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Council sets criteria for new workforce housing site

Would potentially replace South Pagosa Park location

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its May 3 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed criteria for new sites in its plan to create workforce housing, either for future developments or to potentially replace the site planned at South Pagosa Park.

The discussion came after an inconclusive work session on April 28 between town council and the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission.

■ See Housing A8

Town OKs first reading of short-term rental fee ordinance

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 982, "Short Term Vacation Rental Fee Implementation," at its May 3 meeting.

The ordinance, which town council members gave guidance on at their April 21 meeting, comes after voters approved Ballot Question A in the recent regular election.

The question asked if the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter should be amended to initiate a workforce housing fee for short-term rentals amounting to at least \$150 per month for each permitted bedroom with all fees dedicated to creation and sustainability of workforce housing.

The first reading of the ordinance was approved by all council members with the exception of Madeline Bergon.

Bergon cited her absence from the town council meeting at which

■ See Rental A8



Photos courtesy Stacey Barker

The Special Olympics Colorado Pagosa Springs team participates in a variety of track events during the Terry Alley Invitational on May 7 in Pagosa Springs.



County discusses landfill issues

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the recent landfill inspection and the future of the landfill at its May 10 work session.

The discussion began with Road and Bridge Manager Kevin Pogue, who is currently supervising Solid Waste after the departure of the previous director, and Julie Linn of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) presenting the results of the recent state landfill inspection to the BoCC.

Linn explained that "a couple of years ago" a consent order was issued in connection to the annual landfill inspection for "routine out-of-compliance issues."

She added that the inspector at the 2022 inspection was "very understanding of the fact that our previous landfill manager left under short notice and that Kevin pretty much picked this up with really short notice."

Linn then explained the violations found in the inspection, including a financial assurance update that was not completed in 2021 or 2022, a lack of a training plan for landfill staff in detecting types of waste as they arrive at the landfill, a deficiency in the application of intermediate cover to areas of the landfill that will not be used for months or years, an accumulation of windblown trash off of the landfill site and an accumulation of 20-40 inches of leachate at the bottom of the liner, in excess of the state regulations which allow up to 12 inches.

Pogue highlighted that the leachate accumulations are partially driven by the fact that the leachate removal system must be run manually and thus is not run on holidays or weekends, allowing leachate to accumulate.

He added that the department is currently working on automating the leachate removal system.

He also commented, "All the issues that... we've gotten written up on... we're already in the process of putting together game plans of how to remedy everything."

He continued to explain that the

■ See Landfill A8

County approves land-use changes, reconsiders marijuana regulations

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its April 27 meeting, the Archuleta County Planning Commission discussed and unanimously approved a new version of the proposed Land Use Regulations (LUR) revisions being presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

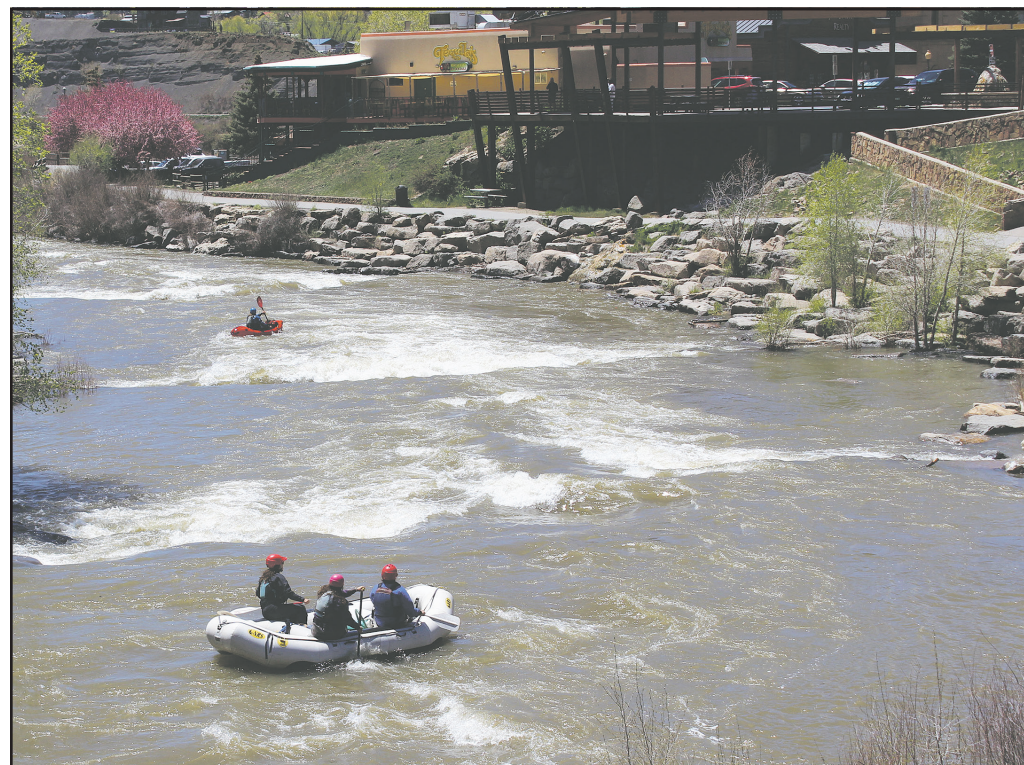
The new version resulted from the April 5 BoCC work session, where the commissioners requested changes to the previous version of the revisions, especially those concerning marijuana regulations, as previously covered in The SUN. The BoCC also heard public comment on the revisions at its April 5 meeting where several elements of the proposed regulations were criticized.

The proposed LUR changes recommended at the April 27 meeting added new regulations on marijuana cultivation as well as changes to rules concerning building on slopes to bring the LUR in line with the county building code.

The proposed marijuana rules restricted personal and caregiver medical marijuana growing to parcels containing a legal dwelling and required that the grower reside on the property where the marijuana is being grown while it is being grown.

The proposed rules also kept the limitation that only six marijuana plants can be cultivated per person for recreational use with a total of 12 plants allowed per property. Medical marijuana plants were limited to 12

■ See Marijuana A15



SUN photo/
Josh Pike
Kayakers and rafters take to the high water on the San Juan River through downtown Pagosa Springs on Tuesday.

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EDITORIAL

It's complicated

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has served both Archuleta County and La Plata County since 1948.

