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# Victim of Echo Lake incident identified

**By Randi Pierce** Staff Writer

The victim in the May 9 incident at Echo Lake has been identified as Antony Andrew Jaramillo, 29.

Responders recovered Jaramillo's body from Echo Lake Tuesday evening, May 9, after he was reported missing in the water.

Coroner Brad Hunt identified Jaramillo as "semilocal."

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 [known] position of person in the water with the help of bystanders" 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 protec-

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# On to State!



Photo courtesy Connie O'Donnell

Eight Pirate athletes are taking part in the state track and field championships in Lakewood Thursday through Saturday. For more on the athletes, see related article on A10.

# Wilson hired as county's transitional health director

Wilson

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

On May 17, Archuleta County Manager Derek Woodman announced that the county hired Ashley Wilson as the new transitional public health director for the county and that she will begin work in a limited capacity next week.

Wilson currently works as the outreach and evaluation coordinator for Rise Above Violence as well as serving on the volunteer Archuleta County Health Department Transition Advisory Committee (TAC).

According to her biography on the Rise Above Violence website, she holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of California Berkeley.

The biography also notes that Wilson grew up in Pagosa Springs and has two children.

At the May 15 TAC meeting, Woodman indicated that a hiring committee composed of Woodman, the director of the Montezuma County Public Health Department, the director of the Silver Thread Public Health District and Dr. Jon Bruss, an Archuleta County resident who currently serves on the San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Health, interviewed three candi-

dates.

He added that two candidates were close in their rankings by the committee and were both highly qualified.

In an interview with The SUN, Woodman indicated that the qualities that set Wilson apart and made her the committee's choice are her commitment to community and organization.

"It really came down to her relationships in our community and the knowledge about the community and those individuals in that environment and in need of that," Woodman elaborated. "It really

■ See Director A8

# Problems surface with jail sanitation system

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At the May 16 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session, County Manager Derek Woodman updated the commissioners about ongoing septic issues at the Archuleta County Detention Facility.

Woodman explained that the problems appear to be a design or installation issue and that county staff are working to schedule a meeting with Nunn Construction, the contractor for the project, to review the issue.

In an interview with The SUN, Woodman explained that a box-like device installed as part of the sewer outflow for the facility intended to allow the diverse items flushed down toilets by inmates, such as sheets or pillowcases, to settle out and not enter the wastewater system or reach the nearby pump station was either improperly designed or installed and is not accomplishing its purpose.

He added that the items passing through this device caused the failure of one of the pumps in the pump station.

At the work session, Woodman noted that the pump failure was "complete" and the estimate to replace the pump is \$8,000.

He commented that the system needs to be fixed this summer and that it cannot continue operating as it currently is.

Woodman added that the current device is "not right," adding, "Even I, not being a plumber, can look at it and say, 'Well, how's that even supposed to work?' 'Cause it does not."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if the county had gotten a response from Nunn yet.

Woodman stated that he did not have an answer at that point.

Maez commented that the issue is not something that can wait "too long" and recommended that Woodman expedite his current contact efforts and, if no response is forthcoming in a week, involve the county attorney in sending a letter to the company.

Woodman commented that Nunn has been "very responsive so far" but that he was unsure of their exact schedule.

Maez noted that the system could

■ See Jail A8

By Josh Pike

Staff Writer



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Road work will begin today along U.S. 160 west of Pagosa Springs from uptown to the east side of town near the U.S. 84 junction. Motorists should plan for 15-minute delays.

# Road work begins on U.S. 160 west of town

Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin surface treatment work on May 18 along U.S. 160 west of Pagosa Springs from uptown to the east side of town near the U.S. 84 junction.

Motorists should plan for 15-minute delays during construction hours, which will include night-time work. The project has an anticipated completion date at the beginning of October.

The project will improve approximately 9 miles of U.S. 160 from milepost (MP) 135.5, west of Pagosa

Springs near County Road 139 (Boyles School Road), to MP 144.9, by the U.S. 160/U.S. 84 junction.

No work will take place between MP 142.8 and MP 143.9, through downtown Pagosa Springs from South 10th Street to the bridge over the San Juan River.

Work will include milling old asphalt, paving with new asphalt, shouldering, rumble strip installation, guardrail replacement, culvert replacement and final lane striping. Additional work will consist of sign and delineator replacement, conduit instal-

■ See Work A8

# Hall of Fame



Photo courtesy Allison Wylie

On May 13, Pagosa Springs High School wrestling coach Dan Janowsky received the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award from the Colorado chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Janowsky has been head coach at the school since 1990 and has run the Pagosa Springs Wrestle the World Team Camp since 2004.

# Big Spring Clean brings issues and successes

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At its May 9 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard the results of and discussed the problems with the Big Spring Clean event held collaboratively with the Town of Pagosa Springs on May 5 and 6.

According to promotional materials for the event, it was intended to provide residents with an opportunity to discard unwanted items for free at the county landfill, transfer stations and other dumping locations, as well as organizing volunteers to clean roadways in the town and county.

The discussion began with County Manager Derek Woodman highlighting the work of Archuleta County administrative staff, town staff and the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board in contributing to the success of the event.

"They all worked very hard in making this an extremely successful event," Woodman stated,

highlighting that it was the largest Big Spring Clean event so far, expanding from a single day to two days and being done in collaboration with the town.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez highlighted that Road and Bridge crew members had assisted with the event.

Woodman agreed and added that Solid Waste and Road and Bridge staff had come in on their days off to assist with the event.

"Everybody worked very, very diligently and put a lot of effort in," Woodman said.

He then outlined some statistics about the event, including that the landfill had seen 400 transactions over the two days for 126 tons of trash coming into the landfill, which he noted is approximately \$6,300 in lost fees for the county.

Woodman stated that an additional 40 tons of trash was deposited in the roll-off dumpsters in town.

He explained that the county provided four remote locations with roll-off dumpsters for \$2,300 in costs to the county.

Woodman stated that the overtime costs for landfill staff were approximately \$2,000.

He indicated that the transfer station saw 700 customers over the two days and that the county was still counting the amount of electronic waste and appliances deposited, but that there were "hundreds of pieces" at an average of \$25 a piece.

Woodman estimated that this element of the event cost the county approximately \$3,000. He added that the Road and Bridge overtime

costs for manning and moving the dumpsters was approximately \$4,500.

He explained that the county also received three vehicles at the fairgrounds and that the two dumpsters located at the transfer station in Arboles were both full.

Woodman moved to discuss the other components of the event, including lengthy wait times at the landfill and transfer station, and trash being blown out of vehicles or dumped on County Road (CR) 500.

■ See Clean A8

# Search finds no new evidence in death case

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

While autopsy results were still pending as of press time Wednesday, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) recently announced another step in the investigation into the death of Jeremiah Enriquez Villareal.

On April 18, the ACSO and Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) announced that a body was located in Lake Pagosa and positively identified as 22-year-old Villarreal, who

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# Opinion





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# Our View

# A magical place to call home

week and it was our privilege to tour them down the Riverwalk, across the bridge and to the "mother spring" at The Springs Resort.

Crossing the pedestrian bridge near the hot baths along the river, they were in awe of how one person's vision created the scene before us. It didn't take long before one of them starting talking about moving to Pagosa and began texting photos back home to his family.

Pagosa Country truly is a magical place to call home.

It isn't just the beauty of the mountains or the downtown area; it is the whole community coming together that makes us love calling Pagosa our

A staff member commented recently: "We have a community that cares a lot."

Last week, we had law enforcement and authors turning out to help with the library's expansion campaign. Just weeks before, caring local citizens turned out en masse to assist with The Library Affair. There were table decorators, volunteers, sponsors and a whole lot of people who want to help our library's expansion project and give unselfishly to the cause.

This Saturday, May 20, Riff Raff Brewing Company is holding a party with a cause at the Athletic Field at Town Park from noon to 8 p.m. There is free admission, a beer tent and musical performances all day. You can enjoy music by Americana students, Bob Hemenger, Brooks-i and guest, Ben Gibson Duo, RPM and ending the evening, Bo DePeña. There will be a cornhole tournament sponsored by Rise Above Violence that you need to pre-register for at givebutter.com/RiseCornhole. This is Riff Raff's way of supporting Rise Above Violence's

Violence and Sexual Assault. We work to ensure victims rights are exercised and needs met."

Local businesses turn out to support groups in our community in big ways through donations, sponsorships and promotions. Just a few weeks ago, Shelley Low with Exit Realty produced and promoted the Kentucky Derby event in support of the Pagosa Senior Center.

Another successful effort recently was the tremendous community turnout for the Big Spring Clean event. There were hundreds of people who took advantage of this unique opportunity to clean up their properties.

Unfortunately, there were some people who were impatient, even to the point of dumping their trash along the road instead of waiting in a long line for the landfill. There will always be a few bad apples, but we hope they won't deter the event's continuation.

For years, we have driven down our county road to find mattresses and TVs thrown out because some people will never do the right thing. It isn't just during the free cleanup event.

We applaud those volunteers who walked the roadway near the landfill to clean up trash that had blown out of vehicles that had, unfortunately, not been covered with tarps.

Speaking of cleanup efforts, if anyone can help clean up the Rosa Cemetery in Arboles this Saturday, May 20, starting around 8 a.m., we've been told that your help would be greatly appreciated.

The Cemetery Clean-Up Week for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be held May 22 through 26. You can help clean Hilltop Cemetery by removing trash, clippings and broken items. Trash

We had some friends visit town last mission "to assist victims of Domestic and debris can be placed in the nearest roadside ditch for pickup. You can contact Public Works at (970) 264-4151, ext. 400, with questions and to get free trash bags.

When people come together to accomplish efforts like our local cemetery cleanups, that makes us appreciate life in a small town.

Other events happening this weekend give us the opportunity to walk around our community in support of Rise's Mental Health Awareness Walk and Aspire's Walk for Moms.

The Walk for Moms takes place Saturday, May 20, at Yamaguchi Park from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. This event helps keep Aspire's prenatal clinic affordable and provides parenting education and classes for babies and toddlers.

Over at Town Park on Saturday, Rise Above Violence will host the "P.S. It's okay" Mental Health Awareness Walk. Registration opens at 10 a.m. Students in the Youth Rise club are hosting the event, which will include a guest speaker. The goal of the event is for everyone to know that it is OK to not be OK, and it is OK to learn more about it.

Another magical thing about living in Pagosa Springs is celebrating our youth and their accomplishments. On Tuesday, May 23, there will be a reception for the Archuleta School District Art Show in the commons at the Pagosa Springs High School from 4 to 5 p.m.

Pagosa Peak Open School is holding a gallery night on Wednesday, May 24, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

There are a lot of volunteers and activities in our community that really help make it a better, and somewhat magical, place to live and visit.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

# LOOKING BACK



Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN's files of March 17, 1977: NEW CONDOMINIUMS — Construction work is well underway at Eaton's Pagosa. The eight condominiums now under construction are scheduled for completion early this summer. The total number of condominiums at Pagosa will total 45 when these are completed. Practically all of them have been sold and most are occupied.

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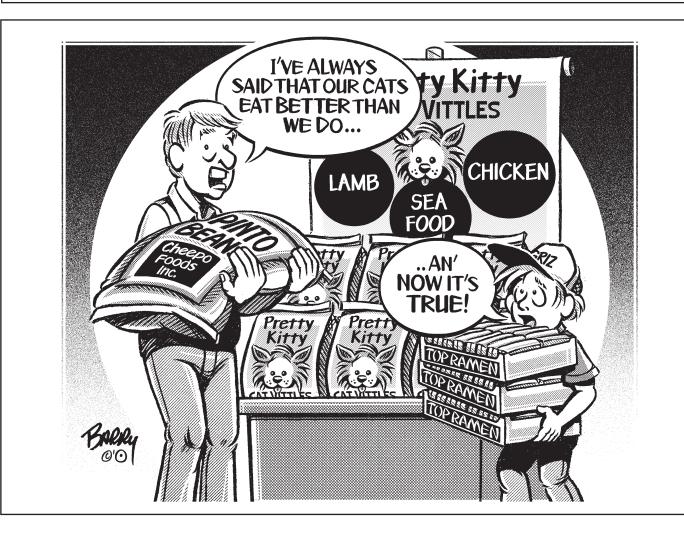
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### **LEGACIES**

By Shari Pierce

# 100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

May 18, 1923

A neat sum has already been donated by the citizens of the county for the work of resurveying and replatting the Hilltop cemetery, but considerable additional funds will be needed to complete the work in first-class shape. Further contributions to the fund should be made to Mrs. Jessie Hayden at the court house or to the Civic Club.

The 1923 graduating class of the Pagosa Springs High School consists of five pupils — three girls and two boys —as follows: Ila Forrest, Zelma Schonefeld, Gladys Sparks, Vernon Cato, and Belarmino Gallegos.

A total of twenty-three pupils throughout the county successfully passed the eighth grade examination, prepared by the state superintendent of public instruction and given on April 19 and 20, and received county diplomas. Those who failed will have an opportunity to again take an examination under County Superintendent M.R. Thomas some time in August.

Gertrude Pargin of the Yellowjacket school holds first place in general average obtained, the same being 95.

# 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

May 21, 1948

Cement mixers churned and carpenters hammered around Pagosa this week as the construction "boom" continued. Work on the Alley Building is progress-

ing next to G.A. Alley's warehouse and the main walls were completed and roof was

Mrs. J.B. Joy is pushing work on their new building next to the courthouse. Excavation has been completed and main walls are virtually in place.

(Last week drillers for a hot water well struck a supply on Mrs. Joy's property and for a time a number of other wells ceased to function. When the new well was capped the others returned to nearnormal operation. But there was considerable fretting during the process.)

At the Liberty Theatre, the marquee is being remodeled and the entire front of the show is being redecorated.

Apartments owned by Lou Martin of the Pagosa Company have been redecorated.

# 50 years ago Taken from SUN files of

May 17, 1973

Building permits in the amount of \$33,840 were issued in town last month. With a large low cost housing project underway and increased home construction, it is anticipated that building permits for nearly one million dollars worth of construction within the town will be issued this year.

Weather has moderated here and no one is objecting. This week, following a snowstorm on Sunday, the weather has turned off nice. Days are pleasant, grass is green, and the temperatures have been warm, but not hot. The San Juan River is up, but not extremely high. Dandelions are blooming like mad, there are a few tourists and construction work seems to be in high gear.

At the regular meeting of the town board on Monday night of this week the board authorized raises for town employees, voted to purchase a tranquilizer gun to be used in dog control, announced a "get-tough" policy on dogs, and on abandoned and burned out buildings.

# 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

May 21, 1998

Members of the Class of 1988 will put on robes and mortarboards Saturday and walk down the aisle at 10 a.m. to receive their diplomas as part of the 88th graduation ceremony at Pagosa Springs High School.

School District 50 Joint Superintendent Terry Alley will welcome those in attendance at the commencement; Jack Ellis, an English teacher at the high school will be the featured speaker.

Honorary addresses will be delivered by valedictorian Brooke Misuraca and salutatorian Angel Preuit.

Scholarship awards will be announced by school counselor Doug Bowen. The Class of 1998 earned 69 scholarship awards, totaling more than \$300,000. The class graduates one student with a perfect 4.0 grade point average; one student with a 3.9 overall average; six students with averages of 3.8 and 27 students with National Honor Society recognition of grade point averages higher than 3.4.



# Letters

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### **DUST2** trails

Dear Editor:

While Dust2 is disappointed in the decision to drop the recreational trails from the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project, we understand the reasons the US Forest Service (USFS) came to that decision. When Dust2 originally approached the USFS about constructing a trail network in the Jackson Mountain area we did it with the best of intentions. Our goal was to create a well planned, sustainable network of trails that could be enjoyed by the entire community and avoid any major conflicts by opening dialogue early in the process.

With that in mind we contracted with the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) to help us initiate a dialog with the stakeholders affected by the trail system as well as planning and designing the trail system. We are very grateful for the support we received from community partners and are excited to have made new connections with other groups that care about the health of our public lands. We are also grateful for the many public comments that supported the trails submitted during the scoping period.

IMBA initially identified more than 60 miles of trail corridor that would be suitable for the system. Both Dust2 and IMBA then worked with stakeholders to alter and remove trail routes to address concerns. This included consultations with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Forest Service where we agreed to scale back mileage and eliminate trails to accommodate the existing elk migration and winter habitat. Trails were altered to avoid monitoring stations that are part of the Adaptive Silviculture for Climate Change study taking place in the area. After Archuleta County added the gravel pit to the proposal, we agreed to eliminate trails in the case that the USFS included the pit in the final plan. Those concessions left us with about 40 miles of trail that we presented during the public comment period.

Unfortunately during the scoping process we ran into a number of further obstacles that reduced the trails to around 10 miles. With external organizations threatening a protracted battle over even the small amount of remaining trails, we made the painful decision to support the withdrawal of the proposed trail system entirely from the Jackson Mountain Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project (CFLRP).

While we are very disappointed by the outcome of this lengthy effort, we appreciate the process and the input from so many local stakeholders. We know that the recent decision about the Jackson

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project is part of a larger discussion around public land use and believe that local planning and engagement is critically important to successful projects. Each community has its own specific needs and local partners should have the power to collaborate to actively shape the landscape they live in. We have learned a lot as an organization and are better prepared to work with our local partners to propose a better

trail system in the future.

In the public comments we heard a strong desire for a trail network with a variety of diffculty levels, more elevation, connectivity, and scenic splendor that were all part of the proposed system at Jackson Mountain. Dust2 believes we can find a location for that trail system that also addresses the concerns raised around Jackson. We are excited to continue to work with community partners to make those trails a reality.

**DUST2** Board of Directors

### 'Exercise your rights to protest'

On May 1, 2023, Archuleta County real property owners were mailed the 2023 Notice of Valuation, based on sales from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. The Actual Value reflects what the Assessor believes you could have sold your property on June 30, 2022.

I don't believe my property could have sold for the value the Assessor assigned. So I went to the property records research page on the Assessor's website to... well... research.

I noticed my Notice of Valuation did not show the value of land, and the value of improvements, that, added together, equal the Actual Value. This is different from previous years. Why did they omit the breakout of land and improvements? This makes it more difficult and time-consuming for me, the property owner, to protest/appeal the Assessor's assigned Actual Value.

I asked Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott why the Actual Value did not break out the land and improvements value, as in previous years. Her response: "Because it is a total value even though we value separately to get a total value."

I forged on. Part of the Assessor's instructions to research my property value is to look at "Other Sales". I looked at "Other Sales", a list of comparable sales for my property. I discovered 34 comparable sales. They were located all over the Pagosa map - Pagosa Lakes, The Ranch, Meadows, San Juan River Village, Loma Linda, Holiday Acres, to name a few. The only similarity was a Dlog cabin. I have a D-log cabin on

Remember, the Assessor did not publish how much of the value is land, and how much is improvements. One of the comps for my property is a D-log on 38 acres. One comp is a D-log hotel. Seriously. Upon talking with an Appraiser, I have been told that he will send me the land and improvement breakouts for comparable "Other Sales". He already gave me the breakout for my property. I need this information to intelligently protest my Assessorassigned Actual value.

Highlighted in yellow, on the Archuleta County Assessor website, property records research page:

The data on this website is provided 'as is' without warranty of accuracy, timeliness, or completeness. Archuleta County makes nor warranties of merchantability or fitness. If you feel any of the data is incorrect, please contact our office at 970-264-8310. As a note: all measurements are made from the exterior."

