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## Health district board recommends dissolution of district

### La Plata County considering departure

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its April 28 meeting, the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Board of Health (BoH) discussed the potential with-

drawal of La Plata County from SJBPH and the dissolution of the district.

Six of the BoH's seven members were present in person in Durango for the meeting. Archuleta County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf, who represents the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), was present by Zoom at the meeting but did not speak.

Following a discussion of the structure and role of the BoH, La Plata County Commissioner and BoH member Marsha Porter-Norton provided an update to the BoH on La Plata County's thinking con-

cerning the health district.

Porter-Norton prefaced her comments by emphasizing that, while she cares about the citizens of both Archuleta and La Plata counties, she ultimately represents La Plata County.

She then stated that she was "reading the tea leaves" that "the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners desires to not be in this relationship anymore. ... By what they say in meetings, by what they do not say in meetings, by their forming of an investigative committee, which I have said to all three of them is perfectly their right

to do. ... I think the pandemic has driven a giant wedge between our two counties ... I think one thing that is very difficult for us, as the La Plata County commissioners, is to see this dragging on and on and on and on."

She then referenced the Archuleta County Health District Investigative Committee, which did not reach a "definitive direction" on Archuleta County leaving SJBPH and the Archuleta County BoCC's decision to not make a decision on staying in or leaving the district after hearing the committee's report.

"The district is many years old," Porter-Norton continued, "but there does come a time when ... in a transparent way, an honest way, say, 'How is this marriage working?' Because it is a marriage between the two boards of county commission. You all do fabulous work, but, at the end of the day, both of the county commissions have to decide if we're going to stay in this district. It's frankly very challenging for La Plata County right now."

She then highlighted that La Plata

■ See Health A8

## School board announces superintendent finalists

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education announced three finalists for its superintendent position Tuesday night: Chris Burr, Rick Holt and Laura Mijares.

The announcement came in the form of a resolution during the board's special meeting Tuesday and followed an executive session that stretched more than three hours.

The resolution was approved with a unanimous vote of the board.

During that executive session, the board met with Dr. Walt Cooper, a superintendent search consultant with McPherson and Jacobson to discuss applications from superintendent candidates.

According to his resume, Burr was most recently principal of Mill Creek Middle School from 2021-2022 and was superintendent of the Upper Rio Grande School District from 2016-2021.

Holt, according to his resume, is currently the chief academic officer of the Roaring Folk School District and has been with the district since July of 2008.

Mijares is currently serving as ASD's interim superintendent, beginning in that role in February. According to her resume, she has served as ASD's assistant superintendent since July of 2017 and has been with the district since July of 2015.

According to the search timeline, the finalists will be offered an interview on May 9 and 10, with the board slated to make a decision regarding the district's next superintendent during its May 17 meeting.

That meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School library.



## Tree City USA

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Representatives of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Springs Town Council, Colorado State Forest Service and Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board gathered at Yamaguchi Park Friday, April 29, to celebrate Arbor Day and to recognize Pagosa Springs as Colorado's newest Tree City USA. Following a short ceremony, town staff planted new trees in the park.



## Four elected to Upper San Juan Health Service District board



Alfred

Cox

Parada

Rose

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The unofficial results from the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors election were released Tuesday evening, with four individuals elected to serve three-year terms: Martin Rose, Kate Alfred, Jason Cox and Barbara Parada.

The board oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

Alfred and Cox will continue their service on the board, while Rose and Parada are set to begin their first terms later this month.

Candidates received the following vote totals:

- Rose: 885.
- Alfred: 787.

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## Tri-State, LPEA reach settlement on flexible power supply options

By Hillary Knox  
La Plata Electric Association

In a significant step forward to advance flexible power supply options for its members, wholesale power supply cooperative Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a settlement agreement with numerous parties, including Tri-State utility members La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association and San Miguel Power Association on partial requirements memberships on April 28.

With FERC approval, Tri-State's utility members can utilize the flexible option to self-supply up to 50 percent of their load requirements, in addition to members' current 5 percent self-supply and community solar options.

"Reaching an agreement to implement flexible power supply op-

tions with our members is another significant milestone in our Responsible Energy Plan," said Duane Highley, CEO of Tri-State. "In the spirit of our cooperative model, it's a win for all involved and we greatly appreciate the collaborative efforts of our members, our board of directors and FERC Trial Staff."

In 2021, Tri-State's board of directors, including a representative from each of the cooperative's 42 utility members, authorized an open season offering a total of 300 megawatts of self-supply capacity, which is approximately 10 percent of Tri-State's system peak demand. Three Tri-State utility members, LPEA, PVREA and SMPA, have already taken part in the open season for an aggregate of 203 megawatts.

"We are optimistic about the partial contract option, allowing us to source half our power from Tri-

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SUN photo/Josh Pike

Walkers gather at the bell tower and wear jeans with the purpose of standing in solidarity with victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault on April 27. The group, organized by Rise Above Violence, walked through town to create awareness and affect social change. This year marked the 23rd annual Denim Day campaign.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

# Wildfire risk increases: Be prepared

The following was provided by the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS).

Colorado is experiencing a new normal for wildfire, with several destructive, record-setting fires occurring over the past two years driven by extreme weather and drought.

With ongoing drought and warming temperatures across the state continuing to elevate wildfire risk for many Coloradans, state and federal agencies that manage wildfires and forests are urging residents to join in efforts to reduce that risk.

May is Wildfire Awareness Month, an annual observance to encourage residents to better prepare their homes and communities for wildfires. With more than half of all Coloradans living in the wildland-urban interface (WUI), susceptible to wildfire, it's important for people to take action to reduce the risk fire poses to their homes and create more fire-adapted communities.

The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) anticipates above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation from now into June. Continuation of the warm and dry conditions is expected to result in drought intensification and earlier-than-average spring snowpack runoff, leading to above-normal large fire potential expanding across southern Colorado in May and throughout most of Colorado by June.

"Wildfire season is a thing of the past — it is a year-round battle. Colorado's core fire season is now an average of 78 days longer than it was in the '70s," said DFPC Director Mike Morgan. "We are calling on those that live, work and play in Colorado to help reduce the impact of wildfires by being vigilant, respecting fire restrictions when they are in place and doing your part to protect your property from wildfire."

### Steps to lower wildfire risk

During Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on Saturday, May 7, many communities across Colorado will take steps to reduce their risk of fire. Colorado is home to 186 official Firewise USA sites, places where neighbors are working together to reduce their risk to inevitable wildfires.

Whether they live in a Firewise USA site or not, homeowners living in the WUI can do a number of practical activi-

ties to protect their home and property from wildfire. The CSFS recommends the following wildfire preparation activities:

- Rake and remove pine needles and dry leaves 5 feet from the home, as well as under decks, porches, sheds and play structures.
- Remove leaves and needles from roofs and gutters.
- Sweep porches and decks clear of any burnable plant material.
- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet from the house, preferably uphill.
- Transfer items under decks or porches to a storage area.
- Cover any exposed eave or attic vents with 1/8-inch metal mesh screening.
- Ensure home address signs are clearly visible from the street.
- Register for emergency notifications and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to do the same. Sign up for alerts at: <http://www.archuletacounty.org/569/Citizens-Alert>.
- Confirm at least one alternate path out of your neighborhood other than the one most commonly used and be prepared for potential evacuation requiring the alternative route.

"Taking care of these simple, but critically important, tasks will better prepare you and your family for a wildfire," said Matt McCombs, state forester and director of the CSFS. "These are actions anyone living adjacent to wildlands should put into practice. Last December's Marshall Fire was a tragic, eye-opening reminder that the wildland-urban interface includes grasslands, not just forests. Homeowners have a responsibility to themselves and their families, as well as their community, to prepare their home and property for wildfire, and these activities are the perfect place to start."

### Prevention when outdoors

Please keep wildfire prevention in mind when visiting your public lands. Simple measures can reduce the fire risk and provide for a much safer outing. Know before you go by checking for closures or restrictions during periods of high fire danger. When traveling to and from your public lands, ensure that the chains to your trailer are not dragging since these can spark wildfires. Your vehicle should also be equipped

with a spark arrester. Do not park in tall, dry grass because the heat from your car can start a wildfire. If you smoke, smoke in your vehicle, and dispose of your cigarette properly.

If campfires or grills are allowed, clear vegetation away from the area and use a preexisting campfire ring when possible. Have the proper tools to extinguish the campfire nearby before you light it, including a bucket, water and shovel. Keep your fire small and never leave it unattended. Flood your fire with plenty of water and be certain that the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area. Learn more at [www.recreateresponsibly.org](http://www.recreateresponsibly.org).

"Our need to respond to wildfires continues to increase as the intensity and duration of fire activity escalates across the state. Now, more than ever, we are pleased to stand together with our interagency partners as we approach Wildfire Awareness Month and the new fire year. Collectively, we will focus on fire prevention," said Frank Beum, regional forester of the USDA Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region. "When there is fire activity, our goal will be rapid initial attack and fast containment to minimize the number of large fires. We will respond to every wildfire with public and firefighter safety as our highest priority."

Wildland fire management in Colorado is an interagency partnership among local, state and federal agencies. The DFPC and USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region work with other local, state and federal agencies to coordinate wildland fire management on a statewide basis.

The CSFS works with the National Fire Protection Association to implement the Firewise USA program in the state and provides technical assistance to homeowners and communities to help them take action and ownership in preparing their homes against the threat of wildfire.

By working together in these efforts, the ultimate goals of these agencies are resilient, fire-adapted landscapes and communities that best provide for firefighter and public safety and protection of natural resources.

For more information about reducing wildfire risk, visit: [bit.ly/COWildfireMitigation](http://bit.ly/COWildfireMitigation).

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 5, 1922

The lumber and sand is now being placed on the ground for the construction of the new I.O.O.F. amusement hall and lodge rooms at the corner of Fourth and Lewis streets. J.W. McGee and Walter F. Curs will be in charge of the work, which will commence in a few days.

Parents of children, who are in the habit of writing questionable stuff on the walks and buildings of our city, had better commence taking a hand or their "angel child" will wake up in the county calaboose one of these bright spring mornings.

We can sell a new 490 Chevrolet car for \$715.00 F.O.B. Pagosa, 30 per cent purchase price down, balance of 12 equal monthly payments. City Garage.

A.B. Cundy, proprietor of the Melody Shop of Durango, was a visitor the first of the week, accompanied by Calvin R. Limprecht, his traveling representative. They have placed a fine display of musical instruments in the window of the Hatcher Hardware Co. and are prepared to handle anything in the musical line, whether retail or wholesale, tuning or repairing, etc.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 2, 1947

Robert Conder, veteran of World War II and lifelong resident of Pagosa, has been appointed acting Postmaster of Pagosa, according to an official communication received here Thursday from Robert Hannegan Postmaster General in Washington. Conder, who attended school in Pagosa, and who had a combat record, has been employed by the State Highway Department on Wolf Creek Pass. He will succeed Mrs. Mary Harman who recently resigned.

Increases for Pagosa Springs school teachers were approved at a meeting of the Board of Education last week. "Living cost" bonuses of \$50 were voted, and teacher salaries have been boosted to a minimum of \$1900 and a maximum of \$2300 for the next school year.

Mayor R.C. Connelly said additional tests of the water are being taken and a report from the state department awaited. He felt the high bacillus count might be attributed to recent cesspool cleaning. Meanwhile, schoolchildren were carrying jars of boiled water for use during the day and most persons preferred to boil their drinking water than to chance the possible infection.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 4, 1972

In one of the most effective cleanup campaigns in the history of the community 72 old junk cars and car bodies were hauled away in the past several days, 52 pickup loads of trash were hauled away, 53 people walked to Echo Lake and back to raise funds for community beautification, and the appearance of the town was noticeably improved. Most of the improvement and cleanup came as the result of the students of the high school and the Jaycees.

Town Water Superintendent Modesto Montoya is busy this week filling the main water supply line for the town. Repairs have been completed at the line along highway 160. The break there took place last fall and could not be repaired until highway rebuilding was completed at a slide area. The line has been partially empty since that time and the filling process is consuming considerable time so that no undue strain will be placed on the pipe. The filling is expected to be completed some time today.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 8, 1997

It might have been a small tornado. It might have been a big wind. It was the second Monday in a row for unusual wind conditions to hit in Pagosa Springs. Whatever it was, it buffeted and scared some Pagosa Springs Elementary School students and faculty Monday afternoon, hammered a few adults waiting outside the building and scattered belongings to a distance of a quarter mile. Principal Cyndy Secrist and others reported the wind lifted several children off the ground as they waited at the parking lot. "It actually took some kids off the ground," she said. "One kid had hold of a railing; her feet were swept up over her and then back down. The wind picked up and knocked down three adults. One woman and her father had to get stitches in their knees." According to Secrist, she and others watched the vortex move off the school property, across U.S. 160 and up the hillside northeast of the school.

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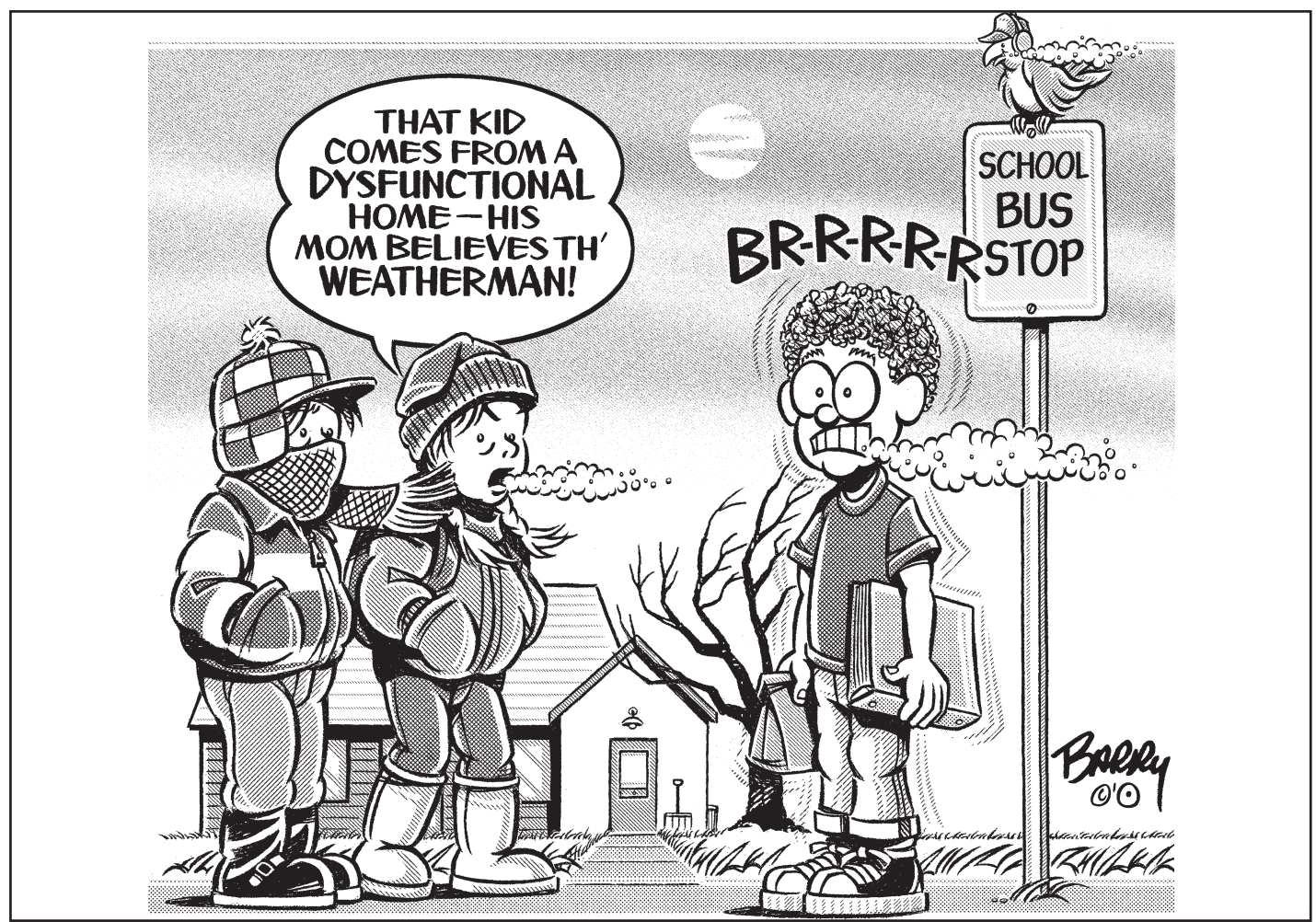
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# Letters

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## 'Leaving San Juan Basin Public Health'

Dear Editor:  
Archuleta Democrats Raise Concerns about Leaving San Juan Basin Public Health

On April 28, the board governing San Juan Basin Public Health recommended that the agency dissolve – a move prompted by months of conflict instigated by the the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

The future of the public health agency, founded in 1948, now rests in the hands of the Archuleta and La Plata county commissioners.

Archuleta County Democrats have strong reservations about withdrawing from SJBPH. A "go it alone" approach could have severe

public health and financial impacts for the taxpayers of Archuleta County.

Archuleta County contributes \$19.94 per capita to SJBPH and receives \$93 in return. How does the Archuleta BoCC plan to close that \$73.06 gap? That is an annual shortfall of a minimum of \$1,00,7497 (based on 2021 population estimates) just to keep the same level of service as SJBPH.

Archuleta County is required by state law to provide health services to its citizens. If the county goes it alone on public health, can it meet those mandates effectively and without requiring a tax increase?

The commissioners already established a fact-finding committee on public health and received that committee's report in March. What did the committee find? We urge the commissioners to make the report available to the public online, so that citizens can understand why the Archuleta BoCC created this costly dispute.

If the commissioners are determined to withdraw from SJBPH, we believe the process should be transparent. Before final decisions are made, the Archuleta BoCC should explain:

- How will the county fund public health expenditures? What new taxes will be imposed to make up the \$1 million plus deficit?
- What kind of hiring will be required? How difficult will it be to fill those positions and provide facilities in the current economic climate?
- Will the new health department commit to follow state recommended infectious disease control?
- Archuleta came through the pandemic with below average COVID cases and deaths so why does the BoCC want to walk away from success?

Finally, taxpayers should be able to see clearly whether dissolving San Juan Basin Public Health is truly in their best interests. Carl Young, ACDP chair, on behalf of the ACDP Central Committee

## 'Biden doesn't care'

Dear Editor:  
Joe Biden has demonstrated that he doesn't care about the people of the United States.

He doesn't care about the price of gas or groceries that we all must pay since his inauguration. Without concern for us he had declared a war on fossil fuels denying drilling permits on federal lands, terminating the XL Pipeline that would have provided more oil to US consumers than we now purchase from the Russian Federation. Only 46 percent of oil goes to the production of gasoline while the rest is used

to produce medicine, cosmetics, plastics, synthetic rubber, cleaning products, and asphalt. But Biden doesn't care.

Biden has clearly demonstrated that he doesn't care about the hundreds of Americans and allies who remain abandoned in Afghanistan to this day. He didn't care about surrendering tens of billions of dollars of military equipment to the Taliban terrorist state: 75,989 Total Vehicles and heavy Equipment, Including Bull Dozers, Backhoes, Dump Trucks, Excavators, just to name a few. And this doesn't count the more than 358,000 M16's, 64,000 machine guns, and 176 artillery pieces. Biden doesn't care.

Biden doesn't care about the millions of illegal aliens that are pouring into our country. US Code 1324 makes illegal entry into the US a crime, but Biden refuses to enforce the laws passed by our Congress. He also doesn't care that it is now costing the US taxpayers a net \$134 billion per year (not counting the cost of emergency room health care, education, and free smart phones.) Of course, Joe Biden doesn't care.

Biden doesn't care about the health of Americans. He has admitted illegal aliens into our country in the midst of a pandemic without either vaccine or testing in most cases and then randomly distributed these infected individuals throughout the population of our nation spreading the disease. Biden doesn't care about the more than 100,000 dead Americans between the ages of 18-45 who have died from fentanyl overdoses caused by drugs smuggled into this country across our open southern border. He has ceded control of the border to the Mexican drug cartels. Biden doesn't care about young girls being trafficked into our country for exploitation by pimps. These young girls and women are used, abused, and ultimately discarded, but Biden doesn't care.

Biden also doesn't care about the inflation that is costing the average American family about \$5,000 per year in increased cost of basic needs. His various spending sprees have only added to both inflation and the national debt which now tops \$30 trillion with

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unfunded federal liabilities now at more than \$168 trillion. He simply doesn't care that a financial day of reckoning is headed our way and is doing nothing to stop it.

The only way to begin the long process of fixing this ridiculous situation is to get rid of Joe Biden and vote him out. We need to elect a President who actually cares about the American people.

Richard Bolland

## Board of Health

Dear Editor:

As the Executive Committee of the Board of Health, we would like to begin by recognizing the commitment and excellent service provided by the San Juan Basin Public Health staff. Their work has been exemplary across the health district for many years, and most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic. Any dialogue about the dual-county partnership does not take away from that.

On Thursday, April 28th, the SJBPH Board of Health met in a work session. The goal of this work session was to come together as a unified Board to present recommendations for the future of San Juan Basin Public Health on how to best serve the constituents of La Plata County and Archuleta County. No decisions were made in this work session.

The Board of Health will create a report outlining the recommendations and provide it to the County Commissioners of both counties. The Boards of County Commissioners will be making the decisions respective to their communities.

