000  
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven - as depicted Building 17, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20209496, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental 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Photo courtesy Loma Linda Metro District

Loma Linda Metro District's board poses for a photo following a May 4 meeting where three new directors were affirmed and officers were appointed. Pictured, left to right, are: Barbara Hanrahan, newly elected and appointed vice president; Al Wyatt, ongoing director; Brad Sumpter, newly elected director; Matt Fischer, ongoing director and appointed president; and Bill Remien, newly elected director and appointed treasurer. The board reports that voter turnout for the district was more than 50 percent for the May 2 election.

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## CDC changes COVID-19 vaccine guidance

San Juan Basin Public Health

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has changed its guidance for the COVID-19 vaccine, no longer recommending the original monovalent formula for use in the United States.

The CDC recommends that everyone ages 6 years and older receive an updated omicron (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of whether they previously completed their (monovalent) primary series. People ages 6 years and older who are unvaccinated or previously received only monovalent vaccine doses are recommended to receive one bivalent mRNA vaccine dose.

The CDC's new recommendations allow an

additional updated omicron (bivalent) vaccine dose for adults ages 65 years and older and additional doses for people who are immunocompromised. This allows more flexibility for health care providers to administer additional doses to immunocompromised patients as needed.

Individuals ages 6 years and older who have already received an updated omicron vaccine do not need to take any action unless they are 65 years or older or immunocompromised.

For young children, multiple doses continue to be recommended and will vary by age, vaccine, and which vaccines were previously received.

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available in the community. Visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/2023/Vaccine> for more details. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has limited omicron booster appointments available at the Durango and Pagosa Springs offices.

At-home tests are available free at the SJBPH offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs. More information about testing is available on SJBPH's website.

KN95 masks are available at SJBPH front desks in Durango and Pagosa Springs. COVID-19 treatments are available if you test positive. You should get treatment as soon as possible when you start to feel symptoms. If you are at high risk and have COVID-19, ask your health care provider about treatment as soon as you can. Telehealth is also an option for receiving treatment.

## Commissioners hear health assessment, epidemiology updates

By **Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard updates on assessment and planning, the community health assessment, and regional epidemiology from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) staff at its April 18 work session.

SJBPH Director of Public Health Innovation Adrian Uzunian began the discussion by delivering a presentation on the agency's assessment and planning work and on the progress of the community health assessment.

He highlighted the large amount of data present in the modern world and the importance of processing public health data for promoting public health in the community.

Uzunian explained that assessment and planning performs data collection and monitoring for ongoing SJBPH programs, assisting program development and monitoring data to identify new issues and program needs.

He then discussed the community health assessment and the Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP), explaining that the assessment provides a foundation for improving the health of the community and helps identify disparities in public health.

Uzunian stated that state statute requires the PHIP to include the identification of the health status and gaps within the community, assessment of the capacity and performance of the public health system, and identification of goals and strategies to improve public health.

He explained that the creation of the PHIP incorporates the community health assessment, data from SJBPH, legal requirements and staff expertise.

He highlighted that the assessment is not required by state law, which gives latitude in terms of how the PHIP is created.

Uzunian noted that the response rates to the community health assessment survey were high, with 416 respondents in Archuleta County and 1,545 respondents in La Plata County, although he commented that the age range of the respondents is somewhat older than the average for Archuleta County, and Hispanic and Latino respondents were under-represented.

He also explained that the education level of survey respondents is higher than the average for the community and female respondents were overrepresented in the survey, although Uzunian noted this is common for all types of public health surveys.

He added that the survey was supported by press releases and interviews in both counties, BoCC meeting appearances, a digital advertising campaign, emails, outreach events and paper surveys in numerous locations.

He stated that SJBPH also held focus groups and key informant interviews to support the assessment. Uzunian explained that SJBPH has been able to partner with a class at the Colorado School of Public Health that is assisting the district in analyzing the data.

He stated that the work product from this process would be submitted to SJBPH by the end of May and a finished report would likely be available by the end of summer, which would coincide with the PHIP process the district is undergoing.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked Uzunian if the survey asked participants if they benefited from SJBPH services, which he stated it did.

The BoCC then heard a presentation from Southwest Regional Epidemiologist Samie Stevens on the regional epidemiology program.

She explained that the program works to improve communicable disease prevention, investigation and control, and is funded through

federal grants through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as well as SJBPH general funds.

She stated that she is the only staff member for the program, but that she works with a broad range of other programs within SJBPH, including assessment and planning, communicable disease, and environmental health.

Stevens explained that she is a regional staff member who is stationed within a local public health district, although she serves Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan and Montezuma counties as well as the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian tribes.

She explained that there are a large number of diseases and conditions that must be reported to and monitored by public health, such as influenza or animal bites, which can then be responded to to prevent the spread of disease.

Stevens stated that COVID-19 was overwhelmingly the most reported condition in Archuleta County in 2022, although chlamydia, salmonella, influenza hospitalizations, campylobacteriosis and invasive streptococcus pneumoniae were also reported in significant amounts in the county.

She then highlighted the variation in the epidemiological characteristics of the diseases tracked and how

this shapes different strategies for disease control.

She also mentioned SJBPH's surveillance systems for conditions such as respiratory syncytial virus, influenza, rabies and West Nile virus, some of which she explained were set up by SJBPH to respond to community needs not addressed by tracking.

Stevens also explained that her program does extensive work in preparing for epidemics and that she assisted in the COVID-19 and Mpox responses in the region.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if Stevens' work includes counties outside of SJBPH, which she confirmed, and questioned if, once the dissolution of SJBPH is completed, she would still be providing services.

Stevens noted she was unsure, adding that the funding for her program ends on June 30, with much of its funding being moved to state positions or given to individual counties.

Brown questioned if the counties could collectively retain an epidemiologist for the region, noting that it would not be cost effective for each county to have its own.

Stevens stated this would be a "great idea" and that some other regions in the state are considering this approach.

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Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs hosted the Big Spring Clean event May 5-6, providing free dumping and recycling to local residents. From the combined collection sites, an estimated 150 tons of trash was collected. Recycling included e-waste, appliances and metal. Televisions totaled nearly 300 and appliances added up to about 250. The county reports that costs related to e-waste collection fees, lost revenue in dump fees and overtime wages are estimated to be around \$20,000, which will be absorbed by the county with contributions from the town. Volunteers participated in the roadside cleanup effort on Saturday followed by a barbecue, homemade ice cream contest, prizes, giveaways and live music from the Jackson Mountain Ramblers.





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## ARTS & LIFE

# Aspire's Walk for Moms

May 20 • Yamaguchi Park • 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.



Photo courtesy Michelle Clark

May 11, 2023

# There's still time to register for the May 20 Walk for Moms

By Marcy Mitchell

Aspire Medical Services and Education

Celebrate the mothers in your life by attending Aspire's Walk for Moms event on Saturday, May 20, at Yamaguchi Park.

Kids can enjoy games, a bounce house and prizes. Participants can register online for free at <https://aspirepagosa.org> or just show up. The theme this year is "Celebrate Moms through the Decades!" Get creative and dress up from the 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s or '90s.

Check-in/registration and a free breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. at Yamaguchi Park. The walk starts at 9 a.m. and the awards ceremony will follow at 10 a.m. Various stations and fun pit stops will be set up along the path for supporters to play games and get information. All registrants will receive a "goodie bag" and walkers can also earn additional prizes based on how much you raise such as a Kelty blanket and backpack insulated cooler.

The Walk for Moms keeps our quality prenatal clinic affordable for all as well as helps us provide parenting education and classes for babies and toddlers.

Recently, we had a couple come in and take several classes. Both are first-time parents, so they have jumped in to every educational option we provide.

The dad reported these classes have made a huge difference for him in feeling prepared to parent. Furthermore, the classes have helped him improve in developing appropriate expectations for his child as well as increased empathy and understanding for his wife and child.

One of our goals is to help all children thrive physically, socially and emotionally during the first few years of life. Preparing parents not only with the physical aspects of parenting, but to also care for their children socially and emotionally, is a huge step toward reaching that goal.

## About Aspire Medical Services and Education

Aspire provides parenting education, affordable prenatal care, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STI/STD testing and treatment as well as childbirth education classes and a baby boutique. We empower men and women in Archuleta County to make healthy life choices by providing medical services and education in a safe and supportive environment. Aspire is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our main source of income is through events and the generous support of individuals and organizations.

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# 'Plumtaw: A Future with Fire' film premiere and panel discussion set for May 17

By Alex Handloff  
Mountain Studies Institute

Fire is here to stay. It's part of our lives in the West. But when was the last time you heard a hopeful story about it?