If you are a property owner, the question you should ask yourself is, do you believe you could have sold your property for the Assessor's valuation on June 30, 2022? If yes, rest in peace. If no, please exercise your rights to protest the Assessor's value by completing the protest form on the bottom of the Valuation Notice by June 8.

One last thought. Per the Lee Riley Report posted July 11, 2022, as interest rates went up, the values and sales volume went down significantly from March 2022 to June 30, 2022. Cynda Green

### 'File your protest'

To raise my valuation by nearly 80% over 12 months is an outrage. There is no scenario where that is even remotely possible. It seems like the county has decided it needs more revenue and the easiest way is to unfairly raise property values in order to collect higher taxes rather than explore other sources of rev-

enue. While it is expected that property values will increase over time, a more appropriate appreciation is 4 to 7% per year, not 80.. Even with a real estate market here that is indeed growing at a faster than normal rate due to abnormal outside factors, to expect that growth to continue at this kind of rate is a false premise and when growth slows or stops, and it will, we will be left with inflated values that cannot be sustained and the county will be forced to lower valuations accordingly thus erasing any gains made today. That could lead to future budget shortfalls that could be devastating.

The major influence in this real estate market that is growing at a higher than normal rate is the influx of properties being built, or being turned, into short term rentals and second homes. These properties are creating a false rate of growth that will inevitably reverse itself and leave the county with zero additional or negative revenue from property taxes. Rather than force full time, owner occupied properties to subsidize that section of the market, there should be sufficient STR fees and tax rates to compensate for this unacceptably high rate of increase in property valuations.

My property was appraised in March 2022 and came in at around 25% less than the current county valuation.. While I consider that to actually be rather high for the market at that time, about 30%, it was a sign that there has been a higher than normal growth rate. Now, according to several local real estate professionals, there is an expected down turn in the market and they anticipate a large number of properties to come up for sale in the coming 3-5 months. This will create an effective decrease in market values and will therefore make the current valuations highly inaccurate and unfair. I expect that the market value of my property might even drop below the March 2022 appraised value.

Generally speaking, the county assessed value of a property is almost always less than the market value. Under that scenario, my property should have a market value higher than the stated [assessed] value. Given that I have a 2022 appraisal and that the county valuation has historically been around 15-20% less than market value, I could accept a county valuation of around 20% less than the currently proposed valuation, allowing for reasonable equity growth rate over the past 12 months. That should result in an estimated tax of about 15% less than proposed.

I am not the only one that has been adversely affected by this faulty logic from the county. File your protest.

Gary Hardin

### 'Supreme Court code of ethics'

Dear Editor:

The recent news about Clarence Thomas's financial entanglements with GOP megadonor Harlan Crow should be alarming to every American. This is what happens when the highest court in the land is given free rein to police itself. Clarence Thomas isn't the first justice to engage in unethical behavior. And if Congress continues to ignore the need for a Supreme Court code of ethics, he won't be the last.

Of the nine justices currently on the bench, four have been called out for unethical behavior and connections in the last year. Neil Gorsuch sold property to the head of a law firm with cases in front of the Supreme Court. Samuel Alito dined with anti-abortion activists and allegedly leaked decisions on reproductive health. John Roberts' wife has earned millions of dollars from law firms with business before the Supreme Court.

Congress has a constitutional duty to act as a check on the Supreme Court and restore faith in our judicial system. It's time they act and pass a Supreme Court code of ethics.

Melissa Herren

### Petition for grace Dear Editor:

A letter to the Archuleta County

Tax Assessor Jesus said, "Peter and Rebekah, your log cabin home at 965 Cloud Cap Avenue on Lake Pagosa is a portal between heaven and earth." For the past 45 years guests and visitors have been affirming those words. But that is not the main reason I am

penning this letter. I am writing because we and

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# Apache Street lift station to undergo major overhaul

By Derek Kutzer Staff Writer

On May 2, the Pagosa Springs Town Council, sitting as the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) Board of Directors, considered a pump replacement and general infrastructure improvements for the Apache Street lift station.

The Apache Street lift station is part of a series of lift stations that help move sewage from one elevation to another where gravity flow is not possible. These aid in the conveyance of wastewater, oftentimes uphill, to the Vista wastewater treatment plant, which is managed by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

In August 2022, pumps at the PSSGID's two main lift stations (stations 1 and 2) were replaced and since that major pump replacement took place, there haven't been any known problems, Town Manager Andrea Phillips reported at the Feb. 7 meeting.

However, at a February meeting, the district board was made aware of major functionality problems at both the Chamber (near the Visitor Center) and Apache Street lift stations.

Subsequently, the district authorized the purchase and installation of new submersible pumps for the Chamber lift station, but delayed the replacement of pumps at the Apache Street station. Thus, the district "is

now focused on the Apache lift station which is having the same issues as the Chamber lift station," according to agenda documentation.

Town staff's aim is to complete the Apache Street lift station replacement before The Springs Resort's hotel expansion is "finished and the higher load levels are put on this lift station," according to agenda documentation.

At the meeting, Lucian Brewster, utilities supervisor for the district, recommended that the Apache Street station undergo similar upgrades to those that were completed at the Chamber lift station, which he noted is functioning smoothly since

"The Apache Lift Station has been having trouble for quite some time now," he said. "It is a vacuum prime lift station and we are having the same issues that we were having with Chamber."

To relieve the priming issues with the pump, "we would be putting in the same exact package that we did at Chamber," he explained, adding that the new package would also "alleviate the load coming from the new hot springs addition, so it's important to get this taken care of before that load starts to happen."

Board member Madeline Bergon asked what the time frame is for The Springs Resort to finish its expansion project and for it to become operational.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips

said, "We haven't issued a building permit yet. I believe we've issued a permit to allow them to do some initial groundwork and excavation, but I think we are still reviewing their plans."

However, on the time frame for completion she explained that she was not certain and deferred to Community Development Director James Dickhoff, who clarified that it would be about two years before construction is complete at the hotel.

Bergon then asked what would happen if the district were to take The Springs Resort expansion project out of the equation and if the Apache lift station would still encounter these same operational problems and possibly failure.

"Yes," Brewster replied. "It is going to be in the same situation until it is replaced."

He then clarified that it's not so much of a capacity issue at the station, but a problem with the pump reaching prime.

The cost for the Apache lift station rebuild should be slightly less than the \$116,000 that it cost the district to upgrade the Chamber station because TFK Construction, who completed the Chamber station overhaul, "is now better prepared and has a better understanding of how to fit new pumps into our existing system," agenda documentation

Phillips said, "What we are suggesting is to waive competitive bidding and go with the same contractor and the same pump supplier that we used for the Chamber rebuild."

Brewster then reassured the board that he's happy with the Flygt Concertor pumps used at the Chamber station, which would also be installed at Apache, as well as the services received from TFK Construction.

When opened up to comments from the board, board president Shari Pierce explained that she fully supported the pump station overhaul, but asked, "Have we worked anything out with The Springs or are we planning to have something coming out of their property to catch stuff before it gets into the system?"

She suggested some sort of screen to catch debris.

Brewster explained that he had not spoken to any planners from The Springs Resort, but that "we can definitely look into that, adding maybe like a pump on their end or having them be required to add a grinder pump to alleviate the solids that they'd be discharging."

After comments from the board ceased, a motion was made to approve the replacement of the Apache street lift station for an amount not to exceed \$115,000, using reserve funds if necessary, while also forgoing the competitive bid process.

The motion was carried unanimously by the board.

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others in our neighborhood have been stunned by the sudden and large increase in the actual value of the property. It increased from \$476,000 to \$591,000 in one leap. That is a 24 per cent increase. Not only will our property taxes skyrocket, but so will our home owners insurance. Apart from any mortgage payments, living in our log cabin dream home on Lake Pagosa now costs one thousand dollars every month.

We purchased our home fortyfive years ago for \$100,000. The County Assessor's office has put a value of \$1,067,980 on the property. Yes, we do have a million dollar view. We have also battled foreclosure to stay at 965 Cloud Cap Avenue to be able to look at it for the past 45 years.

We petition the County to extend us grace to be able stay at this address. We want to step into, march into our eternal mansion from here. That may not be far away. This writer just turned ninety and his wife Rebekah is trailing him by only three years.

You are invited to sample the view. We will even give you a cup of coffee.

Peter and Rebekah Laue

### 'Make this wrong right'

Dear Editor:

Does money grow on trees?? Guess our Town, County, State of Colorado never paid attention to the response which is ... no, money does not grow on trees.

We'd all have enough to pay for these outrageous 2023 tax hikes if

I'm sure I'm not the only one (maybe 1 that didn't) loose sleep a couple of nights wondering, how could they raise my house taxes for next year approx 120%...

A Rocky Mountain Sky High Outrageous Hike.. to the moon & back. Out of this World.

Cuz no matter what .. no way is my house worth or could be sold for what they've valued it at... Sad, especially because I was never go-

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ing to sell.. like many of us, we've come here for this to be our last home. Another main concern is who's to say they don't do this to us again... And again..ect.

I said last year...

"I could have chosen anywhere, but I couldn't have chose better 21 years ago" and don't care what they say the money value is in their paper, it's Home Sweet Home Pagosa & we don't want to be priced out as we read in our mail this week by sky high unrealistic tax's... Some vacant land tax's were raised 250 & 300% I heard..that's crazy. Crazy.

So be realistic, there are many old timers & recent good people in this town that cannot afford their houses to be valued so high.. so please have a heart and be smart and get Pagosa back on track to keep this wonderful community I moved to 21 years ago.. A Wonderful & Affordable Community... a awesome Small Country Town..

"A hidden gem" which is not hidden anymore we realize..

But don't tax Us out of the town we love and we call Home please.

Again, 21 years ago I could have chosen anywhere and I've said Often that I couldn't have chose better... But I might not have a choice if they price me out of town to go find another place to call home.

That'd be sad, Just so sad.! And wrong...

Might have to choose a state that does not allow unchecked Tax Hikes to happen..

But I don't want to go anywhere, See I want to stay in Pagosa where I believe with all my heart I couldn't have chose better, I love this community, The neighbors, activities, the River, Mountains and Lakes... Wildlife...

So a lot of us are thinking where would we go?

Back to Alaska? I did 40 years

Let's hope for the best that they make this wrong right. And be reasonable. Put a cap on tax hikes. Alot of states do. Tnks for your time.. Like Paul N. says.. I love Pagosa. We all do...

### Behind the hype

I gather my response to Mr. Nielsen's letter of 4/20 was not sufficiently clear.

He keeps harping on a fictional caliber of 7/16" X 2". His reasoning is that the fraction is easier to grasp by the 'average person' than the standard decimal designation

But to my point, there is no rifle cartridge made with a .4375 bullet. Neither the 7/16X2 nor the .4375

The most popular AR-15 rifle is chambered in .223 Remington, or as the military designates it, 5.56X45mm. A bit of trivia – the US military is in the process of replacing the 5.56mm with the new 6.8X51mm cartridge (.277 Sig Fury).

Why you ask?

Because the 5.56 is under-powered. They want something with more retained energy downrange. Yet this moderate power cartridge is the one we are supposed to loath

So why the claims of the destructive power of a rifle never made (the AR-14) in a much larger cartridge that does not exist?

To instill fear. Fear is a powerful motivator.

Fear is the central hallmark of the political left. They hype fear to scare people into accepting government actions and controls we would normally reject out of hand.

If you doubt that, think back to the early days of the Covid panic. Initially we were told Covid was

a death sentence and we had to shut the economy down & isolate in our homes or millions would die.

"You must comply." was the message and for most, the reality. As former governor of California.

Arnold Schwarzenegger said: "Screw your freedom"

Now it turns out that most of what "the experts" and politicians told us was completely wrong. Worse yet, many knew it was wrong but lied to us anyway.

Remember the efforts that went Robyn Love into silencing, deplatforming and ostracizing those who objected, asked questions or disagreed?

Remember the mask mandate? Yeah, fact is, for virus protection, those paper masks were useless at best and counterproductive at worse. It even says not for virus

But the goal was to forcing compliance to arbitrary government dictates. And it was accomplished,

but the goal was realized.

That, I suspect, is what lies behind the hype involved in fictious calibers and wildly exaggerated

**Barry Smith** 

## 'Where's my cap?'

Ahhh, where is my cap? Over the of "the cap" that guys wear today. It is their major identity of "who I am". This was true of my dear husband, especially during his final months. I had to be sure his cap was "within sight" even when he was hospital-

I recall my years of serving as an EMT with the ambulance service. We would be called for a young man, often a construction worker. Their major concern always was their security, knowing their cap was OK

for others to enjoy.

but not forgotten. I like a comment

Loving Memories never die.

protection, right on the box.

for a time.

Of course the credibility of the CDC, NIH, WHO, etc. was trashed

To instill fear to promote confis-

and with them.

Yes, "the cap" continues today as a major identity to our guys of all ages. Yes, my husband's cap is displayed atop his chest of keepsakes

Memorial Day is coming up, the end of the month. That is a special day to remember loved ones gone made by a well-known General years ago: "Old soldiers never die, they simply fade away". Yes, our loved ones continue to live in our hearts as they fade away. And, I will add, if they lived lives off goodness, they left "footprints" for us to follow.

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# **Obituaries**

### **Bonnie Fergus Brooks**

Bonnie Fergus Brooks, age 71, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 12, in San Antonio, Texas.

Bonnie was born on Dec. 26, 1951, in Pensacola, Fla., to parents Kathleen Green Fergus and Charles Ewing Fergus. Bonnie attended West-



bury High School and received her master's degree at St. Thomas University in Houston, where she was a member of the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society. Bonnie worked as a chemist at Southwest Research Institute in Houston and San Antonio, Texas, for 20 years. Her philanthropic interests included serving as a board member for the Animal Defense League, the Appaloosa Horse Club and managing the Reading Library for her church. She had a passion for reading, showing horses, her grandchildren and spending time with her husband in Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Kathleen; her father, Charles; and her brother, Curtis Fergus. Bonnie is survived by her husband, David Brooks; stepson William (Andrea) Brooks; two grandchildren; stepmother, Gloria D. Fergus; and her dog, Tulip.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The San Antonio Zoo School or Animal Defense League.

### Diana Lee **Martinez**

Diana Lee Martinez, 89, formerly of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away on May 5.

Our mother was born in San Antonio, Texas, on Nov. 8, 1933. Diana was raised in Dallas, Texas, and met her husband, Jerold Ray (Jerry) Martinez, while attending Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Jerry and Diana were married in June of 1953 and had three children: Cindy, Kirk and Bradley. Diana was an avid golfer at Dos Rios in Gunnison. She later ran the clubhouse at Dos Rios

and was famous for the Burraco and Tomichilata back in the day. Diana and Jerry lived in Pagosa Springs for many years in 1980s and 1990s when Jerry was an Archuleta County commissioner. After Jerry's passing, Diana moved to the Aztec/ Farmington area.

Diana is preceded in death by her loving husband, Jerry Martinez; daughter Cynthia Joy Johnson; and her son, Bradley Ray Martinez.

Diana is survived by son Kirk Martinez; grandson Justin Martinez; son-in-law Shane Johnson Sr.; grandson Shane Johnson Jr. and his wife, Liz, and their son, Walter; granddaughter Kaytlyn Johnson and her partner, Cristen Claire; granddaughter Jessica Barge and her children, grandsons Samuel Martinez and Max Martinez.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m. at Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

### Oma Jetuan (Tonnie) **Clevenger Taylor**

Given to us by our Maker: February 19, 1957

Returned to her Maker: April 17,

Born in Tulia, Texas, to Wilhemina (Goomie) and Harold (Red) Clevenger and had several nicknames, but Tonnie is the name known by most. After heart surgery and a fero-



cious battle to survive, Tonnie returned to her maker on April 17.

Tonnie was one of six girls born to Goomie and Red. The Clevenger family moved to Pagosa Springs in 1968, where Red took a position with the Pagosa Sun and Goomie's cooking skills soon became legendary in Pagosa Country. Tonnie was active throughout her school days and enjoyed many friendships. She graduated Pagosa Springs High School in 1975, married Don Trujillo in Pagosa and started her family with the birth of Dominic in Durango. They moved to Boulder, Colo., where Tawny was born.

"Fun-loving" is inadequate when it comes to describing Tonnie. Her laugh was infectious and constant. She had a way of finding a smile during the toughest of situations and a way to carry joy well beyond the moment. Her greatest love was Dominic and Tawny, but she also enjoyed crafts. All three greatly enjoyed their numerous dogs.

Tonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Goomie and Red, and two of her older sisters, Jennifer (Gee Gee) and Susan Desiree (Desi). She is survived by her children, Dominic and Tawny; her sisters, Kindra Martinez, Zebrina Bowden and Lisa Clevenger; as well as her aunt, Susan McIntosh (Minnesota); uncle Lawrence Garcia (Alaska); as well as a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Interment will be in Pagosa Springs at a date later this summer.

### William George Wade

William George Wade, 88, passed away on May 12. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Services will be at Heartland Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Friday, May 19, with inter-

ment to follow at Zephyr Cemetery.

William was born March 6, 1935, in Mountain Home, Texas. After graduating from Blanket High School in 1956,



William married Mildred Frances Cunningham on July 12, 1957, at Blanket First Baptist Church and they began a life together that blessed them with four children.

After graduation, William was drafted into the U.S. Army and attended basic training in Ft. Ord, Calif. He then returned home to marry Mildred and they quickly moved to California, where he was stationed in Los Angeles County and served in the U.S. Army at a NIKE Missile Base from 1957 to 1960. After his time in the service, he returned to Brownwood, Texas, and went to work for Potter's Industry manufacturing glass beads used in highway striping. In 1969, he was transferred to the Potter's plant in Apex, N.C., where he was the plant production supervisor. In 1982, he and a friend started a new glass bead plant called North Eastern Safety Products in Carbondale, Penn. In 2006, the business was relocated to Palestine, Texas, as Weissker Manufacturing, where he worked as the vice president of plant manufacturing. In 2015, he and his wife retired and moved to Zephyr, Texas, where they later attended Bethel Baptist Church.

William enjoyed taking his wife and family to the casinos. He raised cattle for a number of years and even made some of them his pets. William enjoyed spending his time working in his massive garden to provide produce for all his family and friends. Oftentimes, he would be gone to the garden for so long that Mildred would begin to worry. When she asked him what he was doing there for so long he would respond, "watering the garden and saying my prayers." He also liked to spend time sitting on his front porch feeding and just watching the deer, turkey and other wildlife. All the animals were his friends and he was their protector. William was a very hardworking family man who was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew him.

William is survived by his wife, MildredWade, of Zephyr; sons Billy Joseph Wade and wife Cynthia, of May, Danny Dale Wade, of Zephyr, Tony Randall Wade and wife, Lisa, of Palestine; daughter, Sherry Melanie Jackson and husband, Robert, of May; brothers John Wade, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., Edmund and wife Sandra Wade, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., Joseph and wife Janice Wade, of Zephyr; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

William was preceded in death by his father, George Wesley Wade; mother Ella Ida (Leeder) Wade; and sister Annie Belle Wade.

Online condolences can be shared with the family at www. heartlandfuneralhome.net.

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# Outdoors



# Chimney Rock National Monument open for the 2023 season

By Nadia Werby

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Come experience a unique part of America's heritage this summer in the shadows of Chimney Rock National Monument's awe-inspiring twin spires. Chimney Rock is now open for the 2023 season.

Archaeological structures and artifacts, abundant wildlife and its setting in the breathtaking San Juan National Forest make Chimney Rock a must-see.