Any decision to end the relationship between the two counties will require a lengthy, transparent and planned transition process. This process will not begin until the Boards of County Commissioners submit their intent to separate and the date to begin the process. It is expected that the process, as required by state statute, be one year.

Throughout the transition process, SJBPH will operate as business as usual. No services or staff will be affected. The Board of Health supports both counties in their quest for local control and an arrangement that best meets their unique needs.

The Board of Health is extremely proud of the high-quality service and ongoing dedication to the communities this organization serves—and their work continues. SJBPH is a mission-driven, transparent, and fiscally sound local public health agency and will be responsive to the needs of both counties as they determine their next steps.

Karin Daniels, SJBPH board chair; Shere Byrd, SJBPH board vice chair

## 'Traisonists'

Dear Editor:

Response to "Traitors"  
Reference 4/28/22

The true definition of a traitor in Lee Stopher's letter to the editor doesn't fit the crime. What does a true traitor look like? Being on a committee to look into exactly who ordered an open house day at the US Capitol does not make someone a traitor, just because someone doesn't like the findings of the committee. Nor is being on a committee to investigate voting results or suspicious behavior.

Just because Stopher didn't vote for Boebert does not give free reign to call her a traitor because she is on a committee that continues to reveal information, good or bad. It's bad actions that make someone treasonous.

Considering the crowds at the speech by Trump on January 6th were better than a 20 minute walk to the Capitol, the security team that stepped aside to let the "insurrectionists" into the US Capitol, what appears to be nefarious actions by top law enforcement agencies and other odd things about that day probably dictate an investigation committee.

HRC, Stopher's pick, got a US Ambassador and 3 more Americans killed in Benghazi. She may have also ordered the spying efforts during and after the 2016 campaign, but is still under investigation. Biden put tens of thousands of Americans out of work due to shutting down the Keystone pipeline. He put us back to being dependent on foreign energy sources, causing fuel prices to be the highest in US history. He got 13 Marines killed in a botched evacuation operation in Afghanistan. He has caused the highest inflation in 40 years. He has increased the country's debt by 10 trillion plus dollars. The last quarter GDP came in at a negative 1.4%. He, through and with his son Hunter, are apparently compromised to several foreign countries. The open borders are an issue also. The suppression of speech and a proposal to have a disinformation "Ministry of Truth", to be run by the government are more questionable actions. Everything about our Constitution is under attack. All this in just 15 months.

Hillary and Joe are prime examples of what traitors might look like, but we don't call them that just because we don't like a decision that goes in an opposite direction than we think it should. We have to look at the facts. We also need to know the definition of "Traitors".

E. Fisk

## 'Overloaded sewage system'

Dear Editor:

When Pagosa Springs was originally platted and subsequently developed, most properties were considered to be single family homesites. If I am not mistaken, those properties had outhouses until the last half of the 1900's. The water and sanitation infrastructure that we currently have was never

designed for multi-unit housing developments and it is getting older by the day. For several years town residents were paying for a replacement for the sewage treatment ponds. A new digester system never got built. Somebody came up with a brilliant idea to pump sewage uphill to the Vista treatment plant instead. That system is failing right now. Why is any development being allowed because it is going to flood an already overloaded sewage system? What has happened to Pagosa Springs? One of the outstanding things about this place has been the self-reliant, independent, and always helpful nature of the population. Common sense tells us that water flows downhill, that includes flushing the toilet. If our current sewage system is not working, why would anyone with half of a brain want to overload the system even more? Has the town council, town manager, and all developers involved, flushed their brains down the toilet? I feel sorry for all property owners who live along the river. Your property is at the bottom of the hill and your house is going to fill up first when the town council gets done flushing you down the toilet.

I remember what goes downhill.  
Greg Giehl

## 'Management issue'

Dear Editor:

Some background. For the ten years before moving here, I was the attorney for the Harlingen Waterworks System in South Texas, which served something like 50,000 homeowners and businesses. By "waterworks," I mean both potable water service and sewer collection and treatment. Unlike the relatively pristine water that PAWSD starts with, water in South Texas comes from the Rio Grande, possibly one of the largest open sewers anywhere.

Nuevo Laredo, on the south side of the river, routinely poured all its untreated sewage in the Rio Grande, as did others, sometimes on the north side, too. Harlingen water, and that of other cities on the north side of the river, is treated to meet required state and federal standards.

Were there problems? Yes, there were and sometimes water and sewer lines broke. The Waterworks had employees who dealt with those issues in a timely and professional manner. In short, problems were fixed. Problems with pumps were, like here, common. The Waterworks had spare pumps on hand and most lift stations had two pumps. Pumping raw sewage takes a toll on pumps and sewage lines. I will spare you knowledge of some of the items that people flush down their toilets. There are some things you just don't want to know.

There have been several articles about sewage line issues reported in the Sun. It was discovered that

some sewage lines were broken, and some raw sewage was leaking out of the system. Suggestions were made that some of the lines needed to be lined with pipes and that can be a solution if done before the lines have collapsed. Once collapsed, the lines must be replaced.

"Woe is me" we heard from PAWSD and the Town. "These pumps are really expensive," they said. Yes, they are. Really expensive, high-quality pumps that can pump sewage, and whatever else gets flushed, are made to deal with those issues. They can be rebuilt but that is also expensive. A lot of systems have spare pumps on hand. Or, they get on the phone and find what they need and get the job done. Maintenance and repair of the system is, or should be, a cost that is part of the fees we pay for potable water.

So, here we are a year later and there is still a delay to get the new pumps that are needed and repairs completed.

Simply stated, this is a management issue. When there is a sewage leak or potable water issue, it needs to be fixed and quickly. Sewage and water lines need to be maintained. When that is not done, it is time for a serious discussion with management.

William L. Hubbard

## Happy Mother's Day

Dear Editor:

Thinking about the neighborhood of children I enjoyed during my early childhood. In those days, most mothers sewed their girls dresses. The "store bought" ones were out of their price range.

I remember when "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was showing at the Picture Show (what we call the Movies today). That was pretty exciting for us at that time. The fabric store came out with fabric using the Dwarfs and Snow White in the overall design on a solid red background. Mother bought some and made me a dress from it. After I wore it to school one day and friends admired it, one of the little boys in the neighborhood came knocking at the door and asked my mother if he could have the left-over scraps from sewing my dress. Of course. That was my Mom. She made a little boy happy. It took so little to make a kid happy in those days. It was all about love, of course.

I remember my first "store-bought" dress. My father had to travel to Chicago for a business meeting. He returned with a present for me. It was a "store-bought" dress from Chicago. A bid deal, for sure.

Happy Mother's Day to our Moms.

Patty Tillerson

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# County hears update on health district programs

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At the April 19 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' (BoCC) work session, the board heard a programmatic update from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) Executive Director Liane Jollon.

In her presentation, Jollon discussed the seven foundational capabilities of SJBPH that guide the organization's work across programs and are defined by the state of Colorado.

Jollon first discussed assessment and planning, which encompasses collection and analysis of health data, as well as assessments of program effectiveness.

Two examples Jollon gave for assessment and planning activities are the Child Fatality Review Team, which reviews preventable deaths in children and examines institutional gaps that might have contributed to them, and the community health assessments performed by SJBPH and used to guide the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Jollon highlighted that assessment and planning is responsible for acquiring outside funding, with the team bringing in approximately \$2 million in additional funds in 2021.

She also mentioned that SJBPH receives approximately 15 percent of its funding from local sources, compared to 50 percent for many agencies the size of SJBPH, reflecting the organization's success in obtaining outside funding.

The next foundational capability Jollon discussed was communications, which includes marketing

of programs to raise awareness and outreach to community groups and local governments.

Jollon mentioned that SJBPH receives more extensive media coverage relative to size in Archuleta County than in La Plata County.

The third foundational capability Jollon explained was policy and partnerships, which involves building and maintaining collaborations with community groups and local government.

Jollon explained that such partnerships are crucial in expanding SJBPH's communications concerning COVID.

During this discussion, Commissioner Warren Brown inquired whether, in SJBPH's after-action reporting on the COVID pandemic, the organization would consider changes to its institutional capacity for handling concerns like mass testing.

Brown noted that, in the pandemic, the county had been responsible for maintaining and staffing COVID testing sites, which had strained community resources.

Jollon responded by highlighting that state pandemic planning had designated testing as the responsibility of health care partners, not of the health district, although that approach had proven ineffective in the course of the pandemic. She added that the state is currently revising its pandemic plans and that there are significant conflicts between the state and health care organizations on the proper group to take responsibility for testing.

"It's just very difficult to manage from afar," Brown said. "Sometime, at some point, somebody, some human being has to set foot at the site,

wherever the site is for whatever issue there is, whether it's health, whether it's a fire, doesn't matter."

Jollon responded that, in her understanding, SJBPH Emergency Manager Lori Zazzaro had been in Archuleta County "almost every day" helping set up testing sites and working with the Archuleta County emergency manager.

Jollon also added that the SJBPH leadership team was not present at any of the testing sites as the team was working remotely to help model distancing for the community.

Jollon described SJBPH's fourth foundational capability of emergency preparedness and response.

She highlighted SJBPH's work with Archuleta County emergency management during the pandemic, as well as its work in wildfire preparedness and evacuation planning and hospital evacuation drills.

The final group of foundational capabilities Jollon discussed were organization competencies, including budgeting, administrative services and providing employee benefits to staff in both counties.

Jollon also highlighted that, due to SJBPH's good fiscal health, it was able to mount a COVID response during the early phase of the pandemic when state and federal funding was not available — something some health districts had not been able to accomplish.

She added that the 2021 budget had not reflected well the stresses the COVID pandemic had placed on all elements of SJBPH's programs and staff, although this was addressed in the 2022 budget.

Jollon also discussed SJBPH's pandemic plan and recent research showing that 80 percent of local

public health agencies had had to shrink capacity in other programs to respond to the pandemic.

Jollon also mentioned several studies and surveys on the impact of the pandemic on public health workers, which show, among other things, that one in three public health workers were now looking for work in other fields due to the pressures and harassment experienced during the pandemic, and that local public health departments had broadly experienced harassment and threats through the pandemic.

The studies Jollon cited also explain that COVID misinformation has led to large numbers of preventable deaths and had impeded effective public health messaging on pandemic management and safety.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that, in a free country, citizens' ability to choose what to believe is paramount and that misinformation had come from all sides during the pandemic.

Brown added that he believes the constant changes and contradictions in COVID information disseminated by different sources at different times had contributed to disagreements about the pandemic, as had general distrust in government.

Jollon commented that SJBPH's job was to provide the best information available to citizens, not to determine what was done with that information.

Maez then inquired whether the state board of health is guided by state statute, to which Jollon replied yes.

He then continued to state that obedience to statutes is how the state board of health, and SJBPH by extension, ensure they are following the constitution and laws of Colorado.

Maez added that these questions had been posed to him by a constituent and that he hoped the answers provided answered the citizen's question.

Brown also commented that he would prefer to have "at least monthly" updates from SJBPH, which Jollon replied that SJBPH would be willing to provide.

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The new pattern will stop both directions of traffic while crews work on placing panels for the wildlife overpass. The new pattern will take place Thursday or Friday and con-

tinue into the week of May 9 with no work expected over the weekends, weather permitting. Motorists can anticipate up to 15-minute delays.

The plan is to keep vehicles out of the vicinity of the wall panel lifts for the safety of workers and motorists. Please allow for extra travel time while this work is taking place.

Excavation, building the concrete sidewalls, backfilling the sidewalls, painting the structure,

fencing and seeding the natural landscaping on the bridge are the final tasks required to conclude the project, expected in July.

For additional information about this project:

- Project hotline: (970) 903-4004.
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# Obituaries

## Erin Spring Brown

Erin Spring Brown passed away on Wednesday, April 27, at the age of 47. She was born in San Diego, Calif., on March 15, 1975, to Kristi and Gary Brown. After brother Troy was born, the family moved to Seattle, Wash. In 1984, they moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where extended family lived. A few years later, the family made one last move to Temecula, Calif., where Erin graduated from high school. Erin's adventurous spirit moved her to San Diego, Calif. In 2015, Erin moved back to Pagosa Springs with her daughter, Ava, who is Erin's greatest joy and accomplishment. For the last three years, they made their home in Durango.



Erin loved cooking and sharing her creations with family and friends. Playing board games, hiking, camping, biking and paddleboarding were some of her favorite activities. She will be greatly missed by all and leaves behind a large group of those who loved her, who will continue to support and encourage her daughter, Ava, in both Pagosa Springs and Durango.

Erin is survived by her daughter Ava Brown; parents Kristi and Gary Brown; brother Troy Brown, all of Temecula, Calif.; and grandfather Howard Brown. Erin is also survived by her aunts, Heather and Paige Brown, of Washington, and Linda (Stan) Gill; uncles Ken (Shelley) Peterson and Dan Peterson, all of Pagosa Springs, Colo. There are numerous first and second cousins.

Erin is preceded in death by grandparents Joan and Ovie Peterson and grandmother Mary Brown. A celebration of Erin's life will be Saturday, May 7, a come-and-go event, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the 11th Street Station in Durango.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help with funeral, medical and other costs. If you would like to contribute, please go to [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com), Rally for Ava.

## Robert Lawrence Hill

Robert Lawrence Hill, part-time

Pagosa resident, passed away March 9 in his home in Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Cathy; his three sons: Matthew, Nathan and Aaron; five grandchildren: Madison, Ethan, Rachal, Riley and Nesta; and his brother, Don, and his wife, Paula, and their children: Andrew, Suzanne and Erin. The family had a celebration of life luncheon in Michigan.



Bob was born Oct. 27, 1944, in New York City. He graduated from Penn State, got his pilot's license and made his first parachute jump all in the same year. After getting a master's degree in computer science, he worked for Rockwell International as a systems analyst, he used to say, for a third of a century. Bob loved his family and that meant taking us on vacations and the favorites usually provided skiing, scuba diving or windsurfing. He also had a unique sense of humor that the family called "Bobisms." After his retirement, when he signed on with Wilderness Journeys here in Pagosa as a raft and land tour guide, he could get the whole bus laughing with one of his "Bobisms." He was at his best showing tourists the beauties of Pagosa Country.

We were blessed to have Bob in our lives and are looking forward to being reunited in Christ when it is our time to go.

## John Keane

John Keane died April 30 at Pine Ridge in Pagosa Springs, Colo., following a long struggle with esophageal cancer.

He was born Jan. 12, 1941, to Jack and Jean Keane in Oxford, Colo. He grew up in the Upper Piedra on their family ranch, graduating from Pagosa Springs High School. After high school, John joined the Army and spent four years serving our country, two of those years spent in Korea during the Korean Conflict.



John will be remembered most for his good heart and orneriness. He was kind and generous and loved others unconditionally. He was a true cowboy, the last of a dying breed.

John's greatest joy in life was his daughters, two grandsons and two great-granddaughters. He often said that he lived a good life and was able to do everything he wanted to do except win the lotto.

John is survived by his devoted daughter, Michelle (Shawn) Curvey, and grandson, Cody Keane; grandson by Charlotte, John Chavez and his children, Nichole and Natalie; and step-grandson Zack Curvey.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette Keane, daughter Charlotte Keane, parents Jack and Jean Keane, and sister Georgia Lou House.

"God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered 'come with me. With tearful eyes, I watched and saw you pass away, although I love you dearly, I could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke my heart to prove to me, he only takes the best." — Anonymous.

A memorial of John's and service to the country is planned for Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park in Pagosa. All are welcome to attend. Bring a chair if you need one.

## Debbie Ray (Skillett)

Debbie Ray (Skillett) was born on Dec. 17, 1956, in Idaho, with a heart of fire. She grew up all over the place, eventually ending up in Albuquerque, where she met Rodney.



She fell in love with him and they swiftly married, allowing her to joyfully ditch that frying pan of a last name. They moved around a bit before ultimately settling in Pagosa Springs, Colo., where they remained and raised their family.

Debbie loved the mountains, but also loved adventures that didn't last too long. She always

approached every excursion with contagious enthusiasm and great appreciation, but no experience could elicit more joy than any trip to Water World.

Her passion was visible in every aspect of her life. "Determined" is a nice way of saying stubborn as hell, and she was one of the most determined people you might ever know. The word quit was not in her vocabulary. There was nothing she couldn't do — except sing. Maybe she also needed a little advice when choosing home paint colors, but otherwise, she accomplished everything she put her mind to.

Debbie was a quilter, chef, seamstress, craftswoman, artist, gardener, teacher, writer, huntress, prankster, friend, wife, mother, grandmother, passionate about kids, and a fierce advocate for the underdog. She never stopped learning or taking on challenges for as long as she was able. Then, when she became sick, she fought like a beast until the end.

She was also selfless beyond reason. Debbie spent her days and often nights doing for others. She was known to volunteer to sew all of the costumes or make all of the special snacks. She hosted service events, volunteered for untold fundraisers, provided respite for parents of her school kids, and had an open home for anyone's children.

Debbie never knew a stranger and never held back an opinion. She was unflinchingly honest, bold and fearless. In her wisdom, she could practically handle everything. There is not another person on earth you would rather have on your side.

Her least favorite phrase was "It is what it is." Because she believed with all of her heart, "It is what you make it." She taught her children, grandchildren and many others to boldly be who God made them to be and stand up for what is right all of the time.

On April 18, Debbie marched her way into Heaven. Her laughter will now echo eternally as she embraces family and friends she's been waiting to see for quite a while. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends back home, along with a zillion pets she never wanted but loved anyway.

Services for Debbie will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, at the Blanco River Group Campground (CCC Campground).

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Area agencies took part in an incident management class April 25-27 focused on protecting the community and being prepared to respond to a variety of incidents.

## Local agencies attend incident management class

Pagosa Fire Protection District

Local agencies gathered April 25-27 for an incident management class. ICS 300, Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, provided students with knowledge on how to work together to protect our community.

Subjects covered in the class included: description of incident management team positions, resource management, documentation and forms, processes and procedures, levels of incident complexity, transfer of command, how to distribute information and proper communication between agencies.

An understanding of how various-size incidents are managed will provide agencies with intelligence for any potential future incidents in the area. The Pagosa Springs area has seen wildfires, floods, hazardous materials situations, snowstorms and other disasters in the past; any or all of these events could occur again. By preparing ahead of an emergency, all agencies will be better prepared to respond.

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April 16 — All other thefts, criminal mischief, West Golf Place.  
April 17 — Information only, West U.S. 160.  
April 18 — Death investigation, Catchpole Drive.  
April 18 — Domestic violence, false reporting to authorities, violation of restraining order, harassment by phone or computer, Bermuda Court.  
April 18 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, third-degree assault-simple assault, violation of restraining order, Bermuda Court.  
April 20 — Criminal mischief, Bermuda Court.  
April 20 — Fraud by check-other method, Paul Hood Place.  
April 20 — Information only, Bonanza Avenue.  
April 21 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.  
April 21 — County warrant, Bermuda Court.  
April 22 — Fraud by check-other method, 23 Bastille Drive.  
April 22 — Fraud in effecting sales, all other thefts, Meadowlark Drive.  
April 22 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Fireside Street.  
April 22 — Agency assist, Coronado Circle.  
April 23 — Second-degree assault-caused intended serious bodily injury, domestic violence, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, Chipper Court.  
April 23 — Child abuse-negligence, Solomon Drive.

