# USFS to invest in southwest Colorado

More than \$3 million planned for restoration work – A17

### The future of Lake Powell Lessons to be learned – A12



# County hears proposal for health district task force

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At the April 26 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) meeting, the board heard citizen concerns about San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH).

The concerns, presented by Shalin Zarate, Marybeth Snyder, Katherine Ridenhour and Dwight Vilhauer, covered a range of issues, including transparency and communication by SJBPH, the appropriateness of SJBPH's policy and programs to Archuleta County, and SJBPH's activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group emphasized that these concerns could be addressed by the county forming its own health district with greater control by the BoCC.

The group requested that the county form another task force to investigate leaving SJBPH and starting a county health district, citing that the previous Health District Investigative Committee, on which some of these citizens served, had not been able to complete its investigations in the time frame given.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that "there was a lot of See County A8



Pagosa Springs High School's Arden Blakemore and Vinicio Carranza were crowned prom king and queen on Saturday night. Not pictured are attendants Lexie Valdez, Hailey Thompson, Samuel Kinsley and Andre Jones.

# Council weighs in on South Pagosa Park housing

By Dorothy Elder Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council gave input on two proposed options for housing sites at South Pagosa Park at its April 21 meeting.

This location is one of three that the town is looking at to create workforce housing.

This development — the largest of the three projects in terms of unit volume — would create 28 multifamily housing units and a leasing office that would serve all three of the developments on a .85 acre plot, according to Planning Director James Dickhoff.

The contention comes after complaints by community members about the plans for the development to replace some or all of the open space at the park, which caused town staff to create two options for the development's location at the park, Town Manager Andrea Phillips stated.

Option A puts the development at the corner of 8th Street and Apache Street, with vehicular access

See Housing A8

# Burn permits required for all open burning



Photo courtesy Natalie Carpenter

Bo DePeña, as part of The Bo DePeña Band, took the stage of the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium on April 20 to headline the Americana Project concert. Students from the high school program opened the show, which culminated in a group finale.

#### By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Due to the potential of wildfire, an open burning fire permit is required for all open burning conducted within Archuleta County.

"Everybody in the county is still required to have a burn permit," Archuleta County Undersheriff Mike Le Roux said recently, emphasizing that every single person with the exception of a legitimate agricultural

#### See Burning A8

# Public urged to take down bird feeders, remove water sources

#### By Keith Bruno Audubon Rockies

Please remove any bird feeders and water sources for birds until the spread of avian influenza is better contained and understood. Historically thought to only infect domestic poultry and wild waterfowl species, the avian flu has spread into black-billed magpies (a visitor to backyard feeders) and other passerine bird species in the Rocky Mountain region.

See Birds A8

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# Semi crash kills one, leaves one injured



Photo courtesy Pagosa Fire Protection District

A semi pulling two trailers veered off U.S. 160 and struck a tree and a fence on April 21, killing the passenger and seriously injuring the driver.

### By Randi Pierce

See Crash A8

Staff Writer

One was killed and one was left with serious injuries after a semi pulling two trailers veered off U.S. 160 and struck a tree and a fence on April 21.

According to a Colorado State Patrol incident report blotter, the semi pulling the two trailers was eastbound on U.S. 160 around 5 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, when it traveled off the left side of the road and struck a delineator post with its front near milepost 156.3.

The incident narrative further describes the unit "continued off the road and struck a large tree with its left front and side and a wooden fence. Both the Driver and passenger who was in the sleeper berth were ejected shortly after impact."

# Opinion

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# **OUR VIEW**

# Fire season is upon us

Very little precipitation. Springs, in an area difficult to access. It's a combination that puts many

Red flag warnings.

curring or will shortly.

Southwest Colorado experienced

several red flag warnings recently.

According to Accuweather, a red flag

warning goes into effect when critical

fire weather conditions are either oc-

relative humidity and warm tempera-

tures can contribute to extreme fire

humidity dropped to 11 percent.

climb into the 70s next week.

Road north of Durango.

play its natural role.

Piedra area.

24,450 acres.

On Tuesday of this week, the local

The warm-up seems to be under-

It's a combination that brings back

On June 9, 2002, the temperature

way, with temperatures expected to

memories of Missionary Ridge, Little

Sand and the West Fork Complex fires.

was 86 degrees and humidity was 12

percent when a spark of unknown ori-

gin fell on the lower Missionary Ridge

and cabins were destroyed and nearly

73,000 acres were scorched by the fire.

lightning strike ignited a fire in the

Piedra area northwest of Pagosa

nel let the blaze continue burning for

the benefit of the natural resources,

with the area previously identified as

one in which fire would be allowed to

and high winds later, the fire — known

as the Little Sand Fire — became an

uncontained wildfire that had grown

to several thousand acres and was be-

ing fought by hundreds of firefighters.

the fire, with roads, trails and camp-

grounds closed and evacuations called

for some properties in the upper

By July 3, the fire had grown to

As the summer progressed, so did

Several days of low relative humidity

At first, U.S. Forest Service person-

Thirty-nine days later, 46 homes

Ten years later, on May 13, 2012, a

A combination of strong winds, low

locals on edge.

behavior.

Springs.

Eight days later, on June 13, the Windy Pass Fire began from a lightning strike 12 miles northeast of Pagosa Springs, near the Windy Pass Trail.

Three days later, the two fires were managed as the West Fork Complex.

On June 20, evacuations were announced and U.S. 160 over Wolf Creek Pass was closed.

The next day, on June 21, the town of South Fork was put under mandatory evacuation. Colo. 149 between South Fork and Creede was closed.

A third fire, the Papoose Fire, grew to more than 11,000 acres and was added to the management of the West Fork Complex on June 22.

Two days later, on June 24, members of the Colorado National Guard were called in to help.

On June 28, most residents of South Fork were allowed to return home.

On June 29, U.S. 160 over Wolf Creek Pass and Colo. 149 reopened as desperately needed rain fell over the area and containment of the fire grew to 2 percent.

The last incident update for the West Fork Complex was July 19, 2013, with 66 percent containment and a total of 109,615 aces burned.

Smoke continued to be visible in the region for days.

#### Smoke expected

Recent weather conditions bring back the memories of those smokefilled skies and days and days of viewing billowing plumes of smoke.

Wildfires have already erupted in the Southwest that are expected to push smoke into our region.

The Tunnel Fire in Coconino National Forest near Flagstaff, Ariz., grew to 21,215 acres and was 20 percent contained on Tuesday evening.

Prescott National Forest's Crooks Fire increased to 6,454 acres with 16 percent containment on Tuesday.

Just south of Archuleta County, in the Santa Fe National Forest, the Cerro The following year, on June 5, 2013, Pelado Fire had burned 5,485 acres

near Born's Lake northeast of Pagosa Fe National Forest reached 60,173 acres and 12 percent containment on Tuesday.

> For information on wildfire smoke and your health, visit: https://www.cdc. gov/disasters/wildfires/smoke.html.

#### **Communities destroyed**

We've seen communities destroyed by wind-driven wildfire.

In December, one of those winddriven wildfires burned hundreds of homes near Boulder.

Just last week, a fire in Monte Vista destroyed 15 structures, which included homes and outbuildings. The fire was fanned by winds of up to 40 miles an hour, burning 17 acres on the north side of the city and displacing six families. Reports indicate that 100 homes were initially evacuated.

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham signed emergency declarations as 20 wildfires continued to burn Sunday in nearly half of the state's drought-stricken 33 counties, according to VOA news. More than 200 structures have been charred by the wildfires so far and an additional 900 were reported as threatened.

The McBride Fire started on April 12, in Ruidoso, N.M. and quickly engulfed residential areas. There were tragically two confirmed fatalities and more than 200 homes were lost to the blaze.

To date, 6,159 acres burned and the fire is now at 95 percent containment.

These devastating fires remind us of the importance of emergency communications.

#### **Emergency alerts**

Archuleta County uses an emergency mass notification system that residents can opt into in order to be notified of situations such as wildfire.

You can be notified by cellphone and landline including home and work phones, and by text messaging and/or email.

Sign up for alerts at: http://www. archuletacounty.org/569/Citizens-Alert.

It's time for us all to be alert.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

Please remember, it only takes one spark.

# LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

# 100 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 28, 1922

Jerry Wiwel, family and brother Svante, arrived yesterday from the Weminuche after a strenuous trip, which was made by toboggan, afoot, horseback and by spring wagon. They report about three feet of snow in their section, but that it is going fast.

The first radiophone to reach this city was brought Wednesday evening from Denver by Whitney Newton and installed at the Arlington hotel. It is a Westinghouse R.C. and has a radius of about 1500 miles. The statics the past two evenings were so violent that it was difficult to obtain but slight indications of messages. Upon cessation of the present storms, however, better success is anticipated. The phone will be placed at the Newton ranch at the mouth of Taylor canon in a few days.

The new county five-ton caterpillar tractor has been busy the past week putting the Pagosa Junction-Dyke road in first-class shape. The crew expects to reach Dyke tomorrow night, and will then proceed west on the state highway to the county line.

#### 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of April 25, 1947

The distribution of mail on Sunday was resumed here this week after an interim during which the boxes were empty on the holiday. Petitions asking that the service be resumed were signed by a large number of residents and sent to the Postoffice Department and copies mailed to members of Congress.

Pagosa Springs residents were warned today to take all precautions against diseases carried by drinking water by Dr. Herbert Thompson, county and city health officer. Dr. Thompson based his warning on a report just received from the laboratories of the State Board of Health, which declares the entire water supply of this city is unsafe. Boiling all water used for human consumption is the only precaution which meets the need. Dr. Thompson explained. He attributed much of the present dysentery and colitis to the water supply. No typhoid has been reported he said.

# 50 years ago

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### the West Fork Fire was sparked by light- with zero containment. ning west of the Continental Divide The Calf Canyon Fire in the Santa WHADDYA THINK?

# How bad will fire season be?

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Poll results (66 votes) I'm ready to evacuate. - 17 percent We really need to be careful. - 69 percent I'm not concerned. — 11 percent I do not know. — 3 percent

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Taken from SUN files of April 27, 1972

Oiling crews are expected to lay paving in the Town Park, on Mesa Heights, and at the elementary school within the next few days. The two street paving projects are being financed by the residents of the neighborhoods involved. In the past regularly organized improvement districts have been set up for street paving projects. This year, however, residents are paying their full amounts at the present time and the paving is being done on a pay now basis.

The Pirates have made a clean sweep of athletic activities in the San Juan Basin A league this year. This week they wrapped up the league championships in baseball and track. They have already won the football and basketball titles and sent one wrestler to the state meet. Coaches are not mentioned as often as players and it should be noted that these men, Ron Shaw, Lloyd Wright, Terry Alley, Harold Butts, have been the guiding spirits behind the wins.

## 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of May 1, 1997

School District 50 Joint will hold an official ground-breaking ceremony at the site of a new high school in South Pagosa on Monday, May 5, at 4 p.m. Members of the general public are invited to attend. The ceremony will mark the beginning of construction activity at the 72-acre site adjacent to the Sport Complex and Golden Peaks Stadium. It will be attended by school board members, town officials, district staff, chairpersons and members of school bond election campaign committees and members of the District Accountability Committee.

The 118,000-square-foot building will be large enough to initially handle a student population of 650. The core of the building will be constructed to accommodate 800 students if and when additional classrooms are added to the structure. A 10,000-square-foot industrial arts building is included in the initial construction phase.

The project budget is \$13.1 million with recent estimates of construction costs set at \$12.8 million, including a \$600,000 contingency.

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

#### Library event Dear Editor:

On Saturday, April 9th, the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation hosted our first annual "The Library Affair" event. Seventeen incredible teams came together to decorate tables based on their favorite books. Volunteers helped in a variety of capacities and businesses sponsored the event. We raised over \$100,000. I am still so moved by the community's support of this event. I owe Annie and Tony DeMille an apology as I seemed to continuously write their last names wrongly in our event program and in the various advertisements. I want to thank everyone who participated in The Library Affair. We

hope to see you again next year. Cindi Galabota



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Letters quoting other people

# Letters

Our esteemed U.S. representa-

tive, Lauren Boebert, is in the news

again this week. Did she successful-

ly sponsor or help pass legislation

that will benefit her constituents?

Has she been working tirelessly

to make life better for those she

represents? No, she was amongst

the illustrious group of congres-

sional members named by Cassidy

Hutchinson in her testimony to the House Select Committee to Investi-

gate the January 6th Attack on the

U.S. Capitol. Ms. Hutchinson was a

former special assistant to the pres-

ident (Trump) and the chief of staff

(Meadows). She was responding to

a question about which members

of Congress were involved in phone

calls regarding the overturning of

the election, including calls that

specifically indicated a knowledge

Marjorie Taylor Green (GA), Jim

Jordon (OH), Scott Perry (PA), Louie

Gohmert (TX), Andy Biggs (AZ), Mo

Brooks, (AL), Jody Hice (GA), Paul

Gosar (AZ), and Debbie Lesko (AZ).

I guess Arizona wins the whacka-

Meanwhile, back in Archuleta

county, our U.S. Representative

has been implicated in a plot to

overthrow our democratically

elected government. Oh yes, I

know, some people still cling to the

idea that the election was stolen. I

have some understanding of how

these people feel because I, too,

have been broken-hearted about

election results. How do you think

it felt to see my candidate (HRC)

win the popular vote by 3 million

votes and be declared the loser?

Similarly, when Al Gore won the

popular vote by half a million votes

and still we got GWB. When Bush

was then re-elected, I couldn't be-

lieve it and I remember the rumors

that the voting machines in Ohio

were compromised and that there

for days after all of those elections

but I'll tell what I did not do: I did

not plot a coup d'etat and violently

attack the Capitol of my democ-

racy; I did not threaten and harass

election officials and volunteers; I

did not write and say hateful things

on social media or on big signs in

letters to leaders and newspapers,

paid attention, read widely and

made an effort to understand com-

plex issues so that I could use my

I did protest, peacefully; wrote

my yard or on my car.

I was angry and sad and cried

weren't enough of them anyway.

doodle prize.

Ms. Hutchinson also named

that such efforts were illegal.

'Traitors'

Dear Editor:

which the former president was defeated in the popular vote by over twice as many votes as the first time he lost the popular vote.

Ms. Boebert, as one of her first acts as a Congresswoman, participated in a plot to overthrow our democratically elected government. There's a word for that: it's called treason. She and her buddies are traitors to our country.

Lee Stopher **'Tolerance for** evil'

#### Dear Editor:

Is this who we are now?

I have an interest in world history but readily admit to a lack of an in-depth knowledge in the same area. However, in numerous ways, the war in Ukraine seems to bring back the era of pre-WWII where isolationism was ever present. Now, as then, one side of our mouth talked about not wanting to get "involved" while the opposite side talked about a major strength of our nation being the ability to help democracy develop and grow in other countries around the world. Now, in 2022, as a nation, we seem to be repeating history when it comes to Ukraine.

We talk about preserving Ukraine and its people. We have the prerequisite meetings with other freedom-loving democratic countries. Then, after days, even weeks, these countries combine and agree that the atrocities that are on-going there are totally unacceptable. We encourage the media to inform us of these events and display the horrors of war, as they are in every war. Then these free nations display their strength by... agreeing to meet again next week.

I have fought for this country. I greatly love this country. However, mourn for our apparent loss of the ability to prioritize what is and is not important in this day and age. I also mourn for the loss of willpower to make the major decisions and take the actions necessary to change those things we need to change. The wearing or not wearing of a mask to help prevent the spread of Covid seems to weigh much more heavily on our consciousness and require more

See Letters A4

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vote wisely and encourage others to do the same. I was angry and sad but I never wanted to destroy the democracy. In my grief, I learned to more fully participate and try to strengthen that institution, as did others, resulting in an election in



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### Margaret Ann (Peggy) Case

Margaret Ann (Peggy) Case passed away on April 19. She was born April 12, 1929, at the Pagosa Hotel on San

Juan Street to Archibald and Bess Toner.

Peggy spent her early years working and playing on the family ranch in the Upper Piedra val-



ley with her brother, Edward Toner, and cousin

John Taylor. She attended Debs Schoolhouse

through the eighth grade. With plans for college, she needed to attend an accredited high school, so she boarded with a family friend and attended Durango High School. After graduating in 1947, Peggy attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins where she studied home economics and education, receiving her bachelor of science degree in 1951.

While square dancing the nights away, she met the love of her life, Robert (Bob) Case. They were married June 17, 1951, and spent the next 70 years together.

During those years, they lived in Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota. Peggy was a stay-at-home mom, a volunteer for civic organizations, a 4-H leader, CSU Extension agent, gardener, rancher, devoted wife and loving mother. Peggy and Bob returned to the Upper Piedra ranch in 1979.

Peggy is preceded in death by her parents, brother and grandson,

# **Obituaries**

George Kyriacou.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Bob Case; daughter Robin (Ray) Ball; son Russell (Bernadette) Case; grandchildren Anna Ball, John Kyriacou, Susan Ball, Debra Harrop, Steve (Michelle) Ball, Adrienne Alcon, Janessa Alcon, Keryssa (Josh) Conely and Jared Case; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the United Methodist Women's Legacy Fund. Please mail checks to Robin Ball at P.O. Box 4960, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157.

A celebration of life will be held May 7 at 10 a.m. at Community United Methodist Church in Pagosa Springs.

### Marjorie A. (Mapes) Nevitt

Nov. 23, 1929-April 20 Marjorie A. (Mapes) Nevitt, age 92, passed away at her home

in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Wednesday April 20. Marjorie

was born Nov. 23, 1929, on the family farm West of Waterville, Kan. She is the daughter of Arthur V.

and Fannie M. (Pomeroy) Mapes.

She graduated from Waterville High School in 1947, then went on to the Omaha School of Business in Omaha, Neb. After graduation, Marjorie was recruited by the FBI and moved to Washington D.C. Later, she moved to Albuquer-

que, N.M., where she worked for Tanks Inc. as its secretary/treasurer. Twenty-seven years later, she moved to Alamo, Tenn., where she worked as the city recorder. Then, after retiring, she moved to Wichita, Kan., and then to Pagosa Springs in 2001.

Marjorie was a member of Crossroad Christian Fellowship in Pagosa Springs. She enjoyed having coffee and fellowship with her friends from church every week. She also enjoyed cross-stitch, quilting and, when the opportunity came, fishing. (She always caught the first, the most and the biggest!) Marjorie dearly loved her church, her church family and her God.

Survivors included her children: Toni, of Alamo, Tenn., Roxanne England, of Sevierville, Tenn., Becky (Richard) McManus, of Crystal Springs, Miss., and Carl Nevitt, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; a sister, Dorothy Scheele, of Beatrice, Neb.; nine grandchildren; and 17 greatgrandchildren.

Preceding Marjorie in death were her parents; two brothers, Jess Mapes and Marvin Mapes; and a grandson, Brian Scallion.

Graveside services are planned for 1 p.m., Saturday, April 30, at Riverside Cemetery in Waterville, Kan., 500 N. Division Ave.

Pastor Berniece Ludlum will officiate the service.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held in Pagosa Springs on May 20 at 10 a.m. This service will be at Crossroad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave., Pagosa Springs, Colo. Pastor Curt Wiggers will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Samaritan's Purse (samaritanspurse.org) or may be made out to "Samaritan's Purse"

and sent in care of Christie-Anderes Funeral Home at P.O. Box 61, Waterville, KS 66548.

### **Roxanna** Wise

Roxanna Wise, 61, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away April 11 at the UC

Health Memorial Hospital Central in Colorado Springs surrounded by friends Roxanna is

survived by her nieces, Leanna Rutka and Regina

Rutka, of Denver; also, aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lucille; father, Stanley; and brothers Robert (Bob), Randall (Randy) and Richard (Rick).

Roxanna was born Jan. 15, 1961, in Denver, Colo., the daughter of Stanley and Lucille (Goodin) Rutka. She grew up and went to school in Denver, graduating from North High School in Denver, where she spent most of her life. Roxanna retired to Pagosa Springs in 2018.

Roxanna was employed as a phlebotomist at Beth Israel Hospital, St. Anthony Hospital and Rose Hospital; in her time, she made many friends, she was an outgoing person who held many skilled jobs and enjoyed her life to the fullest. Roxanna was excellent in art and especially talented at making and designing jewelry. She enjoyed wildlife and the outdoors. Roxanna was an avid reader and had eclectic

tastes in books, music and art. A memorial is planned for July in Denver.