In partnership with San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, Christi Bode Skeie, environmental filmmaker, is premiering her new film, "Plumtaw: A Future with Fire," which explores that very question, discussing what led to the fortuitous outcome of the Plumtaw Fire and how the Pagosa community can better prepare for future events.

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, understanding and a sense of responsibility.

The screening will be followed by a panel of local experts and residents who will discuss the role of fire on the landscape and in

our lives. The event will include a silent auction, and beer will be available. There is a \$5 suggested cash donation.

The event will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m on May 17, which is the one-year anniversary of the Plumtaw Fire. May is also National Wildfire Awareness Month.

It will be held at the Pagosa Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive.

# Pagosa Peak Open School to host community gallery night

By Emily Murphy  
Pagosa Peak Open School

The Pagosa Springs community is invited to join Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) students in celebrating a year of learning during the Pagosa Peak Open School Showcase Night on Wednesday, May 24, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Student artwork, project documentation and school values will be highlighted with middle school tour guides leading the way.

The event is free and open to the public, with small plates provided. Come enjoy an evening of conversation, learning and art at PPOS.



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# Sheriff to interrogate author Ron Franscell at Saturday event

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends

Mike Le Roux is currently the sheriff of Archuleta County, taking office in January of 2023. Although Le Roux's reading interest generally lies in nonfiction and memoirs (particularly around leadership, military strategy/special forces, law enforcement and endurance athletes/adventurers), he enjoyed this foray into crime fiction with Ron Franscell's book "Deaf Row."

Le Roux is a South African-born, U.S. citizen who has lived and worked in the UK, Belfast and extensively throughout Australia. Le Roux has global experience in realms including engineering, endurance athletic events, public speaking and coaching. Although varied, all had one key thread and motive: Whatever Le Roux pursued, it was to intentionally live outside of his comfort zone.

Le Roux notes, "Ron Franscell's

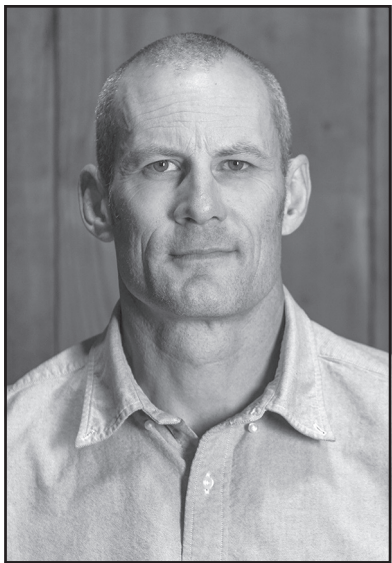


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**Mike Le Roux.**

book is set in a quaint, rural mountain town in Colorado, called Midnight, a town very similar in many ways to Pagosa Springs, Creede or

South Fork."

In working with the Sheriff's Office for almost a decade, in different roles, Le Roux is in a great position to comment and compare the events of the book with the reality of rural Colorado. Le Roux can identify with the motivation and mindsets of the town's characters, geography and events and is looking forward to discussing that aspect with Franscell.

Tickets to the upcoming Saturday, May 13, Fireside Chat with Franscell and Le Roux (6 p.m. at the Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive) are available for \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. They may be purchased online at [pagosalibrary.org](http://pagosalibrary.org) or in person at the library.

Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar with beer, wine and nonalcoholic drinks. All proceeds to benefit the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation and Friends' building campaign.

# Community food gathering and sharing: Food drive set for May 13

Healthy Archuleta

Even back in the earliest times, sharing food has been an integral part of the human story. It's more than just a way to survive; it's a way to make friends, form a community and give thanks for what we have. Communal eating has been a centerpiece for important events and a cornerstone for many cultures.

Even today, some groups can be left out of the time-honored practice of sharing food. In a country of seemingly excessive bounty, there are millions struggling with equitable access to nutritious food.

Community food-sharing opportunities allow us to gather together to support our community

as a whole.

Those who are able to are encouraged to share what they can to help the Food Distribution Center better support the Archuleta County Food Pantry Network with foods that our neighbors can use.

Join Healthy Archuleta as we host a community food share on May 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Market. A collection table will be set up in front of the store with a list of needed items and volunteers ready to collect donations.

If you would like to make donations to the food drive outside of the City Market hours, there is a collection bin located at the front of the store.

For more information on the

Healthy Archuleta food drive, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

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# Gray moments are necessary

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My Sweet Al said to me, "Have you seen the river today? It's four feet deeper than it has been. It's raging. Let's walk down and look."

Al just wanted to look, point to the river, and talk about the water level and how fast it was moving. In his mind, he was worried about the water jumping the bank.

I saw work and repairs that needed to be done. "Look what winter has left behind. Broken tree limbs, debris, buildings in need of fresh paint and redwood stain. This time of the year is so gray and dead. But, there's a spiritual lesson here."

He was getting lower than a frog. I'm sure he was thinking, "I just wanted to look at the river."

I saw an opportunity to expand on the moment. I continued, "Everything in the natural realm will spiral down in disrepair. The spiritual realm is about restoration and new life. The debris represents the old life; the flowing river is the new life."

"There's a gray moment between winter and spring. Still dormant. Still inactive but capable of becoming active. Between what has happened and what is happening."

At the Blanco River, I brought a

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



Bible lesson to Al. I reminded him about the water that flowed from under the temple. It started as a trickle, then the water came to the ankles, knees and the waist. The river became too deep and couldn't be crossed. God showed Ezekiel trees on one side of the river and the other. And wherever the river went, every living thing was healed (Ezekiel 47:5-12).

"So, what are you saying?"

"Each season has a certain purpose. It's a point of time to show us what is happening in the natural realm and in the spiritual realm. You're looking at the Blanco River. I'm looking at the Spirit flowing inside of us."

"Too deep for me."

"I know, but stay with me."

In a vision, God pointed Ezekiel to look at the temple and the flowing water. He asked him, "Son of Man, what is that?" God wanted Ezekiel to see his glory. The growing waters were a vision of hope to encourage the people.

He used the river to bring a message to the Israelites in bondage. A gray moment of exile set aside to do a work in his people. God warned Ezekiel he would be speaking to a rebellious people who would not listen to him.

Ezekiel's message was to bring

hope and good news. The Israelites wanted to sit down in their own misery. They wanted to hang their harps on the willows by the river. They had nothing to sing about. The people didn't want to hear

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# Does the soil on a baseball field influence the players?

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

## Extension Viewpoints

Baseball fans might not realize this, but the type of soil on baseball fields greatly affects how players perform.

Professional baseball fields are built from many types of soil. Beneath the athletes' feet is a precisely engineered mixture made of multiple components. We call these materials "engineered soils."

Engineered soils are designed and manufactured for a specific purpose; in this case, to keep the playing surface safe and allow the game to continue during rainy weather. Engineered soils perform better than a naturally occurring soil would on its own.

The Soil Science Society of America's (SSSA) April 1 Soils Matter blog looks at the soil properties and how the quality of soil impacts players during a game.

There are two main areas of a baseball field: the turfgrass and the infield skin. The turfgrass draws most attention from the fans because of the beautiful geometric patterns mown by the grounds crew. However, most of the important part of baseball plays occur on the infield "skin."

Evan Mascitti of Pennsylvania State University explained that the soil for infield skin is constructed using a blend of sand and clay. This mixture allows the players' cleats to grab the surface without removing

any soil. The idea is similar to a thumbtack being pushed into and then removed from a corkboard. Small cleat indentations mean that a ground ball will bounce true. Larger cleat marks can create bad hops, leading to a fielding error or an injury.

Mascitti and a team of soil scientists at Penn State study how different clay minerals affect the soil's response to water. They use an air-powered lab device to simulate the action of a player's foot. This test allows them to predict how a soil will perform in the field without the need to construct large plots or use human subjects.

To read the entire blog, please visit <https://soilsmatter.wordpress.com/2023/03/31/does-the-soil-on-a-baseball-field-influence-the-players/>.

The SSSA is a progressive, international scientific society that fosters the transfer of knowledge and practices to sustain global soils. Based in Madison, Wis., SSSA is the professional home for more than 6,000 members dedicated to advancing the field of soil science. It provides information about soils

in relation to crop production, environmental quality, ecosystem sustainability, bioremediation, waste management, recycling and wise land use.

### Upcoming events

May 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, 7 to 10 p.m. at the Extension Exhibit Hall.

May 20 — Plant Sale/Swap and Workshop: Sowing and transplanting early crops. The workshop will run from 9 to 10 a.m., with the plant swap/sale from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension office. There is a \$10 class fee. Visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf76WXumeKE9ND1JSus9Qdpx5OM6Q14BwrX2tjdQR-mIv95ZQ/viewform> to register.