The organization has served both counties well over the years. Not everything has been perfect, and regrouping and reorganizing has been necessary at times.

In 2020, the agency responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Things got complicated very fast when schools were told to close and businesses were shut down.

No one needs to remind us of the outrage we witnessed from some over business closures, mask mandates and vaccines.

What we do know is that our COVID cases and death rates have been lower than many areas and we believe that is due to the diligence and hard work of the staff and leadership of SJBPH.

Since the pandemic began, we have attended multiple public meetings and heard people complain about the health department, mask mandates, school closures and vaccines, even when sometimes those were decisions made by the governor and not by SJBPH.

Those same people have spoken on many occasions to the SJBPH Board of Health (BoH) during its meetings with absolutely no public response to their concerns from the board.

We heard the complaints regarding SJBPH voiced over and over at school board meetings, town council meetings and at the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' (BoCC) meetings. Those complaints were often not addressed by public officials.

After hearing concerns from constituents, the BoCC convened the Health District Investigative Committee (HDIC) to determine if our county should set up its own health district and exit SJBPH.

Members of that committee wanted answers to questions that they claimed they were not getting.

Multiple SJBPH staff members were in attendance at HDIC meetings. They did not speak up, nor were they called upon by the committee.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf was requested to answer questions from the HDIC. Schaaf also serves on the BoH as the liaison between the two organizations. He is responsible for reviewing and voting on policy and was provided with board packets with tons of information and documentation during his term. Schaaf should have the information and

experience to answer those questions.

After the committee requested multiple documents and asked numerous questions of SJBPH, some claimed that they never got all of the answers. We never heard any pertinent questions asked of Schaaf.

SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jolon noted many errors in the HDIC's findings, which complicated things even more. She also mentioned that on multiple occasions during the pandemic, SJBPH requested meeting time with the BoCC. If you do not allow agencies that you fund to provide you with reports and updates, you do not have the right to criticize those agencies.

Archuleta County partners with La Plata County when it comes to the health district. It is sort of a marriage of the two counties.

Following the HDIC's study, no clear direction or action was adopted by the BoCC concerning the marriage with La Plata County.

When pushed for clarification by La Plata County Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton, who also serves on the BoH, regarding a decision by the BoCC to stay or leave the health district, Schaaf explained that the BoCC basically stated that they never decided to leave, so no vote was needed to stay.

Unfortunately, when one partner does not communicate well with the other partner, things get messier and become more complicated.

Allegations of corruption and fraud pertaining to SJBPH were made during public comment at a BoCC meeting in March, with no one coming to the defense of the agency. No one from the staff or board were present except for Schaaf.

BoH member Shere Byrd commented about the article in The SUN, "I was a little bit distressed that nobody said that we don't have any evidence of fraud and corruption at SJBPH. I mean, how would you feel if ... Archuleta County was called corrupt and fraudulent? It's a pretty serious allegation to make against an organization in public and so I guess what I'd like to know is, underneath all that, does Archuleta County believe that ... SJBPH is corrupt and fraudulent? This is something that needs to be corrected on the public record."

We are unaware of anything being corrected by the BoCC on the public record regarding those allegations following the concern being voiced.

At some point in the relationship, you

might find yourself giving up on your spouse and the marriage.

That might have been the case last month, when the BoH held a work session to discuss this district. Schaaf informed that he would be attending by Zoom. He was unaware that he would not be able to speak during the meeting if he were not present.

It makes us wonder if the BoH really wanted to hear from Schaaf.

Following that work session, Porter-Norton told The SUN that she did not know why Schaaf was not promoted as a panelist during that meeting, which would have allowed him to speak.

During the meeting, Porter-Norton highlighted that La Plata 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 ... 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.

It was as no surprise that the BoH then followed up with recommending that the district be dissolved.

We encourage La Plata County and Archuleta County to come together to have the important discussion needed concerning the health district.

We see no need to dissolve a long-standing, well-functioning district. We can still correct the course.

The health and safety of the citizens of both counties should be placed above all other concerns.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 12, 1922

Lumber and sawmill men of the county received a staggering blow the first of the week, when word was received from the D.&R.G. Western that after June 1st the company would not receive or contract any more railroad ties for two years, the supposition being that the company has sufficient ties on hand for that period. The news is a distinct shock to the timber interests here, as the tie feature has kept the smaller mills going through the winter months when the sale of lumber was uncertain. All are hoping that the company will reverse its decision within a short time, or that the building of the southern outlet will furnish a market for one of this country's principal products.

Owing to the bad roads, the mail carrier failed to make the round trip on the Dyke-Bayfield route Wednesday, but completed the trip yesterday.

The Hatcher Hdw. Co. has this week installed an automatic air compressor to go with their service station. An air hose will be on the sidewalk curb for public use — day or night. The compressor being automatic there will always be air.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 2, 1947

First practical steps toward coordinating efforts toward the establishment of a community center here were taken Wednesday night in the Metropolitan Cafe. The Pagosa Springs Community Council was formed with its objective the fostering of youth activities and its most ambitious aim the construction of a memorial community center building. A committee was named to draw up bylaws to be presented at the next council meeting, May 21. Included on the committee are Jerry Sheridan, Mrs. Al Thomson, J.B. Belarde, Ray Macht and Rev. H.H. Hughes. The group, representing 13 Pagosa Springs organizations, stressed the fact that any social, fraternal or patriotic group in the county is invited to join with them in furthering the plan. Each organization will be represented on the board of directors which will guide the youth facilities and the community center.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 11, 1972

Oiling and paving is evident on all sides this week. The State Highway Department has had another coat put on at the east edge of town from the Forest Service office to the Y, the oiling at the highway project west of town is completed, and paving is underway in town. The streets on Mesa Heights have been surfaced, work is underway in the Town Park, and there will be some oiling of access and parking areas at the elementary school.

1972 is the driest year since 1938 in Pagosa Springs. Official U.S. Weather Observation Station records show that total precipitation in 1972 to May 1 was 1.39 inches. In the period above the average precipitation for the first four months of the year is 4.92 inches. There is no year of record in that time when precipitation was less than three inches for the first four months of the year.