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face. My mother has been a special needs

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Mario Garcia. When I first walked into PSFroyo to grab a frozen yogurt on a hot summer day, I was intrigued by the mission, vision and true stories being built within. I thought to myself, "How cool would it be to be a part of this. How can I help? I want to help."

The desire to help people started when my twin brother was born with some disabilities and, through him, I was able to see and help with day-to-day challenges a human can

teacher for 15 years, inspiring us to be kind and helpful to others while my father being a Navy veteran made sure



Mario Garcia

we were sharp and instilled work ethic. Priority was classroom and athletics with hopes to get a full-ride scholarship to Adams State University, where I studied business and wrestled all

four years, which I did. While in college, I met my beautiful wife, Kaitlin, and, eight years later, we bought a home in Pagosa Springs. In our spare time, we love hanging with family and friends, venturing downtown, hot springs, fishing and

My twin brother, having spinal stenosis and being deaf, graduated with an exercise science degree and made it happen. With the support of family, community and faith, he prevailed to be a triathlete, successful personal trainer and essential health care worker.

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# 'Dysfunctional': Water conservancy district talks board member actions, Porco resigns

#### By Josh Pike Staff Writer

Conflict erupted at the April 18 San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) meeting during a discussion of fiduciary duties, conflicts of interest and the reappointment of board member Bill Hudson.

The heated arguments at the meeting resulted in the resignation of board member John Porco and a failed motion to not support the reappointment of Hudson.

The discussion began with board president Al Pfister stating that he believed a discussion on fiduciary duties had been requested at SJWCD and explaining that he had asked Jeffrey Kane, the board's attorney, to summarize fiduciary duties.

Kane explained that, while he lacked "bright line advice" on when fiduciary duties were violated, good general principles to maintain are to keep the district's best interests in mind, avoid undermining decisions by the board, be aware of tensions between board and personal interests, and deal with those tensions "as a prudent person would."

He also suggested that any criticisms of board actions should be based on "public policy reasons and data" and not on personal attacks, and that, if tensions exist between a board member and the district, a board member "should err on the side of avoiding particular issues or conduct where that can be called into question."

Porco then commented that he believed Kane's advice had not "always been followed" for "many years" by an individual on the board.

Porco continued to state that while the individual was entitled to make "innuendo" and "attacks" on SJWCD as a private citizen, Porco believed that "once you get on the board, I think it changes.'

Porco stated that the individual "has been pushing the limits almost continuously with the articles in the Daily Post.'

Porco then expressed his particular objection to a recent article contractor for the community engagement services contract.

According to the meeting minutes for the Feb. 21 SJWCD meeting, the board voted, with five directors voting yes and Hudson abstaining, to hire Project Resource Studio for this contract out of a pool of three applicants.

The board packet for this meeting shows that the other two applicants were local consultants Josh Kurz and Michael Whiting.

Porco expressed that he feels the article distorts the hiring decision, fails to mention the hiring process or the reasons why the other proposals were not selected, and "made it sound like we just arbitrarily wouldn't consider anybody local."

Porco added that, in his opinion, this article series was "crossing the line" and that the individual's request to interview SJWCD's contractor outside of the board was "really beyond the pale."

A copy of this email, included in the board packet for the meeting, identified the sender of the request as Hudson.

Hudson responded by inviting Porco to find "anything" in SJWCD's Resolution 2020-02, on the fiduciary duties of directors, to support his statements.

Hudson continued, "If you can't find anything in our official policies, then you are attacking a director without any backing. It's just your opinion."

Porco responded that his statements were his opinion before reiterating his critique that Hudson's article misrepresented the hiring process.

He also stated, "It's my opinion. My opinion will not change. That's why I didn't want to sit down and talk to you, because I don't believe that that's useful."

Hudson responded, "So, let me try to change your opinion, John." Porco countered, "Don't. Don't

even try, please." Hudson then read from Resolution 2020-02: "Whereas, the board members are volunteers and may

carry on professions outside their

discussing SJWCD's hiring of a duties as district directors and in such roles may express opinions that are not held by certain other board members."

> Hudson continued, "That was the policy that we adopted, John. If you don't like this policy, you should bring a new policy and see if you can get the board to go —"

> Porco interrupted, "That won't be necessary because today is my last meeting of this board. I am gonna be resigning at the end of the meeting. I have ... really had it with this whole nonsense."

> Pfister asked, "John, will you please stay?"

Porco responded, "No, I'm not going to stay. You will have my resignation letter at the next meeting. I will stay on the board until the next meeting and that will be it. And I will have a very clear discussion about why I am leaving this board after 10 years."

Porco then gathered his belongings and departed.

He later submitted a letter of resignation addressed to Pfister dated April 18.

A lengthy debate concerning the significance of the whereas clause in Resolution 2020-02 ensued, with Hudson claiming that this clause defined a policy on fiduciary duties by the board, and Pfister, Kane, SJWCD vice chair Susan Nossaman and SJWCD board member Doug Secrist claiming that this clause merely acted as an acknowledgment of the possibility of directors holding differing opinions and that the policy on handling these disagreements was contained in the "now therefore" section of the document.

At the conclusion of the debate, Pfister moved to have Kane revise Resolution 2020-02 to "reflect the conversations and the law."

After the motion was made, Hudson began playing a recording of SJWCD's March 10 meeting on his laptop where, according to the meeting minutes, Pfister had made a motion to reallocate \$500 of SJWCD funding awarded at the Feb. 21 meeting to the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partner-See District A7

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# District

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ship (WEP), from WEP's Pagosa Gateway project to its Yamaguchi South project.

Hudson had objected to this, citing a conflict of interest given Pfister is both WEP project manager and a paid consultant of the organization. The motion was then changed, with Porco offering the motion, Secrist seconding and Pfister voting in favor as part of a unanimous approval.

At the April 18 meeting, Pfister stated, "That's not on the agenda, Bill.

Hudson responded, "This is on the agenda."

Hudson then repeatedly asked for the board to listen to the recording while Pfister repeatedly said, "Turn it off, Bill."

Kane then interjected that he had to leave the meeting shortly and that clarifying the resolution would potentially be unproductive as it is a "matter of judgment" whether a director is violating fiduciary duties.

Hudson continued to play the recording, resulting in Pfister rising from his seat and repeatedly stating to Hudson, "You're out of order, Bill.'

He then said, "You're out of order, Bill. Turn that off, please," and "Bill, turn it off."

Directly after this, Pfister walked near Hudson's seat at the table and placed his hand on Hudson's laptop. Hudson then grabbed his laptop and physically moved it out of Pfister's reach.

Kane then began to interject a comment while Pfister returned to his seat. After sitting down, Pfister asked Kane to start his comment over from the beginning.

Kane stated, "The only other perspective I can offer is that I've never seen a public body undermined by a single director in the way that this one sows mistrust, lobs grenades and accusations at both professionals and consultants as well as other directors. And it just creates a really hard atmosphere ... to get work done ... My analysis and judgment, the district has spent a lot more money on me and you guys have spent a lot of time and blood, sweat and tears dealing with it. That's not helped promote the interests of the district. And so, you know, those are the factors I would consider when addressing these issues 'cause ... I don't get the sense that ... director Hudson will take my advice at face value or behave any different if any resolution is passed or if we make more details. ... That's my judgment. I'm your counsel. May be beyond my role, it's just I've seen for a long time now how much time gets spent on these issues and how they have very little to do with actual tasks in the mission of the district." Secrist then commented that, since, in Kane's opinion, a clarifying revision Resolution 2020-02 would not be helpful, it would be best to let the motion die.

conflicts of interest from the March 10 vote on reallocating WEP funding that Pfister had participated in.

He also referenced that Kane's 2018 memo had stated that a director shall not, "Perform an act directly and substantially affecting to its economic benefit, a business or other undertaking in which he or she has either a substantial financial interest or is engaged as counsel, consultant, representative or agent," which Hudson claimed Pfister had.

Secrist then proposed that SJWCD refer this information to Kane to obtain a legal opinion on the potential conflict of interest.

Pfister stated that the money real-

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located in the motion was for grantmatching funds for the Yamaguchi South project and that the money would not go to Mountain Studies Institute, which was the entity paying him as a consultant.

Hudson countered that Pfister was a consultant of WEP and thus had violated conflict of interest laws, according to the memo, whether he was receiving money or not.

Secrist then repeated his proposal that the information should be given to Kane to obtain a legal opinion.

Hudson questioned Secrist, "Jeff was at the meeting when this happened. He made no comment whatsoever to stop Al from doing what he was doing. Do you trust a man who is our attorney and who doesn't stop our president from violating Colorado law in a public meeting? You trust him?

(PAWSD) Board or Directors before submitting his letter requesting reappointment to the SJWCD board.

Hudson responded he had not. Secrist then articulated his concern that Hudson was "wearing a lot of hats" with his membership in SJWCD, PAWSD and his work for the Pagosa Daily Post.

Hudson countered that he is very concerned about water in our community and that he could accomplish different things on different boards. He also highlighted that Pfister serves, in his opinion successfully, on multiple boards.

Pfister then commented that SJWCD and PAWSD have differing perspectives on the Dry Gulch project and that "some people" had suggested that Hudson would need to recuse himself from discussions of the project due to conflicts of interest.

Hudson countered that he would prefer to hear Pfister's opinion on the matter instead of anonymous others.

Pfister stated, "These past hour or half hour of discussions, I think Jeff encapsulated it very well. Essentially, with the current composition of the board, I believe we are dysfunctional. And I think that a lot of that dysfunction is a result of your behavior."

Hudson responded by highlighting that Pfister had placed this discussion about conflicts of interest and Hudson's reappointment on the agenda before accusing him of enacting a campaign to remove Hudson from the board which was causing the "distress" experienced by the board.

Hudson responded, "I get along great with everybody on the board until you bring up all your issues and I bring up my issues with you, because you're violating the conflicts of interest. And we're not going to agree, Al."

Pfister responded, "That's what I said in my email to you. I saw no sense in meeting with you because we would continue to disagree."

"Quite frankly, Bill, we haven't all been getting along," Secrist said. "You don't get along well with everybody on the board. ... You tend to come in with a stick-in-the-eye kind of approach." "Well [expletive]," Hudson re-

sponded. A discussion ensued where Nossaman highlighted the stigma of previous conflict-of-interest issues on the board, which, according to her, were heightened by Hudson's

negative and articles on the subject. Hudson highlighted that he had joined the board to help it "take a different perspective" on past events.

Secrist commented that SJWCD has a legal obligation to construct Dry Gulch - a project which Hudson has expressed opposition to.

A discussion then occurred on SJWCD's efforts to gather data to support the Dry Gulch project, with Hudson suggesting that SJWCD needs to collect new data to determine the future needs for the Dry Gulch project to replace faulty, previously collected data.

The discussion concluded with Hudson highlighting his accomplishments in helping SJWCD develop a strategic plan "that the community can embrace" for Dry Gulch and other projects.

Pfister then requested a motion on the consideration of the reappointment of Hudson while suggesting that it would be "prudent on our part to have a motion on what this board feels about the reappointment of director Hudson."

Secrist said, "And, I'll jump in, and Bill, please don't read into this, it's not personal at all, but I think, because of your ... coming appointment on the PAWSD board, because of some of the issues that we've had in the past, I would move that we not support your reappointment on the board ... and, you know, thank you very well for your service and wish you well ... but, I do believe you're kinda getting too many hats on right now, far as my concern. And that's where I'm at, so I would move that we not approve your reappointment."

Pfister seconded the motion. Pfister and Secrist voted in support, and Hudson, Nossaman and board member Joe Tedder voted against it. The motion failed.



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Pfister agreed and then asked if there was "anything else" for the discussion on fiduciary duties.

Hudson commented, "We have a problem on the board. And it's illustrated by this recording. It has to do with a director's behavior, our president. If you would like to listen to this recording, you will see ... our president violating Colorado law and our bylaws.'

Hudson continued to accuse Pfister of violating Section 11 of the SJWCD bylaws, Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) 24-18-109, CRS 18-8-308(1) and CRS 18-8-308(3).

In response to repeated questions by Secrist, Hudson clarified that his accusations concerned financial

Secrist responded, "I'm not going to get into this conversation with you. ... Whether I find I trust an attorney or not. He's our counsel. He's our paid counsel. He's the one we have to abide by."

Secrist then reiterated his recommendation.

Hudson responded, "He'll sift through it and he'll twist it."

Secrist then made a formal motion to present this information to Kane and solicit a legal opinion, which passed unanimously.

The board then moved on to consider Hudson's reappointment as a member of the board, with Pfister mentioning that Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffery R. Wilson, who supervises appointments to the board, had requested that SJWCD make a motion on Hudson's reappointment.

Secrist asked Hudson whether he had decided to serve on the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District

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The State Veterinarian's office was notified by a flock owner about an increase of sickness and mortality in a mixed-species poultry flock in La Plata County on April 14.

A veterinarian in Durango sampled two of the sick birds and submitted samples to the Colorado State University (CSU) Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for testing, with confirmation of HPAI made by NVSL on April 20. The flock was experiencing significant illness

and was humanely euthanized on April 17.

Avian influenza does not present a food-safety risk; poultry and eggs are safe to eat when handled and cooked properly. No human cases of avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States. In birds, HPAI has a mortality rate of 90 to 100 percent within just a few days, so flock surveillance and disease reporting is critical to containing the spread of the virus. Anyone who notices any signs of illness or disease in their flocks should immediately notify the state veterinarian's office at (303) 869-9130.

Poultry owners across Colorado are advised to review and increase their biosecurity measures and monitor their flocks for clinical signs of HPAI, which include: sudden death

without clinical signs; lack of energy or appetite; decreased egg production; soft-shelled or misshapen eggs; swelling or purple discoloration of head, eyelids, comb, hocks; nasal discharge; coughing; sneezing; incoordination; and diarrhea.

Bird owners should immediately report any illness or death in their flocks to the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office. Dead birds should be double-bagged and refrigerated for possible testing, away from human food or other avian products.

Bird owners struggling with stress or anxiety around HPAI can contact Colorado Crisis Services by calling (844) 494-TALK (8255) or texting TALK to 38255. Farmers and ranchers can receive a voucher for six free sessions with an agcompetent provider through the

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#### What bird owners can do

 Increase biosecurity: Poultry owners must immediately increase biosecurity measures to protect their birds from HPAI. The USDA Defend the Flock website has helpful resources for keeping poultry healthy in any operation. Commercial poultry producers can use this tool kit to assess their biosecurity practices and

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information."

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that a decision on leaving the health district would need to be made with "all the information."

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf added, on the subject of communications with SJBPH, that he had suggested to SJBPH that they should improve its public communication and responsiveness, but that his suggestion "hasn't got any traction either."

Schaaf also emphasized that money and local control are key issues in considering the health district situation.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that, if the group wishes to form another committee, it would need to present the request to the board at a BoCC meeting.

Brown then asked Dr. Jon Bruss, a SJBPH board member speaking as a private citizen who had contacted Brown wishing to be a resource to the county in this decision, to provide his comments on the issue.

Bruss explained the potential

# Housing

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at Apache Street, covering nearly the entirety of the park's open greenspace, according to the design review sketch provided by the town.

Option B puts the development parallel to 7th Street, built along, and disrupting, the South 7/8 Alley, eliminating the ice skating rink and horseshoe arena at the park, according to the sketch. Vehicular access for this option would be along Zuni Street and the 7/8 Alley.

Town staff were looking for guidance from the council on the direction they would like to see the development go at this point, not a final determination on the location, Phillips explained.

On April 12, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission recommend-

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challenges in finding qualified staff

for a new health district and the im-

portance of competitive salaries for

district is a long process and sug-

gested the county should consider

a gradual approach to constructing

He also highlighted the impor-

tance of the health district being

formed in a way that would best

benefit all members of a community

Schaaf then proposed that the

county should create a public survey

to determine the community's views

on SJBPH, although Bruss stated that

the public completing such a survey

would likely not fully understand the complexities of starting a health

Weaver also mentioned that start-

ing an Archuleta County health

district could require a tax increase

SJBPH Board of Health commented

on the meeting: "SJBPH welcomes

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In a statement to The SUN, the

to provide adequate funding.

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He added that building a health

attracting staff.

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# Birds

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# Celebration



gested Option A, with the removal of

the ice rink to create new open space. Council member Matt DeGuise

agreed, stating that Option B's location seems intrusive to the natural landscape given that it is on a hill, and Option A seemed simpler to construct.

Council member Mat deGraaf had a different opinion.

He stated that while he was one of the original supporters of workforce housing, he "had a change of heart" about the South Pagosa Park location.

"I feel like we would be doing a disservice if we didn't look at some other options," deGraaf said. "If other options are as simple as buying another piece of property, I think that we need to consider that."

elected officials' efforts to continuously evaluate how best to provide services and programs to residents. That said, SJBPH regrets that the public remarks included significant misinformation about COVID-19, SJBPH as an agency, and about the local governmental public health roles and responsibilities that SJBPH carries out. It is unfortunate that the misinformation was not corrected on the record.

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need for open space in the area of the new development, anyway.

He suggested that a new park be created in an area of the town that is underserved by parks.

Still, deGraaf stuck with his idea that new locations be looked at.

In response, Phillips stated that a buildable site might not be realistic to find, given the council's parameters for locations for the housing. Originally, the town wanted the housing to be in town, spread out, and have some existing amenities like road and utility access, Phillips stated.

deGraaf then stated that while he is in support of the location being walkable to in-town amenities, he is mostly in support of serving the community and would not be opposed to moving the location out

Posey and DeGuise stayed firm in

their support of Option A, with the

cation of a unanimous decision,

Phillips suggested a joint work ses-

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# **Public Meetings**

The following meetings are subject to change.

#### Thursday, April 28

- San Juan Basin Public Health **Board of Health meeting.** 9 a.m. Zoom meeting. For more information, visit: https://sjbpublichealth.org/.
- **Pagosa Springs Town Council** work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings.civicweb. net/portal/.

#### **Tuesday, May 3**

- Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.
- 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= dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2ta eGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http:// archuletacounty.org/agendacenter

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- Pagosa Springs Sanitation General **Improvement District meet**ing. 5 p.m. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings.civicweb. net/portal/.
- Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

#### Tuesday, May 10

### Archuleta County Board of County

- Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.
- Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.
- Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: https://pagosasprings.civicweb. net/portal/.

**Pagosa Fire Protection District** 

**Board of Directors meeting** and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund regular meeting. 5:30 p.m., administration building, 165 N. Pagosa Blvd.

#### Wednesday, May 11

- Farm to Spaceship Experience **Economy Demonstration.** Noon-4 p.m., Choke Cherry Tree, 56 Talisman Drive, No. 8C. Hosted by Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation.
- Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation annual membership meeting. 5:30-7 p.m., The Springs Resort and Spalodge lawn, 323 Hot Springs Blvd
- rchuleta County Fair Board meeting. 6 p.m., CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84.

#### Thursday, May 12

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

### Tuesday, May 17

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.

8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/9160904 8375?pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1N HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: http://archuletacounty. org/agendacenter.

ed that town council support Option B, with the proviso that the acreage be redesigned to separate out the 28 units in an appropriate way that leaves the alley in place, in a motion approved by all but one planning commissioner.

Explaining this decision, Phillips inserted that while the council is free to recommend either of the options in any form, or even move to look into entirely different locations for the development, she is concerned with the amount of money already spent by the town in commissioning designs.

Council member Jeff Posey sug-

# Continued from front

burn is required to obtain a permit. For much of Archuleta County, that means getting a permit through the Pagosa Fire Protection District

Permits may be obtained from the PFPD at the PFPD Administrative Office from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (the office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. daily for lunch), according to the PFPD website.

An application can also be downloaded at: https://pagosafire.org/ permits-fees/.

Permits, according to the website, are \$10 and are good from the time of purchase until the end of the calendar year in which they are purchased. The permit is good for one address and may be used multiple times.

PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht noted Monday he is impressed the

#### Continued from front

The unit, the report notes, came to rest on its wheels facing east.

The passenger in the semi, Brandon Yates, 42, of Starkville, Miss., was transported via air to San Luis Valley Health, where he was declared deceased, according to the report.

The driver suffered serious injuries and was taken to Pagosa Springs Medical Center, the report indicates.

deGraaf explained that with an increase in sales tax revenues, the town should do what it can to look into other options that would preserve the open space at the park.