May 20 and June 1 — Cottage Foods certification online.

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CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month 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) 264-5931 to register.

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In today's news, and between seasons, we are in a gray moment, like the Israelites, who willingly went into bondage, sat down and complained. God doesn't see wasted time, but a designated time to accomplish his plan for his people. He is doing the same for us and in us.

Final Brushstroke: God knows us better than we know ourselves. He's working in us to bring us back from where we have wandered. Let God move the river according to his plans. He brings seasons in our lives to accomplish a deeper purpose. He brings the grays in us to prepare us for the next season of life.

### Readers' comments

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# New Thought Center to celebrate Mother's Day at Sunday service

By Shayla McClure  
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The May 14 Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. will be a Mother's Day celebration with Shayla White Eagle McClure: "Celebrating the Sacred Mother Love Energy."

"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my Angel Mother." — Abraham Lincoln.

## 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.

Saturday, May 13, 6 p.m.: Quin-tangled game night with co-creator Julie Loar. This is free for children and adults alike. Reserve your spot now. Seating is limited. Text/call (970) 510-0309.

May 19, 20 and 21: Honoring the Water Medicine Wheel Ceremony with Russ MaHeWa, White Eagle and Maggie.

Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.: Sunday service will be at Xanadu. Bring lawn chairs, potluck dish, comfortable clothes. Sacred Water Wheel Ceremony.

The John and Sue Love benefit barbecue date and time is to be announced.

John and Sue Love donations can be dropped off at our New Thought Center; slide it between the glass doors or mail to: The New Thought Center, P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Make checks out to John Love. Thank you.

June 3: Sacred feather wand workshop at Xanadu with Shayla

White Eagle.

Fourth of July weekend: Freedom Concert.

July 15: Second annual tree orientation ceremony led by Rhonda Sande.

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The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members' life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an inclusive community. Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through awareness of a higher power. We are the "Good Vibe Tribe" that practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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

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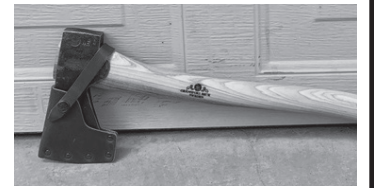
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# Lubbock Christian University Best Friends a cappella ensemble to perform concert at Pagosa Bible Church

By Dave Stene  
Pagosa Bible Church

Everyone is invited to a free concert by Best Friends at Pagosa Bible Church at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

Best Friends is a nationally recognized contemporary a cappella ensemble from Lubbock Christian University.

This talented group has been nominated eight times by the Contemporary A Cappella Society for best religious album, winning the award in 2019. Its 2022 album "Solid Rock" was the recipient of their eighth nomination for best album award.

The group has just released a new album, "Faithful God," which it will be singing songs from at the concert. The students in the group will also be sharing stories from their faith journeys during this time.

All are welcome to come and enjoy a great evening of music.

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Jeanette Pike loves books, to the tune of at least 6,000 in her home. As a lifetime member of Friends of the Library, she was happy to be the recipient of a free book from the Friends committee.

Each month, the Friends committee draws a name from the Friends membership and the winner selects a book to call their own. Pike chose “The Annotated Alice” by Martin Gardner.

“It’s a beautiful book and it’s been a long time since I read Alice. I’m interested in the annotated part,” Pike explained.

Recently retired as an occupational therapist, Pike’s new calling is the Riverwalk Naturalist program. In addition to leading tours, she coordinates the program, trains tour guides and schedules volunteers. As a weaver, Pike finds designs and colors in nature to incorporate into her weaving projects. In spite of a very busy schedule, she also makes time for tai chi and qigong.

## Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss dreams

By Laurah Brock Young

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Dreams are real.

If you understand dreams and how they work, you can use your dreams to guide you and help you take steps forward, both spiritually and in your daily life.

Would you like help remembering your dreams? Are you interested in tools to help you interpret your dreams? Would you like to understand the spiritual nature of dreams?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you would enjoy this discussion. We will share tools to help you remember and interpret your dreams. Along with talking about tools to guide you in dream exploration, we will offer some ideas to help you start dreaming with more intent. We call them spiritual exercises that you can practice before you sleep.

Our goal is that each participant will gain a deeper understanding of their dream worlds from a spiritual perspective.

Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs on May 14 at 1 p.m. for a lively discussion on “Your Source for Everyday Guidance: A Spiritual View of Dreams, Part One.” We will meet at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

For more information, visit <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

This free event is sponsored by Eckankar as a community service and a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and beliefs. It is an individual, creative practice to experience your own unique relationship with the divine.

To read more about the hidden secrets of your dreams, visit <https://www.eckankar.org/experience/dreams/>.

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

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**Knowledge Bowl.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in middle school. Test your trivia skills in a wide range of subjects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Healthy Archuleta Grow and Share Potluck Orientation.** 5 p.m., Centennial Park. Backyard growers who would like to donate produce to the food pantries this summer are encouraged to attend. bring a dish to share. To RSVP, or if you cannot attend the event but would like to learn more, email Vanessa at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. The event will feature Dr. Janice McIntyre with an introductory yoga class, so wear comfortable clothing and bring a bottle of water.

**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.

## Friday, May 12

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Mini Monets.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. This program uses art, sometimes messy, to build early literacy skills.

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via Zoom at the library. Contact (970) 264-2209 or ruby@pagosalibrary.org. Registration opens on the first day of each month. Space is limited.

**PAWS to Read.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Read with Muppet, a dog who loves stories.

**Powerhouse: Advanced Dissection.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in 4th-8th grade. Enjoy STEM projects.

**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, May 13

**Weminuche Audubon Society Migratory Bird Day.** 8 a.m., Lake Capote Recreation Area, just south of U.S. 160 on Colo. 151. Lake Capote is owned by the Southern Ute Tribe and a \$5 entrance fee is charged. For information, see related article and email weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

**The Hero's Journey Writer's Workshop.** 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Crime author Ron Franscell and aspiring writers will spend the morning exploring the patterns that can transform a novel or screenplay from ordinary to extraordinary. Tickets are \$25 per person and seating is limited to the first 20 students who register. Tickets are available online at pagosalibrary.org or at the library. If you attend the writer's workshop and fireside chat, you are eligible for a discounted price of \$55 per person.

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**Chess Club.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to play chess with quick lessons and game time.

**Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your scrapbooking projects or any crafting project you may want to work on with the group.

**Paint it! Plant it!** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Terry's Ace Hardware. Children will get to hand paint a flower pot and then plant a flower to create the perfect Mother's Day gift.

**Healthy Archuleta Community Food Share.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., City Market. A collection table will be set up in front of the store with a list of needed items and volunteers ready to collect donations. If you would like to make donations to the food drive outside of the City Market hours, there is a collection bin located at the front of the store. For more information on the Healthy Archuleta food drive, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6 and up. Bring your own or use our LEGOs to build.

**Ruby's Meet and Greet Reception with Ron Franscell.** 12:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Author Ron Franscell will talk about his latest novel. This is a free event.

**Knitters Circle.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For new or experienced knitters. Get help with your project or sit and knit.

**Fireside Chat with Ron Franscell.** 6-8:30 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Listen in a on a fireside chat with crime author Ron Franscell and Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux to gain insight into the research and process of writing true crime and crime fiction. Tickets will be \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Tickets are available online at [pagosalibrary.org](http://pagosalibrary.org) or at the library. If you attend the writer's workshop and fireside chat, you are eligible for a discounted price of \$55 per person.

**Second Chance Prom.** 7-10 p.m., Community Center. This event will support the Pagosa Community Initiative. Tickets can be purchased at <https://givebutter.com/PCIProm>.

## Sunday, May 14

**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-f 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.

## Monday, May 15

**Medicare Mondays.** For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 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.

**Remembering When.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. The Pagosa Fire Protection District will host a 45-minute presentation for older adults on fire and fall prevention.

**Academic Assistance.** 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 16

**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.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring all your device chargers. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Duplicate Bridge.** 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to [pagosaduplicate@gmail.com](mailto:pagosaduplicate@gmail.com) or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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

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

**Adult DIY.** 1-30 p.m., Sisson Library.

Pinch pot pottery with ceramic artist Miranda from Passage Gallery and Studio opening June. All supplies provided.

**Rock Painting.** 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Join local artist Becky Crowe on a free rock art session. Stop by the dining hall and either bring your own rock or select from our collection. We will provide the paint and rocks, and you bring your own inspiration to create a colorful rock to place in your garden or to use as a paperweight. This activity is free and open to all ages.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center.

Loaner paddles are available.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library.