April 23 — All other thefts, County Road 326/U.S. 84.  
April 23 — Criminal mischief, first-degree criminal trespass-other intent, County Road 119.  
April 24 — Dog at large (first offense no injury), U.S. 160.  
April 24 — Violation of restraining order, Chipper Court.  
April 24 — All other thefts, Talisman Drive.  
April 25 — All other thefts, first-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, second-degree burglary, Shenandoah Drive.  
April 26 — Under investigation, no location listed.  
April 26 — All other thefts, computer crime-felony, Harman Park Drive.  
April 26 — Vicious dog with injury, Pioneer Court and Roosevelt Drive.  
April 26 — Vicious dog without injury, County Road 600.  
April 26 — Cruelty to animals, County Road 600.  
April 27 — Second-degree assault-caused intended bodily injury, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, child abuse, Oak Drive.  
April 27 — Warrant arrest, Crooked Road.  
April 27 — Menacing, Harman Park Drive.  
April 27 — Under investigation, no location listed.  
April 28 — Agency assist, Lewis Street.  
April 28 — Criminal mischief, Indian Land Road.  
April 28 — Information only, County Road 411.  
April 30 — Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor, unlawful ownership of vicious dog, West U.S. 160.  
May 1 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, County Road 326.  
**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**

Calls for service for week: 138.  
April 18 — Violation of restraining order, San Juan Street.  
April 18 — First-degree criminal trespass, North 1st Street.  
April 21 — Violation of restraining order, 14th Street.  
April 21 — Theft, South 6th Street.  
April 21 — Improper registration, suspended license, operated vehicle without insurance, Piedra Road.  
April 22 — Camping prohibited in parks, San Juan Street.  
April 22 — Careless driving, failed to notify police, false reporting, Country Center Drive.  
April 22 — Weaving, failed to use turn signal, DUI, San Juan Street.  
April 23 — Assault, violation of restraining order, Hermosa Street.  
April 25 — Third-degree assault, North 8th Street.  
April 26 — Information only, East Pagosa Street.  
April 27 — First-degree assault, Lewis Street.  
April 28 — Warrant arrest, South 5th Street.  
April 29 — Second-degree arson, East Pagosa Street.  
April 29 — Harassment, criminal mischief, East Pagosa Street.  
April 29 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.  
April 30 — Fraud by check, Pagosa Street.  
April 30 — Hit and run, Aspen Village Drive.  
April 30 — Weaving, DUI, Country Center Drive.  
April 30 — Reckless driving, DUI, West U.S. 160.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
April 26 — Zoe Gaul-Murphy, illegal possession and/or consumption of alcohol by underage persons, fine and costs — \$85.  
April 26 — Christopher Blea, criminal mischief, fine and costs — \$135.  
April 26 — Ramona Silva, animal running at large prohibited, vicious animal prohibited, fines and costs — \$235.  
April 26 — Julie Chino, disorderly conduct, fine and costs — \$135.  
**Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
April 19 — Jason A. Allberg, driving while ability impaired, 10 days suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$895.95.  
April 27 — Hunter Allen Thompson, driving under the influence, 25 days jail suspended, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation

and supervision, fines and costs — \$1,320.50.  
April 27 — Terry Alphonse Mazura, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$126.50.  
April 27 — Terry Patrick Yerton, stage 1 - violation of stage 1 fire ban, fines and costs — \$86.  
April 27 — Terry William Olguin, driving while ability impaired, 10 days jail suspended, 24 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$776.50.  
April 27 — Michael D. Macleod, marijuana cultivation-12 plants exceeded, fines and costs — \$236.  
April 27 — Phillip A. Mott, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.  
April 27 — John C. Myrick, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.  
April 27 — Tyler J. Raab, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$314.50.  
April 27 — Shaffer D. Spillane, speeding 25-39 over limit, fines and costs — \$276.50.  
April 27 — William Brian Schoonover, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 24 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,486.50.  
April 27 — Szymon Grzgorz Sukcik, driving under the influence-with prior, 375 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 20 days electronic surveillance, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,520.50.  
April 28 — Michael Groves, violation p/o-civil, six months probation, fines and costs — \$544.50.  
**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**  
April 18 — Mia Nichole Molinar, controlled sub-pos sch 1/2/1/kt, 123 days Department of Corrections, 12 months deferred sentence revoked, fines and costs — \$2,568.50.  
April 18 — Jay Bradley Krause, driving under the influence-with 3+ priors, six years Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$955.50.  
April 18 — Joshua Gregory Abrell, witness/victim-intimidating, 90 days jail, five years probation, fines and costs — \$3,531.50.  
April 18 — Joshua Gregory Abrell, theft-\$20,000-\$100,000, 90 days jail, five years probation, fines and costs — \$23,837.50.  
May 2 — Matthew K. Warren, driving under the influence-with 3+ priors, 90 days jail, four years probation, 56 hours community service, fines and costs — \$3,939.50.

## Two Durango women killed in head-on crash on U.S. 160 near Bayfield Driver suspected of being under the influence of drugs, alcohol

By Shane Benjamin  
Durango Herald

Two women were killed in a head-on crash April 27 on U.S. 160 just east of Gem Village, according to the Colorado State Patrol.  
Drugs and alcohol are suspected, said Cpl. Jonathan Silver with the State Patrol.  
The crash occurred about 10:20 p.m. when a brown 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee traveling east-bound toward Bayfield crossed the center line and collided with a 2007 Toyota Rav4, according to a crash report.  
The Jeep was being driven by Elfreida J. Kolossa, 56, of Durango. Kolossa was pronounced dead shortly after 11 p.m. at Mercy Hospital.  
The Toyota was being driven by a 16-year-old girl who was working on her nighttime-driving hours for her driver's license, Silver said. Her mother, Erin S. Brown, 47, of Durango, was in the passenger seat.  
The mother was killed in the crash, but the daughter escaped with "moderate" injuries, according to the crash report.  
Silver said the mother and daughter used to live in Pagosa Springs but had recently moved to Durango. The daughter was still attending a youth group in Pagosa, and they were returning to Durango after attending the youth group, Silver said.

"The daughter was trying to get her night driving hours in and saw the vehicle in her lane and swerved to try and avoid it," he said.  
Kolossa had apparently just left The Billy Goat Saloon in Gem Village, which is less than a mile from the crash site, Silver said.  
Troopers suspect she was under the influence of alcohol and marijuana at the time of the crash, he said. She also had an open container of alcohol in the vehicle.  
"Unfortunately, we're seeing too much of that," he said.  
Kolossa also was not wearing a seat belt, he said.  
"It's possible that she could have survived the crash if she had been using it," Silver said.  
The 16-year-old girl and her mother were wearing seat belts.  
The girl was taken by ambulance to Mercy Regional Medical Center. The hospital declined to release the girl's condition because she is a minor.  
Excessive speed is not suspected of playing a role in the crash, Silver said.  
In fact, the 16-year-old driver was able to react and slow down before impact, he said.  
U.S. 160 was closed for at least two hours while law enforcement investigated and cleared the crash scene.  
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# County

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County feels that particular interest groups are “wagging the dog.”

She added, “And that doesn’t mean that their views and concerns are not ... from the public. And it doesn’t mean that they’re not valid. It doesn’t mean that they shouldn’t be answered. But, we feel like we hear from a lot of different constituencies and we have a lot of different constituencies that we need to respond to and there is a, for lack of a better word, a group of people who feel very strongly about how they feel that seems to be sort of wagging the dog here. What we want to do is to bring forth a recommendation that we split apart. I’m going to be blunt.”

She emphasized that this is not a formal recommendation before adding, “And the reason is we feel like, to be in a good marriage and a good partnership, you need trust, you need a commitment to do it ... you need a commitment to act as one voice and, in this case, since we are a policy governance board and so much relies on our executive director and our staff, we need to support them. And I think this relationship has had, not pointing any fingers, a corrosive impact on the organization. And, so, we have to ask ourselves as leaders, how long are we going to let that continue?”

She then emphasized that every marriage is imperfect but that success would require commitment to the relationship as well as commitment to the principles of public health.

She added, “We believe in the basic things public health is for, such as vaccines, let’s just say it. Such as masks, let’s just say it. Now, these things have thrown a giant wedge in our ability to ... have a unified front.”

She then mentioned that La Plata County will have a work session to determine its needs with the health district and that Archuleta County could form its own health district that matched the county’s ethic of “local control.”

She concluded, “And, I just want to put these on the table because ... we do not want the situation to go on much longer. ... I feel like what is happening is every time there is a meeting in Archuleta County, there are new innuendos, there are new ways that our staff are attacked, quite frankly. ... We can have some very serious debates and disagreements about public health issues, but we can’t as the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners let this go on much longer. I think it’s corrosive to our credibility and it’s corrosive to our government.”

Following a question from BoH member Dr. Jon Bruss about the status of the relationship between SJBPH and Archuleta County out-

side the pandemic, BoH vice president Shere Byrd commented that it has always been an “uneasy relationship.”

BoH member Bob Ledger added that he feels that the conflicts between SJBPH are driven by socio-political differences and that complaints about SJBPH were present before the pandemic.

Bruss highlighted a potential difference between “desire and capacity” in terms of Archuleta County forming its own health district and the potential for “loud voices” to skew perceptions of citizens’ desires.

He added that Archuleta County does not necessarily have the capacity to form a health department, as La Plata County does.

Porter-Norton then raised the possibility that Archuleta County could contract with La Plata County for services while highlighting her commitment to ensuring that Archuleta County citizens are not “left in the dust” in terms of public health.

She also mentioned the lack of affirmative commitment by the Archuleta County BoCC to work with SJBPH and that the BoCC had made no attempt to refute allegations of corruption made against SJBPH at its meetings.

The BoH then discussed the potential implementation of dissolution of SJBPH, including the difficulties of dividing grant money between the two counties, the role of SJBPH staff in supporting the development of the new county health departments and the potential structure of the new departments’ leadership, specifically whether they would be led by the BoCC or a separate board of health in each county.

Bruss commented, “Just as a citizen of Archuleta County, ... this capacity issue is a real, really big deal for me. I know there’s a lot of problems and those have been voiced over the years between the two ... counties, but I think ... a separation has its own challenges. And, to me, I think those challenges are going to be much bigger for Archuleta County than they are for La Plata County.”

BoH president Karin Daniels began her comments on the situation by highlighting her concern for the residents of both counties before stating, “I think we should split.”

She continued to highlight the diversity of both counties and her belief that Archuleta County would be served “very well” by having its own health department.

She also mentioned her concern for SJBPH staff losing their jobs due to the split and her confidence that there would be no services lost before the split occurred.

Byrd then asked the board members for their dispositions regarding the potential split.

She mentioned these comments would be turned into a report from the BoH and that the contents of the report would follow the majority recommendation of the BoH members.

Porter-Norton referenced that the BoH already knew her position and added that there would be an “open and transparent” process in La Plata County, including public hearings, before a formal decision was made. She also explained that, at the April 27 La Plata county commissioner discussion time where SJBPH had been discussed, she and Commissioner Clyde Church “were in very much affirmation about this.”

Ledger expressed agreement with Porter-Norton.

BoH treasurer Terryl Peterson mentioned her concerns about capacity in Archuleta County and commented, “There’s always been differences, but the last couple years have been really awful. And, I think, from the organizational perspective, it’s been a horrid distraction from serving the needs that they’re supposed to be serving. And that doesn’t seem like it’s going away and so I would say yes, I think we have to pursue this ... separation ... it’s a very very difficult thing for so many reasons.”

Ledger then commented that the difference in COVID vaccination rates between the counties was small before questioning, “But where the hell are all these people? The only ones that we ever hear from are the naysayers. And I just think that’s worth exploring by the board over there.”

Ledger and Byrd then both commented that these concerns about vaccines are likely originating from a “very small” group, with Byrd adding, “But they’re being validated by the Archuleta BoCC.”

Byrd noted that while she was concerned about public health in both communities, “I don’t think this organization is going to be able to deliver good public health if we continue in this relationship.”

Bruss highlighted the diversity of both communities before adding, “I do think that, I’m really, really concerned, because ... where there’s animosity and ... really emotional feelings about things — and I think politics has made it much, much worse — I think operating in a disinformed environment ... basically cripples everybody. And, disunity is very destructive and I think that we’re facing that as a hurdle ... Unfortunately, we’re not facing public health as a hurdle. ... I think that, because of that disunity, maintaining the current relationship is going to be very challenging.

I don’t know if there is a mechanism to get back to a unified relationship. Splitting has its own headaches and it’s going to have some major headaches.”

Bruss added he is concerned about the citizens of Archuleta County because no matter how good intentions are, he believes Archuleta County citizens will be left at a disadvantage from a public health standpoint “for many years.”

Porter-Norton then commented that La Plata County would intend, if the decision is made to split, to begin the split by July 1, 2022.

She also explained that she desired the split to be “seamless” and not “conflictual,” and urged both commissions to be transparent about and “hear from everybody” about the formation of a new public health district.

She concluded by expressing her confidence that both counties could form effective public health departments and stating that La Plata County would work to “help and be a resource” to Archuleta County, with desire to not leave Archuleta County citizens “high and dry.”

Byrd then highlighted the BoH’s pride in the SJBPH staff’s programs and services and its “exemplary and exhaustive” efforts in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

She stated that she and Daniels would be writing a report conveying a recommendation from the board that the two counties form separate health districts.

Later in the day on April 28, The SUN received the following statement from the SJBPH BoH: “The SJBPH Board of Health supports La Plata and Archuleta County’s efforts to evaluate how environmental and public health services are delivered to their constituents. The Work Session today allowed for a productive dialogue, and the Board of Health will be summarizing the discussion in a report it will provide to both counties. The focus of today’s meeting was whether the partnership between the two counties is still the best arrangement for providing public health, or if it’s in their interest to end their dual-county partnership. In no way does this reflect on the excellent service that San Juan Basin Public Health has provided across its entire jurisdiction for many years, and most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Board of Health, we are extremely proud of their high-quality service and ongoing dedication to the communities they serve. The staff of SJBPH will continue to serve the needs of both Archuleta and La Plata counties while their respective Boards of County Commissioners determine their next steps. SJBPH is a mission-driven, transparent, and fiscally sound local public health agency and will be responsive to the needs of both counties as they work through this process.”

At the May 3 Archuleta County BoCC work session, the board discussed the BoH meeting.

The discussion began with the commissioners talking about the result of the BoH work session, with Schaaf and Commissioner Ronnie Maez commenting that it had seemed like a vote.

County Attorney Todd Weaver clarified that a vote in a work session would be illegal.

Maez then commented that the county should “prepare either way, whether this gets resolved or not resolved.”

He mentioned he had spoken with Porter-Norton and added, “I think their impression is to saying we don’t believe in their staff or whatnot like that, and honestly they do have a professional staff that steps up to the plate when it’s needed, but sometimes, there’s some needs that Archuleta County citizens have different than others.”

Schaaf commented, “I think it’s unfortunate. I thought, and maybe I was just operating blindly, I thought we were on the way to ... fixing some of the communication problems with San Juan Basin Health and I thought they had gone a fair ways in actually meeting some of the requests we’ve had in

the last three years. ... They got upset because we had a work session and allowed our citizens to come and tell us what they thought. And so that was the proverbial straw that broke the camel’s back.”

Commissioner Warren Brown then raised concerns that Schaaf had not been allowed to engage in the meeting via Zoom despite providing prior notice and reaching out during the meeting to attempt to correct the situation.

Brown added, “I’m concerned that this is not just a coincidence here. And I can tell you, being the liaison for the initial investigative committee, I’ve seen all of these things as informational gathering up and to the group that presented last week.”

Brown then explained that he had been contacted by a citizen who wished to speak to the board, something which he felt obligated to allow, and stated that he thought it was a “very good” meeting that provided helpful information even if he did not agree with all the perspectives.

Brown added that he appreciates SJBPH giving updates at BoCC work sessions, and that his interest is accountability in terms of how money is being spent to aid Archuleta County residents.

“I don’t know how this originated, but I’m concerned that ... there are other communities that are suggesting how Archuleta County should conduct our business,” he said. “Personally, I don’t believe Archuleta County in any way is ready to leave San Juan Basin Health and I’ve said that a number of times. We are not. And, in fact, that’s why I have made a concerted effort to build the relationship, repair, if there was something broken, a relationship and communicate openly and honestly about what our needs are ... and, if there are issues, how do we fix it? Not how do they fix it, how do we fix it?”

Brown then commented that he felt the county has been handed an “ultimatum” before reiterating that Archuleta County is, in his opinion, not ready to exit SJBPH.

Schaaf mentioned that the county had conveyed to the BoH that, since the county had not made a decision to leave SJBPH, the county did not need to make a decision to stay and that the county had expressed an interest in working on the relationship, although this had been “lost in translation.”

Maez concluded by stating that Porter-Norton had mentioned a possibility of the Archuleta and La Plata county commissioners meeting to discuss the health district. All three commissioners expressed support for the idea.

In a later interview with The SUN, Schaaf clarified that he had contacted SJBPH Liaison Officer Janet Wolf on Monday, April 25, to indicate that he could not attend the meeting in person due to a family trip.

According to Schaaf, Wolf responded, “Thanks for letting me know. Sorry we’re not going to see you there.”

Schaaf added that he received an email from Daniels on Wednesday, which he opened on Friday, which Schaaf described as stating, “Sorry you’re not going to be there and you’re welcome to attend or to listen in, like I wasn’t going to be able to participate, which I didn’t know in advance.”

Schaaf added that he had sent Wolf a text during the meeting attempting to rectify the problem.

Schaaf described her response as, “She just wanted to know who I was and I told her, ‘Well, this is ... Commissioner Schaaf,’ and she says, ‘Oh, I thought it was,’ and that was the response. She didn’t say, ‘Oh, I’m working on it’ or ‘We’re intentionally not letting you ...’ Anyway, it was just a mess.”

Daniels states in a later email to The SUN on the topic that “The Board of Health agreed that this work session would be in person because, after two years of strictly virtual meetings, we felt the need for personal engagement and discussion — especially given the topic at hand. The conversation about the future of our multi-county

health district is both foundational and monumental and we felt it critical that we have it in person.”

She adds, concerning her intentions on whether Schaaf could participate remotely, “My intention all along was to have all participation be in person, so as to avoid the distracting and disjointed effect that Zoom can sometimes bring. Because the work session was conceived with the hope that we would build board cohesiveness, it felt really important to keep the conversation in the room.”

She also states, in response to a question about what she believed Schaaf’s understanding of the remote participation availability was, “While I tried to be very clear that this work session would only allow for in-person participation for board members, I may have not adequately conveyed that a remote participation option was not available. Our goal was to provide a Zoom option so that members of the public could observe the work session, but we had said from the outset that there would be no public comment or input for this meeting.”

At the May 3 BoCC regular meeting, several members of the public addressed the situation with the health district, including a statement from the Archuleta County Democratic Party which is included in the Letters to Editor section of this week’s SUN.

The commenters broadly supported the county remaining in SJBPH and raised concerns about a potential split, including questioning whether a new department could provide the state-mandated services of a health department and if creating a new department would result in tax increases.

In response to the comments, Maez stated, “The health thing is going to be ongoing. And we’re going to take into the best interests of people of Archuleta County and what’s going to better serve them and how they’re gonna serve them. There are statutory requirements that are required to go along with this and we will follow that. ... Nobody’s made a decision yet. These commissioners haven’t, La Plata County commissioners haven’t. So, ... things can be rectified, possibly or through further communication it can be ironed out. We don’t know that. But, until then, before anybody really comes to any big conclusion, we’re working on it.”

Schaaf then stated, “I think it’s important that people know that that’s exactly what we’ve been trying to do is work on the relationship with the current San Juan Basin Public Health and our county and make it better. This whole ... they were jumping off ship didn’t come from this board of county commissioners. ... We entertained a group of people who wanted their thoughts and concerns heard last week and it kinda snowballed from there. So, I think this board has tried to do what’s best for the citizens and hopefully we’ll continue to do so.”

Brown added, “There’s been no decision to leave San Juan Basin Health, period, at any time. The information that was sought from the investigative ... committee was informational. I was the liaison to that group between the commissioners and I specifically asked them to find information out so we would have the best information to make any decision that would come our way. I can tell you, it’s not my inclination to leave San Juan Basin Health, because, frankly, our county can’t afford it. Is it a potential eventuality? Yes, it is. But everything’s on the table all the time and nothing is for sure and nothing is constant. And I think that we need to be vigilant and I think we need to make sure that we are checking what services are ... available and make sure that we’re doing what’s best for our citizens. And that’s the end. This business that came about last week, I think it’s unfortunate, but I think it’s nothing that can’t be resolved and I would like to see us go about it in a professional and meaningful way to bring the best resolution for us.”

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# Elected

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- Cox: 767.
- Parada: 576.
- William Lane Hubbard: 475.
- Carryn Rumpf Dyer: 463.

“As a returning member of the USJSD [sic], Pagosa Springs Medical Center Board of Directors, and as a member of this community, my goal is to work with the entire Board and with the Medical Center Administration to ensure that PSMC continues to be a sound, financially stable institution, with the planning and flexibility to face the opportunities and challenges ahead,” Alfred wrote in an email to The SUN. “I sincerely appreciate the support of my family and friends and will continue to do my best for everyone in our community.”

“I was tickled at the strength of the turnout. I thought it was really good there was that much interest in an off election. ... That means a lot of people are engaged,” Rose said, adding he understands the district had a good turnout for the election. “Although it was a great slate regardless — they were all great candidates — it’s a good-looking board, and I look forward to serving on it.”

Cox and Parada were also asked Wednesday morning to provide comments regarding the election, but did not respond by press time.

According to Designated Election

Official Heather Thomas, 1,165 ballots were returned out of 10,431 ballots sent out — an 11 percent return.

The district’s previous election, held on May 5, 2020, as a polling place election, saw 384 ballots received out of 970 that were provided as in-person or absentee ballots, according to an email from Thomas.

According to an election timeline and list of procedures provided by Thomas, results will remain unofficial until later this month.

May 11 is the last day to receive Uniformed And Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act ballots.

Between May 12 and 17, the Canvass Board will certify the official abstract of the votes cast.

Between May 17 and 24, the new board members will be sworn in and will file the oath/affirmation with the district court and Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Those elected will begin serving on the board at the next regular meeting, scheduled for May 24.

The terms are three years instead of four because, a resolution on the election previously adopted by the board explains, Colorado statute “was amended to change election years to off-numbered years (after the 2022 election) and as such, the statute now mandates: “The terms of office of the Directors elected in the regular special district elections held in 2020 and

2022 are for three years.”

PSMC and the board honored the two retiring board members, Greg Schulte and Karin Daniels, at its meeting on April 26.

During that meeting, PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb discussed the district’s changes between 2014, when Schulte joined the board, to current, calling the changes “pretty incredible.”

Webb outlined changes to the facility, services offered, how long and on what committees each board member served and more, noting at the end, “It’s just something, isn’t it?”

From a personal standpoint, she added, “I couldn’t have asked for a better board.”

Following Webb’s presentation, Schulte noted that none of those things happened by themselves, offering a thank you to those involved.

“It’s been a wonderful experience for me,” he said.

“It has been such an honor being part of this organization,” Daniels said, adding, “I’m proud of Pagosa Springs Medical Center.” “We’re gonna miss you guys,” board vice chair Matt Mees said, with Cox adding, “Thanks, Greg. Thanks, Karin. You guys rock.”