Mayor Shari Pierce weighed in, stating that given Phillips' warning about the resources already spent on designing this project, the town should consider looking into spots for a new park, creating a tradeoff for open space so that this development could stay as planned.

Posey concurred, stating that since the proposed development is so close to the already-existing Yamaguchi Park, there is not a huge

PFPD hasn't seen any issues with open burning yet this spring, but recommended that anyone thinking about having an open burn do it as early in the morning as they possibly can in order to be done before the wind picks up in the afternoon.

fire conditions this spring.

As of Monday, the PFPD's website listed the local fire danger as moderate.

Le Roux also suggested looking to burn in the morning and when there's little to no wind, adding that potential for moisture is another good condition to look for.

with the burn permit.

For more information

Le Roux also indicated that Pagosa Country has seen favorable

Additional condition-specific information, he noted, is included

In an email to The SUN, Master

Trooper DougWiersma explains that

the driver's condition deteriorated

after he was transported and charges

driver initially claimed to have been

the passenger, but in-cab video

"showed him to be the driver and

showed him falling asleep behind

the wheel just prior to the crash."

Wiersma further wrote that the

have not yet been filed.

For more information on the Archuleta County ordinance, visit: http://www.archuletacounty. org/316/Ordinances.

Information on open burning within the Town of Pagosa Springs can be found in Section 12.8.15 of the Town of Pagosa Springs Municipal Code, which is available on the town's website, https://www.pagosasprings.co.gov/.

For more information on burn permits, open burning or to download the application for the PFPD, visit: https://pagosafire.org/permits-fees/.

For more information about burning within the Los Pinos Fire Protection District, including the appropriate dispatch centers to notify, visit: https://lospinosfire.com/ open-burning.html.

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Wiersma noted he is unsure if troopers discerned if the driver was being untruthful or was not thinking clearly due to his injuries.

The report indicates that neither drugs/alcohol nor excessive speed are suspected.

The report notes the driver was wearing a seat belt, and lists restraint use for the passenger as "None/ unused.'

**Cras** 

# Burning,

(PFPD).

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# Town council discusses implementation of voter-approved short-term rental fee

By Dorothy Elder Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council gave key guidance to town staff regarding the implementation of the recently approved Ballot Question A at its April 21 meeting.

The ballot question, which passed in the recent regular election by a margin of 11 votes, asked if the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter should 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.

The amendment was the result of a citizen-led petition, and therefore staff needed guidance from town council on some of the more technical details around the implementation of the amendment, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained at the meeting.

The recommendations made by town council will be taken into consideration as Phillips and town attorney Clay Buchner write the amendment's official ordinance, which will likely be presented to town council for its first reading at the next town council meeting on May 3, Phillips said.

The first question sought clarity on the length of time that a homeowner needs to be living in their house, and therefore not renting it out, for the short-term rental fee to apply to them.

Specifically, the municipal code states that homeownership is defined as living in home for a minimum of 10 months out of the year, but the ballot question states nine months is the minimum requirement. Town staff wanted to know which length of time was appropriate, Phillips stated.

Council member Jeff Posey opined that staff should stick with the language in the ballot, signifying his support for the nine-month standard. Mayor Shari Pierce agreed.

Another question related to the language of the ballot asked if council wanted to raise the fee from \$150, given that the ballot question only stated that this is the minimum amount to be collected.

Posey and Pierce both agreed that the fee should be kept at \$150.

The next question asked if the fees apply to properties that are located within commercial or other districts where vacation rentals are a use by right and, further, how mixed-use buildings are to be treated.

In terms of priorities, council member Matt DeGuise stated that the money should be used to buy down rents so that people are paying a lower rate for their housing.

Pierce agreed, and also added that the town should look into some of the money going toward wastewater treatment so that the sanitation district is not paying all of the fees for the town's new workforce housing developments.

In addition, the money could be spent to qualify additional residents for the town's upcoming workforce housing developments, Pierce suggested. The developments are meant to serve individuals earning between 80 to 120 percent of the area median income (AMI), but the money collected from the fee could be used to help "boost" people at a lower AMI percentage so that they can afford housing in the new developments.

For example, the town might pay the difference between the standard for what a person at 60 percent AMI should be paying in rent and the rental rate at the new development, Pierce explained.

In a later discussion, it was also suggested that the town temporarily hold some or all of the revenue from the fee in the case of a legal challenge.

Pierce suggested this to help protect the town in the case that a legal challenge determines some or all of the collections must be reimbursed to rental owners.

In addition, town staff wanted guidance on the best way to collect this fee, specifically if it should be part of the lodging tax payment or separately reported and collected, and what the schedule of the fee should be.

Town Clerk April Hessman stepped in to advise that the fee be collected monthly and in advance to avoid irregularities in typical fee collections.

Town council members agreed that the fee should be collected, reported and stored separately from the lodging tax fee.

Hessman suggested that this will make it easier for the town to measure and assess the results of the ordinance.

Phillips also informed council members that the town may need to collect funds retroactively, given the ballot language indicating that funds must start to be collected on June 1.

She stated that it is likely that it will take some time to establish procedures for the ballot question, pass enabling legislation to correct inconsistencies, and make clarifications and notify vacation rental owners so that they can be prepared to report and pay the fee to the town.

Town council OK'd the retroactive collection, and therefore - depending on the timing of the initial implementation — short-term rental owners may pay multiple months of fees in the town's first collection.

In addition, the council discussed the penalties for noncompliance.

Following a lengthy discussion on the point in time at which a short-term rental owner would be penalized, Buchner stepped in to advise that council stick to the existing system used by town staff in many of its ordinances.

In the final part of the discussion, at the suggestion of DeGuise, town council considered commissioning a nexus study to not only test the success of the ordinance, but also protect itself in the case of a legal challenge.

Buchner advised the council that this would be a good idea, given that existing, similar case law in Colorado has established that the justification for these types of ordinances must be that the thing (in this case, shortterm rentals) that the government is taking money from is among the causes for the issue (in this case, lack of workforce housing) that the government is trying to solve.

Buchner stated that, ideally, the town would have conducted the study before the ballot question was voted on, but due to it being citizen-led, he recognized that the town did not have the opportunity nor was it the entity behind suggesting the ordinance.

Ultimately, town council members decided that they wanted to hear more about the cost and the timeline for the study before making any decisions.

Town staff will now work on getting the council an estimate, Phillips stated.

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# **Re-ELECT** Kate Alfred & Jason Cox

to the

# Upper San Juan Health Service Board of Directors May 3, 2022

The Upper San Juan Health Service District, more commonly known as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), is a Colorado Title 32 Special District that operates a Critical Access Hospital, A Rural Health Clinic, the ambulance service, and the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders that opened in 2018. PSMC is the County's largest employer, an anchor institution, and a significant economic driver for our community.

As a Special District, PSMC is essentially no different than PAWSD, Pagosa Fire Protection District, and the Ruby Sisson Library from a governance standpoint. The governing Board of Directors is elected by the electors of the district. The district boundaries for PSMC are all of Archuleta County and the portions of Hinsdale and Mineral Counties west of the Divide.

I am Greg Schulte and I have been privileged to be a Board Member of PSMC for the past 8 years, including serving as Chair for the past 4 years. I'll be termed out of office with the upcoming election on May 3rd.

I am grateful to have been part of the PSMC team and to have been colleagues with several fellow Board members, including Kate Alfred and Jason Cox, who are both running for reelection for a 2nd term.

I have been able to observe and work closely with both Kate and Jason over the years and I have been continually impressed with their dedication to PSMC. Both have participated diligently and productively on the Finance, Foundation, and Strategic Planning Committees.

I am Matt Mess. I currently serve as Vice Chair of the PSMC board. I have worked with both Kate Alfred and Jason Cox over the past five years. They have served on several committees, which have led to the betterment of the organization, including Strategic Planning, Foundation and Finance. Kate and Jason have an in-depth understanding of the current undertakings of the organization and will be a valuable asset to the Board as the District moves into the future.

I urge you to vote for both Kate Alfred and Jason Cox in the Health Service District on May 3.

PSMC, along with our entire community, has gone through the most difficult and stressing period in the history of the organization and the team has certainly risen to the challenge. Jason and Kate have been an integral part of that team and are a key part of that success. If reelected, we have no doubt both Kate and Jason will continue to faithfully do everything in their power to ensure the success of the organization.

We hope you will consider joining us in voting for Kate Alfred and Jason Cox for another term on the Board of Directors for the Upper San Juan Health Service District. Thank you.

Paid for Greg Schulte and Matt Mees



Again, Posey affirmed that the town should stick to the language in the ballot.

"I think the language was clear that it applied to all short-term rentals," Posey said.

Many other council members agreed, and the determination was that the fee will apply to every shortterm rental, even in mixed-use and use-by-right cases.

Town staff also wanted to know how the council wishes to utilize the fees collected.

Specifically, Phillips was seeking advice on the priorities for funding, along with more technical questions regarding if the funds have to be spent only in town limits.

There was a large consensus by town council members that the fees should only be spent within town limits. The reasoning was that because the fees are collected from rentals in the town, the money should be used within the town.



Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 2.8 of the Pagosa Springs Town Charter, that as of April 6, 2022, there is one vacancy on the Pagosa Springs Town Council. The council seat is an at large seat. During a public meeting to be held on May 19th, 2022 at 5:00 pm, at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd, the Council will consider the appointment of one new Council Member to fill the vacancy.

Notice is further given that any elector of the Town of Pagosa Springs interested in serving on the Town Council may submit a completed application, found on the town website, with the Town Clerk, April Hessman, at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd or PO Box 1859 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, on or before May 13, 2022.

> For town boundaries, eligibility, or more info call 970-264-4151 or visit www.pagosasprings.co.gov

### **Upper San Juan Health Services District** Election May 3, 2022

# Vote Barbara Parada

I would like to work with the Health Services District Board to provide better rural healthcare for our local residents.

Also, to give back to our community to thank all of those who have supported us through the years.

#### *My qualifications:*

- Southwest Colorado Mental Health bilingual outreach worker
- Southwest Colorado Mental Health cultural awareness team member
- State committee on racism and sexism
- Committee to provide weatherization for low income persons
- Timber Ridge HOA past president and board member Paralegal
- Archuleta County resident since 1979

# Your vote is appreciated.





## VERONICA MEDINA

Mother, wife & Nana with family ties to the community for more than 25 years

Masters degree in Business Administration

Director of Human resources for 15 years

REALTOR more than 12 years

I am very involved in the community: President of Archuleta County Republican Women for 4 years, House District 59 Chairwoman, Archuleta County Republican Central Committee Secretary, board member for Archuleta County Housing, Rotary Club, Loaves & Fishes volunteer, and my family has adopted a road to help preserve our beautiful county

I attend the Archuleta County Veterans (Vets 4 Vets) meetings on a regular basis

My brother is currently serving in the Army and has for 20-plus years. My step dad, Sevedo Martinez, and my brother have also served

I have been attending the Board of County Commissioners meetings for the past 3-1/2 years

I have the life experience, education and leadership that Archuleta County needs. I am the most qualified candidate for Archuleta County Commissioner.

I am asking for your support and your **VOTE for VERONICA MEDINA** for COUNTY COMMISSIONER in the June primary.

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# VOTE Veronica Medina



**County Commissioner District 3** 

> VeronicaMedina4Commissioner@gmail.com Paid for by Veronica Medina for Archuleta County Commissioner Committee

id for by Barbara Parada

# Earth Day celebration

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Local organizations take part in an Earth Day celebration at Centennial Park on April 23. The Geothermal **Greenhouse Partnership domes** were open to visitors. The event also included car races for kids, music, wetland walks and more.

















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# Water district declines to extend lease for Dry Gulch site

#### By Josh Pike Staff Writer

At its April 14 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors decided to not move forward with extending the Weber family's lease on Running Iron Ranch, the proposed site for Dry Gulch reservoir.

The Weber family previously owned the ranch and has been occupying it and mining gravel there under a 15-year, \$1-per-year lease with PAWSD scheduled to end in January 2023.

According to District Manager Justin Ramsey, approximately a year ago, the Webers approached PAWSD looking to extend the lease, only to withdraw from negotiations upon hearing the PAWSD counteroffer.

Ramsey did not disclose the terms of this offer, but stated that the cost of the lease would be "more than a dollar."

However, as Ramsey explained at the meeting, the Webers had recently approached PAWSD again, hoping to reopen negotiations to extend the lease under terms that were similar to the PAWSD counteroffer with some minor changes.

To begin the discussion, PAWSD board chair Jim Smith inquired of San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) president Al Pfister, who was in attendance, whether his group had made any decisions concerning its position on extending the lease.

Pfister explained that SJWCD, which has a role as project manager for the Dry Gulch project, had not met since the PAWSD/SJWCD joint meeting on March 10 where the lease had been discussed and thus did not have a position.

PAWSD treasurer Glenn Walsh then raised concerns that he had not seen the terms of the proposed lease and that he would be "extremely concerned" if any lease was approved before its terms had been distributed to the PAWSD board.

Walsh also referenced that, in his view, the PAWSD board had expressed general disinterest in proceeding with the lease.

Ramsey clarified that the discussion was not on approving a new

lease at the meeting, but on in- for SJWCD's effort to potentially structing staff to proceed with developing the formal terms of a lease extension.

Board secretary Gordon McIver, Walsh and vice president Blake Brueckner then expressed disinterest in extending the lease, with McIver citing that the personal-use mining operation proposed by the Webers was not, in his mind, a benefit to customers of PAWSD.

Andy Weber then spoke, explaining that the gravel on Running Iron Ranch is nearly exhausted and that he is seeking a lease extension to complete reclamation on the site, which was running behind schedule due to a lack of workers.

He also mentioned the possibility of a contract with Archuleta County to haul in and crush gravel at Running Iron Ranch for a joint project between the county and the U.S. Forest Service.

Additionally, Weber clarified that the ranch is still open commercially for gravel sales, whether selling gravel mined on the property or crushing gravel transported from elsewhere.

Walsh responded that he feels PAWSD needed to move on to a "new chapter" for Running Iron Ranch where PAWSD ends involvement with the gravel business and moves on to allowing SJWCD to attempt to find partners who could relieve the \$10 million of debt currently owed on the property.

He also mentioned that he feels that further gravel mining or crushing operations on the property would impede reclamation efforts.

Smith then inquired of the board whether it would be willing to extend the lease to allow the Webers to finish reclamation if the new terms disallow mining.

Weber then added that reclamation would require him to have ongoing access for potentially three to five years for weed control and other reclamation efforts.

Pfister explained that he feels that SJWCD would need more clarity on the reclamation efforts before the lease is extended.

SJWCD treasurer Bill Hudson expressed his agreement with Walsh and highlighted the importance of completing reclamation

turn Running Iron Ranch into a state park.

Smith concluded the discussion by explaining that, since there was no motion to extend the Running Iron Ranch lease, the lease would not be extended, although the board had no objections to allowing the Webers access to the property to complete reclamation.

The board and Weber then agreed to have Weber coordinate with Ramsey and a member of the SJWCD board to plan and oversee reclamation, and to formalize the terms of this arrangement at a later date.

Hudson volunteered Pfister to serve as the SJWCD representative.

In a later interview, Ramsey confirmed that a motion was made at the meeting to decline to extend the Weber lease, but it died for lack of a second and no further motions were made on the issue.

At its April 18 meeting, the SJWCD further discussed the Weber lease and next steps.

Hudson began by summarizing the events of the PAWSD meeting and reiterating his support for the decision by PAWSD to not renew the lease.

Pfister added that he did not support the PAWSD decision, as he had seen value in extending the lease to potentially help pay off the loans on the property.

However, he mentioned that, since the SJWCD had not met before the PAWSD meeting occurred, that he had not been able to communicate a definitive board position to PAWSD.

Pfister also mentioned that his priority in considering extending or not extending the lease was its impact on SJWCD's state park nomination for the site.

SJWCD board member Doug Secrist commented that PAWSD could consider another type of lease, such as a grazing lease, to produce revenue.

He also mentioned that an extension of the mining lease would likely delay reclamation before stating that he would prefer to not extend the Weber lease so reclamation could start immediately.

Pfister then raised the issue of

an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) drafted by Ramsey in 2020 that would detail the obligations of PAWSD and SJWCD concerning the Running Iron Ranch property if accepted.

Pfister explained that, in that agreement, SJWCD would be responsible for long-term management of the ranch — a responsibility he wanted clarified before the agreement was accepted.

Pfister then questioned whether long-term management would include activities such as weed control, which SJWCD lacked the resources to perform.

SJWCD board member Joe Tedder questioned if SJWCD is in charge of long-term management, according to the IGA, why the decision on extending the lease had been made by PAWSD instead of the SJWCD.

Hudson clarified that the IGA had never been signed and that the only agreement between PAWSD and SJWCD is an agreement made with the Colorado Water Conservation Board from 2015 which only designates SJWCD with the responsibility for finding partners on the Dry Gulch project and makes no mention of long-term management responsibilities.

Pfister added that he would attempt to clarify the responsibilities in the IGA as part of his work with Ramsey on the Running Iron Ranch reclamation working group.

The board then unanimously agreed to a motion supporting PAWSD's vote on the Weber lease a vote which, according to Ramsey, never occurred.

After discussion surrounding the motion's language, the SJWCD board then unanimously voted for a follow-up motion commanding Pfister to work with Ramsey on determining the Weber's responsibilities for reclamation and clarifying the meaning of SJWCD's potential responsibility for long-term management in the IGA.

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# Kate Alfred

I'm asking for your vote, a vote for experience and dedication.

I am currently on the PSMC Board of Directors and also on the Finance Committee. As we look toward the future, having a Board that is familiar with the history of PSMC and the challenges we face is critical.

I worked in administration of a large medical/surgical practice for over 20 years before moving full-time to Pagosa Springs in 2006. I understand the challenges and the opportunities of the healthcare industry and have firsthand knowledge of PSMC.

Being on the Board of Directors comes with great responsibility. To assist PSMC with staffing challenges, I volunteered my time to help with daily operations during the last year. This has given me a heartfelt appreciation of the importance of PSMC in our community and for the people who work there.



Paid for by Kate and Tim Alfred.

USJHSD is the municipal entity that governs and operates Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC)

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### Martin "Marty" Rose



LAWYER: 46 years, 20 years leading a small trial law firm. Experience Includes healthcare and business sector. Licensed in CO, TX, CA BUSINESSMAN: Owner Alley House since 2011 Property owner in Pagosa since 1997

**RESIDENCE:** Pagosa Springs

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- Non-profit Board experience: decades of experience in Board and leadership roles including governance, organization planning/ monitoring.
- Independent/Impartial decision-making and objectivity
- Knowledge of hospital business model and experience advising healthcare businesses.

I would be honored to serve the community on the USJHSD Board of Directors to preserve and improve this valuable community asset.

### PLEASE VOTE

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on April 11, due back Tuesday, May 3. Or a voter can pickup a ballot at PSMC and return to same.

Paid for by Joni and Martin Rose

# Education

# Charter school board opts to use reserves for grant match

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

At its meeting on April 20, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors approved dipping into unassigned reserves to help meet the school's BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) grant match.

PPOS was awarded a \$1.4 million BEST grant through the state in June 2021 for the purposes of transferring its building, which was previously an office building, to an educational occupancy.

The construction, which is anticipated to begin in May, will focus on safety and security and will update the fire alarm, increase fresh air ventilation, install security cameras, add bathroom fixtures and build a commercial kitchen.

At the time of the grant being awarded, PPOS was set to contribute a \$779,266.98 match for a total project cost of \$1,442,087.

School Director Angela Reali-Crossland indicated at the time the school would use mill levy override funds, grant and federal funding, as well as fundraising, to meet the match amount.

The resolution approved on April 20 allows \$210,000 to be taken from General Fund reserves for the

ing from reserves restricted for the work on the building and \$100,000 coming from unassigned reserves.

PPOS Business Manager Chenni Hammon explained that the need to dip into reserves is because of a time crunch with receiving loan funding from a local bank in time to pay the match.

She noted that the fund had \$416,482.77 available.

Board member Julie Simmons expressed concern that the remaining unrestricted reserves wouldn't offer enough coverage in the event the school had to rely on them, totaling 25 days of cash versus 60, which she noted is optimal.