### Sketching at the Pinnacles class

The Sketching at the Pinnacles class takes place on Tuesdays, May 16, 23 and 30. This class is part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little visit to Chimney Rock — all rolled into one.

The class starts at the Mesa Village Trail and then guests will walk down to the Great Kiva to sit on blankets or chairs we bring. Our goal is to become centered with the site and focus in on a specific item of nature. Using sketchbooks and drawing materials provided, we will examine the item of nature selected and watch how it magically appears on a page in our sketchbook. Afterward, there will be a sharing with each other of

what we have learned. No art talent is required, just a desire to be open to suggestions and willingness to try a hand at self-expression. Materials will be provided to each participant. Participants must check in at 5 p.m. The fee is \$20 per person (ages 10 and up) including all materials and is considered a nonrefundable donation.

### **Guided Great House Tour**

The Guided Great House Tour takes place on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. This guided tour takes visitors one-third of a mile up the Great Pueblo Trail and makes several stops along the way to enjoy the ancient Puebloan structures built over 1,000 years ago. Hear the archaeological details that connect this civilization to the Chaco culture located 90 miles southwest of this

At the end of the trail, visitors will enjoy the 360-degree view from atop the mountain ridge and have the closest view of the two pinnacles: Chimney Rock and Companion Rock. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walkins are allowed if room allows. It is recommended for ages 5 and above.

Attendees must arrive at the plaza kiosk by 10 a.m.; the tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12), plus a booking fee and are nonrefundable. Walk-ins do not pay a booking fee, but the tour may be canceled for in-

federal pass used) since this program occurs during the monument's regular daily open hours.

### **Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour**

The Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour takes place on Monday and Friday mornings from 8 to 10:15 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7:15 p.m.

This engaging two-hour tour will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand years ago. You will walk both the Mesa Village and Great House Pueblo Trails, learning about the structures along each trail, including their significance and uses. You will be treated to the stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free, and are considered a nonrefundable, nontransferable donation.

### **Geology tours**

This month's geology tours will take place on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and on Thursday evenings from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

This program includes a 2.5-hour guided tour that explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock.

Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and learn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area.

Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children (ages 5-12).

### **Birding at Chimney Rock**

Join us on May 20 for the Birding at Chimney Rock program. This program includes a casual two-hour bird walk led by a knowledgeable birding guide from the Weminuche Audubon Society. These outings are designed to introduce you to the diverse community of birds that spend their summer at Chimney Rock.

Birders of all skill levels are welcome to participate. Your guide will help you identify various species and explain the unique adaptations that allow these birds to survive here.

Good walking shoes are advised, along with plenty of water and sun protection. Bring binoculars if you have them. This is not recommended for young children. Guests must enter through the Colo. 151 entry gate between 7:45 and 8 a.m. The program ends at 10 a.m. This is sufficient attendees. The USFS Daily a reservations-only program. Tickets

June plant walks planned with certified herbalist

Use fee must be paid (or applicable are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free, and are considered a nonrefundable, nontransferable donation.

### Flute, Moon and Stars program

The Flute, Moon and Stars program takes place on May 20 in the amphitheater area, with an amazing view of the pinnacles above. The program will begin with a relaxing walk up the 1/4-mile nature trail above the amphitheater and, upon returning to the amphitheater, the program resumes with an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site.

As the moonlight increases and evening falls, you will be treated to the haunting melodies of a native American flute played by our own Charles Martinez.

Gaze in wonder as the moon rises as it did over 1,000 years ago when the ancestral Puebloans called Chimney Rock home.

Guests must enter through the Colo. 151 entry gate between 5:45 and 6 p.m. The program ends at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up) and \$8 (ages 5-12), plus a booking fee and are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

### Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies

The Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies will take place on May 19. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky, in order to enjoy the night sky in a truly dark environment and see deep-sky objects such as binary stars, globular star clusters, open clusters, various nebulae and other galaxies. Guests must arrive for check-in between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m., and the program begins at 8:45 p.m.

### Night Sky: Our Solar System

The Night Sky: Our Solar System program will take place on May 26. This program is timed for when the moon is wonderfully visible in the early night sky. That makes it so we can enjoy the moon and several planets along with some deep sky objects that are beyond our galaxy that we can see with the telescopes. Guests must check in between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m. and the program starts at 8:45 p.m.

There are three parts to the Night Sky Programs program, starting with a live brief history of Chimney Rock that is followed by a video presentation about the ancient people and explaining why astronomy was such an important part of their lives. The third part of the program is a recorded presentation that gives understanding of deep-sky objects such as binary stars, globular star

Lake McCullough.

clusters, open cluster, various nebulae and other galaxies. The program includes basic astronomy that will prepare you for what we will be seeing through our telescopes.

Tickets are \$16 for ages 13 and up, \$8 for ages 5-12, under 5 free, and are considered a nonrefundable, nontransferable donation.

### Life at Chimney **Rock Festival**

You don't want to miss the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association's (CRIA) Life at Chimney Rock Festival. Ioin us on June 3 and 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about the skills of the ancients from Chimney Rock volunteers. Try vucca pounding, making a clay pot, designing a pictograph, weaving a textile, grinding corn and throwing a spear with an atlatl. Visit with presenters who will share the importance of astronomy and dendrochronology. This festival is free, so bring the whole family. All vehicles and motorcycles will be subject to an activity pass fee of \$10.

### More information

For tickets for any of these special programs, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs.

Beginning on May 15, Chimney Rock will use a fee system. All vehicles and motorcycles will be subject to an activity pass fee of \$20. The activity pass fee provides five days of access to Chimney Rock National Monument. To purchase your required activity pass, you can:

- Purchase your activity pass in advance at Recreation.gov.
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### Thursday, May 18

By Jean Zirnhelt

Weminuche Audubon Society

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

### Monday, May 22

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

**Archuleta County Board of County** Commissioners joint work session with Jicarilla Apache Nation. 9:30 a.m., 25 Hawks Drive, Dulce, N.M. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter.

### Tuesday, May 23

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904

8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.

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Upper San Juan Health Service **District Board of Directors** meeting. 5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: https://us02web. zoom.us/j/83611276692, meeting ID: 836 1127 6692.

net/portal/.

Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information:

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# Business



# Registration for June car show now open

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

This is a reminder that registration for the 2023 Pagosa Springs Car Show is open. The show will be held June 9 and 10 on Lewis Street.

The festivities will begin on Friday evening at 5 p.m. Cars can start lining up to park beginning at 3 p.m. That evening there will be a wonderful showing of cars, live music with the San Juan Mountain Boys, food trucks and a tent serving adult beverages.

On Saturday, the show will begin at 9 a.m. and run up until about 2:30 p.m. at which time there will be an awards ceremony. Throughout the day there will be even more stunning cars and motorcycles, live music with the Retro Cats (welcome back, Greg Milioto), more food trucks, vendors and the adult beverage tent.

We're also working on an activity tent for the children. New to the show this year is a "special interest" category with some unique vehicles such as side-by-sides and those vehicles that don't fit into the traditional listings. We have also started getting some great-looking motorcycles.

The event is free for spectators. The registration fee is \$30 which includes a T-shirt and dash plaque and any processing fees through the registration site. Visit www.pagosachamber.com, scroll down to the Car Show graphic and register. If you have multiple cars and would like a T-shirt with each registration, you can do that through the site. Once you register and would like to add another vehicle, put in your name and the site will repopulate with your information. Just change the car information. If you have multiple cars and do not want additional T-shirts and dash plaques, you will need to contact the Chamber so that we can register that

information for you at a reduced price per vehicle. Contact us at (970) 264-2360. We will have more information to come. However, get your car or motorcycle registered now.

### Chamber board replacement

Due to some personal commitments, recently elected board member Lauren Crawford has resigned her position on the Chamber board. Per the Chamber's by-laws, we reached out to Dale Scrivener, who was next in line with the greatest number of votes obtained in the recent election. Scrivener, executive director of Curtains Up Pagosa, has accepted the board position and will fill this three-year term. He served a previous one-year vacancy term ending in 2022. We welcome Scrivener back with his energy and experience as a board member and extend warm wishes for success to Crawford.

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# Main Street Advisory Board welcomes new program coordinator, tables branding project

By Monica Nigon

Staff Writer

The Main Street Advisory Board met May 11 to introduce its new program coordinator, note new art initiatives, discuss events and address the Pickaxe branding project.

The meeting kicked off with the introduction of Patti Copenhaver, who will be taking Kathleen McFadden's place.

McFadden explained they had four applicants and found someone who is a "creative and design queen."

"I'm excited about everything you've done in the last year. Main Street [Advisory Board] is giving me a great opportunity to use my skills in marketing and communications," Copenhaver said.

The board moved on to debrief March's street tour.

They wanted to pay attention to "supporting walking and movement and connecting to the idea of dignity in a pedestrian experience," Rose Chavez said.

She added, "We walked in the snow and were able to reflect on some of the experiences of folks who may not be able to access main street on two feet or may use a wheelchair, and what that looks like for things like crossing the street we have to [be] mindful of our

design as we plan our main street

initiatives." In regards to events in town, Chavez noted, "There has been some movement in town around reviving Spanish fiestas and the Pagosa Senior Center has been trying to hold some space for that. And we have an event on July 29 that I would love to do some collaboration with Main Street to highlight some heritage and history in whatever

way the group would like to do so."

Pagosa Springs Mayor and Main Street board member Shari Pierce shared a "missed opportunity" to engage in Historic Preservation Week.

Board members discussed adding interviews and audio to an already-existing app that assists visitors on a self-guided tour through town, stopping at historic locations.

The board also addressed the Main Street Kids initiative in regards to the location of art projects for middle schoolers.

Committee member Jeremy Martin added that doing a mural on the south wall of the school instead of the courthouse could be an option.

He added that the biggest challenge so far has been finding a location that doesn't degrade the art in the sun.

The GoWith the Flow committee was next on the agenda and addressed projects to keep morale up during extended construction.

The committee also discussed having a party or ribbon-cutting ceremony when the McCabe Creek project is finished.

Members of the board were in

The members expressed agreement that CDO1 will likely be very receptive to assisting in hosting some of the events that could keep people happier through the con-

brooke] and I attended a call with CDOT ... We pitched a lot of these ideas and they loved everything

about more events on Lewis Street and having the street closed to traf-

favor of involving the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in some of their meetings.

struction. McFadden added, "Emily [Lash-

Chavez opened the conversation

fic on Saturdays.

She added that she has been in discussion with coordinators of the farmer's market to potentially move it to Lewis Street.

"It's a big vision; I want to plant the seeds with this group and see where we might take that and if some work could be done over this season," she said, adding, "I would love to have the support of this board to work on some of that or navigate moving forward on that."

The board moved on to address the Pickaxe branding project last month and took a poll to see if board members were in favor of the STEAM brand that Pickaxe came up with.

Most members were in favor, but Pierce shared hesitations.

She noted that the brand may be confusing to members of the community as "STEAM" is also an educational program.

"I feel like it was a rushed effort to produce something for us," she said. "They mentioned they have spent longer in other communities on similar projects. A two-hour conversation with our board is not enough input for something that will be so lasting in our community."

She added, "I like the word 'authentic.' ... We just have to find the right name, and I don't think STEAM' is the right name.

Chavez noted it is important to integrate the heritage of the Pagosa Springs community.

"I like the word 'authentic,'" she said. "It's indeed compelling because it is what is happening downtown in terms of physical movement, the movement of the river, of people, the connection we're wanting people to have from our community.... In general I liked a lot of the different ideas they shared in

the presentation."

Board member Cindy Schultz suggested she is in favor of the brand "with an asterisk."

"At first glance I think it's cool," she said. "But, it isn't Pagosa. It reminds me of any place but Pagosa. Nothing about it resonates with me about Pagosa ... Everybody else loves it. They were spot on with a lot of things, but for me it doesn't land."

Other members disagreed and thought Pickaxe did do its research and noted Pagosa's connection to steam in regards to the town's hot springs.

The board voted to take a month to allow everyone to take opinions into consideration.

The board agreed to send the ideas to its marketing and communications committee for further review.

The Main Street Advisory Board's next meeting will be June 8 at 4 p.m. monica@pagosasun.com

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# **Archuleta School District** hears positive financial news, working on next budget

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District Board of Education heard positive financial news at multiple meetings in April and May, including hearing that the district's investments are earning more than a year ago and receiving a clean audit.

On May 15, Finance Director Mike Hodgson presented quarterly financial and investment reports to the board, highlighting that the district is making more with its investment accounts than a year ago.

According to Hodgson's report, for the third quarter, stretching from Jan. 1 to March 31, the district made a total of \$55,024.58 in interest — \$49,771.90 more than the same period in 2022.

It also notes that, year to date for the fiscal year (July 2022 through March 31), the district made \$162,493.96 - \$146,586.76 more than the same period the prior fiscal year.

In terms of the quarterly financial update, Hodgson reminded the board much of the revenue comes in in May and June, in the fourth quarter, and things are looking favorable for the district.

Board president Bob Lynch called it a good job all the way around.

On April 11, the Archuleta School District Board of Education heard news that the district received a clean audit for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Jessica Bogner with Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc. reviewed the audit with the board, telling the board the audit results in a clean, unmodified opinion with no material weaknesses or deficiencies.

She called it "the best thing you could hope for." She also noted the district's single audit on its federal

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (commonly called ESSER funds) had no findings. 'So, that's great," she said.

In terms of internal controls, Bogner recognized that the district's conversion to a new system created a reconciliation issue and delayed the audit.

Hodgson explained something was off in the system

and one account did not reconcile.

He further explained staff was trying to use the new Colorado Department of Education system and the district's system didn't "jive" with the state's, which they were still looking into.

Hodgson also acknowledged other issues with the system and stated there was only partial training on it.

"It's our fault for not realizing the magnitude of this at the beginning," he said.

Bogner later noted the issue caused the cash to be understated in the books, but clarified the difference was not even 1 percent of the cash total.

"Money's not missing," she said. As discussion on the topic continued, Hodgson

pointed out the system is extremely expensive and indicated the customer service is lacking. He added the district is in the third year of a three-

year contract. Throughout the presentation, Bogner also noted

the delay in the audit and added she recognized the district has already moved on to its next budget. That look at the budget for the next school year

started in March for the board with discussion about the district's priorities for the next budget.

Budget priorities discussed in March include using federal funds efficiently, supporting strategic initiatives, increase/fully staff student programming, continue maintaining facilities, update curriculum if needed (using federal funds), continue the bus replacement program, continue salary step increases, continue increasing base salary amounts, continue increasing the steps in "certain lanes" of the teacher salary scale, continue to implement the property tax adjustment increase mandated by the state, continue to prepare for being one year closer to the end of the district's voter-approved mill levy override, plan for expanding the physical space of San Juan Mountain School, improved safety and more.

The board will discuss the budget more at a May 30 work session that is set to begin at 5 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School library.

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# Director \_

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came back to her relationships and her ... community knowledge."

He added on the subject of the skills Wilson will bring to the department and transition process, "I think she will bring energy, commitment, longevity, capabilities, knowledge and going back to her relationships with the community."

Woodman also discussed the involvement of the county commissioners, who act as the transitional board of health for the county, in the hiring process, stating that the commissioners reviewed the appli-

cations, remained knowledgeable about the composition of the interview panel and had been informed of the results of the interviews.

"I met with each one of them individually and ... discussed their desires for moving forward and what method they would like to move forward and ... all three commissioners desired to move forward in the fashion of a recommendation from the interview panel," Woodman added.

He also discussed the implications of Wilson's hiring to the TAC. Woodman stated that she would

resign from the committee but would continue to participate in the meetings and would act as a nonvoting participant, similar to the involvement of County Executive Assistant/Paralegal Mary Helminski on the board.

He also indicated he is unsure if her vacated position on the TAC would be filled by another volunteer or whether the committee's size would be reduced.

She will be very much involved and doing, virtually, the exact same thing," Woodman concluded.

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back up again and asked if there were alternate measures available.

Woodman commented that the county is "stuck" and that the only alternate measure available is to pump out the lift station.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked, with the current measures taken, if "we're still OK" and if any inmates had been impacted. Woodman stated that no inmates

have been affected and Maez added, "The inmates caused this." Medina commented that the

design caused the issue. In the interview, Woodman indicated that he is continuing to work

company to repair the issue, noting

on contacting the construction

that the problem is either a design flaw by the engineer or an installation error by the contractor.

He also highlighted that many of the potential repairs to the system could be extremely expensive due to the pipe from the facility to the lift station passing under pavement and concrete surfaces.

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was reported missing days earlier. On May 10, the ACSO announced it carried out a ground search on May 9 "in response to cell-phone tracking information."

Identified

tive dry suits. Search commenced

near the last known location. One

person was retrieved from the wa-

ter with assistance from Archuleta

County personnel. Resuscitation

efforts were initiated immediately

In an email to The SUN, Undersheriff Robert Hill further explains the ACSO "conducted a search based on cell phone data and the potential route the phone traveled from the condo to the location" where it and Villarreal were found to see if there was any evidence to be found, but that no new evidence was discovered.

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Archuleta County Sheriff Mike

Following the autopsy, Hunt

Le Roux explained on May 10 offi-

cials know at a point the individual

reported Jaramillo's paddle board

was in the water swimming.

upon retrieval."

The following day, it notes, the ACSO "began a full scale investigation and search for Villarreal.

preliminary investigation.

That search and investigation, according to the press release, included the ACSO, CBI, the ACSO Office of Emergency Management and Flight for Life, with additional resources from Colorado and New Mexico requested.

The agency announced the According to an April 17 ACSO search for Villarreal publicly on press release, on Sunday, April April 17 and explained he was last dispatch at (970) 731-2160.

seen at the Break Room, at 2045 Eagle Drive, on Saturday night, April 15, then at the Wyndham condos in the early hours of Sunday morning, April 16.

floated away and he tried to go get

it, but, likely, the cold water made

it where Jaramillo was unable to

utilize his muscles to swim back,

noting Jaramillo was a "fit young

"The water is so cold," he said.

The April 18 press release reports that, at approximately 11:55 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, a body was located in the lake by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Marine Evidence Recovery Team and identified as Villarreal.

It notes this is an ongoing investigation and updates will be released when they are available.

Anyone with information that can assist the ACSO is asked to call

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He added that the program likely served in excess of 2,000 locations or homes in the county.

Maez asked if the county waived the tarp requirement, with Woodman responding the county had not and that customers who arrived at the landfill without a tarp were charged \$25.

County Attorney Todd Weaver commented that he saw "very few" tarps on his visit to the landfill during the program.

Woodman added that a family that lives on CR 500 cleaned up the road on Saturday afternoon, to which Maez added that another group had cleaned the road in the morning.

"All in all, few bad apples, very successful program," Woodman concluded.

"It raises a concern to me, the amount of tonnage that went into our landfill," Maez said, "when the life of our landfill was already at stake, anyway. I mean, can we keep doing this every year? I mean, that's my biggest question because the faster we fill it up the more extensive the expansion and/or location of a new landfill in the near future. And I mean near future, I mean, probably within the next three to five years. And it's not generating enough revenue to really help us out."

"It's generating zero," Woodman said. "It just costs ... probably \$20,000."

"It's that old adage, 'No good deed goes unpunished, right?" Maez Woodman commented that this

is a "big concern" and noted that theoretically this same volume would end up in the landfill with the question being if it would trickle in or appear at once.

