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Two resign from health department advisory committee

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Two members of the Archuleta County Health Department Transitional Advisory Committee (TAC) resigned last week, including Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb and TAC chairperson Kathy Campbell.

These resignations coincided with the county's hiring of TAC member Ashley Wilson as the new transitional public health director, which was announced by the county on May 17 after interviews of two candidates on May 12.

The hiring of the director and the TAC's involvement was discussed at the May 15 TAC meeting, although the committee did not ultimately make a recommendation on how the TAC would be involved in the process

■ See Resignations A8

Loaves and Fishes to stop serving meals in July

By Nancy Crouse
Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes is announcing a closure of its program effective July 6, which will be its final meal.

Since 2005, Loaves and Fishes has been faithful to its mission of providing a free, hot, nutritious meal once a week to anyone seeking food or fellowship. Now, with the closure and announced sale of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall on Lewis Street, Loaves and Fishes' home for 18 years, the organization finds itself without a suitable place to operate.

Until the hall was closed unexpectedly last fall, Loaves and Fishes had been fortunate to have the use of the parish hall to prepare, greet and serve a sit-down meal to our friends and neighbors, averaging 15,000 meals a year, or approximately 270,000 free meals served to our community over the 18-year span.

For many of the guests, it was the only hot meal they had all week.

In March 2020, it was necessary

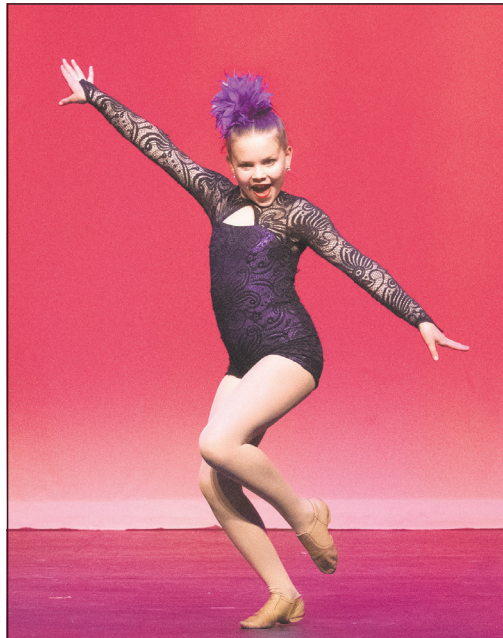
■ See Meals A8



Recital

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Pagosa Springs Dance Academy held its annual recital on Saturday, May 20, with the numerous dancers showing their talents at a pair of performances on the stage of the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.



Memorial Day Luminaria Tribute aims to honor, teach

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

As the sun sets on Memorial Day, Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta will hold a vesper ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park complete with a flyover, flag ceremony, 21-gun salute, a flag-folding ceremony, the playing of taps at sunset and a number of luminarias being lit in honor of service members.

The event will serve multiple purposes, according to its organizers, among them honoring those who have served the country and died, those who have or are serving the country who are still living, educating the public about the costs of freedom, and raising funds to continue helping local veterans and their families.

The Memorial Day Luminaria Tribute will be a new addition to the lineup of local Memorial Day services this year, with the effort being spearheaded by Charlotte

■ See Memorial A8

Firm will study town wastewater system

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

At a May 18 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council, sitting as the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) Board of Directors, authorized town staff to spend up to \$50,000 on a comprehensive system analysis of the town's wastewater management system.

The PSSGID will contract with Roaring Fork Engineering to complete the analysis, and the firm will be tasked with studying the PSSGID's sewer system.

Currently, the PSSGID utilizes the Vista wastewater treatment plant to treat its wastewater, which is operated by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

To convey wastewater from PSSGID's customers to the plant, the town utilizes a series of lift stations, which pump the sewage, oftentimes uphill, about 7 miles to PAWSD's Vista plant.

■ See Wastewater A8

Assessor's office fielding questions, protests following new valuations

By Monica Nigon
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Assessor's Office is responding to several concerns and requests for more information following its recent property valuations, where some residents saw a drastic increase in property taxes.

On May 1, the assessor's office mailed out valuations, completing its reappraisal of all properties that it is required to administer per state law.

County Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott wrote in an email to the SUN that many people are asking why their value went up so much in one

■ See Protests A8

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OUR VIEW

'It was worth it to him to risk everything — even his life'

On Nov. 9, 2010, 2nd Lt. Robert M. Kelly, 29, stepped on a land mine while leading a platoon of Marines in southern Afghanistan.

He was killed instantly. In February 2012, his father, Lt. Gen. John F. Kelly, delivered a message to Gold Star families of 109 Marines, soldiers, sailors or airmen lost in Iraq or Afghanistan since 9/11. The families had come together to help each other with the grieving process.

John's message was forwarded to The SUN by retired Navy SEAL Cmdr. Franklin Anderson. That email originated with retired Army Lt. Col. James Huffman. When such emails come from men of Anderson's and Huffman's caliber, they are worth taking the time to read.

John's message said, in part, "Since the birth of our nation, 45 million have served in uniform. A million have died in its defense. All of them, but particularly the fallen, are part of a legend that, God willing, will never end — our America. The irony is that your loved ones who we remember this weekend came out of an America that no longer seems to value commitment, self-reliance, and selfless dedication to a cause ... but they did. Rather, it seems most of our countrymen today are more interested in objects of status or what America can do for them, than serving the nation and protecting its people, and the principles for which it stands ... but yours did. Most of the fallen we

remember tonight were only nine or ten years old on 9/11. If they remembered anything about that day it might be the images of the burning towers, or the looks of concern and confusion in your eyes as you held them close that day as much to get comfort, as give it. A decade later, and much to your surprise I bet, they astonished you when after screwing up enough courage they marched into the room one day, or at dinner one evening, and informed you they'd decided to join ... to serve."

John has visited with thousands of wounded veterans and their families. When he was asked if it was worth it, he said, "I've asked this same question of myself a million times these last months, usually when I unexpectedly caught a glimpse of him in a picture at the house, or when a thought of an earlier time came to mind, or in a quiet and unguarded moment when his loss washes over me in emotions I still can't control. Since the day I had my turn standing in the door looking into the glistening eyes of a casualty officer, and the day I woke my wonderful wife and crushed her heart with the news, and had to nearly pick my daughter up off the floor where she worked, I have desperately tried to convince myself that it was worth it. I have worked hard at believing his life was worth the sacrifice on the altar of America's freedom. But it all came to me the day we buried him in the sacred ground that

is Arlington, at Section 60, Gravesite #9480, that it doesn't matter at all what I think. The only thing that matters is what he thought. That he had decided it was more important to be where he was that morning in the Sangin River Valley, Afghanistan, to be doing what he was doing with the Marines and Doc he loved so much and led so well in what was at that time the most dangerous place on earth. In his mind — and in his heart — he had decided somewhere between the day he was born and 07:19, 9 November 2010, that it was worth it to him to risk everything — even his life — in the service of his country. So in spite of the terrible emptiness that is in a corner of my heart, and the corners of the hearts of everyone who ever knew him, we are proud ... so very proud. Was it worth his life? It's not for me to say. He answered the question for me."

His talk closed with, "God Bless America, ladies and gentlemen, may they rest in peace, may we who loved them find peace and understanding in their sacrifice, and that the America that they so loved and protected, and gave their lives for, is forever worthy of their sacrifice."

Our local veterans groups are coming together this Memorial Day to remember those who made the sacrifice for the numerous freedoms that many take for granted.

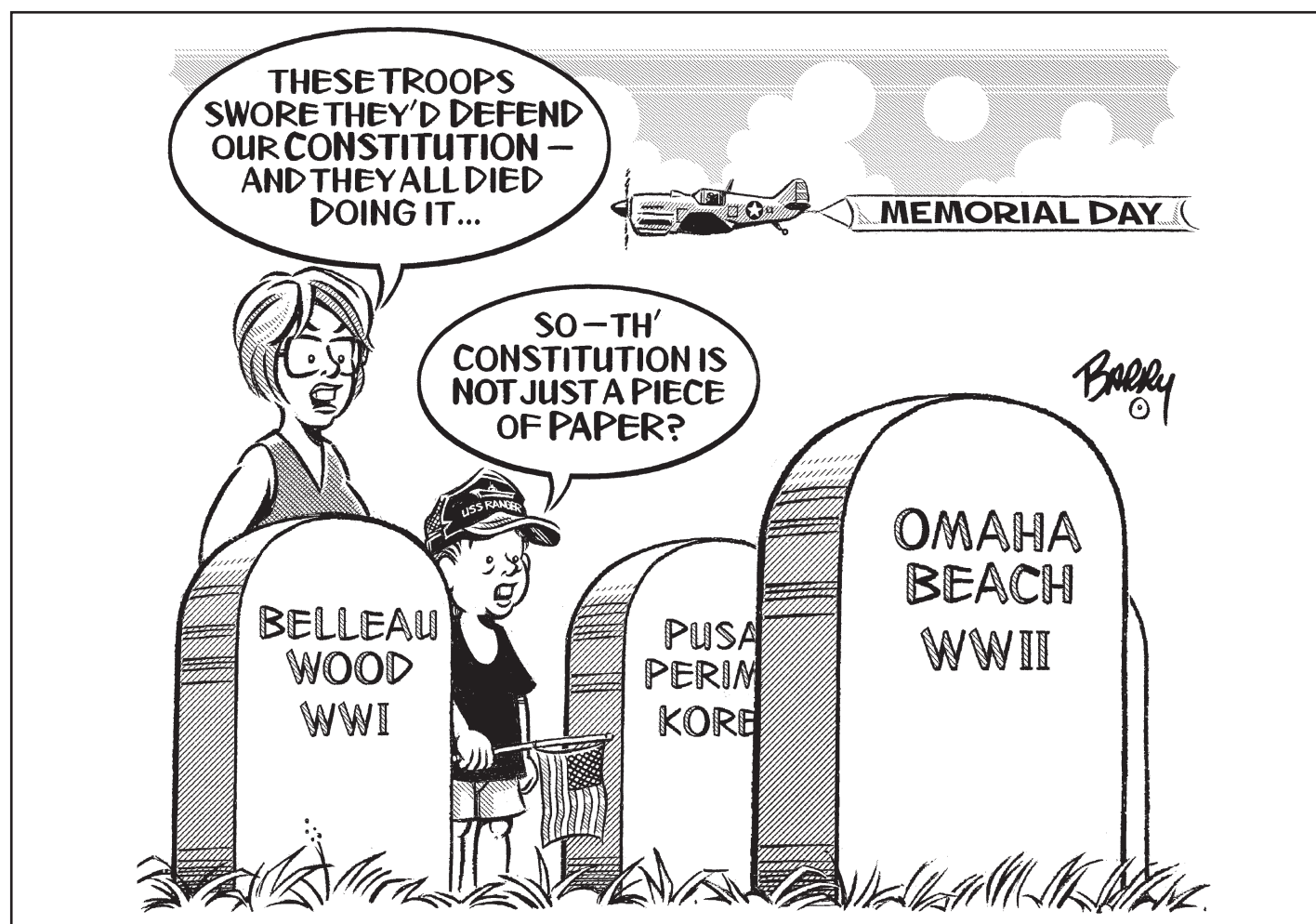
We should never forget.
Terri Lynn Oldham House

LOOKING BACK



Taken from The Pagosa Springs SUN's files of May 16, 1991: Early arrivee E-6 Manuel Trujillo made himself right at home Thursday afternoon as he and his sons, Joshua, left, and Jesse, right, waited for fellow Pagosans E-5 Arthur Maez, E-4 Mel Montoya and E-6 Tony Reed to also arrive home after serving in Operation Desert Storm. Hundreds of well wishers lined the curbs of the downtown business district to welcome home the four Pagosans on their return from Saudi Arabia and to cheer the buses carrying other National Guardsmen.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 25, 1923

Three local citizens appeared before Police Magistrate J.T. Morgan Wednesday morning and entered pleas of guilty to gambling, craps being the form of game indulged in. The arrests came about through the claim of one of the men that he had been "gyped" out of about \$60 and beaten up besides. His Honor fined him the sum of \$100, which was suspended pending his good behavior. The other two received fines of \$100 and \$150 each, the alleged offense occurring in the place of business of the latter.

The county health officer was called to Juanita the first of the week to investigate a reported epidemic of smallpox. It was found to be only chickenpox.

The work on the new steel bridge is progressing nicely. The cement pier on the west side is completed and the crew is now working on the east pier, which will probably be finished by the end of the week. The steel is all on the ground and as soon as the pier is completed they will commence putting the steel in place. The span of the bridge is 125 feet.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 28, 1948

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Members of the well-known Chambers family took top honors in the Pagosa fishing contests on opening day Tuesday.

Little Jimmy Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Chambers, produced the largest trout among the youngsters. It was a German Brown weighing almost a pound. He caught it in the San Juan near town.

Then came Tommy Chambers, Pagosa Postmaster, who laid aside long enough to bring in a brook that ripped the scales at 3 and a quarter points. It was 19 inches long.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 24, 1973

San Juan Lumber Company was granted a 90 day extension of its variance for the Pagosa Springs mill last Thursday by the State Air Pollution Commission. The company had sought a variance that would allow it to operate while methods of controlling the smoke emissions were being considered. Originally such a variance was granted but the time limit on it had run out. The application for a new variance, or extension, was considered by the commission for some time before it was granted. Company officials have said that the state regulations cannot be met by the August 15 deadline. The regulation concerned deals only with smoke emissions, and the opacity. It does not deal with any actual chemical pollution, only with visible smoke.

Modesto Montoya, town water commissioner, reports that the large pipe needed to replace the main town water supply line has been shipped and should be here soon. It will be installed upon arrival and the muddy water situation should be corrected at that time.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 28, 1998

A proposed wetlands preservation project in Pagosa Springs was given a significant boost May 20 when the Great Outdoor Colorado Trust Fund announced the town had received a grant award of up to \$181,800 to help pay for the work.

The Pagosa Springs wetlands project involves acquisition of 11.7 acres of waterfront property classified in the grant application as "natural area and non-game wildlife habitat, and greenway and stream corridor."

Land targeted for acquisition is located on the east bank of the San Juan River, northwest of Apache Street. The land partly abuts the site for a proposed community center and town hall. It borders three town-owned lots and two town street rights of way which are isolated and will not be used for streets.

Once acquired, the tract would be combined with a small piece of land already owned by the town and a conservation easement will be placed on the entire property.

Letters

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The opinions of letter writers do not necessarily represent those of the paper.

Public health advisory: 'I quit'

Dear Editor:
 'I quit' is not something I take lightly. It's just not part of my DNA. So, to resign from the Transitional Advisory Committee for Public Health was not an easy decision. To be clear, I volunteered for this committee because I was appalled that our County Commissioners poisoned the relationship with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), and I was very concerned about how our county officials would manage creating our own Public Health department.
 One would think that having the word Advisory in our title would mean that there was an expectation that we would be able to Advise. But, nearly four months of meetings revealed almost no Advising. Many of the wonderful people on our committee are quite experienced in health care, community organizations, private businesses, and local government. So, you'd think the county manager and

commissioners would want our Advice. Isn't that what we volunteered for, and spent hours and hours of time committed to this project? Apparently not.

This 'no-Advising' has occurred at each weekly meeting, where we learned of new decisions that had been made by the County Manager and BoCC pertaining to the public health department with zero input from our committee. I realized that our committee was serving no real purpose, because county officials were going to do what they wanted to do, regardless of any input or Advice we may bring to the table.

There are many examples that frustrated me and other members of our committee. This is not the place to air the specifics, however this is the place to make people aware that county government should not act in a silo, but rather strive to accept help from citizens who just might know more about a particular subject than they do.

I really wanted to be involved with something this important. But this committee is not an Advisory committee, it is a false front to the community and is not something I can tolerate. And then there's the bottom line: our County, meaning all of us, will spend 3 times the amount of money as we were spending with SJBPH to create a Public Health Department. Archuleta County citizens, ask questions and stay informed. Voting really matters.

Kathy Campbell

Plumtaw film

Dear Editor:
 The premiere of Plumtaw: A Future With Fire at the Pagosa Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday evening, May 17 was a testament to the strength, curiosity, and altruism of our mountain community. Created by Moxiecran Media for the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, the film tells the story of how preparedness, planning and implementing forestry work together, and monitoring outcomes can help protect critical watersheds and make our community more resilient to wildfire. Last Wednesday evening ~200 community members showed up to support the Headwaters Partnership, view the film, learn from a panel of local experts, and engage in public Q&A. While sharing the overall success story of the Plumtaw Fire and discussing shared responsibility for forest and watershed management were key components of the event, the dialogue among participants and with the panel was, in my view, the best part of the evening. From asking how individuals can contribute to overall community preparedness, to seeking a better understanding of the fire adapted forests of Pagosa Country, to suggesting new ways to incite positive behavior change among residents and visitors alike, attendees fueled a lively discussion. In the days since the premiere, interest in home hardening and fuel mitigation have

increased and friends and neighbors are encouraging one another to connect with organizations and agencies that support taking action for wildfire resilience including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Colorado State Forest Service, Wildfire Adapted Partnership, and the US Forest Service. Committing to doing our part for the Pagosa landscape and our community when it comes to wildfire preparedness and watershed protection will really matter as we adapt together into the future. I'm proud to be part of a community that shows up to learn, act, and support one another. Miss the event but want to check out the film? It will be available at sanjuanheadwaters.org very soon.

Dana Guinn

Tattered, faded flags

Dear Editor:
 I am reminded every trip to Pagosa Springs from New Mexico of the American flags that are faded and or tattered. I ask if you are flying an American flag, please be respectful of what the flag stands for, freedom and liberty, and change them when they need changing. Memorial Day weekend would be a good weekend to do that.

God Bless America.

Joanne Irons
 Sandia Park, N.M.

Property values: 'a hoax'

Dear Editor:
 Our property values are a hoax. A real estate appraisal is an opinion of value based on facts not fiction. Being a former appraiser, my values had to be defensible in court so I was real careful to only deal with facts. The time adjusted sale prices are fiction. I did an appraisal on my home and came up with an increase in value but not as high as the counties value. I used 2022 actual sales of properties in my neighborhood to reach my conclusion, I ignored the time adjusted sale price. Recent sales are the only ones that should be used as any mortgage lender will tell you. In fact they will not accept an appraisal using old sales Data. Property values have increased (thanks

to Joe Biden's inflation), so the mill levy should decrease. The state of Kansas changes the mill levy every year. Each County divides it's total valuation by the budget to arrive at a fair mill levy. When property takes a big jump in price the mill levy is decreased. I hope our state and county do this so the taxes will be equitable. I urge everyone to find out what neighborhood they are in, get sales from that same neighborhood and compare those sales, (actual), to their homes value. They should also check that the counties information on their home is correct. Opinions of value are just like belly buttons, everybody has one.

John Meyer

Burch retirement

Dear Editor:
 Two, very talented educators and musicians are retiring from our local school system this Friday after over twenty years of service to this community. Dan and Vanita Burch have been key to the success of the high school music program, the many State awards, the fantastic musical programs, not to forget the annual Community Christmas concerts each December. Years of dedicated service have brought honor and fame to our community. Congratulations and God's blessings on your retirement. Don't leave us without your talents.

Bruce Keuning

'Unvoted tax'

Dear Editor:
 Real estate property taxes probably date from Egyptian times or even earlier. Why are they so popular? I think it is because they are easy to collect and they distribute the cost of government/infrastructure in a reasonably fair way. However, it certainly does not seem to work here in Colorado. The problem is the infernal, biennial property reevaluation, especially in times when real sales are much higher than normal. When this happened in the late '80s/early '90s, the voters passed the TABOR law (Taxpayer's Bill of Rights). The purpose was to get some kind of control over this windfall of unvoted tax revenues. It requires that most of these funds be returned to the tax payers. Our State Lawmakers,

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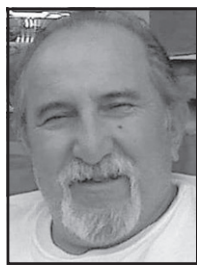
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Obituaries

Lucas Martinez

1942-2023

Eugenio Lucas Martinez, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away May 13, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Lucas was born Feb. 28, 1942, in Trujillo, Colo., to Juan Lucas Martinez and Maria Gorgonia Martinez (Archuleta). Lucas married Lillian Marie Martinez (Garcia) in June of 1962 and later divorced. They raised six children in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is survived by four of his children, Rocky Martinez, Gina Burbank (Jeffrey), Krista Hooks and Joel Martinez. He is preceded in death by his children Steven Martinez and Valerie Jardine. Also survived by his siblings Moises Martinez (Clara), Wilfred Martinez (Maryanne) and Dolores Perez (Thomas). Proceeded in death by siblings Manuel Martinez, Juanita Salazar, Clara Martinez, Rupert Martinez, Corina Valdez and Andy Martinez. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and cousins, who all loved him so very much.