Board member Bill Hudson asked how long it would take to repay those funds, with Reali-Crossland explaining it would take four years because there would be no interest involved, and Hammon added that renting out the warehouse space attached to the school would help recoup that.

Reali-Crossland indicated dipping into reserves isn't the staff's first choice, either, but if the school doesn't pay the match on time, construction won't be able to start on May 23 as scheduled.

In response to questioning from the board, Hammon explained that replace the \$100,000 coming out

match, with \$110,000 of that com- the local bank only has so many loan officers and PPOS's loan is not a priority for it, and Region 9 is having cash-flow issues, with Reali-Crossland adding that that means PPOS can't get the \$200,000 loan from Region 9 that was previously discussed.

Reali-Crossland added that she has also reached out to another company about a different loan, though the terms would be "less than favorable.'

Hammon also told the board this year has been the most PPOS has had to cash flow, having to cash flow \$130,000 that would be reimbursed now that the school's federal ESSER III funding received final approval.

She added that \$200,000 in reserves would be enough for PPOS to function.

The board and staff then discussed how the school could obtain funding to refill its reserves (loans or additional students with the school's planned expansion), with Reali-Crossland pointing out that construction is under budget by \$36,000 at this point.

Following additional discussion on the topic, Hudson motioned to approve dipping into reserves and to continue looking into ways to

of unassigned fund reserves by Nov. 15.

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

#### Other business

In other business at the meeting, the board:

· Unanimously approved agreements for third-party testing and inspection of certain components of the construction, and for commissioning of certain systems — things Andy Fiamengo, PPOS's owner representative for the project, explained is required by BEST and the state's Department of Fire Prevention and Control.

Fiamengo explained commissioning means testing systems that are installed against the design and intent of those systems.

• Approved Reali-Crossland's contract, which extends through the 2022-2023 school year.

The board also discussed a process to evaluate the school's director on an ongoing basis to also provide feedback to the director throughout the school year, as well as potentially moving the time the director's evaluation occurs each year.

• Discussed the terms of existing board members, with the board voicing the need to stagger the terms more to have fewer board

Board president Ursala Hudson also noted that she feels like the board's bylaws, which reference a self-elected board or opening up the election wider, are confusing because they reference an election. The board opted to review pos-

sible bylaw revisions at its next meeting.

• The board heard an update from board member Elly Osmera on an effort to obtain a planning grant for a playground. randi@pagosasun.com

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Director Angela Reali-Crossland.

and healthy humans. As staff noticed students living these values, their classroom swimming pool charts filled with wave drawings and stickers.

Students earned waves for things like cleaning up trash on a class walk, saying "please" and "thank you" in line for lunch, completing draft after draft of writing work, trying new things, and helping others.

With full classroom swimming pool charts and joyful hearts, students joined their school director for a two-hour off-campus adventure. Games of Marco Polo and Sharks and Minnows filled their time, reinforcing community and health for students and staff during this fun experience spent together.

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# The future of Lake Powell

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#### **By Nell Taylor** Special to The SUN

Colorado is holding a water awareness campaign this year, 100 years after the 1922 Colorado River Compact was signed. Pagosa Springs High School Science Teacher Josh *Kurz provided the following article* as part of Student Water Awareness Week, held April 18-22.

In the spring of 1983, the Glen Canyon Dam was threatened by a massive surplus of snowmelt, so much that there was the danger of the dam overflowing and being destroyed. Now, nearly four decades later, the dam is struggling with the opposite extreme: unprecedented water scarcity.

The Glen Canyon Dam was constructed in 1964, consequently forming the nearly 200-mile-long

Cumulative Precipitation Anomalies by Decade Upper San Juan SNOTEL Site (1980-2021) 50 34.6 25



Figure 1: Annual precipitation levels over the past four decades. The number of below-average years has been increasing as the amount of precipitation has been decreasing.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Jayelle and Rayleen play rubber ducky games during the Pagosa Peak Open School pool party.

# **PPOS students make waves** during school celebration

### **By Emily Murphy**

Pagosa Peak Open School

Groups of wet, smiling and tired students lugged bags of goggles, floaties and towels in and out of Pagosa Peak Open School throughout the past week.

After working hard on earning "waves" from teachers and administration during a month of celebrating the school's values, students had finally reached their goal: class pool parties with School

Each week the school focused on one of the four values presented to students by Reali-Crossland: lifelong learning, community, quality and meaningful work, and whole

members potentially leaving the board at a time.

Lake Powell located in northern Arizona and southern Utah. It provides water for approximately 40 million people and hydropower (through the Glen Canyon Dam) for 5 million people across the southwestern states (California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming) and Mexico. The lake first reached capacity in 1980, but has been dwindling since 1999.

Lake Powell water levels have set a new record low, currently around 3,520 feet, and may reach an elevation where it is completely unable to produce hydropower (3,490 feet) and deadpool elevation, where water cannot be released naturally through the dam's outlet (3,370 feet), within the next decade.

Very recently, the reservoir's levels dropped into the buffer zone (3,525 feet), meaning the dam cannot operate at full capacity in regard to hydropower production. As a result, the Glen Canyon Dam is now operating at 50 percent capacity, which will lead to higher electricity costs in the southwest area. The primary reason for this problem is that there has been a 20-year-long megadrought affecting the southwestern U.S. area. As shown in Figure 1, it is evident that below-average precipitation years have become more common than above-average precipitation years.

In addition to the lack of precipitation causing the megadrought, there has been exponential population growth in the urban areas that utilize Lake Powell's water and electricity, which exacerbates the water shortage. For example, the population in Phoenix, Ariz., has nearly doubled since 1999 (the start of the megadrought). Many of these big cities would struggle

Cumulative Precipitation Anomalies and Lake Powell Water Levels Upper San Juan SNOTEL Site (1980-2021)

- Cumulative Precipitation Anomalies (in) - Nov 1st Lake Powell Elevation (ff)



Figure 2: Relates the cumulative precipitation anomaly in the upper San Juan to the water level of Lake Powell over the past four decades. The reservoir elevation closely follows the precipitation on Wolf Creek Pass, both of which are decreasing rapidly since the start of the megadrought (2000).

to exist without the support from ture ultimately controls our water Lake Powell and, because the reservoir has subsisted for so long, it has given many people an entitled sense toward its precious resource. Despite the dam's illusions, na-

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### Future Business Leaders of America members compete at state

Charter school board member resigns

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#### **By Jane Parker** Archuleta School District

By Randi Pierce

Staff Writer

Hedgecock.

Thirty-two members of the Colorado Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) from Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) had the opportunity to attend and compete at the 2022 FBLA State Leadership Conference in Aurora, Colo., recently.

Throughout the conference, members had the opportunity to make connections with members across the state, network with business professionals, showcase their talents and skills, and become better leaders within their schools and communities. This three-day conference provided members with the various educational workshops,

At its April 20 meeting, the

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS)

Board of Directors accepted the

resignation of board member Gary

p.m. on April 19, according to a let-

ter he sent to the rest of the board

Hedgecock resigned effective 5

speakers and the opportunity to get involved in various community service projects.

More than 2,800 students and 300 advisers were able to attend this conference that ignited their passion for business. Members were able to compete in more than 70 different competitive events ranging from objective tests, to role plays, to speeches.

Overall, PSHS brought home many awards and honors for its members and school throughout this conference, including six members who qualified to advance to the National Leadership Conference this summer:

• Griffin Grose and Sawyer

support the board in matters relat-

ing to PPOS evolving from being a

tenant to owner (in conjunction

with the Building Corp) of the

building at 3133 Cornerstone Drive

and to also help secure a Charter

which allows more children to ben-

efit locally from the project based

teaching being provided at the

school," Hedgecock's letter states.

inspiring and powerful keynote Blakemore -- Management Information Systems, first place.

• Rachel Smith and Zach Olson - Community Service Project, second place.

• Abigail Nehring and Olivia Nehring — 3D Animation, third place.

Also, 11 members placed in the top 10:

• Kelsey Britton — Human Resource Management, fifth place. Kaleb Johnson and Noah Slingerland — Computer Game and Simulation Programming, seventh

place. • Taylor Capistrant and Vinicio Carranza — Graphic Design, seventh place.

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present an united [sic] front even

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• Olivia Craig — Business Com-

munication, 10th place.

• Sierra Liverett, Lauren Peart, and Ebanie Wilkins — Business Management, 10th place.

• Lynelle Bartz and Jonathan Nasralla - Sports and Entertainment Management, 10th place.

Colorado FBLA, a chartered member of National FBLA, is a registered 501(c)(3). Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Colorado FBLA inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.

people who choose to try to make

a difference should be applauded

over anyone who choses to criti-

cize while not being willing to get

involved," he wrote before thank-

ing the board for allowing him to

"play my part in what I believe is

an exciting future for Pagosa Peak

tribution to the board at the April

20 meeting, stating he has been a

working board member the last two years and has asked good ques-

tions about PPOS's facilities and

school because of his inquiries.

"Thanks, Gary," she said.

She noted PPOS is a stronger

Board president Ursala Hudson acknowledged Hedgecock's con-

Open School."

finances.





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## It further explains that now the view. Volunteering is tough and the dated April 19. **School district launches pilot** plan for students on buses

#### By Jane Parker Archuleta School District

Archuleta School District's (ASD) Transportation Department is launching a pilot plan service through a smartphone-based app called Traversa Ride 360.

The new service provides secure access to a parent or guardian regarding a student's routing information. Authorized users with a secure link will have acinformation regarding the loading/unloading of their child from the bus, location of their child,

the bus route and pickup time. The Transportation Department currently utilizes GPS so that buses communicate their location to dispatch. This technology allows the district to be aware of any delays or concerns without requiring the driver to call via the radio. Through a pi-

cess on their smartphone to the lot program, ASD is making the location technology available to parents and guardians.

> ASD strives to improve students' transportation experience and communicate clearly with parents and guardians. The Traversa Ride 360 will be an important component of those efforts.

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#### Continued from A12

Las Vegas. Phoenix is considering funding a desalination plant in Mexico to bring water from the Sea of Cortez, several hundred

shows the relationship between the efficient irrigation techniques precipitation anomaly (a running total of the surplus and deficit of

would greatly benefit the situation, as the agriculture industry precipitation in the upper San Juan consumes the majority of the water area, which is only 0.26 percent of the used from Lake Powell. The most miles away, costing \$1 billion and Lake Powell watershed, but certainly impactful action that a domestic

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leaving a massive carbon footprint. Our current water shortage may be analogous to the Ancient Puebloan population of an estimated 50,000 people who once lived in the Four Corners desert, but had to relocate, perhaps because of a water shortage.

In order to save Lake Powell and allow ourselves to continue living and eating comfortably in the desert, we will need to get out of the megadrought. Before the megadrought will release its grip on our area, we need consistent, above-average precipitation patterns like the 1980s and 1990s, which, looking at Figures 1 and 2, may be unrealistic. Figure 2 an important contributor) and the Lake Powell levels.

Instead, there will need to be a large cut-back on water usage. This will require much cooperation between all seven states that rely upon the water in Lake Powell, and water restrictions in both the desert communities and the communities that have contact with/control of the Lake Powell water. In the agricultural community, much more

Pagosa household can take is to cut way back on outdoor watering.

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# Sports

# SOCCER

# Lady Pirates lose two close matches

**By Clayton Chaney** Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team competed in two matches over the last week, the first being last Friday, April 22, as the Pirates hosted the Wolverines in a 1-0 loss.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason described it as a "gritty game," explaining that the weather was rather dirty with a mix of snow and dirt being blown around.

"Everything was dirty," he added.

The Wolverines were able to get a goal in the 29th minute, Kurt-Mason mentioned, explaining the Wolverine attackers got behind the Pirates back four to force a two-versus-one situation with goalkeeper Trista Tully.

"They played it well," he added. Tully made a total of 11 saves on the day and the Pirates tallied five shots on goal.

On Tuesday, April 26, the Pirates traveled to Cortez to take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, once again losing by a score of 1-0. "We improved," Kurt-Mason

said of the Pirates. He explained that the game was

fairly even and that the Pirates

improved their passing game.

The Panthers were able to get a goal in the 12th minute, in a similar situation as in their game against the Wolverines, leaving Tully in a three-versus-one situation against the Panthers' attackers, Kurt-Mason explained.

He mentioned that Tully "held her ground" and stopped the first shot, but the rebound was followed up and tapped in by the Panthers.

"We did complete more of a percentage of our passes than the last game," he said.

The Pirates improved their pass completion percentage from about 20 percent against Bayfield to about 60 percent in the match against Montezuma-Cortez, Kurt-Mason noted.

However, he explained, the Pirates still struggled generating offense and "seem to chase the ball" rather than marking and holding a defensive shape.

"That was the game," he said. Kurt-Mason mentioned this year's team is rather young and that this has been a "building year" for the Pirates.

He noted how last year there were only nine girls on the roster, and this year's squad has 18.

He also mentioned the team has improved from the start of the season in ways like possessing the ball, dropping it back and swinging it around with their passing game - something that wasn't happening in the first game, Kurt-Mason noted.

He noted this is one of the "small incremental improvements" the team has made so far this season.

#### **Remaining schedule**

The Pirates will be back in action again over the next week with another round of matches.

Tomorrow, Friday, April 29, the team will travel to Gunnison to take on the Gunnison Cowboys at 3:30 p.m.

The following day on Saturday, April 30, the Pirates will be at home to host the Ignacio Bobcats at Golden Peaks Stadium starting at 6 p.m.

On Thursday, May 5, the Pirates will play their last regular game of the season, a league matchup against the Alamosa Mean Moose at Golden Peaks Stadium at 4 p.m.

The Pirates currently sport an overall record of 3-7, with a league mark of 0-6, and sit in fourth place in the Southwest league.

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Lady Pirate keeper Trista Tully makes a save against the Bayfield Wolverines on April 22. Tully logged 11 saves in the home game, which the Pirates lost 1-0.

# TRACK

# Pirates surpass illness and injuries to find success at Durango meet

By Josh Pike Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field team took second for girls and fourth for boys at the Ron Keller Invitational at Durango High School on April 23.

The girls' team scored 128.33 points, behind Durango's 233.83, and the boys' team scored 48.5 points, behind Mancos at 57, Monat 287.

Coach Connie O'Donnell explained that injuries, illness, college visits and prom all impacted the meet, preventing the Pirates from fielding boys' relays and girls' shot put, discus and 4x400-meter relays, among other things. Despite these challenges, the girls' 4x100-meter relay team including Lexie Valdez, Annabelle Parker, Reece Peterson and Rylie Carr — placed first with a time of 53.47 seconds and the girls' 4x200meter relay team — composed of Peterson, Sienna Rose, Chantelle Caldwell and Carr — placed first with a time of 1 minute, 51.62 seconds. The girls' 800-meter sprint medley team — Valdez, Parker, Caldwell and Annie O'Donnell — also placed first with a time of 2:03.93, while the girls' 4x800-meter relay team – Olivia Hodges, Carolyn Foster, Amber Calabaza and Aspen Salazar — placed fourth with a time of

### Connie O'Donnell commented,

The sprint medley relay, we had some pretty awful handoffs, so it was not as good of a time. But, it just happens sometimes." Carr finished first in the 100-me-

13:41.69

ter dash with a time of 12.91, while Rose finished fourth in the girls' 200-meter dash with a time of 29.28.

The coach commented, "We had tezuma-Cortez at 71 and Durango some really fast hundreds. But the ... wind readings were too high for them to be state-qualifying times, which is a bummer."

girl's 1600-meter run with a time of 6:07.57.

"I feel like she ran a lot of races right in a row and did really well in all of them," the coach said about Taylor's performance. "She'd never really run an open 400 before, wanted to see what her time was, and I thought she did really well. She won her heat by quite a bit and, you know, that was right after running a mile. And so I was pretty impressed with ... the different races that she did right in a row, and she did them all really well. Jesse Beck finished eighth in the boys' 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:25.98 and sixth in the boys' 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:57.19. Caldwell finished first in the girls' 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.07, while Jordan Lindstrom finished fifth with a time of 20.98. Connie O'Donnell explained, We got Chantelle ... to do a three step last week ... and she had a really good time and then ... it kinda didn't come out right and so she ... didn't do as well as she had done the week before. But, it's something we're working with Jordan Lindstrom on, too, is doing a three step, so we're gonna work on that a lot this week with her and get Chantelle back with the three step 'cause that will then help their times a lot." Rose finished fourth in the girls' 300-meter hurdles with a time of 1:04.61.





She added that the wind readings for the 200-meter run were also too high to count as statequalifying times.

She also explained, on the subject of wind, "It is such a bummer, because I think [the highest wind reading allowed in state-qualifying times] is the equivalent of a 10 mile-per-hour wind. And, to me, that's, like, constant in the spring. So, it's just really hard ... and I've really tried to push to make the wind readings bigger so that we can have more wind and still be legal because I don't know that the wind really helps you that much, quite honestly, and it's really hard to have a meet without wind.'

Peterson placed fourth in the girls' 400-meter dash with a time of 1:08.36, while Nell Taylor finished fifth with a time of 1:09.

Taylor also finished fourth in the

Photo courtesv Gerry Lindstrom Reece Peterson competes in a relay at the April 23 Ron Wil Aucoin prepares to throw in boys' discus at the Keller Invitational in Durango. Peterson's teams finished first in both the girls' 4x100-meter and 4x200meter relays, continuing their record of success through the season.

Vinicio Carranza finished fifth in the boys' 110-meter hurdles with a time of 22.41, while Tommy Barker finished first in the 300-me-

ter hurdles with a time of 45.85. "Tommy ... he did great. ... He really worked hard this week," the coach said. "My hurdler that

graduated last year works for the wildland fire ... and so he comes around once in a while to really See Track A16



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Ron Keller Invitational on April 23 in Durango. He took fifth place with a season-best performance.

# BASEBALL Pirates drop league doubleheader to Alamosa

#### **By Randi Pierce** Staff Writer

The Alamosa Mean Moose marooned the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team in Saturday's league doubleheader, leaving Pagosa with a 2-4 record in the Intermountain League (IML).

The losses against Alamosa and a Tuesday loss to Del Norte moved Pagosa to a 6-12 overall record.

The Pirates committed a combined 19 errors over the three games.

"We work that stuff every week in practice. It's frustrating," coach Nathan Morales said, adding, "I've got to do something different as a coach. It's my job to get 'em ready."

The Pirates dropped game one of Saturday's home doubleheader 17-1 in five innings.

Alamosa picked up two runs in the first inning, one in the second, two in the third, four in the fourth and eight in the fifth.

Pagosa's run came in the fourth inning, when Aaron Aucoin walked, advanced on walks to Carson Young-Martinez and Rhead Kay, and scored on a two-out line drive by Triston Iguchi.

The Pirates logged six hits in the affair, with Young-Martinez, Iguchi and Braylon Cotts each knocking two.

Kaison Clifford stole a base in the affair.

Pagosa reached on walks five times and struck out nine times. Eleven Pirates were left on base.

Pagosa committed eight errors, compared to Alamosa's one.

Kay, Clifford and Iguchi took the mound for the Pirates in the first game, combining to allow 17 runs (12 earned) on 14 hits and three walks while striking out three. Alamosa hit one homer in the game.

That afternoon, the two teams faced off again in what proved to be a closer matchup.

Alamosa started the game with five runs in the top of the first.

Pagosa countered with a run in the bottom of the inning after Young-Martinez tripled and scored on a single by Clifford.

The Pirates picked up another three runs in the bottom of the second.

In that inning, Aucoin reached on a walk and scored on a double by Hunter Pouyer. Pouyer then scored on a single by Young-Martinez. Young-Martinez later scored on a single by Iguchi, bringing the score to 5-4 in favor of Alamosa.

The Mean Moose picked up their sixth run of the game in the top of the third, and their seventh in the top of the fourth. Pagosa's fifth run came in the bottom of the fourth, when Pouyer logged an inside-the-park home run on a line drive to left field. Alamosa picked up another run in the top of the fifth, and the Pirates again countered with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Carson Young-Martinez slides into third after hitting a line-drive triple against the Alamosa Mean Moose on April 23. Pagosa dropped both halves of the league doubleheader.

In that inning, Kay singled and advanced to third on an error. He came around to score on a sacrifice fly by Chris Young-Martinez.

Pagosa brought around two more runs in the bottom of the sixth, tying the game at eight. The first run came around after Clifford doubled and was brought home on a triple by Iguchi. Iguchi later scored on a single by Cotts.