"But I think the trickle out gives us more lifetime than what all at once does," Maez said. "You know, that gets everybody's yard cleaned up and everything and I understand that. But, you know, I was kinda thinking about the whole thing. ... There's trash everywhere and how does it make sense when you take it

all and consolidate into one spot too? ... I'm trying to figure that out in my head yet ... what's the difference? If it's all over the place, you see less of it and you condense it, you put it all in one spot, you see all of it but then the spot's fuller."

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that the idea of doing the event was to provide the availability of dumping to clean up and promote pride in the community, adding, "And I'm troubled by the folks who dump the trash outside in the ditch because they have to wait. And the cost that the county's absorbing to bring about this positive event ... I just have to wonder if or how we can make this ... more of a point of understanding that nothing is for free. Even though you don't pay at the gate, what it costs was patience, willingness to wait in line to dump your items for free that you may or may not have for years taken care of."

He added that he had been called by people who have hundreds of tires and that he would prefer to not have any more tires in the landfill and felt people with tires should remove them at their cost.

"I'm torn whether we should continue with this project if this is the result," Brown concluded, noting that he has supported opportunities the county has had to improve the landfill. He added that the event is in-

tended as a benefit to residents and, if they do not see it as a benefit, the county should potentially reconsider Maez commented that the county

needs to reconsider due to concerns over the life of the landfill, noting that the citizens would have to pay the cost of expanding or relocating the landfill. Commissioner Veronica Medina

commented that the project is "great" for the community in keeping it clean, but raised the possibility that the event has grown too far in accepting too many items for free.

She added that the county could potentially continue the event with only the cleanup of county roads and potentially offering a discount at the landfill.

'The partnership with the town, are we solely bearing the cost for the overtime and everything, or is the town gonna participate and help us cover some of those costs as well?" Medina continued.

Maez commented that the an-

swer was no. "I like this partnering with the town," Medina responded. "But a partnership is when we come together and we collaborate and do it together. It's not just making the announcement or ... allowing the participation. Obviously, those that live in the town live in the county, so it was a countywide project, but, again, it was collaborating with the town. So, you know, maybe, next year, if we do do this, we are going to do it just for those roads that were adopted within the county and we can move forward from there. I don't

"I agree I'm very concerned about our landfill; I'm concerned that the life of the landfill is coming to an end and we need a strategic plan to think about this and acquire the land if that's what we're gonna do. I know before I've heard the commissioners say that the landfill is not something that we are required to have, it's a luxury ... if you want to call it that for the citizens of the county. ... I truly don't want to see us not have a landfill, but we definitely need to look at this in a more strategic way. And, I do like the collection of all the garbage — that is very impactful but, again, I think we definitely need to rethink this."

Woodman stated that the town contributed \$3,000 to the landfill fees, "predominately adjacent to the 40 tons that they brought in from the town."

'You know, at the end of the day, it's like I say, you know, the town, county, they're all taxpayers. You know, we need to work together to try to use our revenues and our resources to get some things done and that'll take a lot of collaboration,' Maez concluded. "All in time."

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# Memorial Day Luminaria Tribute to take place at Veterans Memorial Park

By Joanne Irons Special to The SUN

On Monday evening, May 29, at Veterans Memorial Park on Vista Boulevard, a Memorial Day Luminaria Tribute ceremony and lighting of luminarias will take place before sunset.

A flag ceremony, 21-gun salute and a flag-folding ceremony will happen as luminarias are lit in honor and memory of our veterans.

To participate in this event, one may make a donation to have a luminaria represent a loved one or to honor those that fought in past wars. The suggested donation is \$5 a bag and the label can be designed by you or one of the members of the committee will gladly decorate

Charlotte Jones, chair of this event, is hoping that this will help spark a sense of patriotism for us all, as those that bore the burden to keep us free have given the ultimate

Checks can be made out to Vets for Vets and all the proceeds will be kept in the fund to aid our local vets in various ways and programs.

For more information, contact Joanne Irons at (970) 946-7545 or look for tables at various businesses where members of the committee will be there to help you. Luminarias will be sold through

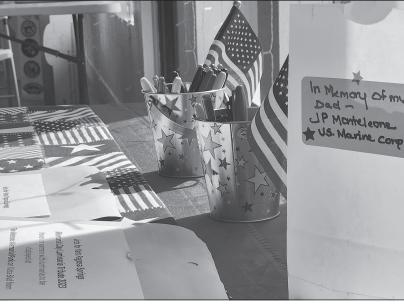


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By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At its March 28 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update from Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Jo Coulehan on Club 20 as well as updates from Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County and an introduction to the Pagosa Community Initiative.

Coulehan began her update by stating it has been a "busy year"

She noted Club 20 has renewed its policy on opposing unfunded mandates and is actively involved in the discussions surrounding the reintroduction of wolves.

She explained that Club 20 had also given a presentation on issues with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) fiber installation both over Wolf Creek Pass and on Interstate 70.

Coulehan also noted that Club 20 is in contact with Growing Water Smart and the San Juan Water Conservancy District about water grants that are becoming available.

She added that Pagosa Springs has been chosen to host the summer policy meetings on July 13 and 14 and outlined some of the events for the meeting, including asking if the county would be willing to be a sponsor for the event by allowing Club 20 to rent the county extension building at no charge.

commented that he would support the county being a sponsor.

Coulehan noted that the event would include presentations on the state sustainability program and on agritourism.

She then asked if there was anything she could do for the BoCC.

Maez and Commissioner Warren Brown highlighted that opposing certain changes proposed by the state that would grant the further control over water rights would be valuable.

Coulehan explained that she would look into the issue, although she noted she believed Club 20 already expressed opposition to the change.

The group also discussed the logistics of further commercial driver's license classes, which Club 20 had also offered.

The BoCC then heard an update from Habitat for Humanity, which Executive Director Lori Henricksen opened by discussing Habitat's five-year plan to build 15 homes.

She explained this plan was driven by the BoCC's donations of lots to the organization and that it required the organization to determine how to build faster than its usual pace of one home a year.

She noted that this also required Habitat to find the funds to do this, which come from Habitat for Humanity Colorado's revolving construction loan fund that is repaid by the Habitat family's mortgages.

Henricksen explained that the BoCC had also provided American Rescue Plan Act funding, which had allowed Habitat to hire Home Services Coordinator Leah Ballard to assist with mortgages, which are sourced from a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program.

Ballard explained that the loans have no down payment and are for people at 80 percent of the area median income or lower.

Henricksen explained that Habitat also realized that it could not stick build enough homes, so it switched to using modular homes purchased from indieDwell in

However, she noted that there have been delays in acquiring the homes and Habitat chose to move to Karsten due to the company being able to provide larger modular homes than indieDwell.

Henricksen explained that Habitat is also looking at adding another employee this year.

The group then discussed the Commissioner Ronnie Maez value of adding solar panels onto the homes, which had been done in the past, with Maez questioning whether such panels are cost efficient and Henricksen pointing out the long-term savings they provide.

Henricksen highlighted that Habitat's work focuses on retaining members of the workforce in the community, and Ballard added that it uses a selection process to determine which families are chosen to partner with Habitat to build a home.

She stated that Habitat is working with three families this year to build homes as well as facilitating USDA loans for seven other families.

Henricksen then discussed the future for the organization, explaining that Habitat plans to construct three homes in 2024 and 2025, and four homes in 2026.

She also highlighted that Habitat goes from 30 applicants to three families that are selected for homes, and that the USDA mortgages provide a means for the nonprofit to assist more residents.

Henricksen then highlighted some of Habitat's partners, including Archuleta County, the Town of Pagosa Springs, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, La Plata Electric Association, the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and private donors, among others.

Henricksen asked the BoCC if Habitat could receive permit fee waivers on the homes it is building this year.

She then expressed her appreciation for the BoCC's support.

The discussion concluded with the BoCC thanking the Habitat staff and expressing appreciation for Habitat's work.

The BoCC then heard an introduction to the Pagosa Community Initiative from Executive Director Jenna Gannon and Family Services Director Crystal Snow.

Gannon explained that the Pagosa Community Initiative was born out of the Pagosa Arts Initiative and was created around the goal of creating a space for youth and families to belong in the community.

She added that the Arts Initiative had "blossomed" and had a wait list of 25 children, which caused the initiative to expand and attach itself to Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) where it has 100 students in its after-school program, 11 on the wait list and nine high school students who act as interns for the

She stated that the program had not advertised and is intended to create out-of-school support for families and students.

Gannon explained that, over time, the youth and family development services expanded and needed their own nonprofit, which includes youth development programming, family services programming and community development programs.

She added that the Community Initiative is in the process of becoming a family resource center, which arose out of an identified need for a central place for families to access resources.

Gannon continued that the initiative is planning on creating a more "comprehensive" summer program this year, running from Tuesday to Thursday every week and including trips to various locations in the areas and community service projects.

She stated that the initiative also sponsors a monthly Aspen House

Commissioners hear regional, community organization updates class and sponsored a mural with the San Juan Mountain School last

> Gannon continued on to discuss family services, highlighting that the initiative added therapists to all of its programming through a grant this year.

Snow explained that the family services program has grown rapidly and primarily serves at-risk populations.

She added that she currently serves 23 families with four on the wait list and that she primarily acts as a "resource connector" assisting families in connecting families to resources they need.

Snow explained that the family services program also offers various groups to assist parents, teach life skills, and improve communication between teenagers and families.

She also highlighted that becoming a family resource center would expand the services the initiative can offer and open up new funding opportunities for the program.

Snow and Gannon then discussed how the initiative's family services are driven by the Assertive Community Treatment model and how it provides support in a variety of ways, including through education and emergency funds for families in need.

Gannon explained that the group wanted to come before the BoCC to educate the commissioners on its work and ask the commissioners about needs in the community.

She added that one of the initiative's growing needs is for additional space as it is outgrowing the space available at PPOS, which is limiting the size of its programs currently.

Maez commented that he was glad the initiative is reaching out to other resources that are available to prevent duplication of duties and added that he would entertain providing letters of support on grants for the organization, but that it is unlikely the county could provide financial support.

Gannon explained that the space expansion is primarily a future plan and highlighted that PPOS has been a cooperative partner in their work.

The presentation concluded with the commissioners thanking Snow and Gannon for their presentation.

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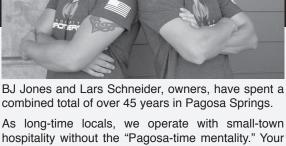
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# Sports

# **TRACK**

# Eight Pirates head to state track meet at Jefferson County Stadium



Photo courtesy Gerry Lindstrom

Jonathan Nasralla clears the high jump bar during the Dennis Teeters Tiger Invite in Grand Junction. Nasralla tied for 14th at the event and enters this week's state championships as the No. 20 seed.

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, eight members of the Pagosa Springs High School track and field team will take to Jefferson County Stadium for the state track and field championships.

The eight Pirates will compete in a variety of events, and coach Connie O'Donnell is hopeful they can all bring home a medal.

Jonathan Nasralla qualified in high jump and enters the state championships as the No. 20 seed with a height of 5 feet, 11 inches.

Jordan Lindstrom also qualified in high jump, entering the championships as the No. 2 seed with a height of 5,02,50

height of 5-02.50.

Chantelle Caldwell will also compete in high jump at state, entering as the No. 16 seed with a height of 5 feet. She also qualified as the No. 8 seed in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.71 sec-

onds and will be part of two relays.
The 4x100-meter team of Caldwell, Rylie Carr, Anabelle Parker and Sienna Rose qualified as the No. 7 team with a time of 21.50 seconds.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Carr, Parker, Rose and Elissa Mars enters as the No. 11 team with a time of 1:50.53.

The 800-meter sprint medley team of Caldwell, Parker, Rose and Annie O'Donnell earned their way to state as the No. 9 team with a

time of 1:55.18.

Carr also qualified in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes,

earning the No. 4 seed in the 100 with a time of 12.58 seconds and the No. 15 seed in the 200 with a time of 27.03 seconds.

Parker will also compete in the 100, entering as the No. 15 seed with a time of 12.96 seconds.

Rose also earned her way to state in the 400-meter dash, entering as the No. 14 seed with a time of 1:02.01.

Abigail Nehring will compete in discus, entering as the No. 10 seed with a distance of 103-04.

The three-day meet will include all classifications (the Pirates are 3A) and preliminary rounds, unlike most other meets, in all sprinting events, according to the coach.

"We didn't have anyone place at the state meet last year," she wrote in an email to The SUN. "I'm hoping that all of these athletes can bring home a medal."

On May 12 and 13, the Pirates pushed to qualify for state as they took part in their final regular-season meet, the Dennis Teeters Tiger Invite in Grand Junction.

The Lady Pirates finished ninth out of 25 teams and the Pirate boys finished 18th out of 21 teams.

"The Grand Junction track meet is very competitive which makes it really hard to place," Connie O'Donnell wrote, explaining that it is a two-day meet because everything 400 meters or less has a prelim round. "We had 4 people make it to finals in running events which is impressive. Rylie Carr in the 100, Sienna Rose in the 200, Elissa Mars in the 300 hurdles and Chantelle Caldwell in the 100

hurdles. Rylie and Chantelle did not run in the finals because we were trying to keep them fresh for the state track meet."

Despite not running in the finals for the 100 hurdles, Caldwell finished fifth in the prelims with a time of 16.91 seconds.

Kylie Ketchum finished 10th in the prelims with a time of 18.23, and Mars finished 12th in the prelimental to the prelimental t

lims with a time of 18.45 seconds. Carr tied for sixth in the prelims for the 100 with a time of 13.43 seconds, and Parker finished ninth in the prelims with a time of 13.44.

Two Lady Pirates took part in the 200 prelims, with Alexis Campbell finishing 14th in 29.20 seconds and Abigail Packer taking 24th in 30.47 seconds.

Rose took fourth in the prelims for the 400 and sixth in the finals, running a time of 64.91 seconds in the finals. Reece Peterson finished 13th in the prelims with a time of 65.25 seconds.

Mars took sixth in the prelims for the 300-meter hurdles, as well as in the finals, with a finals time of 52.40 seconds.

In the 800-meter run, Honestye Sweet finished 39th with a time of 2:56.46, Lucy Taylor finished 40th in 2:59.08, and Aspen Salazar finished 51st in 3:31.59.

Sweet finished 16th in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:21.08, while Marie Smith finished 34th in 7:17.52.

In the 3,200-meter run, Smith took 11th with a time of 16:33.38.

In the 4x100, the team of Caldwell, Parker, Rose and Carr

finished fourth in 52.55 seconds. In the 4x200 team of Carr, Mars, Parker and Rose finished fifth with finish

In the 4x400-meter relay, the team of Emma Gantt, Hadley Phillips, Evelyn Rose and Taylor finished 15th with a time of 4:58.18.

a time of 1:50.53.

The team of Evelyn Rose, Salazar, Smith and Taylor took 16th in the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 13:21.28.

The 800-meter sprint medley team of Parker, Caldwell, Sienna Rose and Annie O'Donnell took third with a time of 1:55.18 seconds.

Lindstrom finished 12th in the long jump with a distance of 15-07.25. Ketchum followed in 13th with a jump of 15-05.50. Elio Groves finished 21st with a jump of 14-10.50.

In the triple jump, Campbell finished sixth with a distance of 31-05.25. Lindstrom followed in seventh with a distance of 31-03.00. Groves finished 12th with a distance of 29-09.75.

Lindstrom finished first in the high jump with a height of 5-02.50. Caldwell finished sixth with a height of 4-11.50. Annie O'Donnell tied for eighth with a height of 4-09.50. Groves tied for 10th with a height of 4-09.50.

Nehring finished 31st in shot put with a throw of 25-01.00 and 12th in discus with a throw of 96-02.

For the boys' team, three Pirates took part in the prelims for the 100, with Colton Lucero finishing 13th in 11.94 seconds, Kameron Winkler finishing 22nd in 12.05 seconds and Gavin Lindahl finishing 32nd in 12.30 seconds.

A trio of Pirates also competed in the 200 prelims, with Winkler taking 10th in 24.14 seconds, Harley Armijo finishing 19th in 24.91 seconds and Nathaniel Kinsley finishing 24th in 25.10 seconds.

Three Pirates also took part in the 400 prelims, with Jesse Beck finishing 23 in 56.52 seconds, Miles Baker finishing 27th in 58.23 seconds, and Jacob Miller finishing 30th in 59.22 seconds.

In the 800, Beck finished 17th in 2:10.41, Andrew Bowles took 24th in 2:15.05, and Kyle Marotta finished 42nd in 2:25.50.

In the 1,600, Bowles took 18th with a time of 4:58.17, Beck took 23rd with a time of 5:05.88, and Marotta finished 53rd in 6:03.69.

ConnorThomas took 27th in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:05.79. He was followed by Elias Sanchez in 28th with a time of 13:09.43.

In the 4x100, the team of Armijo, Lindahl, Lucero and Winkler finished 10th in 45.41 seconds.

The 4x200 team of Winkler, Lucero, Kinsley and Armijo finished eighth with a time of 1:34.82.

In the 4x400, the team of Bowles, Beck, Marotta and Jeremiah Jones finished 17th in 4:01.15.

The team of Elias Sanchez, Levi Hinger, Thomas and Marotta finished eighth in the 4x800 with a time of 9:57.04.

Creede Dozier finished 10th in the triple jump with a distance of 36-00.50. Baker finished 14th with a distance of 34-11.75. Miller finished 16th with a distance of 33-10.50.

Lindahl took 20th in the long jump with a jump of 18-09.75. Dozier finished 23rd with a distance of 18-06.00. Miller finished 32nd with a jump of 17-06.75.

Dozier finished third in the high jump with a height of 5-09.50. Nasralla tied for 14th with a height of 5-05.50. Jones tied for 19th with a height of 5-03.50.

Armijo took 34th in the shot put with a throw of 30-05.00.

"Unfortunately, we had a few athletes and relays end up short of qualifying for state and when I say short, I mean by hundredths of a second," Connie O'Donnell wrote. "I am a bit sad that our boys sprint relays did not qualify. They were so close and they worked so hard."

But, the coach noted there were dozens of highlights on the day.

■ See Track A11



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## BASEBALL



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Pirate Triston Iguchi beats the throw to third base during the team's 16-6 win over the 2A Ignacio Bobcats on May 11. Iguchi had three hits, two runs scored and three RBIs in the game.

# Pirates enter postseason as No. 26 seed

By Randi Pierce

Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team closed out the regular season last week with a win over the 2A Ignacio Bobcats.

This week, the Pirates will head into regional competition as the No. 26 seed and will travel to Delta to take on the No. 7 Delta Panthers in the first round of the Region 7 bracket.

The Pirates will take on Delta at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 20.

The Panthers are 18-5 on the season, while the Pirates are 10-13.

On the other side of the Region 7 bracket, No. 10 Sterling (17-6) will take on No. 23 Kent Denver (12-11).

The winner of each of the eight regions will advance to the state

Also moving on from the Intermountain League are Bayfield as the No. 3 seed, Montezuma-Cortez as the No. 5 seed and Alamosa as the No. 16 seed.

The Pirates picked up a 16-6 win at home over the Bobcats to close out the regular season on May 11.

Ignacio picked up one run in the top of the first, which the Pirates countered in the bottom of the inning when Chris Young-Martinez reached on a dropped third strike, advanced to second on a single by Braylon Cotts, moved to third on a fly out and scored on a single by Triston Iguchi.

Ignacio scored four in the second to take a 5-1 lead, which they held until Pagosa put up eight runs in the third.

