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## Sanitation district: 'We are close to an emergency situation'

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSS-GID) Board of Directors ratified the purchase of another sewage pump and the rental of a diesel pump at its March 17 meeting.

The sewage pump is an interim pump that will be used until a new pumping system can be installed, Town Manager Andrea Phillips stated. The diesel pump is being rented on a "stand-by" rate at \$7,713 per month, which means it won't be installed or used unless it needs to be in an emergency situation.

The existing pumps at the town's sanitation lift stations have long-been problematic, Public Works

■ See Sanitation A8



The cast of Pagosa Springs High School's production of "The Music Man" takes to the air during one of the show's dance numbers. The cast and crew presented the show five nights last week.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

## County and tribe discuss repairs and safety on County Road 500

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At a joint meeting on March 14, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and Southern Ute Tribal Council discussed potential risks and repairs on County Road 500.

During the meeting, concerns were raised by BoCC and tribal council members regarding washouts and erosion on CR 500.

County Manager Derek Woodman commented that the section of CR 500 being discussed was "without question a failing section"

■ See Road A8

# 'Summer's a warrior'

## After 'freak' accident, Summer Phillips Pierce fights back



Photos courtesy Chris Pierce

After a "freak" accident in November 2021 left her with a severe spinal cord injury, Summer Phillips Pierce has spent time at Craig Hospital. She ultimately hopes to regain the use of her hands and to walk again. Left: Summer with husband Chris Pierce.

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Nov. 13, 2021, life changed for Summer Phillips Pierce and her husband, Chris Pierce. It was a quiet Saturday evening. Chris recalled. The couple had watched a concert on TV and Summer went upstairs to get ready for bed.

"I heard a crash," Chris said. As friend Sharon Garfield described it on the GoFundMe she organized for the couple, "Summer experienced a freak fall, hitting her head on her bedroom dresser in such a way

that it damaged her neck and spinal cord."

When Chris went upstairs, he relayed, Summer was laying on the floor coming out of unconsciousness and telling him she couldn't feel her hands.

"I just said, 'Don't move, don't move, don't move,' and called 911," he said, explaining he's a trained arborist and his training taught him if there's any kind of a neurological issue, don't move the patient and get help.

He never expected to have to use that training.

"She doesn't remember any of it," Chris said, adding, "Her brain just kind of self-defensively

shut down right after it happened."

The next thing she remembers, he noted, is looking up at the paramedics.

Summer was taken to the emergency room at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, and Chris reported the hospital immediately called for an airplane to airlift her to the ICU at UC Health in Colorado Springs.

He recalled she was first loaded onto the ambulance at 12:05 a.m., and she was in emergency surgery in Colorado Springs by around 3 a.m.

The surgeon called Chris around 5:30 or 6

■ See Warrior A8

## Local Rotary clubs to help Ukrainian refugees: Goal to raise \$10,000 in two weeks

By Pat Love  
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

While 10 million Ukrainians seek safety, sustenance and solace for their war-torn lives, many of us watching in real time are asking, "How can I help?"

In response to this question, the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs has set a goal of raising \$10,000 in two weeks to assist Rotary International's rapid-response humanitarian relief program for Ukrainian refugees.

Local Rotary clubs are working with the Rotary Foundation, a vast international network which

includes 62 Ukrainian clubs and hundreds of others in neighboring countries, to channel support directly from our community to where it is needed most. Donations to the Rotary Foundation will be used to provide shelter, food, medical supplies and other essentials. You can be a part of this assistance by donating locally, knowing that 100 percent of your donation will be used to reduce suffering of Ukrainian refugees. With Rotary, there is no administrative fee.

Make checks payable to: Rotary

■ See Refugees A8

## 'Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans' event set for March 29

By Richard Walker  
Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans

March 29 is National Vietnam Veterans Day. This holiday was created by presidential decree in 2017, following the initiation of the "Vietnam War 50th Commemoration" as a unit within the Department of Defense in 2008.

The Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans organization will host a "Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans" event at noon on March 29 at the Tennyson Event Center on Navajo Trail Drive.

The Town of Pagosa Springs and

the Archuleta County commissioners have both issued proclamations naming March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day in our town and county. Please take a moment over the next week to thank a veteran for all they have done for us.

The county proclamation reads: "PROCLAMATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

"WHEREAS, between 1964 and 1975 more than three million Americans left their homes and

■ See Vietnam A8

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## OUR VIEW

# To clarify: We'd still vote 'no'

Several readers reached out to thank us for the 'Ballot question misses the mark' editorial last week concerning short-term rentals and Ballot Question A, which reads: "Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended to initiate a workforce housing fee for short-term rentals amounting to at least \$150 per month for each permitted bedroom with all fees dedicated to creation and sustainability of workforce housing aimed at households earning less than or equal to 100% of Area Median Income, as set forth in Ordinance No. 974 (Series 2022)?"

One email we received reads: "Thank you for the editorial. I hope it will help people understand the inequity of the ballot question."

"There is a better way to address this without it being a burden on just a few vacation rental owners."

People who have written letters on both sides of the issue have presented compelling arguments.

In last week's editorial, we cited information received from a downtown business owner with a short-term rental (STR) included in their commercial property. We explained some local businesses already pay the higher tax rate for their STR as the STR is built into their commercial property. Ballot Question A doesn't take that into account. These businesses already pay 29 percent for their STRs and should this ballot question pass, they would be required to pay

this new fee on top of that.

A reader emailed on Sunday explaining that her research found that the information we presented was not accurate.

On Monday, we looked into the tax records for a couple of downtown STRs located in commercial buildings and discovered they were actually assessed at the lower rate of 7.15 percent for the portion of the building used as an STR and not the 29 percent that the business owner had stated in a public meeting.

In seeking further clarification, County Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott explained that STRs are currently assessed at a residential rate, even when they are located in commercially zoned areas.

"The tax rate is going to be 6.95% moving forward," Tully-Elliott wrote in an email to The SUN.

When a property owner obtains a permit for an STR in either the town or the county, the county assessor's office makes the adjustment for the change in property use.

"We value property as it sits on January 1st of each year," explained Tully-Elliott. "So if it is commercial as of January 1st, and mid year they pull a permit to change it to residential, that change would take effect the next January 1st. So it is possible to pay the 29% tax rate and the per room rate as well."

When asked if Ballot Question A is passed, will all STRs in the town limits be assessed the fee, whether they are

residential or commercial, Town Manager Andrea Phillips wrote in an email, "I don't feel that this has been determined yet. We are presenting the ballot language as the citizens proposed it and if it passes, we'll need to work with our attorney and perhaps others to figure out how to implement this."

Unfortunately, there is no language in the ballot question to relieve a property owner of paying both a higher tax rate and the per-bedroom fee until the property is valued on Jan. 1 of the year following permitting of the STR.

We believe that solutions to our housing issues should come as a result of a broader discussion of our citizens and elected officials. It would be great to see a countywide task force assembled to address the issue and to consider input from all sides regarding the concerns caused by the growth of STRs and the housing shortage in the county. There have been many times when local professionals have offered to come to the table to find solutions. What are we waiting for?

Solving the issue of the lack of housing that our workforce can afford is a complex issue and one that will require a larger community effort than placing fees on STRs located in town.

Even with this new information, if we were eligible to vote in a town election, we would still vote against Ballot Question A.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
March 24, 1922

**The Croatian Tamburica Orchestra** was discovered playing at the Paris Exposition and was brought to this country. They have appeared for many seasons on the largest Chautauqua circuits all over the United States. Their wonderful native instruments have power and sweetness beyond description. They come from the small country of Croatia near Serbia and just south of Austria. The music lovers of this community will have a rare treat when the Tamburica Orchestra comes on our Lyceum course next Friday night, March 31, at the Liberty theatre.

**Chas. Schonefeld** returned Monday from Los Angeles, where he has been on a vacation the last month and a half. He will resume his duties as engineer on the local branch tomorrow morning.

**The flu epidemic** is gradually dying out here, there being very few cases reported this week.

**A considerable amount of damage** was done to the telephone wires throughout the San Juan basin by the recent heavy snow, practically all long distance lines being down. A crew of linemen from Alamosa and Durango are headed this way repairing broken wires.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
March 28, 1947

**George Alley**, proprietor of the Alley Hardware store, a member of the Town Board and a leading Pagosa businessman, has been named to the board of directors of the La Plata Electric Association, the cop which recently purchased the Pagosa Springs power plant. Alley was officially made a member of the board at its last meeting in Durango March 10. Other vacancies exist on the board and additional Archuleta County men will soon be named to act with the group.

**The Piedra Grange** met at the school-house March 21. Light refreshments were served following the business meeting, after which the square dance team practiced.

**On Saturday evening, March 29**, there will be a tacky dance and box supper at the Piedra School. Everyone is invited and the proceeds will go to the school.

**Miss Jane Button of Denver** is a guest of her brother, Dr. John J. Button.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
March 23, 1972

**A tree planting program** by the U.S. Forest Service is now underway on Eight Mile Mesa and should be completed soon. The trees must be planted under proper weather and soil conditions. Plantings are successful only if the seedlings are cold enough to be dormant at the time they are placed in the ground. Eight men are involved in the planting program which is expected to encompass between 50 and 70 acres. 450 trees are planted per acre and the Forest Service plans for a 75 per cent survival at the end of six years.

**Voters in the Pagosa Springs town election** will have a blank ballot insofar as candidates are concerned this year. A leash law question will be on the ballot but there are no official candidates for any of the town offices. Therefore all officers elected will be via the write-in method. Insofar as it is generally known there is at present no organized write-in campaign by an individual or group.

### 25 years ago

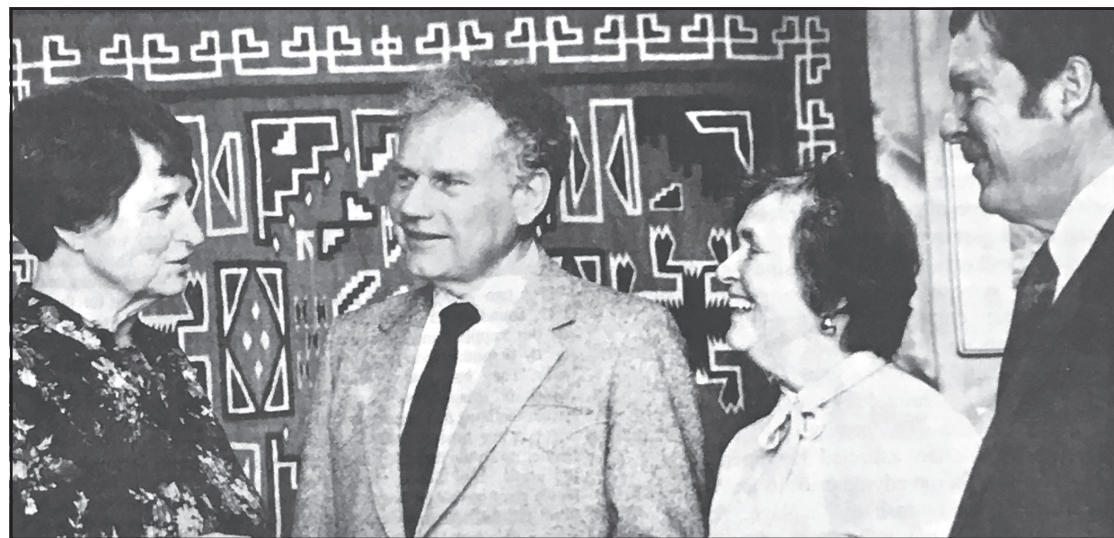
Taken from SUN files of  
March 27, 1997

**Wolf Creek Ski Area** plans to end a successful 1996-97 season on April 6, and already has plans underway for improvements for next season. Five projects are under consideration for the upcoming summer construction season, Davey Pitcher, Wolf Creek Ski Area vice president area manager, said Wednesday.

**Despite snow falling in Pagosa Monday**, Vimmie Ray announces spring has officially arrived. Ray bases her contention on the arrival of Pooh Bear and Honey Bear, two of the newest residents at the Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park.

**A Colorado State Patrol stop** of a rental vehicle west of Pagosa Springs on March 18 netted approximately 10 pounds of suspected methamphetamine, worth an estimated \$500,000, and resulted in the arrest of an Iowa man. Trooper Randy Talbot stopped a 1997 Plymouth rental van. He discovered what he called, "discrepancies in the rental contract" and asked for permission to search the vehicle. Bricks of the suspected drug, wrapped in plastic and sealed with tape, were found inside a door panel.

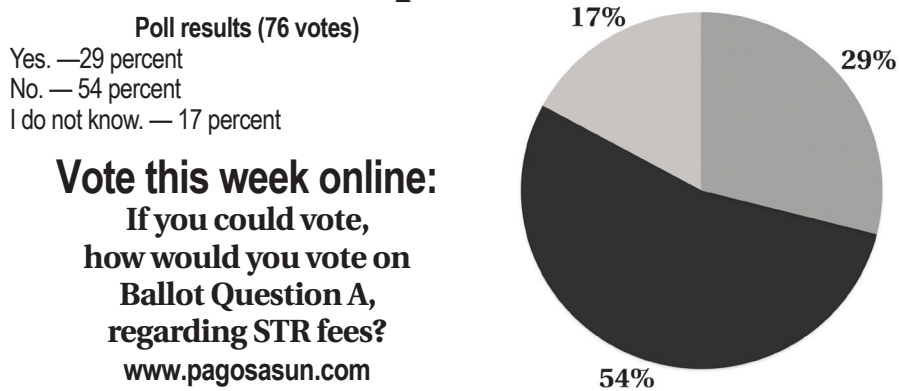
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From the April 9, 1987, Pagosa Springs SUN. **THANK YOU** — On behalf of the people of Archuleta County, library director Lenore Bright left, and Herman Riggs, right extend a heart-felt thanks to Bob and Betty Lindner, center for their generous donations to the Archuleta County Library building fund. Due to unselfish gifts by Jake and Terry Hershey, not pictured, and the Lindners, the library fund raising campaign is off to a strong start.

## WHADDYA THINK?

Is the U.S. doing enough to help Ukraine?



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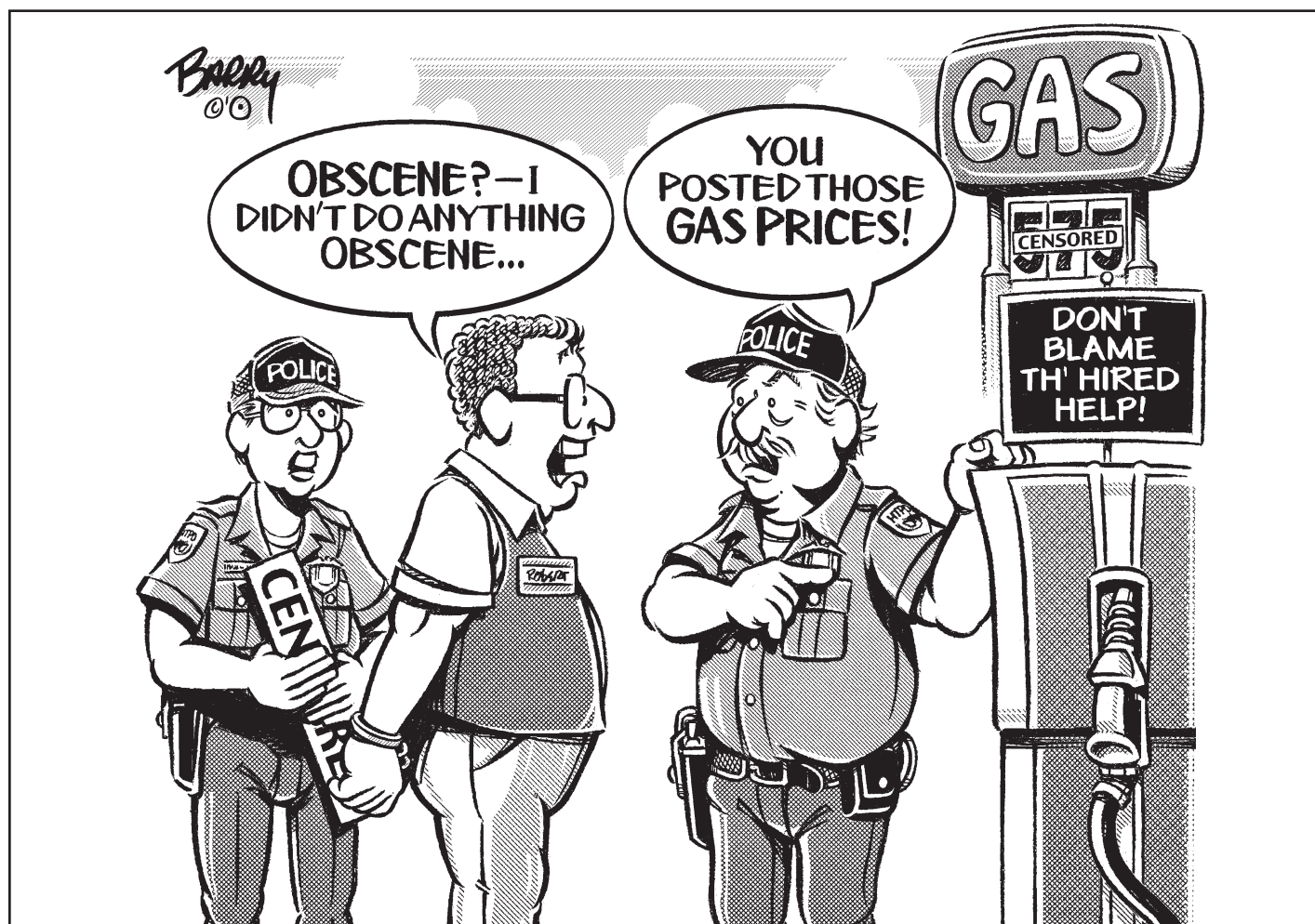
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3/18	46	14	-	-	-
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## Short-term rentals in PLPOA

Dear Editor:

Josh Pike's article on short-term rental fees missed the biggest increase of them all as the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association tripled the annual assessment on STR's to \$825 per year. A significant number of STR owners that are in both PLPOA and Archuleta County now get to pay \$1,525 per year for the use of their own homes. A few short years ago, that annual fee was \$100. And what additional services have we received for these fees? Nothing, just additional governmental oversight, increased paperwork, administrative processes, intensive inspections, invasion of our privacy, being made out to be a pariah in the community and the sole cause of the entire real estate increased valuations and somehow market manipulation that has caused the national affordable housing rent and ownership crisis... Wow, I had no idea our little STR could reek such havoc on the Pagosa Springs

and evidently national economies.

The PLPOA tripling of STR owner assessments is unethical and most likely illegal as I have consulted with nationally recognized attorneys specializing in HOA law and ethics. The argument of the anti-STR PLPOA Boardmembers that pushed this unethical surcharge argue their opinion that STR owners gain a greater benefit from renting their properties than other owners and as such, should pay an arbitrarily determined rate 3X's higher. However, the PLPOA governing documents specifically grant owners the right to rent their properties. What about every other homeowner in PLPOA that works from home? Do they not receive a "business" or greater economic benefit from the use of their homes? CPAs, small business entrepreneurs, housekeeping services, small business owners like tradesmen, plumbers, carpenters, handymen, home daycare services, etc...??? Why aren't they being charged a triple assessment like STR owners? At least we're not parking a plumbing or electrician's truck in the driveway advertising our business at the same time we are using it as our home office.