Unfortunately for the Pirates, Alamosa knocked in three unanswered runs in the seventh, giving the Moose an 11-8 win.

Pagosa logged 11 hits in the game, with two hits each from Pouyer (a double and a home run), Carson Young-Martinez (a triple and a single), Clifford (a double and a single) and Iguchi (a triple and a single).

Pouyer also tallied two RBIs and two runs scored. Carson Young-Martinez also had an RBI and a run scored, and picked up a stolen base. Clifford notched one RBI and scored one run, and Iguchi logged two RBIs and scored a run.

Kay, Cotts and Aucoin each had one hit. Kay also scored a run, Cotts logged an RBI and Aucoin scored a run.

Chris Young-Martinez had one RBI.

Carson Young-Martinez notched

the 2A Del Norte Tigers, dropping runners on base. the nonleague affair 10-7.

Pagosa put up four runs in the top of the first. In the inning, Pouyer reached on an error and scored on a line-drive single by Carson Young-Martinez. Carson Young-Martinez out eight. and Kay, who had reached via walk, scored on a ground ball hit by Chris Young-Martinez. Chris Young-Martinez reached via an error on the play and later came around to

score on a line-drive single by Jaden Tuggle-Reed. The Tigers countered with two

runs in the second and three runs in the third to take a 5-4 lead.

The Pirates picked up another run in the top of the fifth when Aucoin walked and scored on a double by Pouver.

Pagosa knocked in two runs the following inning when Cotts, who had reached on a single, scored on a ground out by Tuggle-Reed and Carson Young-Martinez, who reached on a walk, scored on a bunt single by Seth Aucoin.

Unfortunately for the Pirates, Del Norte logged five runs in the bottom of the sixth and ultimately won 10-7. The Pirates tallied six hits in the

game, walked three times and struck out eight times.

Carson Young-Martinez led the

Chris Young-Martinez, Pouyer and Kay took the mound for the Pirates in the game, combining to allow 10 runs (three earned) on 12 hits and two walks while striking

Pagosa committed seven errors in the game, while Del Norte committed two.

"It led to our demise again," Morales said of the errors, adding, "When we give somebody seven more outs, that's over two innings' worth. And, when other teams are getting to play two more innings and we're not, they're able to hit for two more innings, and when there's an error, that means there's somebody on base. So, we're getting guys on base and not getting an out and giving them another opportunitythose are just things I've gotta find a way to shore up as a coach."

The coach indicated the team is generally playing good defense and is pitching well.

"I think when we score seven runs a game, I think we should win a game," he said, noting that the team's pitchers are doing a good job of throwing strikes and making the opposing players put the ball in play. "It's not like we're getting hit hard. We're not. They're not just stringing







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a stolen base.

The Pirates walked four times in the affair and struck out nine times. The team left eight runners on base.

Six of Pagosa's runs were earned. Aucoin and Iguchi pitched for the Pirates in the game, combining to allow 11 runs (eight earned) on 13 hits and eight walks while striking out five.

Pagosa committed four errors in the game. Alamosa committed two. On Tuesday, the Pirates took on

charge with two hits, an RBI and a run scored.

Pouyer, Cotts, Tuggle-Reed and Seth Aucoin each had one hit. Pouver also logged an RBI and a run scored. Cotts scored a run. Tuggle-Reed picked up two RBIs and Seth Aucoin picked up one.

Chris Young-Martinez scored two runs in the affair, while Aaron Aucoin scored one.

The Pirates tallied seven stolen bases in the game and left three hits together. This week, the Pirates will look to

snap their five-game losing streak as they end the regular season.

"If we can find a way ... to win two of the next three, I like our chances," Morales said of the postseason.

On Saturday, the Pirates will head to Cortez to take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in a league doubleheader that is scheduled to begin at 11.

■ See Baseball A16

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James Rafferty is Director of Discipleship Ministry for 3ABN. He is an ordained pastor, evangelist, and author of several books. He has been involved in gospel ministry for 38 years with a special focus on Daniel and Revelation. God has opened doors for James to share the everlasting gospel in America, Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and the South Pacific. He and his wife Rise have been married for 33 years and are blessed with two adult children.



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# Track

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help us with hurdles and he was here a lot this week helping Tommy with ... his stride so he didn't stutter over the hurdles. And so, I think Tommy did really well because he got to work with ... Cam Hinger."

Lindstrom finished second in the girls' high jump with a height of 5 feet.

Connie O'Donnell commented that Lindstrom was "pretty safe" in the state rankings now with that height.

Elio Groves finished third in the girls' long jump with a distance of 13 feet, 0.75 inches, while Lindstrom finished first in the girls' triple jump with a distance of 30-00.

Jaxten Schiel finished fourth in the boys' high jump and sixth in the boys' long jump with a height of 5-6 and a distance of 17-10.5, respectively.

Carranza finished third in boys' triple jump with a distance of 36-2.75

Wil Aucoin placed fifth in the boys' discus and shot put with distances of 118-8 and 40-2, re-

# Baseball

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The Panthers are 6-7 on the season and 0-2 in league play this year, losing two games to Bayfield on April 26.

Bayfield currently leads the IML with a 4-0 league mark and 14-4 overall record, followed by Alamosa (3-1, 7-6), Pagosa Springs (2-4, 6-12), Centauri (1-3, 10-7) and Montezuma-Cortez (0-2, 6-7).

On Tuesday, the Pirates will close the book on the regular season when they travel to Durango to take on the 4A Demons at 3 p.m.

The Demons are 3-14 on the season.

spectively.

The coach added, "He's very close to ... top 18. Matter of fact, he might be in the top 18. So, he'll just need to keep improving that to stay in there."

The Pirates' next meet will be the league meet at Centauri High School in La Jara.

Connie O'Donnell explained that the winners of the events at this meet will be considered allconference athletes this year.

She added that she will focus on placing athletes in the events that they are best at to try to win as many all-conference honors as possible.

She added, "I feel like Alamosa is going to be tough. They have some really fast kids. So we'll have to compete with them. We really haven't competed against them yet. ... They brought some of their team to Del Norte, but it wasn't their fastest kids."

She also commented that the Centauri boys' team will be a challenging opponent, especially in relays

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"We still have games that we feel we have a chance to win," Morales said, adding, "We're a pretty good team when we don't give extra outs.'

Morales also highlighted the fact that the team is relatively young this year and indicated he feels the team is on the verge of breaking through.

"I think if our hitting continues to do what it's been doin' and we get the outs and put 'em in our pocket, we're going to be just fine these next three games," he said, adding, "We'll have a chance."

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2022-002

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 2, 2022, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records

Original Grantor(s) Jose Montemavor, Jr. and Mari Montemayor Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration tems, Inc. As Benificiary, As Nominee for Royal

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Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Room at 398 Lewis Street Pagosa Springs Colorado and via Zoom Link, at which time all interested parties will be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public hearing Published April 14 and 28, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

#### REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY PROTEST DEADLINES

(Public Notice) NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT: uke de la Parra, Hinsdale County Assesso P O Box 28 Lake City, CO 81235 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (970) 944-2225 ext. 140

RELEASE: Required on or before May 1 PUBLIC NOTICE

Colorado law requires the county assessor to hear objections to real property classifications and valuations beginning no later than May 2, 2022. Objections to the valuation or classification of real property must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the county assessor's office no later than June 1, 2022. Colorado law requires the county assessor to begin hearing objections to personal property valuations no later than June 15. 2022. Objections to personal property valuations must be postmarked, delivered, or preser in person to the county assessor's office no later than June 30, 2022.

For additional information, contact the county assessor's office at (970) 944-2225 ext. 140 Published April 28, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TRANSIT FACILITY IN PAGOSA SPRINGS

Please publish April 21st and 28th for the Page and April 22nd and 29th for the Durango Herald: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS: Archuleta County invites qualified firms to submit gualifications/proposals for Professional Architectural nd Engineering services for a new transit facility in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Administration Building, 398 Lewis Street, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs 81147 until May 13, 2022 at 3pm. For more information, please email Laura Vanoni at Ivanoni@archuletacounty.org or view online at www archuletacounty.org/bids.asp>

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The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for Sketch Major Design Review for the construction of a restroom facility with a total square footage of 194 sq ft at 350 San Juan Street, Mary Fisher Park, in the location of the current changing station

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing. meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 5:30 pm to consider a decision on the Sketch MDR application Public Hearings and Meetings will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round **Minutes and** Agendas tab located along the bottom of the photo on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application at mypagosa.org proposed-development-projects. For more information or questions and anyone wishing

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The Town of Pagosa Springs has received a Sketch PUD application for 1151 W US Hwy 160 for the construction of an RV park and food vendor court. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing/meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 5:30 pm to consider a recommendation on the Sketch PUD

application. The Town Council will then consider a Planning Commission recommendation on the PUD application at their meeting on May 19, 2022, at 5pm.

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This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Ptarmigan Townhou for failure to pay assessments to Ptarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.

Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: March 31, 2022 Last Publication: April 28, 2022 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901

Date of Deed of Trust February 13, 2019 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust February 13, 2019 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21900953 Original Principal Amount \$172,320.00

Outstanding Principal Balance \$171,042.39 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

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The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

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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 Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff Andreas H K Haun, et al Defendants Case No.: 2022CV30008 Attorney for Plaintiff Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC

700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.5906 Email: ir@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): ANDREAS H K HAUN JAMES GROSS KAREN GROSS MICHAEL S KENYON

Fort Smith AB 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published April 21, 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of John Stephen Chrzanowski, Deceased Case No. 22PR4

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before August 22, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred. Leslie Ann Jaluria

20 Loantaka Way Madison, NJ 07940 Published April 21, 28 and May 5, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

#### Re: Invitation to Bid for Fire Panel Replacement

The Town of Pagosa Springs is accepting bids for a Fire Panel Replacement Project at the Ross Aragon Community Center. The project requires replacement of the main fire panel and any required upgrades to other equipment to meet current code for the building. Bid specifics and forms are available online at http:// www.pagosasprings.co.gov through the "Invitation to Bid" link or contact the Town Public Works Department at 970-264-4151 x451. Published April 21 and 28, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs

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#### Public Notice

Housing Solutions for the Southwest will open its Housing Choice Voucher ("Section 8") waiting list for people seeking housing in La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan (CO) Counties. This is a waitlist for a housing voucher, but does not guarantee an applicant will receive a voucher. The waiting list is only open to applicants whose household income is at or below the extremely low income amount set by HUD for your county. Income limits are attached to the pre-application. Priorities include individuals or families: that are experiencing homelessness, include a person with a disability and/ or, include victims of domestic violence.

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#### All Locations: 10 am to 2 pm

 La Plata County- May 14th and May 16th 2022- Durango Public Library, 1900 E.3rd Ave Archuleta County- May 12th 2022- Pagosa Springs

Town Hall- 551 Hot Springs Blvd. • San Juan County, CO- May 13th 2022- San Juan County Courthouse, 1557 Greene St. Silverton, CO f you or someone in your household is a person with a disability and you require a reasonable accommodation to submit a pre-application, please contact Housing Solutions for the Southwest at (970)-259-1086. Published April 28, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

#### FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HEARING ON May 3, 2022 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public hearing to consider revising the County Land Use Regulations. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review at the County Development Services Department 970-264-1390

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting

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ACTION. Submitting Attorney: Paul Kosnik, #38663 Eggleston Kosnik LLC 160 E 12th St., Ste 7 Durango, CO 81301 Phone Number: (970) 403-1580 E-mail: pkosnik@e-klaw.com Case Number: 2022CV30016

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION PLAINTIFF GEORGE BROWN TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ALL UKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

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If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the mplaint 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: Lot 58 in Lakewood Village, according to the plat thereof

filed for record April 30, 1979 as Reception No. 94867. Lot 64 in Lakewood Village, according to the plat thereof filed for record April 30, 1979 as Reception No. 94867. Lot 67 in Lakewood Village, according to the plat thereof filed for record April 30, 1979 as Reception No. 94867. Lot 68 in Lakewood Village, according to the plat thereof filed for record April 30, 1979 as Reception No. 94867. Respectfully Submitted this 19th day of April, 2022. Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: April 28, 2022 Last Publication: May 26, 2022

#### Eggleston Kosnik LLC

/s/ Paul Kosnik Paul Kosnik, #38663 160 E. 12th St., Ste 7 Durango, CO 81301 (970) 403-1580

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Estate of Jonathan A. Morse, Deceas Case No. 2022 PR 30026 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County,

Colorado on or before August 28, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred. Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published April 28, May 5 and 12, 2022 in The Pagosa

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Estate of Roxanna Wise, Deceased Case No. 2022 PR 30030 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before August 28, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred. Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law

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# Outdoors

# Proclamation urges lights be turned off for bird migration

By Becky Herman and Keith Bruno Weminuche Audubon and Audubon Rockies

The focus this year on our spring bird migration has zeroed in on the negative impact of nighttime light pollution on migratory birds. Gov. Jared Polis proclaimed April 2022 as Lights Off for Bird Migration Month.

"In the coming weeks, tens of millions of birds — from statuesque sandhill cranes to smaller meadowlarks and bluebirds - will pass through our state, marking a yearly pilgrimage that Coloradans have marveled at for generations. As we celebrate Bird Migration Month this April, the Polis-Primavera administration is proud to partner with Colorado's Audubon community to ensure that our magnificent bird populations continue to thrive, by preserving and protecting the precious natural resources these species depend on," said Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera.

Sky glow, the light in the sky which is predominantly caused by artificial lighting, produces a luminous background. It has the effect of reducing one's ability to view the stars. Sky glow is highly variable depending on immediate weather

conditions, quantity of dust and this pristine, dark and quiet envigas in the atmosphere, amount of light directed skyward, reflectivity of surfaces and the direction from which it is viewed. In poor weather conditions, more particles are present in the atmosphere to scatter the upward-bound light, representing a very visible effect of wasted light and wasted energy.

Migrating birds are negatively affected by sky glow in that they become confused and cannot view the stars to navigate properly. Eighty percent of migratory bird species in North America use the night sky to navigate their migratory paths between wintering and breeding grounds. They are drawn to the huge amounts of light coming upward from the earth's surface (scientists are still trying to determine why birds are attracted to light). Flying erratically off course causes a bird undue stress, leading to lower altitudes, inefficient energy use and oftentimes locating them in unfamiliar and dangerous places, resulting in window and automobile collisions, predation, etc.

The solution is, of course, to reduce light pollution. According to Ashley Wilson, director of conservation at International Dark Sky Association (IDA), "Over the past 150 years, humans have altered

ronment with the novel use of new technology meant to enhance our own societies."

Unfortunately, it is increasing yearly by greater than 2 percent, according to IDA. If human behavior is inadvertently affecting the wellbeing of birds (and other animals), then human reaction is critical.

Lights Out Colorado (LOC) efforts were made possible through partnerships between Audubon Rockies, Denver Audubon and Colorado's chapter of IDA.

Additionally, researchers at Colorado State University have been instrumental in providing educational understanding of nighttime bird migration through the forecasting of large migratory bird movements. BirdCast, a free migration forecasting website, allows one to not only take actions to cut light emissions in anticipation of bird movement, but also to plan nighttime bird outings for migrant or nocturnal species detections. Peak spring migration is expected from May 4-18 in eastern Colorado, where millions of birds will fly overnight to points north for summer.

There are many ways to contribute to the LOC solution. Learn more about the problem online; search websites for dark skies, light

rado. There is significant geo-

graphic overlap in the focus areas

of CFLRP and RMRI, and, working

together, these initiatives will be

critical to accomplish our shared

goals. One of the most important

outcomes is to mitigate the im-

pacts of large-scale wildfire at a

pollution, light trespass and sky glow. Advocate locally for careful attention to the planning process for public and private outdoor lighting. At your home or place of business, turn off all outdoor lighting whenever possible and remove any unnecessary flood lighting. Where lighting is necessary, use motion sensors and downwardfacing lights. Use drapes/shades after dark and avoid leaving lights on the upper stories of buildings for extended periods. No surprise, your electric bill will decrease as you take these actions to benefit the night sky.

Further highlighting the importance of this issue, the globally recognized World Migratory Bird Day occurs May 14, with 2022's theme is "Dim the Lights for Birds at Night." For this "Global Big Day," community members are encouraged to report bird observations on eBird (go to ebird.org to learn more), whether from the comfort of your backyard or elsewhere. By doing so, we create a real-time snapshot of the health and breadth of bird populations.

To get involved with our local Audubon chapter, go to weminucheaudubon.org, and to learn more about LOC, visit lights-outcolorado.idacolorado.xyz/.

## USDA Forest Service to invest over \$3 million in southwest Colorado

#### By Scott Owen Forest Service

The USDA Forest Service announced Monday the San Juan National Forest will receive over \$3 million for restoration work through the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP). This investment will expand the impact of existing projects in southwest Colorado over the next 10 years.

The CFLRP award will complete restoration and resiliency work throughout the San Juan National Forest's 1.9 million acres. The program will enable the area to adapt

to future disturbance while retaining ecosystem function, productivity and ecosystem services. The CFLRP strategy is to enhance the resilience of critical watersheds, wildlife and aquatic habitats, community infrastructure, economic drivers and forest conditions.

This also marks the beginning of the third year of the Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative (RMRI). RMRI has three focal landscapes across the state, including the marquee landscape in southwest Colorado.

CFLRP and RMRI are distinct initiatives but complement each other to improve conditions for

people, animals and vegetation landscape scale throughout southacross all lands in southwest Colowestern Colorado.

> For more information about CFLRP and RMRI projects on the San Juan National Forest, please contact the shared stewardship coordinator at Jason.Lawhon@usda.gov.

For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874.

# Seasonal roads opening on the San Juan National Forest

the roadway.

For specific road information, contact the Pagosa Ranger District The San Juan National Forest is at (970) 264-2268.

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trict Recreation staff have been assessing roads this spring and opening as conditions allow.

beginning to open seasonally

closed roads. Pagosa Ranger Dis-

By Scott Owen

Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest will continue to monitor road conditions; upper elevation and backcountry roads will be opened June 1 or as conditions permit.

Roads are closed seasonally to wheeled motorized vehicles to protect critical wildlife habitat and/ or to prevent damage to road surfaces. Closures offer wildlife herds forage, shelter and protection from disturbance over the winter and into early spring, when animals are most vulnerable. Seasonal closures also prevent damage to road surfaces during freezing and thawing periods, even if snow levels are not very deep.

Spring conditions are variable and visitors should be prepared to encounter system roads that are impassable due to snow drifts, waterlogged roadbeds, down trees or other debris. Visitors are asked to stay off wet roads and respect road closures, which will decrease long-term and costly damages to

# Community news.

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Photo courtesy Susan Houseworth Saturday's wind rips part of the metal off the roof of the Pagosa Springs

History Museum on 1st Street.





# Red Carpet

Photos courtesy Sally Riggs

Good times and memories were had by all Saturday night during Pagosa Springs High School's annual rite of passage known as prom. Students and staff sported fine dresses and suits to dance the night away with friends and dates. The theme was Red Carpet.











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# Build Pagosa's charity auction

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Friday, May 6 • Ross Aragon Community Center • 5:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy Build Pagosa

April 28, 2022

# Students to showcase handiwork at Build Pagosa's fourth annual auction

**By Kim Elzinga** Build Pagosa

Students will take the spotlight at Build Pagosa's fourth annual charity auction on Friday, May 6, at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Career and Technical Education program at Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS).

"Every year we've hosted the auction, we've been so impressed by the students' enthusiasm for this event," commented Build Pagosa's Board President Larry Ash. "Their participation has become one of the best things about the night. They really energize the crowd; they make it fun. The auction is their chance to bring the tangible results of their hard work in front of the community. It's really all about them."

Since its inception, Build Pagosa's auction has involved more and more young people in the event. From making the items to be auctioned to volunteering at the auction itself, more than 100 high school students have participated. For many, it's the first time they have experienced that kind of connection with the community as part of a fundraising event.

"The upperclassmen who have been part of the auction before are really talking it up," said Build Pagosa board member and PSHS vocational trades program instructor Tor Hessman. "An auction is chaos to begin with; it's a huge spectacle. But for these kids, it's not just a good time. They are learning how to be part of their community. They are simply amazed by the support from everyone and dumbfounded by the

See Auction on next page



Photo courtesy Build Pagosa

A student works on one the playhouses Build Pagosa will auction off on May 6. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Career and Technical Education program at Pagosa Springs High School.