Lucas served in the United States Army from June 12, 1962, to June 11, 1965. During that time, he was a firefighter in the Korean war. Lucas spent many years in Salt Lake City, Utah, working for companies such as Stauffer Chemicals and Chevron Salt Lake refinery. He retired and started doing carpentry jobs. Lucas was an excellent carpenter. He loved to take on projects that he could build and he did it perfectly. He was one of those men that was good at everything. Lucas was the fun dad, always pulling pranks and always had a clever come back to make us giggle. He was always very loving and protected his children. He taught his children to always respect their elders, and to love and appreciate family no matter what. Family was very important to Lucas and he has a huge family. Lucas was an avid fisherman. Any opportunity to go

fishing he would take. Lucas had a love for music and all types of it. He was an excellent guitar player and loved to write songs in Spanish. He played in bands throughout his life and any opportunity he had to sing a song at any event he would take it. He also was very experienced on the pool table.

The one thing that was very important to Lucas was to return to his beloved Pagosa Springs. He called it his paradise. He loved to go for rides and tell stories of his life growing up. Lucas loved to spend time with his brother/best friend, Moises, who also resides in Pagosa. Lucas also rarely turned down an invite to go have coffee and breakfast with a family member or a friend because he loved to visit.

Lucas will be missed by all who love him. He made an impact on many lives with his loving personality. He had a quick wit and was an excellent storyteller, and most of these stories would end up in a joke. He was quite the comedian. Lucas took on the Jehovah's witness faith and made sure that he taught his children the truths of the Bible and how to have a relationship with God. He planted that spiritual seed in all of his children. We are so grateful for this. You are in Jehovah's memory, Daddy.

We want to express a very special thank you to his niece, Diane Morell, for all her efforts and sacrifice in taking care of our dad to the very end.

A memorial service will be held at a later date and will be announced to family and friends.

Clayton Wilbur Watson

Feb. 24, 1933 – May 3, 2023

Dr. Clayton Wilbur Watson, who lived in Pagosa Springs, Colo., for more than 22 years, died Wednesday morning, May 3, at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center at the age of 90. His wife, Ruth Watson, was at his side. He is also survived by his daughter, Charloe Williams (Pagosa Springs); his son, Clayton A. Watson, and his wife, Cinde (Aledo, Texas); and his son, Scott Watson, and his wife, Brandy (Jemez Springs, N.M.); as well as six grandsons and seven great-grand-

children. Clayton was born Feb. 24, 1933, in the Ozarks of Missouri in a one-room shack behind the family store. He was the eldest of three children: himself; a brother, Gordon Watson; and a sister, Etta Kay Watson, both deceased. In high school, Clayton earned a scholarship which allowed him to enter Washington University in St. Louis as a chemical engineering major. While there, he met a nursing student, Ruth Thomas, on a blind date, and on March 19, 1955, they were married in her hometown of Galena, Mo. After their graduation, they moved to Ames, Iowa. There Clayton earned his master's degree in chemical engineering and in 1960 the first nuclear engineering Ph.D. ever awarded at Iowa State University with a pioneering thesis centered around Monte Carlo 3D calculations of nuclear reactions. His first work after his doctorate was for Westinghouse in Pittsburg, Penn. Soon after, he started work at RocketDyne in California and then moved his young family to the opposite coast to be a professor of nuclear engineering at the University of Florida. There he initiated one of the first conferences to focus on nuclear propulsion and edited an enormous publication of the papers presented. That work led to a sabbatical in Los Alamos, N.M., at the laboratory where the atomic bomb was invented. He returned after a year to join the lab as part of the Critical Assemblies (N) Division. Clayton came to the lab in the early 1960s to join a new program — Project Rover — with the goal of creating a nuclear-powered rocket to go to Mars. Working alongside many lifelong friends and poker buddies, Clayton specialized in modeling of gamma ray and neutron environments for nuclear control rods using Monte Carlo calculations by computers in a time when computers were people



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including the Governor, are already telling us about the big tax cut that they are going to "give" us, which are the mandated TABOR returns. The Bill they will pass will detail how the returns will be distributed, since TABOR does not spell that out. You can bet they will distribute the maximum possible to their benefactors and the least to us. Reevaluation was never intended to be a tax, it was meant to keep the distribution fair, but even with TABOR it is an unvoted tax.

It does not have to be this way. Other States, and I am familiar with Ohio, simply adjust the tax rates downward to exactly equal the overall increase in valuation. There is an exception for discretionary spending by the law makers that does go up, but it is minor, and the problems we have here are avoided.

Dick Riethmiller

Public health

Dear Editor:

Is dropping San Juan Basin Public Health a huge mistake?

I was an intensive care registered nurse. I have a degree in Healthcare Administration. I have been warned that my next exposure and illness from covid or flu would be extremely dangerous.

I needed a Pfizer booster for covid and the only local facility offering Pfizer was SJBPH. I sort of dreaded going there because of possible exposure to ill patients and I had never been there.

First contact, Lisa, on phone said we'll do everything possible to limit exposure to others. Today, Lisa took our paperwork, insurance cards and covid record, and said the nurse will be with you shortly. She verified it was to be the Pfizer vaccine. Then nurse, Carrie, came and asked Heath

questions and again verified it was to be Pfizer, not Moderna. Carrie reviewed our paperwork and came out with Karen to assist in giving the injections to me and my husband. She reminded us to move arm vigorously after injection to lessen chance of soreness and had us wait 15 minutes to be sure of no reaction.

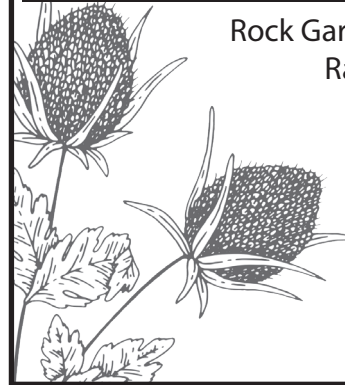
I cannot remember another health care setting that had more professionalism than our visit to San Juan Basin Public Health. We were actually thanked for coming and felt so carefully attended to.

What a crying shame that Archuleta County is breaking its partnership with this class act organization. I wish they could revoke this decision and just work on preserving this relationship. Wouldn't that be easier than starting over and actually having lots of issues already in that process.

Jacqui Widener

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PAWSD reorganizes board, discusses construction projects

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its May 11 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors appointed two members, reorganized the board and discussed the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) on the Snowball Water Treatment Plant project and the potential for a merger with the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID), operated by the Town of Pagosa Springs.

The board had two openings to fill at the meeting and appointed Jim Smith and Peter Hurley, who previously served on the board, to fill them.

Smith was selected to serve as chairman, Glenn Walsh as vice president, Hurley as treasurer and Bill Hudson as secretary.

During the process, Walsh highlighted that the reappointment of two previously serving members to new terms on the board had come after extensive efforts to recruit new board members last fall and opportunities for interested members of the public to become board members.

Later in the meeting, District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey opened the discussion of the GMP submitted by PCL Construction, PAWSD's construction contractor on the project, stating that it had been distributed to the directors and that the cost is approximately \$39.9 million with \$1.2 million in contingency.

The board then discussed whether to move forward with PCL or put the project out to bid, with Ramsey highlighting that other contractors he had contacted indicated they would be unlikely to bid on the project due to being too busy and that further delays would likely raise the price.

He also noted that the project is over the planned cost by approxi-

mately \$2 million and that the price could come down during construction, although he was not confident this would occur.

Smith commented that he felt PAWSD was going to have to "bite the bullet and get this thing underway."

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Walsh commented he was "not a definite no on it, but I'm not a definite yes."

Ramsey explained that PCL would like to begin the project by June 1, which would require a special meeting to approve the contract before then.

Walsh explained that he wanted to examine certain legal and adjudication aspects of the contract before it is approved by the board.

He also highlighted that the change in the GMP would have to be integrated into the rate study that PAWSD is currently undertaking.

Ramsey also explained that he

hopes to make up the \$2 million gap with grants.

The board agreed to hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 25, at 5 p.m. at the PAWSD offices at 100 Lyn Ave. to consider and potentially approve the contracts for the plant.

Ramsey then moved on to discuss a meeting he had with the PSSGID regarding the state-mandated upgrades to the Vista wastewater treatment plant.

He noted that they are having a "difficult time making a decision" and that PAWSD is going to take a "two-pronged approach" where the district will move forward with meeting its compliance schedule while continuing discussions with the PSSGID, although he noted that he does "not have a whole lot of faith anything is going to happen."

In response to a question from the board, Ramsey explained that the PSSGID and PAWSD have the options of continuing with the upgrades to the plant and keeping the current pipeline that pumps waste from downtown to the Vista plant, separating and having PSSGID "do its own thing" or creating a joint plant downtown.

Walsh highlighted that PAWSD's engineering for the plant upgrades would hopefully be useful for whatever direction PAWSD ends up going, which Ramsey indicated was the goal, and commented that the town has also commissioned a study to examine its options.

In response to a question from Smith, Ramsey indicated that engineering would potentially cost between \$1 million to \$1.7 million and that the town would pay 25 percent of this cost.

Walsh reiterated the three options and commented that a plan to build a joint plant with the PSSGID would give PAWSD leverage to potentially obtain a delay from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

Hurley asked why the town will not come to the decision to unify the districts.

Ramsey commented that he believed it is because of distrust due to problems with the current pipeline system.

Walsh commented that the town's study is "very defined" and

focused on assessing the town's current system and its capacity.

Director Gene Tautges commented that it was frustrating that, although PAWSD had met with the PSSGID board eight months ago, the town had not made a decision.

Smith commented that some PSSGID board members appeared to support the plan at the meeting.

Ramsey added that the plan would have to be approved by CDPHE and the agency would have to grant a delay in the imposition of regulations for it to be viable, although he noted that unifying the districts would give a stronger argument for doing so.

Walsh commented that sometimes deadlines are required to compel difficult decisions and that, in the short or medium term at least, deciding to combine the districts would be a difficult decision for the PSSGID, which Hurley expressed disagreement with.

The board and Ramsey then agreed that PAWSD needs to follow its current path of continuing to meet the compliance schedule and discussing options with the town.

Hudson then asked if the board wanted to discuss the town's control of growth in the potential unification of the districts.

Walsh commented that this could be discussed and that he had no issue with the town having a veto power for projects in its planning area.

He also expressed his openness to building a plant that would comply with future regulations right now instead of implementing the regulations in stages.

Ramsey highlighted that part of the costs of the upgrades to the Vista plant are keeping it operating while the upgrades are installed, which would not be an issue with a new combined plant.

He also highlighted that the PSSGID also has representatives on the selection team for the engineer on the Vista plant.

Walsh concluded by commenting that the deal between PAWSD and the PSSGID concerning the sewage pipeline is a "lose-lose deal" for both entities and has had a negative impact on both.

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Staff report

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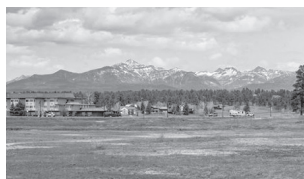
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Failure to implement HR software concerns commissioners

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update from Human Resources (HR) Director Mitzi Bowman and discussed ongoing difficulties with the county's implementation of Rippling payroll and HR software at its May 16 work session.

Bowman opened her update by stating that she had been in her position for approximately three months and by noting that the Rippling implementation is going "very slowly."

She stated that staff were going to reach out to Rippling and see if the implementation could be pushed back until Jan. 1, 2024, to simplify the payroll input process.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked if this was just the payroll portion and if the HR work has been completed.

Bowman stated that the HR element of the software was "almost done," although there was no reason to input the benefit information that is remaining since there would be many personnel changes in the time before a potentially delayed implementation and she did not "see the point in running two systems at the same time."

Medina asked if Bowman had discussed delaying with Rippling yet, and Bowman explained Finance Director Chad Eaton had to some extent.

Bowman added, in response to a question about the implementation date from Medina, that the date had been May 12, although it had been earlier before she was hired.

Bowman added that she believed the start date was March 1 under the previous HR director, but she was unsure.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked what the main problem is in implementing Rippling.

Bowman explained that the primary difficulty is pulling the payroll reports from Incode, the county's finance software, and transferring them to Rippling.

She added that Rippling needs all the payroll information for the year and this is why county staff are considering pushing the implementation back to Jan. 1, 2024, to reduce the information that would need to be input.

Medina asked if, during this year, the county would be paying for Rippling but not using it, which Bowman stated she could not answer.

County Manager Derek Woodman stated that, if the implementation is pushed out, Rippling would have to agree to allow this year's payment to carry over into next year.

Woodman added, in response to a question from Maez, that Rippling is an annual contract.

Maez asked, if the county pushed the Rippling implementation out to next year, what the point of staying with Rippling instead of switching to another process or vendor that the Finance Department might think is better would be.

Bowman commented that the county is upgrading Incode, which could potentially do some of the things the county wants.

Woodman explained that there would be two upgrades, including one in May which would take the county from a server-based to a cloud-based version of Incode 9 and one later in the year that would take the county to Incode 10, which will have additional functionality.

Medina asked if Incode includes HR elements such as employees being able to view their time, request time off or review their pay stubs.

Bowman stated that employees can currently view their time in Incode although they cannot view pay stubs, which have to be printed separately.

Woodman highlighted that Incode's functionality is "horrible" and lacks any HR onboarding capabilities or the ability to view pay stubs.

Maez asked what Medina found when she had investigated what

software other counties use.

She noted that counties use a wide range of software, although none she spoke with use Rippling, but added that any vendor would require the same steps of finance and HR that Rippling is requesting.

"It's just part of getting it set up," she said, adding that the county is coming up to the modern standards that many counties operate under.

"A lot of this will eliminate a lot of the processes that we're doing now that is very time consuming," Medina said. "And I know your next question is ... 'Are we eliminating an employee? There's only two HR employees...'"

"Yeah, there used to be one," Maez interjected.

Medina noted the county has 157 employees.

"I will tell you there is still a lot of work that is done as a former HR professional that worked with over 5,000 employees and even here with less than 200, it was only me. There was so much that needs to be done. So this, a software package like Rippling, is something that ... we as a county really need to be able to move forward and do things better, not like they've always been done before," Medina continued, adding that she did not care what the software vendor is but that the processes need to be done to move the county forward.

Maez pointed out that Rippling had to change its contract to align with the Colorado constitution (which Medina noted they had done), which potentially indicated that it had not served any Colorado statutory counties, which the BoCC had not received information on.

"OK. But, where we're at right now ...," Medina began.

"No, where we're at we're at \$49,000 of getting nothing," Maez interrupted.

"And that's because of staff," Medina said.

"I'm not gonna put it on staff," Maez replied.

Medina replied, "I can, I can tell you this, after talking to [County Attorney Todd Weaver], where we are is because we, the county, have not done what we need to do in order to make this go live. If it was Rippling, then we would have some type of grounds to be able to say, 'You know what, we want a refund and we're not gonna go with you.' But Rippling has not violated their contract ... because they have not done anything wrong. We're the ones who have not met the timeline and we have not been able to push this forward. ... Mitzi has the majority of her stuff done even though she came in late. Unfortunately, where the missing link right now is finance. That's why we can't go live."

Maez commented that the previous finance director was promoting Rippling before her departure and that he had publicly asked Eaton to review the software.

Medina commented that when she had spoken to the finance director he commented that it offered new capabilities and that he had never said to her that he "does not like Rippling."

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he had had the same experience with the finance director.

Maez proposed that, if the county is going to spend a year and not get anything, it might be a time for the county to look into other providers that "might be ready to go and hit the ground running."

"But, hitting the ground running doesn't make any sense because ...," Medina began.

Maez then interrupted to point out that a software company with experience working with Colorado counties might be more effective.

Brown commented that he was opposed to waiting a year and that "we need to uphold our end of the workload and get this information inputted so we're not ... leaving the question of whether we're going to get value for the money that we've spent or obligated ourselves to spend because I think, as Commissioner

Medina brought up, it doesn't matter who we would go to, we would still need to do the same work to get it live."

Maez reiterated his point that another company that works with Colorado counties would know what information is needed.

"But it's not the company, it's ... staff," Medina said. "Staff hasn't provided the information. ... If we need to do something, we need to hold staff responsible, along with their manager, of making sure this gets done now."

Maez commented, "Well, because, when this was voted in, staff said it was ready to go and it would be operational in ... March. And now we're here 'til May and now we're thinking about pushing it out, and I'm like, 'What are we doing?'"

Eaton then entered the discussion, explaining that many of the issues with the implementation were taking the data outputted by Incode and reformatting it to be uploaded into Rippling.

He noted that the process is time consuming because of the limitations of Incode and the county's multiple health insurance plans.

He also noted that Rippling provides benefits to the county in terms of HR and what it can offer to the county.

Eaton indicated that bringing Incode up to the functionalities that Rippling offers would cost the county additional money and emphasized the care he is taking in ensuring that the data inputted into Rippling is accurate to prevent future problems.

In response to a question from Medina, Eaton explained that upgrading Incode's time and attendance capabilities to match Rippling's would cost approximately the same as Rippling but that Rippling also offers a better HR module.

Eaton then further discussed the logistical challenges of transferring the data to Rippling, explaining that he has three more sets of payroll data to complete and that he was hoping to get those done during the week.

He added that he hoped to run a trial payroll process with Rippling the following week to ensure issues do not emerge.

Bowman asked if there is a way to input all pay periods together as one large amount, which Eaton stated would be much easier.

Medina asked if that is a question the county needs to ask Rippling, which Eaton stated it is.

The group then discussed the updating of Incode, with Eaton explaining that it will provide a better platform for monitoring the financial standing of the county and creating additional reports.

Maez said, "And since you're new, I really appreciate the efforts that you've gone and the research you looked into to find out ... how to work these bugs out."

Medina pointed out that both Eaton and Bowman had "walked into this" difficult situation, but that the process would be similar with any payroll software.

"Except for us paying \$49,000 ahead without gettin' anything out of it. I'm still gonna stick with that," Maez commented.

Medina commented that the county has not gotten anything because staff had not put in the information yet.

"If previous staff would've done everything they needed to do when they said, 'We're gonna hit the ground running in March,' we should've hit the ground running in March because that's what we're told. So, if we're going out to January, we're still out \$49,000," Maez said.

Brown noted the county had "a couple personnel changes before that, so I think that that certainly affected the projected timetable."

"I'm not gonna buy it," Maez said.

Eaton explained that his department has undergone a complete change of staff, which has slowed progress due to additional staff training needs and diminished staff

capabilities.

He also noted that, if Rippling would allow the county to input the payroll data as one large sum, it would assist in speeding up the process.

"I guess get that information and see what can be done," Maez stated. "I understand the timing and circumstances that happened with this, but that wasn't neither one of you guy's thing."

Woodman noted that Eaton was present when Rippling was selected.

Maez commented that he had not had time to look at Rippling and that the process was already underway.

Woodman commented, "In defense of both of them, both of their departments were completely rebuilt from zero. ... At no fault of their own, it happened. There was a massive learning curve and this on top of it."

Bowman continued her update, highlighting that the employee of the month program is continuing, although nominations have declined and she is working on ways to stimulate it.

She further noted she is working on arranging the summer picnic for county staff.

She added that she is continuing the monthly newsletter and continuing routine HR tasks and duties.

Bowman stated that, since the end of February when she was hired, the county has hired 22 people with 13 open positions for a total of 20.5 openings across them.