Laugel led off the inning with a single and advanced to third on a single by Young-Martinez. Young-Martinez stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch that also allowed Laugel to score. Young-Martinez came around to score on a line-drive triple by Cotts.

# Track

### ■ Continued from A10

"We ran our best races at the end of the season which is the goal," O'Donnell wrote. "We had 29 personal records among our athletes. Even if athletes didn't place, they could still see how much they have improved and be proud of how far they have come in 12 weeks time." randi@pagosasun.com

passed ball during the next at bat.

With one out, Iguchi singled. He then stole second, advanced to third on an error and scored on a passed ball to tie the game 5-5 during Kaison Clifford's at bat, which resulted in a single.

Clifford advanced to third on a ground out and was joined on the bases by Quintin Blankenship, who was hit by a pitch.

Zach Pouyer then singled, scoring Clifford to give the Pirates the lead and moving Blankenship to

In his second at bat of the inning, Laugel singled, advancing Kaden Iguchi (serving as a courtesy runner for Blankenship) to third and Pouyer to second.

Kaden Iguchi scored on an error that also moved Pouyer and Laugel up. Pouyer and Laugel scored on a single by Young-Martinez, giving the Pirates a 9-5 lead.

The Pirates picked up another three runs in the fourth.

Hunter Pouyer led off the fourth with a double and scored on a chi and Zach Pouyer. Laugel also single by Tristan Iguchi. Tristan Iguchi advanced to third on a double by Clifford. Tristan Iguchi scored and Clifford advanced to third on a wild pitch, with Clifford deemed out while attempting to score on

Jaden Tuggle-Reed then reached on an error and scored on a double by Blankenship, moving the Pirates to a 12-5 lead.

Pagosa scored two in the fifth after Cotts and Hunter Pouyer

Cotts came around to score on a walked and a fly out allowed Cotts to score and Hunter Pouyer to move to second. Clifford then doubled, scoring Ty Richey, who was serving as a courtesy runner for Hunter Pouver.

Ignacio picked up one run in the top of the sixth, which the Pirates countered with two runs in the bottom of the inning to seal the 16-6 win.

In the sixth, Zach Pouver singled and stole second. Laugel also knocked a single. Both runners advanced on steals before Young-Martinez drew a walk to load the

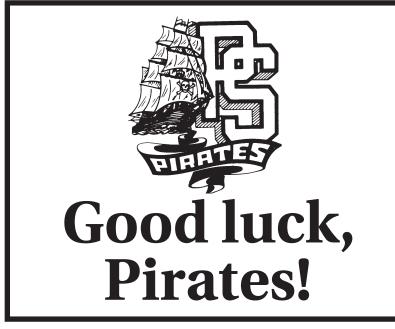
Zach Pouyer then scored on a wild pitch that also allowed Laugel to advance to third and Young-Martinez to steal second. Laugel was caught stealing home, but Young-Martinez scored on a single by Cotts to end the game.

The Pirates' 16 runs came around on 19 hits and three walks. The team had four strikeouts.

Four Pirates had a three-hit game: Laugel, Cotts, Triston Iguscored two runs. Cotts, whose hits included a triple, also drew a walk, scored two runs and picked up two RBIs. Triston Iguchi also had two runs scored and three RBIs. Clifford, whose hits included a pair of doubles, also had a run scored and an RBI. Zach Pouver also scored two runs and picked up an RBI.

Young-Martinez had two hits, a walk, three runs scored and two

Hunter Pouyer had a hit (a



double), a walk and a run scored. Blankenship had a hit (a double) and an RBI.

Tuggle-Reed, Kaden Iguchi and Richey each scored runs.

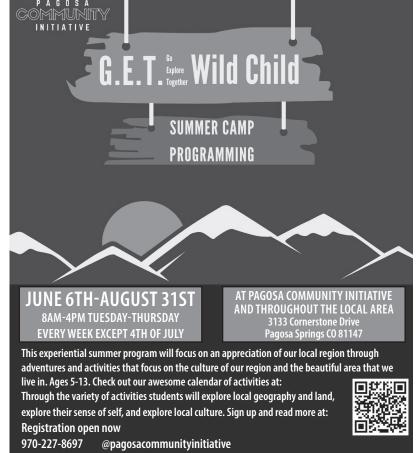
Pagosa left five runners on base. Aaron Aucoin pitched 5.2 innings and picked up the win, allowing six runs (three earned) on six hits and three walks while striking out eight. Clifford pitched in relief, striking out one. Two Bobcat batters were hit by pitches.

Each team committed four er-

Coach Nathan Morales could not be reached for comment by press time Wednesday following the release of the playoff brackets earlier in the day.

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On May 5, Pagosa Springs Middle School hosted the San Juan Basin track and field championships at Golden Peaks Stadium. The event featured seventh- and eighth-grade athletes.

# Parks and Rec Advisory Board appoints new member, discusses trails and river access

By Monica Nigon Staff Writer

The Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met May 11 to address updates on the ice rink roof, a new board member, river access progress, potential trail upgrades, electrical upgrades to area parks and

Darren Lewis, Parks and Recreation director, noted that after last month's presentation from Brian Collabolletta about an addition of a roof to South Pagosa Park's ice rink that there would be an open house on May 16 and Collabolletta will be taking boards to show what a roof structure would look like.

Lewis added that, in regards to the ultimate location of the ice rink, "South Pagosa seems like the direction we're heading with this."

He noted it would still be a phased project starting with adding sand to the base to level it out.

"Currently I have mixed emotions about it right now, which is why I'm looking forward to the May 16 meeting," Lewis said.

The board also interviewed a potential new board member. Jenna Waite-Gannon, who was a teacher and now works in a local experiential/adventure education nonprofit, was added to the board with a unani-

When asked about how the parks and recreation programs could be improved, Wait-Gannon noted, "I think there could be more recreation we could get into for kids. Not necessarily playing a specific sport; I would love to see rec programs expanded to include all different types of kids that want to move their bodies in different ways."

Waite-Gannon added that in addition to being a school teacher for four years, she is currently director for Pagosa Community Initiative.

The advisory board will interview one more candidate at its next meeting on June 1.

The board addressed east-end boater access for private and commercial boaters on the San Juan

Board member Sally High noted the property intended to be used will be 20 acres and the long-term management will be headed by the San Juan Water Conservancy District.

High added the county commissioners were approached about building out the area with parking and trash cans.

She noted that the property will meet Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District requirements and the

county will pay for it. "It's all coming together quickly and efficiently," High said.

She added the access will be closed seasonally will likely have no amenities and will be closed for overnight parking.

The 6th Street trail connector was on the agenda as board members noted the steepness and general lack of safety of the trail there.

"Staff feels like it needs to be tiered in some manner," Lewis explained. "It would never be ADA compliant; it's rough and steep. I feel like we need to get it engineered

Lewis noted, in regards to electrical upgrades in the town's parks, the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board has dedicated \$36,000. First on the docket is adding outlets to Town

"We've already had an electrician out there and we're moving forward with an upgrade at Town Park for \$1,800," Lewis said.

He added that they're looking at getting Wi-Fi at the athletic fields at

Lewis noted they're hoping to add electricity perhaps to the soccer fields or pickleball courts at Yamaguchi Park to make it easier to host events, as the baseball field is not

meant to be a venue. In regards to parks, Lewis also noted the town is working on getting irrigation systems turned on in all of the parks within the week and putting up shade structures.

He added that while he has hired two full-time seasonal workers and one part-time seasonal worker, he's hoping to add one more full-time

staff for the summer. Lewis also noted there was an overabundance of applications for kids' camp counselors, which enabled them to expand enrollment

'We were able to hire 13 counselors," he said. "Now we are able to take 70 kids instead of 60, and we're

getting close to being maxed out." Lewis noted there are now fences up around the pickleball courts and they should be surfaced the week of

June 19.

He added the department is gearing up for ComFest, a free concert series that will start June 16 and run the third Friday of every month.

# **Public Notices**

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Darvin Patrick, et al

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

Sheriff Sale 2023-11 This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to separate Mortgages recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, under the information provided in Exhibit "A" Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered February 1, 2023, 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

**DARVIN PATRICK** STEVEN VARGAS NORMA YOLANDA VARGAS **ELOYCE JONES FLEMING** FRANK P DICKSON, JR TIMOTHY H KLING **CLARA L KLING** RENNIE I DAII EV

THE EMMETT JONES FAMILY LIVING TRUST DATED

MARCH 11, 2004
Evidence of Debt: Recorded mortgages in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, being further identified in Exhibit "A" Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Obligations Secured: Underlying note for the purchase of the Timeshare Property identified in Exhibit "A". Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South

21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Payments Due to: Wyndham Vacation Resorts, 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 Mortgage, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will 2023-11, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of therein, the Lender may bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Mortgage a the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchase a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

Last Publication: 5/25/2023 Name of Publication: Pagosa Sun

First Publication: 4/27/2023

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IS ATTACHED HERETO. A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.

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

Mike Le Roux, Sheriff

Archuleta County By: /s/ Lorena Medina Lorena Medina, Office Manage Exhibit A

Peregrine Townhouses Phase II 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 Principal Amount Due: \$1,228.04

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 \$2,994.52 Peregrine Townhouses Phase III
Matter Amount

Late Fees: \$45.00 Costs: \$256.93

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: \$175.00 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$6,227,47

Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two 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 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 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

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$21,219,58 Teal Landing Condominium Phase Five 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

built Building 15, 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 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, and Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplementa Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765 and any future 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 Late Fees: \$60.00 Costs: \$256.93 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$9.351.55 Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six

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 Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six- as depicted on 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 of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Tea Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 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 Tea Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614. recorded December 12, 2002 as Reception Number 20211905 and any future 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 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

Property Owners: TIMOTHY H KLING and CLARA L

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 Costs: \$256.93

Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00 Total: \$10,905.41 Property Owners: BENNIE L DAILEY and JOSEPHINE 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 built 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 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 Supplementa 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 Supplementa Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614 First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20211905 and Sixth Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Tea Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20209497 and any future 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 Accrued Interest: \$9,491.75

Late Fees: \$45.00 Costs: \$256.93 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000,00

Total: \$24,817.49 Published April 27, May 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023 in The

> NOTICE TO CREDITORS JEFFERY SCOTT LEAVENWORTH

Case No.2023 PR 30012 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the persona representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County Colorado on or before September 11, 2023, or the cla may be forever barred.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published May 11, 18 and 25, 2023, in *The Pagos* 

CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT FACILITY IN PAGOSA

SPRINGS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS: Archuleta County invites qualified general construction contracting firms to submit qualifications/proposals to provide construction services for a new Bus Termina Facility to be located at 85 Harman Park Rd, in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. RFP details are posted on the County website at www.archuletacounty.org. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 1:00pm on June 5, 2023, at the County's Administration Building located at 398 Lewis Street Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Administration Building, 398 Lewis Street Pagosa Springs 81147 until June 21, 2023, at 3pm. For more information, please email Kevin Bruce at kbruce@

archuletacounty.org Published May 18 and 25, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs* 

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7,

WATER RESUME (This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state

court website at: www.courts.state.co.us).
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of Apri

2023, for Archuleta County. 2023, for Archuleta County.
23CW6 Kruger Farms LLC, PO Box 26266, Albuquerque,
NM 87125: Kruger Reservoir; Navajo River; Archuleta
County; Date of original decree, 12/9/68; Case no. CA
308-D; Subsequent decrees and dates, W-186, 4/10/75, W-186-77, 12/6/77, 81CW72, 11/18/81, 03CW94 3/31/04, 10CW28, 9/16/10, 16CW24, 4/3/17; In the N1/2 of Section 33, T33N, R2E, NMPM, Original point of survey - East end of existing dam is at a point whence bears 61° 04'W, 3,027.8 ft; Oil Well Creek, tributary to date, 6/23/67; 87.3 acre feet (since reduced to 20 acre feet); Irrigation and livestock watering; Kruger Farms LLC has diligently pursued a new, suitable location for the Kruger Reservoir; finalization has been delayed because of drought and additional time is needed to see the new location and structure to fruition; Work towards

completion of project outlined in application. (9 page THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY

STATUTE. OR BE FOREVER BARRED YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE until the last day of June 2023, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions.

A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5 CRCP. (Filing fee: \$192.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial web site at www.courts.state.co.us: Jason Pover, Water Cour Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301; (970-247-2304)

Water Court Specialist Published: <u>before May 31, 2023</u> Published May 18, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON June 6, 2023
CRAIG AND EVA BISHOP have applied for a MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Bishop

Minor Subdivision in Sec: 8 Twn: 36 Rng: 2W, at 2505B County Rd 600, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-047). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR). nments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PFlowers@ archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners or June 6, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Public comment will be taken at the meeting in person only

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BEFORE THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING

DOCKET NO. 230400127 TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 523.d, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Staff has applied to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation agains allegations in the Notice of Alleged Violation No

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the genera iurisdiction of the Oil and Gas Conservation Com the State of Colorado under § 34-60-105, C.R.S. 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105, C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 C.C.R. 404-1, that the Commission has Hearing Officer at the following date, time, and local

(subject to change) Date: July 19, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, CO 80203

The Notice and documents related to this matter car be found on our "Hearing eFiling System Documen Search" page here https://oitco.hylandcloud.com DNRCOGPublicAccess/index.html. Select "Search for Docket Related Documents" from the pull-down menu, use the above "Docket Number", and select "Search" Published May 18, 2023, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.





### **Special Olympics**

Photos: Randi Pierce and Stacey Barker

The recent Terry Alley Invitational included, in addition to high school athletes from around the region, several events dedicated to local Special Olympics athletes, who were joined on the track by partners and supporters.









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# COVID-19 public health emergency, local disaster emergency declaration end

By Megan Graham

San Juan Basin Public Health

The federal public health emergency declared in 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic came to an end May 11 and the local disaster emergency declaration made by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) will also lapse.

"We would like to thank the community for working through the challenging and ever-changing landscape of the pandemic and taking precautions to protect themselves and each other. By pulling together as a community, we all helped save lives," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH executive director. "I would also like to thank our staff for their incredible dedication to protecting the community throughout the pandemic. It's been a true honor to see the hard work performed every

day by talented and committed members of our organization."

SJBPH urges individuals to take advantage of free COVID-19 prevention and testing resources while they are still available. COVID-19 vaccines are currently free to evervone ages 6 months and older. Vaccines will remain free until the government-purchased supply is depleted. Following that, vaccine cost will likely be dependent on insurance coverage and could create a barrier for uninsured or underinsured individuals.

COVID-19 vaccines are available at health care providers, local pharmacies and at SJBPH's offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs. For a complete list of vaccine access points, visit https://sjbpublichealth. org/202/Vaccine.

SJBPH continues to provide free COVID-19 test kits at both offices.

Individuals can take up to two test kits per person. Free masks are also available in SJBPH's office lobby in Pagosa Springs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Medication to prevent severe COVID-19, such as Paxlovid, will remain available for free while supplies last."

After that, out-of-pocket expenses for certain treatments may change depending on a person's health care coverage, similar to costs for other medicines.

Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) will continue to cover COVID-19 treatments without out-of-pocket expenses. For people without insurance, certain CO-VID-19 medicines will remain available with no out-of-pocket costs at pharmacies participating in the Department of Health and Human

Services' Bridge Access Program For COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments.

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

chealth.org. If you are interested in receiving updates on COVID-19 resources and activity, sign up for the SJBPH newsletter at https:// lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/ P6jX42J or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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# **Navajo Trail Laundry**

75 Navajo Trail Drive Unit 1 **NEW NUMBER: 970-300-2016** 

RECREATION NEWS

# Adult coed and men's 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 \$525 to register a team. There is no online registration for this program. Stop by the Ross Aragon Community Center to fill out a registration form.

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

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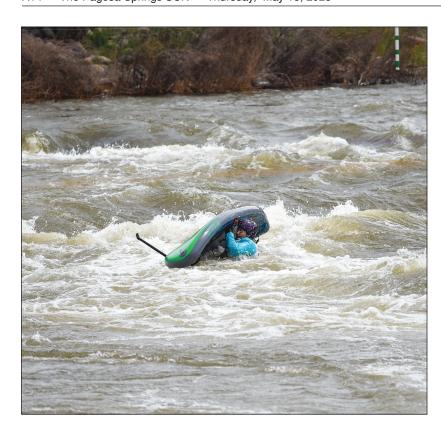
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# Pagosa Paddle

Water enthusiasts took to the San Juan River downtown to compete in a number of competitions as part of the Pagosa Paddle. The Pagosa Paddle is an annual fundraiser for the Friends of the Upper San Juan River, a local nonprofit that focuses on stewardship of the San Juan River and Pagosa Springs community parks.















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# Mental Health Awareness Walk

May 20 • Town Park • Registration 10 a.m. • Walk 10:30 a.m.



# 'P.S. It's okay': Mental Health Awareness Walk to be held May 20

Rise Above Violence

Depression and anxiety are the top diagnoses for adolescents. Suicide is the fourth-leading cause of death for 15- to 29-year-olds. Our students are experiencing one of the highest rates of mental health issues in history, and professionals are anticipating that those numbers are going to increase.

No one can blame just one thing for this serious increase. We don't really know what's causing this spike in numbers. Here is what we do know:

- 1. Professionals around the world are saying we are in a mental health crisis.
  - 2. Youth and teens are really good at hiding it.
- 3. Our young people are experiencing it, and we know that mental health is something that should be talked about more.

The students in the Youth Rise club feel a passion for talking about mental health. That is why they are hosting the annual Mental Health Awareness Walk again this year.

The walk will be on May 20 at Town Park. Registration will begin at 10 a.m., and we will begin walking at 10:30 a.m. We will walk downtown Pagosa Springs and end again at Town Park, where there will be booths from different organizations in support of mental health. We will also have Amanda Briggs as our guest speaker along with students of Youth Rise and Rise Above Violence staff.

While in Telluride, Sarah Ross, a previous Youth Rise student and founder of the original 2019 Mental Health Awareness Walk, witnessed a suicide prevention walk.

It included a peace march down Main Street to create awareness toward the negative stigma around mental health and bring the subject to light. She was inspired to say the least. Our goal in having this walk here in Pagosa is for everyone to know that it's OK to talk about it. It's OK to not be OK, and it's OK to learn more about it.

We hope to see all of Pagosa come out, support the cause and support our youth. Show our youth that we care about them, support them and that we are all here for them. And, most importantly, support our youth in getting rid of the stigma around mental health.

This event is also a great way to get information and show support for the various nonprofit organizations that support mental health and other human services in our community. If you have any event questions, please contact Marissa Talamante, youth advocate, at (970) 946-5276 or marissa@riseaboveviolence.org.

Rise Above Violence is a nonprofit organization that promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving more than 400 victims each year.

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### Saturday

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**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Ron and Susan, 5 p.m.

### Sunday

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

### Tuesday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday

The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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# Walk for Moms slated for Saturday

### 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 par-



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ents 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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## Healthy Archuleta announces May 20 garden workshop

Healthy Archuleta

Overnight temperatures have been on the rise, and now is the time to start seeding and transplanting cold-hardy crops in our gardens.

The Healthy Archuleta Growers Group is hosting a workshop on Saturday, May 20, at the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension building at 9 a.m.

The workshop will cover how to direct sow and transplant the earliest spring crops. Participants will gain hands-on experience with sowing, transplanting and installing hoops and row cover over garden beds to protect young plants.

The workshop fee is \$10 and preregistration is required. To register, go to https://www.food-coalition4archuleta.org/garden-education.html.