More signs of spring appear every day, highway traffic is up, and fishing is some better. Weather conditions, mainly the wind, have made fishing just a little on the bare bones side.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 15, 1997

Mabel Barber, a teacher's aid at Pagosa Springs High School, has been named one of five recipients of the Fort Lewis College Educational Talent Search Academic Service Award for 1997. She was recognized for the extra effort she gives the students both in the high school resource room and in the regular classroom. Besides spending additional hours beyond her regular responsibilities to provide students the extra help they need to succeed. Barber also volunteers her own time and energy to help students who don't qualify for special education programs but require extra assistance to succeed in the classroom.

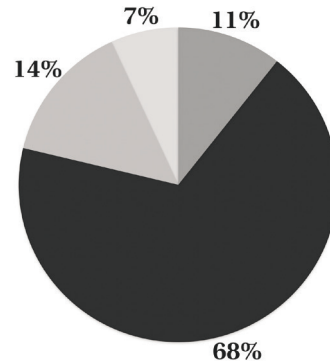
Members of the local board received information at their Tuesday meeting updating them on progress with construction of the new high school. According to Robert Lea of Baldwiin Construction Management, the original budget for site work was \$1,003,920. Lea reported contract amounts for the work, including bond, total \$973,640, putting the first phase of work more than \$30,000 under budget.

WHADDYA THINK?

Does Archuleta County have the capacity to set up its own health district?

Poll results (160 votes)

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'Go figure'

Dear Editor:
So how does a destroyer of democracy, draft dodger, oath breaking Ex-President become in some's opinion the greatest president since Reagan? While these same folks, if they lived next door, you'd say are good folk & great neighbors? That's the \$64k? The only...I mean only, correlate more than Europe, is the rapid secularization of America, as all other major changes are happening globally. Highly ironic for the conservative race conscious 'red' group in America, their culture, values, etc match up with those in Africa & Arab countries while the 'blue' liberal secular

group matches w/Scandinavia.

Hijabs ladies...no, well take the "Roe v. Wade" leak, hopefully you know you're guaranteed religious freedom or none so what's with "More than a half-dozen major religions and denominations, including Reform Judaism and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), support abortion rights with few or some limits," plus do you believe in the majority rule...roughly 70% of American's may not like abortion but want women to have the choice of their lives. Morality disconnect...those who are against abortion generally wouldn't lift a finger or respect anyone else's right to life...cause their...born(???) and would not support any tax increase to have the Gov't care for the child to maturity or medically care for the women who used "hangers" to escape a life w/an unwanted child? Control over life's forces is a scarcity so if morality is your driver why believe life only has value as a fetus?

Russia was...is...and will likely always be a 'bad actor.' This country has killed millions of their own, Eastern Europeans & Ukrainian citizens...but...if Donnie wants to be friends...Heey, if you're a 'red' conservative...maybe their OK? So much for the GOP conservative anti-commie & pro-life foam-at-the-mouth gobblegook. If you missed it, red is the color of communism.

The US has spent \$billions & thousands of lives defending the Arab Mideast countries....guess who...are neutral on Russia's destruction of the Ukraine. And now Dubai has thrown open the door to Russia's wealthy seeking to escape sanctions. What, OPEC says...the West wants 'us' to pump more oil...to reduce global inflation...why, 'we're making tons of money?' Sound familiar, the GOP SCOTUS judges ruled 'money is free speech.' It's certainly the current measurement of morality for many of the righteous religious around the world.

The world recognizes mankind is the driver of the evils of Climate Change. Said simply, earth is not going to be somewhere you want to be in 50 years. Yet most of those individuals controlling economies have children/grandchildren; but still can't resist milking the energy of yesterday to create inheritances regardless of the grandchild's likely fate...go figure?

Dave Blake

'Dangerous extremist'

Dear Editor:
I have written before of the misuse of language by politicians to either demonize those opposed to the politician's agenda or to disguise the real meaning of the words they say. On May 4th Joe Biden did it again. He termed any Make America Great Again (MAGA) person to be a dangerous extremist.

In other words, Biden has labeled the 74 million Americans who voted for Donald Trump to

be dangerous extremists. More personally, the man occupying the Oval Office called me a dangerous extremist. His words were intended to inflame the radical left, falsely describe nearly half of all Americans who voted in the 2020 election, and to demonize any American opposed to the on-going Biden litany of disastrous policies.

The Biden regime clearly considers anyone who believes that life begins at conception to be a dangerous extremist. Again, anyone who believes that there are actually only two genders (male and female (as determined by their God-given genitalia) is a dangerous extremist. It would seem that Biden and his cronies also believe that any American who wishes to own a firearm falls into the same category. If anyone believes that perhaps it would be wise to have actual control over who enters our country, then you are a dangerous extremist as well. Moreover, if you are foolish enough to think that there is something to be concerned about the more than 100,000 deaths of young Americans between the ages of 18 to 45 from fentanyl overdoses as a result of our open southern border, then you are once again a dangerous extremist. If you have any objection to all white people being falsely labeled as "racists", then you are a dangerous extremist. Should you consider it an absurdity to have biological men compete against actual women athletes, you are a dangerous extremist. If you mistakenly think that our founding fathers like Washington, Jefferson, and Adams were men to be admired and imitated, then you are also a dangerous extremist. If you suffer from a "misunderstanding" that America is a good country with a proud history, you are a dangerous extremist as well. If you might have some idea that it really isn't a good idea to push transgenderism on impressionable very young children, then you are once again a dangerous extremist.

This is Joe Biden's upside-down world. What is normal is dangerous. What is dangerous is "normal." This is the quintessential case of the "pot" calling the "kettle" black. It is the people running the show in Washington who are the real dangerous extremists. Thanks for united our nation, Mr. Biden.

Richard Bolland

'Durango Air Tanker Base'

Dear Editor:
The 21-year-old Durango Air Tanker Base, operated by the San Juan National Forest, is in dire need of maintenance. A recent engineering study revealed the need to resurface the base ramp -- the area where firefighting air tankers taxi and are loaded with fire retardant. Repairs to the ramp are estimated at \$1,000,000.

In 2001, Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, who secured the funding for the base, spoke at the dedication in the backdrop of the historic Missionary Ridge Fire. He spoke of the base's mission to provide air support to all federal, state, local and tribal firefighters across Southwest Colorado. Boundaryless firefighting partnerships protect our southwestern Colorado landscape and communities. In 2001, the Durango ATB pumped more than a million gallons of retardant in support of that mission, and the base has been a peak performer ever since.