In response to questions from Medina, Bowman explained that the department had had one workman's compensation claim, two unemployment claims and that the safety committee meetings are progressing, including recommending fire extinguisher and driver safety trainings.

Later in the meeting, Medina reopened the topic of Rippling, stating that she understood Maez's reasoning for not wanting to move forward with Rippling and that she would be willing to not move forward with Rippling if the county could recoup some of the money spent on Rippling this year.

She noted that she felt the county and the BoCC is beyond the issues of whether Rippling works with other Colorado counties or the constitutionality of its original contract and pointed out that any company would require the same data and staff work Rippling has requested.

"Totally understand that," Maez replied. "My hangup is we just spent \$49,000 for nothin'. 'Cause, I don't think we'll get out of that contract, especially if it's our staff or own inability to get this up and running at the time we were told it was gonna be up and running."

Medina commented that she believed the BoCC had set the date for when Rippling would be up and running.

Maez countered that this was done on the recommendation of staff.

"And if Rippling comes through, then, hey, they come through," Maez added. "And if we choose to renegotiate the contract next year and they can provide what we need then or we can provide what they need ... But all that information should have been at the ready before we ... We should've had all this information. 'This is what you guys need so we can be onboard and so we can put this into play.' But, it wasn't presented to us."

Medina commented that this information was not presented to the BoCC but that staff at the time had the information.

Maez noted that he had publicly stated that he wanted Eaton to analyze the software and give his opinion.

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Town council considers proposal to relocate bus stops and install new bus shelters and signage

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On May 2, the Pagosa Springs Town Council considered a proposal from Mountain Express Transit (MET) to install upgrades and relocate a few of its bus stops.

Although MET is a function of Archuleta County, many of the stops along the transit route are within the town's public right of way.

MET's plans include the addition of shelters at four new and existing bus stops, along with kiosk-style signage, according to agenda documentation, which states that the four bus stops slated for receiving bus shelters include:

- The existing Vista Boulevard stop.

- A new Village Drive stop, which would relocate the City Market parking lot stop.

- A new Alpha Drive stop, which would relocate the Walmart parking lot stop.

- A new Hermosa Street stop adjacent to Town Park.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff explained that town staff has met with representatives from MET and that one of MET's biggest concerns is about bus stops located within parking lots, such as the stops at City Market and Walmart.

He said, "they are finding them to be not the safest place to pick up and drop off folks."

He explained that MET's proposal would move the Walmart stop from the parking lot to Alpha Drive, adjacent to the front of the store, and that the City Market stop would

move from the parking lot to Village Drive, directly behind the store and with direct access via the sidewalk.

Dickhoff noted that MET was looking for the "town council's blessing to move forward" and that for these stops to be improved and, in some cases moved to new locations by MET's target date of this summer, they would need to begin to place orders for the products and infrastructure as soon as possible because they "have a long lead time."

He described the new bus shelters as having the dimensions of 5 feet wide by 10 feet long and provided to the council examples of the two different styles of bus shelters being proposed.

The shelters would also require the construction of concrete pads and would need to connect with the town's existing pedestrian sidewalk and trail facilities, according to agenda documentation.

Archuleta County Transportation Director Kevin Bruce was also present at the meeting and fielded questions and concerns from the council.

Council member Leonard Martinez asked if installing the shelters alone would address the safety issues at City Market and Walmart.

"No. Not really," Bruce responded. He added that the safety concern at City Market is that the stop "is not ADA accessible, and so if we have a wheelchair rider, we are offloading a wheelchair in the middle of a parking lot."

He noted that the safety concerns at City Market and Walmart don't stem from a lack of shelters at these

particular bus stop locations, but rather from "passengers who are currently walking through the parking lots."

He added that this is why MET hopes to relocate these stops.

But Martinez was concerned that relocating the City Market stop would increase the walking distance to and from the store, with his concern focused on the MET's elderly ridership who would have to carry their groceries further to board the bus.

Bruce confirmed that the City Market stop's relocation to Village Drive would increase the distance to and from the store by "about 100 feet," but added that, in his opinion, the increased safety of the new location outweighs the longer distance.

Council member Mat deGraaf wondered if City Market employees might be available to help elderly riders carry their grocery bags to the new bus stop.

There were also concern about the aesthetics of the bus shelters.

Council member Gary Williams said, "We have a Main Street project going on here in town where we are trying to redefine the downtown to make it more cohesive and attractive and so forth, and it bothers me ... that we may put a bus stop in the downtown area that may not fit the desires or the architectural integrity of what we are trying to do in this town."

Council member Matt DeGuse said that he thought that having bus shelters would help bring some "awareness" and "recognition" to the county's bus system for both visitors and locals alike who may not

be aware that there is a bus system.

Williams explained that he supports the idea of bus shelters, but that he wants them to fit the aesthetics of the town and not look like they belong in "downtown Denver."

In the end, the council came to a consensus on approving the idea of bus shelters as well as new kiosk-style signage at the bus stops.

However, there was disagreement over relocating existing bus stops, with Martinez arguing that the City Market bus stop should stay in its current location, citing the burden that the longer walk would put on his elderly constituents.

Williams concurred with Martinez, and Dickhoff suggested that the council could separate out the shelter issue from the location issue since there was consensus on the former.

Dickhoff explained that, potentially, the structures for the shelters "could be purchased [now] and, in the meantime, we could be confirming some of these locations to make sure we are serving the ridership best."

Mayor Shari Pierce agreed, stating that the council could move to support the installation of bus shelters but come back at a later date on the location issue.

Council member Brooks Lindner made a motion to support the bus shelters but left open the issue of bus stop locations. It was carried unanimously by the council.

Bruce ended by saying that "we are just looking for the town to partner with us to make a better transit system" for the area.

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Wings Early Childhood Center final expansion design approved

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On May 9, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission approved a final major design review application for the expansion of Wings Early Childhood Center.

Wings' plans seek to add an additional 2,657 square feet to the west of the existing 3,703-square-foot building, with the architecture of the addition matching the aesthetics of the design of the original building, according to agenda documentation on the matter.

In January, when Wings was seeking funding from the town council for its expansion, David Smith, representing Wings, explained that the expansion would add child care slots in a time of shortage, allowing for about 26 more people to enter the area's workforce by creating these additional slots.

Smith had linked the issue of expanding access to child care to workforce participation, stating that if a parent is not able to find or afford child care services, then they are unavailable to join the workforce.

Ultimately, Wings received \$93,667 from the town's \$150,000 line item that it allocated for fund-

ing early child care and education initiatives. In its application for the funding award, Wings explains that the funding would go toward its expansion project.

Wings also applied for funding from the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board's budgeted infrastructure line item, but that board denied the application for not meeting its definition of tourism-related infrastructure.

Wings is located at 79 Back Swing Court, just north of Piedra Road, and the expansion would take place on that same one-acre property, which sits within the Mixed Use - Corridor (MU-C) zoning district.

The addition will take place approximately 400 feet from County Road 600 (Piedra Road), with the addition expanding the existing day care operations and adding new preschool and infant playgrounds between the addition and parking lot, according to agenda documentation.

The planning commission, sitting as the Design Review Board, reviewed and ultimately approved the sketch design of the project at a Feb. 28 hearing.

At the May 9 meeting, Senior Planner Karl Onsager told the plan-

ning commissioners that the town's planning staff has been working with Wings since the sketch design phase to meet certain conditions that would bring the project into compliance with the town's Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) before construction would begin.

He said that "since this time, the applicant has clarified the western property line, and there's no issue with setbacks or anything ... They provided additional landscape details to show that they have adequate parking lot landscaping, as well as landscaping in front of the new addition, and they added new parking details that show that they meet the parking requirements both for their parking and drop-off locations."

With the sketch design criteria being met, Onsager explained that staff "recommends a motion to approve" the final major design review application for Wings, but "with three conditions," directing the applicant to provide the following items during the building permit phase:

- An executed shared maintenance agreement with the other property owner for the shared driveway stemming off of Back Swing Court.
- Adequate screening of the

dumpster to meet the code requirement.

- Two additional spaces reserved and signed for pickup and drop-off.

Meeting this above criteria would bring the expansion project into compliance with the town's current LUDC.

"I certainly appreciate working with planning. It's been really quite good and quite helpful," Smith said at the May 9 meeting.

Planning commissioner Chad Hodges made a motion to approve the application with the three conditions. This was seconded and approved unanimously by the commission, with commissioner Chris Pitcher recusing himself from both the discussion and vote.

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Resignations

■ **Continued from front** at that meeting.

The committee also discussed the possibility that Campbell and vice chair Sally Kennedy, who both attended the director interviews, could independently submit a recommendation to the hiring committee for the director.

In a May 16 email to county Executive Assistant/Paralegal Mary Helmski, which Webb requested to be distributed to the commissioners, she stated, "Those of us on the Archuleta County Public Health

Transitional Advisory Committee volunteer our time to this committee because how our new public health is structured will significantly impact the health of every person in this County. While those of us on the Advisory Committee understand that the County makes final decisions, we devote our time and our expertise to provide advice.

"It would be wrong for Archuleta County to proceed to make a decision on an employment offer to an executive director without receiving or considering the advice of those of

us on the Advisory Committee. If the County proceeds to make such an important decision without considering the advice of the Committee, then the Committee is devalued to the point of being meaningless and I will resign."

Helmski sent back an email to Webb on the morning of May 17 stating that she would forward the letter to the commissioners and commenting that, although the committee was tasked with researching staff qualification and certification requirements, it was never indicated

that the TAC would be involved in hiring staff.

She continued, explaining the county's hiring process for the transitional public health director, citing the logistical difficulties of involving the TAC in the decision, stating her belief that the TAC is doing valuable work and commenting that she would prefer that Webb not resign.

Webb confirmed her resignation in an email to Helmski approximately four minutes later.

She added in another email to Helmski two minutes later, "I applied to serve to help stand up public health. Yes you did outline what it actually was at our first meeting. Thank you."

Campbell submitted her resignation on May 17 shortly after Wilson's hiring was publicly announced.

In a letter to the editor appearing in this week's issue of The SUN, Campbell outlines her frustrations with the lack of opportunities for the TAC to advise the county on public health issues and the formation of the department.

She adds, "This 'no-Advising' has occurred at each weekly meeting, where we learned of new decisions that had been made by the County Manager and BoCC pertaining to the public health department with zero input from our committee. I realized that our committee was serving no real purpose, because county of-

ficials were going to do what they wanted to do, regardless of any input or Advice we may bring to the table.

"There are many examples that frustrated me and other members of our committee. This is not the place to air the specifics, however this is the place to make people aware that county government should not act in a silo, but rather strive to accept help from citizens who just might know more about a particular subject than they do.

"I really wanted to be involved with something this important! But this committee is not an Advisory committee, it is a false front to the community and is not something I can tolerate. And then there's the bottom line: our County, meaning all of us, will spend 3 times the amount of money as we were spending with SJBPH to create a Public Health Department! Archuleta County citizens, ask questions and stay informed. Voting really matters!"

At the May 22 TAC meeting, the committee briefly discussed the resignations and the recruitment of new members of the committee and reorganized the board, appointing Kennedy as chairperson and John Ranson as vice chair.

Committee members raised concerns about bringing in new members who might lack the necessary background on the committee's work and discussed the possibil-

ity of Wilson remaining as a voting member of the committee as well as the transitional health director since her resignation from the committee would leave it at four members.

Helmski also pointed out that, with a four person committee, any conversation concerning public health between two members of the committee would constitute a public meeting since two members would constitute a quorum of the board.

Following the discussion, the board voted to table the issue of potential recruitment of additional members pending legal advice on if Wilson remaining a member would be feasible.

Ranson also commented that, given the resignations and the TAC moving to the task of selecting programs, he also considered resigning as he felt he had little to contribute with his financial expertise.

He added, "But I do think two of the commissioners believe I might be able to at least keep an eye on some stuff and help."

He added, however, that he is willing to remain on the committee if the other TAC members want him there.

Helmski noted that the TAC would be tasked with assembling a budget for the health department and Ranson's expertise would be needed.

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Protests

■ **Continued from front** year.

"We reappraise the entire county every odd year using sales in a state mandated study period ending June 30, 2022," she wrote. "The next appraisal date will be June 30, 2024 using sales from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 for tax year 2025 and 2026. Taxes payable in 2026 and 2027."

Tully-Elliott adds that the county is getting lots of feedback that residents don't believe their house is worth what they have it appraised for right now.

In response, she wrote, "The appraisal date is June 30, 2022. We are almost one year behind what is currently happening in the market. What is currently occurring in the market will be reflected in the 2025 reappraisal."

Tully-Elliott wrote that the values have come down since the June 30, 2022, appraisal date, but "we still have a year and a half of sales to actually know what the sales will do for the 2025 Notice of Valuation."

She notes that many county residents are also wondering if they qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption or Veterans Exemption.

"You must be 65 years of age as of January 1," Tully-Elliott wrote. "It has to be your primary (residence) and you have to have lived there for 10 years as of January 1st. The exemption amount is 50% of the first \$200,000 in value. The application for the exemption is due by July 15th."

In response to concerns about property consolidation, Tully-Elliott wrote, "We are in the process of uncombining parcels that were 'combined for tax purposes.' Combined for tax purposes gave property owners the residential rate on the vacant parcel. There was a House Bill in 2021 that amended the language in the current CRS 39-1-102(14.4) giving more restrictive definitions for contiguous parcels of land with residential use."

She adds that the amendment requires that "the parcels have to have identical ownership; the parcels have to have a related improvement that is essential to the use of a residential improvement located

on the identically owned contiguous residential parcel; and the vacant parcel must be contiguous to the residential parcel."

Tully-Elliott wrote that questions about a parcel and if it is combined for tax purposes or consolidated as one parcel should be directed to the assessor's office.

Tully-Elliott wrote that many residents seem to be under the impression that the assessor's office is simply "pulling these numbers out of the air."

In response to that concern she explains, "Colorado is a Market state. We are required to reappraise the entire county every odd year using a designated study period that changes every two years. The values reflect the market conditions that existed in that study period."

She wrote that reappraisal years usually result in about 400 protests. As of May 23 of this year, the office had received 467. The highest number of protests it has garnered was in 2009, with 3,146 protests.

Tully-Elliott offers some general information about why the values in Archuleta County have increased, how values are calculated and to give information about the appeals process.

"The increase reflected in your Notice of Valuation is a result of historically low mortgage rates, high demand for real estate, increased building costs and COVID-19," she wrote.

She adds, "Yes, our little piece of heaven has been discovered and now we must share our beautiful, safe mountain community. The local real estate market during the two-year time frame was at an unprecedented high with the average home selling for nearly \$700,000 vs the average sale price in 2018 at \$349,500."

Tully-Elliott stresses in her email that a property owner has the right to appeal the value, not the taxes, and that the county assessor has no control over the taxes.

"The Assessor's goal is to value properties fairly and equitably so that the tax burden is distributed fairly and equitably among our taxpayers within the statutory and constitutional guidelines set forth

by the state of Colorado," she wrote.

Tully-Elliott adds that a valuation protest is an attempt to demonstrate that a property's market value is incorrect.

She wrote, "By Colorado State statute, the Assessor's office cannot consider any market data after the appraisal date, which is June 30, 2022."

She wrote that the reasons a property's valuation could be incorrect are: the property's characteristics are inaccurate, there is evidence of similar properties that sold for less than the assessor's office hasn't considered, or you have other relevant home sales data that should be considered.

Tully-Elliott noted, "Your final tax bill is determined by actual value (from the Assessor's office) multiplied by the tax rate (this is different for each class of property, and the State of Colorado sets this for all counties) = assessed value, multiplied by the mill levy (all your taxing entities budget creates a total mill levy) = taxes due."

For those who wish to appeal their notice of valuation, Tully-Elliott wrote that residents should make sure they have completed the protest portion of the back of their Notice of Valuation form or have given enough information to be able to locate the property they are protesting, which includes account number, physical address, name and contact information; the estimated value as of June 30, 2022; and any and all documentation to support a different value.

Tully-Elliott wrote, "The increase in taxes with a short amount of time to adjust will have an impact on several households. The Assessor doesn't create the tax rates, we determine value. The tax rates are determined by the State of Colorado ... All of the property taxes stay in Archuleta County. Your tax bill consists of several Taxing authorities. This includes, Town, County, Fire, Library, School, Water and Sanitation, and Metro Districts."

She added that appeals must be delivered or postmarked by June 8 to be accepted for this reappraisal. *monica@pagosasun.com*

politics, but patriotism.

Planning of the event hit a stumbling block when, on Good Friday, Jones suffered a stroke.

But, it didn't stop her. Instead, it helped her heal, and the project has helped reinforce her resolve to help local veterans and their families.

While in rehabilitation in Farmington, N.M., Jones explained one of her therapists asked her to work on writing an outline for something to help with her recovery, and she proceeded to outline and write the script for Monday's program.

In addition to helping her move forward with planning the program, Jones noted the exercise also helped her know she could still process information.

It further helped her set her direction moving forward, with Jones, the widow of a veteran, explaining her focus in life will continue to be veterans and the families of veterans.

"Everybody has to have a purpose in life, and I know what mine is," she said, noting the large number of families that have been and are affected by war.

She also recalled when blue stars hung in windows indicating the family of a service member serving during a time of conflict or, in the case of gold stars, the family of a service member who had lost their life.

"I remember seeing those and not really knowing what they meant for a while, but, boy, do I know now," she said. "And we have so many family members now that are suffering, they're caregivers for people with Agent Orange cancers, burn pits, bad water at Camp

Lejeune, all kinds of things. And the PTSD and the suicide rates, I understand why they're there."

The project, she added, was an answer for her to set direction of what she'll do for the rest of her life.

"We're here to serve," she said. Irons and Jones indicated they've been amazed with the response so far, with both talking about the donations above and beyond the requested amount and the stories they've heard.

"That's why I do stuff like this," Irons said, referring to the surprises and the unintended stories.

Jones noted people have been "overwhelmingly" excited and accepting of the concept.

She also noted it's a win-win, with people able to witness others doing acts of patriotism, it being educational for the younger generations and it helping to raise funds to help finance veterans' needs next winter.

"There are so many good people in Vets for Vets, and they keep serving," she said.

Anyone interesting in a lumina-ria bag can contact Irons at (970) 946-7545 or look for tables at various businesses staffed by committee members.

Luminarias will be sold through Memorial Day.

Memorial day events

On Monday morning at 10 a.m., the American Legion will hold a Memorial Day ceremony at the flag pole at Hilltop Cemetery.

Vets for Vets' Lumina-ria Tribute will begin around 7 p.m. and will coincide with sunset.

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Wastewater

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The system has run into difficulties, such as pump malfunctions and failures, and the district has had to pay to continually repair and patch the system.

Most recently, the replacement of pumps at the Chamber lift station cost the town \$116,000 and the replacement of pumps at the Apache lift station is expected to cost "slightly less," according to agenda documentation on the matter.

District staff explained its choice of Roaring Fork Engineering in agenda documentation, stating "there is a desire from staff to have a fresh set of eyes to review our district that has had no past interaction and removing any conflict of interest implied or direct."

Public Works Director Karl Johnson explained that part of the choice to go with Roaring Fork stems from the fact "that they've never done any business with the town, and to really get a true and unbiased overview of our district, it's kinda hard to ask someone who has already done work with the town to give an unbiased opinion on what they've done."

Agenda documentation states that the firm has "recently performed multiple system analyses with districts of similar size in other Colorado mountain communities facing the same challenges as the PSSGID with regulation compliance, funding, staffing, and maintenance requirements."

In a proposal document, Roaring Fork explains that its work will include a comprehensive look at the functionality of the current system, an evaluation of the existing pump conveyance system, long-term planning for the pump conveyance system, long-term policy and financial planning, as well as a rate study analysis.

At the meeting, Johnson highlighted some of the tough choices that the PSSGID would need to make in the future.

He noted the district could consider building its own wastewater treatment plant, which would reduce reliance on the current lift station conveyance system; it could partner with PAWSID to build a brand new and bigger jointly run wastewater facility; or it could continue pumping wastewater to the Vista plant, which would include partnering financially with PAWSID to bring the Vista plant into compliance with state regulators.