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**English as a Second Language.** 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library.

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**Conversational Spanish.** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library.

Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a

group setting. No minimum skill level required.

**PALS Adult Education.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library.

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## Wednesday, May 17

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Pickleball.** 8:30-10:30 a.m., Community Center. Free beginner lessons.

Reserve at [www.pagosapickleball.org](http://www.pagosapickleball.org).

**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.

**Mountain High Garden Club.** 10 a.m., Archuleta County Extension building, 344 U.S. 84.

Come join us for a roundtable discussion of your gardening successes and challenges. We will share our collective knowledge to help us all succeed in our gardening goals.

**Therapy Dog Visit.** 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library.

Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog.

**Archuleta County Democratic Club Meeting.** 11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse.

Bring a brown-bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. Attendance is open to all.

**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.

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

Bill Salmansohn will lead the group through mindfulness

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exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns. Snacks will be provided.

**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.

**San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership Presents 'The Plumb-taw: A Future with Fire.'** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The partnership teamed up with Christi Bode Skeie, environmental filmmaker, to document what led to this fortuitous outcome and how the Pagosa community can better prepare for future events. 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. There is a \$5 suggested cash donation to help support SJHFHP.

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**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Y is for Yoga Storytime.** 10-10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. Let's stretch while we practice early literacy skills in a fun, relaxed way.

**Kids Create.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. A mixed-media art class based on a picture book. Story and projects change monthly.

**Archuleta County Fair Board Dance.** 5-9 p.m., Extension building.

**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, May 20**

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**Carmelitas of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church Community Rosa Cemetery Spring Cleanup.** 9 a.m.-noon, County Road 975, Arboles, 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.

**Makerspace.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Build, design, create with various materials. Prompts provided.

**Online Author Talks: Courtney Summers.** Noon. We will gather virtually with Courtney Summers, Canadian award-winning author of "Sadie" and other novels for young adults. Listen live or recorded. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/upcoming/> to learn more.

**Pokémon.** 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokémon, too. No experience required.

## Sunday, May 21

**St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church Crowning of Mary Mass.** 8:30 a.m., 18851 Colo. 151, Arboles. Mass will be followed by a pancake breakfast in the church hall. The event is open to all. For more information, please call (970) 883-2556.

**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.

## Monday, May 22

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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.

**Mountain High Garden Club.** 10 a.m., Archuleta County Extension office 344 U.S. 84 next to the county fairgrounds. Come join us for a round table discussion of your gardening successes and challenges. We will share our collective knowledge to help us all succeed in our gardening goals.

**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.

## Tuesday, May 23

**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.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring all your device chargers. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Duplicate Bridge.** 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to [pagosaduplicate@gmail.com](mailto:pagosaduplicate@gmail.com)

or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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# Brothers and friends

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Bob, Van and Clyde were more than brothers; they were best friends. They had been there for each other since they were young. Through their years together in high school, they were always there to back each other up if the situation called for it. But once they got married, their time together diminished as they became involved in their lives with their families.

Realizing this, Bob called the others to join him for lunch one day. As they ate, Bob expressed his concern that their wonderful friendship was fading away.

"I propose we have lunch together once each month. We can rotate who chooses, and that person can be the one to pay," Bob said.

The others felt that was a good idea, and Van set the date for the next one. As time went on, their friendship strengthened itself. But, as in their early years, they weren't against playing jokes on each other.

There was the time in high school when Van and Clyde wired Bob's car horn to his brake. The horn went off whenever he stopped for someone at an intersection. It annoyed some girls who thought Bob was honking at them. But after it went off when Bob was behind a police officer, they decided they better fix it.

One time, Bob went to the school office and pretended he was Van, with Clyde being the lookout in case Van came by. Bob, acting his part, signed Van up for a cooking class, and the school secretary was none the wiser. At first, Van was annoyed, but then he realized the cooking class was full of girls. He ended up becoming quite the chef, gaining popularity among the young ladies in the process.

When the three of them took a weight-lifting class together, every time Clyde climbed on the bench press to do his weight lifting, the other two would slip the pin down a couple of extra notches, then put it back when he finished. They would tease Clyde about straining so hard when the others were lifting the same weight so easily. It was almost the end of the semester when Clyde figured it out, and by then he was lifting more than anyone in the class. When Clyde became a champion wrestler, Bob and Van claimed it was because of them "training" him in weight-lifting class.

Even though they were now much older, those jokes they played on each other weren't far from their minds, and each kept alert to what the others might do.

When it was Bob's turn to choose

the place to eat and pay the bill, he took them to a restaurant that was famous for its good food and was in a tourist town over an hour away. It was filled with tourists passing through, and the trio didn't know anyone. But the food was good, and they had fun visiting.

When they finished, they went to the counter for Bob to pay. After the waitress told him the total, Bob pulled out his checkbook. As he started to write the check, Clyde grinned and nudged Van.

"Can you believe he spent 10 years in prison for writing bad checks and here he is at it again," Clyde said to Van, loud enough for all to hear.

Van played along. He nodded, "Some people just never learn."

Everyone in the restaurant turned to stare at them, and Bob hadn't even finished writing the check before the waitress said they would prefer cash. Bob glared at his brothers and dug out his wallet. He pulled out all the money he had, and it wasn't enough.

Clyde pulled out his wallet, shaking his head as he spoke loudly to Van again. "If I remember right, we bailed him out a few times back then before the law finally caught up with him."

Van fished out his wallet and added \$20 to the pile of money. "Yeah, some things just never change."

As they left the restaurant, Clyde and Van were grinning.

Bob smiled. "You're right. Some things never change."

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Dad, slangily
- 5 White-plumed wader
- 10 Swiss peaks
- 14 Southern veggie
- 15 Bluish gray
- 16 Heavenly strings
- 17 Kite part
- 18 Mercy killing
- 20 Church council
- 22 Build a beehive?
- 23 Scatter seeds
- 24 Raccoon's kin
- 26 Nursery occupant
- 28 Pestle's purpose
- 31 Author Harper
- 32 Toddler's break
- 33 Sailing vessel
- 35 Tripmeter feature
- 39 Riyadh resident
- 41 Moon-related
- 43 Clothing, in Madrid
- 44 "The Time Machine" author
- 46 Fluid with antibodies
- 48 Quick drink
- 49 Cries of pain
- 51 Glow
- 53 Tree layer
- 57 Kravitz of music
- 58 Carte lead-in
- 59 Out in the sticks
- 61 Leg bone
- 64 City bordered by San Gabriel Mountains
- 67 Purely academic
- 68 Picnic pests
- 69 Oscar-winning Berry
- 70 Do-others link
- 71 Profound
- 72 Secret rendezvous
- 73 Wet bar?

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- 1 Lobster traps

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- 2 Word of assent
- 3 Eve Arden played one in "Grease"
- 4 "Gunsmoke" hangout
- 5 Opposite of WNW
- 6 Type of rice
- 7 Part of APR
- 8 Wharton's "\_\_\_ Frome"
- 9 Prickly plant
- 10 "Bingo!"
- 11 Cowboy's rope
- 12 Former
- 13 Produce offspring
- 19 More up-to-date
- 21 Root beer brand
- 25 Money drawer
- 27 Ballpark drink
- 28 Nibble
- 29 Steak order specification
- 30 Doomed one
- 34 They never touch
- 36 His headstone reads "And the Beat Goes On"
- 37 Big-budget film
- 38 Crime scene barrier
- 40 Completely bungle
- 42 Far from polite
- 45 Like much testimony
- 47 Perfect condition
- 50 Looked for
- 52 Hostile feeling
- 53 Dieter's lunch
- 54 "Leave me \_\_\_!"
- 55 Wallpaper goo
- 56 Gloomy, in lit.
- 60 Friend in war
- 62 Very small amount
- 63 Resting on
- 65 Nile viper
- 66 Workout unit

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# Older Americans Month: ‘Lives Well Lived’ discussion planned

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

May is Older Americans Month, and Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is encouraging community participation in an upcoming virtual live event with the director of the film “Lives Well Lived.”

The event is presented by the Denver Public Library and Changing the Narrative, a Colorado-based nonprofit.

ASI is encouraging community participation in this timely film and conversation about the lives

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of older adults.

“Lives Well Lived celebrates the incredible wit, wisdom and experiences of adults aged 75 to 100 years old. Through their intimate memories and inspiring personal histories, encompassing over 3000

years of experience, forty people share their secrets and insights to living a meaningful life. These men and women open the vault on their journey into old age through family histories, personal triumph and tragedies, loves and losses — seeing the best and worst of humanity along the way. Their stories will make you laugh, perhaps cry, but mostly inspire you,” a description states.