Vote "NO" on Question A – the editorial by Teri Lynn Oldham House made several strong points on why this poorly thought through piece of amateur legislation is an embarrassment to Pagosa Springs, should it be enacted. You will literally be "killing the goose that laid the golden tourism vacation housing egg". STR owners in Pagosa Springs are not renting every bedroom, every day...yet this fee would be charged regardless if there were guests paying for their use. So, the STR owner pays the same whether they rent 14 days a year or 140 days a year.

STR owners are pretty sick and tired of being blamed for the entire economy, the affordable housing crisis and a host of undocumented and propagandized wrongs against the community as the destroyers of neighborhoods and the American dream. We are not your enemy, most of us are your part-time or seasonal neighbors and just want to share the same Pagosa Springs dream that you do. We are significantly greater contributors to the local economy than most... please don't "cut your nose off to spite your face". Enough is enough.

Jim Browne

## Falsehoods

Dear Editor,

The "Pagosa Neighbors" printed a flyer, in color, and mailed it to the town voters. I am sad that it contains several falsehoods and non relevant statements. I will only list four.

1, "Skyrocketing rents and home prices caused largely by the STR industry..." False. The STR industry solved the lodging problem for visitors responding to advertising by the Tourism Boards' use of the lodging taxes, which were paid by the STRs and motels. The high prices come from supply and de-

mand with or without STRs. This is a nationwide issue.

2, "Rent prices have doubled from 2014 to 2022". This is caused by a housing shortage due to the Covid caused construction slowing down. Also over 350 people have moved into the area per Root Policy Research (RPR 2021). This reduced the number of available houses in Pagosa.

3 "44% of all STRs in SW Colorado are now located IN Pagosa Springs". This is miss quoted by "Pagosa Neighbors" from the RPR 2021 research. It should read "44% of all STRs in SW Colorado are now located AROUND Pagosa Springs". The county might have the 1200 units referred to, but the town only has about 150.

4, "Full time residents are exempt". False. Full time residents must live on the SRT property to be exempt. All other full time residents and part time residents living in town must pay the fee.

I am voting NO on this issue, please consider joining me in voting no. Why?

1, As there is no Sunset clause in this amendment, the town government would be required to build WFH from June 2022 until the end of time.

2, To do this the town would have to purchase all lots and homes that come on the market. There would be no place for our children and grandchildren to live. The friendly town we know and love, would become full of empty WFH units.

3, The closing of these STRs would not help WFH as many of the STRs would be left empty or have to be sold to meet current living expenses.

4, STR owners and employees benefit from the visitors, as do the owners and the employees of restaurants, gift shops, the hospital, hot springs, grocery stores, clothing stores, beauty and barber shops, sporting goods shops, etc. Why is one industry singled out for this penalty?

5, From 2010 to 2019 rental costs rose 31% while renter incomes rose 19% (RPR). Reducing sales by reducing the number of visitors will make less money available for wage increases.

6, The STR income is vital to keeping the 150 home ownerships alive by helping pay the mortgage

payments, daily living expenses, Dr. bills, and supplementing retirements

Please review "OUR VIEW" in last weeks' SUN, and consider voting NO with us on this issue.

Byron Greco

## Better than Boebert

Dear Editor:

I would remind the authors that the United States is not now and never has been a "Christian Nation", that our forefathers intentionally separated Church and State for a reason, and that our freedom in the United States comes not from "Almighty God" but from our Constitution. The Bible itself is hardly a book espousing freedom from much of anything. And if we wish to install "Godly Conservatives" into the Congress of the United States we could certainly do better than Lauren Boebert,

Cathlynn Groh  
Santa Fe, N.M.

## 'Vote No'

Dear Editor:

I will briefly comment on the ordinance up for vote to impose another fee on short term rentals. By now a lot of details have been written and talked about, so I will omit them here. Been there, done that. I hope people Vote No. The ordinance to impose a \$150 tax per bedroom per month is a bad solution to a real problem. I do believe the ordinance genuinely strives to help eliminate the affordable housing issue in Pagosa Springs, though it does so in poor taste in my opinion by suggesting that short term rental owners are greedy villains who don't contribute their fair financial share – which is simply wrong – and remove their homes from long term renters and instead rent them to short term guests in one sweeping wave – which is wrong twice. This ordinance is not well thought out, makes a lot of assumptions without data, is one sided because only one small side crafted it, and sometimes, misleads. Hopefully a majority Votes No on this ordinance and then gets our elected Pagosa Springs city / Archuleta county officials to develop and implement a better plan

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that is fair to all with a real chance to solve the problem. A policy this important deserves more thorough input.

Alec Harris

## 'Putin's war'

Dear Editor:

The war between Russia and Ukraine. A question I have asked myself: Why, when Russia has the estimated largest army in the world, with reported thousands of tanks did it attack Ukraine with only 190,000. It appears, that they thought the assault on Ukraine was going to be a walk in the park. It hasn't been, so why hasn't Russia sent in more troops to counter this? Because, a great majority of their military is tied up in defense of other borders hostile to them from other countries.

Just as NATO is bolstering their troops on borders such as Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Latvia, and Hungary, the Russians are placing their own troops on the Russian side of that. It's not being reported, but my experience having been stationed in, then West Germany, says it's true.

Russia has cozied up to Iran, but I find that alliance is shaky at best because Iran is an Islamic nation and Russia is, "Christian", or infidels. Iran will attack them as fast as they have attacked us.

Let's look at China. The news reports say how Russia and China are good buddies now. They may be smiling at each other now, they have historically been anything but friendly to each other. They have been enemies across their border. China has greedily eyed the natural resources in Siberia for a long time, and the blue water port at Vladivostok, which the Russians took from them in the late 1800s. Russia has dedicated great amounts of their forces to guard that border. I submit that despite their apparent friendship now they are still having a problem there which is why China right now will not support Russia's conflict with Ukraine. I also submit they won't provide Russian with military equipment either.

Back to Ukraine. The Ukrainians are subjecting the Russians forces to huge losses. They have slowed them down to a crawl. More importantly, they have destroyed million dollar tanks and aircraft with thousand dollar shoulder fired anti-armor and anti-aircraft missile launchers.

The Ukrainian fighter aircraft have kept Russia from establishing air superiority, and now with the prospect of the S-300 long range surface to air missiles even the Russian bombers are not safe. No wonder the Russians are protesting so much about them. They claim that NATO's transfer of these weapons is illegal as when they sold them to, then Warsaw Pact countries, there was a contract not allowing the transfer to a third country. Shame on you Russia, you have been supplying these kind of weapons to not only North Korea, but North Vietnam as well, and your invasion of Ukraine violates international law. Kind of ironic that you expect that to curtail this transfer.

Putin's war has rubbled the biggest cities in Ukraine. Evidently they are ignoring the saying; those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Russia is now turning that around by ignoring their experience in Stalingrad during WWII when their infantry defeated the German invaders.

Doug Roberts

## 'We can do better'

Dear Editor:

I have read and heard comments about the short term rental ordinance up for vote soon. I will vote No. It seems like a rushed ordinance that is not well thought

out at all. I see that Pagosa Springs has an affordable housing problem but I don't think this extra fee is appropriate for a lot of reasons. I doubt a lack of affordable housing is caused by homes being used as short term rentals instead of rented for long term. Many of these owners use their homes themselves and can't rent them on a long term basis. I don't think this additional tax will help solve affordable housing because the extra revenue generated will not be enough to make much of a difference. Plus, I don't believe short term rental owners are responsible for fixing the affordable housing problem in the first place. The short term rentals contribute a lot to the town's and county's revenues and adding a \$5,400 a year tax on top of the existing fees for a three bedroom (\$150 per room = \$450 x 12 months) home is excessive. I think such a high tax will lead to fewer short term rental units, won't increase inventory of long term rentals, and will hurt our local business revenues. We have an affordable housing problem but this proposal seems like a really bad solution to it. I hope two things happen with this vote - 1) it gets voted down and 2) it forces the city and county to think of a better solution in the immediate future. Certainly we can do better than this.

Cristy Roberts-Harris  
Austin, Texas

## 'Green technology'

Dear Editor:

Concerning Richard Bolland's letter "Green' technology".

Richard Bolland stated "about 40 percent of America's electricity is generated by coal-fired power plants". In 2020 the number was 19.3%. You must go back to 2014 to get 39%, it's been decreasing every year. Coal generated electricity is declining, and clean electricity is increasing. Cars built today will be on the road for a while, so looking at the trend and future are important.

Richard Bolland stated, "To produce the batteries used in EV's, cell phones, and wind turbines requires the purchase of rare earth minerals". Batteries do not use rare earth minerals. Lithium-Ion batteries use Lithium, Aluminum, Nickel, Cobalt, Iron, Phosphate and Magnesium for the 3 different chemistry types used today. Sadly, these materials must be mined, however the good news is that when justified by volume, recycling is projected to be able to recover 95% of the battery metals (compared to 0% for gas). Mine it once is possible for metals, not for mined fossil fuels. Electric motors require rare earth minerals and that needs to be addressed for further electrification. Maybe we should consider mining again in this country to counter many of the evils of mining.

Richard Bolland stated, "If you're interested in preserving the rain forests of the world" ... don't buy lithium ion batteries. Yes, a mine destroys land as does mining oil and gas, however fossil fuel burning eventually could destroy the whole rain forest. Metals however

are recyclable and reusable and thus the long term presents decreases in resources needed.

Richard Bolland stated, "the three electrical grids in this nation can only support a maximum of 24 million EV's". Obviously, the future will require grid build-out to handle more.

Richard Bolland stated, "the US is sitting on the largest petroleum deposits in the world". Maybe, however we are learning that burning all that petroleum will be costly and damaging.

Richard Bolland stated, "It is entirely possible to have clean burning fossil fuels". Cleaner not clean, yes to some degree (not at the tailpipe), however the costs to mine, burn and capture CO2 will not compete economically with other simpler clean energy sources. Simple economics is why in 2021, 70% of new electric generation was solar and wind. These are not "the Green New Deal crowd" as stated by Richard Bolland, they are investors looking to the future.

Richard Bolland stated, "If you want time to think about it, then when you're spending eight hours at some midwestern truck stop waiting for your EV to charge up". EV's can be charged at a rate of up to 20 miles per minute. DC fast charge stations can be used to travel long distances. In less than 15 minutes, the new ultra high-speed charging stations can deliver 250+ miles of range for an EV.

Letters to the editor are opinions, however opinions using facts and both sides are informative.

Mike Schaefer

## 'The Music Man'

Thank you, Pagosa, for coming out and supporting your high school musical theater department in their production of Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man." We are very thrilled at the turnout of crowds that we got to support the 40-plus students that were involved in putting this show on its feet. By doing this show, we (the creative team), have strived to teach the historic aspect of the story. The time period was 1912, and people walked differently, dressed differently, politics were much less complicated. Things were much more simple and easy going in comparison to today's much more modern challenges. My goal as a director of this production was to try to instill where American culture has come since this time period. Teaching the differences in time period, and how far we have come, and how far we still have to go to create a society in which we are all equal. It is messages like these that is why we do theater, to take people of all walks of life to bring them into a place where these messages are more easily received. Theater isn't just a place to teach kids about history, and math (set construction) and science (sound and lighting design), and music, and drama, and all these other things. It is a place where we can teach each other about the more important life lessons of hanging onto hope and developing relationships, teamwork, love and so much more. We are so proud of

the work that everyone involved put into this production and we are so happy to be able to perform for Pagosa again.

Dale Scrivener

## 'Boebert's newsletter'

Dear Editor:

I received Lauren Boebert's newsletter in the mail last week and I must say there is a lot of bragging and BS but little in the way of those boring and clarifying details that contribute to understanding and a sense of perspective on complex issues. Let's have a look at the front page with the story about her introducing a bill to prevent the government from compensating immigrants who were separated from their children at our southern border.

She is a little late in picking up on this issue as Joni Ernst already introduced similar legislation last December. And a group of Senate Republicans introduced a similar amendment to the defense authorization bill. I suspect the introduction of her sarcastically named bill was only for the purpose of saying she did so in a newsletter.

She only refers to illegal immigrants, never mentioning the issue of our government essentially taking and then losing track of immigrant children. Many of these immigrants were not illegal in that they were applying for asylum un-

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# County considers density bonuses for affordable housing

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At the March 8 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' (BoCC) work session, Development Director Pamela Flowers presented ideas for potential density bonuses for affordable housing and new rental categories.

Flowers and the commissioners discussed three potential new initiatives, including the introduction of a new medium-term rental category for properties, the creation of density bonuses for long-term rentals and the creation of a new mixed-use zoning category.

Flowers explained that, in Archuleta County, any rental more

than 30 days qualifies as a long-term rental, potentially allowing vacation rentals rented out in 30-day or longer increments to qualify for bonuses intended to create affordable workforce housing.

To combat this problem, Flowers proposed that the county should create a mid-term rental category for rentals longer than 30 days but shorter than the new minimum length for long-term rentals, which was variously proposed as 90 days, 120 days or 180 days at the meeting.

The mid-term rental category would not introduce any new restrictions or permitting requirements, according to Flowers, but would prevent such rentals from

qualifying for county affordable housing bonuses intended for long-term rentals for local workers.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez added that he already knew people who were removing their home from the short-term rental market and renting it for 30-day periods.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf commented, "I think it's a good idea. When I think about long-term rental, it's six months or more, not 30 days or more."

Commissioner Warren Brown inquired if Flowers had researched other counties that had used these categories and found out "how it has fit for them and, if there are unintended consequences, what those might be?"

Flowers responded that she had not yet, but that she could "ask around."

Flowers suggested that adding density bonuses for affordable housing and allowing property owners to build more buildings on a parcel than typically allowed by the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations (LUR) were other means to promote affordable housing in line with the county's other efforts.

She explained that, excepting properties designated agricultural ranching, agricultural estates and rural residential, which allow up to two dwellings to be built on parcels above three acres, and in properties zoned residential, which allow for five dwellings to be built on a parcel, all zoning designations in the county allow for the construction of only one residence.

However, Flowers highlighted, she has been contacted by owners of properties who are not cur-

rently allowed to build more than one dwelling who are interested in building additional long-term rental units but cannot.

She also mentioned that density bonuses are a common tool for promoting affordable housing.

Flowers then inquired of the commissioners what they believe the proper approval process for such density bonuses would be.

She continued to suggest that, once the bonuses were added to the code, that a use-by-right review would likely be sufficient with the possibility of larger numbers of units requiring a higher standard of review.

Maez commented, "I think if we keep it simple, that will be the best thing. Once we've ... revised the LUR, we've done our job... I think it could [then] be handled by a use-by-right type thing."

Brown stated, "I appreciate your effort in looking at solutions ... to the housing challenges we have ... I think this is certainly something that might be workable."

He then questioned whether Flowers had looked at a mixed use zoning designation, which he believed would be another measure to help accommodate more affordable housing.

Flowers responded that, while it is possible this could allow for more housing, the LUR already allowed mixed use on "pretty much all" properties.

The discussion concluded with Flowers stating that she would "write up some stuff and see if we can figure out how to make this happen."

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## Obituary

### Sharon Rose Cairns

In loving memory  
Sharon Rose Cairns, 81, passed away on March 17 in Pagosa Springs.

Sharon was born in San Bernardino, Calif., on Nov. 3, 1940. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Kent Cairns, 84; they were married Nov. 3, 1956.



She is also survived by sister Nancy Alexander, sister Carol Mulavey, children Randy L. Cairns, Robert E. Cairns and Sharlene M. Cairns. Grandchildren Nichole Rockney, Juliana Coe, Nathaniel Cairns, Melinda MacMurray, David McNutt, Marissa Leslie, Randy Misckar, Jenna Berg and Megan Krites. Great-grandchildren Samuel Rockney, Ian Rockney, Code Proctor, Aidan Cairns, Landon Cairns, Alden Cairns, Madelyn MacMurray, Milo MacMurray, Dylan Chase, Gabrielle Chase, Kason Leslie, Everett Krites, Hudson Krites, Grace Bramble, Aidan Bramble, Lincoln Berg and Ryder Berg. She is also survived by 10 nieces and nephews.

Sharon was preceded by her father, Harold Richard Malone, and mother, Vivian Talbot Malone.

Sharon Cairns was very active in her kids' life as they were growing up. She was a Cub Scout den moth-

er and a Girl Scout troop leader. Sharon loved to quilt and was an active member of four different quilting groups in Pagosa Springs, and, before moving to Colorado, she belonged to two groups in California. She loved camping, fishing and gardening. She loved the ocean and would meet her sisters once a year in Oceanside. She also worked at the United Methodist Thrift Shop in Pagosa Springs. She was a secretary for a doctor's office for 10 years. She loved spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids. She will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her.

Services will be performed at the Methodist Church in Pagosa Springs at a date and time to be determined.

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der international law. A small percentage of these immigrants, out of about 5,500 children's families, have joined together in a lawsuit against our government for taking and losing their children. The Justice department is working with the families to settle out of court. They are apparently dealing with reality instead of just making up a bunch of "facts", leaving out other facts, and putting them in a newsletter to try to juice up the base and get everyone angry.

The cruelty and mind-boggling incompetence of the previous administration in the handling of immigrants resulted in this lawsuit and now the congressional enablers of the former president are bending over backwards to retell the story by leaving out the embarrassing parts and blaming the current president. Ms. Boebert even makes the claim, at the end of the article, that because of her pressure campaign, the Biden administration has withdrawn its proposal. This is verifiably false. (You can google it!) And people, that's just the front page of her newsletter. . .

Lee Stopher

### BoCC indecision

Dear Editor:

In 1776 thirteen Colonies declared their Independence from an abusive Mother country (Intolerable Acts of 1774) without having any defined replacement government or Constitution in place, but trusted that in time such a governmental structure would be formed that would benefit the colonies far beyond all the abuses of British tyranny.

Today, our Board of 3 Commissioners here in Archuleta County cannot decide whether to leave an abusive health board (SJBPH) after their 'Intolerable Acts' over the last two years, without having every jot and tittle entered in advance, because they lack the foresight to see the advantages of an Independent Board of Health benefiting the residents of our county. This is an amazing lack of confidence and vision by these elected officials.

Dwight Vilhauer

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# Health district gives update at county work session

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) presented a programmatic update to and requested funding from the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at the BoCC's work session on Tuesday, March 15.

That update was delivered to the commissioners by SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon and covered the five groups of foundational services offered by SJBPH to Archuleta County with a focus on the proportions of service activity that occur in Archuleta County compared to La Plata County.

Jollon prefaced the presentation by framing SJBPH's services in terms of its guiding value of health equity, defined as "achieving the highest level of health for all people" and "equalizing the conditions of health for all groups... especially those who have experience socioeconomic disadvantage or historical injustices."