Board member Dr. Jim Pruitt added that he appreciated the outgoing board members’ efforts. *randi@pagosasun.com*

# Power

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State and half from other sources, and are thankful for the collaboration to meet the unique needs of our local communities,” said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. “If approved by FERC, this path would support and evolve the generation and transmission model, while delivering financial, environmental, social, and resiliency and reliability benefits

to LPEA. We hope for a positive outcome from FERC, given the wide level of support and the win-win nature of the settlement.”

The settlement agreement resolves the level of the buy-down payment that a partial requirements member would pay to Tri-State, and certain of the commercial terms applicable to Tri-State utility members that intend to become partial

requirements utility members. Specific buy-down payments will not be disclosed until the settlement is approved by FERC. Regarding transmission services, partial requirements utility members will continue to purchase full-requirements transmission service from Tri-State and will agree on how third-party resources will be delivered into Tri-State’s transmission system.

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# Business



## Local job fairs slated for May 6-7

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
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The Chamber of Commerce has again partnered with Pagosa Springs High School to host a youth job fair on Friday, May 6. Local businesses can attend and recruit for summer employment, intern programs or even longer-term employment opportunities for those students graduating from high school.

Due to COVID circumstances, the job fair has not been held for several years, so the Chamber is excited to get back into helping our businesses recruit workforce. This is a good opportunity for our youth to look for employment opportunities in one location. It is recommended that you bring several people to the job fair so that one person can speak with interested students and one person can help students fill out job applications, schedule future interviews or just

be on hand to answer questions about your business.

There will be several businesses on hand that are looking to recruit students for longer-term employment opportunities. Their businesses want to round out their staffing levels and are willing to train and work with students.

Parents, please pass on the information regarding this hiring fair to your children. While the word is getting out around school, please make sure they know of this job fair and come prepared to look at a variety of workforce options for the summer and longer term.

For our business community, if you are interested in having a presence at the Youth Job Fair, please contact the Chamber at (970) 264-2360 to reserve your place.

Businesses can begin their setup at 1 p.m. and the job fair will begin around 1:45 p.m. when the students are released from classes. The job fair will go until about 2:45 p.m. or until all the

students have been accommodated.

Students and parents, don't have your child miss this Youth Job Fair on May 6 at the high school and get hired now for the summer.

Another hiring opportunity is the Archuleta County Job Fair being held on Saturday, May 7. This event is tailored more to the adult population. It will be held at the CSU county Extension building at 344 U.S. 84 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Archuleta County employment opportunities and those with other major community employers will be highlighted. At this time, there are no more openings for employers to attend; however, there is a good representation of businesses to seek employment at and the fair is open to the public.

We hope that our business community takes advantage of these job fair opportunities, as well as the public and youth attending to seek employment opportunities in our community.

## County discusses short-term rental regulations, water district denies data request

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its April 14 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors voted 3-2 to deny Archuleta County's request for comparative information on water use by short-term rental properties (STRs) and nearby properties that are not used as STRs.

As County Development Director Pamela Flowers explained at the meeting, the data was being requested in aggregate, to protect customer privacy, and would have compared 51 STR properties to 51 nearby homes without STRs.

The requested data was for 2021 and, as explained by Flowers, would have been used to determine whether STRs had a disproportionate impact on water use and the wastewater system compared to similar properties.

Flowers also mentioned that the county would be willing to reimburse PAWSD for the time spent aggregating this data.

The request was part of the county's broader attempts to determine the infrastructure costs of STRs, as discussed at the April 19 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session.

At the April 14 meeting, PAWSD board vice president Blake Brueckner and board secretary Gordon McIver expressed opposition to the request, citing its potential to infringe on residents' liberty to use their properties as they see fit.

PAWSD board chair/president Jim Smith questioned whether the data collected would be representative.

In response to these concerns, Flowers explained that the data was intended to provide initial validation for or to disprove the theory

that STRs use greater amounts of water and thus is not necessarily representative.

She also emphasized that the aggregation of the data would be done to protect the privacy of customers and that the information is not intended to provide the basis for additional fees and restrictions on STRs, as the county likely intended to use bonuses and incentives to encourage long-term rentals.

PAWSD board treasurer Glenn Walsh and board member Paul Hansen expressed support for the data request, explaining that they did not feel the requested data violates personal liberties or privacy and that it could be valuable to both the county and PAWSD in determining the impact of STRs.

The motion to provide the data failed, with Walsh and Hansen voting in favor, and Smith, Brueckner and McIver voting against.

Later, at the BoCC work session on April 19, Flowers and the board discussed the impact of STRs and potential measures to regulate them.

Flowers began the discussion by highlighting that in June of 2021, when she briefed the BoCC, the county had 627 active STRs, 23 percent of which were owned by Archuleta County residents.

However, Flowers explained that, at present, the county contains 756 active STRs, 11 percent of which are owned by residents.

Flowers added that only 14 STRs in the county are owned by people who own multiple STRs in the county.

Flowers highlighted that she had researched STR policies and procedures in other communities, through discussions with staff and planners.

She also mentioned that she wants STR regulations to adhere

to the priorities presented in the Archuleta County community plan so as to reflect the voices of citizens.

Flowers then discussed elements of the plan relevant to STRs, including language focused on encouraging water conservation; preserving the rural, quiet, small-town atmosphere of the county; the need for housing available at a range of price points; the need to protect and maintain county infrastructure; and the need for county policies to support a high quality of life for citizens in Archuleta County.

During this discussion, Flowers suggested the possibility of creating incentives to encourage water conservation in STRs and the potential for requiring noise detectors in STRs to help validate and enforce noise complaints.

She also referenced PAWSD's rejection of the county's data request and indicated that she likely intended to pursue a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) approach to obtain the data.

Flowers concluded by highlighting four guiding priorities for new STR policies, including supporting tourism, protecting public resources and infrastructure, maintaining the small town rural quality of life for county residents, and moving the needle regarding the availability of workforce housing in the county.

Commissioners Warren Brown and Alvin Schaaf both endorsed the approach, highlighting that it is based on community goals and empirical data, while Commissioner Ronnie Maez highlighted the importance of retaining local residents.

Flowers suggested that the new STR regulations should be contained in an ordinance instead of in land-use regulations to allow for more efficient enforcement of policies.

Flowers also mentioned that she wanted to have the option to temporarily remove the ability of an STR owner to apply for a permit following a violation where their ■ See Regulations A10

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# Health district board moves closer to property purchase

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on April 26, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), took another step forward with the possible purchase of property located at 75 S. Pagosa Blvd.

The board previously held two special meetings, on March 31 and April 11, where it met in executive session to discuss the property, which is owned by James Pruitt Properties LLC and is adjacent to the property where PSMC sits.

Following the April 11 executive session, the board approved a resolution which extends "authority for the CEO with the support of the Board Executive Committee (Chair and Vice Chair) to negotiate an offer to purchase the real property and building owned by James Pruitt Properties LLC located at 75 Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 so long as such contract offer includes rights of USJHSD to terminate such

contract for appraisal, survey, title and/or inspection issues."

The board held another executive session during its April 26 meeting.

Following that executive session, the board approved another resolution, Resolution 2022-13, which states who will negotiate the possible purchase for the district.

Prior to the vote to approve the resolution, Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese, who also serves as PSMC's attorney, explained that the board chair, vice chair and PSMC CEO — Greg Schulte, Matt Mees and Dr. Rhonda Webb, respectively — would negotiate based on the parameters set. After the May 3 election, the vice chair, treasurer and CEO — Mees, Mark Zeigler and Webb — will negotiate.

Schulte noted that the change after the election is because he would be termed out on May 3, while the new officers won't be determined until later in the month. (For more information on the election, see related article.)

According to the resolution, the district submitted a letter of interest to the real estate agent for the seller of the property on April 19.

Pruitt, who also sits on the board, recused himself from the portion of the executive session on the topic on April 26, as well as the decision to adopt the resolution and to approve the consent agenda, which included the approval of the minutes from the March 31 and April 11 meetings. He did not attend the March 31 meeting and recused himself from matters pertaining to the property on April 11.

The real estate matter was one of four topics the board discussed in executive session on April 26. The other announced topics include legal compliance, CEO contract and litigation.

Other decisions made following the executive session included approval of resolutions relating to PSMC's paid time off plan and policies, long-term disability insurance for employees and the continuation of PSMC's trauma program.

Webb explained that the resolu-

tion approving the continuation of the trauma program allows PSMC to keep orthopedic and other surgical cases here. PSMC currently holds a Level IV certification.

Earlier in the meeting, the board also heard a financial report from Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger, who outlined that PSMC's bottom line for March was a loss of \$92,064.

Keplinger informed the board that PSMC's gross revenue for March totaled \$5,967,485 and its net revenue totaled \$2,698,764. Grants, the 340B program (a federal drug-pricing program) and tax revenue totaled \$631,626. Expenses for the month totaled \$3,422,454.

A written report from the Finance Committee states, "Historically PSMC has a negative bottom line until May or June each year. PSMC's net income loss for March was \$92,064 a slightly lower loss than budgeted."

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# Regulations

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Flowers explained that, currently, there are minimal mechanisms for impactfully punishing violations of STR regulations as permits that are rescinded can be immediately reapplied for.

She requested the ability to prevent applications for a year to make violations more impactful.

Brown objected to this time period, citing it as being too punitive, and Flowers suggested that the period could be up to a year to give the BoCC latitude.

Flowers discussed the difficulty of using zoning districts or distance-based caps on STRs in the county given rentals are distributed across the county and at variable distances depending on the size of the parcels involved.

She also recommended that STRs be limited to one per parcel and mentioned the possibility of incentives to encourage local ownership of STRs.

Flowers then discussed the concept of requiring nonresident STR owners to provide a long-term housing unit for every STR they own.

She mentioned that these long-term rentals could be built on the same property as the STR using density bonuses or on another property, with the transfer of development rights being used to allow an STR owner to build a long-term rental on a property they do not own with the cooperation of the owner.

Flowers also proposed altering the occupancy rules for STRs from the current rule of two guests per

bedroom plus two per dwelling to a rule based strictly on bedroom capacity.

Flowers concluded the discussion by proposing that she present multiple sets of options for the commissioners to comment on before she drafts official language for the new regulations.

She and Maez both highlighted that these regulations were requested by the BoCC and done under their direction and did not represent Flowers' personal views or objectives.

Brown concluded the discussion by requesting that Flowers' presentation of options also include information on enforcement actions and success rates, and fees brought in by STR permitting in the county.

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# Devil Mountain fire burns 3.7 acres

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The cause of a fire that burned 3.7 acres last week remains under investigation.

The fire was reported on April 29 in the area of Devil Mountain and Forest Service Road 626 and was contained that evening at 3.7 acres, according to Archuleta County Undersheriff Mike Le Roux and the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD).

On Tuesday, Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Management Officer Rich Gustafson explained that the fire remains controlled and would be called in a few days "once these winds go through."

He noted the fire had not shown smoke for the last few days.

Gustafson noted the cause of the fire is under investigation and an official determination is pending, but added "it looks like it's human-caused."

He explained there was no

lightning in that area from the previous storm and there are "factors" that make it look like it could be human-caused.

Gustafson and Le Roux noted the BIA, U.S. Forest Service, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD), Archuleta County Road and Bridge and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office responded.

As of Tuesday, the PFPD and San Juan National Forest listed fire danger for the area as moderate.

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# Firewood cutting permits now available

By Scott Owen  
Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest is now selling permits to cut firewood.

Specific agency offices will offer permits for sale, utilizing established protocols and times listed below. A minimum purchase of \$20 allows the permit holder to gather two and a half cords of dead and downed firewood from the San Juan National Forest for personal use.

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requires a commercial permit. Permits are valid until Dec. 31.

Chain saws must have an approved spark arrester and it is recommended operators carry an ax or shovel. Fire restrictions may be put in place during the summer; it is the permit holder's responsibility to adhere to any additional posted fire restrictions. Permit holders are expected to abide by all regulations written on their permit. More information on firewood gathering regulations is available on the Forest Products Permits Web page: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/sanjuan/passes-permits/forestproducts>.

Individuals can purchase permits at Pagosa Ranger District, 180 Pagosa St., Pagosa Springs, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# Sports

## TRACK



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Sienna Rose clears a hurdle while racing in the girls' 300-meter hurdles at the April 30 Centauri Invitational in La Jara. Rose placed eighth in the event with a time of 57.13 seconds.



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Kameron Winkler passes the baton to Tommy Barker during a relay at the Centauri Invitational in La Jara on April 30. The boys' 4x100- and 4x200-meter relay teams, on which Winkler and Barker both competed, finished fifth and third, respectively.

## Six Pirates take all-conference honors at Centauri meet

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field team found success at the Centauri Invitational league meet on April 30 in La Jara amid broader concerns about state placements.

The girls' team placed second at the meet with 86 points, behind Alamosa at 189 points, while the boys' team placed fourth with a score of 53 points, behind Montezuma-Cortez at 59, Centauri at 114 and Alamosa at 142.

Coach Connie O'Donnell commented that the meet, "went really well because the weather was finally nice. We finally didn't have any wind problems, which was strange for where it was. ... So, it was nice on that, but, we are getting towards the end of our season and even though we may have dropped in time a little bit or won some events ... I guess I'm a little bit concerned because I felt we would drop time more."

The girls' 4x100-meter relay team — Lexie Valdez, Annabelle Parker, Reece Peterson and Rylie Carr — placed second with a time of 53.20 seconds, while the girls' 4x200-meter relay team — Valdez,

Carr, Sienna Rose and Peterson — placed first with a time of 1 minute, 52.20 seconds.

The girls' 800-meter sprint medley relay team — Valdez, Parker, Rose and Peterson — finished second with a time of 1:59.02.

The girls' 4x400-meter relay team — Annie O'Donnell, Carr, Nell Taylor and Peterson — placed second with a time of 4:42.29.

Connie O'Donnell commented, "In the 4x400, ... we were really excited about because we thought we would be able to get a good time ... in that race. We ended up dropping the baton, which didn't disqualify us, but I think the dropping of the baton ... it was between the first and second runner and I feel like it kind of got in everybody's head where they thought the race didn't count anymore and so they didn't run very hard. And so, it was really frustrating because everybody felt we could run a really good race, but it just wasn't."

The girls' 4x800-meter relay team — Amber Calabaza, Olivia Hodges, Kyla Coiner and Honesty Sweet — placed fourth with a time of 13:15.93.

The coach said, on the subject of the girls' relays in general, "We haven't dropped in time in quite a

while ... and so we're still in the top 18 in the 4x100, the 4x200 and the sprint medley ... but, every week we slide a little bit ... further down. So, we really have to run some good races in Grand Junction to get those times back in."

The boys' 4x100-meter relay team — Gavin Lindahl, Kameron Winkler, Tommy Barker and Samuel Kinsley — placed fifth with a time of 48.18. The boys' 4x200-meter relay team — Lindahl, Winkler, Barker and Kinsley — placed third with a time of 1:37.11, and the boys' 4x400-meter relay team — Miles Baker, Jacob Miller, Harley Armijo and David Morehouse — placed fifth with a time of 4:08.89.

Carr and Parker placed first and fourth in the girls' 100-meter dash with times of 13.57 and 14.24, respectively.

Kinsley placed fourth in the boys' 100-meter dash and second in the boys' 200-meter dash with times of 11.69 and 23.68 in the respective events.

Annie O'Donnell finished third in the girls' 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.30.

"The finish was so close," the coach stated, "Even though the three top times were different ... it was, just standing there in live, it

was ... just one right after the other. It was very close. And I actually feel like Annie, if she had about 5 more meters, would've passed both of them. But she just started her kick a little bit too late."

Breck Wilson finished first in the boys' 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.10.

"He was trying to get into the 16," Connie O'Donnell explained,

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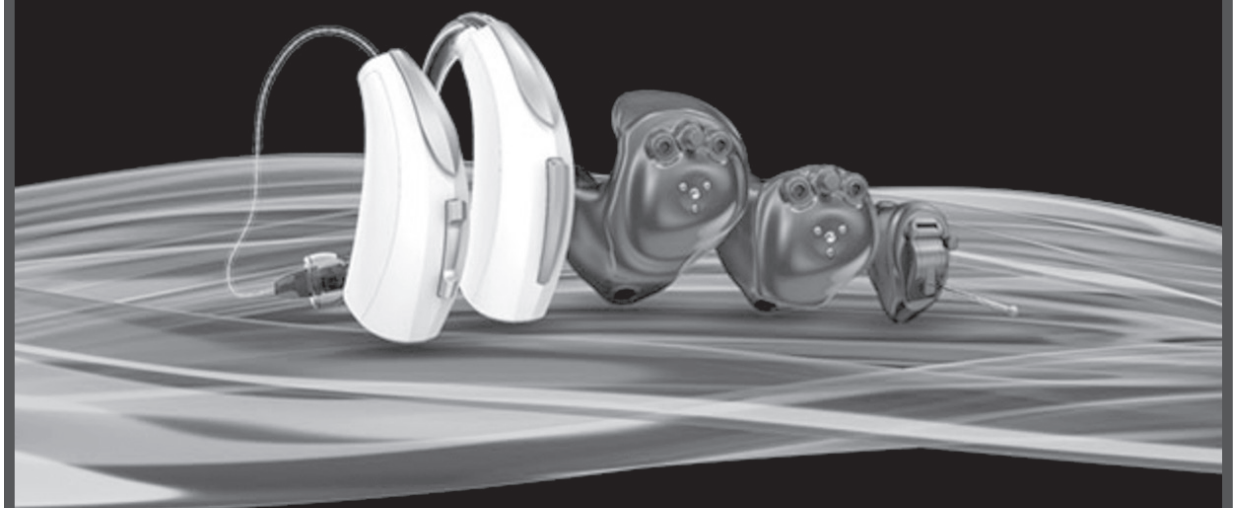
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# SOCCER



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Lady Pirate Elizabeth Currier takes a shot around Ignacio defenders during the Pirates' win against the Ignacio Bobcats Saturday at Golden Peaks Stadium. Currier scored on the play to give the team a 1-0 lead.

## Lady Pirates go 1-1 over week

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team competed in two matches over the past week, losing the first against Crested Butte and winning the second against Ignacio.

On Friday, April 29, the Pirates traveled to Gunnison to face off against the Crested Butte Titans, who are currently ranked 10th in the state's 2A division.

The Pirates were able to strike first in the match, but ultimately went on to lose by a score of 3-1.

"It was a cool game," coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason said, explaining that wind was also a factor with 40 mph gusts rolling through the area.

The Pirates broke the deadlock in the 28th minute with a goal from Lauren Monterroso assisted by Hadley Keegan, Kurt-Mason explained.

He noted that Keegan was able to pass the ball through a seam in the Titans' defense for Monterroso to run onto, and she then took three touches to beat the defenders and scored from about 12 yards out.

Kurt-Mason mentioned the team is "starting to understand how seams are made."

However, the Pirates were "still not having enough shots on goal," Kurt-Mason added, explaining that the Titans were able to tie the game just two minutes later.

The first half ended tied at 1-1. "It was really close," Kurt-Mason said.

Kurt-Mason also spoke about the Pirates' effort, especially on defense, noting, "Our girls were really busting to get the ball away; everybody was coming back."

The Titans were able to snag a second goal in the 63rd minute with a shot that beat Pirate goalkeeper Trista Tully from about 20 yards out.

Tully ended up making 26 saves on the day.

Kurt-Mason noted the shot was deflected a few times inside the box before going in.

In the 75th minute, the Titans

scored again in a similar situation, with the ball being rebounded and deflected in the Pirates' penalty box multiple times before being tapped in.

Kurt-Mason noted, "You got to give credit to following shots and keeping pressure."

He explained that "nobody was down" after the game and that "we did our job, for the most part, through the whole game."

He spoke about how the team showed some good signs of progress in the match with making the right decisions, right passes and getting back on defense.

Kurt-Mason pointed out it was "a step in the right direction."

The next day, on Saturday, April 30, the Pirates hosted the Ignacio Bobcats at Golden Peaks Stadium in a match that saw the Pirates win by a score of 4-2.

Kurt-Mason mentioned that, despite the score line, "it was a really good show for us," explaining that the Pirates were "making the right moves and doing the right thing," especially when transitioning between offense and defense.

The Pirates opened the scoring in the 11th minute with a goal from Elizabeth Currier, who beat the Bobcats' goalkeeper in a one-on-one scenario, Kurt-Mason explained.

"She dribbled through three players," he added.

The next goal for the Pirates came in the 28th minute, scored by Nika Hinger, who was assisted by Sofia Haymaker.

Kurt-Mason explained that Haymaker played a through pass to

Hinger on the outside.

"Nika has a great cross," he said, noting it has "a lot of power" and explaining that Hinger was able to score from the edge of the box.

He also spoke about Hinger's defensive abilities and how she can make long, overlapping runs on the outside to get involved in the attack.

Currier snagged her second goal of the game early in the second half in the 47th minute with help from a "wind-assisted Trista Tully kick," Kurt-Mason said.

He explained that the Pirates have been working on attacking quickly from the back and that Tully quickly the ball over the Bobcats' back line, it bounced once, and Currier was able to run on to it and beat the Bobcats' keeper to bring the score to 3-0.

Currier leads the team in scoring this season with 10 total goals.

In the 56th minute, Kori Lucero scored her first goal of the season to put the Pirates up 4-0.

Kurt-Mason explained that this is Lucero's first season playing soccer and that he wanted her to take at least two shots on goal during the game.

Currier played a short pass through the middle of the Bobcats' defense for Lucero to take two touches before shooting.