Email fsfearchuleta@gmail.com with any questions.

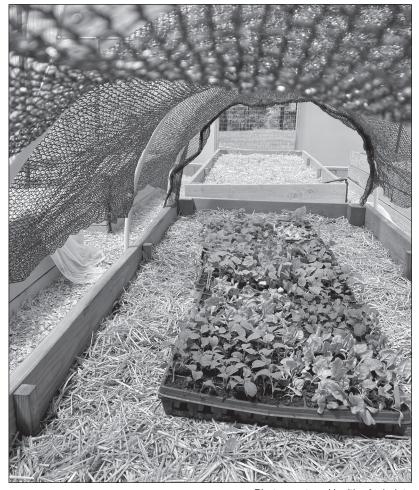


Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

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### Unitarian Universalists to participate in flower ceremony

By Pauline Benetti

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

It's a very simple ceremony, but with many levels of meaning. Perhaps that is why it has remained a favorite service since its 1923 development in Czechoslovakia by the Rev. Norbert Capek.

Every spring, most of our churches and fellowships devote a Sunday to this festive participatory service which celebrates the beauty of earth's diversity and human oneness, and to commitment to freedom of thought. It is both simple and universal. And, here is what adds to the meaning. Each one of us is charged with bringing a flower—or two or three if they are small—to the service. These will be joined

together in a large bouquet from which we each will draw. Selecting the flower to add and selecting the flower to take away — if we do that mindfully, there is a communion, an act of sharing. The service leader is Pauline Benetti.

Depending on the current CO-VID recommendations, please be prepared to wear a well-fitting mask while in the building if deemed necessary. Social distancing will be encouraged and to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd. on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. Join us. For more information about the fellowship, please see the website www.pagosauu.org.

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# Prayer: a call, a duty, a humble privilege

**Bv Theresa Lussi PREVIEW Columnist** 

Many days have passed since our nation was called to join in a day of united prayer for our communities, our cities, our families, our country. Yet the need for individual and corporate prayer has not waned. On the contrary, a sense of urgency has pervaded this land with constant reports of calamities, sicknesses, wars and rumors of wars filling the airwaves day and night. Where are we to turn?

On the most recent National Day of Prayer last May, there were no large gatherings that I was aware of in our small town, as usually occur. Instead, one of the local churches opened its doors for townspeople and visitors to enter for private prayer and meditation throughout the day.

Tables arranged around the sanctuary held pictures and other helpful suggestions to facilitate prayer for each area to be covered by intercession: government, church, military, family, education, media and business. Each table offered little items to be taken as token reminders to continue to pray for these seven key factors that constitute our society. A couple of examples were toy soldiers on the military table and yellow ribbons on the family table with markers provided to write the names

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of prodigals. Soft, reflective music played in the background.

For me, it was a meaningful and memorable experience, a time well-spent for quiet reflection and meditation, away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. Perhaps more memorable than a large gathering with music and singing, though, such events are also beneficial and have their place.

After months of contemplating the challenges set before us, I am filled with hope and a renewed commitment to persevere. Yes, as long as we walk this earth, there will be difficulties, heartaches, trials, and men opposed to the God we serve and the values we hold dear. But, our God is greater than all of these and His grace is sufficient.

I am hopeful because as I look around, I see babies and young children growing and thriving. Though our archenemy would destroy life and all that is good, life — precious life — continues.

After a recent close brush with death, an adult son lives and is recovering. Another reminder that each of our days are numbered, determined by the one who gives us life.

So, when and how and why do we pray? Pray at all times, not just on one day set aside for that purpose; pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, for we do not know how to pray as we ought; pray to draw near to the heart of God, to learn of Him and to please Him.

To close, I recall the words of ■ See Faith on next page

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### Pagosa Peak Open School to host community gallery night May 24, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. 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,

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# Countywide Women's Bible Study continuing study on John

By Stan Counsell

Countywide Women's Bible Study

The Countywide Women's Bible Study is continuing its study of the Gospel of John.

The apostle John, much like many of us, had a "unique" walk with Jesus. He was born into privilege and probably use to getting his way. As such, he was naturally absorbed with his "position of importance" with Jesus. His temper was short,  $the reby \, earning \, him \, and \, his \, brother \,$ the moniker of "sons of thunder." Yet, in time, his following of Jesus melted his arrogance into that of being "the disciple whom Jesus loved." What a change. His character became one of humility and profound love for Jesus. He became very instrumental in the development of the Early Church. John was no longer motivated to seek fleshly importance; he became uneasy with religious titles and tried to avoid them.

Our English Bibles take the very colorful Hebrew and Greek words and put them into the simplicity of English, thereby missing much of what the biblical language was

saying. So, we naturally apply that wording to our current mindset, finding ourselves missing numerous delights in God's Word. Here are some examples that have recently been discussed.

When Mary told Jesus that the wine had run out, it is only natural that we continue reading not grasping what Mary really meant and why she spoke up. Was she being nosy, a pushy busybody trying to "assist" Jesus? Just what was Mary's purpose in speaking to her son?

When Jesus answered, "Woman, my time has not yet come," what was He really saying to her? Was He rebuking her, telling her to mind her own business, not to make demands of him? Or even worse, was He being disinterested or lost in His own thoughts? Just what "time" was Jesus referring to?

When Mary told the servants to do what Jesus said, again, what jewels we can miss. In frustration, did she order the servants around because she was Jesus' mother? Was she trying to "force" Jesus into action because of His perceived

indifference? Did she want things to go her way?

What was the importance of the servants filling the jars with water, then taking a cup of it to the steward of the banquet? Did Jesus give the servants that warning look to obey Mary? The answers to all those questions is a clear no. But, with understanding the Greek sentence structure and ancient Hebrew culture, one's eyes see with clarity.

This women's study is a market of sorts, but not a lecture. The ladies are not just sitting around. It's their study. All questions, comments and opinions are theirs and much appreciated. There isn't a lecturer, rather a "tour guide" that facilitates, not one that "runs the show." There aren't any books or brochures to buy; it's a come-as-you-are event. Just bring your heart, mind, questions and Bibles to learn from each other.

Your facilitator is Roberta ('Bert) Counsell, an active-status international ordained pastor for women of every age. She has ministered, with her husband, from San Diego, Calif., to Colorado for more than 30 years. She would love to welcome you because you are preciously loved by God. It's enjoyable to take your shoes off and let your hair down. Learning can be such fun.

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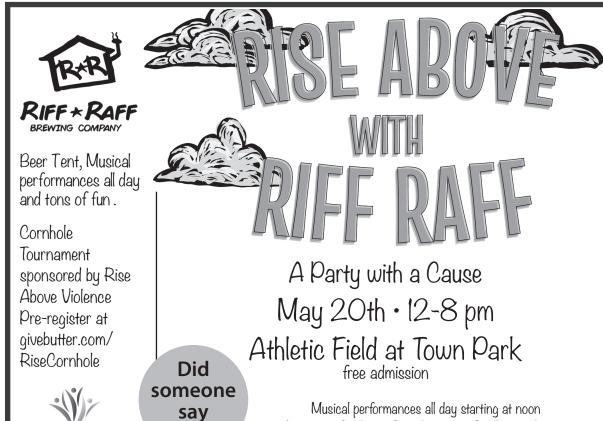


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President Franklin D. Roosevelt offered on D-Day so long ago as he asked his fellow countrymen to "devote themselves in a continuance of prayer." And reminding them that "with Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy."

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## Noxious Weed of the Month: elongated mustard

### By Ethan Proud

PREVIEW Columnist

You won't find elongated mustard in the grocery store, but you will find it on the Colorado Noxious Weed A List. In Colorado, it is only found at the border of Chaffee and Fremont counties, but it can also be found in Utah, Idaho and Nevada.

Its leaves help differentiate it from other mustards and are lobed at the base, and the leaves along the stem do not clasp it. Like all mustards, it has four petals, which are yellow, and the plant has a sweet fragrance when in bloom. Elongated mustard is native to Southeastern Europe and Asia, and in North America it invades semiarid landscapes and is commonly found on steep slopes, which make treatment difficult. Helicopters have been used to treat this plant due to the areas it is found.

Many of our native and nonnoxious mustard species are lookalikes for the plant, as many have yellow petals. If you believe you have found this plant, please bring a sample to the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Office.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

### **Upcoming events**

# **Extension Viewpoints**

May 19 — Archuleta County Fair Board Dance, 7 to 10 p.m. at the Extension Exhibit Hall.

May 20 — Plant workshop: Sowing and transplanting early crops. The workshop will run from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension office. There is a \$10 class fee. Visit https://docs. google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQL Sf76WXumeKE9ND1JSus9Qdpx5 OM6Q14Bwrx2tjdQR-mIv95ZQ/ viewform to register.

May 20 and June 1 — Cottage Foods certification online.

The Archuleta County Fair is the first full weekend in August, Aug. 3 to Aug. 6. Go to www.Archuletacountyfair.com for more info. Volunteers are wanted.

Save the date for the viticulture workshop to be hosted at Fox Fire Farms on July 15.

For more on these and other events, please check out our Facebook page at Archuleta County Extension or call the office at (970) 264-5931.

### **CPR** and first aid classes

### 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.

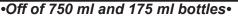
This talented group has been nominated eight times by the Contemporary A Cappella Society for best religious album, winning the award in 2019. Its 2022 album "Solid Rock" was the recipient of their eighth nomination for best album award.

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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## Spanish Fiesta planning session set for May 19

By Rose Chavez **PREVIEW Columnist** 

The Pagosa Senior Center invites community members of all ages and backgrounds to rekindle the Spanish Fiestas of the past that honor the culture and diversity of the Archuleta and Pagosa Springs community.

On Friday, May 19, at 10 a.m., community members interested in helping revive and honor the heritage of Pagosa Country with an emphasis on Hispanic and indigenous are asked to meet at the dining hall in the Pagosa Senior Center located within the Ross Aragon Community Center.

We are a group of folks trying to revive a custom that used to celebrate our local heritage and promote scholarship in our local youth. This includes many of Archuleta County's founding

The group is planning a headliner concert featuring the music of the godson of New Mexico music, Al Hurricane Jr., and his band, along with local talent featuring Los Mitotitos at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds during the afternoon and evening of July 29.

During these initial meetings, we will discuss ideas to celebrate Hispanic and Indigenous heritage in conjunction with the musical event planned for this summer. Funds raised during this event will be used to support the intergenerational mission of Archuleta Seniors Inc. and a future scholarship fund for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and youth of color) youth of Archuleta County. All community members are welcome to attend. For more information, contact rosa@psseniors.org.

### **Senior Conversations**

Join us Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn. He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held at the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

### Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, started by Melissa Bailey, and was continued by Kathy Ruth through the years. The group met in the Senior Center dining room until 2020, took a break due to COVID and then resumed meetings in the Community Center.

They are truly excited to be

## **Senior** News

meeting in the Senior Center dining area again.

They will meet each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends. learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com.

### 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

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to handprepare 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.

### **Community Cafe menu**

Thursday, May 18 — Cod piccata, sweet potatoes, garden salad, fruit, banana bread pudding and

Friday, May 19 — Teriyaki beef and peppers, coconut rice, mango black bean salad, garden salad, fruit, macaroons and milk.

Monday, May 22 — Barbecued chicken, baked beans, cornbread, garden salad, fruit, Rocky Mountain toffee bars and milk.

Tuesday May 23 — Pasta primavera with Alfredo sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, peach cobbler and milk.

Wednesday, May 24 — Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, May 25 — Singapore coffee barbecued pork ribs, brown rice, sauteed squash medley, garden salad, ambrosia fruit salad and milk.

Friday, May 26 — Manhattan clam chowder, broccoli, oyster crackers, garden salad, fruit, brownies and milk.

### **Grab-N-Go meals**

Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10 also. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

### Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

### 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

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

### Thursday, May 18

Ruby Writer's Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writer's Guild will welcome writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

**Guided Great House Tour.** 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. The tour is available

by reservation for up to 10 people and walk-ins are allowed if room allows. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Attendees must arrive at the plaza kiosk by 10 a.m.; the tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5(ages 5-12) plus a booking fee and are nonrefundable. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community** Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until food runs out, Community United Meth-

odist Church. Note: until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church, Serving taco salad and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat, and other staples are available for those in need.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve

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# Senior

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age 60 and older throughout most areas of Archuleta County.

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the Community Center, to fill out an application to qualify for the mobile pantry service.

The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the bottom of the Community Cafe page: http://www.psseniors.org/ community-cafeacute.html. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

### **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, Grabn-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

### **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.

### Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair. Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. This service is available by appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

### **Bridge**

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. We have eliminated Monday bridge due to lack of consistent participation and will be replacing it with different programming.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

### **Board vacancies**

The Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors has one vacant position open. 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

### Requesting donations

ASI has an immediate monetary need to support ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta



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your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Game Master Playground. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Are you a game master with an idea you want to try? Do you want to try your hand at being a game master? Sign up to run a one-shot game. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

Geology Tour. 5-7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Guests must arrive for check-in 15 minutes before the program begins. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children (ages 5-12). For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Arleen Prochazka from the Pagosa Weather Team will describe the services they offer to our community and tell us about North American monsoon formation and its impact on our local mountains.

### Friday, May 19

Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour. 8-10:15 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Guests must arrive 15 minutes before the program starts. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free, and are considered a nonrefundable, nontransferable donation. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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.

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.

Archuleta County Fair Board Dance: Country Hoe Down. 7-10 p.m., Extension building. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth 15 and under. Call the office at (970) 264-5931 for more information.

Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 7:15-10 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Guests must arrive for check-in between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m. and the program begins at 8:45 p.m. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www. chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

### Saturday, May 20

Birding at Chimney Rock Program.

7:45-10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Good walking shoes are advised, along with plenty of water and sun protection. Bring binoculars if you have them. Not recommended for young children. Guests must enter through the Colo. 151 entry gate between 7:45 and 8 a.m. This is a reservations-only program. Tickets are \$16 (ages 13 and up), \$8 (ages 5-12), under 5 free, and are considered a nonrefundable, nontransferable donation. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www. chimneyrockco.org or call (970)

Walk for Moms. 8:30-11 a.m., Yamaguchi Park, 684 S. 5th St. Honor the hero in your life. Sign up now as a team captain and invite others to join your team. Just a reminder, the more you raise, the greater the prize. Not only will we award the top team and best dressed

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team, you also receive prizes for your individual fundraising efforts. See aspirepagosa.org for more information.

HomesFund Homebuyer Education Class. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Tired of renting? Join our Homebuyer Education Class. Learn what it takes to become a homeowner and gain access to local down payment assistance funds. Topics covered include: budget, credit, insurance, lending, down payment assistance programs, real estate, inspection and home maintenance. Space is limited. To register, visit www. homesfund.org. Questions can be directed to info@homesfund.org or (970) 259-1418, ext. 1.

Seedling Workshop. 9-10:30 a.m., Extension building. Learn how to transplant and plant the garden. Go to www.FoodCoalition4Archuleta. org to sign up. The workshop is \$10. Call the office at (970) 264-5931 for more information.

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.

Cottage Foods Certification Class. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Extension building. Look on the Facebook page to learn more or call the office at (970) 264-5931 for more information.

Youth Rise Mental Health Awareness Walk. 10 a.m., Town Park.

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Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. The route will include downtown Pagosa Springs and end at Town Park, where there will be booths from different organizations in support of mental health. Amanda Briggs will be the guest speaker along with students of Youth Rise and Rise Above Violence staff.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Bring your favorite quilting tool and explain how it works or learn from experienced quilters. Bring questions or a project and the tools you need to work on it for open sew following the regular meeting.

Guided Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. The tour is available by reservation for up to 10 people and walk-ins are allowed if room allows. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Attendees must arrive at the plaza kiosk by 10 a.m.; the tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 (ages 13 and up) and \$5 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee and are nonrefundable. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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.

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

Flute, Moon and Stars. 5:45-8:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Guests must enter through the Colo. 151 entry gate between 5:45 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$16 (age 13 and up) and \$8 (ages 5-12) plus a booking fee, and are nonrefundable and nontransferrable. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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.

Wood Bank Work Day. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church parking lot, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. St. Patrick's Wood Bank will conduct a workday to start cutting and loading wood to expand its wood bank for this coming winter. All are welcome to join this effort, meeting to caravan to the work location. Pizza and drinks will be served before the work begins. Youth in grades 5 to 12 are also welcome to join this community activity. Participants with chain saws and trailers will greatly assist this worthy effort.

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 spiritfulfilling 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 flyfishers 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

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.

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### Garbanzo Beans

We have been excited to see recent studies showing a positive relationship between garbanzo beans and weight management. The best single study we've seen in this regard has been a study that measured food satiety. "Food satiety" is the scientific term used to describe our satisfaction with food - how full it leaves us feeling, and how effective it is in eliminating our sense of hunger and appetite. Participants in a recent study were found to consume fewer snacks and fewer overall calories when supplementing their regular diet with garbanzo beans. They were also found to report greater food satiety, with experiences of reduced appetite and great food satisfaction. Along with their unusual combination of



protein and fiber and their great ability to stabilize digestion, garbanzo beans also stand out as a food that is moderate in terms of calories. At approximately 250 calories per cup, we're talking about 10-15% of daily calories. In return for this moderate calorie cost, we get 50% of the DV for fiber and 29% of the DV for protein. Those nutrient amounts are great trade-offs for anyone struggling with weight loss or weight management.

Recommended You Tube video: "Seven Keys to Long Life with 100 Year Old Dr. John Scharffenberg & Doug Batchelor".

### What Seventh-day Adventists Believe...

#17 of 28: STEWARDSHIP: We are God's stewards, entrusted by Him with time and opportunities, abilities and possessions, and the blessings of the earth and its resources. We are responsible to Him for their proper use. We acknowledge God's ownership by faithful service to Him and our fellowmen, and by returning tithes and giving offerings for the proclamation of His gospel and the support and growth of His church. Stewardship is a privilege given to us by God for nurture in love and the victory over selfishness and covetousness. The steward rejoices in the blessings that come to others as a result of his faithfulness."

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 *Corinthians* 9: 6, 7

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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

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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.

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Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m.,The Lost Cajun. The cost is \$15 and all women are welcome. We must have you RSVP to (970) 946-1894 by Sunday, May 21.

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

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

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

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

Center. Loaner paddles are available.

Children's Book Talk. 3:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Kids aged 6-11 who want new ideas on what to read next are invited to learn about your library's newest children and juvenile books. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Registration is required.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

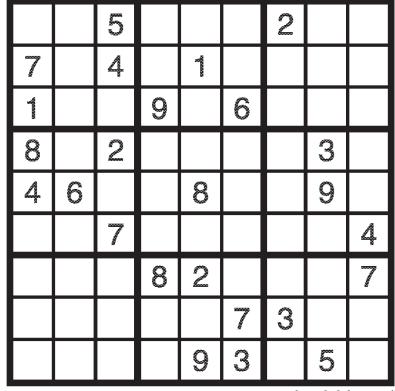
Sketching at the Pinnacles Class. 5 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This class is part art, part reflection, part nature study and a little visit to Chimney Rock National Monument all rolled into one. No art talent is required, just a desire to be open to suggestions and willing to try a hand at self-expression. Materials will be provided to each participant. Participants must check in at 5 p.m. The fee is \$20 per person (ages 10 and up) including all materials and is considered a nonrefundable donation. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.