Here’s how it works:

1. Register to access the film online and then stream “Lives Well Lived.” Note that the film will not be shown at the event. You will have access to watch the film on your own until May 24.

You will get a link to the film after you register.

2. Join the live virtual Q-and-A with director Sky Bergman on Wednesday, May 24, at noon.

To register, visit [https://actionnetwork.org/events/lives-well-lived-film-screening?source=direct\\_linkand](https://actionnetwork.org/events/lives-well-lived-film-screening?source=direct_linkand).

To join the live Q-and-A on Zoom: You will receive instructions by email after you register and

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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 ruddy duck.

With its oversized, stiff tail sticking straight up, this small duck can be readily identified on the water. In breeding plumage, the colorful male’s bright white cheek patch, sky blue bill and chestnut-colored body stand out. The female, brown overall, has the same short-necked, compact profile and large, scoop-shaped bill.

During the day, when not motoring across the water, tightly grouped flocks may sleep with heads tucked and look like grayish or chestnut saucers floating on the surface.

This is another duck nearly helpless on land but skilled at diving, using its large feet to propel itself through the water. Feeding on aquatic insects and other invertebrates, ruddy ducks dive to the bottom of a lake or pond to scoop up a mouthful of mud. Projections inside their large bills allow them to filter out and eat prey, and discard the rest. They also feed on a variety of aquatic plants and their seeds.

Unlike most ducks, ruddy ducks do not form pairs until after arriving on the breeding grounds. The male’s courtship display involves rapidly striking his bill against his inflated neck which forms bubbles in the water and ends in a call described as “belch-like.” Female ruddies apparently find it appealing.

Relative to their small size, females lay the largest eggs of all ducks. They are not fussy where they leave them, depositing them also in the nests of other ruddies and unrelated duck species. The large egg size results in hatchlings that are well-developed and require little care.

Although the ruddy duck breeding range does extend into Colorado, it is estimated that over 85 percent breed in the prairie pothole region of south-central Canada and north-central United States. These depressions, created when ice-age glaciers receded, are now important wetland areas that fill with snowmelt and rain in the spring. According to Ducks Unlimited, this region is the “most important habitat for breeding waterfowl in the world.”

For information on events, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](https://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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also in a reminder email 24 hours before the May 24 event.

## Remembering When: Safety series

On Monday, May 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 Pagosa Senior Center.

All adults from the area are welcome to attend. Older adults are at high risk of fire and falls. The RememberingWhen program, developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 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.

## Rock painting with local artist May 16

Join local artist Becky Crowe on Tuesday, May 16, at 1:15 p.m. for a free rock art session.

We have gathered a variety of rocks of different sizes for your painting pleasure. Stop by the dining hall and either bring your own rock or select from our collection. We will provide the paint and rocks, and you bring your own inspiration to create a colorful rock to place in your garden or to use as a paperweight. This activity is free and open to all ages.

## 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 Pagosa Senior Center in the dining hall, snacks will be provided.

## 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>.

## 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 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](mailto: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

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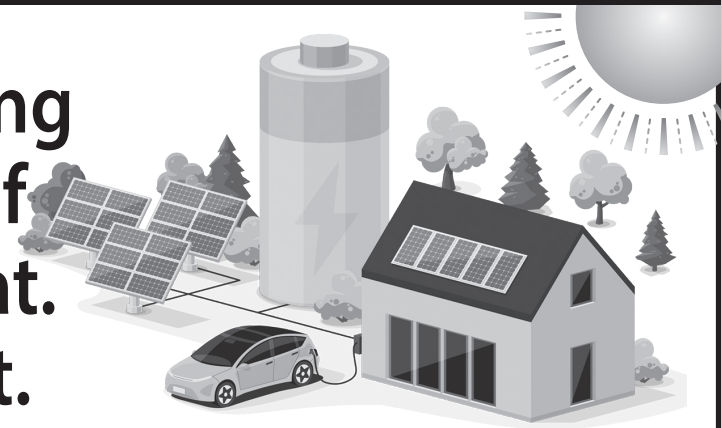
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# Learning Express Library an excellent free online resource

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Here's a reminder about our free Learning Express Library online resource: It is a great tool for learning a wide range of subjects or preparing for a variety of exams like the GED.

The Learning Express Library helps you prepare for job and career opportunities, GED, and military and college entrance exams. Elementary, middle school and high school diagnostic testing is also available. Test preparation, instant scoring and self-paced



courses are available. Its offerings include dedicated sections on student learning centers, GED preparation, job search and workplace skills, jobs and careers, skill building for adults, U.S. citizenship and recursos para Hispanohablantes. To access this valuable resource,

go to your library's website at <https://pagosalibrary.org>. Click on the Online Resources Box on the top banner. Scroll down to Learning Express Library (the various online resources are listed alphabetically).

First-time users should then click on the "Register" button to establish a user name (your library barcode) and password of your choice (not your library PIN). Returning users can log in using their barcode and established password.

Please feel free to ask anyone on the library staff if you need help.

## Special fundraising event this Saturday

A reminder that true crime and fiction author Ron Franscell will join us to raise funds for your library's building and expansion campaign this Saturday, May 13.

From 9 to 11 a.m., he'll lead a writer's workshop at your library. The cost is \$25 and it is limited to 20 seats.

From 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., he'll host a free gathering for book clubs and other readers at the library to discuss his psychological thriller "Deaf Row."

From 6 to 8:30 p.m., he'll be at the Tennyson Building Event Center at 197 Navajo Trail Drive for a special fireside chat interview with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Seating is limited.

If you attend both the writer's workshop and fireside chat interview, you are eligible for a discounted price of \$55 per person. Tickets are available at your library or at [pagosalibrary.org](http://pagosalibrary.org).

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## Senior

■ continued from previous page 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-cafeacute.html>. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

## 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.

## 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, May 11 — Chicken dijon, glazed carrots, peas and pearl onions, garden salad, fruit, milk and roll.

Friday, May 12 — Mushroom and cheese crepes, tomato/zucchini/squash medley, garden salad, fruit, dinner roll, chocolate cake and milk.

Monday, May 15 — Pork tenderloin with harvest chutney sauce, roasted herb potatoes, green salad, fruit, blueberry cake and milk.

Tuesday May 16 — Vegetable

lasagna with white sauce, broccoli Romanesco, garlic bread, garden salad and milk.

Wednesday, May 17 — Curry chicken with pineapple and peppers, jasmine rice, garden salad, fruit, chai pudding and milk.

Thursday, May 18 — Cod piccata, sweet potatoes, garden salad, fruit, banana bread pudding and milk.

Friday, May 19 — Teriyaki beef and peppers, coconut rice, mango black bean salad, garden salad, fruit, macaroons and milk.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10 also. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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# Library

## ■ continued from previous page Knowledge Bowl

Our free middle school Knowledge Bowl takes place today, Thursday, May 11, from 4 to 5 p.m. for tweens and teens. Participants form teams of up to six people to compete against each other by answering questions that cover a range of topics from math to spelling to pop culture.

Knowledge Bowl runs every second and fourth Thursday for the remainder of the school year. It is open to students in grades four to eight, or ages 11-14. No registration is required.

## New writers support group

On Thursdays including today, May 11, from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writer's Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

## Lifelong Learning today

Our free spring Lifelong Learning lectures from 6 to 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays continue with two more in May.

Today, 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 they offer to our community and telling us about North American monsoon formation and its impact on our local mountains.

## Online author talk

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.

Saturday, May 20, at noon will feature Courtney Summers, Canadian award-winning author of "Sadie" and other novels for young adults.

## Art for kids tomorrow

Mini Monets (renamed from Little Picassos) from 10 to 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 12, for artists aged 1 to 4 uses art to teach literacy skills. Participants should come ready to get messy. All materials are safe and nontoxic.

## Legal clinic tomorrow

This month's legal clinic on civil issues is by appointment tomorrow, Friday, May 12, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney. To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month, send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic" with your first name and phone number to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org), or phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library.

## PAWS to Read tomorrow

Friday, May 12, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Muppet, a therapy dog who loves stories, at a free PAWS to Read session.

## Powerhouse fun

## tomorrow

Students in the fourth through eighth grade will enjoy hands-on STEAM projects tomorrow, Friday, May 12, from 3 to 4 p.m. examining animal adaptations and structures through dissection.

## All-ages chess Saturday

Learn how to play chess with free quick lessons and game time Saturday, May 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the free LEGO Club. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

## Adult knitting Saturday

Join other new and experienced knitters this Saturday, May 13, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

## Beginner computer class

Join us from 1 to 2 p.m. on May 15 for the fifth session and May 17 for the sixth in a free beginner computer class Mondays and Wednesdays for 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.