"No problem, in," Kurt-Mason said. "It was like tasting fresh blood; she was really aggressive after that, taking more shots — really cool to see."

Kurt-Mason went on to explain that more subs came on for the Pirates after they went up 4-0.

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## Track

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"and just barely missed it with a 17.1, so we're hoping to break that barrier this weekend. I think he's sitting 18th right now, so if he could get into the 16s, that would make him a little bit more secure at state."

Barker finished fourth in the boys' 300-meter hurdles with a time of 44.56.

"He got out so fast," the coach said. "Most hurdle races are all about your first two hurdles and what happens, and he did such a good job out of the block and he went over those hurdles so fast that you just kind of knew it was a different race and it was going to be a good race. And he stuttered a little bit on the home stretch ... but the fact that he pushed himself to get out faster is I think what made a huge difference for him."

Jordan Lindstrom finished second in both the girls' high jump and the girls' triple jump with a height of 4 feet 10 inches and a distance of 31-1, respectively.

"She's seeded pretty well for

state now," the coach stated.

Kylie Ketchum finished fourth in the girls' long jump with a distance of 13-11.

Connie O'Donnell explained that Ketchum's performance at the meet is her season best, superseding a previous season best performance at a junior varsity meet in Centauri last week.

Wilson finished fifth in the boys' triple jump with a distance of 36-11.

Wil Aucoin finished first in the boys' discus with a season-best throw of 129-10. He also finished second in the boys' shot put with a distance of 39-9.

"Wil threw a great discus," the coach commented, "He's in the top 10 in both shot and discus now, so that was a really impressive season best."

From the meet as a whole, six Pirates, including Carr, Rose, Peterson, Valdez, Wilson and Aucoin, took all-conference honors by taking first place in their respective events.

The Pirates' next meet will be

their sole home meet of the season — the Terry Alley Invitational — on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9 a.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

The coach commented, "It's always really nice just to have a home meet ... in front of your fans, in front of Pagosa people. They ... only get to do that once a year. ... Almost every other sport has several home events. ... It's important to be able to do. It's a pretty small meet. Most of people are choosing to go to Pueblo, just because it's lower elevation and that makes sense this time of year. But, we don't want to give up letting our kids run at home. So, anyway, we're looking forward to it. We have a ton of volunteers from the school district but also from the community coming to help run events for us ... and, so, it's a lot of community involvement and ... it always turns out great. Like, it's a little bit stressful leading up to it and trying to prepare for it, but things always seem to fall in place."

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### RECREATION NEWS

## Youth baseball to begin play in mid-May

By Breezy Bryant and Trevor Gian  
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Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is opening youth baseball registration for ages 6-12 years (not a traveling league). The deadline to register will be May 6.

The registration fee is \$40 for first child and \$20 for a second child in same household.

Online registration will be available through the town's website or you can fill out a registration form at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Play will begin middle of May and run through June.

The Recreation Department is now accepting registration for

adult coed and men's softball.

The team registration fee is \$250. The deadline to register a team is May 27.

There is no online registration option. Stop by the Community Center to fill out a form.

Season play will start around the beginning of June and run through

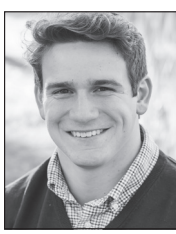
July. The schedule depends on how many teams register.

Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233.

The Recreation Department is looking for adult softball officials. Please contact the office for more information.



**Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week**  
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**Comments from coach Sabra Miller:** "Over the course of the track season, Wil has worked to improve his throwing technique. Having already qualified for shot put, he has been putting in a lot of work in practice to qualify for discus. This past weekend, he not only qualified and is now the Intermountain League Champion, but beat his personal best by almost 12 feet. He continues to lead by example,

in his work ethic and results, never satisfied with the status quo as an incredibly coachable athlete. One important attribute of Wil as an athlete is how he treats his fellow competitors. Even in the middle of competition he supports his competitors, celebrates their achievements and cheers them on. In return, his competitors are happy for him when he succeeds because of how he always demonstrates great sportsmanship."

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## BASEBALL

# Pirates pick up extra-inning win over Panthers

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team snapped its losing streak on Saturday, picking up an extra-inning win and splitting the day's doubleheader with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

Coach Nathan Morales called the doubleheader a "good showing" for the team.

The back-and-forth first half of the doubleheader resulted in a 9-8 win for the Pirates.

The Pirates took a two-run lead in the top of the second inning, when Chris Young-Martinez reached on an error and scored on a line-drive double by Seth Aucoin. Aucoin later came around to score on a line-drive double by Hunter Pouyer.

The team added another run in

## Soccer

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In the 65th minute, the Bobcats' were able to pull one goal back, capitalizing on a mistake in the Pirates' defense.

Kurt-Mason explained that there was "a missed kick in the back" and a Bobcat attacker was able to jump on the ball and beat Tully in a one-on-one scenario.

The game ended with the Pirates winning 4-2.

"There is hope," Kurt-Mason said, explaining that the Pirates have made a lot of progress from the beginning of the season and are "starting to do the right things."

He noted that they've been able to keep their shape better and transition from defensive to offense more effectively, along with connecting the right passes to generate attacks.

The Pirates will play their last regular game of the season, today, May 5, at home at Golden Peaks Stadium against the Alamosa Mean Moose at 4 p.m.

This will be the second meeting between the two teams this season. The Mean Moose won the first meeting by a score of 5-1 in Alamosa.

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the top of the third when Triston Iguchi, who walked and stole second, scored on a single by Young-Martinez.

The Panthers had a three-run bottom of the third to tie the game, and took a 5-3 lead with another two runs in the fourth.

The Pirates reclaimed the lead in the top of the fifth, bringing around three runs.

In the inning, Rhead Kay walked, advanced on a single by Iguchi and scored on a line-drive single by Billy Cotts. Iguchi then scored on a single by Young-Martinez, and Cotts scored on a ground out by Jaden Tuggle-Reed.

Montezuma-Cortez, however, countered with two runs in the bottom of the inning to go up 7-6.

Neither team scored in the sixth. Pagosa picked up two runs in the top of the seventh. The first run of the inning came around when Iguchi, who had singled and advanced on a single by Cotts and a ground out by Young-Martinez, ultimately stole home. Cotts stole third on the same play, and came around to score on a passed ball.

The Panthers picked up another run in the bottom of the inning, tying the game and sending it into extras.

With two outs in the top of the eighth, Kay walked, advanced to second on a balk by the Panther pitcher, stole third and scored on a ground ball single by Cotts.

The Pirates were able to hold the Panthers scoreless in the bottom of the inning to win 9-8.

Pagosa scored nine runs (seven earned) on 11 hits and seven walks. Pirate batters struck out seven times.

Cotts led the Pirates with three hits. He also logged two RBIs and scored twice.

Pouyer, Iguchi and Young-Martinez each had two hits. Pouyer also had an RBI, and Iguchi scored three runs. Young-Martinez picked up two RBIs and a run scored.

Aucoin and Derek Carter each had one hit, with Aucoin also notching an RBI and a run scored.

Kay, who walked three times, scored two runs in the game, and Tuggle-Reed picked up an RBI.

The Pirates tallied nine stolen bases, including four by Iguchi.

The Pirates left nine on base.

Kay pitched the bulk of the game for Pagosa, with Pouyer also pitching. The pair combined to allow eight runs (three earned) on nine hits and five walks while striking out five.

Each team committed three errors in the game.

The second half of the doubleheader was a different story, with Pagosa going scoreless and tallying only four hits.

The Panthers, meanwhile, scored four in the second, one in the third and one in the sixth to win 6-0.

Kaison Clifford, Cotts, Kay and Tuggle-Reed each logged a hit. The Pirates walked twice, stole two bases and struck out 10 times.

Aaron Aucoin and Clifford took the mound for the Pirates, combining to allow six runs (four earned) on eight hits and three walks while striking out five.

Pagosa committed four errors and Montezuma-Cortez logged one.

"It was good to finish strong ... in that first game, and that second game we had one bad inning," Morales said. That inning led to several Panther runs. "We had runners in scoring position three times and weren't able to get 'em in to score, ... so we had a shot. I know the score doesn't seem like that, but we did. We were in it. We were in both games the whole time, so it was a good showing for the Pirate baseball team."

On Tuesday, the Pirates traveled to Durango to take on the 4A Demons, but returned home with a 4-2 loss.

The Pirates jumped to an early 2-0 lead in the game, with both runs coming in the top of the first.

Pouyer led off the game with a double, which was followed by a walk by Kay.

With one out, Iguchi singled, scoring Pouyer and advancing Kay, who then scored on a ground out by Cotts.

Durango's bats were kept quiet until the fifth, when the Demons tied the game.

The Demons then took the lead with another two runs in the sixth.

Pagosa's run came on seven hits and two walks. The Pirates stole three bases, struck out nine times and left seven runners on base.

Seven Pirates recorded one hit each in the affair: Pouyer (who also scored a run), Kay (who also scored a run), Iguchi (who also had an RBI), Cotts (who also had an RBI), Tuggle-Reed, Young-Martinez and Seth Aucoin.

Clifford pitched a complete game for the Pirates, allowing four runs (one earned) on three hits and five walks while striking out eight.

The Pirates committed five errors in the game. The Demons committed two.

"I thought we outplayed 'em for seven innings; we just gave them extra outs," Morales said. "They only had three hits. I don't feel we should lose a baseball game when we give up three hits. ... We pitched well. We really did play good defense, we just had a couple mental errors along with the physical ones late, and it led to them gettin' four runs."

The game in Durango was the last scheduled regular-season game for the team, though the regular season does not end until May 17.

"It was nice to see the growth start to finish this year, and I hope to continue growing as we continue the season until the end," the coach said.

Morales noted he is still actively searching for games and a potential postseason appearance.

"We'll still be practicing, getting better," he said.

As of Wednesday, the Pirates sat in third in the Intermountain League with a league record of 3-5 and an overall record of 7-14. The team was ranked 32nd in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which helps determine postseason seeding.

In 3A, each league champion will qualify for regionals, with the remaining 24 teams in the 32-team postseason determined by RPI.

"I feel like we're playing our best baseball right now," Morales said, highlighting the Pirates' offense. "So I'm excited ... for, if we're able to sneak in the playoffs, to ... give somebody some fits early on."

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# Education

## Rotary awards \$20,000 in scholarships

By Meg Wempe  
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is proud to announce those students who will be receiving the 2022 Rotary scholarships, which total \$20,000.

Olivia Craig — Craig plans to attend the University of San Francisco to obtain her Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Audrey Martin — Martin will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa to obtain a degree in marketing in the Shidler School of Business.

Davis Parker — Parker plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to become a private pilot.

Rachel Smith — Smith will be attending Cal Poly, Metro State University or the Fashion Institute of Technology. Her field of study will be dependent on the university that she attends.

Keira Torrez — Torrez plans on attending Tony and Guy Academy to study cosmetology.

Ebanie Wilkins — Wilkins will be attending Colorado Mesa University to obtain her Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Congratulations to these six scholarship winners.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club also congratulates the entire class of 2022 and wishes each of them success in their future endeavors.

Since 1983, the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club has awarded more



Olivia Craig



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Rachel Smith



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than \$500,000 (\$518,125 to be exact) in scholarships to 192 local high school graduates. The Pagosa

Springs Rotary Club would like to thank the Pagosa Springs community for its continued support of

Rotary fundraisers that have made our local scholarships possible again this year.

## Parents weigh in while reading remains essential

The Colorado State Board of Education is responsible for setting statewide standards for K-12 students. Local school districts then align curricula to those standards.

As the Social Studies Standards revision committee is active, public comment continues to pour in. Last month, the Department of Education received more than 17,000 emails from concerned citizens. When the state board convened in April, they discussed the new input. The Social Studies Standards revision committee recently withdrew references to LGBTQ in kindergarten through third grade. Parents and community members had expressed that the subject was inappropriate for young children. As soon as the revision was made public, commenters began requesting that the LGBTQ

terminology be restored.

At our April board meeting, Chalkbeat, a news organization reporting on educational issues, wrote that “three ... Democrats on the state board were adamant that LGBTQ references remain in K-3.” Currently, there are four Democrats and three Republican members on the board. They will vote at a date to be determined.

Another topic that I reported on last month and the acknowledged most crucial mission of K-12 education is reading proficiency. Only



Joyce Rankin  
State Board of Education

40 percent of our third-graders are proficient in reading. I've focused on reading since the READ Act passed into law in 2019. The bill requires that all teachers of reading in kindergarten through third grade must complete an evidence-based course aligned with the Science of Reading by Aug. 1. Teachers must then upload their training certification to the Colorado Department of Education by Aug. 15. Accordingly, when this is complete, the school will be eligible to receive READ Act funding.

I recently highlighted seven school districts in the third Congressional District that have already completed the training. They are South Conejos and Sanford (Conejos County), La Veta (Huerfano County), Dolores (Montezuma County), Ouray (Ouray County), Moffat Schools (Saguache County) and Garfield 16 (Garfield County). Congratulations to our reading leaders in the Third Congressional District.

In addition to the K-3 reading teachers in Garfield 16, Superintendent Brad Ray also included the art teacher, physical education teacher, fourth- and fifth-grade teachers, and special education teachers. Garfield 16 exhibits strong leadership where reading is fundamental in all classroom instruction.

Other school districts continue to monitor teacher training to ensure that students have the best opportunity to succeed in life. I'm

proud to serve and never cease to be amazed by the leadership and effort of teachers and superintendents in the Third Congressional District.

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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160 Plaintiff: GEORGE BROWN v. Defendants: Estate of John Stephen Chrzanoski, 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 Laontaka Way Madison, NJ 07940 Published April 21, 28 and May 5, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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MEADPROP UNITS, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; PAGOSALAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS 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 UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION** YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows: 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 Published April 28, May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** Estate of Jonathan A. Morse, Deceased 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 Springs SUN.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 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 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published April 28, May 5 and 12, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2022-003** To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 28, 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) Sohnum Mountain Ranch, LLC Original Beneficiary(ies) Gary Morris Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Gary Morris Date of Deed of Trust June 03, 2019 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 04, 2019 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21903116 Original Principal Amount \$2,800,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$2,798,769.99 Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(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. Tract II of the GARY MORRIS SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 3, 2019 as Reception No. 21903078. Also known by street and number as: 6651 County Road 382, Chrusanov, CO 81147** **THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.** **NOTICE OF SALE** 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. THEREFORE, Notice is Herby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/30/2022, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 6/2/2022 Last Publication 6/2/2022 Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 02/02/2022 Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Paul Kosnik #38663 Eggleston Kosnik, LLC 160 E. 12th Street, Ste 7, Durango, CO 81301 (970) 403-1580 Attorney File # SOHNUM MOUNTAIN The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose. ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015 Published May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 2022 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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## Durango Elks Lodge announces 2022 scholarship winners

By Helen Wilkinson  
Durango Elks Lodge No. 507

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Durango Lodge No. 507, announces local scholarships. Recipients were selected based on leadership accomplishments, academic achievement and financial need.

Durango Elks Lodge Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will

go to Nell Taylor and Rachel Smith, both from Pagosa Springs High School.

The scholarship committee of Durango Elks Lodge No. 507 congratulates all 2022 graduating students and invites upcoming 2023 seniors to apply online for the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest. Applications are available in the fall and open to all seniors.



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# School board approves new math, social studies curricula

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on April 12, the Archuleta School District Board of Education approved three new curriculum programs.

After hearing from school administrators and teachers, the board unanimously approved Kendall Hunt Illustrative Math for grades K-5, Desmos Math for grades 6-8 and McGraw Hill Actively Learn Social Studies Curriculum for fifth through eighth as presented.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Justin Cowan began the conversation on the new curriculum programs by explaining that the process began in September and October at the elementary school.

In explaining the process used by the school, he noted the school piloted five different curricula.

Elementary school teacher Janae Ash then told the board about the "rigor, discipline and ownership" she saw in piloting the Illustrative Math program for two weeks, adding that her students didn't want to go back to the current curriculum at the end of the pilot period.

She told the board she feels the new curriculum will raise the

teaching standard.

Following a brief discussion on the elementary school math curriculum, Pagosa Springs Middle School Principal Chris Hinger explained that the same process is used at the middle school and that the fifth-grade math teachers worked with the elementary school to look at curriculum.

Middle school teachers then discussed what they saw in piloting the Desmos and social studies curricula.

In response to board questions and discussion about Desmos, teacher Daniel Barnes and Hinger also pointed out that while the curriculum uses technology, it also allows for interpersonal interactions, is teacher-led and is interactive.

Hinger called the Desmos program "perfection when it comes to technology and teaching."

Hinger also highlighted that the social studies curriculum can cater to different levels of abilities within the same classroom.

Documentation provided on the topic shows a cost of \$35,027.95 for Illustrative Math, \$7,500 per year for Desmos and \$6,580 per year for the middle school social studies curriculum, though it was noted there is a possibility ASD could receive grant funding toward math curriculum.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Heard updates on the career and technical education (CTE) program at the high school and maintenance on district buildings.

As part of the update, Build Pagosa president Larry Ash noted the organization has \$200,000 in cash for the facility, and is applying for \$1.8 million through congressionally directed spending and is looking at other grants.

CTE Director Josh Sanchez noted that most of the CTE classes are full throughout the school year and students are already interested in the new automotive class that will begin next school year.

He added that the district is working with Fort Lewis College and Pueblo Community College on concurrent enrollment opportunities.

- Heard an update from Mijares on technology within the district and highlighted that the district's Transportation Department is launching the pilot project for an information-sharing program.

- Heard a budget update from Finance Director Mike Hodgson, with Hodgson outlining that the district's budget is a "very collaborative process."

He noted that the proposed budget will be presented on May 31

and adopted by the board on June 14, with ASD's budget anticipated to see an increase in funding.

The May 31 special meeting for the budget proposal is scheduled for 5 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School library.

- Discussed the possibility of amending the district's website to add a page with information for the community.

- Heard an update on federal ESSER III funding, with Hodgson noting the district's plan for the use of the funds was approved a little more than a couple weeks prior to the meeting.

Hodgson presented a line-item budget on the use of the funds, which is available at [https://go.boarddocs.com/co/asdco/Board.nsf/files/CDGLL570823/\\$file/ESSER%20III%20Budget%20Summary.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/co/asdco/Board.nsf/files/CDGLL570823/$file/ESSER%20III%20Budget%20Summary.pdf) or by accessing the meeting's agenda through [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com).

- Discussed the district's ongoing look into local workforce housing issues, with Dana Guinn and Amanda Schick explaining to their fellow board members that an analysis of the data received through a survey of district employees was not complete.

The topic is expected to be discussed more in the coming months. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

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# Area experiencing 'elevated' flu activity

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

According to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), Archuleta and La Plata counties are currently seeing the highest positivity rate of influenza reported all season.

Information provided by SJBPH Communications Director Megan Graham shows that, for the week ending April 23, there were 176 tests reported and 54 were positive, making for a 30.7 percent positivity rate.

Graham explains in an email to The SUN that SJBPH tracks flu hospitalizations and flu positivity

trends in Archuleta and La Plata counties, with the 2022 influenza surveillance stretching from Oct. 3, 2021, through May 21. Information includes trends from six outpatient clinics in Archuleta and La Plata counties.

"We are currently seeing the highest positivity rate reported all season," Graham wrote.

Graham also noted that there have been three influenza-associated hospitalizations of Archuleta County residents this season — all within the month of April.

SJBPH only tracks pediatric flu deaths, with Graham noting there

have been none.

Like elsewhere in the state and country, SJBPH reported that influenza A is the predominate virus locally.

"There is widespread flu activity across the state of Colorado," the email states. "The elevated influenza trend in La Plata and Archuleta counties are similar to the rest of the state."

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb also acknowledged area flu cases in her report to the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors on April 26.

In her report, Webb told the board PSMC is not currently seeing much COVID-19, but is seeing several cases of influenza A a week and is continuing respiratory droplet protection practices such as masking.

As of May 4, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continued to list Archuleta County's community level as "low" for COVID-19.

Graham notes SJBPH encourages people to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly, cover their coughs and stay home when they aren't feeling well.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### 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/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, 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 Spa lodge lawn, 323 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Archuleta 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/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>

**HWHFsa2taeGxtZz09**, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

### Thursday, May 19

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m.

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

**Archuleta School District Board of Education regular meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

### Wednesday, May 18

**Upper San Juan Library Dis-**

**trict Board Meeting.** 4 p.m. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

### Thursday, May 19

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

### Tuesday, May 24

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.**

8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information,

visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

### 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/>.

### Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors regular meeting.

5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., or Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88304467907>, meeting ID: 883 0446 7907.

Public meeting information should be sent to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com) with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

## NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

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](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov)



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# Town's sanitation system sees progress in emergency safeguard implementations

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer

The sanitation system for Pagosa Springs has seen progress in the implementation of emergency safeguard efforts and staffing, according to an update that Public Works Director Martin Schmidt gave at the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) meeting on May 3.

The safeguard efforts came after ongoing issues with the sanitation system, which has faced pump failures, causing the town to begin to prepare for an emergency overflow situation, Schmidt explained. In addition, the system has faced recent labor shortages with the departure of Utilities Supervisor Chuck Fujimoto in mid-March.

At the PSSGID's March 1, March 17 and April 6 meetings, the board ratified emergency expenditures to purchase equipment that would alleviate the likelihood of an overflow situation.

Among the emergency equipment is a diesel-powered transfer pump, which Schmidt reported is now on the scene for standby purposes.