Unfortunately, the San Juan National Forest does not have \$1,000,000 budgeted to complete the necessary maintenance and the Forest Service budget process is long, cumbersome and competitive. And as we say in wildland firefighting: "Hope is not an operational concept."

I ask my fellow citizens of Southwest Colorado to contact Rep. Lauren Boebert and Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper and urge them to work with the U.S. Forest Service to secure funding to complete this maintenance in a timely manner. Help protect our communities and wildlands in this beautiful corner of Colorado.

Bob Dettmann
Durango

Public health: 'Stop the grandstanding and insults'

Dear Editor:
Our erstwhile County Commissioners, having flung insults and

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Letters

■ **Continued from A3**
 attacks at San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) for most of the past two years, now express surprise that the SJBPH board is questioning the viability of its relationship with Archuleta County. My question for the County Commissioners is, "what did you think was going to happen?" Long ago, my mother taught me that words have consequences. If you constantly insult and attack someone, negative consequences will happen sooner or later. The straw that broke the camel's back seems to have come last month when our County Commissioners provided a prominent public forum to a small group of anti-public health extremists who do not represent the wishes or views of most Archuleta County residents. And then seemed to express approval for much of what that group had to say.

Here is the truth about public health in Archuleta County. Thanks in large part to the effective work of SJBPH, along with other health agencies in our area, Archuleta County has had a lower death rate from COVID-19 than most of the country. Everyone who wanted to get vaccinated could easily do so here. Testing was easily available. Our public health agency's Director won an award from the state for her effective work. And here is another truth: If the relationship between Archuleta County and SJBPH cannot be repaired, we in this county will be spending more for less in the way of public health services. Just the opposite of the fiduciary responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to the county's citizens. It is time for the members of our BOCC to stop the grandstanding and insults, and to start making a serious effort to repair the relationship with our

very effective public health agency. If they don't, we will all be paying more and getting less.

John Farley

UPS driver delivers help

Dear Editor:

Rebekah fell in our living room yesterday. Her slippers caught the edge of the carpet that was sticking up. I, her husband, tried for thirty minutes to pick her up and put her back on her feet. At 89 I just did not have the strength to maneuver her back onto her feet. I called a neighbor. He was not home. Then the Holy Spirit prompted me to walk to the head of our driveway and flag someone down. In less than a minute a UPS truck came by. I signaled the driver to stop; and he did. His name was Justin. He was eager to be of help. He picked Rebekah up and placed her in a chair. He was a strong, young and kind man.

I think this is one of those God-stories that needs to be circulated.

Peter Laue

Here or there

Dear Editor:

I saw this comment on facebook earlier this year. It apparently was a sign at the entrance to a small rural community in Idaho. It may be appropriate for our own community, Pagosa Springs. I am sure a lot of people will get a chuckle out of it and probably irritate some people. Thank you for your consideration in publishing this.

"You came from there because you didn't like there and now you want to change here to be like there. We are not racist, phobic, or anti- whatever you are, we simply like here the way it is and most of us actually came here because it is not like there, wherever there was.

You are welcome here, but please stop trying to make here like there. If you want here to be like there you should not have left there to come here, and you are invited to leave here and go back there at your earliest convenience."

Greg Schick

'Do better'

Dear Editor:

I submitted a letter a couple of weeks ago in which I opined that Lauren Boevert is a traitor to our country due to her participation in phone calls with the White House, planning the January 6th insurrection. In a response letter last week, Ms Boevert's phone conversations were referred to as committee work. Exactly what committee was that I wonder? The House Select Committee to Prevent the Peaceful Transfer of Power? Perhaps they just referred to it as the Coup Committee for short.

The writer of the letter then went on with the usual litany of complaints against Joe Biden (and Hillary Clinton — Benghazi again), calling his policies treasonous. Every administration that I can remember has enacted policies that I do not like. Every administration is governing a country full of people who disagree on the proper course our country should take. I get it — I write letters and complain and campaign for better candidates but I know that there will never be a leader that makes me happy all of the time. Just because I don't like (or actually despise) a policy, does not necessarily make it treasonous. But participating in a plan to overthrow the democratically elected government, within weeks of being elected herself, is a whole other matter.

I suspect that Ms. Boevert was quite ignorant of her appropriate

role in government but that does not excuse her behavior. The fact that so many people who were elected in that election keep insisting that it was fraudulent, just has to make a person wonder — if the presidential election was a fraud, what makes you think that everyone down ballot was elected without fraud?

In any case, Ms. Boevert's behavior has been beyond the pale. Not only did she conspire with the plotters to overthrow the democratically elected president (who won by 7 million votes), she has consistently voted against any legislation that would help her constituency just because it was legislation proposed by the opposing party. The fact that infrastructure money is being funneled to our county is not because of anything that Ms. Boevert has done, although she and her fellow no-voters are eager to take credit for it.

We have an opportunity to correct this problem by voting her out of office. This person did not even carry her own county in the last election — what does that tell you? How about we try to elect someone who takes the job seriously and is not constantly posturing and posing with her gun or cat-calling the president while he is speaking or plotting a coup? I envision someone who can work with her own party and across the aisle to deliver the best outcomes for CD3. Is that too much to ask? I really do think we can do better.

Lee Stopher

Abortion

Dear Editor:

As an adoptive mother, I found myself incensed to write this letter. Women that believe in abortion and would abort a baby, I want to give you some advice before getting pregnant:

1. Don't have sex to start with.
2. Use birth control
3. Let someone adopt your baby.
4. If you want an abortion, do it very early in the pregnancy

Are you going to wait too long to have your unwanted baby aborted? Do you want your baby to feel tremendous pain by being literally torn apart in an abortion procedure?

Right now I feel like we are living in China. What has happened to our country that we have become so evil

If my children had been aborted by their biological mothers, my life would have been so empty. They have grown-up to be beautiful, funny, intelligent people that the world would have missed. I thank God everyday that I have had the wonderful experience knowing them.

Georgia Sutherland

More town cleanup opportunities on tap

By Dorothy Elder
 Staff Writer

From May 16 to May 21, residents of the Town of Pagosa Springs can drop off trash and debris for free during the town's cleanup week event.