## High school academic help

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program for high school students happens Monday, May 15, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to provide extra support, study time and homework assistance.

## Music fun

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 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).

## Adult DIY

At the free adult DIY next Tuesday, May 16, from 1 to 3 p.m., you can pinch pot pottery with ceramic artist Miranda. All supplies will be provided.

## Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, May 16, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No minimum skill level is needed.

## 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.

## Therapy dog visit

Next Wednesday, May 17, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., you are invited to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. Visits are limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say “Hi.” This is an all-ages activity.

## Game Master Playground

Teens are invited to a free rebranded online Game Master (GM) Playground Dungeons and Dragons program next Thursday, May 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. 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.

## Homework and tutoring help

Free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for students 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.

## 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 25.

## Activities calendar available

To be sure you don’t miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, pick up a copy of the events calendar each month.

## Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

## DVD documentaries

“Can Psychedelics Cure?” is a PBS Nova program. “World’s Greatest Engineering Icons” features 15 buildings. “Ruthless: Monopoly’s Secret History” reveals this classic game’s infamous history. “Ending HIV in America” is a PBS Nova documentary. “The Letter: A Message for our Earth” tells the story of Pope Francis’ call to care for our planet. “The National Parks: America’s Best Idea” is a six-part series by Ken Burns.

## Large print

“Storm Watch” by C.J. Box is a Joe Pickett adventure. “A Song for the Dark Times” by Ian Rankin is an Inspector Rebus mystery. “So Shall You Reap” by Donna Leon is a Commissario Guido mystery. “Collateral Damage” by J.A. Jance is an Ali Reynolds mystery. “Bozeman Paymaster” by Robert Lee Murphy tells of the Fetterman massacre, the Army’s worst defeat in the hands of Indians until Custer’s Last Stand. “Too Proud to Run” by Brett Cobburn is a Morgan Clyde western. “Hiss & Tell” by Rita Mae is a Mrs.

Murphy mystery featuring two feline sidekicks.

## Donations

We are grateful to Medora Bass and Joanne Ferko for their materials donations. When we are open, material donations are accepted for the Friends of the Library at the front desk — not through the outside returns slot at the library or the drop box at City Market, please.

The Friends take fiction published in 2013 or newer and nonfiction from 2018 or newer. Limited workroom space means we can only accept one or two small boxes at a time.

## Quotable quote

“Don’t count the days. Make the days count.” — Mohammed Ali (1942-2016), often regarded as the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time.

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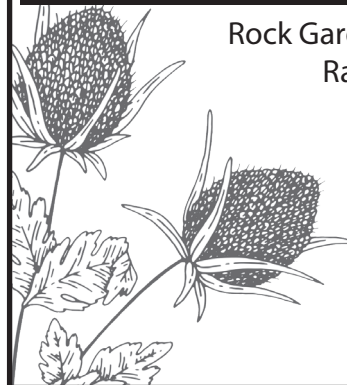
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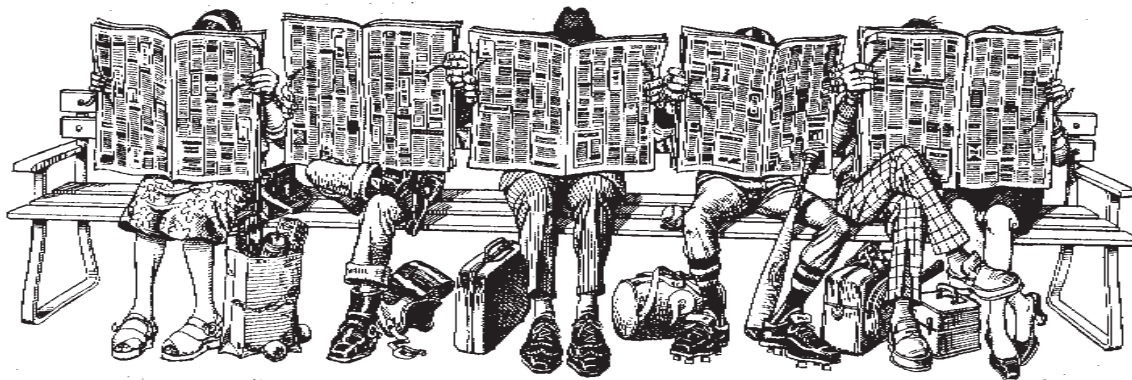
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Old growth ponderosa pine on public land that would be transferred to private ownership in proposed Valle Seco land trade.

## Opinion: Land exchanges serve the wealthy

By Erica Rosenberg  
PREVIEW Columnist

In 2017, the public lost 1,470 acres of wilderness-quality land at the base of Mount Sopris near Aspen, Colo.

For decades, people had hiked and hunted on the Sopris land, yet the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) handed it over to Leslie Wexner, former CEO of Victoria's Secret and other corporations, at his request. The so-called "equivalent terrain" he offered in return was no match for access to trails at the base of the 13,000-foot mountain.

This ill-considered trade reveals how land management agencies pander to wealthy interests, do not properly value public land and restrict opportunities for public

### Writers on the Range

involvement. It's an ongoing scandal in Colorado that receives little attention.

Since 2000, the BLM and the Forest Service have proposed more than 150 land exchanges in Colorado. Last year alone, the agencies proposed to trade more than 4,500 acres of public lands, worth over \$9 million, in three major Colorado land exchanges.

Land to be traded away includes precious riverfront, lands recommended for Wild and Scenic River

designation, and hundreds of acres of prime hunting and recreation territory.

Public land exchanges can be a useful tool. Federal agencies use them to consolidate land holdings, improve public access, reduce management costs and protect watersheds.

By law, the trades must serve the public interest and the land exchanged must be of equal value. The agencies are supposed to analyze, disclose and mitigate the impacts of relinquishing public lands in exchanges, and also solicit public input on whether a trade makes sense.

But, here in Colorado — and elsewhere around the country — this management tool has been usurped by powerful players who

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# Oral health and Alzheimer's disease and dementia

By Jim Herlihy  
Alzheimer's Association

Researchers have acknowledged for decades the connection between a healthy body and a healthy mind. Recent research is extending that link to draw a connection between oral health and Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

To that end, the Alzheimer's Association is conducting the two-year U.S. Pointer study to look closely at the impact that lifestyle interventions (including physical activity, nutrition, health coaching and intellectual engagement) can have on the risk for cognitive decline among older adults.

While the links between oral health and dementia are less clear, researchers are learning more about the issue, both in terms of reducing our risk for the onset of dementia as well as important dental care steps for those who are already in the early stages of the disease.

## Research

The mouth is home to about 700 species of bacteria, including those that can cause gum disease (gingivitis), which affects up to 90 percent of the population at any one time. If a person has gum tissues that are red, instead of pink, and are prone to bleeding when flossing, odds are they are at high risk of having gingivitis. The good news is for most people, proper dental hygiene can reverse gingivitis. The research around a link between chronic systemic disease and gingivitis is less clear.

Dental health experts at Delta Dental of Colorado note that the more serious issue is periodontitis, or periodontal disease. This condition affects up to half of all adults.

A recent analysis led by National Institute on Aging (NIA) scientists suggests that the bacteria associated with periodontal disease that causes the chronic inflammation are also associated with the development of Alzheimer's disease

and related dementias, especially vascular dementia. The results were reported in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease.

Periodontitis can be characterized by bad biofilm, bad bacteria, attachment loss (when the ligament that connects the soft tissue to the bone that supports the teeth starts to degrade), increased pocket depths (think of that little probe that dentists poke you with and call out measurements), inflammation and bone loss. Bacteria and the inflammation cascade that they cause can travel through the bloodstream to the brain. Previous lab studies have suggested that this is one mechanism influencing the cascade of events that leads to dementia, but large studies with people have not been conducted to confirm this relationship.

The NIA Intramural Research Program team used nationally representative, publicly available data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, a large population study performed

by the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. The team used restricted data linkages with Medicare records and the National Death Index to examine whether the bacteria associated with periodontal infections were linked to dementia diagnoses and deaths. The team compared different age groups at baseline, with up to 26 years of follow-up, for more than 6,000 participants.

The analysis revealed that older adults with signs of periodontitis at baseline were more likely to develop Alzheimer's during the study period. A long-term follow-up for this study is needed because the findings suggest that chronic oral inflammation preceded the diagnosis of dementia. It is important to keep in mind that population studies can show association but not causality.

## Taking the initiative on oral health

Gum disease (gingivitis) has been linked to a higher risk of heart disease, but a recent study (published Jan. 23, 2019, in Science Advances) says that the bacteria that cause gingivitis also may be connected to Alzheimer's disease.