The board approved the rental of this pump, which will only be installed in an emergency situation due to its high labor demand, which requires manual operation seven days a week.

In addition, Schmidt stated that the sanitation staff successfully installed a manual bar screen since the last meeting, which is meant to catch larger items that could overburden the system, like clothing and non-flushable waste.

He reported that, so far, the screen has done a nice job at catching these larger items.

Although the screen has to be raked by a staff member every 24-36 hours, Schmidt explained that it is installed in a way in which sewage can bypass the screen if it gets clogged.

Among other news was the announcement by Schmidt that two new staff members have joined the system's staff.

Kevin Gerber was hired as senior operator, with expertise in the cleaning and maintenance of collection lines. In addition, Lucian Brewster will join as the new utility supervisor on May 9. Brewster offers extensive experience with small lift stations and collections system maintenance, and will be trained quickly on the handling of larger lift stations, Schmidt stated.

The emergency response plan for the sanitation system has also been updated, according to Schmidt. The plan now clearly spells out stages of an emergency and the response by the town and other stakeholders according to the stage.

Schmidt also reported that staff continues to develop two lagoons, meant to provide long-term emergency overflow storage.

The lagoons are currently being prepped for lining by town staff. There are major issues with groundwater that have slowed the process, but staff continues to move forward, Schmidt reported. At this time, dewatering is occurring as well as expected, and as the ground dries the smoothing and lining will be accomplished as quickly as possible.

Town staff also hoped to purchase two bypass valves for emergency and maintenance reasons. However, Schmidt stated that the parts list for this bypass are unavailable at this time, with wait

times as long as next winter.

Staff is going to continue to pursue this as an option, but it will not occur before the pump upgrades, he stated.

Although the meeting included reports of slight progress — and was the first meeting in months in which no emergency expenditures were requested — Schmidt remained firm in his message to the public about its role in avoiding an emergency situation.

The town plans to look into increasing its "Don't Flush That" campaign, ramping up education efforts at the schools and larger hotels in the town, Town/PSSGID Manager Andrea Phillips stated.

"Remember, nothing is flushable except toilet paper," Schmidt said, speaking of the nonhuman-waste items that are OK to go down the drain.

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## Thanks

### Silva family

The family of Herman Silva would like to thank you all for the flowers, cards, food and generosity. A special thanks to Leonard Martinez for leading the rosary, the readings, for assisting with lunch and all the help he gave arranging the services. A thanks to Father Samuel Auta and to Bob for the Mass and burial. Thanks to family members Paulette Silva-Rivera and Ronny Rivera for giving Mass service readings. To Susan and John Paul Wright for their beautiful music. A whole heartfelt thanks to Linda Garza, Juanita Archuleta, Darlene Archuleta and Mary Ann Valdez. To the Guadalupe Society and Guadalupeans for their delicious food, hugs and stories. Also, thank you, Debra Hepler, for the use of the Methodist Church to have our luncheon. We appreciate you all.

## Spring cleanup of historic Rosa Cemetery set for May 21

By Peggy Duggan  
St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church Carmelitas

The Carmelitas altar society of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church will hold a community spring cleanup of the historic Rosa Cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon on May 21 in Arboles.

This cemetery was created when Navajo Lake Reservoir flooded Rosa and caused its graves to be moved to this new site.

The cemetery is located at the south end of County Road 975, immediately to the left after the state border cattle guard.

Attendees are asked to wear gloves and hats, and bring what they can, including rakes, shovels, weed-wackers and rider mowers. Morning coffee, water and lunch will be provided by the Arboles Carmelitas.

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# Mental Health Awareness Walk

Saturday, May 21 • 9:30 a.m. • Town Park



PREVIEW photo/Randi Pierce

# Mental Health Awareness Walk set for May 21

By John Finefrock  
Rise Above Violence

The 2022 Mental Health Awareness Walk will be on Saturday, May 21. We hope to see you there.

“We created the walk to be short and sweet and to emphasize that it’s OK to talk about mental health issues,” said Sarah Ross, the 2019 Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) graduate who created this community event after seeing a similar walk in Telluride. The students in the Youth Rise Club at PSHS will be hosting the free event this year.

Day-of registration will start at 9:30 a.m. at Town Park on May 21. The walk will start at 10 a.m. The pre-registration link is [tinyurl.com/mentalhealthwalk2022](https://tinyurl.com/mentalhealthwalk2022) and the first 75 people to register get a free event T-shirt. The walk will take about 30 minutes and will be around downtown and will circle back to Town Park, where informational booths with local mental health resources will be set up.

Around 11 a.m., our guest speaker, Gus Palma, will give a speech. Palma is a lifelong Pagosa Springs resident, an educator and actor who spent some time in New York and Hollywood after getting his theater degree. He is now working in our local Pagosa schools, striving to make a difference in the community.

Palma’s speech will detail his upbringing in Pagosa Springs, how he has overcome his own mental health issues, and how part of coming into your own is rooting yourself in empathy and treating others with respect.

Students from Youth Rise and staff from Rise Above Violence will also speak.

The event logo, as seen on the posters and T-shirts, is a representation of mental health and was designed by Ethan Brown, artist and former PSHS student. The roots of the tree take up a large portion of the logo, showing how buried and unspoken mental health can be and that it is rooted in our society: out of sight, out of mind. The tree trunk represents the issue being brought to the surface, illustrating the event’s tagline “P.S. It’s Okay (to talk about it).” As more light is shed onto the subject, positive growth occurs, leaves sprout and the tree continues to grow.

This event is also a great way to get information and show support for the various nonprofit organizations that support mental health and other human service in our community. If you have any event questions, please contact John Finefrock, youth advocate, at (970) 403-5461 or [john@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:john@riseaboveviolence.org).

Rise Above Violence is a nonprofit organization which promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving more than 350 victims each year.

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# Band-O-Rama concert set for May 14

By Susy Mekeal

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The Pagosa Springs Community Band is hosting the annual Band-O-Rama concert on Saturday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. It will be a fun night highlighting the young musicians in our schools.

The evening will begin with music pieces from the three school bands. The Pagosa Springs High School jazz band will follow with several lively selections that it has prepared for your enjoyment. Last on the concert will be the Community Band, which will play pieces from American composers themed around the great outdoors. The program will offer a nice variety of music and talent from our community.

This concert is hosted by the

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society, or PSIMS. PSIMS is a charitable organization which serves as a community service to foster the development and growth, and raise awareness of the importance of instrumental music among students and adults. PSIMS celebrates the joy of instrumental music through providing and promoting teaching and performance opportunities for instrumental musicians of all levels of performance abilities, in

all genres, to the community and schools.

The bands are preparing a concert full of variety and with lots of energy. Come enjoy an evening of music and support the students. The concert is free of charge and donations are gratefully accepted to support the instrumental music programs in our community. Come early as the seats fill up quickly. We look forward to seeing you Saturday, May 14, at 7 p.m.

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After delighting audiences in Pagosa Springs three years ago, Gabriela de la Paz will be returning to perform a pair of concerts on May 7 and 14.

### Gabriela de la Paz to return to Pagosa Springs, perform May 7 and May 14

By Jean Broderick  
Special to The PREVIEW

Gabriela de la Paz, an internationally renowned singer of traditional Mexican ballads, is returning to Pagosa Springs.

She delighted audiences in Pagosa Springs three years ago and is very much looking forward to her return visit. Some of her chosen songs will be familiar to American audiences and others new, but all very enjoyable.

Whether you are of Hispanic background, enjoy the music and culture from south of our border, are a student of Spanish or are unfamiliar with the Latino genre of music, de la Paz's performance will be sure to delight the whole family.

She will perform at the Parish Hall of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (445 Lewis St.) at 7 p.m. on May 7, and at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (225 S. Pagosa Blvd.) at 7 p.m. on May 14.

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Wild burrows in western Utah by Gregg Heid. Next week's meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club is slated to feature the work of the club's members.

## Upcoming photography club meeting to feature member photos

By Gregg Heid  
Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The May meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. in Pagosa Springs.

This will be a hybrid meeting, in person at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street or by Zoom.

This meeting will be dedicated to an appreciation of members' work. Each member may bring up to 10 images to share and discuss with the group. These may be on any topic, but consider showing 10 photos on a theme or that tell a story when taken together.

The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by sending an email to [abulter@mac.com](mailto:abulter@mac.com). If attending in person, feel free to arrive any time after 6 p.m.; the actual presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. The club's membership year begins in January. For new members, dues are \$25 per year (\$35 family).

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# Senior recital for Kayden Kiker and Ethan Mazur announced

By Brandye Kiker  
Special to The PREVIEW

“It takes a village to raise a child.” This African proverb perfectly sums up our amazing music community here in Pagosa Springs.

Our “village” has certainly had a hand in nurturing the talents of two of our gifted young musicians, Hayden Kiker and Ethan Mazur.

Both of these young men, private studio students of Venita Burch, Heidi Tanner and Kathleen Martinez have been accepted into the School of Music at Tennessee Technological University. Kiker will be majoring in vocal performance and will be playing violin in the university orchestra. Mazur will be majoring in piano performance and will be singing in the university chorale.

Both Mazur and Kiker are home-schooled, attend Valor Academy and attend Pagosa Springs High School. They have both participated in many Curtains Up Pagosa and high school musical productions, the Piratones, San Juan Symphony Youth Orchestra, Jazz Band, multiple honor choirs throughout Colorado and All State Choir.

Mazur has participated in All State Band and All State Orchestra. Kiker was accepted into the 2021 Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival.

Kiker and Mazur will be performing in a shared senior recital on May 21 at 6 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Our entire community is invited to this free event. As both boys are multitalented, the audience will enjoy selections in vocals, piano, French horn, violin and percussion. Please come out and support these talented young adults.



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# Save the date: Dancing with the Pagosa Stars to benefit Seeds of Learning

By **Danyelle Leentjes**  
Seeds of Learning

It is time to pick out your Pagosa finest dress threads, dust off the bling and mark your calendar to attend the star-studded event of the summer, the fifth annual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. On Aug. 20, local Pagosa celebrities will slip into their costumes and dance their hearts out, competing to raise critically needed funds for Seeds of Learning.

These generous celebrities are all people who are recognized as leaders in our community. They will partner with professional coaches from Pagosa and Durango to present a dazzling night of dancing and fun. You will be able to buy tickets to support your favorite dancers and vote as many times as you want, with each vote costing \$1. The celebrity raising the most money from ticket sales and voting will get bragging rights and take home the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy at the end of the night.

The identities of the chosen celebrities are under wraps until the big reveal on May 19, when voting for your favorite stars will be officially open. You are not going to believe who we have dancing this year.

For the most up-to-date news on the event, follow Dancing with the Pagosa Stars Facebook at: [facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/](https://www.facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/). Tickets for this much-anticipated event will go on sale July 14 at 9 a.m.

Back by popular demand this year are the dynamic emcee duo of Marty Rose and Laura Moore. Their charm and hilarious antics will not disappoint.

We are also extremely grateful to welcome back our amazing director and choreographer who



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

**Local leaders will don their dance costumes and compete for a variety of awards, including the Mirror Ball Trophy, on Aug. 20 as part of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, a fundraiser for Seeds of Learning. This year's lineup will be announced on May 19.**

is working hard to make this night special. Leslie Carlson has organized the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars since it began five years ago in addition to the successful Dancing with The Durango Stars for several years. Carlson has been a professional dance instructor for more than 20 years. She was formally trained under the tutelage of world-renowned dance and choreography professionals at Arthur Murray Dance Studios. Carlson is versed in teaching a large variety of diverse social dance styles, from dramatic Latin dance variations to swing, waltz and ballroom, country/western and more.

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# How to prepare your pet for a low-stress vet visit

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

When a person is in a stressful situation, anxiety can manifest itself a lot of different ways: shaking, pacing, fidgeting, blushing — the list goes on. Similarly, animals also exhibit signs of stress, but they often vary from human behaviors.

When exposed to a potentially anxiety-inducing situation — like a visit to the veterinarian — it's important to know how to recognize the signs of a nervous pet, and how to help calm your pet's fears. If your pet is stressed at the vet, diagnosis and treatment can be difficult because stress behaviors can mask symptoms of an ongoing medical issue. If an animal is really worked up, it can interfere with the veterinary staff's ability to deliver care to your pet.

"The biggest benefit of keeping your pet calm is that it helps us make better diagnoses and provide care, plus it helps them receive treatment better when they're not anxious," said Shawn Thompson, orthopedic surgical technician at the James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital. "Overall, it's a win-win. It only benefits your pet."

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### Recognizing signs of stress

The first step to ensuring a low-stress visit to the veterinarian is to know how to recognize when your pet is anxious. Different species express stress differently, so observing and understanding your own animal's behavioral tendencies is crucial.

#### Signs of stress for dogs

- **Pacing:** Just like humans, dogs are prone to pacing when they're in an uncomfortable environment. In an effort to avoid the situation, your dog may walk or pace around the room instead of standing still.

- **Wrinkled brow:** Wrinkles on the forehead or a wrinkled brow can indicate concern.

- **Panting, salivating, yawning, or licking lips:** If your pet is displaying oral behaviors more often than usual, especially if there is no apparent physical reason for these behaviors, they're likely nervous.

Some dogs may even display what's called a "spade tongue," which is when the end of the tongue gets really wide or curls up.

- **Sniffing:** If there isn't anything to sniff but your dog is trying to suss out a scent anyway, they're trying to calm themselves down; sniffing is a calming behavior. Keep

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in mind that in a more typical environment — like while on a walk — it's natural for your dog to sniff, and you should let them sniff around.

• **Vocalization:** Barking or whining can also be a sign your dog is stressed.

### Signs of stress for cats

• **Hiding:** If your cat seeks out a small space in an effort to make themselves scarce, it's likely they're trying to avoid an uncomfortable environment.

• **Grooming:** It's true cats like to clean themselves, but if they're doing it obsessively, they're probably not at ease.

• **Urinating or defecating:** When a cat doesn't leave it in the litter box — or has an accident in their carrier or the car — take it as a sign your feline is feeling nervous.

• **Vocalization:** Growling or hissing is a sign your cat is stressed.

• **Eyes, ears, and tails:** Watch for dilated pupils, tucked back ears, and a twitching or swishing tail; all can be signs your cat is unhappy with its current situation.

If your pet is displaying any of these behaviors, there's a good chance they're not at ease at the vet. With proper preparation and intervention, you can help your pet feel more comfortable during their veterinary visits.

### Tips for easing stress

While the vet visit itself may contribute to causing stress for your pet, oftentimes the nerves hit before you even arrive at the clinic. Creating a comfortable environment starts at home, so be prepared to keep your pet at ease before, during, and after

their appointment.

• **Buckle up:** Not all pets are comfortable in the car, and trying to keep an animal calm at the clinic can be challenging when the stress starts on the ride over. If possible, it's best to place dogs in the far back of your vehicle rather than in the back seat. When the back seat is necessary, consider placing a cover over the space below the seats so your pet doesn't fall in. Cats and small dogs should be transported in a carrier.

• **Keep your distance:** The unfamiliar smells, sights and sounds that come with new faces and spaces can be overwhelming for pets. Try to stay away from other owners and animals while at the clinic, as unwanted attention can cause stress for pets.

• **Be a good role model:** Animals can sense and pick up on our own anxiety, so if you're stressed, chances are your pet will be, too. Keep calm and show your dog or cat that there's nothing to worry about.

• **Consider medication:** If a veterinarian has assessed your pet and prescribed an appropriate anti-anxiety medication, follow your veterinarian's recommendations. The best time to give your pet their meds before an appointment is at home, where they're comfortable. That way, the medication has time to set in. If anti-anxiety medication is administered when a pet is already anxious, the animal's stress response can override the medication, rendering it unhelpful.

Sometimes your pet needs to go to the vet for more than just a run-of-the-mill annual exam. If your pet needs any diagnostics — like a CT scan or MRI — or treatment, including surgery or chemotherapy,

more specialized preparation can be necessary. Sedation may be required to keep your pet calm during longer procedures. Ask your veterinarian if you have questions about your pet's procedure preparation plan.

### 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.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December) from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid, and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 264-5931 to register.

### Visit online

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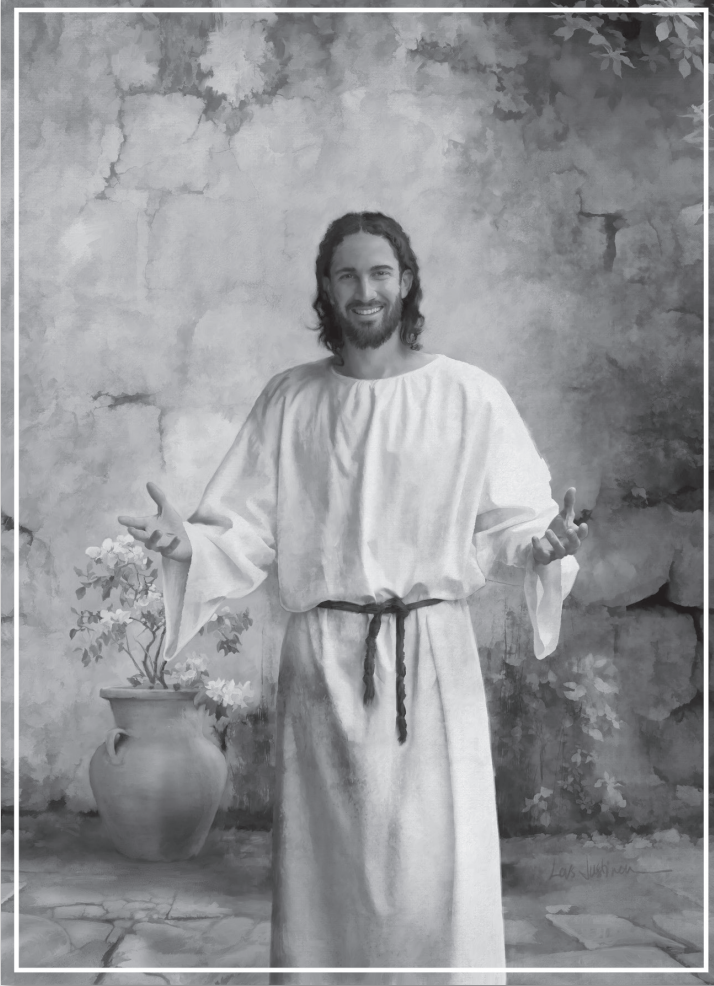

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# Preview Calendar

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## 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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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

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## Friday, May 6

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

**Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club Pizza Party.** 11:30 a.m., Mountain Pizza Restaurant. A celebration of Founders' Day, our Golden Arrows (ladies who have been sorority members for 50 years or more) and spring. Wear your Pi Phi vests if you have one. RSVP to Carole Howard.

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

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**Monday, May 9**  
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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](http://www.buildpagosa.org).

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## Saturday, May 7

**Terry Alley Invitational.** Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs track and field vs. multiple teams.

**Homebuyer Education Class.** 8:30 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 local down payment assistance programs, real estate, inspection, and home maintenance. Space is limited, so please visit [www.homesfund.org](http://www.homesfund.org) to register. Questions can be directed to (970) 259-1418, ext. 1 or [info@homesfund.org](mailto:info@homesfund.org).

**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.

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**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

**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.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, 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.

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

**Ruby’s Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss “Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law” by Mary Roach. Copies are available at your library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens and young adults. Join us for our on-going game. Contact [claire@](mailto:claire@)

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**Contact Jane Parker for more info:**  
[jparker@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:jparker@pagosa.k12.co.us) or call 970-264-2228 x5408

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pagosalibrary.org for details on how to join.

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## Wednesday, May 11

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

**Kids Kare.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. You can register your kids at coloradocef.org/southwest or at the club. If you have any questions, please call Connie at (303) 901-5290.

**Family Storytime: Fun with Food.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join our guest presenter, Miss Diane, who will share some food stories and maybe even a taste testing. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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**Teen Gaming.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 6th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**DUST2 Summer Trail Work Night.** 5:30 p.m., location to be announced. Visit [www.dust2.org](http://www.dust2.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/pagosabike> for more information.

**Pagosa Springs Photography Club Meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. This meeting will be dedicated to an appreciation of members' work. Each member may bring up to 10 images to share and discuss with the group. These may be on any topic, but consider showing 10 photos on a theme or that tell a story when taken together. This will be a hybrid meeting, also available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to [abulter@mac.com](mailto:abulter@mac.com). If attending in person, feel free to arrive any time after 6 p.m.; the actual presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, May 12

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving sweet and sour pork, 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.

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## Friday, May 13

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

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom at the library or by phone to ask questions about all areas of civil law. Visit <https://checkerboard.co/> anytime to access many legal forms and other useful legal information. To

schedule an appointment with the volunteer attorney, please contact the library at (970) 264-2209 or send an email at the beginning of the month to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org). The clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month, but

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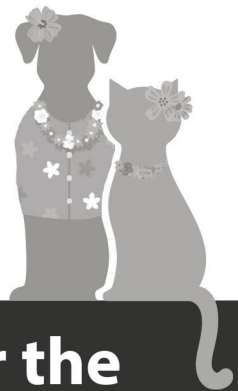
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## Saturday, May 14

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

**Band-O-Rama Concert.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Hosted by the Pagosa Springs Community Band. A fun night highlighting the young musicians in our schools. It will begin with music pieces from the three school bands. The Pagosa Springs High School jazz band will follow with several lively selections that it has prepared for your enjoyment. Last on the concert will be the Community Band, which will play pieces from American composers themed around the great outdoors. The program will offer a nice variety of music and talent from our community.