The first group of foundational services, Jollon explained, are those falling under the category of communicable disease prevention, investigation and control. Among these services are collecting and reporting disease information; transmission prevention; and response methods such as isolation, treatment, contact tracing, disinfection and facility closures.

Jollon highlighted that approximately 30-35 percent of communicable disease investigations are performed on Archuleta County residents, who make up approximately 20 percent of the population of the SJBPH service area.

Animal- and insect-borne disease prevention also falls under communicable disease prevention and SJBPH performs approximately 20 percent of its animal testing and 50-70 percent of its animal bite investigations in Archuleta County.

Additionally, Jollon highlighted that this foundational service also includes investigating all reportable disease outbreaks that may occur, from tuberculosis to COVID-19.

According to Jollon, the second foundational service is environmental public health, which includes consumer protections programs like food safety programs and child care facility inspections, water quality and air quality.

Twenty-two percent of food safety inspections, 24 percent of food retail licenses granted and 27 percent of retail food plan reviews since 2018 by SJBPH have occurred in Archuleta County, she noted.

According to Jollon, all SJBPH food inspectors are certified as inspectors according to FDA standards within 18 months of employment.

As a facet of SJBPH's approach of education first and compliance second, SJBPH offers food safety classes, 25 percent of which will be offered in Archuleta County in 2022.

Jollon explained that the proportionally larger number of food inspections in Archuleta County (compared to the population statistics) suggests that the county is adding restaurants at a per-capita level more rapidly than La Plata County.

Only 11 percent of child care facilities and 11 percent of child care inspections since 2018 occurred in Archuleta County, a fact Jollon explained by referencing that there is simply less child care available in Archuleta, particularly of a

type that would require inspection.

SJBPH also performs water-quality services, she explained, including handling on-site wastewater permits in accordance with Colorado Water Quality Control Commission Regulation 43 for La Plata, Archuleta and portions of San Juan and Hinsdale counties, and runs a water testing lab that serves a five-county region. Thirty percent of on-site wastewater permit inspections and 33 percent of permits since 2019 were in Archuleta County.

The air quality program includes radon awareness programming, with at least two classes each winter in Archuleta County, as well as distributing Radon test kits, she explained. Additionally, SJBPH uses air monitors located at its Pagosa Springs office to monitor and report air quality for the area.

**Jollon mentioned that the presence of Pagosa Springs Medical Center and Axis Health Systems has dramatically improved safety-net health care access in Archuleta County, reducing the number of health care programs that SJBPH must deliver compared to a decade ago.**

The third group of SJBPH foundational services, according to Jollon, is maternal, child, adolescent and family health. This group encompasses a wide range of services, including the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); the Nurse-Family Partnership Program, which educates first-time mothers; the SafeCare program, which works to educate parents at risk or reported for child maltreatment on parenting techniques and safety; and the Maternal Child Health Program, which works to provide health care access for young children.

Thirty percent of WIC and Nurse-Family Partnership clients are located in Archuleta County, Jollon mentioned.

Jollon also highlighted that the Archuleta County Department of Human Services (DHS) initially requested that SJBPH begin the SafeCare program, which SJBPH has since expanded to its entire service region.

Maternal, child, adolescent and family health also includes oral and sexual health services, she noted.

Oral health services encompass partnerships with health care providers such as Axis Health System in Archuleta County to expand the number of Medicaid-accepting dental services and events providing fluoride applications and brief dental assessments within the schools.

Jollon highlighted the "strong" correlation between preventative dental care and higher school attendance.

This program serves a five-county area with a total population of approximately 100,000. Archuleta County children make up 13 percent of the clients of this

program, according to Jollon, a figure which matches the county's overall share of the population in the service area.

Sexual health services include sexual health and cancer-prevention and early-detection clinics, and sexually transmitted infection testing that is available two days a month at the Pagosa SJBPH office.

According to Jollon, approximately 20 percent of the people who use these services are treated in Archuleta County.

The fourth group of SJBPH foundational services is chronic disease, injury prevention and behavioral health. This set of services encompasses mental health promotion, including suicide prevention and community outreach, and tobacco education prevention, according to Jollon.

Jollon explained that this group involves fewer direct services from SJBPH and more partnerships and collaborations with other organizations.

In particular, she highlighted the Archuleta County Collaborative Management Program, a collaboration between SJBPH, DHS and a range of community partners targeting the needs of at-risk youth. This program includes tobacco education, suicide prevention, mental health promotion and community outreach.

Jollon mentioned that SJBPH believes that it has "more work to do to build the collaborations and... work across communities, especially post pandemic."

She highlighted that evidence suggests the mental health needs of the county have increased since the pandemic and that further resources would likely be needed in this space.

The final group of foundational services, Jollon stated, is access and linkage to health care.

Jollon explained that, while SJBPH provides many services outside of a doctor's office, "We also acknowledge that we can't do [the other services] well if people are struggling to have access to health care."

She stated that, while SJBPH's main focus is not "safety-net health care" and that it would prefer that health care happen through doctor's offices, "if it doesn't, we participate in either providing safety-net health care or helping the community find safety-net health care."

Jollon mentioned that the presence of Pagosa Springs Medical Center and Axis Health Systems has dramatically improved safety-net health care access in Archuleta County, reducing the number of health care programs that SJBPH must deliver compared to a decade ago.

The programs in this group include immunization services provided two days a month at the Pagosa SJBPH offices and the Vaccines for Children program, which provides free vaccines to all Archuleta County children, as well as health insurance literacy programs encompassing Colorado Health Insurance Marketplace assistance from health insurance guides and enrollment office hours and events in the community.

The group also includes the Maternal, Child Health Linkage to Care Program which provides nursing assistance for families with high medical needs and helps arrange transportation to medical appointments.

Jollon also provided a brief summary of SJBPH's COVID response,

highlighting that it followed the organization's previous protocols for infectious disease control, just at a larger scale.

She mentioned that few residents had been aware of this protocol before COVID and that "a lot of what happened over the COVID response was a lot of the public getting familiar with the new concepts and... topics..."

She then outlined SJBPH's infectious disease protocols, which included testing, contact tracing and disease control, including isolation and quarantines.

According to Jollon, these procedures were "muscle memory" for the district as it has frequently performed these actions for prior disease outbreaks.

However, Jollon explained, the COVID pandemic rapidly surpassed the ability of these measures to contain it and required the addition of "really difficult" broader mitigation procedures such as the lockdown orders implemented early in the pandemic.

In addition to implementing the enforcement and education necessary to make these orders effective, SJBPH, according to Jollon, worked on developing the medical surge and fatality management capacity needed to handle the pandemic in collaboration with local health care providers and emergency managers.

Jollon then explained that the development of COVID vaccines then shifted the SJBPH strategy to focus on vaccines as the way to contain COVID going forward.

## The future and opioid risk reduction

Jollon moved on to highlight two future SJBPH initiatives of interest to the county.

The first of these is a fee relief program for on-site wastewater treatment permits that will assist those without the resources to pay the fees associated with a permit.

According to Jollon, this program has been in consideration since before the pandemic and will be discussed at this month's SJBPH Board of Health meeting on March 24.

The other program was the SJBPH Opioid Risk Reduction Program.

Jollon explained that this program is being developed in response to increases in suicides and "opioid substance use disorder" in southwest Colorado as well as in response to the gaps in behavioral health services identified by the state's behavioral health needs task force.

Jollon added that the Colorado Legislature is working during this session to implement solutions to many of the needs identified by the task force.

Jollon then mentioned that the availability of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and opioid settlement funds have converged with the Legislature's work "to address... behavioral health, suicide and opioid needs."

Jollon explained that La Plata County requested that SJBPH apply to La Plata County for ARPA funding for the Opioid Risk Reduction Program and make a commensurate application for ARPA funding to Archuleta County, with funds proportional to Archuleta County's population share in the district.

In response to questions from County Commissioner Ronnie Maez, Jollon explained that the initial goal of this ARPA funding would

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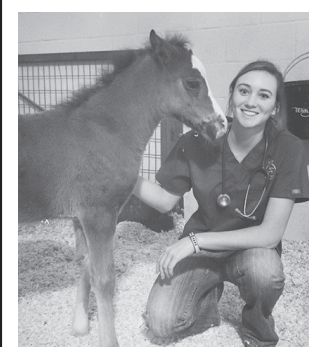
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# Council opts for compromise in summer's paving agenda to meet budget

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

At its March 17 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council chose to mildly increase the budget for this summer's paving projects in order to meet the infrastructure needs of the town.

The paving projects set for this summer are in conjunction with the road projects that have been accomplished by the town's Public Works Department during the past two summers, Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explained.

The goal of the entire project is to improve the pavement of the most-traveled roads and the roads that are in the worst condition, Schmidt stated.

Earlier, town staff issued an invitation for bids for this summer's anticipated projects. Two bid packages were submitted, both significantly over the budget that town staff had created for this year's

project, which were formulated based on last year's costs, Schmidt explained.

The town's budgeted amount was \$605,508 for paving roads, \$25,000 for the Visitor Center parking lot and \$81,800 for trail maintenance.

The estimated costs from the two bid submissions were \$2,258,308.14 from Four Corners Materials, and \$976,793 from Strohecker Asphalt and Paving.

Staff started to seek ways to save money in order to fall closer to the budget.

To do this, staff recommended eliminating Spring Street from this summer's improvement agenda, opted to not re-pour the manhole diamonds in concrete until after the paving project is complete and used some unallocated funds from the Conservation Trust Fund to cover the trail paving, Schmidt stated.

After pursuing these cost-saving options, there was still a significant

shortfall in the budgeted amount, at which point staff decided to seek advice from town council.

Town council unanimously decided to grant an additional \$83,951 to the budget for this summer's projects. This was the middle of three options, which meant that some projects were cut from this summer's agenda, but most were kept.

"When people want to talk about the failures of their local government, they always start with roads," Matt deGraaf, town council member, said. "So, I'm in favor of splitting the difference here and going with the center option."

This decision means that the following projects will be on the agenda for this summer's paving projects:

- Mill/reclaim and overlay Apache Street from the bridge to the beginning of the concrete pavement on 8th Street.
- Mill/reclaim and overlay North 2nd Street from Lewis to Mesa

Drive.

- Mill/reclaim and overlay South San Juan Alley from 8th Street to 10th Street.
- Mill/reclaim and overlay South 6th Street from Apache to north of Zuni.
- Mill/reclaim and overlay the Visitor Center parking lot.
- Mill/reclaim and overlay South 7th Street at two locations.
- A 2-inch average depth overlay on Aspen Village Drive.
- Mill/reclaim and overlay South 10th Street from the highway to the new pavement at the south crosswalk.
- Mill/reclaim and overlay Florida and North 8th from the new pavement on 8th to the intersection with 6th Street.
- Mill/reclaim and overlay two different sections of trail. One section from Pinon to Eaton along Village Drive and one section from Hot Springs Bridge to the Centennial Park Pedestrian Bridge.

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## Health

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be to address communicable disease spread attributed to opioid abuse and to determine what other needs exist in the community.

County Commissioner Warren Brown commented to that he was "glad to see you in person. I've never seen you in person. ... Is this your first visit to Archuleta County?"

Jollon explained that she had visited Archuleta County "many times" and that this was the first time that COVID transmission levels in Archuleta County had been low enough to allow an in-person visit since the start of the pandemic.

Maez added that Jollon had given a presentation to the BoCC about COVID at the start of the pandemic.

Jollon elaborated that SJBPH

normally holds board meetings once a quarter in the commissioners' meeting room, pandemic conditions notwithstanding, and that SJBPH had repeatedly offered to speak to the BoCC over Zoom, but that "it was not agreed upon to have us on the agenda."

Brown then commented that Archuleta County had dedicated "nearly all" of its ARPA funding and that he wished that SJBPH had "come here earlier."

He also inquired whether this request was in connection with Colorado House Bill 22-1278 being currently heard, which would move oversight of behavioral health to the Department of Human Services with oversight by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Jollon responded that this bill is

one portion of the Legislature's attempts to implement the recommendations of the behavioral health task force.

After Brown questioned what exactly this ARPA funding would go toward, Jollon explained that this funding would be spent toward a needs-assessment study and toward starting to implement programs to address opioid risks.

Jollon also commented that having this needs assessment would likely be useful for securing additional state and federal funding for opioid programs.

Maez commented that he would like to see the results of the study and that that would better determine what funding the county could award.

Jollon expressed agreement with this and added that SJBPH is also

actively seeking other funding sources to advance the Opioid Risk Reduction Program while taking small steps to address infectious disease risks and fatalities.

Jollon also added that further discussion of funding might be appropriate at an upcoming SJBPH work session where the county commissioners from both La Plata and Archuleta Counties would be invited.

She commented that such a discussion might prevent a mismatch between opioid programs in Archuleta and La Plata that could occur if the counties committed differing amounts of resources to funding programs associated with opioid risk reduction.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, March 24

**San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Health meeting.** 9 a.m. Zoom meeting. For more information, visit: <https://sjb-publichealth.org/>.

### Tuesday, March 29

**Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting/school board training with CASB.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

### Friday, April 1

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session with Sen. Cleave Simpson.** 2 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

### Tuesday, April 5

**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>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

### Wednesday, April 6

**Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting.** 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

### Thursday, April 7

**Dispatch Executive Management board.** 9:30 a.m., 85 Harman Park Drive, sheriff's office board room, or via Zoom: meeting ID 718 671 3647.

### Monday, April 11

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation membership meeting.** 7:30 a.m., Tenynson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive.

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— Patient Advisory Council feedback, November 2021

Primary care provider Jeanne Marotta, FNP

# Warrior

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in the morning as he was on his way to Colorado Springs and reported that they had taken out several vertebrae in Summer's neck and stabilized it with hardware.

"And he told me—I'll never forget the words — severe spinal cord injury," Chris said.

The GoFundMe page explains Summer woke up after the surgery having no feeling or movement below her chest.

Summer went on to spend 17 days in the ICU in Colorado Springs and 27 days in a rehabilitation center.

"We knew we had to get her into Craig," Chris said, citing the knowledge, talent and credentials of Craig Hospital and its staff. "These guys are the best. And it took a stroke of luck from my brother, who knew someone who knew how to get her into Craig, and I followed her instructions and, luckily, it worked out."

Chris reported they went through an application process to have Summer admitted to Craig that included an interview.

Denver's Craig Hospital is, according to its website, "a world-renowned rehabilitation hospital that exclusively specializes in the neurorehabilitation and research of patients with spinal cord injury (SCI) and brain injury (BI). Craig is a not-for-profit, free-standing national center of excellence that has treated more than 34,500 patients with SCI and BI since 1956."

Summer began her inpatient stay at Craig on Dec. 27, 2021.

There, physical therapy appointments started at 9 a.m. after a two-hour process to get Summer out of bed and prepared for the day. Appointments, Chris explained, ran about one an hour until 5 p.m., with up to eight appointments in a day.

Her inpatient team consisted of a neurologist, nutritionist, psychologist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, recreational therapist, transportation therapist and more, with Chris explaining there's a specialist for every facet of being a quadriplegic.

"It's an amazing place. It's an absolutely amazing place," he said. "I just keep saying, 'Who are these

people? Who are these people?' I had no idea this kind of quality and professionalism existed."

On Tuesday, Summer moved to the outpatient program at Craig.

Summer will be in the outpatient program for at least four weeks, though Chris noted they're already working on extending that, though that is up to the therapy team.

The first two weeks, he explained, will be a transition program.

"It's intense. It's incredibly intense," Chris said, adding, "It's a school. It's a world that we never knew existed and had no idea the intensity of what Craig is all about."

## 'Night and day'

Ahead of Tuesday's move, Summer underwent a series of evaluations Monday, with Chris indicating early in the afternoon the staff was pleased with Summer's progress over the last three months, including her range of motion in her arms and legs, the strengthening in her torso and her posture.

Chris relayed that one staff member told Summer when she started she was "almost like a little prune in that chair," but is now sitting up straight with her shoulders back and chin up, and was looking the staff member right in the eyes.

"Knuckle down — that's been her whole philosophy. Just get it done. Keep moving, keep moving. One step at a time," Chris said of Summer. "You know, you can't look at the whole picture. It will scare you to death. So, you just look at what's right in front of ya and deal with it."

The GoFundMe page calls Summer's progress "tremendous."

"The progress that we've seen here in the last three months has been just incredible. I keep thinking about what it looked like right after Christmas and what it is now, and it's night and day."

Chris reported Summer has very limited feeling in her hands and feet and is paralyzed from about the middle of her chest down, with her arms "coming back very slowly."

"Summer's a warrior," Chris said before pausing. "She has so impressed the staff here. It doesn't surprise me, but it's kind of surprised quite a few of them how hard she

works and her continuously — I don't know how she does it, but her spirits are ... 80, 90 percent of the time are upbeat, no matter what she's going through. And, anybody that's had this kind of an injury probably suffers more pain than the rest of us will know for our entire lives. It's amazing, like she just somehow keeps her head up, keeps her chin up and keeps just slugging away at it."

## Moving forward

Chris explained he's learned there's no such thing as a definitive prognosis with a spinal cord injury and the body will continue to heal for about two years following Summer's type of injury.

"They just don't know; they just don't," Chris said, adding, "The nervous system is a mystery."

He noted he hears it's a marathon, not a sprint. Looking at it like a marathon, they're about 4 miles in on a 24-mile course.

Summer, he pointed out, hopes to be able to use her hands and walk again.

What is known is the couple has to make a lot of changes before Summer can come home at the end of April (if their time in the outpatient program is not extended).

Chris explained they are having to remodel their home to be accessible for Summer in her wheelchairs — work that is made more difficult by material shortages.

Work on the house includes widening things such as doorways, building ramps, getting and installing a stair lift, redoing flooring to remove carpets, possibly taking out some walls and redoing bathrooms, according to Chris.

"We have a lot of work to do," he said.

Chris is also transitioning into a new role in terms of taking care of Summer.

"I have a new full-time job," Chris said, explaining he'll be working to meet Summer's medical, nutritional and other needs to help keep her progressing.

They also, he noted, face the expense of three wheelchairs totaling nearly \$30,000 — a powered wheelchair (at a cost of about \$20,000), a mechanical wheelchair and a bath-

room wheelchair.

They'll also pay for therapy services several days a week for the rest of their lives, he added.

"The therapy is where the advances are made," he said speaking of the hope they'll be able to afford therapy four of five days a week over the next couple years. "She wants her hands back and she wants to walk again. Those are the goals."

That, he noted, like everything, takes money, with neither Chris nor Summer able to work.

The couple originally decided they would not do a GoFundMe and would pay for things on their own, but Chris noted they have had to come to grips with the fact they can't do it themselves due to the mounting medical costs.

## 'Humbling' generosity

Chris reported people helped them in ways they never expected.

"We are so humbled at the response from the town of Pagosa Springs," Chris said, calling it "overwhelming" and "incredible."