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# 'All Shook Up' auditions set for this weekend

Curtains Up Pagosa

Hey, Pagosa, here is your friendly reminder that "All Shook Up" auditions are this weekend.

#### Please prepare a one-minute

# Auction

**continued from previous page** amount of money they can raise."

This year's main auction items include durable and attractive playhouses, constructed by students in the Building Trades program. All materials used in construction of the playhouses are generous donations from area businesses.

Students in the woodworking and welding classes have also made items for auction. Students in the culinary arts program participate in making the food, while SkillsUSA students serve at the event. Live music features musicians from the school's Americana student group. And, auction participants will be able to get their blood pressure and oxygen saturation levels checked, courtesy of PSHS students who are part of Health Occupations Students of America, whose mission is to empower future health professionals to become leaders in the global health community through education, collaboration and experience.

"I've seen what this auction can do for these young people," said Hessman. "When something they've built becomes part of the bidding frenzy and they see how much people in this community support them, they gain an appreciation for what they've accomplished. Their sense of self worth soars. Now they have buy-in and they are truly part of the program. For me, watching how these kids respond makes all the hard work worth it."

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the silent auction. Dinner with a Cinco de Mayo theme will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets (\$30/adult) are available at the door.

Build Pagosa is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing volunteer opportunities for those in the building trades industry, local businesses and Pagosa Springs residents who want to support the educational, vocational, communication, economic and stabilization goals within the community. For more information about the group or ways you can be involved, head to buildpagosa.org.

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song and one-minute monologue. Auditions will be an open call from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, in the Pagosa Springs High School choir room.

"All Shook Up" is based loosely off Shakespeare's "The Twelfth Night," with songs inspired by the music of Elvis Presley. It is a familyfriendly show for all ages. We are accepting auditions from those 10 years old and up.

If you can't make it for a live au-

dition this weekend, please submit a video audition by Sunday, May 1, at 5 p.m. at the latest. It will surely be a fun night of rock 'n' roll.

If you'd like to be involved in another way, such as by helping with costumes, set, pit orchestra or any other way, please email curtainsuppagpsa@gmail.com.

For any information on this or upcoming shows, please contact Dale Scrivener at director.curtainsup@gmail.com.





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The cast of Thingamajig Theatre Company's "Thoroughly Modern Millie" from summer 2018. This summer is slated to include a trio of musicals as part of Broadway in the Mountains, a kids' camp and more.

# Summer of fun on tap with Thingamajig Theatre Company

#### By Amy Wolfe

Thingamajig Theatre Company

The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and Thingamajig Theatre Company are abuzz with activity as preparations are under way for an exciting summer of entertainment and fun.

The theater stage is being transformed to accommodate the sets for "Bright Star," "Guys and Dolls" and "The Spongebob Musical." Costumes are being designed and coordination of our Whatchamawhozit and ThingamaWHO youth programs are coming together.

Season ticket packages and individual tickets are now available for purchase by visiting our website at pagosacenter.org and selecting "Buy Tickets" to access our ticketing website. Season packages include discounted ticket prices to all three of our Broadway in the Mountain musicals as well as our kids' camp production of "The Music Man Kids." Additional benefits of season tickets include attendance to our champagne openings to each show, a reserved seat option, free ticket exchanges and more.

Registration for the Whatchamawhozit Kids Camp is open through our website, pagosacenter. org. The camp is for 7- to 12-yearolds and will run weekdays from July 5 through July 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The camp will conclude with performances of "The Music Man Kids" on July 16 and July 17. Camp attendees will be mentored by members of our summer season cast and directed by Laura Moore.

Auditions are open for local teens to be part of the cast for "The

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With projects underway and more to come, Thingamajig Theatre is eager to build our volunteer teams. All skill levels are welcome to lend a hand for a variety of projects in our scene shop and costume shop. Our gift shop and bar are additional volunteer opportunities. If you would like to become part of our volunteer team, email your See Summer on next page

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# Healthy Archuleta provides Nutrition Security and Healthy Equity Assessment update

### **Bv Rose Chavez**

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The Archuleta County Nutrition Security and Health Equity Assessment, which kicked off in December 2021, continues its ongoing work to engage the community through a Community Learning and Leadership Circle (CLLC) that meets on a weekly basis.

Our approach is to conduct an assessment that captures people's voices and lived experiences related to access to food and primary/ preventive health care in Archuleta County.

The CLLC is made up of a group of diverse Archuleta County community members who are committed to contributing to the design of the assessment during this first phase of the project, which will conclude at the end of June. CLLC members engage in learning through module presentations facilitated by Healthy Archuleta and partner organizations about the concepts of nutrition security and health equity.

On a weekly basis, the CLLC members identify questions as a result of their participation in these learning sessions. These questions are then used to help inform the assessment as it relates to 1) primary/ preventive health care access and utilization (coverage, timeliness, workforce and services) and 2) bolstering our community-based food system (food production, food transformation, marketing and distribution, getting and preparing food, eating nutritious foods, food safety, food waste prevention and resource recovery).

As part of the assessment process, both food and health care organizations will also have the opportunity to share information as it relates to primary/preventative health care and food efforts.



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name, contact information and the area you are wanting to volunteer to thingamajigbox@gmail.com.

Another way to get involved is with our Friends of the Theatre. Become a Friend to enhance your theater experience through social activities with our summer cast and crew. Visit the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts website at pagosacenter.org to sign up for the Friends

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In subsequent weeks, Healthy Archuleta will host health care partners during our virtual Community Conversation platforms to discuss issues of health care access and utilization.

For questions, please contact

us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.org or (401) 371-3227. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, doing business as the FSFE-Food Coalition, please visit: https:// www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/ donate.html.







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On April 21, Seeds of Learning hosted "art night" for the parents and children who are enrolled at the preschool. The event was deemed a huge success.

# Family art night held at Seeds of Learning

By Danyelle Leentjes Seeds of Learning

On April 21, Seeds of Learning hosted "art night" for the parents and children who are enrolled at the preschool. It is the first opportunity for parents to join their children and teachers in the classroom for project-based family involvement since the pandemic restrictions over two years ago.

It was a huge success, with 40 families attending. The school was buzzing with excitement as families and teachers participated in interactive art projects such as marbelizing rocks with nail polish, recreating Van Gogh's "Starry Night" painting, creating their own version of Picasso and Monet mosaic paintings and colorful shaving cream art pieces.

Easy-to-access tools like forks were used to design captivating wall gardens and ready-to-burst flower paintings. Seeds' exceptional early childhood educational programming wouldn't be possible without the devoted and passionate supporters from our community and beyond.

Our truly transformative approach to family partnerships demonstrates value and respect for all families, honors diverse cultural backgrounds and links family engagement activities to classroom learning. Strong communication is the foundation for all home-toschool relationships, but when educators intentionally partner with families to make connections between learning in the classroom and learning at home, every child benefits.

Building powerful family partnerships is one of the five fundamental principles that help guide our teaching strategies at Seeds and help teachers understand the reasons for intentionally setting up and operating preschool pro-

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grams in particular ways. The four remaining principles are: • Provide interactions and re-

lationships with adults provide a critical foundation for successful learning.

• Social-emotional competence is a significant factor in school success.

See Family on next page

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# Family

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fects the type and quality of learning interactions.

Access to Seeds' high-quality early childhood educational programs is crucial to the healthy development of social, emotional and cognitive skills. Investing in our youngest children now will create lasting change for their future. Seeds of Learning is a nonprofit standalone preschool serving approximately 58 preschoolers year-round, ages 2.5 to 5 years old. Seeds aims to meet families at their income level to help lift the financial burden. Currently, 79-80 percent of our families are on a reduced tuition fee based on income restrictions. For more information on Seeds of Learning and how you can support early childhood development in Archuleta County, please visit GrowingSeeds.org.



# Anticipating the future

Whether young or old, we all still dream. The young have big, bigger and biggest dreams with long-term plans. My Sweet Al and I find comfort with dreams that are short and sweet, and just plain realistic. It is something of a reverie to look forward to taking in a good movie after a busy day around the house. Certainly, and always, the anticipation of Sunday dinner with the family is never too far from our thoughts.

We recently met up with one of our grandsons in Gallup. A needed trip and a good excuse to meet with him somewhere between Pagosa and Phoenix. It was a long day filled with fun conversation and forward-thinking plans. In the end, we were left to relish the moments as we planned to see each other again.

I read this week, "The future shapes us as much as the past or the present, maybe more." What an incredible statement when we think about all of our tomorrows.

My writers' group met at a restaurant for an 80s party. No, we didn't dress in big purple garbs, turquoise headbands or wear leg warmers. Nor did we tease our hair, sport big owl glasses or show off bright pink tennis shoes.

The party was to celebrate those who were tipping three scores and 10. It was a rip-roaring good time. With canes, walkers and limps, we were ready to cause a ruckus, but we didn't. I can't imagine having to call one of my children to drive me home because I threw a hip.

Our event planner came armed with a list of thought-provoking questions. "What is the greatest wisdom that came from the bumps and bruises in life? How did you live so long and how did you get here?"

Each person answered questions about childhood experiences



and siblings, also about mistakes made and detours taken. Then we got to the clencher. "Did any of vour dreams come true?"

I was surprised when one of the ladies said she wanted to be an opera singer. I didn't even know she could sing. Another said she wanted to join the Naval Academy before women were allowed to enlist. I wanted to go to college, but my Sweet Al came along and I couldn't resist his charm.

I realized as I sat among friends, everyone's life was rich and experienced. But, even when direction took each person down a different path, they were full of peace and contentment. No one was waiting to die, but was challenged with new purpose for living out their later years. They were still dreaming about another book they wanted to write.

When I think about our lunch party, no one was ruined because an outcome didn't go their way. And, there were some who experienced tremendous disappointment in life.

Three widows, two singles and me still married. No one felt they had drawn the short stick. They were steadied in their incorruptible core and found themselves in who they were.

We were with each other, whose vision of life matched ours and who equaled our energy in giving us hope for tomorrow. Our dreams were not too big for where we were in life.

As each person spoke, it was easy to see how God had orchestrated their lives through plans made and beyond unavoidable detours. It was almost fascinating. Each of us could have found ruin because a dream didn't come true. Instead, each spoke of strength and knowledge gained by living where landing.

I am learning to appreciate a quality of life that comes by just experiencing where I find myself. As I focus more and more on where God is taking me, the journey planned or migrated suddenly has less importance.

Final brushstroke: The power of a dream — it stirs in us something that excite us, gives us pause and encourages us to go the distance. Without our dreams, we would be void of hope. But, hope doesn't die because we took a different direction, it just changes shape. And if we allow it, it can bring us to a place of a new horizon that is different from what we would have chosen, but is equally beautiful.

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### Experience the sound of soul at May 8 event

By Laurah Brock Young Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

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This in-person event will be HearHU.org.

held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association located at 230 Port Ave. on Sunday, May 8, at 1

p.m. You will have the opportunity to experience some of the many benefits of singing HU:

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• Healing of the heart.

The event will include singing HU for 15 to 20 minutes, a few minutes of quiet contemplation and a discussion group, where you can participate in spiritual conversation with others of like heart.

This event is sponsored by Eckankar and is free of charge. Find out more about HU at www.

# Pirates win big at IML Art Show

#### By Kelly Lewis

Pagosa Springs High School

Last Thursday, the artists at Pagosa Springs High School competed in an art competition against five other schools in the Intermountain League (IML) Art Show. All of our students put forth amazing work and here are the winning artists from the show:

Kyle Marotta — Advanced, third place, Social Commentary.

Zach Olson — Advanced, honorable mention, Social Commentary.

Jillianna Wyman — Beginning, first place, Watercolor.

Yvette Rubio — Advanced, third place, Oils.

Evelyn Rose — Advanced, second place, Mixed Media 2D.

Kyla Coiner — Advanced, first place, Printmaking.

Jordan Lindstrom — Advanced, second place, Printmaking.

Grayson Capistrant — Advanced, third place, Printmaking. Ray Hodges — Advanced, hon-

orable mention, Printmaking. Alex Howe — Beginning, first

place, Printmaking. Emma Gantt — Beginning, sec-

ond place, Printmaking. Jillianna Wyman — Beginning,

third place, Printmaking.

Reece Hammer — Advanced, first place, Special Talents 2D.

Jacob Bolger — Advanced, second place, Special Talents 2D. Aidan Grimes — Beginning, first place, Special Talents 2D. Bolger — Beginning, third place,

Special Talents 2D. Kali Jury — Advanced, honor-

able mention, Computer Art. Jury — Advanced, first place,

Photo Realism. Jury — Advanced, second place,

Photo Realism. Jury — Advanced, third place,

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Tim Hittle — Beginning, first place, Photo Realism.

Abbie Martin— Beginning, second place, Photo Realism.

Hodges — Advanced, first place Acrylic.

Ryan Anderson — Beginning, first place, Color Drawing.

Logan Velarde — Beginning, third place, Color Drawing.

Jack Hittle — Advanced, second place, Monochromatic Drawing.

Marotta — Beginning, second place, Wheel Thrown Ceramics.

Jonathen Matney — Advanced, second place, Mixed Media 3D. Hodges — Beginning, first place,

Mixed Media 3D.

Karissa Foster — Beginning, second place, Mixed Media 3D.

Gemma Singerland — Beginning, third place, Mixed Media 3D. Jury — Advanced, first place,

Digital Animation. We had an amazing turnout of high-caliber student work from all of the schools. It was a breath of fresh air to finally have an in-person art show for the first time in three years. Students made new friends, saw old ones and were able to see what kind of art is being made by students in our region. Thank you so much to the Pagosa Arts Initiative for volunteering to judge and thank you to the hard work of our incredible young artists.



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**Notice is further given** that any elector of the Town of Pagosa Springs interested in serving on the Town Council may submit a completed application, found on the town website, with the Town Clerk, April Hessman, at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd or PO Box 1859 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, on or before May 13, 2022.

> For town boundaries, eligibility, or more info call 970-264-4151 or visit www.pagosasprings.co.gov





# **UUs to celebrate spring Sunday**

#### By Pauline Benetti

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Please join the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship in person or on Zoom on Sunday, May 1, at 10:30 a.m. The Zoom link is https://us02web.zoom. us/j/86176360552, meeting ID: 861 7636 0552 or phone (346) 248-7799.

Our in-person services at the Fellowship Hall are on the first and third Sundays of the month. This Sunday, our UU Fellowship reaffirms its dedication to diversity and the many spiritual paths followed by its members.

Michael Demchak, service lead, will introduce Beltane, the an-

cient Gaelic May Day Festival that celebrates the fertility of spring. Considered an important pagan holiday, it also known as a sabbat and is still observed by Neopagans and some European cultures on May 1. Celebrating the return of spring and all of life that flourishes with it, Beltane is a kickoff for the greening of the earth and the warm days of summer ahead.

Demchak's presentation will review the history of this holiday, its symbols, customs and rituals, as well as its personal spiritual meaning.

Depending on the current COV-ID recommendations, all should be prepared to wear a mask, if deemed necessary, while in the building. Social distancing will be encouraged. To that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship has been reduced to 25, a very good reason for arriving a few minutes early.

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

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



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# New Thought topic: 'Spirit is My Drug of Choice'

#### By Shayla McClure New Thought Center for

Inspirational Living

Sunday service is at 10 a.m. on May 1, with Dr. Elaine Harding: "Spirit is My Drug of Choice."

"I live in the faith that there is a presence and power greater than I am that nurtures and supports me in ways I could not even imagine ...

"Never limit your view of life by any past experience." — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

#### Upcoming events

Meditation and yoga is Saturdays at 9:30 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 McClure at (970) 510-0309 for band information. May 8, 10 a.m. service: Mother's Day Celebration Circle with Nancy Lee.

May 15, 10 a.m.: Service with Julie Loar. She will share her latest spiritual tour in Egypt.

May 21, 6-9 p.m.: Fundraiser dance with Bruce Wayne Rock and Country Band, Pagosa Lodge ballroom.

#### Library

The New Thought Center has a large library of inspirational and spiritual books. To borrow or donate a book, please come to the New Thought Center prior to Sunday service or Meditation Circle.

#### About us

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similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth and to 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 welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).



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# 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=bkdEeVlaSWN0 bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09, 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, May 1, our theme is "Love of Humanity."

"Of one tree are all ye the fruit, and of one bough the leaves. Let not man glory in this that he loveth his country, let him rather glory in this that he loveth his kind." — Baha'u'llah.

bracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity's spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every human soul. Among the teachings of the Baha'i Faith are the investigation of truth; the oneness of God; the oneness of mankind; justice; universal peace; the conformity between science and divine revelation; the equality of women and men; and the abandonment of racial, religious, worldly and political prejudices. It is in this spirit of community that we cordially invite you to our devotionals.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at www.bahai.org. Our local contact is 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.

# HOAs and invasive species

#### By Ethan Proud PREVIEW Columnist

Homeowners associations (HOAs): some people love them and some people — not so much. Regardless of anyone's perceptions of them, their primary goal is to protect property values.

Property value seems to be a weird topic to bring up while talking about invasive species and land stewardship, but noxious weeds decrease property values. While hopefully it isn't your singular reason for managing the invasive plants on your property, it can be a major motivator. So, where do HOAs come into play in invasive species management? Some HOAs in Archuleta County take a strong stance on the matter and provide value to their residents by either directing people to the Weed and Pest Office, buying herbicide for landowners to use, paying for treatment from dues, organizing weed-pull days or by enforcing noncompliant owners.

The first step for an HOA to take in choosing how to better serve its residents and community is to find out what weeds are present in the subdivision and find the pulse of the people. If the majority of residents are against using herbicides, organizing a weed-pull or setting up biological control plots will be much more beneficial. If the residents are open to the use of herbicides, find out whether they need help finding a local contractor or where to purchase herbicides for those DIY landowners.

Enforcement is the least appealing option in any case; it can be a useful last resort. Prior to enforcement, education can often be the best policy. Most landowners are not aware of the issue of noxious weeds and an informative flyer can spur them into action.

In the case of thistles, it's easy to encourage someone to remove the prickly plant from their yard. With yellow toadflax, a beautiful escaped ornamental, it can be a little more difficult. When people learn the cons of the yellow snapdragon look-alike and the damage it causes in our natural areas and to wildlife, the decision to manage becomes much easier.

So, where does the Archuleta CountyWeed and Pest Department come into all this? We offer assistance with all aspects of weed management including property inspections, weed management plan synthesis, herbicide sales, contracted services, seasonal biological control sales and advice on the proper way to remove species without herbicides.

It's important to note that pulling annual and biennial species like musk thistle is a great management technique, but pulling



Canada thistle will encourage root growth unless done persistently over many years. If your HOA is interested in taking the first step and getting an inventory of invasive plants, assign a weed ambassador to reach out to the Weed and Pest Department for a property inspection. The results can be shared with the entire HOA and future steps can be decided then.

#### 4-H Flash Sale

4-H soup mixes will be on sale Friday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5 each at the Extension office. These dried soup mixes are a great time saver. Most are glutenfree and delicious. With flavors like chicken and rice, tortilla soup and corn chowder and more, it's easy to support Archuleta County 4-H.

#### Hunting mushrooms

Come learn about the etiquette of mushroom hunting and other great tips May 4 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office.

#### Countywide yard sale

There will be a countywide yard sale on May 28. You can reserve a space for \$50 indoors or out at the Extension building at the fairgrounds. Call (970) 264-5931 for more information and to register.

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# Join us for our upcoming events!





Photo courtesy Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The April 9 Food Summit was attended by more than 100 people and was deemed a success.





# Archuleta County's first Food Summit deemed a success

#### By Pauline Benetti Food System/Food Equity Coalition

On Saturday, April 9, Archuleta County experienced its first Food Summit at the CSU Extension building. The event was organized and sponsored by Healthy Archuleta, which operates as FSFE -Food Coalition.

Based on a number of factors, including a healthy attendance of approximately 110 folks and the unanimous declaration by those who completed the evaluation form that the event should be repeated next year, organizers declared this inaugural event a success

Add to the above the many positive expressions heard throughout the day.

One long-time community member, Kathy Keyes, put it this way: "Felt like a coalescing of so many efforts over the years!"

Mary Jo Coulehan, Chamber director, said, "It was also very rewarding to see so many connections being made in the communi-

ty and the sharing of new ideas and from the Park Ditch to irrigate the relationships. Archuleta County has the opportunity to grow in food production and this summit was just the start of an emphasis on agricultural production here."