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## Sunday, May 15

**Vista Community Garden Social.** 4-5:30 p.m., behind PLPOA, 230 Port Ave. Join us for a garden social and clean up including the planting of cold-season crops like greens, peas, broccoli and more. Help us weed, amend the soil, and then tuck in seeds and water them to get the season started. We will also have some healthy snacks and opportunities for you to connect with your neighbors and fellow community members. For more information, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.org or (401) 371-3227.

**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.

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**San Juan Back Country Horsemen Meeting.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Potluck at 6 p.m., general meeting at 6:30 p.m., speaker at 6:45 p.m. Our speaker this month will be Chris Martin, Bayfield native, sharing stories from the past and present on raising registered quarter horses for 60 years. Please join us, meet members and see how we're making a difference in our community. Any questions? Contact Annie at (210) 215-9566.

## Tuesday, May 17

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# Local Food Hero: Jenelle Syverson

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

Healthy Archuleta, a local non-profit in Archuleta County also known as the FSFE — Food Coalition, continues to celebrate the local food heroes that make up the food system in Archuleta County

and the surrounding southwest region.

These individuals uniquely contribute to the community's vision for a sustainable, health promoting and equitable local food system so that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious foods.

The effort to capture the pro-

files of these integral community members was initiated as part of the Archuleta Food System Summit that took place April 9.

Today we would like to feature Jenelle Syverson. The following is a narrative that she shared with us:

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Jenelle Syverson.



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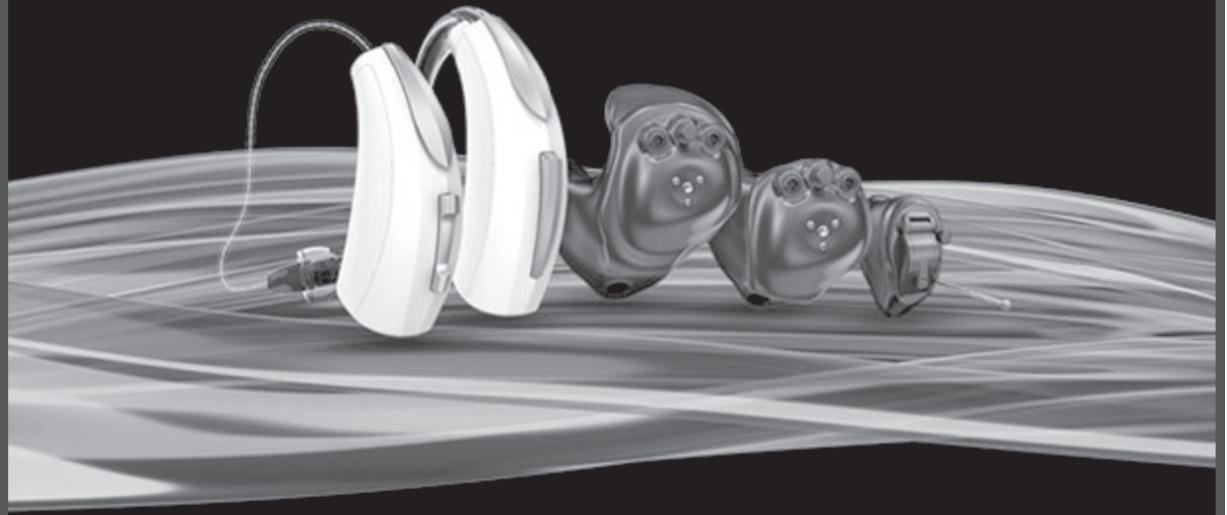


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# Food

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“Today, ‘I’ has become ‘we’ as a team at The Choke Cherry Tree. Our deepest appreciation is that food is culture and connection — connection to our health, our home, our family and friends, our past, our present and our future. It is how we feed love into our community and ourselves as we recognize that there is a deeper connection along with really good flavors. While we have weathered the same challenges as other long standing businesses with changing technology and communication

styles, employment environments, shifting supply availability and daily life in general, we have seen the opportunities that each situation brings. That is how we have built a worldwide and multigenerational clientele that return for the joy we have created for well over 20 years now evolved into a resource to reach and connect people with food and culture while sustaining and supporting employees with the same beliefs and energetic values. Most recently, we have been able to expand our magic to craft all natural healthy alternatives from our nostalgic recipes to support even more dietary needs. Thank you for being a part of that with us!”

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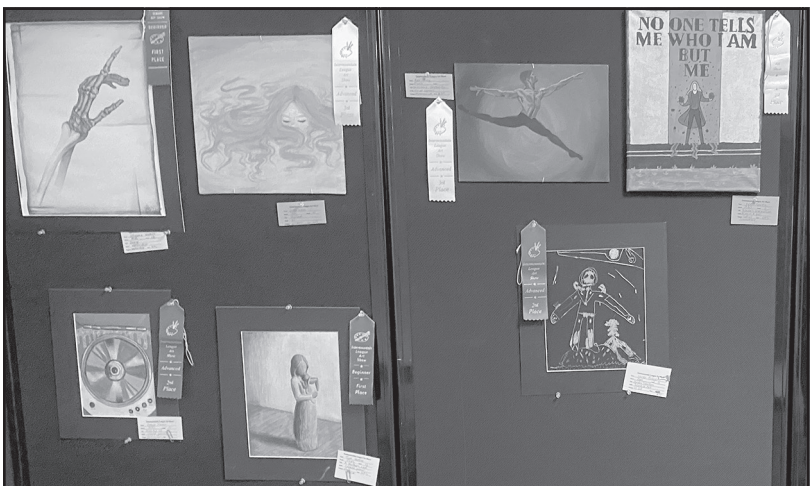
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ANSWER:



Photos courtesy Kelly Lewis  
 For the first time in three years, Pagosa Springs High School hosted an in-person art show on April 21, with Pirate artists competing against five other schools in the Intermountain League Art Show. Pagosa's artists garnered a number of awards.



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# Forums

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Coupled with climate change impacts on mental health, we also know that COVID-19 has had an outsized impact on deaths of despair and loneliness. COVID-19 has exacerbated a loneliness epidemic with a particularly acute impact on young Americans. Deaths of despair are on the rise in the U.S. in ways that are not seen in other nations — drug overdose deaths surpassed the 100,000 threshold in the period from April 2020 to April 2021 — and, indeed, the outsized impact this has on working class Americans is concerning.

The forums highlighted that during times of public and environmental health crises, coupled with social and political turmoil, it is crucial to build connections and collaboratively devise strategies to build community health resilience and maintain economic stability. These relationships and the ability to have discussions across differences are what will propel our region toward more positive outcomes.

"There are numerous and well-documented challenges our community is facing as a result of COVID-19 and other recent public and environmental health crises. What's clear to us is that COVID-19 laid to bare systemic health inequities nationwide and that our mission going forward will be building resilience among our population and continuing to deliver services that help people achieve their best potential of health," said Liane Jollon, executive director of SJBPH.

"How we use and communicate

science during crises can either magnify our helplessness and take away our power, or motivate us — so we can manifest our power, build community and act to transform crisis to security and a better world. Science can connect us to one another and to the Earth," said Heidi Steltzer, professor of environment and sustainability at Fort Lewis College.

"Gathering input from the community is essential to not only uncovering challenges impacting people's lives, but also in shaping solutions and creating community-driven change," said Sarah Brummett, director of the Office of Suicide Prevention with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

There are several directions that these forums may lead the community. Partners identified the following next steps:

- Organizers plan to host community meetups monthly in 2022 to continue the momentum built during the forums.

- The AAAS Colorado Local Science Engagement Network intends to share the results of these forums with its members.

- Community participants may take personal, organizational and collective action steps toward our vision by addressing these challenges and opportunities.

- We hope to inspire other rural communities to host community dialogues on the challenges and

opportunities of our times and provide to them the resources developed in our series of forum that center dialogue around values and visioning the future we want.

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# Helping a neighbor, or not

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Seth was busy working on his four-wheeler for a trip into the mountains the next day with a group of mid-teen boys. That was when his neighbor showed up.

“Good morning, Seth,” the neighbor said.

Seth, holding a couple of bolts in his mouth, nodded a greeting.

“Seth,” the neighbor continued, “could you do me a favor and drop my cows a bale of hay in their feeder tomorrow morning? It won’t be hard. You just need to fire up the old farmhand tractor, and I have already loaded a bale of hay on it. Just drive it into the pasture and dump the bale in the feeder.”

Seth was leery of accepting the task. The neighbor didn’t have the best equipment, and when Seth had worked for him before, something had always gone wrong. Maybe the tractor wouldn’t start or something. He didn’t want to miss meeting up with his friends and get left behind for the four-wheeling trip.

The neighbor must have sensed Seth’s concern. He told of his desire to get away for a family gathering and ended by saying, “The old tractor runs like a top.”

Seth slowly nodded. He knew how hard it was to get away when there were animals to feed. Besides, what could go wrong with just dumping a single bale into a feeder? The neighbor thanked him and headed on his way.

The next morning, Seth went to do the feeding early to have plenty of time before meeting the other guys. At the neighbor’s house, everything was just as described. The tractor was sitting by the gate with the one-ton bale loaded on the forks.

Seth opened the gate, fired up the tractor, and drove it toward the feeder. The feeder was a fair distance across the pasture. It sat about 30 yards from where the pasture dropped toward the river. Seth gunned the tractor to full speed to

hurry and get the job done.

Seth hit the clutch and gently pushed on the brakes as he approached the feeder. The clutch disengaged the engine from pushing the tractor forward, but the brakes didn’t seem to slow the tractor at all. He pushed the brake pedal farther and farther until it was against the floor, but he wasn’t seeing much, if any, effect. He was still heading at a good clip toward the feeder.

*The hill was coming up fast, so he tried to turn the tractor along the hill rim, but a deep canal blocked his path.*

Realizing he was going to run over the feeder, he veered off. The hill was coming up fast, so he tried to turn the tractor along the hill rim, but a deep canal blocked his path. The tractor had only slowed a little before it went over the edge of the hill.

On the downward slope, the tractor picked up speed. Seth pumped the brakes, but there was still no effect. He tried to use the engine to slow the tractor. He throttled down and let off the clutch. The tractor sputtered and smoked and slowed a bit, but the clutch started to slip.

At the bottom of the hill was a

deep swamp. Seth knew if he went into it, the tractor would sink nearly out of sight. He looked desperately for a way out of his predicament. That was when he saw the old tree stump. He turned the tractor toward it and lowered the bucket.

The cows had heard the tractor and were coming up the hill to eat. Seth yelled at them to get out of the way. Most of them did. But as cows always seem to do, one on the right side of the tractor decided she had to dash across to the left. There was nothing Seth could do. The tractor hit her, rolling her most of the way to the swamp. But as he hoped, the tractor also hit the stump and came to an instant stop.

Seth took some deep breaths, put the tractor in reverse, and backed up the hill. He carefully loaded the hay in the feeder, then put the tractor back in the hay yard. Finally, he went to check on the injured cow. But as he came close, she limped away on three legs at a dead run, looking like a drunken peg-legged sailor in a life-and-death race. Seth couldn’t get close enough to check on her no matter how he tried. He decided if she could run like that, she would live, and he left to meet his friends.

A few days later, the neighbor stopped by to thank Seth for his work. “You know, it seems like every time I leave, one of the animals has trouble. Old number 15 is so lame she can hardly walk. It appears she slipped and rolled down the hill.”

Seth just left it at that.

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# Bird of the Week



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

The opportunity to see shorebirds in our area is happening now, but won't last long. During spring migration, wetland areas that provide places to rest and feed during long migratory flights are vital to the survival of these birds.

The willet is a large, stocky sandpiper with long legs and a thick, straight bill. It is a relatively plain shorebird until it spreads its wings to reveal a striking black-and-white striped wing pattern. In breeding plumage, it is mottled gray, brown and black on its back.

Two subspecies, the eastern and western, exist. Both spend winters on beaches, mudflats, marshes or rocky shorelines along the coasts, where they eat crabs, worms and clams. The western type breeds far inland near marshes, wetlands, prairie pothole ponds and wet agricultural fields. Here, they feed day and night on aquatic insects, small fish and spiders, using their long bills to take prey from the surface or in the mud.

Willetts do not spend much time on their breeding grounds, with some departing as early as June. Both parents incubate eggs and care for the young. Typically, the female leaves from two to three weeks ahead of the male and he stays to finish raising the chicks.

The conversion of grassland areas to agricultural uses has meant a decrease in the breeding habitat for these birds. Purchases of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps, also known as Duck Stamps, support National Wildlife Refuges. Ninety-eight percent of the \$25 stamp price goes directly to land conservation.

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

## Harvesting the sunshine

By Joyce Holdread  
PREVIEW Columnist

The sun was god to our primal kin. They knew intuitively those hot, golden darts somehow empowered all life on earth. Yet do we in our "greater enlightenment" often consider, let alone marvel, at the wonder of photosynthesis that sustains our lives moment by moment every day?

Yes — moment by moment, as the main source of oxygen for the billion breaths we all take each day is released in the process of photosynthesis. Green cradles — the plant chloroplasts — absorb light energy from the sun and split water molecules into hydrogen and oxygen. The hydrogen is combined with carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and the oxygen is released into the air. If this doesn't happen, we suffocate.

The hydrogen combined with carbon dioxide is then used to produce glucose — food for the plant, but also, via the plant, for humankind and most fauna. Even a carnivore's diet comes from animals that, in turn, are sustained by plants. If the links in this process become "unchained," man and beast even-

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tually starve.

Not only do plants feed and furnish us breath, but they also sequester carbon in the soil to mitigate climate change. The earth's flora, especially extensive forest areas, draw down airborne carbon, pollution, into the soil — a solution — for our depleted, toxic farmlands. Who could ask for a more generous exchange?

All this busy, marvelous, but hidden process is carried out each day in a trillion places. While we fuss and feed, labor and sleep, ponder and wander, a cosmic assembly line, initiated by our Creator, continues unabated to provide us the life-giving bounty of harvesting sunshine.

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## Ruby's Book Club next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets in person from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, to discuss "Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law" by Mary Roach. Copies are available at your library. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend.

## Teen gaming next Wednesday

Free teen gaming happens on Wednesday, May 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the sixth through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Join us next Tuesday, May 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. for our ongoing in-person Dungeons and Dragons game for teens and young adults. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join. Free sessions take place at your library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the



month.

## Special family storytime

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. Special guest Miss Diane will share some food stories and maybe even a taste testing on May 11.

## Discovery Time

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. This month's Discovery Times will be on May 7 and 21.

## 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.

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## In-person gaming

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

## Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted May 9 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

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## Activities calendars

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

## Spanish language self-help books

"El Actor: Como Alcanzar la Autenticidad" by Don Miguel Ruiz is a guide to mastering the art of life. "Eros: Retorno al Amor Uncondicional," also by Don Miguel Ruiz, is a guide to finding a purer and more generous love. "Autentica

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## Mysteries and thrillers

“The End of Getting Lost” by Robin Kirman follows a couple on their honeymoon in Europe in 1996, before cellphones. “The Sacred Bridge” by Anne Hillerman is a Leaphorn, Chee and Manuelito book in the Navajo Nation series. “Such a Pretty Smile” by Kristi DeMeester focuses on a killer whose victims are young trouble-maker girls. “Crimson Summer” by Heather Graham is about an apocalypse cult in Florida. “Kingdom of Bones”

by James Rollins is a Sigma Force thriller.

## Other novels

“Sea of Tranquility” by Emily St. John Mandel is a story of time travel set on Vancouver Island and a dark colony on the moon. “Brown Girls” by Daphne Palasi Andreades follows the lives of five immigrant young ladies living in Queens, New York. “What the Fireflies Knew” by Kai Harris is a coming-of-age story told by a young black girl. “No Land to Light On” by Yara Zgheib is about a young Syrian couple separated by the travel ban. “City of Shadows” by Victoria Thompson focuses on the negative effects on a widow of an unscrupulous medium. “Incur-sion” and “Conspiracy” by Lynn Moffett are books one and two of a series about mercenaries rounding up Christians in a small Colorado town.

## Books on CD

“The Investigator” by John Sandford is a Letty Davenport mystery. “Kingdom of Bones” by James Rollins is a Sigma Force thriller.

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“Robert Ludlum’s The Treadstone Transgression” by Joshua Hood is book three in the Treadstone series. “Daughter of the

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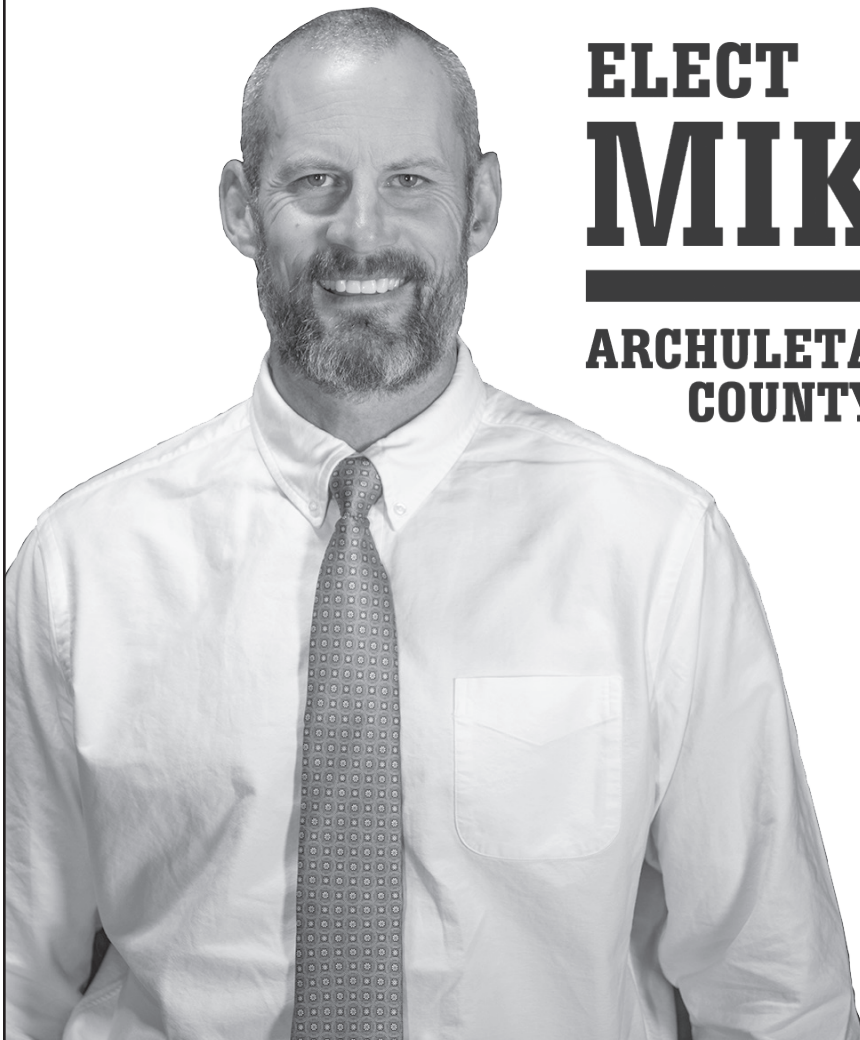


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# Healthy Archuleta features Community Learning and Leadership member Laurie Gutierrez

By 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.

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). A community-based participatory approach will be used to capture people's voices and lived experiences related to access to food and primary/preventive health care in Archuleta County.

Additionally, both food and health care organizations will have the opportunity to share in-



Photo courtesy Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Laurie Gutierrez.

formation as it relates to primary/preventive health care and food efforts.

Starting this week, Healthy Archuleta will share individual profiles of CLLC community members who are serving their community in this capacity. This week we are featuring CLLC member and long-time community member Laurie Gutierrez:

1. Health is the new wealth. What does that mean for you and your family's health in Archuleta County? "Health is the new wealth means that money is not the only reason for happiness. Health is fed by lifestyle, security, love and spirituality. Personally, my family and I find wealth in having a community where we are stable and safe. Where we have access to the food we want to eat, trails we want to hike and areas we can explore.

Health is not always measured or compared to being wealthy. I have always considered myself rich, not in money but in culture, family and friends and in opportunity."

2. What are your ties to Archuleta County? "I am a multigenerational Pagosa native. I was born in Durango, Colo., like many of us Pagosa natives are. I have lived in the area for my whole life. I have tried to live in other places, but as the old saying goes, 'There is no place like home.' My mother, father, sister and brother and their families still live in the area. We are surrounded by our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. My husband and I have raised our three daughters here in my hometown, because it is small, safe and we are surrounded by family and friends."

3. What do you see as your role on the CLLC for the Nutrition Security and Health Equity Assessment? "My role for the Nutrition security and Health Equity Assessment is contributing my knowledge of the community and the resources as well as helping inform other members of the CLLC and the community partners with information that they may be unaware of. I bring my voice, cultural responsiveness and awareness as well."

4. What is your vision for a Healthy Archuleta? "My vision for Healthy Archuleta is to include the community as a whole. I would like

to see community members understand what Healthy Archuleta has to offer to them and participate in programs or opportunities that Healthy Archuleta offers."

5. What do you think is critical about the dynamics of learning and leading on the CLLC for this assessment? "It is critical to have a variety of community members from different backgrounds, culture and economic status leading the CLLC

and helping with the Assessment. This diversity of the CLLC will capture our community and better the outcome of the assessment."