Town/PSSGID Manager Andrea Phillips clarified, "Just so the council is aware, unless directed differently, we're preserving about 15-acres of the 26-acre Yamaguchi South

property for a potential wastewater facility," which would leave open the possibility for the town to build its own wastewater plant.

Phillips told the board that much of the town's master plan for the property, which includes river access and a boater drop-off area, would need to be "put on hold," but that it would only impact the southern portion of the property.

Board member Mat deGraaf explained that he supported the idea of putting that property aside for a potential town-run wastewater treatment plant, since "there's a lot of uncertainty" surrounding what PAWSID may have to do to upgrade the Vista plant and "how the town may want to or can help" with that project.

Considering these choices, board president Shari Pierce suggested that "a couple of the options that we have are we build our own plant ... and another one is that we join with PAWSID to build a bigger plant."

She added that once Roaring Fork's analysis is complete and the district can weigh its findings, "I think then we have to decide which direction we're going to go."

However, she explained that she did not think "that we'll have an answer soon," which justifies putting on hold any development on the southern section of the Yamaguchi South property.

On the issue of a rate-study analysis, Johnson explained that the way Roaring Fork's study is designed is to first get "the logistics stuff up front" to find out answers to a pair of questions: "Do we build our own plant? Do we continue to pump uphill?"

He added that the district needs to get those questions answered first "and then once that's settled, go into the rate study."

Board member Gary Williams asked about how much interaction Roaring Fork will have with PAWSID while conducting its study and how much the PSSGID would have to contribute to bringing the Vista plant into compliance with state health and environmental regulations.

Johnson said that "regardless of what PAWSID does, we're still on the hook for at least 25 percent, so regardless of what happens, it's gonna affect us."

A motion was made to approve the use of up to \$50,000, using PSSGID reserve funds if necessary, for a system assessment with Roaring Fork Engineering. This motion was carried unanimously by the board.

Next, the issue of bringing the Vista plant into compliance with state regulations came up later in the meeting, when the board considered

Meals

■ **Continued from front**

to stop the sit-down service during the COVID crisis, but we were able to continue and expand a robust takeout program still meeting or exceeding our previous number of meals provided per year and also offering some fresh and frozen "extras" to guests.

You may have seen members of our team standing out on the sidewalk in front of the Methodist Church on Thursdays last winter ensuring that hungry folks received

a hot meal even during the very inclement snowy weather.

Loaves and Fishes has been unable to secure a different facility downtown that would meet its needs on Wednesdays and Thursdays for cooking such a large-scale meal, seating guests and storing items necessary to operate. The current way of operating is difficult and not sustainable.

The board of directors is grateful to so many who have contributed to its success: the Immaculate Heart

of Mary Parish, Community United Methodist Church, City Market, Walmart and countless Pagosa civic organizations, churches, businesses and individuals who must be thanked for giving so selflessly of their time and money by sponsoring the weekly meal.

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The letter explains that the PSSGID is currently weighing its three potential options: to continue with the pump conveyance system to the Vista plant, build its own wastewater treatment plant, or partner with PAWSID to build a completely new and bigger plant.

Johnson explained that PAWSID's thought process is to, "up front, do what they can to find out the answer to the questions about" the future of the two districts' wastewater systems.

The letter states, "Any aid you can provide by granting PAWSID and the PSSGID adequate time to research the most appropriate upgrades or replacement of our integrated wastewater systems would be greatly appreciated. We respectfully request an extension of (18 months?) on this timeline."

The letter continues, "Again, the District is not seeking to abandon our obligations. We are simply requesting adequate time to assure the investment we make in our treatment system provides the most comprehensive and enduring protection of public health and greatest and most enduring environmental benefit to the community and the river basins in which we live."

The board reached a consensus to show its approval of the letter.

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County discusses, approves property transfers for workforce housing projects

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard presentations on a workforce housing development project between the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) and local developer Julian Caler at its May 9 work session.

PSCDC Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke explained that her presentation was intended to update the BoCC on the status of the affordable housing project and the opportunities for cooperation between PSCDC and Caler that had been identified.

She explained that the fund for the grant she had initially discussed with the county for the project was completely expended, but that the Colorado Department of Housing indicated that there is another grant the PSCDC could apply for which would offer \$50,000 to \$55,000 per household in construction costs, which would reduce the mortgages on these houses.

She explained that the PSCDC could be the applicant for the grant and the project would include two lots in Chris Mountain Village II that were donated to the PSCDC and six lots in that location that would be deeded to the PSCDC by the county.

She explained that the PSCDC is continuing to work with Habitat for Humanity on additional lots and that the 15 total lots included in

the project would all be workforce housing with an expected 60 to 120 percent of the area median income (AMI).

She added that one would be accessible under the American Disabilities Act, and the project would also include a bus stop and potentially a park.

Lashbrooke indicated that Caler had also agreed to build one of the lots he would receive into the AMI levels the grant requires, which would give the PSCDC the number of lots needed to apply for the grant.

She continued that the PSCDC intends to involve a large number of partners in the project to lower costs and hit the required AMI levels, and that the project would create single-family homes.

Lashbrooke also indicated that all the properties would be deed-restricted for 20 years with a potential extension for 10 years, and the PSCDC would act as the developer for the project.

Caler then discussed his portion of the project, explaining that he already acquired two lots with a five-year deed restriction and will absorb two additional properties, including the one that would be built to AMI for the PSCDC.

He also explained that the lots he is constructing would be kept separate from the PSCDC project.

The group then discussed the specific locations and deed restrictions on certain properties, with Caler explaining that the money

from selling off certain properties will be used to fund infrastructure development for other properties.

He also stated that the rentals he would offer on some of these lots would target workforce rental prices, although he would not "guarantee" hitting workforce AMI levels.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he appreciates Caler and the PSCDC collaborating to save money and that he would like the project to move forward.

Lashbrooke commented that communication between the PSCDC and Caler went well.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez highlighted the importance of housing in the community and the need for work on infrastructure.

Lashbrooke added that the Economic Development Council of Colorado is lobbying for some amount of Proposition 123 affordable housing funding to be dedicated to creating infrastructure.

Commissioner Veronica Medina thanked Caler and Lashbrooke for collaborating on the project and that she looks forward to the PSCDC working with more local builders on housing projects.

At the May 16 BoCC meeting, the board approved the donation of six lots to the PSCDC and the transfer of certificates of purchase for 13 lots to Caler.

The price for the certificates of purchase range between \$4,500 and \$10,750 for a total cost of \$95,750.

At the meeting, County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that five of the six properties being donated to the PSCDC have to go through the treasurer's deed process before they could be transferred, with the other being donated immediately.

He also pointed out that the county holds the properties transferred to Caler due to unpaid property taxes and possesses certificates of purchase on the properties, which the county is allowed to sell or transfer according to any arrangement approved by the county.

Weaver added that Caler would have to go through the treasurer's deed process as well as pay off any junior lienholders on the properties, which are part of the reason for their low costs.

He noted that the cost paid to the county only satisfies the county's tax liens on the properties and indicated that all of the properties would have a five-year deed restriction preventing them from becoming short-term rentals.

Maez drew attention to the possibility of additional costs on the properties from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District availability fees and Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association membership dues.

Medina asked when the five-year deed restriction would begin.

Weaver responded that it will begin once a certificate of occupancy is issued for the property.
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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, May 25

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

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

Tuesday, May 30

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session — budget presentation. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St. Zoom information: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89392173022>.

Thursday, June 1

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

Monday, June 5

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

Tuesday, June 6

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/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>.

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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/>.

Thursday, June 8

Main Street Advisory Board board meeting. 4-6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Visitor Center meeting room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821999924?pwd=ZzlkSjYlL1BKbmRzRUpZcUkxUkx5Zz09>.

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Education



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Members of the Archuleta School District Board of Education and Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Kelly Vining pose with retiring teachers Lori Kelly (third from left) and Debbie Moore (third from right) after honoring the retirees for their years of service to the district during the board's May 15 meeting.

School board honors Dryburgh, Flaming

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District Board of Education opened its meeting May 15 by reading a pair of statements honoring and expressing condolences for two members of the school community who recently passed away: former board member Bruce Dryburgh and bus driver Beverly Flaming.

Board Director Tim Taylor read the board's statement about Dryburgh, who served on the board for eight years, including as board vice president and president.

Taylor noted that, during Dryburgh's time on the board the district accomplished several things, including passage and implementa-

tion of the district's mill levy override and the approval of multiple new schools within the district.

"We indeed will miss his insight as well as his wittiness and jovial manner," Taylor said.

Lynch read the board's statement about Flaming, who passed away following a recent school bus incident.

Lynch highlighted that Flaming was a "beloved bus driver" who served the district for more than 20 years "with a kind heart and unwavering commitment and dedication to ensuring our students arrived at school each day ready to learn. This tragedy has deeply affected us all."

Lynch also thanked the first responders who responded to the accident.

"We are all mourning this loss together," he said.

Later in the meeting, the board also honored a pair of teachers set to retire from Pagosa Springs Elementary School: Debbie Moore, who is retiring this spring, and Lori Kelly, who is set to retire in December.

Principal Kelly Vining presented the retirees to the board, telling the board members that Moore has been with the district for more than 25 years and is a beloved member of the staff who has touched thousands of students.

"She is 'Care Reigns Here' 100 percent," Vining said, adding Moore is the type of teacher schools should be built around.

Vining told the board that Kelly, has been with the district for 26

years and is a "phenomenal presence" and set a solid foundation for teachers to follow.

She further noted Kelly was one of the first people she connected with and Kelly is willing to do what needs done and does so with a sense of humor.

The school board members commented on the caliber of both women and what they add to the district.

In other business at the meeting, the board voted to approve the district's health insurance renewal and voted to allow Holt and Finance Director Mike Hodgson to look into a contract with bond counsel to assist the district in exploring future funding options.

The board also heard public comment from a trio of Pagosa Springs High School English teachers who expressed concern over proposed changes to the high school's graduation requirements that would require fewer English credits.

Those proposed changes are anticipated to go before the board in June.
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Group discusses potential continuation of school district mill levy override

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On May 10, a group of Archuleta School District (ASD) staff, school board members and community members met with consultant Lynea Hansen to discuss potential future funding for the district.

ASD's current mill-levy override (MLO), which allows the district to collect \$1.7 million to help fund several things, is due to sunset after seven years. The district is currently collecting \$1.5 million annually

due to the state beginning to pay for full-day kindergarten (one of ASD's stated purposes for the funding) after ASD's MLO was approved.

Hansen began the session by introducing herself and explaining that she "has never lost" an election before asking the attendees to introduce themselves.

"We wanted to bring this group together to start talking about what opportunities for future funding for the district there are," she said. "And so some of the ways that we want to start having that conversa-

tion is to actually talk about sort of what the current situation is both in terms of property taxes in your county and your area, and then also in terms of the current mill levy funding, where it's at, what it's funding and how it's going to be used."

"I just want to say thank you to the group for getting together. These are important decisions for us to make, and it's valuable to have a lot of perspectives as we try to navigate like how to proceed in
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Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs awards \$22,000 to graduating seniors

By Meg Wempe
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is proud to announce the graduating seniors who will be receiving the 2023 Rotary scholarships, which total \$22,000 this year. There were amazing applications and tough decisions to be made by the com-

mittee. There are five students who were awarded for this year.

Avery Ramirez will be studying respiratory therapy at San Juan College.

Hannah Rockensock is attending Tennessee Tech and plans to study musical theater in its School of Music.

Kaleb Johnson will be going to

Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont. He will be majoring in computer engineering.

Lynelle Bartz is attending Arizona State University and will be pursuing her degree in nursing.

Justin Rivas will be headed to Denton, Texas, to attend Northwest Lineman College.

Congratulations to these five

scholarship winners.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club also congratulates the entire class of 2023 and wishes each of them success in their future endeavors.

Since 1983, the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club has awarded \$540,125 to 197 local high school graduates through generous support of sponsors and the community.

Chase Register Memorial Scholarship recipients announced

By Lisa Scott
Chase Register Memorial Scholarship

Lexy Derr, Emma Gantt, Kyle Marotta, Reece Peterson and Audreauna Shahan have each been awarded a \$1,000 Chase Register Memorial Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year.

This scholarship is designed to honor the memory of Charles L. Register III — “Chase” — (May 29, 1986 – Aug. 2, 2006) who was raised on a ranch and spent his childhood and youth involved in 4-H, rodeos and ranch life. He graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in May 2005 and was pursuing ranching as a career. Register loved animals, the great outdoors, his friends and family, and had a great sense of humor and a “whipping and spurring” approach to life.

This scholarship was endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindner to honor Register and his family for living and preserving the history and traditions of the American

West. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell Jr. added to that endowment in 2007, as did Tiger Register in 2012.

Each student will graduate from high school next week, have superior grades and are very active in school activities, including leadership positions. Summer work and volunteering is something they each value, and saving money for their education has been a priority. Participation in 4-H, Future Farmers of American (FFA), rodeo or ranching have been a big part of their lives. Each of these scholars are tremendous role models within the 4-H program, especially to the younger 4-H members.

Derr attends Pagosa Springs High School with a 4.0 GPA while enrolled in many advanced-placement, or AP, classes. She plays the oboe, has achieved all-state honors and loves playing with other musicians. Derr has spent her 4-H years in the horse, market beef and shooting sports projects. She also participates in FFA horse

and livestock judging. She plans to attend Fort Lewis College for a biology degree and then attend veterinary school.

Gantt is at Pagosa Springs High School and participates in numerous school clubs, including Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), yearbook staff and three seasons of sports: swimming, cross-country and track. She holds leadership roles in the 4-H Club and participates in the sewing and lamb projects. Gantt is headed to Eastern Washington University for a degree in athletic training.

Marotta is a cross-country and track athlete at Pagosa Springs High School. He has been very active in speech, debate, Knowledge Bowl and FBLA. During his seven years in 4-H, he has been in dog obedience, photography and leatherworking. The annual branding is his favorite activity at the family ranch in New Mexico. Marotta will attend Texas A&M University — Corpus Christi to pursue a nursing degree.

Peterson is student council president at Pagosa Springs High School and participates in FBLA. She participates in numerous clubs and sports and is also a youth leader at a weekly youth

church program. With 11 years in 4-H, Reece has held club leadership roles and participated in sewing and lamb projects. She will attend Utah State University for a business degree.

Shahan attends GOAL High School with concurrent enrollment at Pueblo Community College. She participates in the market beef program in 4-H and horse judging in FFA. Ranching and rodeo is where Shahan spends most of her time as she is an accomplished horsewoman and barrel racer, and trains young horses with her grandfather. She will attend Lamar Community College to advance her career with degrees in the equine business management, and horse training and management programs.

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School playground models on display at Sisson Library

By Emily Murphy
Pagosa Peak Open School

After months of collecting and sharing ideas from the Pagosa Springs community, the Playground for the People committee has three models ready for community members to see and weigh in on on display at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

The models will be displayed until June 1, with feedback forms available for community members to fill out.

The Playground for the People received a \$25,000 grant through the Colorado Health Foundation to begin planning a new

playground space around Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS). The playground will serve the students during school hours and the community during after-school hours. With limited uptown playground spaces available to the public, the planning team is hoping to create a fun outdoor space for Pagosa families.

The models on display include ideas collected during the planning meetings throughout the year. After the planning stage is finished, the Playground for the People committee can submit for the next stage of the grant and begin renovating the PPOS outdoor space with play spaces for all ages.



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a way that keeps us, at this point, fully funded. It seems like a critical opportunity," ASD Superintendent Rick Holt said.

Holt explained he has worked with Hansen in the past and she was an "excellent partner" and "solid advisor."

Following the introduction, Hansen delved into talking about tax rates and the current property valuations that were sent out by the Archuleta County Assessor's Office.

"On average they are saying that Archuleta County is going up 80 percent on residential," she said, "which means there's likely to be a lot of conversation going on in your community even just sort of as people are informally getting together, talking about the increase in values."

She noted several rural resort communities have seen similar increases, adding the commercial average is a 14 percent increase.

Hansen also noted that Proposition HH will be on the November ballot.

That proposition proposes cutting residential property tax assessment rates and amending the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights rebate system.

Hansen then asked what the reaction to the property valuations has been in the community.

ASD teacher and teacher union representative Darcy DeGuise noted she had already discussed the matter with multiple people also in the room, saying her home value nearly quadrupled and expressed there has been concern over the county collecting tax revenue for things that weren't voted for.

She also expressed concern over passing a mill levy following the increased valuation and noted she and others are planning to protest the values.

ASD teacher Andy Guinn noted there has also been a lot of conversation around town and on social media and people "are not thrilled about it."

Hansen noted it will likely continue to be a conversation, with the protest deadline being June 8, and Proposition HH will continue to be a conversation, and she wants those involved in the process to be informed and able to answer questions from the community.

She later added some of what is in Proposition HH is still coming to light and there is still a lot to learn about it.

She noted Proposition HH and another proposition regarding the nicotine tax previously approved will be on the ballot, with those propositions above any local issues on the ballots.

Hansen then shifted to ASD's ballot language for the current MLO, with ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson explaining the revenue was budgeted at \$1.7 million and the district pays a small fee to the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office.

He noted the district began collecting \$1.7 million before the state started full-day kindergarten, then the school board voted to reduce the amount collected because it didn't need the funding for full-day kindergarten.

He added that, since, the district has collected between \$1,426,000 to \$1,461,000.

He shared data regarding the amounts given to the charter school and each of the stated pur-

poses for the MLO, which include school resource officers, safety and security upgrades, and recruiting and retaining high-quality staff.

He noted the district used some of the surplus accumulated funds for a mid-year raise, and he pointed out the district has accumulated \$360,000 more than was spent over the first four years of the measure.

DeGuise clarified that the reserve is still designated for the MLO purposes and Hodgson relayed the reserve is in alignment with direction from the district's auditor.

"Why aren't we collecting the full 1.7 every year?" Lisa Scott asked, with Hodgson explaining when the need for full-day kindergarten disappeared, the board decided since the district no longer needed funding for that purpose and opted to return the money to the community.

He later added that the decision was made just before COVID began and in the time of a small recession that left people unsure.

He indicated the board could decide to again collect \$1.7 million for the remaining purposes.

Holt explained there are two school resource officers serving the district now, with recruitment efforts underway for a third.

Brooks Lindner explained the town has had issues recruiting police officers.

DeGuise noted the school resource officers were a big selling point for the MLO, as was full-day kindergarten.

Hansen then turned the discussion to what would happen if the mill levy were to go away.

Hansen noted the district's current MLO is not adjusted for inflation like many are, meaning the district is funding elevated costs with the same funding, which she noted is "interesting."

She also noted the kindergarten piece is interesting to her because the district is collecting about \$1.4 million instead of \$1.7 million.

Holt explained that, if the MLO funding goes away, the district would no longer have the funding to pay for school resource officers and the salaries of certified staff would decrease by \$5,500, which he noted has "a lot of obvious implications," including that it would be difficult to stay fully staffed and likely wouldn't be tolerated.

To keep salaries where they are and maintain a livable wage, he explained, the district could cut staff and increase class sizes.

"All not pleasant stuff," he said.

"And it's also important to remember that all employees received the MLO increase, so for people below a certain amount, their number's not a flat \$5,500, it was like 16-plus percent of their salary, so bus drivers, aides, cooks, secretaries, custodians, paras, maintenance staff — all those people would also experience the same thing," Hodgson said.

Holt noted loss of the MLO would mean cuts to people, affecting ratios with students, and would lose services.

"It would be a significant loss to

lose that," he said.

Hansen asked if the district has made other changes to its compensation since the MLO changes, with Holt explaining the district has prioritized compensation for staff and have added compensation annually.

This year, he noted, the district did a "deep dive" into budgets to give staff a 6 percent raise in salary using the district's existing general fund dollars.

He added faculty were meeting later in the month to look at how to use additional funding anticipated to come to the district.

Guinn noted that, if the MLO were lost, teachers could potentially go to New Mexico and make \$10,000 more with recent salary increases in that state.

Holt noted the district has cut into that disparity.