A third long-time community member, Udgar Parsons, said, "What inspired me the most was the work that the food pantries are doing to provide healthy nutrition to members of our community who are in need."

By many measures, then, the event was judged a success.

The keynote opening, "Health, Food and the Environment" by Dr. Ion Bruss, set the tone for the day and introduced the first segment - the wonderfully personal illustration of the six elements of our food system in which individuals told stories of their involvement in a particular element.

A number of very memorable moments were shared:

• A speaker, who both grows a huge garden and preserves its harvest, explained how conserving she was of the water that comes

hay field and then through another waterway to the vegetable garden and then via a third that leads back See Summit on next page

# Special Event for Pagosa Springs

April 29 and 30 Emphasis Civil and Religious Liberty

Friday, 7 pm The Jesus Huddle: Liberty of Conscious Matthew 24:3

Saturday, 11 am The Glorious Land: America in Prophecy Daniel 11:41

> Saturday, 2 pm The Final Transition Revelation 13:11



James Rafferty

James Rafferty is Director of Discipleship Ministry for 3ABN. He is an ordained pastor, evangelist, and author of several books. He has been involved in gospel ministry for 38 years with a special focus on Daniel and Revelation. God has opened doors for James to share the everlasting gospel in America, Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and the South Pacific. He and his wife Rise have been married for 33 years and are blessed with two adult children.

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# Summit

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• A generational rancher who for years has produced beef for shipment away from our community expressed surprise at the current interest in locally produced food including beef.

• A speaker involved in retail marketing and distribution showed the system of flags created to indicate local, regional and Colorado products.

• A tearful speaker who directs the charitable distribution of food through a food pantry made clear that her dedication is attributable to her own food-deprived lived experience as a child.

• Two speakers who purchased ingredients and prepared menus for a class that allowed them to share their passion for traditional recipes shared.

• A dietitian stressed the importance of eating fresh local foods to preserve nutrients and promote health.

• A restaurant owner shared her highly developed use of spreadsheets to prevent overproduction See Summit on next page **AGOSA AUTO RENTS**• Local• Nights and Weekends• Delivery Available!• State autorents.com(970) 585-9181

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Director of Human resources for 15 years

REALTOR more than 12 years

I am very involved in the community: President of Archuleta County Republican Women for 4 years, House District 59 Chairwoman, Archuleta County Republican Central Committee Secretary, board member for Archuleta County Housing, Rotary Club, Loaves & Fishes volunteer, and my family has adopted a road to help preserve our beautiful county

I attend the Archuleta County Veterans (Vets 4 Vets) meetings on a regular basis

My brother is currently serving in the Army and has for 20-plus years. My step dad, Sevedo Martinez, and my brother have also served.

I have been attending the Board of County Commissioners meetings for the past 3-1/2 years

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# Want to farm? Get a cash register

#### By Dave Marston PREVIEW Columnist

In 1991, when Lee Bradley started farming near Paonia in the North Fork Valley of Colorado, he was hired to manage a fruit farm owned by the coal company, Cyprus Coal Corp. Mine bosses gave him a ridiculously hard goal: Make money.

Bradley decided to focus on marketing.

"We shined the apples and sold them wherever we could," he said. With the pressure on him and his wife, Kathy, they also opened a farm stand inside their leased barn close to a highway.



"At first, we were only going to sell what we produced. But people had money, so we scrambled, grabbing local products from everywhere to have more for people to buy."

A few years later, in 1996, Homestead Meats, a local, natural beef (no additives) cooperative, began, with only five families involved.

# Summit

**continued from previous page** and thus control for food waste.

• A teacher who brings a bucket to class so her students can see that their food waste will be consumed by their teacher's chickens shared.

This segment brought together these many stories illustrating how we all participate in the food system in our own unique and creative manner.

The afternoon was largely dedicated to a panel presentation consisting of town and county planning and development agencies, CSU Extension and a representative of several water nonprofit agencies.

The stage was set with the introduction of the recently passed Archuleta County resolution declaring our county an agricultural county followed by town and county presentations that essentially overviewed the policies, practices and future plans of the agencies that regulate and support agricultural activity, businesses and food in our county.

CSU Extension overviewed the many valuable programs available to the agricultural interests in our county and the water representative summarized the projects underway in our county aimed at agricultural use of our precious resource, water.

A significant quantity of information was presented and our Food Summit audience remained attentive and engaged as measured by the number of questions at the end. Also notable throughout this activity was the sense of a partnership in the making — a public/ private partnership punctuated by statements such as: "What can we do to help?" "Come and talk to us about it." "Give us your input to help in the decision making."

While the first in Archuleta,

this is not the first Food Summit in Colorado. A previous, statewide food summit took place in Denver; however, it was determined that participation could have included more representation from across Colorado. To expand the reach, participants recommended that funding be provided for regional summits with local ideas then moved up for consideration at the state level. That is the plan this year, with a December date for the state summit.

Finally, our Food Summit attendees were asked to propose ideas that could be raised up to the state summit. The outcome of that presentation follows and will require further definition to select those to be raised up and those to be applied locally. Most critically: the importance of school gardens in teaching future generations how to grow and the importance of food/nutrition education; the need to leverage state policy to make certain classes mandatory; a local food co-op with commercial kitchen space and community space for selling and programs regarding local food; programs and education regarding sustainable foraging in our national forests and Bureau of Land Management lands; creation of community gardens in residential vacant lots; and creation of robust water and fire prevention plans.

As a result of this first Food Summit, we have created a foundation of interest in the food system and in growing, concern for limited resources, motivation to action, and ideas for implementation. Now, we must build on what has coalesced. That will mean change. Are we ready?We invite you to get involved. Contact fsfearchuleta@gmail.com and visit our website: https://www. foodcoalition4archuleta.org/.

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# Writers

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"keep it small and try the idea." Now six families strong, he said, "No one thought we'd have 40 em-

ployees or a packing plant." Not quite all grass-fed, the beef is finished with grain, "ensuring consistency and marbling," said Peebles.

Consumers got on board, as many people have become increasingly concerned about how the beef they buy is produced.

Now, Peebles reported, Homestead Meats just bought Callaway Packing, which doubles their production to 80 local animals processed weekly and sold throughout western Colorado. Best of all, they are no longer subject to the commodity market, where 85 percent of beef is processed by four corporations.

Stories like this apparently make Delta County a model, attracting young farmers and ranchers. Thirty percent of Delta County's farmers were considered "new and beginning" farmers in the 2017 USDA farm survey, and most are pursuing natural but not strict "USDA organic" practices.

When the documentary "The Real Dirt on Farmer John" played at the Telluride Film Festival in 2005, few Coloradans had heard of community-sponsored agriculture (CSA), which asks dedicated consumers to pay farmers up front for weekly boxes of food.

Fast forward 17 years, and hun-

dreds of CSAs, as they're called, serve cities and rural areas in Colorado, reports Farmshares.info, including several CSAs in the North Fork Valley.

The widespread availability of natural produce and meat wasn't always a given. For decades, most products grown in the North Fork Valley were shipped to cities. Today, it's resort towns like Aspen and Crested Butte that see North Fork Valley food and wine at their farmers markets or in their CSAs.

Bradley recalls a meeting 20 years ago of the newly formed Valley Organic Growers Association (VOGA), where he doled out some advice that gave the up-andcoming juice maven, Jeff Schwarz, a hot idea.

"Clean up your farm, get a cash register and you can sell stuff to the public right there," Bradley recalls telling Schwarz, whose Big B's Juices now processes 7.5 million pounds of apples annually for juice and cider, much of which he sells directly to the public at his outdoor restaurant. Schwartz scoops up every available apple locally and imports the rest from Washington.

Today, what Schwarz and Bradley have in common is that their thriving businesses sell a wide variety of food, wine and diverse crafts. Exploring either place can turn into a day-long event.

"I think it's all about knowing your farmer," said Bradley. "People wander around the farm. They see how you operate and pick stuff themselves, which gains trust." He is not certified organic, saying that the cost is too much and ties his hands when pests invade.

And the best part? Young people who want to farm see local opportunity.

"A business called The Painted Vineyard is getting started close to me," said Bradley. It will have a tasting room, a B&B and a camping area, and Bradley figures its customers will also be his.

Meanwhile, near retirement at 70 but still farming, thanks to his son, Ryan, Bradley continues to help newcomers to the valley. One example is Storm Cellars Winery, a Sommelier-trained couple from Denver, run by Jayme Henderson and Steve Seese. They came to the valley knowing wine but not much about planting vines, repairing equipment or making wine from scratch.

"We kept going back to Bradley," said Henderson, "and he kept helping us out."

Dave Marston is the publisher of Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to lively discussion about the West. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.



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# How to be a smart credit consumer

#### Special to The PREVIEW

Financial planning encompasses a host of strategies designed to help people enjoy the fruits of their labors. Financial planning is often associated with saving for retirement. However, smart credit management is an integral component of financial planning that can begin paying dividends long before adults are ready to retire.

Capital One notes that the benefits of a good credit score include lower credit card and mortgage interest rates, which can save individuals tens of thousands of dollars over the life of their home loans. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission reports that the better an individual's credit history, the easier it is for that person to establish utility services, including electricity and Internet service.

With so much to gain, individuals should do everything they can to be smart credit consumers. These strategies can help consumers use credit to their advantage as they look to gain from this vital component of financial planning.

• Recognize the factors that affect your score. A credit score is generated using a formula that takes various factors into consideration. These factors include payment history, credit utilization rate, length of credit history and credit inquiries, among others. Each variable is important, but paying balances in full and on time each month is a great way to build a strong financial reputation in the eyes of creditors. In addition, avoid overutilization

of credit, especially if you can't pay balances in full each month.

 Check credit before looking for a job. One easily overlooked benefit of being a smart credit consumer is its impact on individuals' ability to find a good job. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau urges individuals to check their credit reports before they begin looking for a job so they can correct any mistakes that may be on their reports. That's because some employers look at applicants' credit reports as part of their background checks. Smart credit consumers recognize that monitoring their credit is just as important as utilizing it wisely. Consumers can access reports from each of the three main credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) for free once every 12 months.

• Don't wing it. Much like successful retirement planning is often the culmination of decades of hard work, strategizing and saving, becoming a smart credit consumer involves commitment to a welldeveloped plan to utilize credit. Impulsive use of credit can quickly compromise individuals' credit histories and financial reputations, so develop a plan to use credit wisely and stick to that plan. A successful credit utilization strategy should be rooted in paying bills on time, and ideally in full, each month to avoid potentially costly interest charges. Identify any bad credit utilization habits and do your best to eliminate them. If necessary, work with a financial planner to develop your credit utilization strategy.



### The Weekly Crossword

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by Margie E. Burke

#### Answers to Previous Crossword:



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# Senior Center looking for volunteers

By Cheryl Wilkinson PREVIEW Columnist

The Community Café in the Pagosa Springs Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with the lunch desk. Please call (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

# 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.

This program is vitally important because many seniors have little to no access to nutritious meals. They are often too frail or have health complications that prevent them from preparing meals for themselves or from using the Senior Center's Community Café drive-thru meals pick-up site Monday though Friday.

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.

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, April 28 — Sliced ham with cherry sauce, scalloped potatoes, whole-wheat roll with butter, milk and salad.

Friday, April 29 — Orange chicken with rice, broccoli, milk, salad and dessert croissant.

Monday, May 2 — Tuna salad with green salad or as a sandwich, broccoli salad, milk, tangerine and lemon mousse.

Tuesday, May 3 — King Ranch



Wednesday, May 4 — Beet salad, pimento cheese finger sandwich, milk, four-fruit salad and chocolate éclair.

Thursday, May 5 — Pork, See Senior on next page

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- Independent/Impartial decision-making and objectivity
- Knowledge of hospital business model and experience advising healthcare businesses.

I would be honored to serve the community on the USJHSD Board of Directors to preserve and improve this valuable community asset.

### PLEASE VOTE

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on April 11, due back Tuesday, May 3. Or a voter can pickup a ballot at PSMC and return to same.



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# **Bird of the Week**



Photo courtesy Barry Knott

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the white-faced ibis.

This beautiful migratory, wading bird has been spotted here recently feeding in shallow-water wetland areas. Seen in breeding plumage, it is a chestnut maroon color with metallic green and bronze hues, and has pink legs. A white patch of feathers that extends behind the eyes and borders a naked facial patch is the source of its name.

This ibis is found mainly west of the Mississippi River and breeds primarily in colonies found in Utah, Nevada, Oregon and coastal areas of Texas and Louisiana, but also nests in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Many winter in Mexico or live year-round in South America. The glossy ibis, with a similar appearance, is found most often on the East Coast and also ranges to Eurasia, Africa and Australia.

The ibis uses its long, sickle-shaped bill to probe in wet soil or wetland mud for earthworms, invertebrates and crayfish. Sensitive ends on the bill locate food by touch when probing in mud, but the ibis also hunts by swinging its bill side to side in water to stir up prey and locate it by sight. They will feed on prey at the surface of water, on vegetation and even take fish, frogs and small rodents that cross their paths.

Look for these birds here feeding in wetland areas like the ponds off Piedra Road, Vista Pond and those along the Riverwalk. Continued drought in the West, with competition for water rights, has impacted important breeding areas, even in wildlife refuges, which depend on water to provide nesting sites for many migratory species.

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

# Senior

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- Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving beef enchiladas, 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
- are available. **Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information
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#### Friday, April 29

- Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.
- **Chimney Rock Interpretive Asso**ciation Volunteer Training. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center located at 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Lunch will be provided. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. After training, new volunteers will receive extended training with a veteran volunteer at the site until they are comfortable in their new positions. Anyone planning to attend must call the CRIA office at (970) 731-7133 to register.
- **Gaming.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

#### Saturday, April 30

- Pagosa Wetland Partners Guide Training. 9-11 a.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership amphitheater in Centennial Park. We will discuss expectations and goals for being a guide as well as giving potential guides the opportunity to go on a tour of the wetlands and observe the information and techniques we will be learning in action. If you have questions or are interested in being a guide, please contact RNP Coordinator Jeanette Pike at pikejeanette4@gmail.com or stop by PWP's booth at the Earth Day Celebration on April 23 to learn more.
- Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Volunteer Training. 9:30 a.m.-noon. Chimney Rock National Monument. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. After training, new volunteers will receive extended training
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- Pagosa Springs Girls' Varsity Soccer. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Ignacio.

#### Sunday, May 1

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

#### Monday, May 2

- Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/ or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.
- Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.
- Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginner class 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m.;

improver 10-10:45 a.m.; advance group 10:45-11:30 a.m. Proof of COVID vaccination required. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970)264-2064 for more information.

#### Tuesday, May 3

- 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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English as a Second Language. 4-7

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- Family Storytime: Musical Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Guest presenter Melanie Milburn joins us from Durango to share some great original music and stories. Join us for great stories, fun games, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is 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 DIY. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th-grade. Join us to get creative and see what you can make. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
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## Upper San Juan Health Services District Election May 3, 2022

# Vote Barbara Parada

I would like to work with the Health Services District Board to provide better rural healthcare for our local residents.

Also, to **give back to our community** to thank all of those who have supported us through the years.

*My qualifications:* 

- Southwest Colorado Mental Health bilingual outreach worker
- Southwest Colorado Mental Health cultural awareness team member
- State committee on racism and sexism
- Committee to provide weatherization for low income persons
- Timber Ridge HOA past president and board member
- Paralegal
- Archuleta County resident since 1979

Your vote is appreciated.

Paid for by Barbara Parada

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room hunting and other great tips. Call (970) 246-5931 for more information.

#### Thursday, May 5

- Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving spaghetti, salad and garlic bread 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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- Dungeons and Dragons 3-5 p.m. Discord. Ongoing game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join.
- Pagosa Springs Girls' Varsity Soccer. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa.
- 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.
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- Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Build Pagosa Charity Auction. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the silent auction. Dinner with a Cinco de Mayo theme will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets (\$30/adult) are available at the door. Artisan craft beer and wine will be provided. The auction will feature playhouses and more. For more information, visit www.buildpagosa.org.

#### Saturday, May 7

- Terry Alley Invitational. Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs track and field vs. multiple teams.
- a.m.-4:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Tired of renting? Learn what it takes to become a homeowner. The HomesFund (a local nonprofit) offers homebuyer education classes. Topics covered include: budgeting, credit, insurance, lending and

Homebuyer Education Class. 8:30

local down payment assistance programs, real estate, inspection, and home maintenance. Space is limited, so please visit www.homesfund.org to register. Questions can be directed to (970) 259-1418, ext. 1 or info@homesfund.org.

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# **Re-ELECT** Kate Alfred & Jason Cox

to the

# Upper San Juan Health Service **Board of Directors** May 3, 2022

The Upper San Juan Health Service District, more commonly known as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), is a Colorado Title 32 Special District that operates a Critical Access Hospital, A Rural Health Clinic, the ambulance service, and the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders that opened in 2018. PSMC is the County's largest employer, an anchor institution, and a significant economic driver for our community.

As a Special District, PSMC is essentially no different than PAWSD, Pagosa Fire Protection District, and the Ruby Sisson Library from a governance standpoint. The governing Board of Directors is elected by the electors of the district. The district boundaries for PSMC are all of Archuleta County and the portions of Hinsdale and Mineral Counties west of the Divide.

I am Greg Schulte and I have been privileged to be a Board Member of PSMC for the past 8 years, including serving as Chair for the past 4 years. I'll be termed out of office with the upcoming election on May 3rd.

I am grateful to have been part of the PSMC team and to have been colleagues with several fellow Board members, including Kate Alfred and Jason Cox, who are both running for reelection for a 2nd term.

I have been able to observe and work closely with both Kate and Jason over the years and I have been continually impressed with their dedication to PSMC. Both have participated diligently and productively on the Finance, Foundation, and Strategic Planning Committees.

I am Matt Mess. I currently serve as Vice Chair of the PSMC board. I have worked with both Kate Alfred and Jason Cox over the past five years. They have served on several committees, which have led to the betterment of the organization, including Strategic Planning, Foundation and Finance. Kate and Jason have an in-depth understanding of the current undertakings of the organization and will be a valuable asset to the Board as the District moves into the future.

I urge you to vote for both Kate Alfred and Jason Cox in the Health Service District on May 3.

PSMC, along with our entire community, has gone through the most difficult and stressing period in the history of the organization and the team has certainly risen to the challenge. Jason and Kate have been an integral part of that team and are a key part of that success. If reelected, we have no doubt both Kate and Jason will continue to faithfully do everything in their power to ensure the success of the organization.

We hope you will consider joining us in voting for Kate Alfred and Jason Cox for another term on the Board of Directors for the Upper San Juan Health Service District. Thank you.

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- Maker Space. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For all ages. Come in and build, design and create. We provide the materials, you provide the vision. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Discovery Time. 2:30 p.m., Facebook.For all ages. Join us every first and third Saturday for new games. art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more.
- Gabriela de la Paz Performance. 7 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Gabriela de la Paz specializes in traditional music of Mexico and Latin America. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

#### Monday, May 9

- Medicare Mondays. For anyone who needs help navigating Medicare plans, fraud concerns and/or troubleshooting issues that they may be having. By appointment only. Please call our Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext. 4. Someone will return phone messages within 24 hours.
- Pickleball. 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available
- Line Dancing. 9:15-10 a.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginner class 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m.; improver 10-10:45 a.m.; advance group 10:45-11:30 a.m. Proof of COVID vaccination required. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970)264-2064 for more information.

#### Tuesday, May 10

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#### Friday, May 13

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- Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.
- Submit your calendar items to editor@ pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.



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# Five myths about Alzheimer's disease

#### By Jim Herlihy

Alzheimer's Association

Despite being the No. 7 cause of death of Americans, and despite being the single largest risk to the health of our Medicare system, Alzheimer's disease is not widely understood. Even some of the people most clearly at risk will go to great lengths to maintain a distance from the illness.

"Callers to our helpline sometimes won't even give us their name," said Meg Donahue, director of community engagement for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado, which operates the association's free multi-language helpline that is accessible 24/7, 365 days a year to provide information and counsel to individuals who have questions or concerns about their own or a loved one's mental health.

"For some, acknowledging their concerns about memory loss may be an admission of their worst fears — that they have Alzheimer's disease," said Donahue. "For that reason, many people don't want to address the subject."