Chris explained a plumber has given his time to help with the house, as has a friend who is a contractor

# Refugees

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Club of Pagosa Springs DAF Drop off at the Chamber of Commerce or Jann C. Pitcher Real Estate, or mail to Pagosa Springs Rotary, P.O. Box 685, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Because Rotary International has a long-standing communication system in place, Rotarians began helping within 48 hours after a team of 60 members from 10 countries met by video conference to

plan how to meet the most urgent needs of refugees. A website was created offering information about free rail, bus and air transportation, as well as details pertaining to what is needed at specific national borders. The site also lets Rotarians coordinate shelter for refugees stranded at various locations and specify supplies needed, including food, clothing, toiletries and even toys, because a significant percent-

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been happening throughout the last three months. "It's been unbelievable. Humbling is about the best word I can think of. We never expected this to happen. We never expect people to drop what they're doing to take care of us."

He added later, "The driving thing that's just making both of us get through every day has been the response of the people in Pagosa. It has just been incredible."

Others facilitated an after-hours propane delivery and paid for it when Chris returned to Pagosa Springs after 10 days to take care of matters and ran out of propane when temperatures were supposed to drop below zero.

"That kind of thing has been falling out of the sky," he said of the generosity happening almost daily, calling it "mind-boggling." "People have dropped what they're doing."

And that generosity has extended to Denver, with a good friend's daughter calling unexpectedly and telling Chris he could stay in their spare room for as long as needed, which has saved "countless" thousands of dollars of rent and hotel rooms in Denver, he reported.

"That just fell out of the sky," Chris said, adding things like that have

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# Vietnam

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families and served overseas in a series of battles and conflicts of the Vietnam War; and,

"WHEREAS, the wounds of the war were not just physical for many veterans, with many suffering PTSD and other related conditions as a result of the hardships they went through in service of their country; and

"WHEREAS, 623 Coloradans were among the 58,220 members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives in service of their country with another 300,000 wounded in action. Of the 1,584 Americans still listed as Prisoners of War or Missing

in Action, 24 Coloradans are still unaccounted for; and

"WHEREAS, it is important that those who served are honored with recognition and dignity, and to ensure that their great sacrifices and immeasurable contributions to our nation are never forgotten; and,

"WHEREAS, March 29th has been designated as National Vietnam Veterans Day; and,

"WHEREAS, Archuleta County wishes to recognize all veterans of all wars and conflicts.

"THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

THE FOLLOWING:

"1. We recognize the men and women who served with honor while defending their country and remain thankful to those who fought in the Vietnam conflict and all other wars and conflicts. We are grateful for their brave service and draw inspiration and pride from all that they are. The servicemen and women who served in the Armed Forces represent a generation who exuded the very meaning of courage, bravery, honor and sacrifice.

"2. We hereby proclaim March 29, 2022 as National Vietnam Veterans Day in Archuleta County, Colorado."

# Sanitation

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Director Martin Schmidt explained at the board's March 1 emergency meeting.

This knowledge caused the PSS-GID to sign a contract to provide all new pumps for the lift stations in August of 2021. In addition, some retrofitted pumps were purchased by town staff two years ago as an interim solution for the pump-problem, Schmidt stated.

The retrofitted pumps have all failed since their installation. The remaining pumps continue to have issues with seals, bearings and electrical components. Some of the pumps are able to be repaired by a certified pump technician, but some are not able to be repaired due to the way they failed, he explained.

Since the March 1 emergency meeting, the situation has worsened, Phillips explained.

"We continue to have ongoing issues, and in fact it's evolving every single day," Phillips said.

According to Phillips, the sanitation system is down to one train operating in each of the pump stations, of which there are two.

"We are close to an emergency situation," Phillips said.

In addition, the system now has labor shortages: Chuck Fujimoto, utilities supervisor, gave his two-week notice on March 9 to take a job in the private sector, Phillips reported to the board.

Town staff is actively recruiting to fill this position, along with a newly created senior utilities operator position. As these are hard-to-fill positions, with frequent alarms, emergency callouts and high stress, the salary for these positions has been adjusted upward, Phillips stated.

To alleviate some of the issues, town staff is looking into installing a temporary manual bar screen that would provide a basic level of prescreening of inorganic matter and solids so that they do not enter the wet well and thus further tax the pump, Phillips explained.

The cost of the screen has yet to be determined, but town staff is hoping that it can be installed within the next three weeks, she stated.

Town staff is now calling on the public to do their part in alleviating the issue.

"We ask for the public's assistance in helping us to care for our sewer collection system," Phillips wrote in a statement to The SUN. "This goes for our sanitation system as well as in any town. Items that should not go down the toilet include feminine products, flushable wipes, diapers, and anything else that is not human waste or toilet paper. We have found toys, towels, and even a two by four in the system. Flushable wipes have been issue for all sewer collection systems all over the country as they clog the pumps and do not biodegrade. They are marketed as flushable but really aren't. Grease and cooking fat should not go down the kitchen sink. These collect into "grease balls" in the system along with hair and other items and clog the pipes and equipment. Keeping these items out of the waste stream will help the pumps perform better in the system and prevent them from getting clogged. If the pumps fail a raw wastewater spill could occur and eventually make its way to the San Juan River. We ask the public to help out and 'Don't Flush That!'"

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# Outdoors

## U.S. 160 wildlife crossings project to resume next month

Colorado Department of Transportation

Construction of wildlife infrastructure will resume this spring on U.S. 160 and Colo. 151 near Chimney Rock National Monument and Lake Capote.

Efforts to construct two wildlife crossings (underpass and overpass) began last March, spanning a stretch of highway within a critical migratory corridor for both mule deer and elk — approximately 13 miles west of Pagosa Springs.

When work resumes the first of April, crews will focus on the wildlife overpass. The overpass precast concrete forms were set over the highway last fall. Work to complete the structure includes building concrete sidewalls, backfilling the sidewalls and slopes for animal access, and seeding the natural landscaping on the bridge.

"Wildlife-vehicle collisions make up more than 60 percent of crashes in this area. This \$11.3 [million] project is expected to reduce those collisions by at least 80 percent," said CDOT Regional Transportation Director Julie Constan. "And we are already seeing benefits. Our project and environmental teams are very excited to discover that trail cameras have captured small animals and big game, including deer and elk, using the underpass structure completed last fall."

All aspects of the wildlife underpass were completed before the winter break. Additionally, an

8-foot-tall exclusion fence was installed on both sides of the highway. At the intersection of Colo. 151, a deer guard was placed and turn lanes were improved. Also, within the construction zone, the road was widened to extend passing lanes and U.S. 160 was repaved.

### Travel impacts

Daytime work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fifteen-minute delays are expected. Speeds will be reduced to 30 mph in the work zone. The work is anticipated to go through the month of June, weather permitting.

### Stay informed about this project

The public is encouraged to sign up for email updates or access information through the following resources:

- Project hotline: (970) 903-4004.
- Project email: PublicInfoCO@gmail.com.
- Website: [www.codot.gov/projects/us160-wildlife-crossing](http://www.codot.gov/projects/us160-wildlife-crossing).

### Remember: Slow For the Cone Zone

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones:

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay alert. Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers. Drive with



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

A trail camera photographs an elk using the wildlife crossing created on U.S. 160 and Colo. 151 near Chimney Rock National Monument and Lake Capote. Efforts to construct two wildlife crossings (underpass and overpass) began last March. Work on the project will resume next week.

caution.

- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.

- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Be patient.

## County discusses river enhancement grant funding

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its March 15 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update and funds request from Al Pfister, project manager for Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP).

Pfister gave a brief overview of WEP's Yamaguchi South Project, which will include river restoration, the creation of a new whitewater feature and a new boat put in adjacent to the planned Yamaguchi Park South.

He also highlighted that the project would remove the conflicts that currently exist between town

and county water trucks and rafters, since the trucks currently fill at the Yamaguchi Park boat put in.

He also provided a description of the WEP's funding for the project, which he summarized as a "shifting basis as to where the money is going to come from."

He then highlighted that the tourism board had recently reallocated funding for affordable housing, withdrawing funding that had been previously committed to WEP.

Pfister continued to mention that, in December, he had discussed with the BoCC \$30,000 in funding for WEP over three years.

At the Dec. 21, 2021, BoCC meeting, the BoCC had approved \$10,000 of funding to serve as

matching funds for a Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) grant WEP was applying for.

Pfister proceeded to request that the county provide the \$10,000 of funding discussed in December for 2022 plus an additional \$10,000 in funding.

According to Pfister, this would mean that the county's "obligations" for this project would be "met."

He elaborated that a CWCB staff member reviewing WEP's grant application suggested WEP ask the county for the additional \$10,000 in funding beyond what was already discussed for 2022.

Pfister stated that receiving this funding would positively impact the likelihood of WEP receiving the CWCB grant.

According to Pfister, the grant would appear before the CWCB on March 16.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez inquired, and Pfister affirmed, that the funding would be put toward "park-related" work.

Maez then commented, "This really will help influence and enhance park and recreation within the town, too. ... I know we have funding for that, but it has to be

for parks and rec. So, ... I think it's gonna be a huge step ahead for everybody and everyone in the community, too, when we can only use that funding for parks and rec."

Commissioner Warren Brown then inquired how much funding the tourism board had committed before withdrawing.

Pfister answered that they had committed \$20,000.

Brown then commented, "I see this as maybe an unintended consequence of the ... decisions of ... the town now is falling back to the county to try to come up with the same number, not in total but in part, of ... how to get to this point. And it's not that I'm opposed to ... funding this and ... to making this happen, but it ... makes me grit my teeth a little bit about this because this is beneficial for all of us. And one can even argue more so to the town, since that's where the activity would be."

Maez concluded the meeting by suggesting that the Conservation Trust Fund has money, so he wouldn't mind seeing the matter on the board's next decision agenda.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaft expressed agreement.  
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## Turkey hunting seminar and youth and women's turkey hunt offered

By Doug Purcell  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife will offer a free seminar on turkey hunting and a mentored turkey hunt for qualified applicants in Pagosa Springs. The seminar is free and open to anyone interested in learning how to hunt turkeys.

The seminar will cover turkey biology, hunting strategies, hunting equipment, calling, laws/regulations and safety. The seminar will be held April 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Archuleta County CSU Extension center.

The mentored hunt for selected youth and women will follow the seminar on April 23 and 24 in the Pagosa Springs area. For youth (12-17 years old) and women interested in participating in the mentored turkey hunt, please fill out an application, available at the Forest Service Office, 180 Pagosa St., or the

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office, 151 E 16th St., Durango.

The deadline to apply for the Pagosa Springs youth and women's mentored hunt is Wednesday, March 31. No hunting experience is necessary, but selected hunters

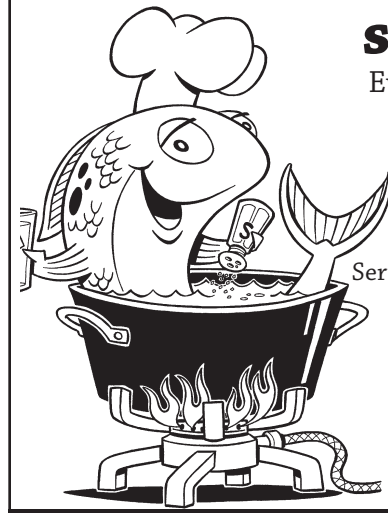
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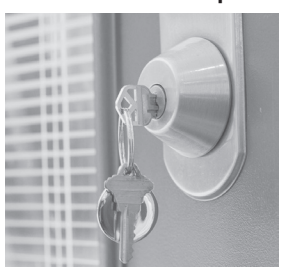
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# Education

## Trying to catch a leprechaun at Seeds of Learning

By Danyelle Leentjes  
Seeds of Learning

The anticipation had been mounting as St. Patrick's Day grew closer at Seeds of Learning. The children have been preparing leprechaun traps in hopes of capturing one of these lucky charms. According to the tradition, one must believe leprechauns are real to trap one. It is also believed that leprechauns love gold and trickery and enjoy wreaking havoc wherever they go. If trapped, leprechauns may grant three wishes, but one must be very careful what they wish for.

In keeping with tradition, the traps were designed, constructed and decorated as a home-based project between the parent and the student. This hands-on project is a great way to get the parents involved in their child's education, which strengthens the teacher-family partnership and promotes development and learning. Building strong partnerships with families is one of the five fundamental principles Seeds' curriculum is based upon.

The children then brought the traps to school and set them out the night before St. Patrick's Day. The next morning, they couldn't wait to get into the classroom and check their traps for the elusive



Children at Seeds of Learning show off their leprechaun traps.

Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

leprechaun. What they found was a classroom splashed with leprechaun glitter in every corner; toys, tables and chairs in complete dis-

array — signs that the leprechaun had been there. They grabbed their magnifying glasses and started tracking the green footprints all

around the room that eventually led them to empty traps. The leprechaun had gotten away again, but the thrill of the chase lives on.

## School district discusses superintendent, workforce housing and more

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Archuleta School District Board of Education is anticipated to again discuss recruitment of a new superintendent for the district — one of several topics that has been discussed for months by the district.

Former superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza announced her resignation in January, with the board voting on Feb. 8 to appoint Laura Mijares, the assistant superintendent, to serve as interim superintendent through June 30.

On March 8, the board authorized directors Bob Lynch and Dana Guinn to work on gathering information on superintendent search firms and different hiring processes after Lynch, the board president, suggested that the board needs to get the ball rolling on finding a new superintendent.

Mijares also pointed out to the board that an administrator shared with her that if an internal candidate is hired, there would be a domino effect of needing to also replace more staff members before the start of school in order to not leave any of the schools understaffed at the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

The agenda for Tuesday's special meeting indicates the board will discuss the information gathered by Lynch and Guinn "and will potentially make a formal plan for

proceeding."

### Workforce housing

The board also discussed another ongoing matter at its March 8 meeting: workforce housing.

In February, the board held a work session on the topic, with discussion including a review of what other public and private entities and nonprofits are doing to address the workforce housing shortage in the community, as well as what other school districts are doing.

The board also discussed the need to put out a survey to district staff to help the board understand the scope of the issue within the school district, and heard updates on work being done through the career and technical education program at the high school, including that two 80-foot containers have been purchased with the goal of creating affordable housing and the possibility of creating a schedule at the school that would allow for Building Trades students to have longer classes than the current 90 minutes.

At its March 8 meeting, the board revisited the topic by reviewing survey questions drafted by

Mijares and board members Guinn and Amanda Schick.

Guinn explained the district needs to better understand the problem and if the district has a problem, with Schick adding that, right now, there is not an identifiable need, only a feeling.

Schick indicated the survey results could help the district be specific about what the next steps might be.

Later in the discussion, Schick noted that looking at hires and exit interviews also came up, with Guinn suggesting they are trying to get anecdotal information in addition to the survey information.

Mijares noted during the discussion the goal was to send out the survey to staff that week after it received the OK from the board.

### Other business

In other business at the February board meeting, the board:

- Discussed the need for an expansion of the San Juan Mountain School (SJMS) building, which opened for the 2021-2022 school year.

SJMS started with the 2020-2021 school year.

At the meeting, SJMS Principal Stewart Bellina explained that they originally determined if the school could get to 40 students within

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## Turkey —

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must possess a valid hunter safety card and a valid turkey hunting license by April 22.

For selected hunt participants, the seminar on April 12 is mandatory. Hunts will be guided and take place on private properties around the Pagosa Springs area over the weekend of April 23-24. Selected youth hunters must have a parent/guardian accompany them. You will be notified by April 5 if you have been selected to participate in the mentored hunt following the seminar.

For additional information, please contact District Wildlife Manager Doug Purcell at (970) 799-0843.

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Pagosa Peak Open School's Creative Arts Advisor Rain March proposed "a celebration of the season and of color" by hosting a color run on March 18. As the students ran laps, teachers wearing colorful tutus ran alongside them, creating colorful streaks on white T-shirts by tossing colored cornstarch on them.

## Charter school board discusses board recruitment

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

At its work session and meeting on March 16, the Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors again discussed board recruitment following the February resignation of board member Mark Weiler.

The board opted to advertise the board vacancy broadly and created a policy that if someone expresses interest in serving on the board, they will be instructed to attend a board meeting and, if still interested, submit a resume.

The work session focused on a board needs assessment, which board member Julie Simmons suggested in February the board should conduct, with the goal of seating a new board member by

June.

Board president Ursula Hudson opened the March 16 work session by explaining the board currently has six members, with the bylaws calling for five to nine board members.

She also pointed out the board's bylaws call for it to have board members with educational and financial experience, with Simmons suggesting that she owns a business and understands Small Business Administration loans, so she could meet the financial requirement.

Hudson also referred to a board matrix Simmons created where other members had expressed they have financial knowledge, adding that Michelle Carpenter meets the board's need for someone with

education experience.

The board then discussed what kinds of experience would most benefit the school currently, with the board members suggesting throughout the course of the discussion things such as law, fundraising, grant writing, access to funding and related resources, and an outside community perspective (only board member Gary Hedgecock does not have a child or grandchild in the school).

They also discussed what should be represented on the board and what would be more appropriate as a hired position with things such as law, fundraising and grant writing.

Board member Bill Hudson also suggested the board could look at people who don't live in the com-

munity full time, with Carpenter adding there are people who live in the community part time who have a "wealth of knowledge."

The board also discussed the need for a policy on how to respond to people who express interest in serving on the board so no one is made to feel they shouldn't apply.

Carpenter suggested interviewing everyone who applies to see what they could bring to the board, with Elly Osmera adding that that would make the board more respectable.

The board also discussed advertising the position in local media and community newsletters, such as through homeowners associations and schools.

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## District

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three years, it would be financially viable, but that the school is currently over capacity.

Over the next few years, she explained, SJMS enrollment could top 70-100 students, which would require expansion of the building.

She expressed the desire to have a deck area and an inside commons area, and suggested building an auxiliary gym that could be used as the school's commons area, as well as other events and practices.

It was determined she would work on a scope of need, including short-term and long-term fixes.

Approved new robotics, print-making and automotive courses for the high school.

Acknowledged the SkillsUSA and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students who

qualified for their respective state competitions, with 16 of 20 SkillsUSA students making state and at least 26 FBLA students making state.

• Heard reports on progress being made on the district being able to offer in-person concurrent enrollment classes, how new Spanish classes that cater to advanced Spanish students and Spanish speakers are going at the high school, and the English Language Learner program.

• Heard from Mijares that a Jan. 5 transportation operations audit showed the district is in full compliance.

"This is a big deal," she told the board, adding that the next audit will be vehicle maintenance.

In other business at the March 8 meeting, the board also heard from

Finance Director Mike Hodgson about the budget priorities for the 2022-2023 budget. Those include:

- Utilizing federal funds efficiently.
- The need to take into account increased benefits costs, including increases to retirement and the new Family and Medical Leave Act.
- Funding to continue maintaining district facilities.
- Funding for updated curriculum if needed.
- Funding to continue vehicle replacement.
- Funding to continue salary step increases, base salary amounts and to continue increasing the number of steps for teacher salaries.

Continuing to implement the property tax adjustment increase mandated by the state.

Preparing for being one year closer to the end of the district's mill levy override.

The board also heard updates on the district's food service program and Pagosa Family School.