Scientists have found that this species of bacteria, called Porphyromonas gingivalis, can move from the mouth to the brain. Once in the brain, the bacteria release enzymes called gingipains that can destroy nerve cells, which in turn can lead to memory loss and eventually Alzheimer's.

In this study, researchers looked

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aim to turn valuable public lands into private playgrounds.

Often, the deals proposed sound good in terms of acreage. In the Valle Seco Exchange, for example, the San Juan National Forest in southern Colorado would trade 380 acres for 880 acres of prime game-wintering habitat. But the trade mostly benefits the landowners pushing the exchange.

Public lands for trade in the Valle Seco Exchange include river access, corridors considered for Wild and Scenic River designation, wetlands, sensitive species habitat and significant cultural sites.

Alarming, the Valle Seco Exchange also includes more than 175 acres of a Colorado Roadless Area, a designation meant to block development of high-quality land. The exchange would allow a neighboring landowner to consolidate those 380 acres with his 3,000-plus acre ranch, opening the door to development.

The Valle Seco exchange follows a long-standing pattern. "Exchange facilitators," people familiar with the land-acquisition wish lists of agencies, help private landowners buy lands the agencies want. The landowners then threaten to manage and develop those lands in ways that undermine their integrity.

The Valle Seco proponents did this by closing formerly open gates and threatening to fence the 880 acres for a domestic elk farm and hunting lodge. This is blackmail on the range.

While catering to these private interests, the agencies suppress

public scrutiny by refusing to share land appraisals and other documents with the public until after the public process has closed — or too late in the process to make it meaningful.

The proponents and their consultants have ready access to these documents, yet the public, which owns the land, does not. In Valle Seco, appraisals were completed in August 2020, but they weren't released to the public until December 2021, just a few weeks before the scheduled decision date for the exchange. Advocates managed to pry the appraisals out of the agency only after submitting multiple Freedom of Information Act requests and taking legal action.

In another deal, the Blue Valley Exchange, the BLM also withheld drafts of the management agreements until just before releasing the final decision. This is hardly an

open and fair public process.

The federal government presents what are, in effect, done deals. Development plans and appraisals are undisclosed and comment periods hindered. By prioritizing the proponents' desires over public interests and process, the land management agencies abdicate their responsibilities.

The result is that too many land trades are nothing less than a betrayal of the public trust as the public loses access to its land as well as the land itself.

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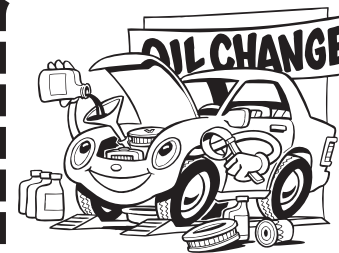
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 for evidence of this process in human brains. They examined the brains of 53 deceased people who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and found high levels of gingipain in almost all of them. They also noted that the amount of gingipain tended to rise over time, which suggests there may be a tipping point when dementia symptoms first begin.

The next step is to see if a drug can block these harmful bacterial enzymes and possibly stop Alzheimer's from developing or at least slow its progression. Until then, all patients can do their part in fighting gingivitis with strong oral health habits that include daily flossing, brushing twice a day and staying current on regular dental checkups.

## Prioritizing oral health after a dementia diagnosis

In the early stages of Alzheimer's, dental care focuses on prevention. Getting checkups and cleaning and flossing teeth regularly can prevent the need for extensive procedures later on, when the person with dementia may be less able to tolerate them.

During the middle and late stages of Alzheimer's, oral health may become more challenging. The person may forget what to do with toothpaste or how to rinse, and may be resistant to assistance from others. Following are some brushing tips:

- Provide short, simple instructions. Explain dental care by breaking directions into steps. "Brush your teeth" by itself may be too vague. Instead, walk the person through the process. Say: "Hold your toothbrush." "Put paste on the brush." Then, "Brush your teeth."
- Use a "watch me" technique. Hold a toothbrush and show the person how to brush his or her teeth. Or, put your hand over the person's hand, gently guiding the brush. If the person seems agitated or uncooperative, postpone brushing until later in the day.

- Keep the teeth and mouth clean. Very gently brush the person's teeth, gums, tongue and roof of the mouth at least twice a day, with the last brushing after the evening meal and any nighttime liquid medication. Allow plenty of time and find a comfortable position if you must do the brushing yourself. Gently place the toothbrush in the person's mouth at a 45-degree angle so you massage gum tissue as you clean the teeth.

If the person wears dentures, rinse them with plain water after meals and brush them daily to remove food particles. Each night, remove them and soak in a water or an approved cleanser. Then, use a soft toothbrush or moistened gauze pad to clean the gums, tongue and other soft mouth tissues.

- Use a brush with soft bristles, but experiment with different styles, such as a long-handled or angled brush if you find it easier to use than a standard toothbrush. Be aware that electric dental appliances may confuse a person with Alzheimer's, although a sonic or rotary toothbrush can be helpful if the person is willing.

- Floss regularly. Most dentists recommend flossing daily. If using floss is distressing to the person with Alzheimer's, try using a "proxabrush" to clean between teeth instead. When caring for a loved one in advanced stages, take care to monitor use of proxabrushes and toothpicks. Dentists also recommend "Stim-U-Dents" (triangular-shaped toothpicks).

- Sometimes high-dose prescription fluoride toothpastes may be helpful too.
- For those who can, rinse with full-strength Listerine for 30-60 seconds. This can help keep gingivitis risk lower, but watch to ensure they don't swallow it. Some medications may dry the mouth out and Listerine-type rinses may exacerbate that issue.

- Be aware of potential mouth pain. Investigate any signs of mouth discomfort during meal-

time. Refusing to eat or strained facial expressions while eating may indicate mouth pain or dentures that don't fit properly.

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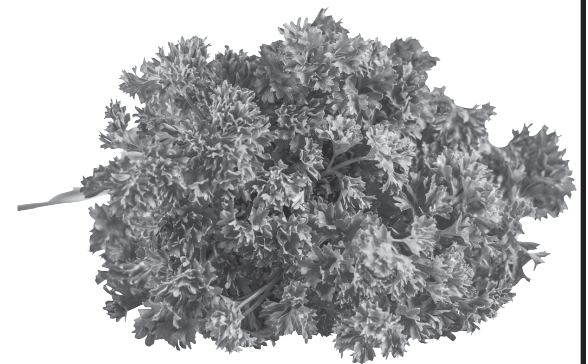


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## Parsley

Parsley has maintained its popularity as a garnish since earliest times. It was used medicinally for bladder and kidney stones, and disorders of the urinary system. It is very rich in vitamins A and C which are recognized as nutrients which help prevent cancer, and the high chlorophyll content of the leaves makes it an excellent treatment for cancer itself. It is said to contain a substance in which cancerous cells cannot multiply. It also contains Psoralen, a chemical which shows promise in the treatment of a form of cancer called cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma. It contains 22,500 units of vitamin A per ounce, while carrots have 1,275 units per ounce. It has 4 times as much vitamin C as an equal weight of oranges. Its iron content is 5 times as much as spinach. Parsley tea has been used with very good effects for urinary and prostate problems, as well as problems of the gall bladder, liver, spleen, and high blood pressure. Parsley inhibits the secretion of histamine; hence, its antihistamine action may help those with fever. (Divine Prescription, page 152).



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# The most popular teas from around the world

Special to The PREVIEW

An ancient drink with a rich history, tea is one of the most widely consumed beverages around the world. According to legend, the mythological Chinese ruler Shen-nong discovered tea by accident when the leaves of a nearby plant fell into water he had boiled.

Thanks to the nutritional benefits of tea, including its antioxidant properties, which may help strengthen the immune system,

tea has been consumed for millennia. It's become an integral component of cultural rituals and is as beloved for its taste as its medicinal properties. Tea is now a \$10 billion industry in the United States and a \$38.8 billion industry worldwide.

While there are many different types of tea, they all stem from five basic classifications: black, green, white, oolong and pu'erh. The variety depends on how the leaves

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# The chief fun officer

By Michael J. Marx  
PREVIEW Columnist

My name is Nugget and I'm a sled dog.

Ah, there Timber goes again. He's on his back and Brooklyn has him by his thick, furry neck and is shaking him violently. Of course, this looks to me like he is about to die.

I can't watch. His legs go limp. Wait; he just jumped up, ran around, and came back for more. Jeez. I wish he were that enthusiastic about pulling a sled.