Yes, Alzheimer's deserves its fearsome reputation. It kills more people annually than breast and prostate cancers combined. Every 65 seconds, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with the disease for which there is no prevention and no cure. And caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias is currently taking one of every five Medicare dollars — a total expected to rise to \$1 of \$3 by 2050 if a cure is not found.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's largest nonprofit funder of research to find a cure for the disease. That research is ongoing. Until a cure is found, people should be aware of some common myths regarding Alzheimer's.

# Myth 1: Memory loss is a normal part of aging

Reality: It's normal to have occasional memory challenges as we age, such as forgetting names of someone you just met. The frequent memory loss that is part of Alzheimer's disrupts your daily life, such as needing to rely on memory aids or family members for things that one previously handled on their own.

# Myth 2: Alzheimer's is not a fatal disease

Reality: Alzheimer's disease is America's seventh-leading cause of death — ahead of breast and prostate cancers combined. It slowly destroys brain cells, ultimately leading to the loss of body functions and death.

# Myth 3: Alzheimer's only affects the elderly

Reality: More than 6.5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, including people in their 50s, 40s and even 30s. An estimated 200,000 people in the U.S. under age 65 are living with Alzheimer's.

#### Myth 4: The risk from Alzheimer's is the same for everyone

Reality: While the main risk factor for Alzheimer's is aging, some population groups are at greater risk. Black Americans are twice as likely as whites to be diagnosed and Hispanic Americans are 50 percent more likely than whites. And, as a group, two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's disease are women.

# Myth 5: I can ignore the symptoms of Alzheimer's and get by

Reality: Some people are able to temporarily work around the memory loss and other symptoms of Alzheimer's, compensating in other ways, but delaying diagnosis is detrimental because it also delays access to medications, supportive services, planning and other resources that help both the person with Alzheimer's as well as caregivers and loved ones. Delaying the diagnosis does not delay the progression of the disease.

To learn more about Alzheimer's disease and services available through the Alzheimer's Association, go to www.alz.org or call the free 24-hour helpline at (800) 272-3900. All programs are available to families at no charge.

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Many people go to sleep but they do not rest. In other words, they do not experience REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep. REM sleep is necessary for deep sleep and dreams.

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- The body restores and repairs itself during sleep
- The body begins to detox
- Sleep helps build the immune system
- Human Growth Hormone (HGH) and melatonin are produced during sleep
  - HGH helps strengthen and repair bones and muscles
  - HGH converts fat into fuel, assisting in weight loss

Science Says: Good sleep regulates hormones which effect mood, feelings, appetite, conversion of fat into fuel and helps with weight loss. (Van Cauter and colleagues Karine Spiegel and Rachel Leproult, The Lancet 1999)<sup>2</sup>

Join us next week for more information about living better!

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- 1. Try to eat your last meal 4-1/2 to 5 hours before going to bed. If less time, make it a small meal of just fruit or popcorn. Change the way you think about sleeping and going to bed and make it a sacred experience.
- 2. Take in sunshine at some point during the day.
- 3. Try to complete physical exercise in the morning or in the earlier part of the day.
- 4. Ensure that your bedding is always clean and fresh.
- 5. Avoid using computers just before bed. Watching TV in the bedroom should be kept to a minimum or avoided altogether.
- 6. Eliminate all ambient light, including alarm clocks, cell phones and night lights. Make your bedroom as dark as possible with thick curtains that block outside lights.
- Crack your windows to allow good air circulation, even in winter cold or summer heat — a crack is all that is needed.
- 8. Make your bedroom "sleeping" temperature between 68 and 70°.
- 9. Keep a regular sleep schedule, retiring between 9 and 10 pm.
- 10. Leave stressful things outside of your bedroom: bill paying, negative conversations, etc.

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# StoryWalk resuming in new downtown Riverwalk location

#### By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Our very popular StoryWalk resumes next Monday, May 2, at a new location. We are pleased to partner with the Town of Pagosa Springs to bring the StoryWalk to the Riverwalk downtown. It starts at the Ross Aragon Community Center and heads north toward the growing domes.

The May 1-14 feature is "Bird Watch," a seek-and-find picture book by Christie Matheson. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the birds that live around us — and look for them, too.

## Resume and cover letter session

Learn how to use Microsoft Word to create a professionallooking resume using basic and advanced formatting tools next Tuesday, May 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. Brad will also go over the basics of creating an effective cover letter.

#### Teen DIY next Wednesday

Fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to a free in-person teen DIY session on Wednesday, May 4, from 4 to 5 p.m. We hope you'll join us to get creative and see what you can make.

# Therapy dog visit next Friday

Next Friday, May 6, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. you are invited to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. The visits will be limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi." This activity is for all ages.

#### Dungeons and Dragons

Join us next Thursday, May 5,



from 3 to 5 p.m. for our ongoing Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join.

Free in-person sessions take place at your library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 4 to 6 p.m.

# Special family storytime and Discovery Time

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

On May 4, special guest Melanie Milburn will join us from Durango to share great original music and stories.

All-ages Discovery Times continue on Facebook at 2:30 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of the month with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more.

#### 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 avail-



able 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.

#### 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.

#### Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted April 25 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free allages activity.

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#### 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, your library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Tuesdays and Thursdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

• Saturdays, your library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Large print

"A Relative Murder" by Jude Deveraux is book four of the Medlar Mystery series. "The Atlas Six" by Olivie Blake focuses on six new initiates to a secret society of magical academicians. "Calder Grit" by Janet Dailey is book two of the Calder Brand America West romance series.

#### Mysteries and thrillers

"A Game of Fear" by Charles Todd is an Inspector Ian Rutledge mystery. "Creatures of Charm and Hunger" by Molly Tanzer is set in a library in England that houses all the occult knowledge of an international association of diabolists. "Violence" by Delilah S. Dawson focuses on a mysterious epidemic of violence sweeping the nation. "Dream Town" by David Baldacci is an Archer thriller. "Kingdom of Bones" by James Rollins is a Sigma Force thriller. "Good Rich People" by Eliza Jane Brazier is a psychological thriller.

#### Other novels

"Dawnshard" by Brandon Sanderson is a novella from the Stormlight Archive fantasy series. "Free Love" by Tessa Hadley follows a happily married woman who awakens to the sexual revolution in 1960s London. "Eternal" by Lisa Scottoline is an historical novel set in pre-World War II Italy. "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus features a chemist who is the reluctant star of a cooking show. "The Candy House" by Pulitzer Prizewinning author Jennifer Egan explores the quest for authenticity in a world where memories and identities are no longer our own.

#### **Books on CD**

"Listening Still" by Anne Griffin features a woman in Ireland who can communicate with the recently departed. "Robert Ludlum's "The Treadstone Transgression" by Joshua Hood is a thriller about a CIA source in the Haitian National Bank. "Beautiful" by Danielle Steel centers on a supermodel whose life is uprooted by a terrorist attack. "Freezing Order" by Bill Browder is a true story of money laundering, murder and surviving Putin's wrath. "Young Mundo" by Douglas Stuart portrays the lives of two gay men in working-class families. "The Candy House" by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jennifer Egan explores the quest for authenticity in a world where memories and identities are no longer our own.

#### Nonfiction

"Woke Racism" by John Mc-Whorter explores the author's belief that our current obsession with cancel culture and the woke culture is hurting Black America. "The Invisible Kingdom" by Meghan O'Rourke investigates the effects of chronic illnesses like autoimmune diseases, post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome and long COVID. "The Bald Eagle" by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Jack E. Davis looks at five centuries of history of our national bird. "Ways and Means" by Roger Lowenstein is the story of how Lincoln and his cabinet financed the Civil War.

#### DVDs

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# **Internet ethics**

By Daris Howard Special to The PREVIEW

When the president's council at the university wanted to force a student to send out a retraction on a nasty joke he emailed, I advised against it, suggesting it would be better to do nothing. That way it would die away faster. And even though the email made it look like the joke was college-approved, that ended up being a good decision.

For the most part, it faded away quickly. But a couple of weeks after the email was sent, our network servers came under a heavy DDoS (distributed denial of service) attack. Our systems were flooded with so much traffic that the normal functions were brought to a standstill. For all intents and purposes, to our Internet users, it looked as if our servers were down.

When I got to work and realized what was happening, I immediately shut down the ports where the traffic was coming in. I determined the IP addresses of the attack and blocked them at the gateways. Gradually, I was able to bring the systems back up. Meanwhile, I received a lot of angry phone calls and emails from users across campus.

"Don't you know that we're getting so we rely on these systems?" one caller said. "I had material I needed for class on the Internet. You can't just start taking them down."

No amount of explanation could convince them it wasn't my fault. As the systems came back and the angry calls and emails abated, I found our email systems overloaded with junk email. I worked to clear that out, returning the systems' efficiency. It took me until well into the morning hours to get everything back to normal. By the time I got home, I was tired, hungry, and upset. My children were asleep, and I didn't get my usual evening time with my family.

The next day I traced out where the traffic had come from. Often in a DDoS attack, the person instigating it will put viruses on unsuspecting user machines, making it so the traffic comes from all over, and the origin of the instigator is almost impossible to detect. But in this case, everything had come from the computers of one organization.

I must admit that in my anger I was tempted to create havoc on their machines. I had the skills to do it. But then I thought about the ethics I taught my students in my networking class. Because I taught them powerful skills they could use for hacking and other malicious endeavors, I spent an entire week talking about ethics. I told them:

1. Never do something illegal.

2.Just because something is legal doesn't make it right. Never do something that is wrong. 3. Remember that just because

you can doesn't mean you should. 4. Never do something on the Internet in an angry response, but take time to calm down.

5. Don't do it if it hurts someone. 6. Anything you do on the Internet becomes a permanent record of you and will usually come back to haunt you if it is bad.

As I look at some of the offensive postings I see on the Internet, I wish more people would consider Internet ethics.

I took my own advice and spent a couple of days calming down. Then I contacted the administrator of the network where the attack came from. I told him I had traced the attack back to their computers, and I wanted to know what was happening.

I got a terse reply from him. He did the attack because he was angry. His 10-year-old daughter had gotten the nasty joke in her email, making her cry.

I suppose I could have reported the incident to the police, but instead, I chose to apologize. I told him the email did not represent who we were, was not sanctioned by the university, and the student had been expelled. I also told him I understood how he felt. I had daughters of my own, and because of what he did, I had to work most of the night, and I didn't get to see them that day. He responded with an apology of his own, and we opened a dialogue that resulted in a wonderful friendship between us.

As I look at some of the offensive postings I see on the Internet, I wish more people would consider Internet ethics. I often wonder if those who post them remember that at the other end is a person with feelings much like themselves.

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#### By Jim Herlihy Alzheimer's Association

While Alzheimer's disease is the only leading disease without a prevention or cure, both the medical community and the general population struggle with understanding it. That's the finding of the "2022 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" report issued by the Alzheimer's Association.

The report states that more than half (55 percent) of primary care physicians (PCPs) surveyed say there aren't enough dementia care specialists in their communities. In rural areas, that jumps to 71 percent. Yet, while one study found that 85 percent of people diagnosed with dementia are first diagnosed by a non-specialist physician, nearly 40 percent of PCPs reported "only sometimes or never" being comfortable personally making a diagnosis for Alzheimer's or other dementias.

"There is a dire shortage of qualified dementia care specialists in this country," said Jeff Bird, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "This creates a barrier to a timely and accurate diagnosis, and a lack of diagnosis means a delay in treatments, care delivery and supportive services."

Bird noted that during this lost time, people living with dementia could be enrolled in potentially life-changing clinical trials of new treatments, receive emotional support by joining a support group of others living with Alzheimer's, or hire an eldercare attorney or other professional to begin planning for caregiving, housing and income changes as Alzheimer's progresses.

#### Colorado's medical specialists

According to the National Center for Health Workforce Analysis, there already was a shortage of geriatricians in 2013, with a projected increase in demand by 2025 that was not expected to be met. Similarly, a study of the current and future U.S. neurology workforce projected a 19 percent shortage of neurologists by 2025. Looking ahead to 2050, the situation gets worse.

Colorado currently has 96 certified geriatricians. To serve the population age 65 and older with dementia in the year 2050, it is estimated that Colorado will need 289 geriatricians. To meet the medical needs of all Coloradans age 65 and older - estimated at 30 percent of the population — the state would need 867 geriatricians.

Nationally, the U.S. has 5,170 geriatricians, but will need 15,417 to serve the dementia population in 2050 and 46,252 to provide services to all people age 65 and older.

#### Mild cognitive impairment

includes a special section on "More than Normal Aging: Understanding Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI), which includes two national surveys that examine patients' and PCP's awareness and understanding of MCI.

MCI is characterized by subtle changes in memory and thinking. It is sometimes confused with normal aging, but it is not part of the typical aging process. A variety of factors can cause MCI, so it is viewed as a broad set of symptoms. This can make the diagnosis of MCI challenging for affected individuals and physicians.

The reason that MCI is of concern is that between 12 percent and 18 percent of people age 60 or older are living with the condition. Studies estimate that 10 percent to 15 percent of individuals with MCI go on to develop dementia each year and about one-third of people with MCI develop dementia due to Alzheimer's disease within five years. The most notable finds of the

surveys are:

• MCI is a mystery. Fewer than one in five Americans (18 percent) are familiar with MCI.

• Tell us early. A large majority of Americans (85 percent) say they would want to know early if they had Alzheimer's disease, including during the MCI stage (54 percent) and mild Alzheimer's disease stage (31 percent). Reasons cited most often for wanting to know early include planning for the future (70 percent), allowing for earlier treatment of symptoms (70 percent), taking steps to preserve existing cognitive function (67 percent) and to understand what is happening (66 percent).

• Concerns create hesitation. Almost eight in 10 Americans (78 percent) express concerns about seeing a doctor in the wake of MCI symptoms. Concerns cited most often include receiving an incorrect diagnosis (28 percent), learning of a serious health problem (27 percent), receiving unnecessary treatment (26 percent) and believing symptoms might go away (23 percent).

• Doctors recommend early diagnosis. The vast majority of PCPs (86 percent) say that early intervention can slow progression of cognitive decline. When MCI is detected in patients, PCPs most often recommend lifestyle changes (73 percent), perform laboratory testing for reversible causes of MCI (70 percent) and/or refer patients to a specialist (53 percent).

• But, many doctors are unclear on next steps. Only four in 10 PCPs (40 percent) say they are familiar (7 percent very familiar and 33 percent somewhat familiar) with current biomarker tests to aid in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, and they refer fewer than one in five patients (18 percent) for The Facts and Figures report biomarker testing for Alzheimer's disease when MCI is detected.

#### Other key findings in the **Facts and Figures Report**

 More Americans are living with the disease. An estimated 6.5 million Americans age 65 and older have Alzheimer's dementia in 2021, including 76,000 in Colorado.

• Alzheimer's is a leading cause of death. Deaths due to Alzheimer's have increased an alarming 145 percent since 2000. In Colorado in 2019, there were 1,909 deaths.

• Many family and friends are serving as Alzheimer's caregivers. In Colorado, 159,000 caregivers provided a total of 184 million hours of unpaid care valued at \$3.7 billion.

• The costs are unsustainable. In 2022, the total national cost of caring for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementia is projected to reach \$321 billion. Here in Colorado, the Medicaid costs of caring for people with Alzheimer's are estimated at \$635 million. By 2025, these local costs are projected to increase 24.1 percent to \$1.19 billion.

To read the full "2022 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" report, go to: www.alz.org/facts.





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PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE- No experience necessary. Competitive pay/ benefits. Energetic, dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT, 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

PINON HILLS RANCH PROPERTY Owners Association is seeking to hire a Ranch Manager to work with the Board of Directors in managing the Ranch. For more information, contact Tim Connor by phone, (970)507-0870 or by email, pinonhillspoa@gmail.com. Visit our website at pinonhillsranch.com.

**RECEPTIONIST/ OFFICE MANAGER.** Part time to start, moving to full time in a couple of months. Skills required, typing, retail payments, customer service/ phone and in person. Detail oriented person a must. hourly pay depending on experience, will start at \$15 per hour with increase after training period. Please call (970)731-4554.

**COLORADO ROCK & DIRT EXCAVATION is** gearing up for the season. We are looking for equipment operators and laborers to join our team. Competitive pay and PTO. Please forward your resume to coloradorockdirt@gmail. com or contact the office at (970)264-3478.

THE PAGOSA SPRINGS HISTORY MUSE-**UM** is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming season. May 1st to October 1st, Tuesday through Saturday, 10a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Loretta Ross (970)264-5266.

DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED. SAN JUAN DENTAL is seeking a Dental Assistant to join our lovely practice. Are you kind, caring, compassionate and friendly? Come join our team. Competitive benefits and a great place to spend your working hours, Monday- Thursday. Email resume to drericmsmithdds@ aol.com

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday. 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

TRADING ASSISTANT/ EXECUTIVE AS-SISTANT. DEVO Capital, a Commodity Trading Advisor, is looking for an individual to fill a multi-tasking position. The job will entail bookkeeping, accounting/ spreadsheet work. administrative tasks, and customer service. Excellent communication skills and punctuality are especially important. Pay dependent upon experience. Excellent opportunity for someone who wants to work in the trading and brokerage industry. If you are not proficient in the above tasks, but are willing to learn, we will train. College degree preferred, but not required. This position provides the opportunity to become a registered broker and advisor. Send your resume to chelsea@ devocapital.com

**COLORADO DREAM HOMES IS HIRING a** draftsperson for full-time work with weekly pay. Job requires proficiency with Autocad 2020, a familiarity with residential building code. Experience with Bim, Revit and BeamChek, a huge plus. Job responsibilities will include: drafting full sets of residential single and multi family structures. Custom homes created from the ground up and modifying our 13 standard home plans. Position includes paid holiday, accrued time off and annual bonuses. Starting wage of \$25 per hour. Please call for information or to schedule an interview: (970)731-3071, M-F, 8a.m.-5p.m. daily, or email your resume to coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com.

#### HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED PART-TIME OR full-time. at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store

CABE'S COLLISION AND CUSTOMS LLC now hiring all positions including automotive refinish painter, painter's helper/ body shop helper, front office positions. Pay depending on experience, willing to train the right motivated, hard working team member. (970)731-4600

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RANCH WORK IN THE BEAUTIFUL Piedra Valley- Fence and general labor. You'll need transportation. \$18/ hour. Please call or text (970)946-4615 and leave a message.

BUSY RENTAL SHOP SEEKING reliable service tech, small and medium equipment, full time. Also looking for front desk clerk/ customer service, knowledge of equipment a plus but will train for both positions. Apply at 305 Bastille Dr. (970)731-4410.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a customer oriented person for a full-time cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

#### YARD SALES

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section. SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and

FOR SALE AD UPDATES - tinyurl.com/ d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

CLEANING OUT GARAGE- MOVING. Friday, noon. 142 Enchanted Place.

YARD SALE AT 1752 Lake Forest Circle. Household, pet items, and yard equipment. Friday 4/29, 8a.m.; Sunday, 2p.m.

GARAGE SALE- FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. 8a.m.-5p.m. 18 Windward, Collectibles. Beanie Babies, Cabbage Patch Kids, bicycles, Weber grill, puppet house, fishing poles, roller blades, jackets, paintings, typewriter, miscellaneous

# <u>Classifieds</u> Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

264-2100

#### FOR SALE

USED GRAY TREX DECKING. 800 feet. \$200. Call (970)731-0731.

3 PERSON CANOE, \$50.3 gas powered chainsaws, all \$100. Tiny trailer, 2" ball, lights, title, \$300. 2 self-propelled pushers, 2 gas edgers, blower, all \$500. Gas powered standup scooter, \$100. Tires: 2-245/50/20. 2-225/75/15. \$50/ set. (970)382-1285

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# Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Community United Methodist Church** 

(Karger Hall and Library)

### Appointment is Necessary Call: 602.254.7130

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#### ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM

Aneurysms form as a result of weakening in the arterial wall. This ultrasound screening detects aneurysms in the aorta which is the largest artery in the body.

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The screening scans for cysts, nodules, masses and texture/density/size changes in the liver.

#### **KIDNEY**

The screening scans for cysts, nodules, masses, stones, fluid and other abnormalities.

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The pancreas is an important organ providing essential hormones and digestive enzymes. This screening detects small lesions, abnormalities and other signs of disease.

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