He added that if ASD loses its "competitive edge over surrounding districts, that's a huge recruiting loss, especially when we're considered in Region 9 the most expensive place to live."

He added it would also make it difficult to retain staff.

San Juan Mountain School Principal Stewart Bellina noted that some regional districts have gone to four-day work weeks in an effort to recruit and retain, with ASD's salaries a big recruitment tool.

DeGuise suggested the ASD community wouldn't want to go to four days.

Holt noted ASD is competitive in the region and other districts are "scrambling."

Hansen also briefly touched upon ballot language differences between asking for increased funding or continuing with the current levels to state "without increasing taxes," adding she wants to clarify issues around that with an attorney.

Those present also discussed an MLO continuation versus a bond.

Holt noted the district has two aging buildings, but that staff feels district is better off holding off on a bond at a later date when the economy improves and focusing on getting the MLO "fiscal cliff" off its plate.

Hodgson suggested a bond would be too much work ahead of the November ballot because the district would have to do things such as evaluate systems and structures and find architects.

"There's two or three years of work to do before I think we're ready to do that," he said.

Hansen added she previously shared she was hesitant to go for a bond this year, and that she's worried about the current fiscal climate.

She noted she also had concerns over if the district could pass an increased MLO.

She added other districts have pulled back from going in the next election due to the fiscal climate.

Holt summarized that the group's consensus was that the best bet is a continuation of the district's MLO.

He acknowledged that might be a disappointment to some because

of other needs in the district.

Hansen then moved on to next steps, noting that any ballot issue would have to be passed by the school board before Sept. 8, with the group's work needing to be done well before that.

Hansen suggested the group's next meeting be focused on the process moving forward and suggested the group meet every two weeks.

"I would say it has to be at least that," Scott said. "I cannot believe that, once again, it's May and we are talking about a ballot in November. I mean, we are jamming this down, through our community. We did this last time and it practically broke our backs getting it done," she said, adding the district has done a poor job telling its story to its constituents.

She expressed concern over the timeline, stating the county and town went for a tax increase last year with a short time and failed, with the school district moving forward in a worse economic climate.

She added she thought they were meeting about a year from now.

Hansen noted that going to this year's ballot isn't a foregone conclusion, which Holt agreed with, stating the district doesn't want to be backed up to 2025 pushing for the extension and hopes to put a few years between an MLO extension and a possible bond.

Lindner also expressed concerns over the timeline.

Hansen explained that part of her job is to say if the district is ready to move forward or not.

"I will give you an honest assessment," she said, adding that she's worked with other districts for years without going to the ballot.

She noted she would send out emails to help determine the future meeting schedules.

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Six athletes place at state championships

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates fared well at last week's state track and field championships, with six athletes bringing home medals for placing in the top 10.

The championships were held May 18-20 at Jefferson County Stadium.

"I am so proud of our athletes for their performance at the state track meet," coach Connie O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN. "This meet can be really intimidating because we don't go to very many big meets and this meet is huge containing all 5 classifications. If you think about the top 18 boys and girls in each event per classification, that is a lot of competitors."

O'Donnell also notes the Pirates had to again contend with poor weather.

"I am so proud of our athletes for their performance at the state track meet."

Coach Connie O'Donnell

"The weather wasn't great. It was cold and rainy. Friday included a bunch of smoke from Canadian wildfires," she wrote. "I just told the kids that we have been training in bad conditions the entire season so this weather and smoke should not affect you."

O'Donnell notes the Pirates didn't have anyone place at last year's championships, but that the team had several place this year.

In the high jump, Chantelle Caldwell tied for second with a height of 5 feet, 1 inches. Jordan Lindstrom placed fourth, also logging a height of 5-01.00.

Abigail Nehring capped her season with a ninth-place finish in the discus with a throw of 101-05.00.

The 800-meter sprint medley team of Caldwell, Annabelle Parker, Sienna Rose and Annie O'Donnell placed eighth with a time of 1:55.30.

In addition to those events, several Pirates competed in other events.

Jonathan Nasralla placed 13th in the high jump with a height of 5-09.00.

"I was really proud of Jonny Nasralla for making opening height," Connie O'Donnell wrote. "It is really hard to do especially if you don't have experience high jumping or have experience competing in such a high pressure environment. He handled the pressure really well."

In the 100-meter dash prelims, Parker finished 14th with a time of 13.63 seconds and Carr finished 17th in 14.87 seconds.

Carr finished 18th in the 200-meter dash prelims with a time of 28.67 seconds.

In the 400-meter dash prelims, Rose finished 12th in 1:03.42.

"Sienna Rose ran her 400 prelim late on Thursday night in a down-pour," the coach points out. "She was very tough and ran a great time for the conditions."

In the 100-meter hurdles prelims, Caldwell finished 17th in 17.98 seconds.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Caldwell, Carr, Parker and Rose finished 14th in 52.48 seconds.

In the 4x200-meter relay prelims, the team of Carr, Parker, Rose and Elissa Mars finished 15th with a time of 1:51.73.

Connie O'Donnell also notes it was a successful season overall for the team, with three school records broken and 25 Pirates making it into the school's all-time top 10 list.

Carr took part in breaking all three records, setting new records in the 100, 200 and as part of the 4x100 relay.

"The 4x100 relay was a record from 2005 and belonged to Mia Caprioli, Nikki Kinkead, Kim Ful-

mer and Janna Henry. The new record holders are Sienna Rose, Chantelle Caldwell, Annabelle Parker and Rylie Carr," the coach wrote. "What is fun is that I distinctly remember that relay team from 2005 running with a pink baton. The new record holders also run with a pink baton."

Four Pirate boys made it into the school's all-time top 10 list: Colton Lucero and Kameron Winkler in the 100, Nasralla in the high jump and Andrew Bowles in the 3,200-meter run.

The coach notes 21 girls made it onto the all-time top 10 list for the school: Caldwell, Kylie Ketchum and Mars in the 100 hurdles; Carr, Parker, Rose and Aspen Pitcher in the 100; Carr and Rose in the 200; Rose and Carr in the 400; Lindstrom and Ketchum in long jump; Elio Groves, Lindstrom and Alexis Campbell in triple jump; Lindstrom, Caldwell, Annie O'Donnell and Elio Groves in high jump; and Nehring in discus.

"It was a fun season and we are really going to miss our seniors," the coach wrote. "I am excited for our future. I think that we are going to continue to be successful for a while."

The team will lose nine seniors from this year's roster: Kyle Marotta, Bowles, Jacob Miller, Nasralla, Winkler, Evelyn Rose, Reece Peterson, Emma Gantt and Caldwell.

"The seniors are such a great group of athletes. They are the last of the classes that had to miss a high school spring season due to Covid. It was their freshman year," the coach wrote. "I appreciate their leadership. They were always about the team over seniority. They made practice fun and I looked forward to hanging out with them everyday. Chantelle, Jacob, Emma, Reece, and Kyle were on the track team all three years."

Moving forward, Connie O'Donnell notes she believes the relays will continue to be a bright spot for the team moving forward.

"I think that our relays will continue to be strong," she wrote. "I think that our boys will continue to get faster and I expect more state qualifiers. We need to fill in some missing pieces like throwers, hurdlers and distance runners."

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Lady Pirates Jordan Lindstrom, left, and Chantelle Caldwell stand atop the podium at last week's state track and field championships after Caldwell tied for second and Lindstrom garnered fourth in the 3A high jump competition.

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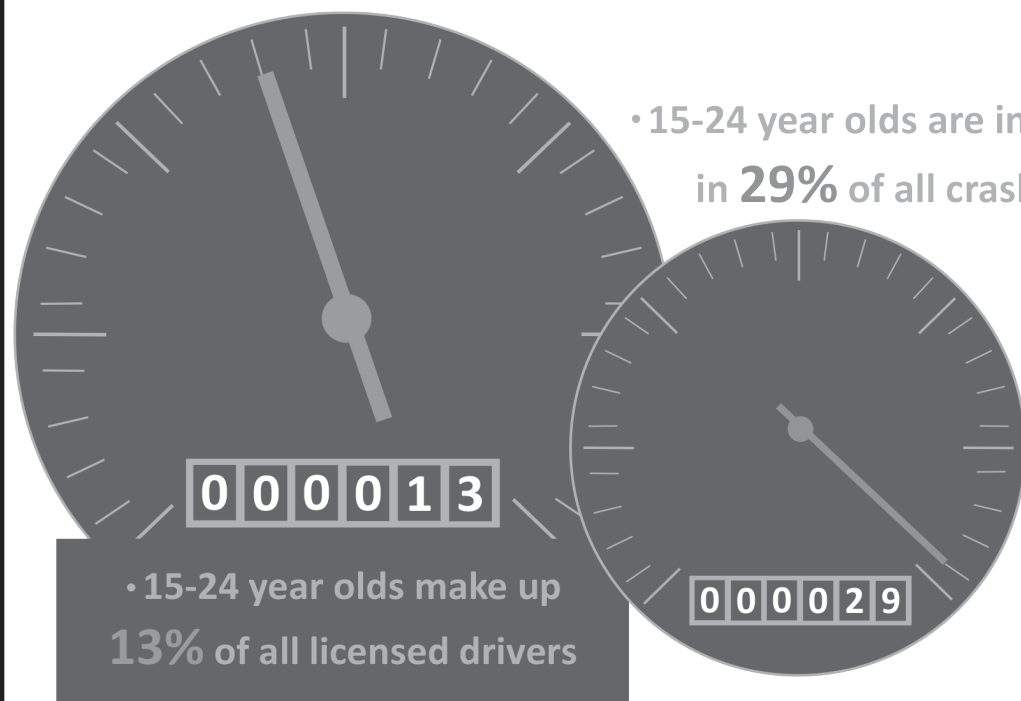


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Lot (Unit) Number: 7811 and 7812
UDI Points: 90,000 / 17,743,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase II, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173554, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Principal Amount Due: \$1,228.04
Accrued Interest: \$464.55
Late Fees: \$45.00
Costs: \$256.93
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,994.52
Peregrine Townhouses Phase III
Matter Amount
Property Owners: THE EMMETT JONES FAMILY LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 11, 2004
Building Number: 7 and 8
Lot (Unit) Number: 7813 - 7816
UDI Points: 90,000 / 17,743,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Principal Amount Due: \$1,153.13
Accrued Interest: \$1,553.13
Late Fees: \$175.00
Costs: \$256.93
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$6,227.47
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two
Matter Amount
Property Owners: STEVEN VARGAS and NORMA YOLANDA VARGAS
Building Number: 12
Lot (Unit) Number: 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226
UDI Points: 154,000 / 60,310,500
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20106850, 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
Costs: \$256.93
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$21,219.58
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Five
Matter Amount
Property Owners: ELOYCE JONES FLEMING
Building Number: 15
Lot (Unit) Number: 1511-1516, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1525 and 1526
UDI Points: 105,000 / 60,310,500

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Five- as 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 Supplemental 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
Accrued Interest: \$2,340.18
Late Fees: \$60.00
Costs: \$256.93
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$9,351.55
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six
Matter Amount
Property Owners: ELINOR M DICKSON and FRANK P DICKSON, JR
Building Number: 16
Lot (Unit) Number: 1611-1616, 1621-1626
UDI Points: 105,000 / 62,896,000
of the 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 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 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration 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 real estate.
Principal Amount Due: \$7,216.58
Accrued Interest: \$2,576.59
Late Fees: \$55.00
Costs: \$256.93
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$11,105.10
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven
Matter Amount
Property Owners: TIMOTHY H KLING and CLARA L KLING
Building Number: 17
Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726
UDI Points: 64,000 / 62,896,000
Principal Amount Due: \$6,693.16
Accrued Interest: \$2,895.32
Late Fees: \$60.00
Costs: \$256.93
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$10,905.41
Property Owners: BENNIE L DAILEY and JOSEPHINE DAILEY
Building Number: 17
Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726
UDI Points: 105,000 / 62,896,000

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven - as 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 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration 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 real estate.

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Principal Amount Due: \$14,023.81
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 Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of
JEFFERY SCOTT LEAVENWORTH
Deceased

Case No. 2023 PR 30012
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before September 11, 2023, or the claims 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 Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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 Terminus 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 kbrc@archuletacounty.org
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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 500, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN23-047). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL RANCHING (AR). Comments 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 on 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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DISTRICT COURT
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: 970-264-8160
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Daniel L. Fiedler #47916
190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-507-8528
Case Number 2023CV30026

Plaintiff:
PATRICK H. DISNER
v.
Defendants:
PAGLAND INVESTORS, INC., ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

PLAINTIFF: PATRICK H. DISNER
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint to Quiet Title Pursuant to Rule 105 filed with the Archuleta County District Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the last day of publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing with 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particular described as follows:
LOT 77 IN PAGOSA VISTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74884
Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May, 2023.
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler
Daniel L. Fiedler
First publication: May 25, 2023
Last publication: June 22, 2023
Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2023 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXPAYER REMEDIES (Media Release)
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT:
Sherri Boyce – Hinsdale County Assessor
PO Box 28
Lake City, CO 81235
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (970) 944-2225 ext. 140
From June 15 to June 30, 2023, owners of taxable personal property (e.g., business furnishings, equipment, etc.) may challenge the county assessor's valuation of their property. The value determined by the assessor is based on information submitted on your Personal Property Declaration Schedule. If you failed to file a declaration schedule, the value was determined using the "best information available."
Taxpayers who disagree with their personal property valuations may object by mail or in person on or before June 30. Once an objection has been filed, the assessor will review your account and mail you a Notice of Determination by July 10. A taxpayer's exclusive remedy for a "best information available" (BIA) valuation is the protest procedure described herein.
If you disagree with the assessor's decision, you may file an appeal with the county board of equalization. The appeal to the county board of equalization must be postmarked or hand-delivered by July 20. The county board will notify you by mail of the hearing date, time, and place where you may present evidence in support of your case. The county board will conclude hearings and render decisions by the close of business on August 7. The county board must mail you a decision within five business days of the date of its decision. If the county board adjusts the value of your property, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the adjusted value. If you disagree with the county board's decision, you may file an appeal with the State Board of Assessment Appeals or the district court, or you may request a binding arbitration hearing within 30 days of the county board's final decision.
For additional information regarding the protest and appeal process, contact your county assessor at (970) 944-2225 ext. 140.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Jack Andre Fleuridas, also known as Jack A. Fleuridas, Deceased
Case No. 2023PR30013

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before September 25, 2023, or the claims may be forever barred.
Eddie Dale, Co-Personal Representative
31 Windward Drive
Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147
(970)946-3958
Colette Fleuridas, Co-Personal Representative
1222 Anderson Ranch Lane
Napa, California 94459
(925)963-5014
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING June 6, 2023
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public hearing to consider revising the County Land Use Regulations. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review at the County Development Services Department 970-264-1390 and on the County Website. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at which time all interested parties will be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public hearing.
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VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ADB SAFEGATE	AIRPORT SUPPLIES	\$ 136.35
ADRIAN A CHAVEZ VALENZUELA	UNIFORM REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 125.00
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FLEET PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 300.72
ALLISON WYLIE	EMPLOYEE FAREWELL SUPPLIES	\$ 121.68
ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS LLC	PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL	\$ 990.00
ALSCO	PROFESSIONAL CLEANING	\$ 1,325.72
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	COUNTY SUPPLIES	\$ 1,849.43
APRIL BERGMAN	OFFICE SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 23.14
ARCHULETA COUNTY SOLID WASTE	FLEET COMMERCIAL NONCOMP	\$ 67.00
ARCHULETA VICTIMS ASSISTANCE	DHS TANF	\$ 1,667.00
AT YOUR DISPOSAL	COUNTY TRASH SERVICE	\$ 1,902.00
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	COUNTY CELL PHONE SERVICE	\$ 1,868.06
BADGEANDWALLET.COM	UNIFORM SUPPLIES	\$ 21.00
BALTAZAR GALLEGOS	BOOT ALLOWANCE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 125.00
BAUDOUIN D'AUMERIES	HELICOPTER SERVICES	\$ 2,497.80
BECKY JACOBSON	TRAINING & MILEAGE PER DIEM CAE4-HA	\$ 498.00
BI INCORPORATED	ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICES	\$ 335.10
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	COUNTY NATURAL GAS UTILITY	\$ 10,011.93
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC.	DETENTION FURNISHINGS	\$ 238.80
BRYAN, LATRESA	REFUND DUPLICATE STR FEE	\$ 700.00
BWD CONSTRUCTION	SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES	\$ 10,936.25
CAE4-HA	TRAINING REGISTRATION	\$ 385.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COUNTY COPIER LEASE	\$ 3,261.84
CARL MACHT	CPR TRAINING	\$ 320.00
CAROLINA SOFTWARE	WASTE WORKS LICENSE	\$ 6,400.00
CASCADE WATER-COFFEE CO INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 60.00
CENTURY HEALTH	FORENSIC EXAM	\$ 600.00
CENTURYLINK	COUNTY LONG DISTANCE FEES	\$ 1,442.87
CHERIE FORD	POSTAGE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE	\$ 180.00
CHRISTOPHER WEIGAND	TRAVEL PER DIEM	\$ 59.25
CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 104,353.62
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$ 244.71
COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS	CW BACKGROUND CHECKS	\$ 406.00
COLORADO DIVISION OF FIRE & PREVENTION	2023 ASSESSMENT & EQUIPMENT LEASE	\$ 6,859.85
COLORADO HI-TEK, INC.	COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE	\$ 3,337.08
COLORADO ROCK & DIRT EXCAVATION	SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES	\$ 33,746.63
COMTECH SOLACOM TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE	\$ 100,000.00
COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA	MA23-03/MA23-09	\$ 400.00
CRS TECHNOLOGIES LLC	INMATE SUPPLIES	\$ 175.00
CSU EXTENSION	TANF BABYSITTING CLASSES	\$ 2,206.00
DAVIS ENGINEERING SERVICE	PLAT REVIEW AND CORRESPONDENCE	\$ 134.00
DELL MARKETING L.P.	WARRANTY	\$ 1,538.11
DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 13,956.72
DESIGN-A-SIGN	REFLECTIVE SIGN COVER	\$ 643.50
DIXI RIVERA	UNIFORM REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 125.00
DOGHOUSE SYSTEMS INC	PLANNING DEPT PC	\$ 2,725.00
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING	EMPLOYEE TESTING	\$ 360.00
ECHO IT CONSULTING, LLC.	FEBRUARY 2023 WEB SERVICES	\$ 778.49
ELIZABETH ANNE BLIZZARD	CORONER ON CALL	\$ 100.00
ERICKA W VINCENT	BABYSITTING CLASS MARCH 2023	\$ 200.00
ESRI	ANNUAL SOFTWARE AGREEMENT	\$ 15,000.00
EVERBRIDGE, INC.	NIXIE 360 SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 6,100.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	DHS-CS CONVEYANCE	\$ 3,063.00
FLOOR TECH CONTRACTING	2023 R&B BLDG FLOORING	\$ 18,500.00
FLORIAN GALLEGOS	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 178.02
FLYERS ENERGY LLC.	COUNTY FUEL	\$ 24,637.32
FOOT PRINTS	COUNTY BOOT PROGRAM	\$ 1,125.00
FOUR CORNERS MATERIALS	ASPALT MATERIAL	\$ 3,651.72
FOUR CORNERS WELDING & GAS	FLEET SUPPLIES	\$ 167.64

BASEBALL

Pirates fall out of contention against No. 7 Delta

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The No. 26 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team's season drew to a close on Saturday, May 13, in Delta during the first round of the 3A playoffs.

"I'm proud of the seniors ... gettin' us there," coach Nathan Morales said, adding they played hard all season. "Of the 32 teams that make it to state, only one wins their last game. ... I'm proud of the players and everybody, especially the seniors and the culture they've established."

The team fell 16-0 to the No. 7 Delta Panthers during the first round of regional action.

The Panthers took an early lead, scoring six runs in the bottom of the first. They added another run in the second, three in the third and four

in the sixth.

The Pirates logged only one hit in the game, with Kaison Clifford knocking a single. Hunter Pouyer drew a walk and Riley Laugel reached on an error. The Pirates struck out seven times and left three runners on base.