The town will assist residents in cleaning up the community by accepting trash and debris, at no charge, at dumpsters at the town lagoon location at 976 S. 5th St.

The dumpsters will be open and

accepting trash from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the weekdays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 21.

Those bringing trash must be a resident of a property within town limits, and proof of residency will be required, the town's announcement states. If an individual is unsure if their property falls within town limits, they can call Town Hall at (970) 264-4151, ext. 400.

Residents who cannot bring their own items to the dumpsters because of a hardship can also call Town Hall to coordinate assistance. The town will not accept household trash, hazardous materials, engines, batteries, paint, tires, appliances with Freon, construction materials, TVs and electronics, according to the announcement.

Those wishing to remove a junk vehicle can do so by calling Public Works at (970) 264-4151, ext. 400. Proof of vehicle ownership and release is required for the town to assist in disposal.

A cemetery cleanup will take place the following week, from May 23 to May 31, during which residents can place cemetery trash and debris at the nearest roadside ditch for pickup. The removal of dilapidated installations is encouraged during this cleanup, and no dumpsters will be provided during this week.

The town will issue notices and a municipal court summons after

cleanup week to property owners who are in violation of Municipal Code 11.1.3 Public Nuisance. Therefore, the announcement by the town urges residents to take advantage of the event.

"Over the past two decades, the visible pride in our community has increased dramatically," Mayor Shari Pierce wrote in the town's announcement. "Neighborhoods keep looking better every year. Once again, I would like to personally urge you to participate in Clean-Up Week 2022."

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Services

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Jan. 6, 1939-May 8

Services will be held May 14 at the downtown Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Pagosa Springs. A eulogy will be read at 9:30 a.m. and a Mass of Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. A reception is scheduled to follow after the Mass of Resurrection. There will be a private burial for immediate family at a later date.



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Business



County implements merit-based pay increases and probationary periods

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved Resolution 2022-36, implementing merit-based pay increases and probationary periods for county employees, at its May 3 meeting.

The merit-based pay increase system will involve “no less than annual” reviews by supervisors, who will rate employee performance on a one-to-five scale in several categories, according to the amended employee handbook.

Merit-based pay increases recommended by supervisors will be reviewed and decided upon by the department official and the county manager.

The new policies also allow the BoCC to, at its discretion, implement cost-of-living increases to

wages in addition to merit increases — something the board has traditionally considered when approving the budget.

The changes also implement three-month probationary periods for new hires and current employees who move into new positions within the county.

These probationary periods can be extended up to nine months at the recommendation of the employee's supervisor and during this period new hires are disallowed from using vacation time.

The rules concerning vacation time do not apply to current county employees in new positions.

At the meeting, Human Resources Director Tina Woodman commented, “We need to provide a consistent basis for compensating our employees and providing guidelines for hiring, promoting, transferring ... and demoting our

employees, and implementing a merit-increase program would be a great benefit to the county and to the county employees. It's an opportunity to show the employees they are appreciated and valued, it will help to retain our employees, and it will make us more competitive and attractive to candidates.”

Woodman also commented, on the subject of probationary periods, “It will give our supervisors and department heads the opportunity to ensure that a new employee can perform the functions of a position and that the person is a good fit for the department. And, it also gives the new employee exposure to the department, their work and their co-workers and the opportunity to make sure it's a good fit for them.”

“I know it's very important our employees and their welfare and we to do our diligence in making sure that they're gettin' paid or at least

we're trying to get them paid for their work and what they contribute to the organization,” Commissioner Ronnie Maez said, adding, “Nobody ever gets paid enough, I'll state that, but, you know, the thing is, we need to be at least ... close to enough as we can be.”

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf expressed agreement with Maez, thanked Woodman for her work and added, “This is something that we're so far behind in reference to this ... even just neighboring communities that are half our size tend to take care of their employees a lot better than we do. So, I think this is a good step in the right direction.”

Commissioner Warren Brown highlighted the amount of work revising the employee handbook took and thanked Woodman for “putting the effort in to make this a better working environment for all of us.”
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Sales tax revenues see slowed rise

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

Archuleta County saw slowed increases in sales tax revenue in February and March, according to reports released by Archuleta County Finance Director Louise Woods.

According to Woods' reports, each of those months saw an increase in revenue compared to the same month a year prior.

February saw the larger increase, with 9.4 percent higher revenue in February than the previous year and 2.5 percent higher revenue in March than the previous year.

February

Woods notes in her report that the town and the county jointly received \$1,224,285.53 in sales tax revenue for the month of February, with \$611,635.29 going to the town and \$612,650.24 going to the county.

February sales tax revenues are up 9.4 percent, or \$105,495.00, compared to February 2021.

According to Woods' report, the categories that are up in comparison to February 2021 include:

- Construction at 75.51 percent, or \$12,817.
- Manufacturing at 6.03 percent, or \$2,147.
- Retail Trade at 3.44 percent, or \$21,409.
- Information at 12.66 percent, or \$2,802.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 23.49 percent, or \$1,194.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 20.55 percent, or \$43,776.
- Other Services (except Public Administration) at 46.71 percent, or \$6,107.
- Miscellaneous at 3.99 percent, or \$6,721.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 40.64 percent, or \$8,771.

Categories that were down for

February in the month-to-month comparison include:

- Finance and Insurance at 36.32 percent, or \$248.

Woods also provided a year-to-date comparison for January through February 2021 compared to January through February of this year.

Woods notes that, on this basis, sales tax revenues for January through February of this year are 6.8 percent, or \$160,268.26, higher than January through February 2021.

According to Woods' report, the categories that are up in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Retail Trade at 3.1 percent, or \$40,827.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 9.8 percent, or \$46,905.
- Miscellaneous at 10.8 percent, or \$40,350.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 21.2 percent, or \$12,604.
- Construction at 46 percent, or \$30,277.
- Other Services (except Public Administration) at 29.6 percent, or \$10,795.
- Information at 17.6 percent, or \$9244.

The categories down in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Manufacturing 23.9 percent, or \$21,439.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 64.6 percent, or \$8,978.
- Finance and Insurance at 22 percent, or \$318.

March

Woods notes in her report that the town and the county jointly received \$1,425,792.46 in sales tax revenue for the month of March, with \$713,774.98 going to the town and \$712,017.48 going to the county.