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# Tie-dye event will launch Summer Reading Program

### **By Carole Howard**

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Library fans of all ages are invited to a fun free event next Friday, May 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. to create your own tie-dye T-shirt commemorating this year's Summer Reading Program that kicks off on June 3.

All supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own T-shirt or another item to dye if you prefer.

Also on May 26, registration will open for the Summer Reading Program. You can sign up in person or on the library's website at https://pagosalibrary.org.

Watch for more details about the many special events and fun challenges in the Summer Reading Program in future "Library News" columns, and pick up a June events calendar at the library to be sure you don't miss any of the program's free library activities available to you and your family.

### Library early closure

Your library will close at 5 p.m. next Monday, May 22, and on the fourth Monday of each month for a staff meeting.

# Last Lifelong Learning today

Our free spring Lifelong Learning lectures from 6-7:15 p.m. on Thursdays conclude today, May 18, with 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.

# Game Master Playground today

Teens are invited to a free rebranded online Game Master (GM) Playground Dungeons and Dragons program today, 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 oneshot game (no more than three sessions). Registration is required.

### Writers support group

On Thursdays including today, May 18, from 9 to 11 a.m., the Ruby Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

### Yoga storytime tomorrow

Kids aged 1-5 are invited to a special free yoga storytime tomor-

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row, Friday, May 19, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. when we'll stretch as we practice early literacy skills in a fun, relaxed way.

### **Kids Create tomorrow**

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to a free Kids Create mixed-media art class tomorrow, Friday, May 19, from 2 to 3 p.m. based on a story. The story and projects change monthly.

# Online author talk Saturday

There will be one more talk this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times best-selling authors. Saturday, May 20, at noon will feature Courtney Summers, Canadian award-winning author of "Sadie" and other novels for young adults. You will have an opportunity to ask questions.

### Makerspace on Saturday

Kids, tweens and teens are invited to a free Makerspace session on Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. to noon, when we'll provide the materials so you can create, design and build. Prompts are provided.

# Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you love Pokemon, this club is for you. Bring your cards to a fun free event for ages 6 and up on Saturday, May 20, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. when you can play games with others who feel the same way. No experience is required.

### Children's book talk

Kids aged 6-11 who want new ideas on what to read next are invited next Tuesday, May 23, from 3:30 to 4 p.m. to learn about your library's newest children and juvenile books.

### **Dungeons and Dragons**

Next Tuesday, May 23, from 4

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to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

### Unique Knowledge Bowl competition next Thursday

Our free middle school Knowledge Bowl next Thursday, May 25, for tweens and teens adds a unique touch to its contest. Normally, 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. For this special event, you should bring an adult to see who does better in this test of trivia skills.

Knowledge Bowl runs every second and fourth Thursday for the remainder of the school year. It is open to students in grades four through eight, or ages 11-14. No registration is required.

### **Beginner computer class**

Join us from 1 to 2 p.m. May 22 for the seventh session and May 24 for the eighth 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.

# Special family storytime with puppet guest

Next Wednesday, May 24, Ms.

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# **Bird of the Week**

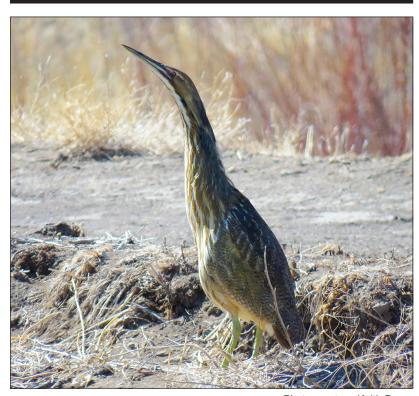


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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the American bittern.

With nicknames that include "thunder-pumper" and "water belcher" (Cornell Lab of Ornithology), the American bittern gets more attention and recognition for its novel and often booming pump-er-lunk vocalizations than from actually being visibly detected. After all, they are masters of the mirage — adept at blending into their surroundings by moving very slowly and sticking up their slender necks and bills to look like a bulrush, cattail or nearby reeds when alarm warrants camouflaging into the landscape. This smaller, compact cousin of great blue herons is an inland mainstay of freshwater marsh and wetland habitat. Both males and females have vertically oriented brown and white stripes along their breast and belly, a notable white eye line, and a distinct long, black patch that emanates from just below the base of their bill and frames an otherwise white throat. Their overall casting is brown.

Their expansive diet includes everything from small fish and amphibians to crustaceans and insects (think water striders and aquatic beetles that frequent the shallows of muddy freshwater wetlands), as well as large terrestrial insects (dragonflies and grasshoppers), small rodents and even snakes on occasion. Hunting behavior is similar to other herons, statuesque at times with success that hinges on slow stalking and deliberate strikes to overcome prey. When it comes to nesting, the females do nearly all of the nest construction, incubation and feeding amidst thick vegetation. Clutches yield two to seven eggs.

Now, in order to see this bird, you're going to need to do one of two things: (1) visit a regional wildlife refuge or similar marshland complex, ideally during spring, and listen for their otherworldly deep bellows to locate them (then, good luck spotting them) or (2) just get plumb lucky and stumble into them while birding in similar country. The closest known detections to Pagosa Springs are likely some of the individuals that have been seen/heard down in the shallow slack water wetlands on the northern ends of Navajo Lake. Bitterns may migrate when temperatures stay below freezing, as access to shallow water for food sources is critical.

Their survival and reproductive success is inextricably linked to the health and wealth of wetland ecosystems. Many of these complexes have been altered, manipulated or destroyed by development, siltation, contamination, noxious weed invasion or other disturbances. Fortunately, American bittern population numbers have benefited from active efforts to rebuild and replace wetlands where forfeited elsewhere.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org or www. facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

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### **The Weekly Crossword**

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### ACROSS

- 1 Overhead items
- 5 Bring up the rear
- **9** Enclose closely
- 14 Loafing
- 15 Bearded flower
- 16 Shove off
- 17 Best-of-thebest initials
- 18 Locale of a bygone wall
- 20 Block, as a view
- 22 With gusto
- 23 Inventor Nikola
- 24 Sluggish
- 26 Newspaper supplement
- 28 Lethal loop
- **32** Pipe collar
- **35** Spreadsheet function
- **37** Retirement spot?
- 38 What trucks go uphill in
- **40** Chinese tile game
- **42** It may need a boost
- **43** Marsh hopper
- **45** Brat Pack member
- 46 New , India
- 48 Tyrant
- 50 Reverse
- **52** Total and complete
- 56 Meryl's "Mamma Mia!" co-star
- 59 Wedlock
- **61** San Francisco bridge
- 63 "You bet!"
- 64 Anxious
- 65 Snake eyes
- 66 Newspaper column
- 67 Paparazzi prey
- 68 SAT or GMAT
- **69** Trawler gear

### DOWN

1 Archie Bunker, notably

- 2 Photoshop maker
- 3 Cocktail vessel

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- 4 Paying up
- 5 In \_\_\_ of (instead of)
- 6 Prophetic shrine
- **7** Venus and Serena, e.g.
- 8 FL time zone
- 9 Very last moment
- 10 Spanish wool
- **11** Type of cypress
- **12** Sermon subject
- 13 Say it isn't so
- 19 Faulty
- 21 Anglers' devices
- 25 Kind of bomb
- 27 Lightly burn
- 29 Reed instrument
- **30** Fax button
- 31 Apt to snap
- 32 Hightailed it
- 33 Theater section
- 34 Truant G.I.
- **36** Coarse file
- 39 Ridiculed

**41** Deep-six

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44 Pertinent

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- **47** Stand in the way
- 49 Says so
- **51** Airport shuttle, often
- 53 Brownish gray
- **54** Wading bird

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- 55 Marsh growth
- 56 Quite a while57 Water-filled ditch
- 58 Sea lettuce
- 60 Take a load off
- 62 Caught on

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Ms. Lisa is a local puppeteer extraordinaire and professional storyteller who makes a guest appearance once a month.

# 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 free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note there will be no PALS May 23 and 25.

### **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 needed for these dropin sessions. Note there will be no Tech Time May 25.

### **Downloadable books**

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# Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Hollow Beasts" by Alisa Lynn Valdes features a New Mexico game warden setting out to take down a terrorist network. "A Botanist's Guide to Parties and Poisons" by Kate Khavari centers on a female botanist in 1920s London working to solve a strange death. "Robert Ludlum's "The Treadstone Rendition" by Joshua Hood is a thriller set in the final days of American presence in Afghanistan. "Panther Gap" by James A. McLaughlin is the follow-up to the Edgar Awardwinning "Bearskin." "Ozark Dogs" by Eli Granor showcases two families after a murder in their small Arkansas town. "You Should Have Known" by Rebecca A. Keller tells of a grandmother involved in a senior living home murder.

### Other novels

'Coronation Year" by Jennifer Robson follows three residents in a hotel on the route of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation gold coach. "The Lost Wife" by Susanna Moore features a white woman and her children saved by the Sioux during the Sioux uprising of 1862. 'The All-American" by Joe Milan Jr. tells of an American teen deported to his South Korean birth country. "Under the Cover of Mercy" by Rebecca Connolly is based on a true story of a nurse saving allied soldiers from the Germans during the first world war.

### **Books on CD**

"You Shouldn't Have Come Here" by Jeneva Rose is a thriller set in an Airbnb on a Wyoming ranch. "Count Down" by James Patterson and Brendan DuBois is a thriller featuring a young CIA agent.

### **Nonfiction**

"Rachael's Good Eats" by Rachael DeVaux contains 110 recipes for meals and treats. "Honey, Baby, Mine" by mother-daughter Laura Dern and Diane Ladd shares conversations from long walks together when Ladd faced a lifethreatening illness. "The Artist's Way" by Julia Cameron is the 30th anniversary edition of this 12-week program of exercises and explorations.

### Large print

"Where Are the Children Now?" by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke features Nancy Harmon in a sequel to one of the first psychological suspense stories. "Loyalty" by Lisa Scottoline is a kidnapping story set in Sicily. "Ralph Compton Stagecoach Revenge" by D.B. Pulliam is a western in the Gunfighter series. "Robert Ludlum's The Treadstone Rendition" by Joshua Hood is a CIA adventure. "Dark Angel" by John Sandford is a Letty Davenport thriller.

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Puffy, white clouds held the attention of the horse named George. He preferred these sunny days to those with gray clouds and sheets of rain. As he surveyed the green pasture and its giant oak, he counted off his friends who were grazing.

Of course, his best friend Nancy, the white pony half his height, topped the list. Then there was Rusty the roan, Stormy the dapplegray and Morgan, the chestnut broodmare, all permanent residents.

George stood alone at the barn side of the pasture waiting for Mickey. Before they met, the little man made a living as a jockey; that is, until he took the fall that caused his limp. Later, he was George's trainer when they were in the circus together.

Today, George's neck needed a touch from Mickey's gentle hand.

By now, he should be out in the pasture checking on George, Nancy and all the others. That he wasn't proved unsettling. George decided he'd take a walk around and find out what was keeping his beloved owner.

He took the rope-latch in his

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teeth and flipped it free.

Curiosity sent him ambling toward the circle corrals, but no luck. From the training area, he searched the white house's grounds where Mickey slept, all to no avail. George stopped to consider his options. The truck sat in its usual place, telling him Mickey was somewhere on the ranch. He didn't clean the stalls. That's why George skipped the barn, but now he would circle back and peek in, just in case.

The sight of his friend's flat cap lying in the center aisle sent a sense of alarm rolling across George's hide. "Where is he?"

It took a minute before George spied Mickey at the foot of the hayloft ladder. He lay on his back, lifeless, with his arms spread to the side and his legs at strange angles.

George couldn't breathe. He sprinted to Mickey's side and nudged a shoulder. Nothing happened. With his muzzle close

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# We carry the lig

Why do we spend so much time and energy learning how to write and create extra work for ourselves? Because we believe our words will carry the light to the next

We are paying forward what we have learned in godly principles and spiritual truths, and we are leaving behind a light on the path for others to follow. Not that we have a corner on the market for light, but we've walked by faith on a path that others have left for us

In these last days, the Bible says believers will fall away and many will be led astray. We trust we are pointing others in the right direction and, hopefully, have not led anyone down a dark path.

My writer friend is in the process of publishing a children's book with illustrations. When I heard the story, I was stirred to my core. I believed this story will survive the test of time. It has the elements of a classic. I told her I wanted her book to be read over and over to my great-grandchildren. I want them to tell people they were raised on a book about Mabel the Cow, titled "The Cow Spoke and Jesus Woke,"

# **Artist's** Lane



and her story made a difference in

In the darkest of days, many simple nursery rhymes were written. They have been passed down through time. Each era leaves behind something for future generations to learn.

Many simple little rhymes were written in a tumultuous time of conflict, dark culture and injustice, such as "Three Blind Mice." The mice are believed to be three Protestant loyalists who were accused of plotting against Queen Mary I (1516–1558), Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill fell down the hilltheir lyrics speak of their origins and dark history.

Ring Around the Rosie — considered of plague-origin, some suggested the rhyme is actually about a ban on dancing among Protestants and the way that people went about circumnavigating it.

Are we passing on the light? I feel we need to apologize for the condition of this world we are leaving to our children and their children to face.

God places spiritual strength and resurrection strength in every generation. He reveals Himself to each individual if they surrender to Him. We've been given the gift of words to carry that knowledge. That's why we write.

I've wondered why these days are so dark. I believe truth has been compromised. Light and truth go hand in hand. Whatever we are passing down to those who follow us, we trust the Lord will bring light to the truth. As I read in the Book of John, he said he wasn't the light, but was pointing to the light, and the Messiah had come and is the light of the truth.

Have we passed down the light or did we do what Ezekiel warned the children of the fathers about? Don't use the Israelite's bondage

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without touching the man, he allowed his breath to brush over the long-loved face. Still, no response.

With no clue what to do, George assumed a protective stance over his friend.

Nancy pranced into the barn and stopped short when she caught sight of the trouble. "George, we must ask! Right now."

Her words shook him out of his stupor, but rather than heed her, he turned tail and galloped for all he was worth back to the oak tree in the pasture, the place where he experienced the teacher's presence

He shouted all the way. "Teacher, teacher, where are you? I need you."

The one he had never met faceto-face unexpectedly stood tall before George.

Without a moment's thought, George bowed on one knee the way Mickey had trained him to do. His head hung low.

"Lift up your eyes, my horse named George. What do you ask of me?

George couldn't obey, but whispered toward the ground. "Mickey needs you. It's bad. He fell off the hayloft ladder and won't wake up!'

"Rise up, son."

"Oh, no. I'm not worthy to stand before you. Just speak and Mickey will be OK.'

"Only believe." The teacher disappeared as he spoke those last two words.

George used his right leg to lever himself off his aching knee. "Did this happen? Was this a dream while I was running? Do I need to say more, ask more? Why would the teacher let me see Him like that?"

He remembered the teacher's two words. "Only believe."

He nodded his head and snorted before trotting back to the barn. He couldn't waste another minute.

Leaving the sunshine, George stepped into the shadowy interior where he discovered Mickey brushing straw off his backside and shoulders. "There you are, George. You must be ready for a pat down and a few strokes.

Again, the teacher's words came to mind. "Only believe."

George swallowed hard, took a deep breath, and rested his forelock against Mickey's chest.

It was true. He didn't imagine the teacher standing in clear view and speaking to him. Incredible, but he had no choice, he could only believe.

Nancy's face spoke disappointment that George had run away. Should he tell her what happened?

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# Guns have changed everything, especially childhood

By Laura Pritchett

PREVIEW Columnist

I learned to shoot on the family ranch, as ranch kids are wont to do. My gun education was furthered at a Catholic summer camp and I still have my paper target proving my marksmanship. Hunter safety classes and calm, clear-eyed common sense — this was the rural approach to guns I grew up with.

Then it's a story we all know: Guns became politicized. Polarized. Lobby-ized. Humans are good at inventing things, so guns got more militarized as they turned into weapons of mass destruction. Our laws, sadly, didn't keep up, because humans can also move quite slowly.

Then, I had children and suddenly, active-shooter drills were part of their curriculum. And then, on Valentine's Day 2018, parents across Fort Collins, Colo., received emails informing us that our children had been in a lockdown drill at roughly the same time that 17 children were being killed in Florida.

My brain fritzed out with confusion: Here a drill, but in Florida, children were being mowed down. Relief and yet also great grief. Other mothers were getting different news.

My kids came home, stunned,

# Writers on the Range

and recounted their drill instructions, which included advice such as: "If you must fight to save your life, fight with all your might, using anything within reach as a weapon."

Yes, kids, please fight with all your might against a grownup with a semi-automatic.

What a sad curriculum. What a sad country. Many of us know this. Many of us keep saying the same thing over and over, and a few loud voices keep pushing back. Why even discuss interpretations of the murkily written Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, written at a time when muskets were the weapon of the day? Some conversations aren't worth having.

What I am interested in is brainstorming real solutions — with like-minded people who also felt a real crack in their hearts every day that innocent people are mowed down, which, it seems, is nearly every day. A day without a shooting now seems the exception.

It strikes me that besides gun zealotry or idolatry, the other tragedy here is our seeming unwillingness to act. Really act. Act like grownups. My daughter and friends helped organize a walkout to protest gun violence, which spread to other schools. Kids poured out of the high schools and toward the town center and parents rode their bikes or walked alongside — especially near the coal-rolling trucks filled with counter-protesters that heckled them from the roads.

This was the first act of civil disobedience for most, borne out of a mix of desperation and courage.

Even as the kids gathered to pass the mic and speak, my heart was sunk even lower. Why? I knew what you know: Nothing would really change. Not until the adults of this country protested seriously, left work, took to the streets. The students protested, marched, wrote letters, made calls, and I watched, knowing. Adults wouldn't go the distance. There's not enough will.

It's ironic: I grew up with guns, but my salient memory of child-hood was peaceful summer walks through a green field, carrying a .22 to go practice shooting. Tragically, that is not true for youngsters today. They might not shoot as much, but they're the ones forced by our irresponsibility and inaction to have it forefront in their minds and hearts.

So, solutions. I celebrate Moms

Demand Action, a group founded by a mother of five right after the Sandy Hook tragedy, based on her belief that all Americans should do more to reduce gun violence. No group has "risen so far, so fast, influencing laws, rattling major corporations, and provoking vicious responses from hardcore gun rights activists," according to Mother Jones.

Although I'm all for background checks and safety locks, these seem like tiny bandages on a gaping wound. The big thing we can do is ban assault weapons immediately, and, even more importantly, elect gun-sensible politicians who don't take NRA money.

If not Moms Demand Action, there is the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence and Gun Owners for Safety. All these groups need people willing to spend some time calling legislators, step up, protest. People like you. People who believe in common sense. People who believe in childhood.

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■ continued from previous page as a proverb against their fathers.

He was saying don't use what your fathers did as a crutch for your sin. You will also answer for your sin. And, yes, we have.

"The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. Behold, all souls are Mine. The soul of the father and the soul of the son is Mine ... The son of the father shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son." — Ezekiel 18:2, 20 (NKJ).

To be honest, we've all eaten sour grapes and I know we've set our children's teeth on edge at times. Over the years we've made amends for our walk. Hopefully the next generation will make amends for its walk.



As I listen to the nonsense that is happening today, I want to say don't believe the foolishness and empty words of men. Search for the Truth and Light. And yes, each generation will answer for their ways.

There is spiritual strength in every generation and resurrection strength in every life. My Sweet Al and I have fought the fight for truth and won. We have survived and have found peace and light in these dark places and dark days. It will be up to our children and their children to fight the fight of faith

for truth and light.