Four Pirate pitchers took the mound in the game: Laugel, Clifford, Aaron Aucoin and Braylon Cotts. They combined to allow 16 runs (two earned) on 10 hits and three walks. One Panther was hit by a pitch, two hit home runs and two struck out.

The Pirates committed five errors and the Panthers committed two.

The Panthers went on to win Region 7 and will advance to the eight-team bracket that will determine the state champions. Also

included in that field of eight are the No. 3 Bayfield Wolverines and the No. 5 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

The Pirates ended their 2023 campaign with a 10-14 overall record and 2-6 league record.

"I just feel we're so close, and we've been close, you know, the last eight games, to being a really good baseball team. We just need more reps, and it's hard sometimes with snow and whatnot, ... but for the most part ... I feel the culture and what's established ... all that stuff just gets better with time," Morales said. "We're actually fairly young. I know we had five seniors, but only three of those played four years, so we have a lot of youth, younger guys, key players coming back."

He added, "I appreciate everything the seniors did. We're losing five good men ... but we expect the

juniors and sophomore to step up and keep everything going."

The team will lose seniors Quintin Blankenship, Aucoin, Triston Iguchi, Cotts and Clifford.

Iguchi, Cotts and Clifford played for the team all four years, Morales highlighted.

"I appreciate everything they've done," Morales said. "You know, the laughs and jokes and whatnot I'm definitely going to miss, and some pretty good baseball players, as well."

The coach noted the seniors were a big part of this year's team success.

"They all had great moments for us this year and I'm sad to see them go, but I know they're going to go off and do amazing things," he said. "They're just good people and I feel very lucky to have been able to coach them."

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Archuleta Housing

We are accepting applications for
Low-income households

The following waitlists are open:
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Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association to host shooting competition

By Chris Boyd
Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association

On Saturday, June 10, the Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association (WCGBA) will host its second annual shooting competition.

This year the match will be dedicated to the memory of one of the association's founding members, Rollin Blosssey, who was a long-time resident of Pagosa Springs. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. The WCGBA Board of Directors voted to name the annual match The WCGBA Rollin Blosssey Memorial Shooting Match in his honor.

Like last year, the competition will

consist of three action pistol stages and two long-range rifle stages. New for this year will be the addition of a 25-round trap shoot. Competitors can shoot in any/all events. Prizes will be awarded to the top shooters in each category.

The shooters meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Once the safety briefing and rules have been provided, the match will begin. This competition is open to spectators. For those who have never attended a shooting competition, the opportunity to observe a match before later competing in one can be beneficial.

The competition will be held at the Rio Grande Sportsman Club

Range, located in Del Norte. For the safety of all, range rules require all guns to be cased or holstered and unloaded. Additionally, eye and ear protection are mandatory for all participants and spectators.


Directions: Travel eastbound on U.S. 160. At mile marker 207.5 (approximately 6 miles east of Del Norte), turn south onto Rifle Road,

continue approximately three-quarters of a mile and you will arrive at the range.


For additional details, please visit www.wolfcreekgunandbow.org.

To sign up for the match, please email email.events@wolfcreekgunandbow.org.

RSVPing by June 8 is greatly appreciated.



Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week
Annie O'Donnell
Volleyball, basketball, track



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Comments from coach Sabra Miller: "Annie demonstrates all of the attributes of a triple impact athlete. She makes her team better every day with her enthusiasm for the sport and her support for all her teammates. She works hard to improve herself as an athlete, with her hard work paying off at the

State track meet as the anchor runner in the Sprint Medley Relay. This relay placed 8th in state with a season PR and with Annie running a 61 second split, a PR for her. We are so fortunate to have Annie as an important part of the track team and are so excited for her in her next track season."

RECREATION NEWS

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.

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.

Region 9 offers regional transit single point of contact

By Shak Powers
Region 9 Economic Development District
of Southwest Colorado

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado has launched a regional transit landing page to provide a

San Juan Rangers recruiting members

By Tina Heffner
San Juan Rangers

For those who have thought about becoming a San Juan Ranger, we invite you to join us for a recruitment meeting on Tuesday, May 30, at 6 p.m. at 302 San Juan St.

Today, the mission of the San Juan Rangers is to provide assistance to the people of Pagosa Springs in cooperation with the local police and sheriff agencies.

Our volunteers provide security, traffic and crowd control for local for-profit and nonprofit events, performing duties that would otherwise have to be hired out at a huge expense.

single point of contact for transit providers serving the five-county region.

This landing page (<https://southwestrtc.com/>) is the first step in mapping transit routes and connecting to the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT's) comprehensive plan for transit mapping across the state.

"Currently, there is no streamlined way to get from one end of our region to the other on a single mode of transportation without a personal vehicle," said Region 9 Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino. "Region 9 is working with area transit providers to offer contact information in one location and eventually have all routes mapped."

Shak Powers, Region 9's regional projects manager, is coordinating with the different transit modes

such as buses, taxis and shuttles to collect and publish their General Transit Feed Specification, or GTFS, data. This allows available transit routes to appear on apps such as Google Maps and Apple Maps.

The Regional Transit Coordinating Council meets the third Thursday of every odd month to move this effort forward and is open to the public. Contact Shak@region9edd.org for information.

Region 9 is a nonprofit corporation led by a 26-member board of directors that provides socioeconomic data, conducts business financing, administers the Enterprise Zone Tax credit program, and provides a variety of technical assistance to support economic development goals and priorities.

For more information, please call Region 9 at (970) 247-9621.

County awarded grant to upgrade ballot printers

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold has awarded \$515,765 in grants to 25 counties, including Archuleta County, as part of the Printer Grant Program.

Counties are using the grant funding to acquire new printers for use with their Dominion ICX ballot marking devices. These new printers give counties the option to print on ballot cards larger than 14 inches at Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs), saving paper and money on printing costs.

The Printer Grant Program continues Colorado's efforts to implement the uniform ballot statewide. The uniform ballot is a ballot printed at a VSPC that matches mail ballots. Voters at a VSPC can use ICX ballot marking devices to fill out a ballot on the machine, print the ballot using the printers funded by these grant awards, and then return it at the VSPC in order for it to be counted.

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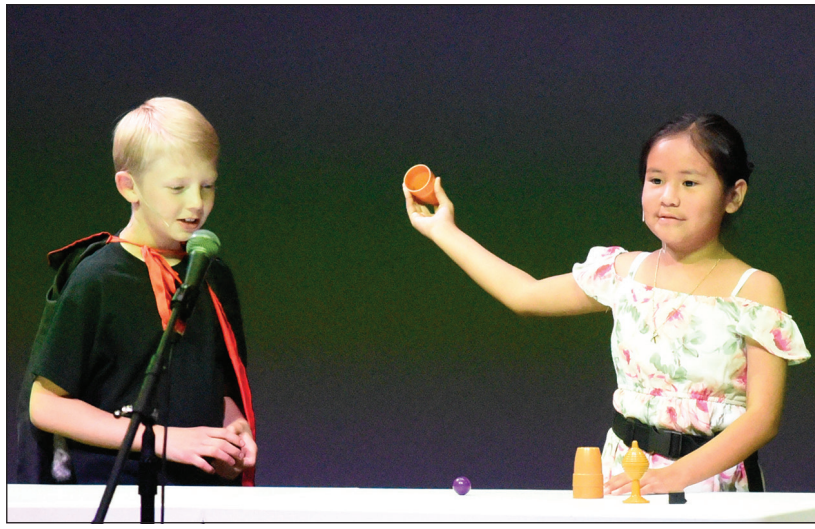
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Talent show

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Dozens of Pagosa Springs Elementary School third- and fourth-graders took to the stage at the high school on May 16 to present a variety of talents in the elementary school's annual talent show. Talents showcased included dances, singing, magic, comedy, science experiments, solving Rubik's cubes and more.



The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 241.
 May 1 — Information only, Oakridge Drive.
 May 4 — Failure to comply, County Road 975.
 May 5 — Information only, County Road 600.
 May 8 — Schedule IV substance-hallucinogen, Croton Court.
 May 8 — All other thefts, South Pagosa Boulevard.
 May 8 — Animals running at large, U.S. 160/Talisman Drive.
 May 9 — Failure to comply, Harman Park Drive.
 May 9 — Agency assist, Lewis Street.
 May 9 — Information only, Indian Paint Brush Drive.
 May 10 — Found property, Hills Circle.
 May 11 — Throwing missiles at vehicles, failure to appear (bench warrants), Harman Park Drive.
 May 11 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Arrow Court.
 May 11 — Violation of restraining order, Aspenglow Boulevard.
 May 12 — Under investigation, North Pagosa Boulevard.
 May 13 — Dog at large (first offense), Harman Park Drive.
 May 13 — Dog at large (first offense), Starbright Court.
 May 13 — Information only, Oakridge Drive/U.S. 160.
 May 15 — Menacing-felony-aggra-

uated-weapon, first-degree criminal trespass-other intent, third-degree assault-simple assault, criminal mischief, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, careless driving, left scene after damaging another vehicle-hit and run, West U.S. 160/Parelli Institute Drive.
 May 15 — Trespass warning, Gerhard Circle.
 May 15 — Sexual assault on a child, no location listed.
 May 15 — Found property, Harman Park Drive.
 May 15 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, Harman Park Drive.
 May 15 — Violation of restraining order, violation of restraining order, Caddy Circle/Divot Court.
 May 15 — Information only, mental health-protective custody, Hills Circle/Durango Court.
 May 16 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, possessing an illegal weapon, Dutton Drive/Lake Forest Circle.
 May 16 — Identity theft-uses identity, Jaunty Court.
 May 17 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, Pines Club Drive.
 May 17 — Information only, Rio Del Sol Court.
 May 17 — Information only, Great West Avenue.
 May 17 — Harassment-repeated communications invade, Marmot Court.
 May 17 — Agency assist, County Road 411.
 May 18 — Second-degree assault-aggravated-peace officer-weapon, assault and battery to patrolman, obstructing governmental operation, resisting arrest, criminal mischief,

reckless driving, speeding mph over limit not listed, failed to display valid registration, U.S. 160.
 May 18 — Second-degree burglary, criminal mischief, criminal attempt to commit felony, information only, Lakeside Drive.
 May 18 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, reckless endangerment, reckless driving, County Road 600/Forest Service Road 629.
 May 19 — Domestic violence, throwing missiles at vehicles, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Turkey Lane.
 May 18 — Abandoned vehicle on public or private property without consent, Indian Land Road/Carol's Curves.
 May 19 — Impersonating a peace officer, Harman Park Drive.
 May 21 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, domestic violence, drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, Dayspring Place.
Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
 Calls for service for two weeks: 234.
 May 6 — Prohibited use of weapons while under influence, Pagosa Street.
 May 7 — Theft, Lewis Street.
 May 8 — Violation of restraining order, 5th Street.
 May 9 — Burglary second degree, theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 May 10 — Criminal trespass, Pagosa Street.
 May 10 — Theft, domestic violence, 5th Street.
 May 10 — Unsafe backing, Country Center Drive.
 May 10 — Warrant arrest, McCabe Street/Alpha Drive.
 May 11 — Warrant arrest, County

Road 200.
 May 11 — Warrant arrest, 9th Street.
 May 12 — Parked vehicle without setting brakes, 8th Street.
 May 12 — Driving under restraint, speeding, U.S. 160/Majestic Drive.
 May 13 — Animal running at large, 6th Street.
 May 13 — Simple assault, domestic violence, warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.
 May 13 — Burglary second degree, theft, criminal mischief, 2nd Street.
 May 15 — Simple assault, criminal trespass, criminal mischief, San Juan Street.
 May 17 — Interference with animal control officer, animal running at large, San Juan Street.
 May 17 — Criminal mischief, Country Center Drive.
Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards
 April 24 — Juvenile, criminal mischief, criminal mischief, criminal tampering, criminal tampering, 12 months probation, 40 hours community service, costs and fees — \$135.
 May 8 — Shante Webb, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, costs and fees — \$72.
 May 8 — Madeline Stewart, following too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.
 May 8 — Cody Halona, speeding 5-9 over prima facie limit, one point off, fine, costs and fees — \$126.
 May 8 — Salvador Acosta-Polanco, speeding 25-39 over prima facie limit, six points off, fine, costs and fees — \$285.
 May 8 — Rachel Sedely, careless

driving, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$202.
 May 8 — Sleek Rudolf, exceeded safe speed for conditions, three points off, fine, costs and fees — \$156.
 May 8 — Juvenile, truancy, six months probation, 10 hours community service, costs and fees — \$135.
 May 9 — Zachary Gray, shoplifting, fine, costs and fees — \$185.
Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
 May 10 — Alfred Joseph Bermea III, license plates-expired, fail obey traffic control device, fines and costs — \$193.50.
 May 11 — Melanie Tamara Montoya, driving under the influence, 35 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$1,240.50.
 May 15 — Mathew John Zarembo, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.
 May 16 — Lucian Steve James Brewster, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.
 May 17 — Angel Perez Calvillo, violation p/o-criminal, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$864.50.
 May 17 — Jonathan T. Allen, weaving from traffic lane, fines and costs — \$170.
 May 17 — Caesar MJ Brousseau, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.
 May 17 — Edward C. Kruse, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.
 May 17 — Jerrod Lathan Lake, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.
 May 17 — Kaylea E. Lobato, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$314.50.
 May 17 — Coleman M. Mason, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and

costs — \$314.50.
 May 17 — Melissa Saenz Turner, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$225.
 May 17 — Abraham E. Salazar, speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.
 May 17 — Marly A. Saunders, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.
 May 17 — Miles Oswalo Smith, passed when prohibited, fines and costs — \$170.
 May 17 — Alexander Wild, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.
 May 17 — Cheryl L. Romine, driving under restraint-alcohol-related, fines and costs — \$276.50.
 May 17 — Jorge Sandoval-Rios, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, license plate improperly attached or not visible, littering-first offense, fines and costs — \$135.50.
 May 19 — Cole M. Link, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.
 May 22 — Zachariah D. Dean, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$279.50.
6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay
 May 11 — Carlos Jake, driving under the influence, five days jail, one year probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$2,024.50.
 May 11 — Dustin Ray Wall, motor vehicle theft/aggravated 2-under \$2,000, 103 days jail, fines and costs — \$258.50.
 May 15 — Tiffany A. Zazula, forgery-check/commercial instrument-attempt, two years probation, fines and costs — \$1,698.50.
6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
 No report.

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ARTS & LIFE

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

May 25, 2023



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

The 2023 stars of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars have been revealed. Clockwise from the top left, they are: Tim Wightman, Sherry Phillips, Gustavo Palma, Jessica Low, Josh Butcher and Becky Dietemeyer.

Live Performers



Friday

Meltdown on Main: Michael Dae Hanlon, 5 p.m.
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

Saturday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Steve Blechschmidt, 5 p.m.

Monday

The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Carl and Paul, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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Dancing with the Pagosa Stars stars revealed

By Danyelle Leentjes
Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning is honored to announce the stars of the 2023 Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. These stars were selected for their community leadership, personality and a belief in Seed's education.

Our talented stars are: Tim Wightman, Sherry Phillips, Gustavo Palma, Jessica Low, Josh Butcher and Becky Dietemeyer.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars will be held on Aug. 19 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

These incredibly generous people have agreed to be paired with a professional dancer, learn a dance routine choreographed just for them and perform for your votes on what will be the sixth anniversary of this magical event.

Today you can go to the Seed's website at dwtps.org to see bios of these competitive stars and vote for your favorites. Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy and bragging rights as the winner for the next year. But, more importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining Seeds of Learning, where preschoolers are expertly prepared for school and for life.

Over the next few weeks, we will tell you more about these special people and why they have agreed to support Seeds. Each has a unique story, and everyone associated with Seeds feels very lucky to have their amazing support. Their commitment to raise critically needed funds to educate vulnerable at-risk preschool children is truly inspiring. When you see these folks around town, be sure to let them know how special they are, and don't forget to vote at vote.dwtps.org.

All tickets include voting for your favorite star, a buffet dinner served by our fine dining restaurant that will feature fall-off-

the-bone slow-cooked short ribs, open dancing during voting and a fabulous show that is sure to entertain. Ticket sales will open to the public at 9 a.m. on July 13. Watch our website and the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars Facebook page at facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/ for specific instructions on ticket purchase.

But why wait to support your favorite star(s) when you can start voting online today at vote.dwtps.org?

Every dollar equals one vote, and you can vote for multiple stars and as many times as you'd like.

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The Sutherland family with their under-construction Habitat for Humanity house. The organization is now accepting applicants for the 2024 build season.

Habitat Archuleta accepting applications for 2024 build season

By Leah Ballard
Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County is building 15 homes in five years.

Historically, Habitat Archuleta has built one home per year for 30 years. Thanks to the overwhelming support from our community, we are tripling our build capacity. We're now in our second year of our five-year plan, and we're accepting applications for potential homeowners.

Homeownership applications are available at our office, just above the downtown TBK Bank, near Natural Grocers. Hard copies are hung on the bulletin board outside the office, or applicants are welcome to pop in and ask a few questions if they pick up an application in person.

Homeownership applications are also available to download from our website, www.HabitatArchuleta.org.

We are accepting applications now through the end of June. We partner with potential homeowners who have reliable income at 80 percent of the area median income or lower. These numbers are updated in the spring every year, but we have not been updated on the 2023 income limits yet.

The Habitat Archuleta application is essentially a mortgage application; supporting documents are required. In order for the application to be considered complete, all supporting documents must also be provided by the end of June.

The process to partner with Habitat Archuleta is over a year long. Homebuyer education is required, a minimum credit score of 640 and 300 hours of sweat equity in helping build your own home must be contributed throughout the year-long process.

If applicants are unsure they would qualify for a mortgage loan,

applying to partner to build with Habitat Archuleta is a great place to start. Homeowner Services Coordinator Leah Ballard can give applicants an idea of the steps toward homeownership.

We cannot thank our community enough on behalf of our homeowners, the businesses who employ them and the children who rely upon them. Habitat Archuleta projects are a combination of volunteer labor, subcontractors, in-kind donation of products and services, and homeowner sweat equity. Habitat families work alongside volunteers to build their home and pay an affordable mortgage.

Starting June 20, we'll be on the jobsite Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call (970) 264-6960 or email office@HabitatArchuleta.org before you arrive so we can plan for how many hands will be on deck.

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San Juan Stargazers astronomy club monthly meeting set for June 1

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

You are invited to join the San Juan Stargazers for an amazing summer of learning.

The Stargazers will hold their regular monthly educational meeting on Thursday, June 1, at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. Use the parking lot and enter at the door right off the parking area. We keep the front doors locked.

There will be a social hour starting at 6 p.m. with coffee/tea and treats. You can bring something to share if you would like.

From 7 to 8:30 p.m., we will be studying the new category of planets, dwarf planets, rocky and icy — Pluto and Charon. Pluto did not get “demoted.” It is no longer a “terrestrial planet,” but started its own very large group of dwarf planets.

The Stargazers will have many activities in June:

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association is putting on Life at Chimney Rock on Saturday, June 3, and Sunday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It is a free event, but the Forest Service has an “amenities charge” of \$10 per vehicle, which is half of the regular vehicle fee. There will be areas set up for all the activities of the ancient people at Chimney Rock such as yucca pounding, bean cooking, maize grinding, weaving, rock art, pottery making, atlatl throwing, astronomy, the major lunar standstill and more.

The activities are mostly for children and adults who would like to “be a kid,” if the line is not too long. The activities are hard for adults to resist, so don’t. Just

have fun. It probably wasn’t much fun for the ancient people because they had to work very hard to survive.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. The Stargazers will have a table and will focus on explaining the lunar standstill, which is just beginning. Members are asked to be at our table for a two-hour shift to talk with visitors about the club and answer any questions about astronomy. There is always a lot of interest at our table and an enjoyable time is had by all.

After the full moon has dimmed at the beginning of the month, we will have a night of telescope training on June 9. On June 16, we present a program for the public, titled Stars and Galaxies, where we look for deep sky objects. On June 23, we present to the public Our Solar System with a focus on the moon and visible planets. The larger the telescope, the more amazing the surface of the moon looks.