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Ballots must be received by 7 PM on Election Day, April 5th. Mail with sufficient time to be received. Postmarks do not count. Or, drop off at Town Hall.

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### IMPORTANT VOTER DATES

June 6th - Primary Ballots mailed  
June 28th - Primary Election

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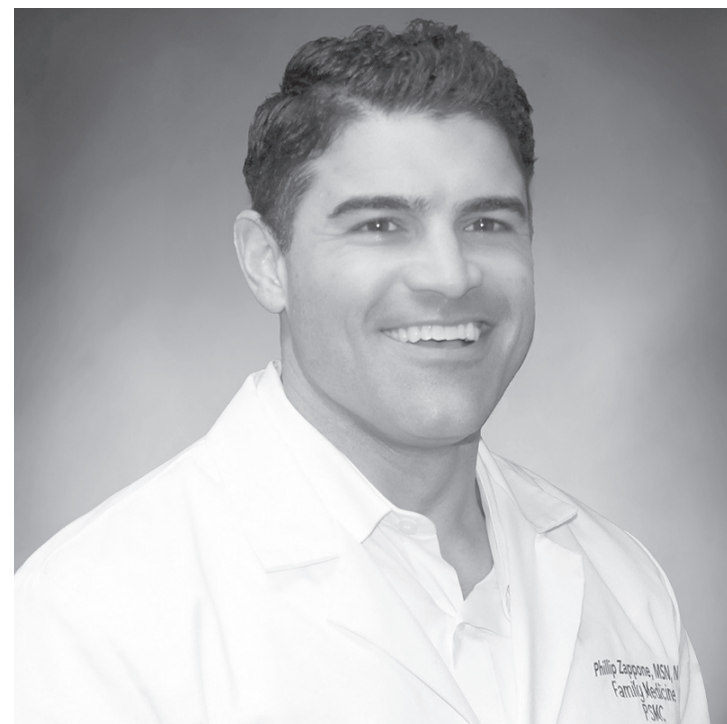
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Phillip Zappone, MSN, NP-C

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# St. Patrick's Irish Festival

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St. Patrick's Irish Festival featured the "world's shortest" St. Patrick's Day parade (across the parking lot), activities for kids, games, food and more. The event was held Saturday afternoon at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.



# Sports

## TRACK

### Relays, sprints score successes in Bayfield

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field team made a strong start to the season at the Bayfield Invitational on Friday, March 18.

As predicted by coach Connie O'Donnell last week, both teams performed well in relay events.

A girls' relay team composed of Annabelle Parker, Chantelle Caldwell, Rylie Carr and Reece Peterson placed first in both the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays with times of 54.61 seconds and 1 minute, 56.1 seconds, respectively.

A boys' relay team composed of Vincino Carranza, Samuel Kinsley, Kameron Winkler and Tommy Barker also placed first in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays with times of 47.91 and 1:40.66 respectively.

O'Donnell also highlighted the performance of the girls 800-meter sprint medley relay team, composed of Kailey Keyes, Kylie Ketchum, Hadley Phillips and Reece Peterson, who placed first with a time of 2:1.90.

O'Donnell explained, "That [event is] a mixed-up one. The first two girls both run 100 meters, the second girl runs the 200 and the last girls runs a full lap, a full 400. And ... Reece is the one that ran that full lap and I think she got the baton in fourth place and she passed everybody to come in first, which is kinda fun."

Other races of note included the girls' 400 meter dash, where Rylie Carr took first with a time of 1:08.34, and the boys' 3,200-meter run, where Jesse Beck took seventh with a time of 14:37.00.

O'Donnell also highlighted the

performance of Kinsley, who placed third in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes with times of 11.94 and 30.18, respectively.

"[Kinsley] was not in the last heat in either of those because he didn't have a time," O'Donnell explained. "This is his first year running track and so he was placed in one of the very first heats and running against, in the hundred for example, he was only against one other person and he just blew the other guy out of the water but had no one to race with ... the fact that he still gets ... third place in the hundred without even getting to run in that last heat with the other guys who were up there I think says a lot about him."

O'Donnell mentioned that the team's difficulties in accessing the track due to snow had impacted the team's hurdles and field events.

"I think we're the only team there that hadn't been on the track for a full week yet. Almost everybody else had been on it since the beginning of the season, so it definitely showed," she said.

The team's performances in hurdles included Jordan Lindstrom placing seventh for the girls 100-meter hurdles with a time of 23.21, Carranza placing fourth in the boys' 110-meter hurdles with a time of 19.97 and Tommy Barker placing fourth for the boys' 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.37.

O'Donnell commented, "Tommy Barker did OK because 300 hurdles, it's not as technical, you can kind of run between them and he had been over a few. But, I think the short distance hurdles really struggled."

However, O'Donnell comment-

ed that she expects the team to improve with more repetitions over hurdles now that the track is open.

In jump events, Lindstrom, former state qualifier for high jump, placed second in high jump with a height of 4 feet 6 inches and third in long jump with a distance of 13-10 while all other competitors placed below eighth place.

O'Donnell added, "Not that a lot of people placed, but it was nice to get triple jump and long jump ... some first-timers to actually compete in it ... We really had trouble with our triple jump ... We didn't have our first-timers even mark, but I think just doing it and getting that part over with, then ... going back to practice and getting it figured out, to how to mark next time. I think, especially triple jump is really technical, high jump is really technical, and I feel like with those events it's pretty normal to not get a height or get a mark on your first, even couple, track meets just because of that. And I think, even though the kids were a little disappointed, I think they're also glad that that's kind of out of the way and they're trying to get it figured out for next time."

Isabella Shortridge placed seventh in discus with a distance of 76-3.5.

"[Shortridge] came out for the first time last year," O'Donnell explained, adding, "And ... she threw so much further. ... She really outdid her personal record from last year, so that's really exciting. ... She made it to finals, because they usually have prelims and then you get three more throws if you make finals. So, in her finals, she actually moved herself up into a place ... and it was a really big personal record

for her."

Overall the girls' team placed second at the invitational with 87.5 points and the boys' team placed sixth with 43.5 points. The overall winner for both girls and boys was Durango High School, whose girls team scored 160.5 points and whose boys team scored 159 points.

The track season will continue with the Mancos Blue Jay Invitational on April 1 in Mancos and the Pine River Invitational on April 2 in Bayfield.

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## SOCCER

### Game canceled, Pirates to face Ignacio Tuesday

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team's game against Salida, scheduled for March 17, was canceled due to snow.

Assistant coach Scott Galabota explained in an interview that the team did not make the trip to Salida as the game was called off before the team was able to leave.

The Lady Pirates are scheduled to travel to Ignacio to take on the Bobcats on Tuesday, March 29, at 4 p.m.

The first home game for the Lady Pirates is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, at 11 a.m. against Manitou Springs.

"We got a good core group of girls," Galabota mentioned, saying that he is "looking forward to seeing the team in action."

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Photo courtesy Michael Martinez

Over 60 youth, kindergarten through fifth grade, compete in the Joe Martinez Memorial Takedown Tournament for the Pagosa Youth Wrestling program on March 16 in the Pagosa Springs Middle School gym. The program includes a four-week wrestling course. Local nonprofit Cornerstone wrestling offers kids opportunities to "wrestle like you train and have fun." Anyone interested in the program can learn more at [cornerstonewrestling.com](http://cornerstonewrestling.com).

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- ✓ Citizens had no input in crafting the amendment; no public surveys; no qualified attorney review.
- ✓ There are better alternatives to address workforce housing: 254 dwelling units already in progress or planned.
- ✓ Short Term Rentals (STR) are restricted already and pay a third of all lodging taxes.
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## BASEBALL

# Pirates win two of three at Delta Tournament

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team won two of three games at last week's Delta Tournament, moving the team to 2-2 on the season.

"I thought it went well," coach Nathan Morales said of the tournament, adding that, overall, he's "pretty impressed" with how the team played over the first four games.

The coach noted the team won most of the innings over the three games, which is the goal.

### Olathe Pirates

Pagosa's first matchup came on Friday morning against the Olathe Pirates and resulted in a 15-3 win for Pagosa.

Pagosa's one-run top of the first was countered by three runs from Olathe's Pirates in the bottom of the inning.

Pagosa went on to score five in the second, one in the third and seven in the fourth while holding Olathe scoreless.

"Early in the game we left the bases loaded and ... should've really broke it open there," Morales said, but added it's nice to see the team is doing well delivering on the mindset of winning each inning.

Pagosa ultimately left nine runners stranded in the game.

A pair of Pagosa's Pirates went 4-for-5 against Olathe: Hunter Pouyer and Carson Young-Martinez.

Pouyer's offensive effort in the game included a triple, two RBIs and a run scored.

Young-Martinez's day included a triple, three RBIs and three runs scored.

A trio of Pirates had two hits in the game: Kaison Clifford, Braylon Cotts and Chris Young-Martinez.

Clifford, who knocked a double and triple, also tallied two RBIs and a run scored. Cotts also hit a double and logged an RBI. Chris Young-Martinez notched an RBI and three runs scored.

Triston Iguchi, Timothy Hittle and Rhead Kay each had one hit. Iguchi also had an RBI and two runs scored, and Hittle had an RBI and a run scored. Kay also scored a run.

Seth Aucoin, Aaron Aucoin and Cooper Ralston each scored a run. Pagosa had 18 stolen bases in the game, walked six times and struck out seven times.

Cotts and Kay pitched in the five-inning game, combining to give up three runs on two hits and five walks while striking out six.

"Braylon Cotts started the game and, you know, he struggled with command a little bit early on, but I thought he found himself after that first inning and a half and then pitched really well for us," Morales said. "That's a positive that we got out of that game."

Each team committed one error in the game.

Olathe is now 0-2 on the season.

### Cedaredge Bruins

Later that afternoon, the Pirates took on the Cedaredge Bruins — a team Morales noted is better than their record.

"They've played a tough schedule," he said. "They played a couple tough teams before they played us. ... Cedaredge ... is going to be a really good team. They've got good pitching and they've got some guys that put the ball in play and they get the outs they're supposed to."

The Pirates ended the game with an 11-3 win.

Pagosa picked up a run in the first, a run in the second, three in the third, three in the fourth, two in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Cedaredge picked up a run in the bottom of the second and two in the bottom of the fourth.

Morales highlighted the pitching and defense of the Pirates, as well as the team's timely hitting.

"When we get those two things, pitching and defense, you know, it's hard to win any game," he said.

Pouyer and Kay combined to allow three runs on six hits and five walks while striking out five.

"I thought those two pitched really well," Morales said.

Pouyer started the game and picked up the win after pitching five innings.

"Hunter pitched really well," the coach said.

Morales explained if the game were later in the season, he probably would have allowed Pouyer to pitch a complete game, but that he lowers the pitch counts allowed for the pitchers early in the season.

Pouyer, Iguchi and Clifford each had two hits. Pouyer's effort also included a run scored. Iguchi, who hit a double, also had two RBIs and a run scored. Clifford, who again knocked a double and a triple, also had an RBI and two runs scored.

Carson Young-Martinez and Seth Aucoin each had a hit, with Carson Young-Martinez also logging an RBI and two runs scored, and Seth Aucoin also having a run scored.

Kay also had an RBI and a run scored. Cotts and Hittle each scored a run.

Pagosa walked 12 times in the game, struck out six times and left seven on base. The Pirates tallied 19 stolen bases.

The Bruins committed two errors in the game.

The Bruins are now 0-3 on the season.

### Montrose Indians

The next day, the Pirates took on the Montrose Indians — the No. 5 team in 4A baseball, but returned home with a 17-2 loss.

The Pirates, Morales explained, also went into the game with a different lineup due to the start

of Pagosa's spring break and kids needing to leave.

Pagosa opened the game with a run in the top of the first, but gave up eight in the bottom of the inning. Montrose went on to score one in the second, one in the third and seven in the fourth. Pagosa's second run came in the top of the third.

"I thought we competed well except for only two innings," Morales said. "Early on in the first inning we gave them more outs than we should've. You know, we've got to catch the ball and things like that, and when teams give us fly balls or ground balls, we've got to make sure we get outs with those. ... The game looks worse than it really was. We squeeze the ball, you know, the game's a lot closer. ... You can see where we gave them multiple outs in the first inning and the fourth inning. It's just tough to beat anybody, let alone Montrose, a really good team in 4A, when we don't get the outs that they give us."

Pagosa had four hits in the affair — two each from Clifford and Cotts. Clifford picked up the Pirates' only RBI in the game and scored a run. Peyton Bishop also scored a run.

Pagosa had five stolen bases: two from Clifford, two from Ralston and one by Cotts.

Pagosa walked five times, struck out nine times and left six runners stranded.

Morales highlighted the team again loaded the bases in the first inning, but added they were again unable to break through and score multiple runs.

Chris Young-Martinez and Clifford took the mound, combining to allow 17 runs on 22 hits and one walk while striking out two over three and one-third innings.

Morales explained the team was taking this week off from practice due to spring break, with Morales explaining the break will be a good period for the players to rest their arms.

Morales said the team will practice on Monday before heading to Bloomfield Tuesday, then will work to be ready for more tournament play in Salida April 1 and 2.

"We'll have four games next week, so it'll be good for us," he said.

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Case Number 2022CV30004  
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Defendants: ANN B. MCTAGGART, ANN L. RENCKENS, RICHARD RENCKENS, ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**PLAINTIFF: CARA FAWN BALLOU**  
**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 Complainant 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 particularly described as follows:  
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/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of James John Sawicki, Deceased  
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All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative of the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before July 17, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law  
190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6  
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**COUNTY COURT**  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
46 Eaton Dr, Suite 1  
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Case No. 2021 DR 39  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Public notice is given on March 11, 2022 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Combined Court.  
The Petition requests that the name of Lindsey Erickson be changed to Lindsey Fernley Erickson.  
/s/ Clerk of Court  
Published March 17, 24 and 31 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**ARCHULETA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE 20-2018 OF THE ARCHULETA COUNTY NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE  
INTRODUCED AND READ ON FIRST READING on the 18th day of January, 2022 and which was published in full on January 27, 2022 in the Pagosa Springs Sun in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado.  
ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING on the 15th day of March, 2022 and ordered published by reference to title only with no amendments except the Certification page in the Pagosa Springs Sun in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Published March 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**CANCELLATION OF ELECTION AND DECLARATION DEEMING CANDIDATES ELECTED FOR LOMA LINDA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
The Designated Election Official of the Loma Linda Metropolitan District has been duly authorized by the Board of Directors to cancel and declare candidates elected if, at the close of business on the sixty-third (63rd) day before the election or thereafter, there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the election to be conducted on May 3, 2022; and  
The Designated Election Official of the Loma Linda Metropolitan District duly certified that, there were not more candidates for Director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates.

Pursuant to Section 1-13.5-513(1), C.R.S., the Designated Election Official hereby cancels the regular election to be conducted on May 3, 2022.  
THE ELECTION IS CANCELED AND THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES ARE DECLARED ELECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING TERMS:  
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/s/ David E. Parker, III  
Designated Election Official David E. Parker, III  
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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
§1-13.5-513(6), 321-1-104, 1-11-103(3) C.R.S.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the San Juan River Village Metro District, Archuleta County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 3, 2022 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S.  
/s/ Cynthia Purcell  
(Signature of Designated Election Official)  
Cynthia Purcell  
(DEO's Printed Name)  
Contact Person for the District: Cynthia Purcell  
Telephone Number of the District: 970-946-8385  
Address of the District: PO Box 5551, Pagosa Spgs, CO 81147  
District Facsimile Number: N/A  
District Email: sjrvmetro@gmail.com  
Published March 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT ELECTION**  
§1-13.5-1105(2)(d), 1-13.5-502  
**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN** and particularly to the electors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District of Archuleta and portions of Hinsdale and Mineral Counties, State of Colorado:

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a regular election of the Upper San Juan Health Service District shall be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The election is being conducted as a mail ballot election. Mail ballots are required to be mailed to eligible electors between 22 and 15 days prior to the election date.

At said election, the electors of the District shall vote for Directors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Directors of the District:

The names of persons nominated as Director for a THREE-Year Term  
Martin Rose  
Caryn Plumpé Dyer  
Jason Cox  
Barbara A. Parada  
Kate Alford  
William Lane Hubbard  
The address of the location for application and the return of mail ballots and the hours during which the office will be open:  
Pagosa Springs Medical Center  
95 S. Pagosa Blvd.  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

The office is open Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., beginning at least 22 days prior to Election Day (April 11th) and from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day (May 3rd).  
Upper San Juan Health Service District (District name)  
Heather Thomas, DEO (Designated election official) (970) 507-3815  
(Designated election official's phone number)  
Published in: The Pagosa Springs SUN  
Published on: March 24, 2022  
Published March 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION**  
**STATE OF COLORADO**  
**TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS**  
**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN** and particularly to the electors of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter and the Municipal Election Code, the municipal election of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, will be held on Tuesday April 5, 2022 A.D. between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The corporate limits of the Town of Pagosa Springs shall constitute one precinct. The election shall be conducted as a mail ballot election. The ballots will be mailed to the eligible electors of the Town no earlier than 22 days prior to the election and no later than 15 days prior to the election. The drop-off location for the delivery of mail ballots and receipt of replacement ballots shall be located at the Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, in the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, which shall be open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning at least 22 days prior to the election day and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day.

In order to vote in the election, an elector must be eighteen (18) years of age as of the day of the election, be a citizen and resident of the State of America, be registered with the Town Clerk or Archuleta County Clerk, not be in prison, and have legally resided for at least twenty-two (22) days immediately preceding the election in Colorado within the municipal limits of the Town as of the date of the election.