Final brushstroke: The Lord doesn't hold us responsible for what we don't know. We're only responsible for what we do know. Maybe that's why we continue to write books, and produce articles and ideas. We hold ourselves responsible for what we know. We believe we are holding the light for some weary soul to find the path of Life on which he must walk.

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# When the smoke hits the fan

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I had been running lights for some of the theater productions in the community. It all started when a group was going to do a show at a city-owned facility, and they didn't have staff to run the lights on the nights of the performances. The city usually insisted their own people do it, but this time they were desperate.

"If you have someone who can run the lights with very little training, we will let them," the city arts director said.

That was when the theater director called me. "Daris," she said, "you are very tech-savvy. Would you be willing to run the lights for the show?

My family had run a community theater for about six years, and I had trained my children on the lights and sound, but I knew these new ones were quite different. However, I told her I felt I could do it and went for the training the city set up.

The lights were indeed far more advanced than any I had used. These lights had almost infinite capabilities. I got an hour of training, a digital manual I could reference, and the chance to come back and practice in an empty theater. I made good use of that opportunity.

I had a few muff-ups and got yelled at quite a bit, but by the time the production was ready, I was quite efficient. I won't say I was perfect at it, but the show went well.

That is how I got to run lights for quite a few community events. The city would allow, and even request, for me to fill in when their staff was busy. I didn't get paid like their staff did, even though I think they still charged the theater groups a light manager fee, but I enjoyed it.

One summer, I received a request to run the lights for a community theater group's production of "Beauty and the Beast." The director wanted lots of color changes through the dances and especially when the beast changed to the prince. I felt confident I could do the job.

The group had been practicing for a couple of months when I was

asked to come for my first evening with them. When I arrived, the fire alarm was blaring. I went to the light booth and brought up the stage lights. A few minutes later, a friend, Vance, joined me there.

'Would you mind if I helped with the lights?" he asked.

I smiled. "Not at all. It would be fun to have you work with me, and I could use some help on some spotlights. But aren't you going to be doing the fog machine?"

# When I arrived, the fire alarm was blaring.

A few years earlier, in a production of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," we had run a fog machine together. It was a big barrel that we loaded with lots of dry ice. He had taken that assignment alone in the following years.

At my question, he shook his head. "The director plans to use a commercial smoke machine for the beast-change scene. She doesn't feel the dry-ice fog will be sufficient. That machine is what kicked on the fire alarm.

The firefighters got the alarm off, and we quickly realized that the big smoke machine put out so much that we had to have something to draw the smoke quickly from the stage to the outside. Big fans were rigged for that purpose.

Everything went well through the practices and the first couple of performances. Then, with only three performances left, a wind came up, and when the fans were turned on, the wind fought against them and pushed the smoke back inside. With only about 10 minutes left of the show, the fire alarm kicked on.

The firefighters came and would not allow the show to continue. They said they would cancel the rest of the performances if the alarms kicked on again. There was a lot of commotion, upset guests, a mad director, and all that goes along with an unfinished show.

We did do the last two performances by using the lights to create a surreal effect for that scene instead of smoke. And as we finished the last performance, Vance's wife thanked me. When I asked her what she was thanking me for, she said, "For allowing my husband to help you with the lights. If you hadn't, he would have been the one everyone was yelling at for the fog machine."

As the saying goes (kind of), it is good to be in the right place when the smoke hits the fan.

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### Report cites gap in doctor-patient communication as new Alzheimer's treatments emerge

By Jim Herlihy

Alzheimer's Association

Just as new treatments approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are emerging that offer the first promise of progress against Alzheimer's in the 117 years since the disease was initially diagnosed, communication between primary care physicians (PCPs) and older adult patients is typically lacking — missing a critical first step toward diagnosis and potential treatment.

The 2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report, issued by the Alzheimer's Association, offers new insights from patients and PCPs on barriers that impede earlier discussion of cognitive concerns

Focus groups revealed that many people with subjective cognitive decline (self-reported memory concerns) do not discuss these symptoms with their health care providers. In turn, nearly all physicians (97 percent) wait for patients to make them aware of symptoms or request an assessment.

The new Alzheimer's Association report estimates that 6.7 million people in the U.S., including 76,000 Coloradans, are living with Alzheimer's dementia. This year, the national cost of caring for individuals living with Alzheimer's or other dementias is projected to reach \$345 billion — a \$24 billion increase from a year ago.

"Providing the best possible care for Alzheimer's disease requires conversations about memory at the earliest point of concern and a knowledgeable, accessible care team that includes physician specialists to diagnose, monitor disease progression and treat when appropriate," said Maria C. Carrillo, Ph.D., Alzheimer's Association chief science officer. "For the first time in nearly two decades, there is a class of treatments emerging to treat early-stage Alzheimer's disease. It's more important than ever for individuals to act quickly if they have memory concerns or experience symptoms."

Over the past 18 months, the FDA has approved two medica-

tions: aducanumab (Aduhelm) and lecanemab (Leqembi) for treatment of early-stage Alzheimer's disease.

### Increasing incidents of Alzheimer's and memory concerns

The number of people across the U.S. living with Alzheimer's disease has increased to 6.7 million, and that total is projected to rise to 13 million by 2050. With the aging of the baby-boomer cohort, the number of people in the U.S. with Alzheimer's age 85 and older is projected to increase from 2.4 million in 2023 to 6.7 million in 2060.

Separately, a survey of Americans age 45 and older reported that nearly 10 percent experience subjective cognitive decline (SCD): self-perceived worsening of or more frequent difficulties with thinking or memory. For some people, this is normal aging or a sign of other underlying health conditions, but, for others, these symptoms can be a warning sign of developing mild cognitive impairment (MCI), which can lead to Alzheimer's.

Of those 10 percent who reported SCD, more than half (54 percent) had not consulted a health care professional about their symptoms. Even when symptoms interfere with daily functioning, 41 percent had not talked with a health care provider.

Key reasons cited by patients for their reluctance to talk with PCPs about their concerns include:

- Emotional reactions and limited vocabulary impede discussions. Participants said watching a family member's struggles with Alzheimer's and other dementia made them more fearful, yet, at the same time, more tolerant of their cognitive problems.
- Perceived risks seem to outweigh benefits. Many participants believed their memory or thinking issues were part of "normal" aging, and feeling scared or anxious about the possibility of a diagnosis often resulted in avoidance and denial.
- Assumptions about what doctors will say and do. Many par-

ticipants assume their doctor's first response would be to take a medication-based approach. Across individual focus groups, people with SCD expressed a desire for care options: inclusive, culturally appropriate conversations and shared decision-making with their care team.

# Concerns in the health care community

The reluctance of people experiencing memory concerns to speak with their physician is reflected in the reactions of those physicians. Even though the vast majority (85 percent) of Alzheimer's diagnoses are made by PCPs, nearly 40 percent of those PCPs surveyed by the Alzheimer's Association report that they were "never" or "only sometimes" comfortable making a diagnosis. And 50 percent said they did not feel adequately prepared to care for individuals who had been diagnosed.

Given that discomfort and uncertainty, almost one-third of PCPs surveyed reported referring patients to specialist providers, despite the fact that over half (55 percent) of PCPs said there were

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not enough specialists in their area to meet demands. The situation is worst in small cities (63 percent) and rural areas (71 percent).

In Colorado, there were 96 geriatricians in 2021. That number will need to more than triple to 289 by 2050 in order to serve just 10 percent of the state's population age 65 and older.

Key reasons cited by PCPs for their reluctance to talk about their concerns with patients include:

- PCPs hesitate to initiate conversations about cognitive decline and often wait until family members bring it to their attention. PCPs view family members as influential and critical partners in care, often relying on them to initiate conversations about memory and thinking problems.
- Concerns about follow-up care given the shortage of specialists and referral options.

### Caregiving

Much of the burden for caring for loved ones living with dementia falls on family and friends: unpaid caregivers. In 2022, more than 11 million caregivers nationwide provided unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias, providing an estimated 18 billion hours of unpaid assistance — a contribution valued at \$339.5 billion.

In Colorado alone, 160,000 unpaid caregivers provided 186 million hours of care in 2022 valued at \$4.4 billion.

Surveys of unpaid caregivers reported the following impacts on them:

- 59 percent report emotional stress due to caregiving.
- 38 percent report physical stress.
- The prevalence of depression is higher among dementia caregivers (30-40 percent) when compared to caregivers for other conditions such as schizophrenia (20 percent) or stroke (19 percent).
- The prevalence of suicidal ideation in dementia caregivers with a mean age of 64 was 32 percent compared with a 2.7 percent rate in all U.S. adults age 56 and older.

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# Creating a native plant garden

Gardening is a worthwhile endeavor that not only passes the time, but can be a form of exercise and relief from the daily grind. Gardens also provide ample opportunity to experiment, as individuals can produce everything from vegetables to bountiful blooms.

Recent years have witnessed a growing emphasis on eco-friendly gardening that aims to reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides in an effort to protect the planet. One way to do so is to rely on native plants.

### What are native plants?

Native plants are indigenous to particular regions. The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) states native plants grow in habitats without human introduction or intervention.

Native plants have formed symbiotic relationships with local

wildlife over thousands of years. which the NWF notes makes them the most sustainable options. Native plants help the environment and thrive with little supplemental watering or chemical nutrients.

### Natives vary by region

Native plants vary by region. In arid climates, certain succulents may be native because they don't need much rainfall to thrive. In lush wetlands, succulents might be out of place.

### Start native planting

It's important to keep in mind that native varieties may look less cultivated than more exotic blooms and foliages designed to sell for their unique appearances. Wildflowers and native grasses may be the types of native plants found in abundance, which may grow up and out quickly.

These tips can help the process:

• Plan and prepare the site by

seedlings.

- Avoid planting native plants in rows, as that's not how they're likely to grow naturally. Vary the placement so the plants look like they sprouted up haphazardly.
- Gardeners can still exert some control over native gardens prone to growing a little wild. Borders and paths can better define the grow-
- Grow Native!, an initiative from the Missouri Prairie Foundation, suggests planting two to four species in broad sweeping masses or drifts. Mix grasses with flowering plants. The grasses produce dense, fibrous roots that can prevent weed growth.

and supplement with water if conditions have been especially dry.

### removing weeds and turning over the soil. This will give seedlings an opportunity to take root without competition from weeds. Seedlings will give gardens a faster head start than waiting around for seeds to germinate. However, gardeners can start seeds indoors and then move them outside once they are

Native plants should require minimal care. Keep an eye on them

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# The many benefits of curling up with a good book

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Books can serve as a great form of escapism, but they offer much more than that. In fact, curling up with a good book can benefit readers in ways that might surprise even the most devoted bookworms:

- · Reading helps readers understand the world. Avid readers might crack a book as a way to escape the world without realizing that this pursuit also is helping them to understand their world better. A 2015 study published in the journal Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience found that reading fiction enhances social cognition by facilitating greater activation of parts of the prefrontal cortex involved in building perspectives.
- Reading can be therapeutic for adults with depression. A 2017 study in Clinical Psychology Review examined bibliotherapy, which involves the use of selected reading materials to support a patient's mental health. The study found that bibliotherapy can effectively reduce depressive symptoms in adults over a long period of time.
  - Reading can help readers live

longer. Perhaps the most significant benefit of reading relates to its apparent connection to living longer. A 2016 study published in Social Science & Medicine observed a 20 percent reduction in mortality for individuals who read books compared to those who did not read books. Curiously, reading books was more effective at reducing mortality than reading periodicals like magazines. • Reading can prevent long-

term decline in cognitive function. Cognitive decline is a common concern for aging individuals and their families, but a 2021 study published in International Psychogeriatrics found that reading can protect cognitive function later in life. The study found that frequent reading activities were associated with a reduced risk of cognitive decline for older adults at all levels of eduction.

Millions of people consider curling up with a good book to be an ideal recreational activity. Though cracking a book can be a perfect pastime, reading provides a host of additional benefits, perhaps making it an even better way to relax than avid readers realize.

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REPORTER — The Pagosa Springs SUN seeks a general assignment reporter who can do it all. If you can write strong news stories and compelling features, take solid photographs and are comfortable using digital tools, then you might be a good fit for our newsroom. A passion for community journalism, inspired storytelling and public service is essential for a successful candidate. Self-motivation and excellent time-management skills are a must. You must be proficient under pressure and consistent at meeting deadlines. Common topics in a week would include meeting coverage, coverage and photos from significant community events, school sports and more. The position is up to 30 hours per week and would rarely involve overtime, though night and weekend working hours are common. However, the position offers some day-to-day flexibility in work hours. Email resume with cover letter to helpwanted@pagosasun.com.

PAGOSA CRAFT IS HIRING FOR SUM-MER!!! We are looking for a friendly and energetic bud-tender to join our amazing team! Applicant must be 21+, have a current Colorado MED badge, and be available to work nights and weekends. Please bring a resume in to be considered for employment. 127 Goldmine Dr. (970)264-0833 Cheers!

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**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is now hiring lower grade elementary teachers for the 2023/2024 school year. Please contact Headmaster Wes Odom for information at (970)585-4535.

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday, 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Looking for a Dishwasher 4 nights a week. \$16 per hour to start. See Chef Anthony Wednesday- Sunday, 1p.m.-4p.m.

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PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** needed and a CDL is a plus. We offer paid holidays, vacation time and retirement plan. Please call Tim Brown Construction LLC at (970)731-7071.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. \$20 per hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com.

SQUARE TOP BAR-B-QUE, Pagosa's only craft BBQ restaurant, is looking for team members. If you want to learn to create and serve real, hardwood smoked, high quality BBQ, we want you! Experience preferred but willing to train the right individuals. Kitchen team members starting pay \$17-\$19 per hour. Seeking bar staff too! \$10.63 + tips. Apply at 1 Pines Club PI., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Or email us at squaretopbbq@gmail.com.

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**IF YOU WANT TO BE** on **GOD'S PAYROLL**, get your marching orders and provisions at 965 Cloud Cap Avenue.

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY HELP WANTED ADS — tinyurl.com/d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

CITY HALL CAFE LOOKING for Line Cooks and Dishwashers. Starting pay based on experience. Please call John (970)398-0355 or apply in person, 2151 Eagle Dr.

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**LABORER LANDSCAPING.** General help for assistance in landscaping around homes. For details, call Charlie at (970)264-0913.

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Come join one of the best crews in Pagosa!

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TRADING ASSISTANT/ EXECUTIVE AS-SISTANT. DEVO Capital, a Commodity Trading Advisor, is looking for an individual to fill a multi-tasking position. The job will entail bookkeeping, accounting/ spreadsheet work, administrative tasks, and customer service. Excellent communication skills and punctuality are especially important. Pay dependent upon experience. Excellent opportunity for someone who wants to work in the trading and brokerage industry. If you are not proficient in the above tasks, but are willing to learn, we will train. College degree preferred, but not required. This position provides the opportunity to become a registered broker and advisor. Send your resume to chelsea@ devocapital.com.

### **HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS**

 TEMPORARY/ Seasonal Administrative Assistant, Part time. Requisite skills include: Computer savvy, with proficiency in MS Office; clear and effective communication, written and verbal; strong and courteous customer service; adept at social media; well-organized and accurate, able to multi-task productively with excellent attention to detail; team player. Responsibilities include, but not limited to: Use multi-module CRM platform for donor support and data entry; assist with special events and fundraising activities; perform daily office operations. Email letter of interest and resume to Humane Society of Pagosa Springs to hsdirector@humanesocietv.biz with subject line: Administrative Assistant. Qualified applicants will be contacted for interview.

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PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a

PART-TIME HELP FOR LANDSCAPING WORK. Must be experienced with mowing, weed eating, trimming. Must have transportation. Call Eric, (970)946-2061.

SNOWY RIVER CONSTRUCTION is looking for carpenters and helpers to join our very busy team. Competitive pay, no experience needed, will train, some experience is fine too. Please call Rok at (970)946-3053 or email rokwilson96@gmail.com.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL is now hiring a middle school teacher for the 2023/2024 school year. Please contact Pennie DeClark for more information at (970)903-3242.

JOIN OUR NEWSPAPER TEAM at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Successful candidate will be answering phones, helping customers, assisting with production of newspaper and more. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Knowledge of Mac computers and Adobe InDesign is helpful. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Newspaper experience not required. 30-34 hours per week. \$16-\$17 to start. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com. Successful applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please.

COLORADO DREAM HOMES is looking for full- time (40 hour week) general construction laborers and interior/exterior painters. Pay is \$20-\$25 an hour, based on experience. Payroll position benefits - paid time off/vacation, bonuses. Please call (970)731-3071 or email coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com to submit a resume or questions.

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### Ponderosa Lumber

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MUST LOVE DOGS & CATS! The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Animal Shelter is in search of a Kennel Attendant. This position is a key member of our team with responsibilities including, but not limited to, maintaining kennels so they are clean and sanitary, ensure appropriate feeding, identify sick or injured animals; work cohesively with supervisor, co-workers, other departments and volunteers; assist the public in a professional manner. Must adhere to shelter procedures to maintain animal health and safety. Experience working directly with animals is preferred, but we will train the right candidate. Willingness to work outside in all types of weather. Reliable transportation in ALL weather conditions. Available to work holidays and weekends. Full-time and part-time available. Apply in person at the Humane Society Animal Shelter, 465 Cloman Blvd.

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR CDL DRIVER with a minimum 2 years experience- Experience in forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Please send your resume to frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com.

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### YARD SALES

**FAMILY GARAGE SALE** May 20th and 21st from 7:30a.m.-1p.m.! Newborn to four-year-old clothes, toys, gear, etc. Also, outdoor gear and many household items for grown-ups. Location is 2026 Antelope Ave. Pagosa Springs.

GARAGE SALE, RAIN OR SHINE. Friday and Saturday, 7:30a.m. 135 Teal Circle. Broad assortment, including some furniture and kids' clothes. Half price Saturday. The Organizers' personal stuff.

**2 HOUSEHOLD YARD SALE**. 28 Nocturn Drive and 90 Inspiration Drive (right down the road from each other). Cow collectibles, furniture, clothes, miscellaneous household items. Saturday, May 20th, from 8a.m.-12p.m.

ESTATE SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, May 19 and 20, 8a.m. sharp. Yard tools, couches, dining room table, beds, dressers, lots of cool kitchen items, freezer, household decor and lots more super cute stuff. 301 3rd St., Mesa Heights (downtown Pagosa). Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

YARD SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, May 19th and 20th, 8a.m. 161 Arrowhead Drive. Household, clothing, shoes, furniture, tools, camping gear, etc.

WHOLE HOUSE FURNISHINGS, pots and pans, linens, couches, sofa tables and end tables, couches, chairs, wall décor, etc. Lightly used and all to be sold! Friday May 19, from 8a.m.-5p.m. 215 Valley View Drive. Don't miss out!

### ESTATE SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

May 19 and 20, 9a.m. sharp. Tools, garage items, riding lawn mower, snowblower, furniture, kitchen items, gardening, freezer, outdoor furniture, ladders, firewood and lots more. Hwy. 160 east, right on Hwy. 84, about 10 miles, turn right on Darcie Pl., right on Robert's Pl, house #2112. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

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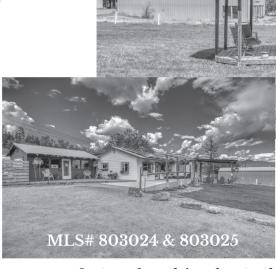
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