March sales tax revenues are 2.5 percent, or \$35,088.00, higher than March 2021.

According to Woods' report, the categories that are up in compari-

son to March 2021 include:

- Construction at 91.94 percent, or \$17,089.
- Manufacturing at 56.67 percent, or \$22,003.
- Retail Trade at 3.86 percent, or \$29,461.
- Information at 20.33 percent, or \$4,347.
- Miscellaneous at 19.12 percent, or \$34,188.

Categories that were down for the March month-to-month comparison include:

- Finance and Insurance at 24.39 percent, or \$229.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 21.21 percent, or \$8,819.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 14.61 percent, or \$40,093.
- Other Services (except Public Administration) at 4.45 percent, or \$973.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 70.19 percent, or \$21,885.

Woods notes that on the year-to-date comparison, sales tax revenues for January through March of this year are 5.2 percent, or \$195,356, higher than January through March 2021.

According to Woods' report, the categories that are up in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Retail Trade at 3.3 percent, or \$70,288.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 1 percent, or \$6,812.
- Miscellaneous at 12.7 percent, or \$73,538.

son to March 2021 include:

- Manufacturing 0.4 percent, or \$564.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 4.1 percent, or \$3,786.
- Construction at 46.7 percent, or \$47,366.
- Other Services (except Public Administration) at 17.1 percent, or \$49,831.
- Information at 17.4 percent, or \$13,591.

The categories down in the year-to-date comparison included:

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 133 percent, or \$30,863.
- Finance and Insurance at 25.4 percent, or \$546.

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County considers proposal for joint grant writer

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its May 3 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed the possibility of establishing a joint grant writing resource for the Town of Pagosa Springs and the county in partnership with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC).

The grant writing resource proposal was presented by Emily Lashbrooke, CDC executive director.

Lashbrooke suggested hiring a grant writer to assist nonprofits throughout the community in writing grants.

She also mentioned that the proposed grant writer could assist in covering gaps in grant writing by the town and the county.

Lashbrooke proposed that the town and the county both contribute \$15,000 to help fund the grant writer for one year.

She mentioned that Town Manager Andrea Phillips had expressed support for the proposal and also referenced that the town and the county are short-handed and thus unable to pursue grants.

Lashbrooke also explained that any initiative utilizing the grant writer's services would pay a fee to

help fund the position, albeit at a reduced rate.

She added that the grant writer would work as a contractor for the CDC.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez inquired if the grant writer would be exclusive to the county and town, to which Lashbrooke responded that the grant writer would work exclusively for the local community, avoiding competition with other counties, and would prioritize the town and the county.

Lashbrooke also added, in response to a question about the potential grant writer's history of success, that the candidate had been the runner-up for the recently hired Region 9 grant-writing position.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he felt the county had missed funding due to not having staff available for grant writing before inquiring when Lashbrooke would like the candidate to begin if the proposal is approved.

Lashbrooke responded that she hoped the candidate could start by June 1 to allow them to complete certain tasks before additional infrastructure funding for broadband becomes available in September.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf commented that he thinks the proposal is a good idea.

Maez questioned whether the grant writer would create another layer of bureaucracy that would slow the receipt of grant funding or whether having the position would expedite the process.

Lashbrooke responded that the grant writer would increase the speed of grants by ensuring that a staff member is closely monitoring the grant process.

Maez inquired whether the grant writer could assist county staff in completing grants currently in progress, to which Lashbrooke responded yes.

Maez then added that, because he had not heard of such a grant writing position before, he is "a little edgy" but that, at \$15,000, he is willing to take the risk of funding the position.

Brown commented, "If we don't have someone writing grants, our chance of getting a grant is exactly zero. ... If we were to have this grant writer and they write one successful grant, chances are we will recoup that money if not increase it ... 10-fold, five-fold ... potentially. But, if we don't play, we're not going to win. And this is the only way that we can, as a community, play to have a dedicated grant writer to make sure that we are putting in, selectively and responsibly, but

for as many available grants that there are."

Brown also added that, even if the county had presented \$15,000 and received zero dollars in grants, the county has spent money "more unwisely" in the past.

Maez inquired of Lashbrooke, "Would you say we would see success within her first year?" Lashbrooke responded, "Without one hesitational doubt."

Lashbrooke also explained that, if the county expresses support for the project, she will present it to the town council, draft a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and present that to the BoCC for approval.

County Manager Derek Woodman commented that having a staff member dedicated to grant writing and reporting would be valuable and would allow the county to refocus its staff on their assigned positions.

Woodman also added that the grant reporting is "cumbersome" and that the county could use money saved from vacant positions to fund the grant-writing position. Schaaf and Maez concluded the discussion by stating that they feel the proposal is a good idea and that Lashbrooke should proceed in presenting it to the town.

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Pagosa Springs Car Show slated for June 10-11

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The 13th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show is slated for June 10 and 11 on Lewis Street. The Street Party will take place Friday evening, 5 to 8 p.m., where the public can get the first viewings of the classic cars. The Show and Shine event will take place on June 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the awards ceremony following.

Lewis Street will be closed beginning June 10 at 10 a.m. until June 11 at about 4 p.m. On Friday night, June 10, the Pagosa Springs Police Department will offer a free movie in the athletic field about 9 p.m. The movie will, of course,

have a car theme associated with the showing. Both days will feature live music, food and retail vendors. Children's activities will also be highlighted on June 11.

Instead of bogging down our attendees in paperwork, the public will be able to vote online for their favorite cars. We are excited about the new additions to this year's Car Show and we hope the public will enjoy the enhancements as well. You can register your car for the Car Show online at: www.pagosachamber.com.

Questions related to the Car Show can be directed to Elizabeth Thomas, events coordinator, or Mary Jo Coulehan, executive director, at (970) 264-2360.



Devin Fulton

PFPD promotes Fulton from firefighter to lieutenant

Pagosa Fire Protection District

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) announces the promotion of Devin Fulton from firefighter to lieutenant effective May 7.

Fulton began his volunteer firefighting career with PFPD in August 2014. He was hired as a full-time paid firefighter in November 2017. His primary responsibility will be management of A Shift.

Fulton is qualified as a structure

firefighter and wildland firefighter. He has additional training in vehicle extrication, hazardous materials, swift-water rescue and ice rescue. He currently holds certificates for Fire Officer I and Instructor I.