The June 9 telescope training is for club members only.

Stars and Galaxies and Our Solar System are open to the public. You can come and pay for your ticket at the gift shop. We usually don’t fill the programs in May or June. The gate opens at 7:30 p.m.

On June 21, the San Juan Ranger District will be hosting the head rangers of all the national forests in Colorado for a meeting.

That evening the San Juan Stargazers will be putting on a private Night Sky Program for the group. There will be an hour of educational presentations and 1.5 hours of telescope viewing. All members should try to be there.

In July, we will not have a regular meeting, but on July 3 we will be

preparing our float for the Fourth of July Parade. It is our first time. All members are invited to walk with or ride on our float, which is designed by our club members in the

■ See Stargazers on next page

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Life at Chimney Rock: A Festival of Crafts and Culture planned for June 3 and 4

By **Nadia Werby**
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) invites you to the Life at Chimney Rock Festival at Chimney Rock National Monument on Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Family activities and interactive demonstrations of the skills of the ancients will be led by CRIA volunteers and will include pounding yucca, making coil pottery, creating rock art, weaving, corn grinding

and throwing a spear with an atlatl. Visitors can learn about astronomy and dendrochronology, try tasting a sample of Anasazi beans and get a close-up view of a peregrine falcon.

A food vendor will have a variety of lunch items and drinks for sale. The entrance fee to the monument will be reduced to \$10 per vehicle for this special event, which enables visitors to access the festival and all the regular amenities at the site. These include self-guided tours of the cultural sites, and access to the nature trail and Visitor Plaza. The monument is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visit this ancient Puebloan cultural site located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. CRIA is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. For more information, please visit www.chimney-rockco.org.

The symbolism of the semicolon

By **Shayden Riggs**
Youth Rise

When it comes to mental health, the semicolon is used as a way to stop the stigma of mental illness.

The semicolon in grammar represents a continuation of a sentence that could have ended. This is the same with mental health; the sentence is a metaphor for life. The semicolon is meant to represent people who have struggled with mental health that could have ended their story but didn't; they chose to continue it.

According to Project Semicolon, the way the semicolon started being a powerful symbol for mental

health was when Amy Bleuel came up with the idea of posting pictures on April 16, 2013, of a semicolon drawn on the wrist to signify the continuation of the story of life.

Since then, many people have seen the semicolon as a way to represent mental health and some have even gotten tattoos of the symbol. This action helps people know that they are not facing mental illness alone. A semicolon tattoo is a way to honor a loved one who has struggled with mental illness or the person's own struggle with mental illness.

Project Semicolon, which was founded by Bleuel, states, "Project Semicolon is dedicated to increas-

ing awareness, saving lives and reducing the stigma of suicide. Our goal is to present hope to those experiencing the symptoms of mental illness and those touched by the tragedy suicide."

Project Semicolon provides information on different types of mental illness and resources for those who need help.

The semicolon is meant to represent a time someone or someone's loved one felt like they couldn't keep going but chose to continue on despite the struggles they were facing. The symbol of the semicolon can help be a reminder to keep going in a person's darkest

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Stargazers

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Save the date: 'Men for All Seasons in Story' set for June 17



By Deborah Fox
 Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation is pleased to welcome back professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro for another magical evening of storytelling, accompanied by local pianist Sally Neel and a special guest appearance by vocalist Robert Neel.

Santopietro happened upon storytelling along her journey as an award-winning adult educator and has shared traditional stories in a variety of adult venues for over 28 years. She will treat us to stories appropriate for Father's Day weekend, especially since she enjoys crafting stories that are relevant and spark the imagination of the audience.

Father's Day reminds us to celebrate relationships with some very important dads, grandpas, husbands, friends and lovers whose

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Photo courtesy Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation

Professional storyteller Kathy Santopietro will present "Men for All Seasons in Story" on June 17. Tickets are available online and at the library.

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 moments. The semicolon is meant to unite people in the struggle of mental health; it is a symbol that no one has to struggle alone.

Bleuel said, "People want to know they're not suffering in silence, you feel alone like no one cares, to know someone is there, that is what these people go forth with, they take this energy to better themselves. I think it's just opening

the minds of society. I would hope through my stories and platforms that they would see these are everyday people, just like you, and they're attempting to make their lives better, but here is what they struggle with."

So, when you see a semicolon, just know the sentence doesn't end there. Your story doesn't have to end here either; keep your sentence going.

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Rehearsals begin for Thingamajig's first summer Broadway musical

By Carole Howard
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Professional actors and directors are arriving in Pagosa from across the U.S. — from Michigan to Louisiana, New York City to Utah — and rehearsals are underway for “The Great American Trailer Park,” the first musical of the summer season presented by Thingamajig Theatre Company at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

The three Broadway in the Mountains musicals this summer are “Trailer Park” opening June 2, “Jersey Boys” opening June 16 and “Godspell” opening June 30. They will run in rotation until late August.

“Newsies Jr.,” playing July 15 and 16, will be the theater’s What-chamawhozits children’s summer camp show. This year’s fundraising Broadway Gala will take place July 25.

Returning favorites plus new talent

Five of the 14 professional actors performing this summer are much-admired favorites with local and out-of-town audiences from previous performances at Thingamajig. They include Trevor Brown, Rosa Campbell, Kristi Contreary, Samantha “Sam” Luck and Allie Tamburello. Campbell also will be stage manager. As an added bonus, dancer Dani Loewen returns as the choreographer for “Jersey Boys.”

Others on stage will be talented new faces.

All the actors were recruited by Tim Moore, Thingamajig’s artistic director, on a month-long

nationwide audition trip that took him to New York City, Memphis and Michigan where he saw 7,800 artists and issued callbacks to 300 before choosing the final 14.

“This is a singers’ season, so everyone is a very strong vocalist,” Moore said. “It was exciting to see so much fresh new talent.

“I was very impressed with the wave of skilled young actors that I met. I’m sure some of them will make it to Broadway as their careers advance, as several past Thingamajig alumni have done. It is a thrill for us to have them perform on our stage this summer, along with some of our most popular stars.”

Top directors take leadership roles

Ann Evans Watson comes from Michigan to direct and choreograph “The Great American Trailer Park Musical” in her first appearance at Thingamajig. She is associate professor of musical theater at the University of Michigan, an Equity actor, vocal instructor and coach. Many of her students have performed on Broadway and have won prestigious acting awards.

Dennis Elkins comes from New York City to direct “Jersey Boys.” The former head of the Fort Lewis College theater department, he is well-known to Thingamajig audiences. Here he starred in dramas including “Red,” “A Picasso” and “A Few Good Men”; played major roles in musicals like “Cabaret” and “Hairspray”; and directed hits like “Thoroughly Modern Millie” and “A Christmas Carol.” He also wrote and starred in a one-man autobio-

graphical trilogy. He will perform the third show, “blood(line),” at Thingamajig on July 2 at 7 p.m.

Andrew Barratt Lewis comes from Utah to direct and choreo-

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The event will take place at the Tennyson Building Event Center and is for ages 16 and older. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased online at <https://pagosalibrary.org/> or in person at your Ruby Sisson Library. Tickets at the door on the night of the event will be \$45.

Although the evening event is

for adults, there is a separate free storytelling for families at 11 a.m. on June 17 at the library.

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 graph “Godspell.” He is associate professor of musical theater at Weber State University in Ogden and well-known as a director and choreographer. Also a Thingamajig favorite, he previously directed “Bright Star” here last summer, as well as past Christmas shows “Grand Night for Singing” and “Miracle on 34th Street.”

Boni McIntyre is the music director for all three shows. She has a wealth of experience with Thingamajig musicals, having been music director for multiple productions including “Jekyll & Hyde,” “West Side Story,” “Ring of Fire,” “Legally Blonde” and “Mamma Mia!”

Mackenzie Lowe returns to Thingamajig as lighting designer, a key role she has held here since

2019.

Artist extraordinaire Jill Fives returns as set designer for the summer season. Her brilliance in creating sets that are perfect for the mood and story of each show has dazzled Thingamajig audiences for many years.

Best of Broadway

“The Great American Trailer Park Musical” is a heartwarming musical comedy about the female experience that explores the complicated relationships between a group of misfits living at a trailer park in Florida. It was performed off-Broadway in 2005, toured nationally in 2008, played at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and in the U.K. that year, and also spawned a Christmas version.

“Jersey Boys” became an inter-

national music phenomenon as it dramatized the story of the formation, success, eventual breakup and great music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, the iconic ‘60s rock ‘n’ roll group. Winner of the Tony, Grammy and Olivier awards for best musical, it later became a hit movie. One of the bestselling groups of all time, the Four Seasons sold an estimated 100 million records worldwide and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

“Godspell” is structured as a series of parables principally based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, interspersed with multiple music styles. It was a long-running success off-Broadway and in touring productions, and enjoyed a 2011 Broadway revival. Several cast

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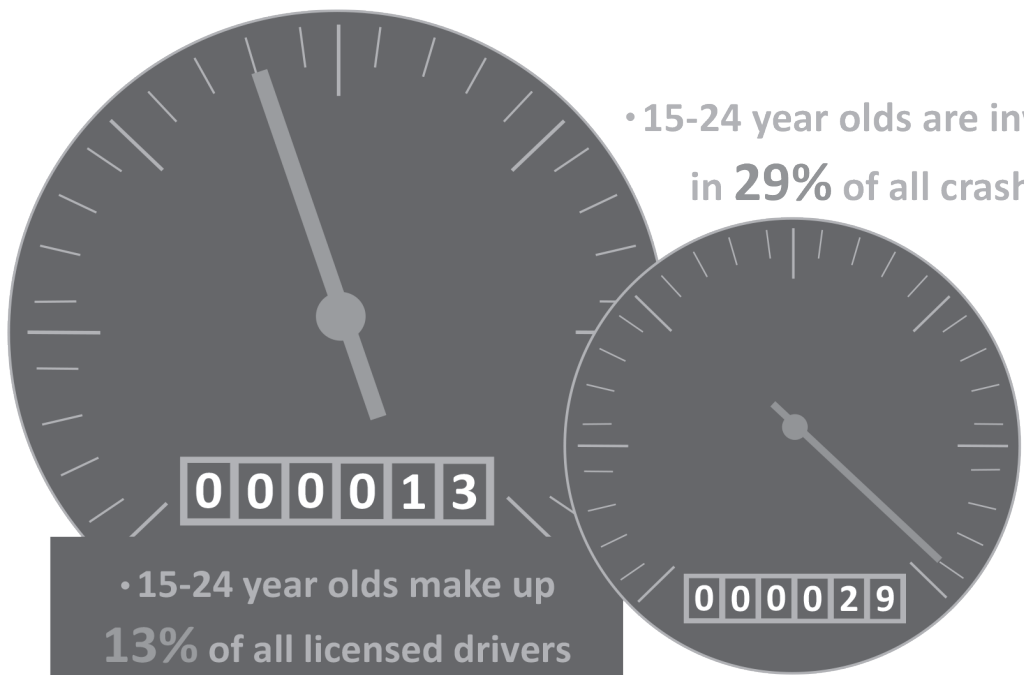
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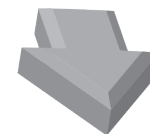


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Rehearsals began May 22 for “The Great American Trailer Park,” the first musical of the summer season presented by Thingamajig Theatre Company at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, under the direction of Ann Evans Watson, second from left. The three Broadway in the Mountains musicals this summer are “Trailer Park” opening June 2, “Jersey Boys” opening June 16 and “Godspell” opening June 30. They will run in rotation until late August. Season tickets and individual tickets are available at pagosacenter.org or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

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By Stan Counsell
Countywide Women's Bible Study

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Once a young man of privilege, he was haughty, jostled for position, had a "thunderous" temper and was crippled by not seeing past his nose. Or, as we would say today, he was driving on a dark freeway with only his parking lights on. But, the love, grace, patience and true light of God molded him into a humble apostle — a profound transformation.

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albums have been released over the years. One of its songs, "Day by Day" from the original cast album, reached No. 13 on the Billboard pop singles chart in 1972.

Season ticket benefits

To ensure you don't miss any of the three summer musicals, consider buying season tickets. Multiple benefits go along with being a season ticket holder including invitations to exclusive events, free drink tokens on opening weekends, discounted tickets, no ticketing fees, reserved seats, unlimited ticket exchanges at no extra charge, and come-again tickets to see a show a second time while bringing a paying guest when you attend an opening weekend performance.

Other exclusive benefits include an invitation to Thingamajig's wine and cheese open dress rehearsal on June 7 and an invitation to the wine and cheese winter season announcement in August.

Season tickets are \$120 per person and \$200 for a reserved seat. They are available on the theater's website at pagosacenter.org or by phoning the box office at (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Individual tickets for the shows also are available on the website — \$42 for adults for all three shows and \$25 for kids 12 and under for

"Godspell." "Trailer Park" and "Jersey Boys" are recommended for more mature audiences. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. and matinees are at 3 p.m.

Friends of the Theatre opportunities

You also can pay your annual Friends of the Theatre dues of \$35 per person on the theater's website.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company was co-founded in 2011 by Tim and Laura Moore. It is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented actors, directors and production experts come from across the U.S. and around the world to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round. Thingamajig also is dedicated to providing theatrical experiences and educational opportunities for youth and teens in our community.



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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 non-refundable, non-transferable donation. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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.

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Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until food runs out, Community United Methodist Church. Note: until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving honey-baked ham, snazzy baked beans, sliced carrots, roll and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals,

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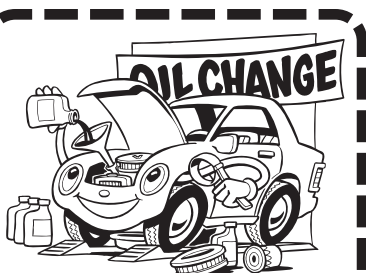
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Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.
Hand and Foot Card Game. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Seasonal Art Class. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. The free project is making a miniature garden that never needs watering. The class size is limited to five students.

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.

Knowledge Bowl Competition. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For tweens and teens. For this special event, you should bring an adult to see who does better in this test of trivia skills. Open to students in grades 4-8, or ages 11-14. No registration required.

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.

Friday, May 26

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

Read Baby Read. 10-10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 0-2. Enjoy stories and songs with baby. Babies will hold and touch board books. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Tie-Dye Party. 2-4 p.m. Create a summer reading program shirt. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 8:45 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. Tickets are \$16 for ages 13 and up, \$8 for ages 5-12, under 5 free, and are considered a nonrefundable, nontransferable donation. For more information,

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Saturday, May 27

Veterans for Veterans Golf Tournament. 8:25 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. For more information, visit <https://vets4vetspsco.org/>.

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.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids 6 years and up. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

Learn to Knit or Crochet. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit or crochet. For ages 8 and up. Supplies provided. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Sunday, May 28

Free Four-Day Course in Fly-Fishing Basics. 2-5 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Fly fishing is one of the most spirit-filling activities you can do and in this study we will learn how biblical principles can help anyone find inner peace through this life enhancing venture. Each class is designed to teach potential future and current fly-fishers the basics of equipment and the techniques to catch fish in rivers and lakes. The course will cover equipment needed, techniques for tying knots along with casting instruction and practice. We will also learn about artificial flies and how they imitate nature and effective ways to use the variety of flies available. Included will be the opportunity to take your knowledge out to the water and learn how to catch fish with a fly rod. For more information, call (303) 828-6386.

Monday, May 29

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

Memorial Day Ceremony. 10 a.m., Hilltop Cemetery flag pole.

Memorial Day Luminaria Tribute. 7 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park.

Tuesday, May 30

Geology Tour. 8-10:30 a.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.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Tennyson Building
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ing 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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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.

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Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.
Pickleball. 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.
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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.

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.

Wednesday, May 31

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

Pickleball. 8:30-10:30 a.m., Community Center. Free beginner lessons. Reserve at www.pagosapickleball.org.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center. Bill Salmansohn 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. Snacks will be provided.

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San Juan Outdoor Club Monthly Meeting. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Arleen Prochazka of the Pagosa Weather Team will present her annual forecast of the monsoon in the southern San Juan Mountains. Will the El Niño forming in the Pacific impact our monsoon this summer? Learn more about how meteorologists make long-term forecasts and impress your friends with your knowledge of the Madden-Julian Oscillation. The public is welcome to join. The meeting starts with a social half-hour at 6 p.m. with light refreshments. For more information, email sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

Thursday, June 1

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

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19th Hole Concerts Presents Bo DePena. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A community event that showcases an Archuleta County nonprofit and a local music talent. The cover charge is a \$10 donation. The featured nonprofit will be the Veterans Memorial Park.

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.

San Juan Stargazers. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. There will be a social hour at 6 p.m. with coffee/tea and treats. From 7 to 8:30 p.m., the program will be on dwarf planets.

Friday, June 2

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

Rhythm and Rhymes. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. A music-based storytime with movement and singing. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Tween and Teen Takeover. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Conversational computers will be reserved for users aged 9-19. Come play. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Board Game Central. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to play a new board game or bring your own to share with others. Families are welcome. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, June 3

Pagosa Springs High School Graduation. 9 a.m., Golden Peaks Stadium.

Camp Out/Read Out. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. People of all ages are welcome at Camp Out/Read Out to kick off the Summer Reading Program. Come stay for an hour or stay for the whole day and enjoy reading in our hammocks and tents. Activities will include crafts, educational display tables, mini talks related to the outdoors, puppet storytime and a chance to meet Smokey Bear. There will be snacks, including the opportunity to make a small solar oven to bake s'mores outdoors. Visit pagosalibrary.org for a detailed schedule and more information.

Life at Chimney Rock Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. No reservations and no fees required — just come and enjoy. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Sunday, June 4

Plant Walk. 9:30-11:15 a.m., Turkey Springs Trail System Gate No. 3 on Fremont Court. There is a 15-person maximum on each walk. Please call Lake McCullough to reserve a space at (970) 398-0923.

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Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

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750 Invitation Circle, incredible views, water and electricity on property. \$500,000. MLS 800525



1147 Ute Drive, 3 bed, 2 bath on one treed acre with mountain views. \$415,000. MLS 799037



145 Davis Cup Drive, 3 bed, 2 bath condo, partially remodeled. \$399,000. MLS 803650



59 Cottonwood Drive, new, never lived in 2 bed, 2 bath, open floor plan. \$389,900. MLS 803282



130 Dylan Drive, .4 acre lot, backs to greenbelt. \$54,000. MLS 802870



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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 green-tailed towhee.

In summer, this large, long-tailed sparrow breeds in shrubby habitats from low sagebrush regions up to brushy mountain slopes across the middle of the western United States. Species-rich shrub communities provide the dense cover where this bird spends its time and builds its nest. Unlike the related spotted towhee, which stays here year-round, the green-tailed winters in far southwestern extremes of the United States and in Mexico.

Soon after arriving on their breeding grounds, males defend a nesting territory by perching on top of a shrub and singing a loud song of whistles and raspy trills. This is the easiest time to locate this otherwise secretive bird. A variety of calls are used between pair members to communicate alarm and in courtship. Mewing calls are made to stay in contact when they are foraging or in flight and when the female is away from the nest.

Their nests are so well-concealed low in dense vegetation that knowledge of their nesting behavior is not well-known. If the female senses an intruder, she may distract a predator by scurrying away from the nest with tail held straight up in imitation of a rodent.

Both adult sexes are gray colored with olive-yellow tones on their wings, back and tail. They sport a bright rufous head cap and have a white throat outlined by dark mustache stripes. Juveniles are streaky and brown but also show greenish tones in their wings and tail. They forage on the ground for seeds and insects using the double-scratch hop typical of towhees.

Forest fires that are followed by shrubby regrowth provide good habitat for green-tailed towhees, as does directed habitat management for other shrub obligate birds like the greater sage grouse, sage thrasher, Brewer's sparrow, gray flycatcher and pygmy rabbit.

For information on events, visit www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.

Interesting facts about Memorial Day

Special to The PREVIEW

Each year on the last Monday of May, Americans celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a federal holiday that honors and mourns American military personnel who died while performing their duties in service to the U.S. Armed Forces.