The questions to be voted upon at the election are as follows:

**MAYOR**  
Shari Pierce \_\_\_\_\_  
Write-In Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Matt DeGuisse \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Williams \_\_\_\_\_  
Madeline Bergon \_\_\_\_\_

**BALLOT QUESTION A**  
Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended to initiate a workforce housing fee for short-term rentals amounting to at least \$150 per month for each permitted bedroom with all fees dedicated to creation and sustainability of workforce housing aimed at households earning less than or equal to 100% of Area Median Income, as set forth in Ordinance No. 974 (Series 2022)?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

Town of Pagosa Springs  
By: /s/ April Hessemann  
April Hessemann  
Town Clerk  
Published in: Sun Newspaper  
Published on: March 24, 2022  
Published March 24, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel. 970.264.2400  
**Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.**  
Plaintiff  
v.  
Ralph D Showalter, et al  
Defendants

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM SHERIFF SALE 2022-01**  
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered December 30, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):  
RALPH D SHOWALTER  
MARY E SHOWALTER  
CHERYL J HAMILTON  
BOB F HAMILTON  
JAVCO, L.L.C.  
JOYCE C MYERS, TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2004  
MARGARET W BARRON  
ELLIOTT L SORGE  
A. B. CRAMLET  
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Association Assessments Due to: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Debt(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act  
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMURBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.  
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on May 18, 2022, Sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of the sale for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered heretofore, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: March 24, 2022  
Last Publication: April 21, 2022  
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun  
NOTICE OF RIGHTS  
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.  
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-103-1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-

38-103-2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH. BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, 970-264-8434.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed February 10, 2022.  
Rich Valdez, Sheriff,  
Archuleta County, Colorado

By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
EXHIBIT "A"  
Elk Run Townhouses  
Matter  
RALPH D SHOWALTER and MARY E SHOWALTER (C#170306567) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number 41, Lot (Unit) Number 7111, Building Number 3,  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,807.70  
Interest: \$294.52  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$284.36  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,436.58  
CHERYL J HAMILTON and BOB F HAMILTON (C#178708764) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number 10, Lot (Unit) Number 7104, Building Number 1,  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,807.70  
Interest: \$294.52  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$284.36  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,436.58  
JAVCO, L.L.C. (C#178709705) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number 26, Lot (Unit) Number 7102, Building Number 001A,  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,807.70  
Interest: \$294.52  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$284.36  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,436.58  
JOYCE C MYERS, TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (C#178761383) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number 18, Lot (Unit) Number 7115, Building Number 4,  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,686.46  
Interest: \$262.24  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$284.36  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,283.06  
MARGARET W BARRON (C#178763363) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number 13, Lot (Unit) Number 7110, Building Number 3,  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,807.70  
Interest: \$294.52  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$284.36  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,436.58  
JOYCE C MYERS, TRUSTEE OF THE JCPMO LOVE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (C#179200332) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number 5, Lot (Unit) Number 7108, Building Number 2,  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,686.46  
Interest: \$262.24  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$284.36  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,283.06  
A. B. CRAMLET (C#179202692) Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number 19, Lot (Unit) Number 7117, Building Number 5,  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,807.70  
Interest: \$294.52  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$284.36  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,436.58  
In Elk Run Townhouses. All as tenants in common with the other owners of all Lot (Unit) Weeks in the described Units in Elk Run Townhouses as depicted on the Plats recorded under Reception Numbers 140480 and 0151975, subject to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded as Reception Number 140481, as has been amended, supplemented, and/or restated, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14 and 21, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**  
Court Address: 449 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160  
**Plaintiff:**  
KUHIN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED  
v.  
**Defendants:**  
DELDEV, INC.; PAGOSALAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

Submitting Attorney:  
Clayton M. Buchner, #50996  
Clayton M. Buchner, Attorney at Law, LLC  
444 Lewis St., PO Box 3855  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 507-0227  
E-mail: cmlawllc@gmail.com  
Case No. 2022CV30001

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**  
**TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.**  
**YOU ARE SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, without any further notice to you.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:  
Lots 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 365, 366, 367 and 368, Pagosa Trails, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74885, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado ("642 Trails");  
Lots 407, 408 and 409, Pagosa Trails, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74885, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado ("642 Trails");  
Lots 311, 312, 313, 314, 325, 326, 327 and 328, Pagosa Trails, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74885, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado ("107 Landau").

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of March,

## County approves Habitat for Humanity fee waivers for two homes

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its March 15 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved fee waivers for two homes being constructed by Habitat for Humanity on North Pagosa Boulevard.

These waivers were discussed at the March 8 BoCC meeting, where Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Lori Hendrickson described the project to the commissioners and requested their support through providing waivers for a variety of county fees, including building permit, road cutting for sewer lines and landfill fees.

These fee waivers were not to exceed \$3,000, according to the March 15 BoCC meeting agenda.

As Hendrickson explained, the 960-square-foot modulars with three bedrooms and two baths are being constructed by Pueblo Colorado company indieDwell and will be delivered to Pagosa Springs and placed on foundations that will be constructed on the lots. Due to Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) requirements, each lot will also contain a one-car garage.

The modular homes are energy efficient, solar ready and contain all necessary appliances excepting a washer and dryer.

Hendrickson stated that Habitat

for Humanity intends to install solar panels on these homes to help "these homes remain affordable for the families throughout the time period they are in them."

The homes are expected to be delivered on July 17 and placed on their foundations within "a day, day and a half" afterward, according to Hendrickson.

After this, roofs will be added, siding and landscaping completed and garages built for the homes, Hendrickson explained.

The request paperwork from Habitat for Humanity attached to the March 15 BoCC meeting agenda states that the families are expected to begin occupancy in September 2022.

The new occupants will pay for the homes using U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) direct 502, Hendrickson stated, which are "specifically for 80 percent and under [area median income]."

According to Hendrickson, "... They offer a longer term, so that helps ... bring down the monthly cost, and ... generally a lower percentage rate and a low to no down payment, so that makes it easier for the family to get in. They also offer a repayable subsidy. So, if the family still needs a little help ... the USDA will subsidize a portion of that mortgage. But, that is repayable, so, if the family sells the home, they would have to repay that ..."

Hendrickson also mentioned that the families will have to undergo a class on economics and budgeting through HomesFund, as well as potentially completing other classes, such as good neighbor classes through PLPOA and education on living in an all-electric home through La Plata Electric Association.

At the March 15 meeting, Development Director Pamela Flowers alerted the commissioners that, due to staffing changes in the Planning Department, the county would potentially not be able to perform the permit inspections required for the modular homes since none of the department's current staff are certified to perform them.

If the county is not able to certify a staff member in these inspections before building begins, the permitting process and fees would have to be referred to the state of Colorado, according to Flowers.

This would render the building permit waivers requested by Habitat for Humanity irrelevant since the county could not waive state fees, Flowers explained.

However, she still recommended passage of the waivers as the road cut and landfill fees would remain relevant and she felt there is a possibility that the county will have staff able to perform the permitting by the time construction starts.

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Photo courtesy Reg Larkin

A 2022 Toyota 4Runner sits on a truck following a March 18 crash on Aspenglow Boulevard near Nocturn Drive. According to Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Trooper Joseph Piscitelli, a 47-year-old male from Chama, N.M., was driving eastbound on Aspenglow at a high rate of speed, was unable to negotiate the curve and drove off the road, striking a tree and rolling one-quarter times onto its side. A 47-year-old female passenger was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center with minor injuries. The driver fled the scene and could not be located by law enforcement. After CSP met with him three days later, he was charged with careless driving causing bodily injury, failed to notify police of accident and failed to remain at the scene/give information after accident involving injury. CSP declined to release the driver's name, but confirmed alcohol



Photo courtesy Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area will be hosting the final Fun Race of the season on Sunday, March 27. The race course will be a modified grand slalom dual-course on the lower Charisma run. Medals will be awarded to the three fastest racers in each age and gender category.

## Ski area to host final Fun Race of the season

By Julie Martinez  
Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted its fourth Fun Race of the season on Sunday, March 20, with a turnout of 65 racers. The race course drew a nice mix of competitors from all over the United States, with Thomas Popov, of Pagosa Springs, taking first place with the fastest time of the day, crossing the finish line in just 27.21 seconds.

Popov was followed closely by John Moore, of Denver, in the men's race with a time of 27.97 seconds. Third place went to Forrest Czerniecki, of Evergreen, Colo., with a time of 29.77. Honorable mention went to Ben Easton, of Pine, Colo., who crossed the finish line in 29.78 seconds.

In the women's race, the first place finisher was Amy Lenander, of Arlington, Va., with a time of 32.91 seconds. She was followed in second place by Kim Kosciuszko, of Creede, with a time of 34.39 seconds. Third place went to Ashli Roussel, of Little Rock, Ark., with her time of 34.90 seconds.

Veda Deitemeyer placed first in the Girls 9-11 with a time of 36.07.

In the Women 21-25, Lawrence Dean placed third with a time of 43.42.

Becky Deitemeyer placed first in the Women 41-50 with a time of 36.71.

Popov placed first in the Men 51-60 with a time of 27.21.

Gary Brewer placed first in the Men 71+ with a time of 39.74.

Wolf Creek will be hosting its final Fun Race of the season on Sunday, March 27. The race course will be a modified grand slalom dual-course on the lower Charisma run. It is free with the purchase of a lift ticket. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the course will be open between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Medals will be awarded to the three fastest racers in each age and gender category.

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# The Music Man

SUN photos/Randi Pierce  
Pagosa Springs High School presented "The Music Man" in the school's auditorium last week, with more than 40 students and community members taking part in the production.



## Town council approves Dallas Weaver to represent Chamber on tourism board

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

At its March 17 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council unanimously approved the appointment of Dallas Weaver to fill the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce seat on the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board.

The tourism board only interviews applicants for at-large seats and simply accepts the recommendations for designated seats, Tourism Director Jennifer Green explained.

The decision puts the tourism board back at capacity. Weaver, co-owner of Foot Prints Pagosa retail store, was recommended by the Chamber at its Feb. 24 meeting, according to the recommendation letter.

[dorothy@pagosasun.com](mailto:dorothy@pagosasun.com)

## Thanks

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Thank you to the Pagosa Springs Board of County Commissioners and their staff members and to Mayor Don Volger, the Pagosa Springs Town Council and their staff for proclaiming March 29, 2022, as the day to commemorate the veterans of the Vietnam War. Through the years, you all have both professionally and personally supported the patriotic ribbon that runs through our community.

Tanice Ramsperger, regent, Sarah Platt Decker Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Durango-Pagosa Springs

### Correction

The March 17 article "Property, personal property tax changes highlighted" incorrectly stated that Archuleta County Treasurer Elsa White, instead of Assessor Johanna Tully-Elliott, had suggested that the raise in the exemption ceiling made in House Bill 21-1312 was likely a step toward eliminating business personal property taxes entirely in Colorado.

Additionally, the article stated that Commissioner Alvin Schaaf, instead of Commissioner Ronnie Maez, had objected to personal property taxes on the basis that the owner had already had to pay sales tax on such items.

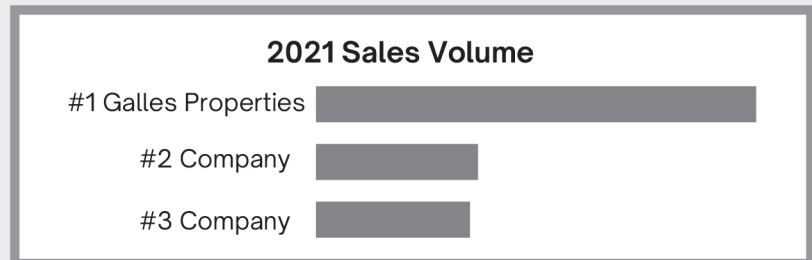
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## ARTS & LIFE

# Animal Shelter Baby Shower

Saturday, April 2 • 3-5 p.m. • PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.



# You're invited to the Animal Shelter Baby Shower April 2 from 3 to 5 p.m.

By Robson Reyes

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

Be sure to attend our first Animal Shelter Baby Shower to support your local Humane Society and the upcoming puppy and kitten season on April 2 at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse from 3 to 5 p.m.

Every spring, our shelter is overwhelmed with kittens and puppies in need of care until they are ready for adoption. Each precious life in our care receives an examination. Kittens are weighed, scanned for ringworm, tested for FELV, vaccinated and dewormed. We keep a careful chart of their weight progress and re-vaccinate as they continue in our care.

Every year, we see the heartbreak of puppies who lose their lives to parvovirus by not being properly vaccinated, so each puppy is tested prior to entering the shelter and then quarantined until a second test is performed. Puppies then follow much the same routine with a series of three DA2PP vaccination to protect them from distemper and parvo, and are dewormed.

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As you can imagine, this care comes at a substantial cost, which is far from offset by our low adoption fees. So, this is where you come in. We need your support to help provide the critical funding that pays for medical services, food and shelter to help these babies in need.

Our Animal Shelter Baby Shower will be full of games you can enjoy with your friends and family, as well as auction items you can bid on, including weekend passes to the 2022 Durango Wine Experience. The winner of these passes will enjoy a three-day event in downtown Durango, which includes educational seminars, wine dinners, unique tastings and much

more. There will be hundreds of wineries from around the globe, Colorado artisan spirits and Durango craft beers. You definitely want to bid on those passes. For our animal lovers, we will have multiple baskets for your pets to enjoy as well as the opportunity to name a litter of pups and kittens that come into the shelter this spring.

Visit our website, [www.hspagosa.org](http://www.hspagosa.org), for details on the event. You can purchase a ticket to attend, buy shower gifts online through the Amazon on our site or buying from our registry at our local Chow Down. You can also make a monetary donation to help cover veterinary costs.

Light refreshments will be served at the event and there will also be great items for the silent auction. Come and see your friends, bring a buddy and enjoy an afternoon of fun. The kittens and puppies will thank you.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs is a local, private nonprofit organization that operates the only animal shelter in Archuleta County. Your local humane society does not receive funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, ASPCA or any other national animal welfare organizations. Private donations, grants and thrift store revenues cover only a portion of animal shelter operating expenses. The remainder of shelter costs must be met through fundraising events.

Funds raised through our events directly benefit the homeless dogs and cats in our community. Board members and volunteers donate their time and talents to handle fundraising efforts by the organization and new volunteers are always welcome.

For more information about donating, please contact the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs administration office at (970) 264-5549 or email us at [hsadmin@humanesociety.biz](mailto:hsadmin@humanesociety.biz).

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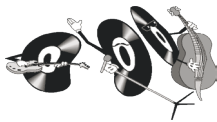
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# The Library Affair offers tables of creativity

**By Sally Neel**  
 Ruby M. Sisson Memorial  
 Library Foundation

It is time to order your tickets for this year's most highly anticipated gala event, The Library Affair, scheduled for April 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave.

Not only will you enjoy delicious food, a cash bar and beautiful music, you will have the opportunity to bid on 17 of the most creatively decorated dining tables imaginable. These tables each have a book theme in honor of our Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. The winning bid allows the bidder to take home the entire contents of the table, from dishes, silverware and glassware to the marvelous centerpieces created especially for the event.

How would you decorate a dining table based on Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things

Are?" Let your imagination roam a bit. Whatever comes to your mind, go even further. Chances are you will not come close to the design of Thingamajig Theater Company's Laura Moore or her co-designer, Tanya Quinn, set designer for Thingamajig.

"We can't seem to stop," said Moore. "We keep coming up with new ideas. It's so much fun!"

This seems to be the consensus of all the decorators. Books just naturally offer our minds the opportunity to wander to different lands, different life situations, different times. Fortunately, you don't have to wait until the big event to vote on your favorite book-themed table decoration. For only \$1 per vote, you can get a sneak peek of the tables and offer your vote for your favorite designs. The designers of the table that acquires the most online votes will win the prestigious Pagosa Pulitzer Prize. The winners will be announced at The Library Affair.

The tables will be on full display at the Library Affair. You will have the opportunity to examine each one and put in a bid for the entire contents of your favorite tables. You will no doubt be dazzled by the creative beauty and whimsy of these wonderful creations.

The event is being underwritten by generous sponsors so that almost all the proceeds from the event will go toward the library expansion fund. Tickets for the event are \$50 each. You may vote, buy tickets, make donations and learn more about the upcoming library expansion at: [pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/campaign/](http://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/campaign/). Tickets also are available at the library (cash or check only).

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening in support of one of Pagosa Springs' greatest treasures, the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. You may go home with treasures of your own if you are the highest bidder on one of the magnificent tables. We hope to see you there.

# Free legal clinic set for April 8

**By Ric Morgan**  
 Virtual Pro Se Clinic Program

On Behalf of the Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) Program, the upcoming Archuleta County VPC Free Legal Clinic will be April 8 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Volunteer attorneys will assist one-on-one, via computer link.

This is a free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms and

explain the process and procedure for civil legal issues, including family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders.

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See [www.checkerboard.co](http://www.checkerboard.co) for one-click access to all forms, statutes, videos, instructions and flowcharts.

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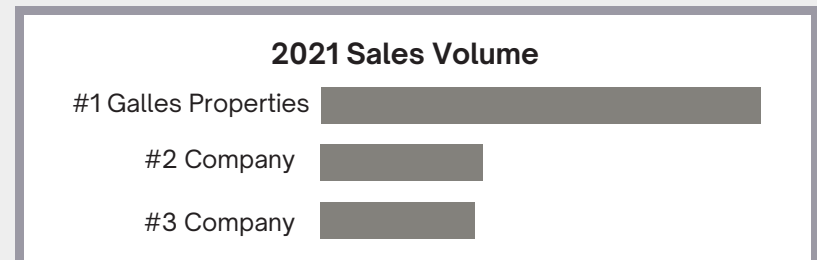


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# Healthy Archuleta to host CSU Extension update on community needs assessment

By **Rose Chavez**  
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Archuleta County's Colorado State University (CSU) Extension programs apply and share with the community the academic talent and excellence of the university to the challenges and opportunities of our rural community.

Today's CSU Extension programs

range from youth development 4-H, production agriculture, food system value chains, regional economic development, and Colorado's varied climates and ecologies.

Come meet and learn with our local CSU Extension Agent Robin Young about the results of the annual community needs assessment conducted in 2021, which determines the priorities around

food systems and policy for 2022 in Archuleta County and across Colorado.

Join Healthy Archuleta and CSU Extension on Thursday, March 24, from 2 to 3 p.m. for a community conversation that will help us understand the opportunities that are ahead for building a more equitable and sustainable food system in Archuleta and the surrounding region.

# A Taste of Archuleta County: Hispanic and indigenous heritage food demonstration planned

By **Rose Chavez**  
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The food system encompasses a vast array of practices, representations, expressions, knowledge and skills from community to community that enable us to recognize these as part of our cultural heritage. This intangible cultural heritage, transmitted from generation to generation, is constantly recreated in the present in response to the environment, the interaction with nature and history, and provides us with a sense of identity and continuity, thus promoting respect for our cultural diversity and human creativity.

To celebrate and share this cul-

tural diversity and heritage, please join Healthy Archuleta and fellow community members for a Taste of Archuleta County Heritage food demonstration as part of the upcoming Archuleta County Food System Summit.

The heritage food demonstration, which will take place in the week leading up to the summit on Tuesday, April 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., will feature a handful of talented local residents who specialize in the preparation of traditional Hispanic and indigenous foods along with some seasonal fresh-food preparations for a hyper-local twist. The demonstration will include a small tasting menu of red chile pork tama-

les, vegan calabacita tamales, pinto beans grown in Dove Creek, Colo., and a fresh salad with a vinaigrette of locally grown greens and herbs from the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership in downtown Pagosa Springs.

We will also be joined by a local dietitian who will provide some nutrition tips and some food preparation tricks to maximize health during meal preparation.

This event will take place at the Community United Methodist Church, 438 Lewis St. Food and beverages will be provided. Sign-up is required. To sign up or if you have questions, please email us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or call (401) 371-3227.

# Local food heroes to be featured at April 9 Archuleta Food System Summit

By **Rose Chavez**  
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Please join us for the upcoming Archuleta Food System Summit on April 9 at the CSU Extension building from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To register and learn more about the event, please visit: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-food-summit.html>.

During this exciting event, we will feature local chefs, advocates and some of our local growers and producers who are past and future participants of the Pagosa Farmers Market. Both the local live market that takes place June through September and our year-round online market available at [pagosafarmersmarket.net](http://pagosafarmersmarket.net) provide these critical food system actors a physical place and virtual platform to share their amazing products and labors of love.