Fire Chief Randy Larson said, "Lt. Fulton has been a dedicated member of the PFPD for almost eight years. His dedication and hard work have prepared him for this position. I expect him to be an excellent fire officer."

Airport receives pavement repair funding

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

On May 2, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) announced that Stevens Field is the recipient of \$509,788 in Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant and Federal Aviation Improvement Program (AIP) funding.

According to County Manager Derek Woodman, the funding will be used for crack filling and sealing on the airport runways and taxiways.

Airport Manager Chris Torres elaborated in an email to The SUN, explaining that the sealing work

will be performed on all asphalt pavements, runway 1/19, taxiways A, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5 and B, and the main and north GA aprons.

He explains that the airport's current Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating places it in the "fair" category according to CDOT, "which allows for localized maintenance (crack sealing, joint sealing, and painting)."

He adds that the contract for the project has not been awarded, but that he expects the project to take 21 days and to occur sometime between June and September.

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Town council issues support for proposed pedestrian bridge

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

At its May 3 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council unanimously gave its support to a grant that could fund the construction of a 1st Street pedestrian bridge.

The request comes from Pagosa Springs town staff, who are submitting the grant for consideration from the Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund, which is supported by the Colorado Department of Planning Director James Dickhoff.

The bridge would be constructed at 1st Street and would cross the San Juan River between the Pagosa Springs History Museum and Malt Shoppe.

Dickhoff stated that the plan for

the bridge received strong public support at the October 2021 public open house, an online survey and the recent public open house on April 27.

If the grant is funded, Pagosa Springs would be eligible for a zero percent financial match, allowing the submission for 100 percent of the estimated costs for design, engineering and construction, including a 20 percent contingency, Dickhoff explained.

Town staff recently ordered a preliminary engineer's cost estimate from Davis Engineering and the estimate for the bridge came in at \$1,124,040.

The proposed project schedule expects the project to be completed by November 2024.

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Tourism board hears update on lodgers' tax revenue

By Dorothy Elder
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board discussed the first quarter lodgers' tax report, which has been updated with payments received through March, at its May 10 meeting.

Compared to March of 2021, the town's collections from the tax decreased 3.07 percent, meaning that revenues were \$2,601 higher in 2021, according to Tourism Director Jennifer Green's report.

Green explained at the meeting that March of 2021 was an "odd-ball" year (a term used by a board member which she agreed with) and that she is not worried about the decrease at this time.

"2022 is being compared to an unprecedented year of collections in 2021," Green wrote in an email. "The fact that we are so close to last

year's numbers is astounding to me for many reasons."

One of those reasons is where the collections sit in the month of March compared to the month in pre-pandemic years, Green continues.

This month's report shows collections up 38 percent over pre-pandemic years, she states.

Green thinks that the reason for the decrease in collections over last March has a lot to do with when spring break falls for residents of Texas and Oklahoma, she wrote, explaining that, this year, it seemed that the breaks all fell during one week, rather than being spread over a few weeks as they have been in past years.

"We are seeing stronger traffic from other states for spring break now to help balance it out," Green wrote in her email.

Overall, the report shows that

the first quarter of the year has seen a 1.05 percent increase, or \$2,400 more, than the first quarter in 2021 for the town's collections.

The county reported a slight 1.06 percent decrease over 2021 in the first quarter of this year, meaning that collections are \$1,368 lower than last year.

"I never read too much into quarter over quarter with the county because one late payment would be paid in the next quarter," Green said at the meeting. "We don't have visibility into the payment and if it's being associated with the month it was owed."

Green feels that annual comparison for county collections is a better way of measuring the collection's trends, she wrote in an email.

Together, the town and county are seeing fairly flat trends right now compared to the first quarter in 2021, according to the report.

The town and county combined collections reflect a .29 percent increase over 2021, which is \$1,032 more than last year.

The summer will reveal a better idea of trends within the lodgers' tax collections, Green stated at the meeting.

An increase in options for travel as we emerge from travel restrictions, the increase in gas prices given that the town is a drive-to destination and the wildfire season are all factors that could influence tourism and demand for lodging in Pagosa Springs, Green explained.

Due to all of these emerging factors, Green noted she would not be surprised if the town saw negative changes in collections this year.

"I fully expect 2022 to end the year flat or down from 2021," Green states in her email.

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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.

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One arrested in shooting incident

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

One man was arrested last week following an incident where another man was transported to the hospital with a gunshot wound.

According to Archuleta County Undersheriff Mike Le Roux, a deputy from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of shots fired at an address on Panorama Place at approximately 2:20 p.m. on Thursday, May 5.

While the deputy was responding, according to Le Roux and an incident report, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch reported that one male had reported being shot and was walking along Hollow Drive.

On approach, Le Roux explained, the deputy observed an adult male with blood seeping from his jeans, exited his vehicle and instructed the male to sit down so a tourniquet could be applied.

The report notes the deputy observed a gunshot wound on the man's leg that was about the size of a quarter.

Le Roux further explained that a Colorado State Patrol trooper arrived on scene and assisted checking the person and the property for weapons.

Ultimately, Le Roux explained, the victim reported he was working for another adult male — later identified by Le Roux as Craig Allen Wolfe, 61, of Archuleta County — on the

property on Panorama Place and the two had a dispute over wages or, as the report explains, payment of a job.

The report indicates an argument ensued and alleges Wolfe entered his camper and retrieved a gun.

The victim, according to the report, reported that three shots were fired toward his feet, with one of the shots hitting him in the leg.

Le Roux explained Wolfe was arrested on suspicion of first-degree assault with a weapon.

The victim was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center, the undersheriff added.

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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 165.

April 24 — Second-degree burglary, County Road 119.

May 1 — All other thefts, aggravated motor vehicle theft, Kelsey Circle.

May 2 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Bastille Drive.

May 2 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Wheeler Place.

May 3 — Information only, Vista Boulevard.

May 4 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

May 4 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, South Pagosa Boulevard.

May 4 — Vicious dog with injury, Grenadier Place.

May 5 — First-degree assault-aggravated-weapon, Panorama Place.

May 5 — Agency assist, West U.S. 160.

May 5 — Information only-wildlife, U.S. 84.

May 8 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

May 8 — Agency assist, Back Swing Drive/East Golf Place.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for week: 80.