Memorial Day has a rich history and one that's worth revisiting as the nation prepares to honor the sacrifices made by its military personnel over the centuries.

• Freed slaves played a role in the establishment of Memorial Day. The American Civil War is the deadliest military conflict in American history, as the Union and the Confederacy each suffered more than 800,000 casualties by the time the war ended in 1865. According to History.com, as the war drew to a close, hundreds of Union soldiers who were being held as prisoners of war died and were buried in a mass grave in a Confederate prison camp in South Carolina. After the Confederate surrender, more than 1,000 now-freed slaves honored those

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for the issue of June 1

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The Pagosa Springs SUN will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day



The Pagosa Springs SUN

Tie-dye event tomorrow and sign up now for Summer Reading Program

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Library fans of all ages are invited to a fun, free event tomorrow, 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 tomorrow, May 26, registration opens for the Summer Reading Program. Celebrate the power of community with us through



reading challenges, programs, storytimes, a reading club and much more from June 2 through July 28.

This free program is open to everyone with weekly prize drawings for completed bingo cards and will conclude with a fun celebratory party July 28.

You can sign up in person or

on the library's website at <https://pagosalibrary.org>.

As well, save the date for a special Camp Out Read Out event next Saturday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. when we will partner with the San Juan National Forest's Pagosa office with multiple free events for all ages.

Watch for more details about this and other special events and fun challenges in the Summer Reading Program in future "Library News" columns.

And, be sure to pick up a June events calendar at the library so you don't miss any of the program's free library activities available to you and your family this summer.

Library closure

Your library will be closed Mon-

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Facts

■ continued from previous page recently deceased Union soldiers during a ceremony in which they sang hymns and distributed flowers. The ceremony was dedicated to the fallen soldiers and served as a precursor to what is now celebrated as Memorial Day.

• Confederate soldiers were honored, too. Confederate losses during the Civil War outnumbered Union losses, and those losses were not forgotten by southerners who survived the war. History.com notes that, in 1866, the Georgia-based Ladies Memorial Association, one of many similar organizations to arise in the aftermath of the war, pushed for a day to honor fallen Confederate soldiers. In fact, these efforts are believed to have influenced Gen. John A. Logan. In 1868, Logan, a Civil War veteran who was then serving as commander in chief of a group of Union veterans, ordered the decoration of Union graves with flowers on May 30. The day would ultimately be known as "Memorial Day."

• It took a long time for Memorial Day to become a federal holiday. Despite tracing its origins to the immediate aftermath of the Civil War, Memorial Day did not

become an official federal holiday until 1971, more than a century after the war ended. This is the same year the holiday was officially designated as taking place on the last Monday in May. The designation has periodically drawn the ire of veterans and military supporters who suggest it is now more widely seen as the unofficial beginning to summer and not a day in which the sacrifices of fallen U.S. soldiers are honored to the extent that they should be.

• Debate exists about which town has the longest history of celebrating Memorial Day. A handful of towns claim to be the first celebrants of Memorial Day. That debate figures to continue in perpetuity, but History.com notes that Waterloo, N.Y., was officially recognized by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson as the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966. Doylestown, Penn., and Rochester, Wis., are some other towns that claim to have celebrated Memorial Day since the mid-1860s.

Memorial Day has a rich history that highlights the importance of honoring the men and women who have given their lives while in service of the U.S. military.

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 day, May 29, in honor of Memorial Day.

Local author

“In Between the Magic: My Life from the Playboy Club to Beirut and Beyond” by Juliette Watt is a memoir of an adventurous woman whose life took her from London to Istanbul, New York City to Los Angeles, then to Utah and now to Pagosa Springs.

A playwright and award-winning soap opera writer for ABC-TV, she served as a stunt horse rider for MGM, enjoyed a 15-year career as a cabaret singer and worked as a Playboy bunny. For more than 20 years she has been an ATP pilot and master flight instructor. She also is a motivational speaker and advocate for abused and neglected animals.

Watt lives here with her husband, Jason, three horses, two rescue dogs and two rescue goats. She found Pagosa in 2010 when she came to take a Parelli Natural Horsemanship course and immediately fell in love with the community, the weather and the scenery. It wasn't hard to convince her husband to move here the following year.

“Pagosa is perfect for us,” she said. “He loves skiing and I have lots of space for my horses. This is the right place at the right time for us.”

Southern Ute newspaper added to collection

We now have a subscription to The Southern Ute Drum, the tribe's biweekly, award-winning community newspaper.

It comes out every other Friday and will be mailed to us, so it will be the following week when we receive it for your reading pleasure. The current edition must be read in the library, but past editions can be checked out. We usually keep the four most recent editions on hand.

Unique Knowledge Bowl competition today

Our free middle school Knowl-

edge Bowl today, 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.

Writers' support group today

On Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby Writer's Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the free LEGO Club. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

Knit or crochet Saturday

Ages 8 and up are invited to learn to knit on Saturday, May 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. Supplies will be provided.

Online author talks

There will be three talks in June in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors — June 7, 15 and 28. You will have an opportunity to ask questions. More details will appear in next week's column.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thurs-

days, 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.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide assistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions. Note there will be no Tech Time today, May 25.

Nonfiction

“It. Goes. So. Fast. The Year of No Do-overs” by Mary Louise Kelly is the memoir of this NPR reporter's life as she balances work and family responsibilities. “Our Migrant Souls” by Pulitzer Prize-winner Hector Tobar is a personal

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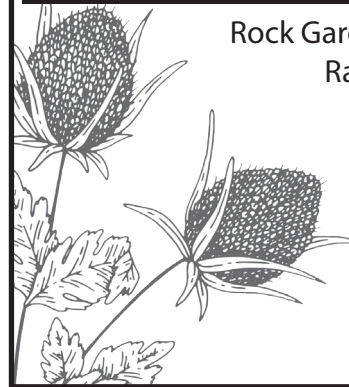
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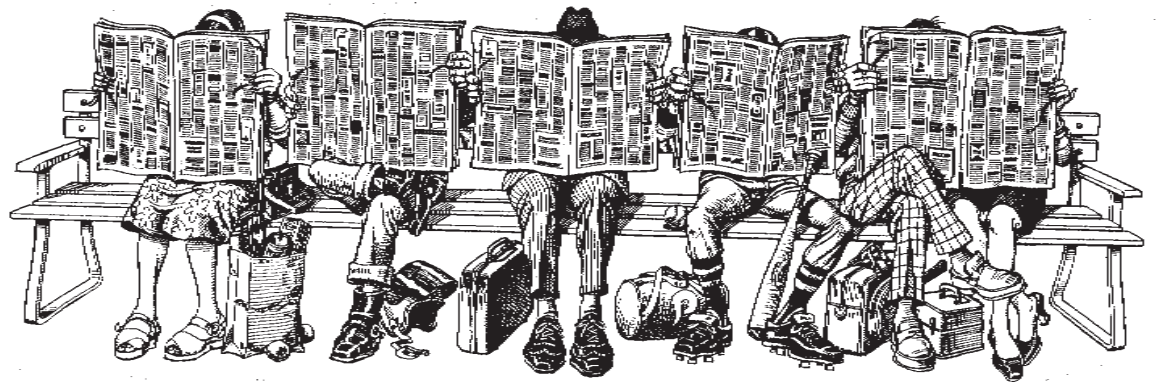


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Seasonal art class slated for May 25

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

The next free art class at the Pagosa Senior Center will be held on Thursday, May 25, at 1:15 p.m.

We will be making miniature gardens that never need watering. We will attach artificial plants, beautiful stones and Spanish moss to a clay dish. The results are beautiful and very realistic.

All materials will be provided, and no art skills are required. These will make perfect gifts or they can be a distinctive addition to that special spot in your home. The class size is limited to five students,



so be sure to be on time.

Our teacher for this class will again be Denise Fisk, former art teacher in Iowa. Grab a friend and join us.

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.

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TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR) PROGRAM



Did you know? The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) funds a local program that humanely manages the growth of our community's free-roaming cat population. Through our TNR Program, HSPS works with volunteers to conduct live-trapping. Trapped cats are examined, vaccinated and sterilized by local veterinarians, then released back to where they came from. This program helps limit dozens of unwanted kitten litters each year!

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exploration of what it means to be a Latino in the U.S. today. "Tell Me Everything" by Minka Kelly is the memoir of this actress and philanthropist who overcame abuse and poverty in her life. "Life in Five Senses" by Gretchen Rubin explores the mysteries and joys of the five senses as a path to a happier, more mindful life.

"Radical Inclusion" by David Moinina Sengeh uses the author's experience of getting Sierra Leone girls into classrooms to share seven steps to help create inclusive systems for a more just workplace and world. "Capitalist Punishment" by Vivek Ramaswamy looks at the power of Wall Street to control America's finances and social policies. "The Daily Dad" by Ryan Holiday offers 366 meditations on parenting, love and raising great kids using lessons from his life and legends like Bruce Springsteen, Queen Elizabeth II and Toni Morrison.

DVDs

"Jesus Revolution" is based on a true story about a lost young man in the 1970s who meets a charismatic hippie preacher.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Girl Forgotten" by April Henry is a young adult murder mystery about a true-crime podcast. "Hard Rain" by Samantha Jayne Allen features an apprentice PI dealing with her first solo case. "Seven Girls Gone" by Allison Brennan showcases the FBI's Mobile Response Team. "The Pallbearers Club" by Paul Tremblay is a psychological thriller about an unusual relationship. "Murder on Bedford Street" by Victoria Thompson is the latest in the Gaslight Mysteries series.

"Double or Nothing" by Kim Sherwood focuses on two MI6 spies who are successors to James Bond. "Heart of the Nile" by Will Thomas is a Barker and Llewelyn mystery that begins with the find

of a priceless mummy in the British Museum. "Going Zero" by Anthony McCarten is about the beta test of groundbreaking spyware.

Other novels

"The Loner" by Diana Palmer is a romance set in Texas ranch country. "The Blue is Where God Lives" by Sharon Sochil Washington is a time-blending story of Afro-magic realism. "Carmen and Grace" by Melissa Coss Aquino follows the lives of two young cousins brought into the underground drug trade. "Greek Lessons" by Han Kang tells of a student and teacher brought together by different but equally powerful pain. "Last House Before the Mountain" by Monika Helfer is a love story with major choices facing a mother of several children.

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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 Ross Aragon Community Center.

They are truly excited to be meeting in the Senior Center dining area again.

They 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 organic.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

We provide a welcoming gathering space that serves as a community hub where nutritious food and other resources/supports are available to help older adults and their caretakers stay independent, active, engaged in our community

and living in their homes. Weekly educational and social activities include our healthy aging and yoga therapy class, Mahjong and more.

Check out our senior discount card for local discounts and perks at <http://www.psseniors.org/discount-club.html>.

Community Cafe menu

Thursday, May 25 — Singapore coffee BBQ 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.

Monday, May 29 — Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, coleslaw, garden salad, fruit, vanilla pudding and milk.

Tuesday, May 30 — Beef chili with cornbread and honey, garden salad, fruit, yogurt and milk.

Wednesday, May 31 — Chicken cashew salad on croissant, macaroni salad, garden salad, fruit, carrot cake and milk.

Thursday, June 1 — Baked cod with broccoli, salad, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday, June 2 — Sliced ham with cherry sauce, scalloped potatoes, salad, fruit, dinner roll and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

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

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- 16 Newspaper bio
- 17 Former StubHub owner
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- 20 In dire straits
- 22 Specialty
- 23 Affectionate greeting
- 24 Walloped
- 26 Misbehave, with "up"
- 28 Emerald, for one
- 32 It comes with kings and queens
- 34 Con artist's art
- 38 Nautical pole
- 39 Now and again?
- 41 Cathedral recess
- 42 Salad follower
- 44 They may be flared
- 46 High school grade
- 48 Swedish airline
- 49 Franc fraction
- 52 ___ de Triomphe
- 54 Flinch, say
- 55 Answers to problems
- 61 Musical ensembles
- 63 Jane's dog
- 64 Filly's father
- 65 Enraged
- 66 Soldier's stance, with "at"
- 67 Meets, as a bet
- 68 10th U.S. President
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- 4 River rat
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- 6 Mona ___
- 7 Right on the map
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- 9 Scot's cap
- 10 Patrol vehicle
- 11 Taken ___
- 12 Churchgoer's offering
- 13 Trusty horse
- 19 Laughable
- 21 Breakfast staple
- 25 Unassuming
- 26 Very top
- 27 Detective Charlie
- 29 Look up to
- 30 Kitten sound
- 31 "Goosebumps" writer
- 33 Prepares to work out
- 35 Kind of church
- 36 Madonna's "La ___ Bonita"
- 37 "___ of the D'Urbervilles"
- 40 Debate side
- 43 Privileged group
- 45 "___ does it!"
- 47 Room for church garments
- 49 Alex of James Patterson novels
- 50 Otherworldly
- 51 Mother-of-pearl
- 53 Reacts to yeast
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- 60 Dinner in a pot
- 62 Take a load off

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over

the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Engaging pictures

Engaging pictures are needed from seniors and their families who live, work and play their best lives in Archuleta County. We are looking for pictures that convey people's active lifestyles, families, culture and more. We would like to use these pictures in our grant applications, on social media and on our website. Please email all pictures to rosa@psseniors.org or feel free to drop them off.

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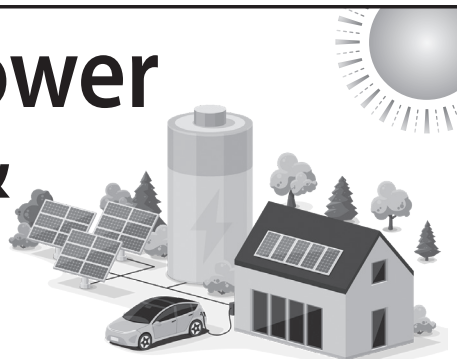
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Where the dogwood grow

Steff Adams
PREVIEW Columnist

Spring in Virginia is the season of the flowering dogwood.

I know that beautiful tree because I was born in Quantico and my dad would invariably drive us back to that Marine Corps base to stay while he trained and flew away for various deployments.

Much later, following two tours in 'Nam, my folks built a cabin near there in the dappled shade where dogwood grow. Here my dad lived out the sequel of neurologic disease from Agent Orange.

Before Dad got sick, I chose to honor him by enlisting in the Army for four years. I never directly saw war, but I treated soldiers with burns in San Antonio and later helped their preemies on and off ventilators in the neonatal ICU at Fort Meade, Md.

Military service for any length of time can leave scars. I never thought that 40 years later I'd be so far away from those sweetly tiered dogwood blooms with a sprawling anxiety about my husband's illness and my own anxious military memories tiered above like heavy, over-hanging dogwood boughs. When my husband retired, we moved far away to Pagosa Springs to find peace of mind.

It's hard to make new friends when you're over 60. Most people are shaving away unwanted connections at that age and hunkering down with a very few trusted long-term relations. Twelve years ago, however, a small group of military veterans and their spouses agreed to meet at The Junction — that lodgy little breakfast place at the edge of town. These veterans somehow knew that I, and so many others like me, would be looking for that kind of comfort for the heart that can only be had by proximity to snow-capped mountains, the tranquilities of sullen skies' interplay with luminous sunlight, crackling stoves and the camaraderie of familiar folks sharing life in snug social halls.

This small group of far-sighted men and women collected \$25, opened a bank account and started what would become Vets4Vets.

Today, largely by its own volunteer efforts, private donations, fundraising activities and government grants, Vets4Vets ministers to fellow vets with tens of thousands of dollars — invariably depleted by the time three-quarters of the year has passed. Housing, broken cars, dental, counseling and other pressing needs plague vets as they do most retirees. Two hundred-fifty vets belong to Vets4Vets, but there are 1,200 vets in the county.

Because of the relief available from Vets4Vets, vets passing through Pagosa have found help

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— one couple needing car repairs was given a room for the night and extra cash for food while the shop fixed their vehicle. Vets don't have to reside here to find assistance. A young woman recently released from the Air Force found her way to Pagosa and, responding to the same mystifying pull that we have all succumbed to, wanted to make a life here. Vets4Vets paid her first and last month's housing deposit and never asked questions. All that is needed to qualify for help is a DD-214 and an honorable discharge.

Vets4Vets has rebuilt truck engines, replaced sump pumps, spent thousands to repair a well, found searching vets a needed piece of property. To keep serving, Vets4Vets has functioned out of a church office with only 10 percent overhead, a phone and a computer. Ninety percent of incoming funds go directly to veterans' needs.

I did not hear about Vets4Vets in Pagosa immediately upon arrival — I became aware of their existence when I discovered Colorado property tax rates. My husband and I needed to know if we could afford our lovely little home alongside his out-of-pocket medical bills for Lyme disease. Colorado will only give tax relief to vets who are 100 percent disabled — some other states offer relief for unemployment and disabling conditions that are not total or permanent. Thankfully, we didn't need help at that time, but a couple years of medical-related travel, a pandemic and other stressors invariably associated with aging had literally crushed the molars on both sides of my mouth into fragments. Dentists call it bruxism. The indifference of dental insurance coverage to an aging population left me with thousands of dollars of tooth repair, the burden of which we reckoned at the time might have to be transferred with us to the next world.

Willing to chance it, I tentatively

emailed for help from the Pagosa vets. In a few days, Lynn from Vets4Vets arranged for payment of many thousands of dollars for a crown and root canal. Had I needed transportation, Dorothy or Niara from Veterans Outreach would have given me a lift; had I needed gas, Raymond would have handed me a \$75 travel voucher. And Rick, elected president of Vets4Vets for two years now — well, there's so much that Rick does for his fellow vets, for his fellow man, that a separate essay altogether is required to explain.

My mom and dad have both passed on now and I have had no further need to visit Quantico. I don't see dogwood anymore from our north-facing rear windows, but I do have a fair view of the austere ridge of Pagosa and her sister peaks. We are getting older, but we have friends now. Once a week, we are privileged to hear unbelievable reports of courage amid mind-numbing adversity from Vietnam era vets, from Desert Storm, from men and women who have given themselves in ways that utterly defy the ordinary. We hear them on Tuesday mornings at the Tennyson Building Event Center when sleet drills smartly on foggy windowpanes or, alternately, when bright squadrons of sun shafts mark time in the parking lot. We listen then, listen to the best folks ever, folks who have given their lives to serve their country, folks to love in this arid environment, where the dogwood would never grow without much water, attention and protection.

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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.

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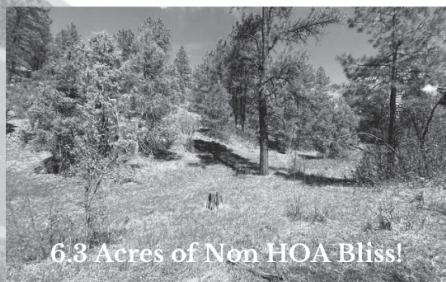


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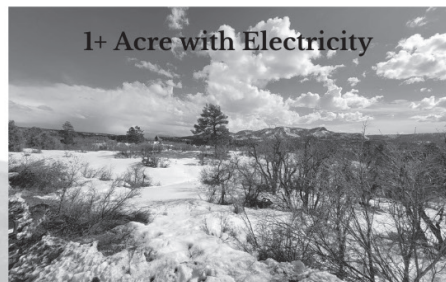
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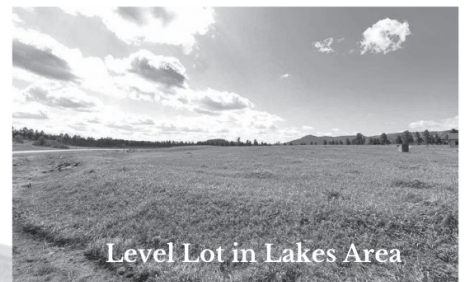
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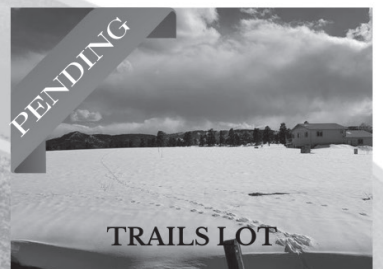
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