For more information about the health assessment, please contact us at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.org](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.org) or call (401) 371-3227. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, please visit our website, <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>.

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# Do you need all four parts of Medicare for TRICARE for life?

By **TRICARE Communications and Raymond Taylor**  
Archuleta County Veterans Service Office

Do you have Medicare, or will you soon be eligible to enroll? Medicare has four parts: A, B, C and D. It's important that you understand how each part differs and which parts you'll need for TRICARE For Life (TFL).

TFL provides secondary coverage to Medicare, which is known as Medicare-wraparound coverage. TFL is an individual entitlement. This means it's only available to military retirees and their eligible family members who qualify for Medicare. TRICARE enrollments for family members who aren't eligible for Medicare remain the same.

Here's what you need to know about the parts of Medicare.

## Medicare Part A: hospital insurance

You need Medicare Part A to have TFL coverage. Medicare Part A is hospital insurance funded through payroll taxes. It helps provide coverage for:

- Inpatient care in hospitals.
- Skilled nursing facility care.
- Some home health care.
- Hospice care.

Most people become eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A at age 65 if they worked and paid Social Security taxes for at least 10 years. If you aren't eligible for Medicare Part A based on your own work history, you may be eligible based on your spouse's work history. What if you aren't eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A based on your own or your spouse's work history? Check out the "TRICARE and Medicare: Turning Age 65 Brochure" for instructions on how to remain TRICARE eligible after you turn age 65.

Some people become eligible for Medicare before age 65 based on a disability or a health condition. Some qualifying conditions include end-stage renal disease or Lou Gehrig's disease. Check out the "TRICARE and Medicare Under Age 65" brochure for instructions on how to remain TRICARE eligible when you become eligible for Medicare before age 65.

## Medicare Part B: medical insurance

You also need Medicare Part B to have TFL coverage. Medicare Part B is medical insurance funded through monthly premiums. It helps cover:

- Services from doctors and other health care providers.
- Outpatient care.
- Home health care.
- Durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, and hospital beds).
- Preventive services (screening, vaccines, and yearly wellness visits).

## Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



As outlined in the "TRICARE and Medicare: Turning Age 65 Brochure," the Medicare Part B premium is based on your income and is taken from your monthly Social Security retirement or disability payment. If you aren't receiving either of these payments, you'll receive a bill every three months for your premiums.

Both Medicare Parts A and B make up Original Medicare. If you're eligible for Medicare Part A, you must have Part B to have TFL coverage. This requirement doesn't apply to active duty family members or to individuals who've been enrolled in the U.S. Family Health Plan continuously since Oct. 1, 2012.

"You should sign up for Medicare Part A and Part B when you're first eligible, to avoid a break in your TRICARE coverage, or having to pay a penalty," said Anne Breslin, TRICARE For Life program manager at the Defense Health Agency. "If you sign up for Medicare Part B after your Initial Enrollment Period, you may have to pay a late enrollment premium penalty for as long as you have Part B."

For information on parts C and D, see next week's "Veterans Corner."

## Grant allows Vets4Vets to help local veterans

Vets4Vets of Archuleta County has received a grant from the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This financial grant is to support veterans in our community through the following assistance: housing, utilities, mental health counseling, dental services, travel assistance, automobile repairs, gas and food cards, and emergency veteran assistance.

Contact Vets4Vets at <https://vets4vetspsco.org/> or [dharp@gmail.com](mailto:dharp@gmail.com).

## Contact information

Veterans: Thank you for your service. Welcome home.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office (VSO), located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The office: (970) 264-4013, fax number: (970) 264-4014, and email is [raytaylor@archuleta-county.org](mailto:raytaylor@archuleta-county.org). Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled

to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO. Always leave a message and phone number to contact you.

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- Veterans for Veterans: every

Tuesday at 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive, on all but the first Tuesday. Breakfast meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, Lewis Street. Contact Gary

Hanneman at (970) 946-2540.

• Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Dr. Carter's office; contact Charlotte at (970) 903-9690.

## Important information

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But sunshine can be an enemy when exposed to it at the wrong times of the day. Sunshine received before 10 am and/or after 3 pm, depending on where you live, is ideal. According to Dr. Zane Kime, sun exposure can also be dangerous for those who have a high-fat diet. Research from Dr. Kime in his seminal book, *Sunlight*, showed that there is a link between skin cancer and those who eat high levels of saturated, fatty foods (pork, beef, chicken, eggs), causing a higher level of LDL cholesterol in the body and skin.

Studies have shown with healthy amounts of exposure to the sun daily, the following benefits can be received:

- Blood pressure reduced
- Increase in blood output from the heart
- Stimulation of thyroid gland resulting in weight loss
- Increase of stress tolerance
- Depression can be eliminated
- Menopausal symptoms can be drastically lessened.

Consider Complexion When Enjoying Sunshine:

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5. Spend time in nature on a sunny day, allowing the beauty of the outdoors to relieve stress.
6. Reduce or eliminate fatty and fried foods from the diet to bring down bad cholesterol.
7. Open the window blinds and curtains and invite sunlight to flood your home, especially the kitchen, to allow germs to be killed naturally.
8. At bedtime, make your room as dark as possible to allow the perfect conversion of stored serotonin into melatonin, releasing it for Refreshing Rest.
9. Without staring directly into the sun, allow sunlight to hit your eyes.
10. Avoid sunscreen during short periods of sunbathing or use natural sunscreen.



# Vista Community Garden invites community members for garden social May 15

By **Rose Chavez**

Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The Vista Lake Community Garden continues to meet on a weekly basis each Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to plan and organize events and activities for the upcoming growing season. Anyone is invited to attend these weekly meetings.

Additionally, the Community Learning and Leadership Circle (CLLC) which oversees the leadership of the community garden, would like community members to save the date for Sunday afternoon, May 15, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for a garden social and cleanup, including the planting of cold-season crops like greens, peas, broccoli and more.

We will have a work day at the

site of the existing community garden located behind the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association at 230 Port Ave. Help us weed, amend the soil and then tuck in seeds and water them to get the season started. We will also have

some healthy snacks and opportunities for you to connect with your neighbors and fellow community members. You will also get the chance to learn about the future site of the Vista Lake Community garden, which includes 26

raised beds and a tilled community garden plot.

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## Veterans

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# Time to honor older Americans

By Kay Kaylor  
PREVIEW Columnist

I advocate for residents in skilled nursing and assisted living residences as the Region 9 long-term care ombudsman employed at the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA). Some of the many aging and care concerns will be addressed here.

The theme for this year's Older Americans Month is "Age My Way." Every May, the federal Administration for Community Living (ACL), which just celebrated its 10th anniversary, leads the nation's observance of this occasion. This year, the ACL will focus on aging in place so that older adults can plan to stay in their homes and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

As stated on its website, "The Administration for Community Living was created around the fundamental principle that older adults and people of all ages with disabilities should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and with the ability to participate fully in their communities."

At one time, the month of May

## Area Agency on Aging

was called Senior Citizens Month after a meeting in April 1963 between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens. Every president since has issued a proclamation asking the nation to pay tribute to older Americans.

Older Americans have decades of experiences and stories to share, and even people living with memory loss can talk about their earlier years. For an activity in May, students could interview their relatives or neighbors, and visitors and staff in the local care communities — Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes — might listen to and possibly record the personal stories of residents there. Share photos, music and artwork from the past to encourage discussion while keeping in mind that everyone has different interests and comfort levels.

Community leaders might con-

sider offering programs for the ever-increasing aging population, such as creating memory cafés and a dementia-friendly community, adding brain health classes, and building affordable housing for elders. Other ideas include expanding local funding for caregiving, transportation, activities and meal programs, as well as contributing to the new planned senior center.

Families, friends and the community also could organize a game night, music event or a workshop to help elders maintain their independence, such as teaching technology. The ACL website, [acl.gov/oam/2022/oam-2022-activity-ideas](http://acl.gov/oam/2022/oam-2022-activity-ideas), details these and other suggested activities.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or with Medicare; see [sjbaaa.org](http://sjbaaa.org). For further information and assistance, call (970) 264-0501 and listen to the recording to select an extension.

## Senior Center seeking 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.

### 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, May 5 — Pork red beans and rice, cauliflower salad,

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# Countywide Women's Bible Study learning about Calvinism and Arminianism

By Stan Counsell  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Countywide Women's Bible Study is progressing with a new topic that has often been seen as controversial, convoluted or misunderstood. But, as typical, the women's study will simplify and present it fairly without malice.

Although some understand this topic, many might not or have a vague understanding of it. And, without clarity, confusion can give birth to unwarranted friction within the body of Christ, even "pious" hostility. Just what are these two theologies? Where did they originate? Can they be easily understood?

This topic has already gathered, with great interest, the ears of the attending ladies. Pleasing education, made easy to understand, bounces off the walls as they learn truth from fiction, understanding from suspicions. Tragically, even well-meaning convictions, for one or the other theology, can be poorly articulated from the pulpit. Angst can sprout in the hearts of many hearers that can tarnish, to a degree, their service to the Lord. Why has something so simple become annoyingly convoluted?

With prayers and unending research, the study's facilitator has felt directed to, with complete fairness, present this issue that inhibits some, but certainly not all, churches. This discussion has already been quite innovated, open and joyfully guided. It will last for a series of Tuesdays. All interested

ladies are openly invited to visit this happy family of Christian believers. Your background is of no importance: Baptist, Charismatic, Protestant, Pentecostal or non-denominational. Even the spiritually curious are most welcomed.

John Calvin (1509-1564) was a former Roman Catholic who became a well-known reformer during the Protestant Reformation. He was a highly educated French theologian whose service to God was tirelessly extensive as a university professor, pastor, author and speaker. Staunch in his beliefs, many called him an unbridled polemicist, causing continual controversies with those whom he differed. His theology, known by many as "Calvinism," was strongly articulated in such topics as the sovereignty of God, depravity of mankind, limited atonement and predestination.

Jacobus Arminius (1560-1609), an early Calvinist, was a well-educated Dutch theologian, university professor, pastor and author who showed his intense mercy for others by rendering much-needed medical assistance during a deadly plague that swept Amsterdam. Although mild in temperament, he stirred contention by openly refuting Calvin's predestination beliefs. His objection to noted Calvinist beliefs later became known as "Arminianism."

So, just what is Calvinism? What is Arminianism? Why all the conflict then and seen today? A outwardly "mind-bending" topic will become easy to understand with

the love of Jesus.

Roberta ('Bert) Counsell is an ordained women's pastor, skilled Bible teacher, worship composer and former chaplain with the American Red Cross, U.S. Border Patrol and AIDS hospice/sexual addiction ministries over a span of 35 years. She knows that all need Jesus Christ's love, forgiveness and salvation. She is known for her humor and simplicity, a non-lecturing guide of the Lord's Word. She loves a casual atmosphere with continual laughing feedback from the ladies. She has been an active pastoral team with her husband of 37 years.

The difficult is easily addressed each Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship in the spacious confines of its fellowship hall. The address is 1044 Park Ave., right across the street from the Recreation Center. For more information or questions, please call Counsell at (970) 264-9931. She'll be happy to take your call. Remember to bring your Bible, laugh and join in the feedback.



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By Paulette Heber  
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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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 8, our theme is "Honoring our Mothers."

"For mothers are the first educators, the first mentors; and truly it is the mothers who determine the happiness, the future greatness, the courteous ways and learning and judgement, the understanding and the faith of their little ones." —

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# She got the job done

I was asked, "Who has had the most influence on your life?" I hadn't thought about it before. There have been many people. I've had wonderful teachers who have tipped the scales, opened a window to look through and stretched my mind beyond any formal education. They encouraged me to think rightly and for myself.

Many loyal lifetime friends gave me their time, energy and encouragement. They showed me how to love, forgive and search for a better me. But there is only one person who gave me a backbone and developed core values in me which I carry today.

When asked who had the most influence in my life, I paused and smiled, "It must've been my mother. I'm not sure where I'd be today if it hadn't been for her. She was really hard on my brothers and me. She meant business and we knew it."

I told her story and said that I realize how hard I've been on my friends and family, and added jokingly, "If you don't like me, blame my mother."

They looked surprised and teehed.

My mother was not about relationships. She was about getting the job done. Tough? Why was she so tough? Was it because life was tough on her? I thought back to a comment I heard years ago. "Your mother, at 13 years old, sat on her mother's grave and cried for weeks. The family made her come home."

Did she pour out all her heart on that grave? Maybe something broke inside her, possibly she couldn't trust love or she couldn't afford to be hurt again.

Warm and fuzzy? Not at all. A stay-at-home mother, on Monday she washed the clothes in a wringer washing machine. She hung them on the line in freezing weather and gathered them up stiff as boards. On Tuesday she ironed, Wednesday she cleaned house and the rest of the week was as predictable. She lived life as a job.

My mother, a widow at 36. With three teenagers, no insurance money and no way to support us, she lived life as a survivor. She had never worked outside the home. She got a job washing pots and pans in a junior high school cafeteria. She went to business school at night and landed a job at Sandia Labs in Albuquerque. She kept the family together. We never had to sleep on the streets or beg for bread.

She taught me, "Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves."

Still grieving, she came home from my dad's funeral and said to my brothers and me, "No kid of mine is going to lay around on the

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Betty Slade



*My brothers and I agree, "One thing for sure, mother taught us how to work. She told us there were no free lunches and if we didn't work, we didn't eat."*

couch. To stay out of trouble, I'm getting you a job."

In her 1955 green Chevrolet, she drove me to an ice cream shop. I was 13 when she totally embarrassed me and took me to see the manager. I don't know if the manager took pity on me or her, but I got the job.

My brothers and I agree, "One thing for sure, mother taught us how to work. She told us there were no free lunches and if we didn't work, we didn't eat."

She taught us if we borrowed money from her, she expected to be paid back. If she gave it to us as a gift, then it was a gift. After I had my family, she'd visit us. She kept her purse in her lap during the visit, and when she was finished talking business, she went home. She was all about getting the job done.

She loved to travel. She took each of my children on several trips. She had a wonderful relationship with them. My children saw their grandma differently than I did. When I asked my youngest daughter how she would describe her grandma, she said, "She wasn't flowery, but she was my best friend and buddy. She never missed a special occasion."

In her later life, I think it was my children who helped heal the hurt in her heart. I couldn't; I was too much like her.

Final brushstroke: My mother gave me something no one else could. She taught me to live with intention, and intention has been built into every stage of my life. Being like my mother, I have fought against those hard edges in me, sought to change and worked to have a softer heart toward those who are a big part of my life. My mother's influence has never left me, but hopefully the Lord has transformed me more into his image.

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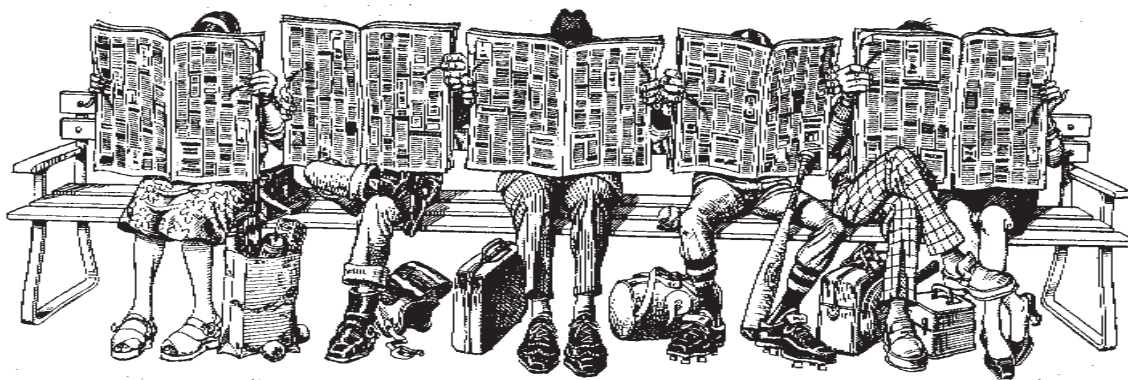


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Bear 399 and four cubs.

# This grizzly family comes with paparazzi

By Molly Absolon  
PREVIEW Columnist

## Writers on the Range

My neighbor is famous.

She has 50,000 followers on Facebook and a recent post on her page there had 4,200 likes, 250 comments and 400 shares within a day. When you Google her, roughly 125 million results come up. Born in 1996, she has had 18 children, including quadruplets born in 2020. She is Bear 399, the most famous grizzly in the Northern Rockies.

I've seen videos of Bear 399 and her offspring, including one from a security camera at the police station in downtown Jackson, Wyo., that showed five large bears strolling down a city street. But I've never seen the family in person. I'd like to, but part of me believes it's my responsibility as a wildlife lover not to try to find her.

People were looking for her this spring. They knew where she'd dened and, so, when the famous five emerged in Grand Teton National Park, 15 to 20 cars were wait-

ing. Word spread quickly, and soon roughly 100 vehicles lined the road to catch a glimpse of the group.

The bears are undeniably cute. They have a rolling, pigeon-toed gait that is amusing to watch. The cubs frolic around mama while she continues on her way, ignoring their antics, but always watching to make sure they are near. Their faces are expressive, their bodies roly-poly and cuddly. They play like kids with a harried mother who is slightly overwhelmed by her disorderly brood.

But therein lies a problem. Wildlife biologists have chosen not to name animals they study, instead giving them numbers for identification lest we anthropomorphize them. But that hasn't worked for 399.

Her life story and personality has made her beloved by people all over the world, and especially in her home around Jackson Hole. She seems to be used to the human attention. We relate to her life, her children and her adventures, ignoring that she is a wild grizzly bear. We forget that she can be as dangerous to us as we are to her.

Hilary Cooley, the grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said at a meeting of state and federal wildlife and land managers last August, "The future's not bright for these guys. They've been in a lot of trouble."

During the quadruplets' lives, they've gotten into livestock feed, human garbage and backyard beehives. In 2020, that happened five times. In 2021, it was 17 times, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service. They've walked through neighborhoods and they often cross highways. They're around popular trails where people hike, bike and run.

399 had one encounter with a

hiker in 2007 when the man — a friend of mine from Lander — stumbled upon her with her cubs feeding on an elk carcass. My friend doesn't blame 399 for attacking him, which caused some nasty bites. Still, it was a scary experience, and that's what seems to be missing in the media frenzy over 399.

She's not a toy. She's not a person. She's an unpredictable, large, omnivorous, intelligent animal that has discovered she can find easy food near humans and continues to teach her children that skill.

We've probably all heard the expression, "A fed bear is a dead bear." Studies show that eating human food or trash can turn a wild bear into a food-conditioned one. Suddenly the animal, which relies on a varied diet to maintain adequate weight for survival, has a new, easily accessible yummy food source: from a garbage can, a birdfeeder or a beehive. These bears grow less wary of humans and, over time, often become aggressive.

To its credit, Teton County, Wyo.,

has updated its land-development regulations. Beginning in July, residents will be asked to bear-proof garbage containers, livestock feed, birdfeeders, compost and beehives.

Still, Cooley, who works to save grizzlies, is not optimistic. She's told reporters she thinks it's likely one, two, or all of the family will have serious conflicts with humans during their lifetimes, leaving wildlife managers with a narrow range of options. And, to compound the problem, the family has moved south out of the park, toward trouble.

People can do a lot to help prevent this. For me, it means remembering that 399 is wild. It means not hopping into my car to go join the bear jam. It means making sure my property or my campsite is bear-proof. It means carrying bear spray.

It means trying not to be part of the problem.

Molly Absolon is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, [writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org), a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. She writes in Wyoming.

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**ELEMENTARY TEACHER NEEDED** at Del Norte Elementary School. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co) or contact Amy at (719)657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co).

**SATURDAY LABOR, 4 HOURS** per week: mow, dig, haul, paint, miscellaneous labor. \$30 per hour. Call (505)980-3782.

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**HUGE YARD SALE.** Don't miss this sale. You name it, we got it. Priced to sell. No early birds. Saturday and Sunday, 8a.m.-2p.m. 446 Midiron Ave. Cash only.

**GARAGE SALE FRIDAY** and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tons of stuff! Vintage clothing, costumes, household items. Arrowhead Drive.

**ESTATE/ GARAGE SALE.** 79 Chipper Court. Friday, Saturday, 9a.m.-3p.m.

**MOVING AFTER 40 YEARS** of accumulation. Make a fair offer- everything must go! Kitchen items, glassware, gardening tools, riding lawn mower with tiller, bedroom furniture, dressers and complete beds, antique china cabinet, couches, dining table and chairs, framed oil and print art, books, TVs and much more. 1869 CR 326, also known as the Upper Blanco Basin Road, south on Hwy. 84, 8 miles turn left on CR 326, 1.8 miles. This Friday and Saturday, 9a.m.-4p.m. May 6 and 7.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**MOVING SALE, 4001 CR 500.** Saturday and Sunday after 9a.m.

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**YARD SALE AT 29 SETTLER DR.** May 7 and 8, 7a.m.-3p.m.

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY YARD SALE and FOR SALE AD UPDATES** — [tinyurl.com/d64deel9](http://tinyurl.com/d64deel9). The Pagosa Springs SUN.

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**IF YOU LIKE PINA COLADAS** and getting caught in the rain, if you're not into yoga and have 1/2 a brain, if you like hiking at midnight in the mountains of Wolf Creek, I'm the friend that you've looked for; write to me and escape. Just for S&G. J.L.J. If you want to respond, place an ad in this column.

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## FOR SALE

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264-2100

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