Timber and Brooklyn are Siberian huskies. Unlike us Alaskan huskies, they enjoy playing more than working. Mostly he keeps pace with the team yet doesn't pull all that much on the tug line. He doesn't pull his own weight, so to speak. Yet as a people pleaser, he takes the cake (or the cookie). So, we call Timber the CFO — the chief fun officer. When the guests come for a sled ride, he really likes to meet and greet them. He instinctively knows how to make folks happy.

Once a little girl who wasn't sure about getting in the sled basket for a ride started screaming. Timber pranced up to her and stole her mittens. He ran around with them.

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She ran after him laughing and squealing. By the time she got her gloves back, she was happy to ride. Atta boy.

Paws to consider:

Who helps you lighten up and smile?

Can you play with kids?

Can you lie on your back and let people rub your tummy?

Can you see only the goodness in others?

How can you make someone else happy today?

About Nugget: Nugget is a white-furred Alaskan husky with one bent ear. She loves to pull with her sister, Poke. They were named after a gold-mining theme. She has run in the Alaskan interior, the Herbert Glacier and now the San Juan Mountains of Colorado.

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## Teas

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are treated after picking, according to Fresh Tea, a tea information organization.

The following is a look at some of the popular varieties of tea:

- Darjeeling: This is a black tea that has a light, nutty taste and a floral smell. It is lighter than other types of black teas.

- Earl Grey: Another black tea, Earl Grey gets its flavor from the addition of bergamot, which is an orange extract.

- Oolong: Some of the more popular varieties of oolong include Da Hong Pao, Dong Ding, Tieguan-yin, Baozhong and Jin Xua. Oolong is semi-oxidized, so it falls between green and black teas regarding its strength of flavor.

- Silver needle tea: This is the most expensive white tea around the world. It has been a favorite among various Chinese dynasties.

- Assam: While many teas hail from China, assam is a black tea that originates from Assam, India. It has a full-bodied flavor and brisk taste.

- English breakfast tea: This is a traditional blend of black teas originating from Assam, Ceylon and Kenya. It has a relatively high caffeine content, so it's energizing and robust.

- Masala chai: Chai is the

Hindi word for tea. Masala chai recipes differ, but generally speaking the tea is made from an assam or another black tea mixed with cinnamon, star anise, cardamom, cloves, fennel, ginger and peppercorn. The tea is blended with milk to make a creamy, spicy brew.

- Matcha: This is a traditional Japanese green tea powder made by grinding up green tea leaves. The flavor is stronger than other green tea brews because the powder is mixed into the water, rather than being steeped.

- Bubble tea: Bubble tea originated in Taiwan. It is made from either black tea or matcha mixed with milk and tapioca balls and served over ice.

- Pu'erh: A unique type of fermented black tea that's traditionally made in the Yunnan Province of China. Pu'erh can be left to age, helping the flavor to mellow.

Tea is consumed daily around the world. Tea aficionados can try the scores of teas available to find their favorite.

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# When revival comes

By Richard Gammill  
PREVIEW Columnist

Something powerful just happened in the small town of Wilmore, Ky. Something which for thousands of people proved to be more transformative than anything that happens in Washington, D.C. It was something that will leave its mark on our country for years to come.

It began on Feb. 8 following a required Wednesday morning chapel service at Asbury University that ended with the speaker texting his wife that he had totally “whiffed” his message. Only it hadn’t ended; after a concluding song by a gospel trio, several students stayed to pray. They gathered in small clusters around the auditorium and kept praying. Other students looked in and with a sense of what was happening, raced around the campus, bursting into classrooms shouting, “Revival is happening!” The auditorium began filling with students.

The spontaneous prayer service continued through the afternoon and into the late evening. Remembering the revival that came to Asbury in February 1970, the administrators had to make some decisions. They decided to have ministers stay in Hughes Auditorium and have security watch the building but keep it open and the sound system on. They would let the students stay and pray, testify, bring their guitars and sing as long as they wanted. That turned out to be the first of many such decisions they had to make over the next two weeks.

What happened next was reported online by the student newspaper: “During a call of confession, at least a hundred people fell to their knees and bowed at the altar. Hands rested on shoulders, linking individual people together to represent the Body of Christ truly. Cries

## A Matter of Faith

of addiction, pride, fear, anger and bitterness sounded, each followed by a life-changing proclamation: ‘Christ forgives you.’ Friends from other states started texting the editor, asking her what was happening and why. She told them she didn’t know, but God still moves.

A crowd of 3,000 gathered on the Asbury campus by Friday evening while word of the revival spread via social media brought thousands more. Fox News and other outlets carried the story. Wilmore (population 6,000) was overwhelmed as an estimated 20,000 people came from across the country and other parts of the world to experience what God was doing. Two large screens were set up on the campus to show what was happening in the chapel, where young adults were given priority of admission. The revival spread to other college campuses. Livestreaming took the sessions across the country. Finally, on Thursday, Feb. 23, after 400 hours of nonstop worship and praise, the administration announced the services would continue off campus across the country.

A similar movement came to Asbury in February 1970. As it did this time, it came quietly, focusing on spiritual awakening, prayer, praise to Jesus, confession, repentance and changed lives. Instead of Internet and social media, teams of Asbury students went to campus communities across the country, bringing reports of changed lives and spiritual renewal. One of those

communities was Palo Alto, Calif., home of Stanford University, where the response gave birth to the Jesus Movement. The radical nature of the “Jesus freaks” shook up the believers in the local Christian community.

This writer moved to Palo Alto in 1992 to pastor a small church a mile up the road from Peninsula Bible Church which, with its Pastor Ray Stedman, was closely identified with the Jesus Movement. During my time in this highly educated city, I met many Christians who made their commitment to Jesus Christ during the afterglow of the Asbury revival of 1970.

Followers of Jesus in Wilmore and nearby Lexington, Ky., have prayed for years: “Do it again, Lord; do it again.” The next weeks and months will reveal the extent to which God is answering those prayers.

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**YARD SALE SATURDAY 5/13, 9a.m.** 311 E. Golf Place.

**ESTATE SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**, May 12 and 13, 8a.m. sharp. Tables, beds, dressers, lamps, cookie jar collection, outdoor furniture, tools, rugs, gardening supplies, tons of kitchen items and much more. Hwy. 160 west, right on Trails Blvd., left on Ranger Park Dr., left on Gila Dr., house #53. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

**MOVING SALE- SATURDAY 5/13, 8a.m.** 411 Pines Dr. Furniture, household, women's clothing, sporting and fishing items. 15 ft. "Fish N Sport" Pontoon with Shoreland'r trailer, electric motor, 2 batteries. Perfect for the lakes. Asking \$5,500.

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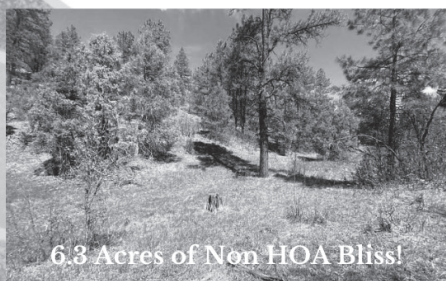


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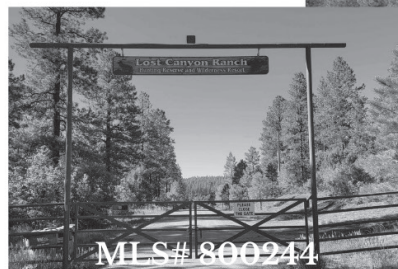
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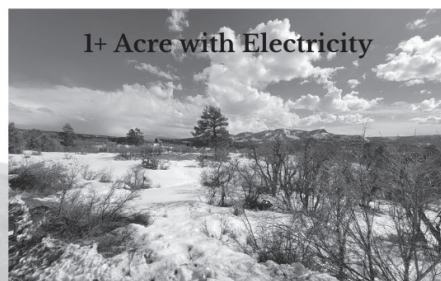
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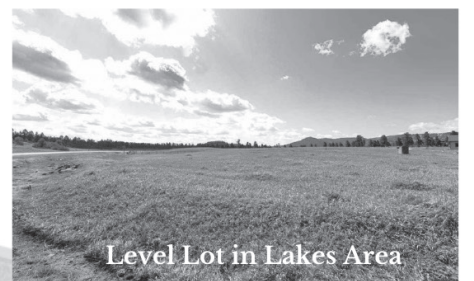
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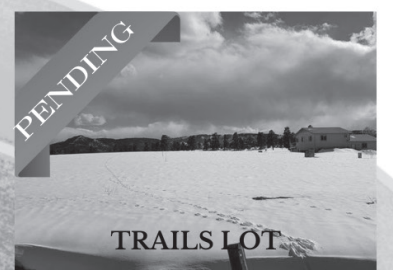
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