Come join us on April 9 and meet some of these amazing people from Archuleta County and the surrounding region.

## Local food hero: artisan bread baker Ali Braun

Today, we would like to feature the story of Ali Braun, an artisan bread maker. She shares some history and dreams for her business in

her own words.

"Artisan doesn't have a specific definition, but for me it designates that I don't bake with any preservatives or stabilizers, makes for a short shelf life, but a much tastier product.

"I worked in hospitals for 30 years, 27 of those as a critical care nurse. I loved bedside nursing and patient care and wasn't really interested in management or moving 'up' but 12-hour shifts and nights get harder when you're an old nurse! I knew I wanted to do something creative and with food and thought for a long time it would be coffee. I took a bread class at a kitchen store and was immediately obsessed. I felt like so much of what I learned as a nurse translated to baking.

"Though I like to think I'm a

completely free spirit, I am a rule follower and while baking is immensely creative if you don't follow your formula and measure carefully, your bread will suffer. The math for calculating a medicine dose and a bread formula are so similar! Once I discovered bread and baking, I started classes at The San Francisco Baking Institute, where they teach shorter classes that focus on production. I loved continuing education as a nurse and I found the same with baking, so much to learn as I progressed as a baker.

"I love doing this because commercially produced bread really bears little resemblance to bread; it has an ingredient list a mile long, sugar(!) and lots of additives to give

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# Worn flags being collected for proper disposal

By Carolyn Paschal

Daughters of the American Revolution

The U.S. flag is emblematic of the Daughters of the American Revolution's (DAR) three missions of historic preservation, education and patriotism. Sharing information about our national flag's history, use and care is one of the many goals of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the DAR.

On June 22, 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Federal Flag Code, which led to congressional enactment on Dec. 22, 1942. Periodically the Flag Code has been updated and amended. The U.S. Flag Code establishes advisory rules for display and care of the national flag of the United States of America.

Excerpts from the flag code are as follows:

- It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset, unless it is illuminated.

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it an epic shelf life. This all destroys the true flavor, texture and health benefits of bread. Bread made from a local sourdough starter, just like local honey, has many health benefits. The health benefits of locally sourced food are well documented and I enjoy contributing to that and I love handing fresh bread to people and hearing what they will make with it.

"We built The Dyna on a trailer so it would be mobile and able to go with us in our retirement years. I believe there may only be one or two 'food trucks' or mobile bakeries in the states. And now I know why. Controlling the environment in the trailer to bake is tricky, bread likes to be mixed and proofed at a very certain temperature and humidity ranges and maintaining these for Colorado winters and summers has been challenging for sure. I am lucky to be married to a very handy mechanic who has done a lot of re-vamping and tweaking to the trailer. The bread does love the humidity of a winter storm if I can keep it warm enough.

"The main obstacle has been financial. It is difficult to replicate a nursing wage baking. Coming up with the money for the trailer required a big dip into my retirement account, but I'm also blessed that I had it to dip into. Another obstacle is pricing. I can't compete with a \$4 loaf from the grocery store.

"I have had successes. Just getting the trailer built felt like a big accomplishment! Starting the business while still working as a nurse. Keeping it alive for almost two years now and just taking on my first restaurant for wholesaling. We'll be at two farmers markets this summer in Pagosa and Bayfield."

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# Curtains Up Pagosa to host master class with Broadway actor

Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa is presenting an Actors Studio Masterclass the afternoon of April 9. This master class is with Broadway actor Dan Hoy.

He is a very accomplished actor having been in the National Tour of “Cats” and regional productions of various shows including, but not limited to, “Rock of Ages,” “Pippin” and “The Last Five Years.”

Applications are being accepted for this masterclass until April 1. There will be a \$15 application fee and you will also need to submit a video of you singing a solo or reciting a monologue of your choice. We will accept six people to be able to work with Hoy during the master class. Following the master class, that evening, Hoy will present a concert in which the six people he coaches will also perform their solos that he workshopped.

Tickets to watch the master class will be \$15 and concert tickets will be \$30. They can be purchased online at <https://our.show/curtains-up-pagosa/stars> and <https://our.show/curtains-up-pagosa/masterclass>. This two-part event is going to be a great day of music, education and fun.

The evening concert will be a fundraiser to help Curtains Up Pagosa grow and be able to offer more events like the master class, helping to grow our local talent of all ages.

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# Southwest Organization for Sustainability Earth Day event set for April 23

By De Anna Hoyle  
Southwest Organization for Sustainability

With the theme of “Invest in Our Planet,” the Pagosa Springs community is invited to gather along the Riverwalk near the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) domes on April 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participation includes a variety of ways to honor our commitment to the planet we call home.

Other events throughout the week, like the GGP-sponsored Environmental Film Festival April 16, will also take place in recognition

of Earth Day.

Each year for the past 50-plus years, April 22 has marked the anniversary of the first Earth Day and has been celebrated in a multitude of ways. This week, here in the northern hemisphere, we welcomed spring. Our minds and bodies begin to awaken from the winter’s resting time whether we are aware of it or not.

Personally, I am not a fan of the cold, but I’ve learned to appreciate the forced resting time of winter. I celebrate this time by honoring the gift of quiet reflection of the season and I have made it a practice to recognize the seasonal shifts and feel more aligned with those changing energies.

With this in mind and heart, I share the following excerpt from the “On Being” podcast entitled “Placed Here, In This Calling,” airing March 3. Host Krista Tippett interviews Colette Pichon Battle, founder and co-executive director of the Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy:

“If you don’t cry deep, hard tears for the state of this planet and all of the people on it, you don’t yet understand the problem. And so once you get to that place, the only thing

that can bring you out of that kind of darkness is belief in something greater than yourself. And for me, it is that spiritual connection. For me, it is understanding a greater purpose. And then your job becomes less about passing a piece of legislation and more about making a better world.”

In addition to the booths, children’s activities and celebratory spirit of this year’s local event, we will be offering a time to honor the earth for its gifts. We are extending an invitation to the indigenous community, local clergy and lay leaders to lead short opening and closing ceremonies.

We hope you will consider joining us. We plan to gather at 9:45 a.m., prior to the official start, and close shortly after 1 p.m. at the amphitheater space. All are welcome to this interfaith gathering to remind us we are all connected, spending a few moments together in gratitude. For more information or to get involved, reach out by email to pagosa100percent@gmail.com.

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## WHIPS sets next luncheon

By Nancy Ford  
WHIPS

WHIPS, Women Helping in Pagosa Springs, will have its monthly luncheon on Tuesday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m. at Gustoso’s.

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# Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership ready to host eighth Environmental Film Festival

By Sally High  
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) will host its eighth Environmental Film Festival from 2 to 8 p.m. on April 16 at the Tennyson Event Center.

Four first-run, cutting-edge feature films from Colorado Environmental Film Festival's 2022 lineup will entertain and inspire conversation. Guests of the film fest will enjoy a locally grown gourmet supper, catered by local favorite Chef Kathy Keyes.

The four feature-length films to be viewed and discussed are "Reflections: A Walk with Water," "In My Backyard," "12th Hour" and "Nature's Big Year."

GGP supporters should get their wristbands early, as seating is limited.

Water, food and biodiversity are the three themes of the 2022 festival, each of paramount local importance. Three exhibit tables will feature the GGP's educational partners, organizations that share the GGP's values and environmental education mission.

Invited to engage with guests at the water exhibit table are Growing Water Smart, the Watershed Enhancement Partnership, San Juan Water Conservancy District and Friends of the Upper San Juan. These organizations work locally to conserve our water supply, protect our water quality and teach wise use of our most precious natural resource: water.

Featured at the food exhibit table will be the Pagosa Springs Farmers Market, Food Coalition and Healthy Archuleta, and Colorado State University's Grow and Give project.

Weminuche Audubon Society, Audubon Rockies and Southwest Colorado environmental educators will staff the biodiversity exhibit table. Guests can engage with the creators of Hershey Memorial Native Plants Garden on the GGP site in Centennial Park.

Members of Pagosa Wetlands Partners can invite guests to learn about the rich biodiversity of our local flora and fauna featured in their educational walks from the GGP amphitheater downstream along the Riverwalk. Copies of the legislated Colorado Environmental Education Plan will be available at the biodiversity table.

The GGP's film festival will kick off the 2022 Earth Day celebration. Pagosa Springs' Earth Day, organized by Southwest Organization for Sustainability, will take place along Centennial Park's Riverwalk on April 23.

Visit [www.pagosagreen.org](http://www.pagosagreen.org) and link from the home page to purchase your wristbands for the 2022 Environmental Film Festival. The GGP sincerely appreciates your support. The GGP is "growing food and community with local energy."



Photo courtesy Sally High

More and more Pagosans are growing food in their own backyards. The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Environmental Film Festival's "In My Backyard" will inspire more to join the local movement toward food sustainability.

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# Working for Racial Equality group meets weekly

By Anna Ramirez  
Working for Racial Equality

Working for Racial Equality (WRE) is a local organization based in Archuleta County. The overarching mission of WRE is to expose racism and take action to stop it.

WRE has members who have personally experienced the negative impacts of racism and members who have not. Because these two lived experiences are incredibly different, WRE meetings include: implementation of action items to be part of the leadership of marginalized voices and education

about what it means to be an ally.

WRE members examine beliefs, fears and biases that perpetuate racism. Through education, book and article discussions, as well as personal sharing, members explore historical and current racism.

WRE meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. The meetings are open to the public. To get more information and the Zoom link, please email [workingforracialequality@gmail.com](mailto:workingforracialequality@gmail.com).

Check out WRE at [WorkingforRacialEquality.org](http://WorkingforRacialEquality.org) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/workingforracialequality>.

# Blood drive set for April 5

By Diane Levison  
Vitalant

Our next Centerpoint Pagosa blood drive will be held Tuesday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Centerpoint sanctuary at 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

If you would like to schedule your donor appointment now, please go to [www.Vitalant.org](http://www.Vitalant.org) to schedule an appointment online, or you can contact Diane Levison

at [dianeunheard@gmail.com](mailto:dianeunheard@gmail.com) or via text at (602) 770-6565 to have one scheduled for you. As always, walk-ins will be welcome at this blood drive, but the donation time might take a bit longer as appointments are given priority.

If you have any specific questions regarding your Vitalant donor profile or your ability to donate due to medical or health issues, please contact a Vitalant representative directly at (877) 258-4825.

# Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber  
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

The Baha'i Community of Archuleta County hosts weekly devotionals every Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, March 27, our theme

is courtesy.

"O people of God! I admonish you to observe courtesy. For above all else it is the prince of virtues. Well is it with him who is illumined with the light of courtesy and is attired with the vesture of uprightness." — Baha'u'llah.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org). Our local contact is [archuletabahais@gmail.com](mailto:archuletabahais@gmail.com).

To obtain the passcode for our Sunday devotionals, call Paulette Heber at (970) 731-8610 or email to the above email address.

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# Last call for cardboard construction entries and library fundraiser coming

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Creative people of all ages are invited to show off your building skills by competing in our first-ever free cardboard construct-a-thon that offers prizes for each of five age categories: Preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17 and adult 18 and up. Submissions must be brought to the library by 5 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 25. Winners will be announced on Saturday, March 26, at 12:15 p.m.

Entries may not exceed 36 inches in any direction and must be built ahead of time. Your creation must be made entirely of cardboard — but tape, glue, paper clips or brads may be used to hold pieces together. While you are welcome to decorate your creation, please note that we will be judging based on construction and not final decorations. One entry per person.

## Elegant library fundraiser

Tickets are available now for a special fundraiser on April 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse to raise funds for the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation's campaign to expand and renovate your library.

This elegant event will feature a silent auction for 17 creatively decorated table settings for up to eight people based on popular books including "Like Water for Chocolate," "Pride and Prejudice," "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," "Under the Tuscan Sun" and "Where the Wild Things Are." You also can vote online for your favorite table with a \$1 donation per vote.

Purchase tickets at \$50 per person at your library or at: <https://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/the-library-affair>. Watch for more details in next week's "Library News" column and find them at that website.

## Free tax forms

Tax forms are available free at your library while supplies last.

## LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook if you can't make it to the library.

## Adult DIY next Tuesday

At the in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, March 29, from 1 to 2 p.m., we will supply the materials — an empty two-liter bottle, poster board and paint — for you to create a decorative piece of art to commemorate the National Cherry

## Library News

Blossom Festival held each spring in Washington, D.C.

## Teen writers to meet next week

Teen writers are invited to your library on Wednesday, March 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Join us Tuesday, March 29, from 4-6 p.m. for our ongoing Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults on Google Meet every other Tuesday. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join.

## S.T.E.A.M. enrichment kits

Participants in this free enrichment program for youngsters aged 5 and up receive a kit guiding you through science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) projects. The kits are available all month, but registration is required by calling your library at (970) 264-2209.

## Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

The next Discovery Time takes place Saturday, April 2, on Facebook at 2:30 p.m.

## ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners, and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Brad will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices. Note there will be no Tech Time today, March 24.

## Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) sessions take place on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m., when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college

prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## In-person gaming

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Fridays from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

## Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted March 28 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

## Library hours

Most of our programs are happening in person and curbside service continues. Also, our hours are back to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, the library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — children, teens and adults.

## Books on CD

"City of the Dead" by Jonathan Kellerman is an Alex Delaware mystery. "Nothing to Lose" by J.A. Jance features former Seattle homicide detective J.P. Beaumont. "The Paris Apartment" by Lucy Foley focuses on a sister's search for her half brother. "The Ghost Rifle" by Max McCoy is an America's Last Frontier western. "This Side of Hell" by Brett Cogburn is a Widow-maker Jones western. "Slaughter of the Mountain Man" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a western featuring Smoke Jensen. "The Darkest Place" by Phillip Margolin is a Robin Lockwood mystery. "High Stakes" by Danielle Steel features five successful women at a literary and talent agency. "The Lightning Rod" by Brad Meltzer is book two in the Zig and Nola thriller series.

## Large print

"Caramel Pecan Roll Murder" by Joanne Fluke is a Hannah Swenson mystery with recipes.

## DVDs

"Mysteries of Mental Illness" is a PBS documentary exploring the evolution of understanding and treating mental illness throughout history. "The North Water" is an adaptation of the novel about a surgeon on an Arctic whaling trip. "Clifford The Big Red Dog" is a

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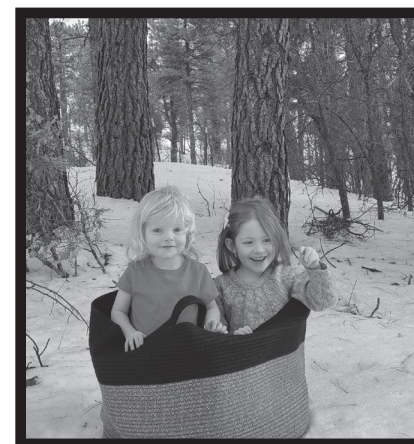
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## Mysteries and thrillers

“Death of a Green Eyed Monster” by M.C. Beaton is a Hamish Macbeth mystery set in Scotland. “The Night Shift” by Alex Finlay connects two crime events, both with only one teen survivor. “The Lightning Rod” by Brad Meltzer is book two in the Zig and Nola thriller series.

## Other fiction

“Yinka, Where is Your Huzband?” by Lizzie Damilola Blackburn is a warm and humorous look at love in a British Nigerian family. “Joan is Okay” by WeiKe Wang follows a Chinese American ICU female doctor whose mother returns from China to live in the U.S. “One Italian Summer” by Rebecca Serle explores the bond between

mother and daughter on the Amalfi Coast. “Recitatif” by Pulitzer Prize-winner Toni Morrison is the only short story she has written. “The Slow March of Light” by Heather B. Moore alternates the stories of a man and woman in Berlin right after the wall went up.

## Donations

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## Quotable quote

“Every now and then it helps to be a little deaf ... That advice has stood me in good stead. Not simply in dealing with my marriage, but in dealing with my colleagues.” — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020), former associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Website

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# New Thought topic: ‘Waking Up from Spiritual Hibernation’

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

Sunday service is at 11 a.m. with Dr. Elaine Harding: “Waking Up from Spiritual Hibernation.”

“Everything is in flux: everything changes; the body changes, the soul changes. We are capable of extraordinary self-transmutation and internal self-transformation.” — Clive Barker.

## Upcoming events

Meditation Mondays are at 11 a.m. with Madison Humes.

Spirit Heart Band practice is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text Shayla White Eagle McClure at (970) 510-0309 for band information.

Thursday, April 7, 6 p.m.: “Basic Healing Techniques 101,” 6 p.m.,

with McClure: angels and flower essences.

Friday, April 8: Channel Circle — “Messages From The Angels.”

April 3: Sunday service at 10 a.m. Summer hours with McClure.

April 16, 6 to 9 p.m.: Spring Fling fundraiser: Bruce Wayne Rock and Country Band.

## Library

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## About us

The New Thought Center promotes living a spiritually centered life, and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor

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# ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT!

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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 Bonaparte's gull.

Even the experts agree that of all bird groups, gull identification is the most challenging. Basically, they are all white-bodied birds with gray backs. Paying attention to size, shape, color pattern, bills and legs are all a part of determining the species. In Archuleta County, only six species have been reported more than once, which limits the field of likely candidates here.

The Bonaparte's is one of the smallest gulls seen in North America. In summer breeding plumage, it has a black hood. A non-breeding adult like the one in this photo has a white head with a black ear spot, dark thin bill and pinkish legs. They winter along both coasts but also well offshore and way inland in southern states with open water, and are seen across most of North America in migration.

These gulls breed where insects are abundant in remote, marshy areas near lakes and streams in the boreal forest regions of Canada and Alaska. They are the only gull species that regularly builds a nest of twigs in a conifer tree, where they are protected from predators on the ground.

During summer, these gulls eat mainly insects caught on the wing. At other times they are opportunistic foragers that feed on small fish and a variety of invertebrates. They are adept at catching prey while dipping and diving from the air, but will also feed along the shoreline, in agricultural fields and while swimming in shallow water. They have even been observed landing on the heads of brown pelicans and stealing fish from their bills.

Spring is a great time to get out and see birds that are passing through on their long journeys to the north.

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

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Equestrian gear
- 5 Say further
- 8 Part of REM
- 13 Medicinal herb
- 14 Fedora feature
- 16 Battery terminal
- 17 Buddhist leader
- 18 Spanish wine
- 19 Hollywood VIP
- 20 Makes a scarf, say
- 22 60's sitcom, "\_\_\_\_\_ Junction"
- 24 Venomous snake
- 26 Having no key, in music
- 28 Barricade
- 31 Sassy talk
- 32 Jobs for Perry Mason
- 34 Pulled apart
- 36 Periodic Table entry
- 38 Called for a pizza
- 41 Desertlike
- 42 "Lou Grant" portrayer
- 44 Sister of Amy, Beth and Jo
- 45 Shine brightly
- 48 Mock
- 50 Under the weather
- 52 Spotted horse
- 55 Killed, as a dragon
- 58 Indian condiment
- 59 Simone of jazz
- 61 Reed instrument
- 62 Torch job
- 63 Fair to middling
- 64 Kind of flute
- 65 Billy goat feature
- 66 Wall St. locale
- 67 College bigwig

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- 3 Gilbert & Sullivan genre
- 4 1989 "Batman" portrayer
- 5 CBS competitor
- 6 Cover, in a way
- 7 Widely varied
- 8 Like some profiling
- 9 Personal account
- 10 Ralph Lauren label
- 11 Notion
- 12 Creditor's concern
- 15 Tim of "Virgin River"
- 21 Part of NASA
- 23 Tetley product
- 25 Scheme
- 26 Stein fillers
- 27 Flooring pro
- 29 Daunting
- 30 Shackled no more
- 33 Penn and Union, e.g.
- 35 Advantage
- 37 Dispute referee
- 39 Overhaul
- 40 Boutique buy
- 43 Legislative period
- 46 Away from the sea
- 47 Big fuss
- 49 Browser action
- 51 Spring bloomer
- 52 Kuwaiti, e.g.
- 53 Cut back
- 54 Leaning Tower city
- 56 Shred
- 57 Gas light
- 60 NYC rep since 2019

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Answers: A. spring B. mild C. flower D. blooming

Solve the code to discover words related to spring.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 26 = L)

**A. 12 11 16 5 24 22**

Clue: One of the seasons

**B. 25 5 26 2**

Clue: Not severe

**C. 10 26 18 1 14 16**

Clue: Part of a plant

**D. 21 26 18 18 25 5 24 22**

Clue: State of flowering

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# Unitarian Universalists to hear service from Durango: ‘Land of the Free’

By Joan Ward  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

While the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship is having our own services on the first and third Sundays of the month, we have the opportunity to join the UU Fellowship of Durango service on Zoom this next Sunday, March 27, at 10 a.m. to hear the Rev. Gary Kowalski. We will be watching it at the Pagosa Fellowship or you can watch it at home on Zoom — their website link is below and you click on “click here.”

If you are attending in person, please plan on arriving by 9:45 a.m., so we are ready to join promptly at 10 a.m.

As stated on the Durango UU Fellowship website: “In honor of women’s history month, Rev Kowalski revisits the remarkable brav-

ery that took Viola Liuzzo from her Unitarian congregation in Detroit to the front lines of Selma where she died, reflecting on what lessons we can take away in this renewed moment of racial reckoning.”

If you are watching from home, the link is: <https://durangouu.org/worship/upcoming-worship-services/>.

Kowalski and Rev. Munro Sickafoose are serving for six months as targeted ministers for the Durango UU Fellowship while they search for an interim minister. Both currently live in Santa Fe and co-pastor the Taos UU congregation once a month each.

Kowalski is author of many books, including “Revolutionary Spirits,” “Science and the Search for God” and “The Bible According to Noah.” He has also served congregations in Vermont, Washing-

ton, Tennessee and Massachusetts.

Depending on the current recommendations concerning COVID, please be prepared to wear a well-fitting mask if deemed necessary while inside the building, regardless of vaccination status. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you at the door. Social distancing will be encouraged and to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

Our fellowship, based on its seven principles, offers each individual support in their unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

The Pagosa UU Fellowship is located in Greenbrier Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-15, which is on the north side of the building. It faces Greenbrier Drive.

For more information about the fellowship, please see the website [www.pagosauu.org](http://www.pagosauu.org).

## Topic

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all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth and to have our members experience self-empowerment, inner peace and feeling part of a community. Our mission is to create a world that works for all and to create a joyful life through awareness of a higher power. We are a “Good Vibe Tribe” that connects a collective spiritual journey.

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowl-

edge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing [pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com](mailto:pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com); mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Center for Inspirational Living).

## TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS MUNICIPAL ELECTION

# APRIL 5, 2022

## BALLOTS HAVE BEEN MAILED

If you are a registered voter, you should have received your ballot.

If you did not receive your ballot, you may request one at Town Hall during Office Hours at 551 Hot Springs Boulevard.

Ballots must be received by 7 PM on Election Day, April 5th. Mail with sufficient time to be **received**. Postmarks do not count.

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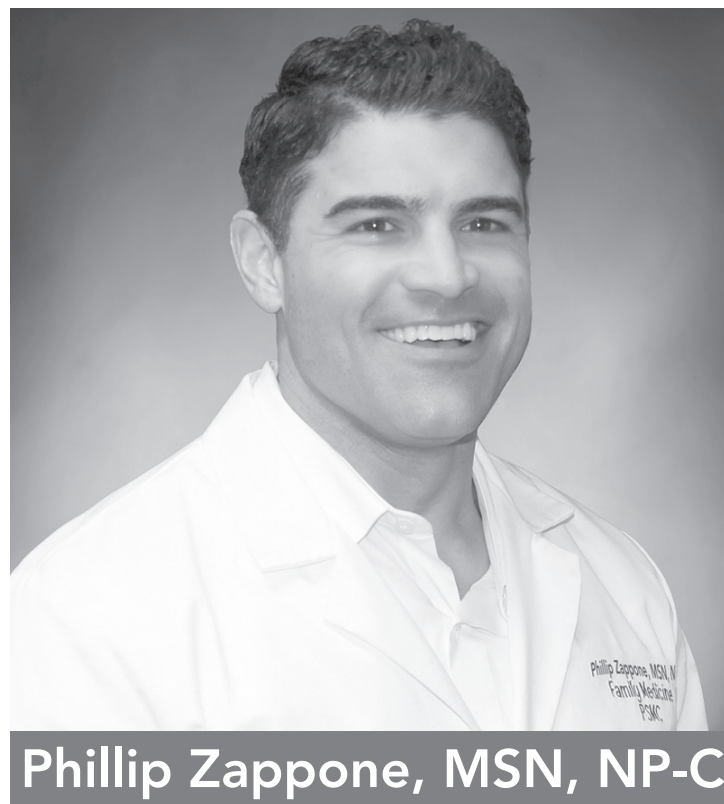
For town boundaries, eligibility, or more info call 264-4151 or visit [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov)

## Reasons to VOTE NO on Ballot Question A on April 5th

- ✓ It ignores legal risk; expect lawsuits at taxpayer expense.
- ✓ Citing the legal risk, the Mayor and the Town Council oppose it.
- ✓ Citizens had no input in crafting the amendment; no public surveys; no qualified attorney review.
- ✓ There are better alternatives to address workforce housing; 254 dwelling units already in progress or planned.
- ✓ Short Term Rentals (STR) are restricted already and pay a third of all lodging taxes.
- ✓ Ultimately, penalizing STRs will hurt tourism dollars that support Pagosa Springs’ businesses and our local workforce.

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# Tax help for seniors available in Durango

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

Due to COVID-19, the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will not be coming to Pagosa Springs to prepare federal and state income tax returns this year.

VITA will be preparing 2021 tax returns at no charge as part of the VITA program in Durango. Please register at: DurangoVITA.org.

## Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents to help them stay healthy and independent in their own homes.

The Senior Center needs volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for one day a week (or become part of our substitute driver team). Please join us as part of our driver team and build wonderful relationships with the seniors in our community. Call (970) 264-2167.

## Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

In order to continue providing meals, the Senior Center is offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call (970) 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

There will be no games, classes or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call (970) 264-2167.

## Community Café menu

Thursday, March 24 — Pork posole, roasted cauliflower snowflakes, whole-wheat tortilla, milk and chocolate mousse.

Friday, March 25 — Tandoori salmon, roasted butternut squash, milk, salad and Indian rice pudding.

Monday, March 28 — Beef Irish stew, cabbage steaks, milk, salad and Irish lemon pudding.

Tuesday, March 29 — Spaghetti

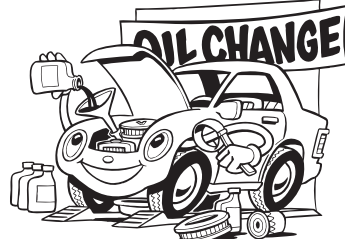
## Senior News

with marinara, focaccia bread with butter, milk, asparagus Caesar salad and Mississippi mud pie.

Wednesday, March 30 — Pork carnitas, charro beans, milk, salad and strawberries Romanoff.

Thursday, March 31 — Barbecued chicken, potato salad, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.



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Level: Advanced

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:



# SPRING SEASON WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

## WORDS

- BIRTH
- BLOOM
- BREEZE
- BULBS
- BUNNY
- BUTTERFLY
- CHICK
- CROCUS
- DAFFODIL
- EGGS
- FLOWERS
- GREEN
- GROW
- HATCH
- HYACINTH
- LAMB
- MARCH
- NEST
- PUDDLES
- RAIN
- ROBIN
- SEASON
- SHOWERS
- SPRING

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# Don't blame the Upper Basin states

By George Sibley  
PREVIEW Columnist

Kyle Roerink's recent "Writers on the Range" opinion ("A dangerous game of chicken on the Colorado River") reminds one of Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's 1983 caution in a Washington Post op-ed: "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts."

Roerink, who heads the Great Basin Water Network, claims that the Upper Colorado River Basin states are shirking their responsibilities while the Lower Basin states valiantly work to grapple with the ongoing basin-wide drought.

"With (reservoir) water savings gone," he says, "the Lower Basin has been trying to cope, though the Upper Basin carries on business as usual."

"Business as usual" in the Upper Basin has always been dealing with the realities of an erratic river, the annual flows of which can go from 5.8 million acre feet in 1977 to 24.8 million acre feet in 1984. The Upper Basin lives with that reality, dry years and wet.

But the Bureau of Reclamation has regularly and faithfully released to the Lower Basin, from Powell Reservoir, the Colorado River Compact and Mexican Treaty allotments — 8.23 million acre feet, only dropping a little below those allotments half a dozen times since Powell began to fill in the 1960s. Dry year or wet, the Lower Basin always gets its full allotment.

Usually, more than that designated quantity is sent to the Lower Basin (as much as 12 million acre feet above in 1984). The Compact and Mexican Treaty require that the Upper Basin send downriver 82.5 million acre feet over a 10-year period; as of 2020, the 10-year running total was 92.5 million acre feet.

So the Lower Basin never bears the brunt of low flows, as Roerink claims; it has always received its Compact and Treaty allocations since Powell Reservoir filled, usually with some extra, regardless of what was happening in the "real river" the Upper Basin states live with.

It is true that the Lower Basin states are currently "trying to cope" with river shortages by making some difficult cutbacks in their uses. But what they are trying to cope with is their own excessive use of the water stored in Mead Reservoir.

For decades the three downstream states — primarily California — have been using considerably more than their Compact allotment of 7.5 million acre feet; they have also not been subtracting from their allotment the significant losses to evaporation in desert storage and transit (automatically figured into Upper Basin use through

## Writers on the Range

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This has resulted in what is euphemistically called a "structural deficit," but is just the Lower Basin using more water than its entitlement. That was more or less OK before the Upper Basin use was fully developed, and before the Central Arizona Project came online; the bureau's extra releases, above Compact requirements, covered the overuse. No more.

So now the Lower Basin states,

which have been drawing an annual average of 1.2 million acre feet more out of Mead Reservoir than has flowed into it, are trying to bring their usage down to the actual Compact allotment. Drought might exacerbate that challenge, but it doesn't cause it, nor does Upper Basin lollygagging.

The Upper Basin has not even used its full Compact allocation because it became obvious that the river could not supply that on a dependable basis. The Upper Colorado River Compact divides the Upper Basin states' permissible consumptive uses by percentages rather than a set amount like the Lower Basin gets, but exactly what that allows each state is obviously ambiguous, depending on what "average flow" is used.

Are the Upper Basin states doing their part to ensure prudent uses of the river? They are developing "demand management" programs to pay farmers and ranchers to fallow some of their land to increase flows to Powell Reservoir. Last summer, Blue Mesa Reservoir's recreation season was cut short to send most of the reservoir's water down to bolster Powell.

Denver Water is also working hard to replumb its city for reuse, as well as running an ongoing conservation program that has reduced its deliveries to a 1970 level with half a million more people.

Could the Upper Basin states be doing more? Probably, and they probably will be. But they are less to blame for the Lower Basin state's dilemmas than are the Lower Basin states themselves.

*George Sibley is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively discussion about Western issues. He has written extensively about the Colorado River. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.*

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# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, March 24

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving beef enchiladas with fiesta salad and dessert to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Instruction. Loaner paddles will be available.

**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 students are encouraged to attend from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

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

## Friday, March 25

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## Saturday, March 26

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

## Monday, March 28

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

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

## Tuesday, March 29

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta**

**County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson 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.

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**Women Helping in Pagosa Springs (WHIPS) luncheon.** 11:30 a.m., Gustoso's. All women are welcome. The cost is \$15. Please RSVP to (970) 946-1895.

**Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans event: 'Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans.'** Noon, Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Drive.

**Adult DIY: Cherry Blossom Art.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will supply the materials — an empty 2-liter bottle, poster board and paint — for you to create a decorative piece of art to commemorate the National Cherry Blossom Festival held each spring in Washington, D.C.

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**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.

## Wednesday, March 30

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

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. 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. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Teen Writers.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome.

**Working for Racial Equality.** 6:30-8 p.m. Every Wednesday via Zoom. The overarching mission of WRE is to expose racism and take action to stop it. Members examine beliefs, fears and biases that perpetuate racism. Through education, book and article discussions, as well as personal sharing, members explore

historical and current racism. The meetings are open to the public. To get more information and the Zoom link, please email [workingforracialequality@gmail.com](mailto:workingforracialequality@gmail.com) or see [WorkingforRacialEquality.org](http://WorkingforRacialEquality.org).

## Thursday, March 31

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving hot meals to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

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**Therapy Dog Visit.** 1:30-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog; it's a great way to relax or boost your day. Visits with the therapy dog should be limited to 10-15 minutes. In that time, you can pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi."

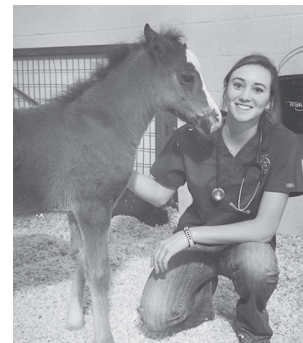
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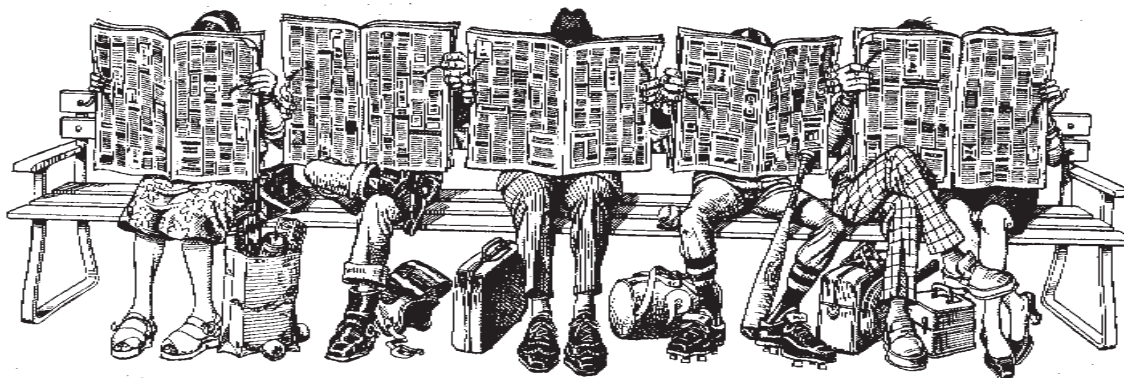


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# Glow-in-the-dark fun

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

When I was scoutmaster, we had our meetings on Tuesday nights. The girls of the same age had activities at the same time. On one Tuesday a month, the boys and girls met together and had an activity. The boys and girls would trade off who was in charge, and this time it was the girls' turn.

"Tell your boys that they need to each wear a white T-shirt this Tuesday," Kay, the girls' leader, said.

"What are we doing?" I asked. "We want to keep that a secret until you get there," she replied.

Keeping it a secret usually meant it was an activity the girls were dying to do, and the boys would rather not. But, I passed the word along. The boys wanted to know what we were doing, but I couldn't tell them.

"They did say there would be good treats, though," I replied.

"It better not be karaoke singing again," Gordy replied. "That was just too weird."

"Only because you can't sing," Mort replied.

"Yeah, well, when you got up there, I thought somebody's calf must have gotten stuck in the fence and was bawling for its mother," Gordy replied.

"OK, OK," I said. "I'm sure it will be fun. So, wear your white T-shirt and come prepared to have a good time."

When Tuesday came, we had a good turnout, partly because everyone was curious about what we were doing. When we got into the church activity hall, Kay announced the activity.

"Tonight, we are going to play blacklight volleyball," she said.

She flipped off the lights and turned on the blacklight. Suddenly, everyone looked like a floating T-shirt. I could see very little else. Some of the young people had white tennis shoes, and they stood out, too. Those people looked like running feet below a floating shirt.

"So, where's the ball?" Gordy called out in the darkness.

"I have it," Kay said. She tossed it up. "See it."

But we didn't see it, so Kay turned the lights back on. "I thought for sure it would glow in the blacklight," Kay said.

The volleyball was kind of a grayish-white color. But whether it was the color or the material it was made of, it did not reflect the black light. Kay was desperate to salvage the activity. She looked around, trying to think of what to do, then she apparently hit on a plan.

Gordy was her son, and she said to him, "Gordy, give me your shirt. You can go shirtless to play tonight."

"That will be a disgusting sight," Mort said.

"It will be dark," Kay replied, not catching the sarcasm.

Kay took the ball and wrapped it in Gordy's shirt. She then wrapped a bunch of clear tape around it to ensure it stayed. The teams were formed with half the boys and half the girls on each team. The lights were shut off, and the game began. It was kind of fun to see the glowing ball moving back and forth and trying to hit it without running into a floating T-shirt. Gordy was on the other team, and his white shoes were all I could see of him.

As the game progressed, the shirt began unraveling from the ball. Mort was near the net, and the ball was coming straight toward him when the shirt fell off the ball completely. But, he had already determined its trajectory. He jumped and made a perfect hit into what he thought was an open space on the other side of the net.

He hadn't seen Gordy's shoes there, and Gordy couldn't see the invisible ball coming. Suddenly, there was a loud smack and an even louder thud. The lights were quickly turned on, and Gordy, with a puffy black eye beginning to show, was lying dazed on the floor.

"I'm sorry," Mort said. "I couldn't see you."

The game was called, and everyone moved to the kitchen for ice cream sandwiches.

Kay was frustrated that she couldn't find an icepack for her son. I handed her my ice cream sandwich.

"Try this," I said. "The truly edible icepack."

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**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a part-time Animal Control Officer. This position is part time at about 20 hours per week with some weekend work. For more information or to apply, please go to the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) and select Employment.

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## AUTOS

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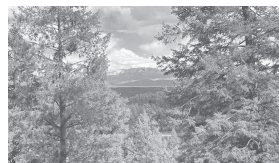
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**Downtown Pagosa  
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**2 Bedroom Cabin + Apt.  
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**2.5%**  
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**5%**  
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