May 1 — Agency assist, County Road 326.

May 2 — Failed to yield, Pinon Causeway.

May 3 — Shoplifting, Pagosa Street.

May 4 — Harassment, criminal trespass, Pagosa Street.

May 4 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

May 4 — Possession of controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, County Road 600.

May 4 — Warrant arrest, 15th Street.

May 4 — Agency assist, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 5 — Violation of restraining order, resisting arrest, warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

May 5 — Information only, Pagosa Street.

May 6 — Information only, 9th Street.

May 6 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

May 6 — DUI, no insurance, failed to display lights, San Juan Street.

May 7 — Weaving, DUI, Pagosa Street.

May 7 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 7 — Warrant arrest, Rob

Snow Road.

May 7 — Warrant arrest, Rob Snow Road.

May 7 — Assault, Pagosa Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 9 — Helen Arbizu-Sagastume, speeding 10-19 mph over prima facie limit, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$197.

May 9 — William McGeshick, unsafe backing, two points off, fine, costs and fees — \$72.

May 9 — Trista Tully, following too closely, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$146.

May 9 — James Conner, careless driving, four points off, fine, costs and fees — \$202.

May 9 — Ramin Baharmast, slower vehicle failed to drive in right-hand lane, fine, costs and fees — \$116.

May 9 — Shayla Beck, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making left turn, three points off, fine, costs and fees — \$116.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 4 — Isaiah Shane Arellano, driving while ability impaired, 25 days jail suspended imposition, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, 24 hours community ser-

vice, fines and costs — \$1,480.50.

May 4 — Edward Leland Abreu, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$869.50.

May 4 — William Caleb Laverty, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, 24 hours community service, fines and costs — \$798.72.

May 4 — Joseph Edward Ross Jr., speeding 20-24 over, fines and costs — \$290.

May 4 — Jose L. Uribe Casique, careless driving, fines and costs — \$238.50.

May 4 — Tianna M. Gallegos, improper mountain driving, fines and costs — \$99.50.

May 4 — Maxwell William Mauer, driving while ability impaired-with prior offense, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 10 days jail, 48 hours community service, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,520.50.

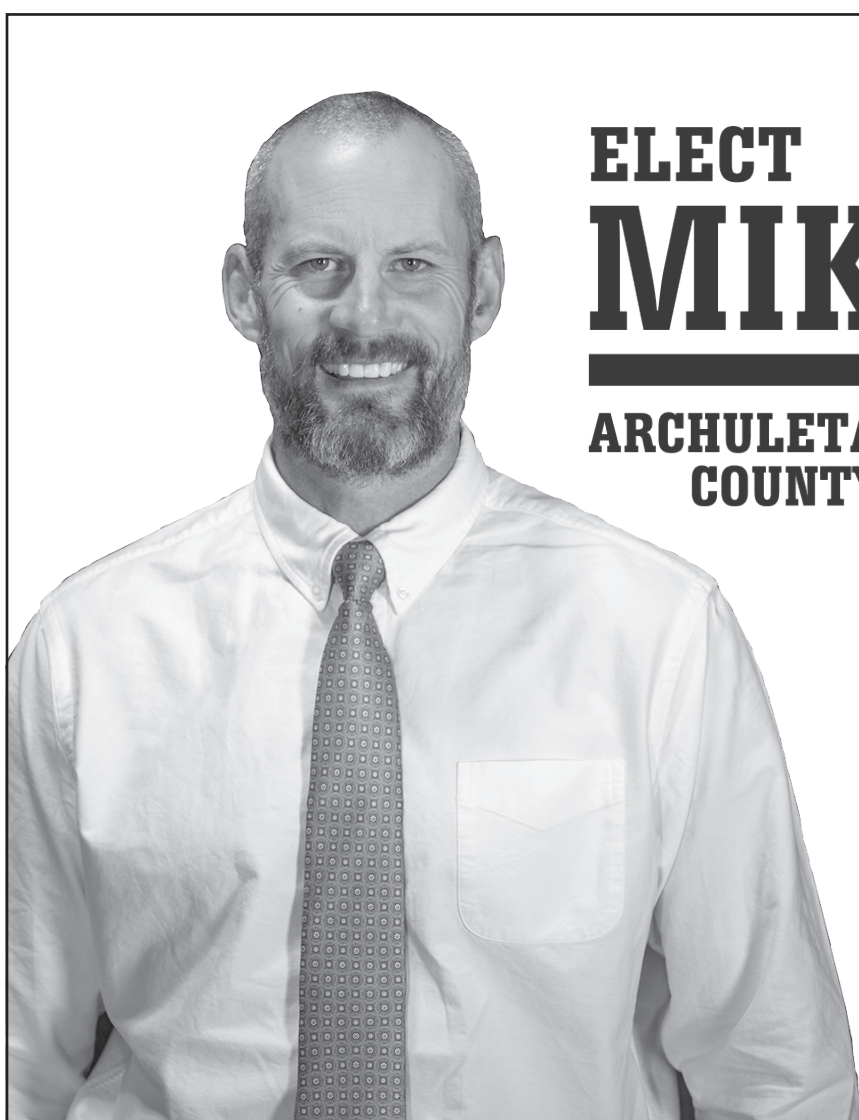
May 4 — Tyler James Cool, posting private image, harassment, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$872.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.



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Landfill

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inspector mentioned that, on the subject of windblown trash, he would be willing to grant the county extensions to remedy the problem assuming that progress is being made.

Pogue added that he was asking road and bridge staff to work, on a volunteer basis, additional paid hours to assist in cleaning up wind-blown trash.

Pogue also mentioned that this problem is exacerbated by the fact that the landfill is not completely surrounded by high fences.

He then referenced that the landfill is currently using existing materials for daily cover, a usage which could eventually turn into “another losing battle” when the landfill runs out of materials to dig up and mentioned the landfill staff is looking at alternatives, including mulch, wood chips or ground tires. “We’ll get through,” Pogue said. “It’s going to be a challenge, but I think it’s something we can do.”

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented, “I think a lot of these challenges are still ... some that have been from the previous and at least now we’re getting some steps and a grip on it.”

Pogue then explained that SEH recently completed an aerial survey of the landfill and, once the county receives the results, it can begin rearranging the landfill to improve functionality.

Pogue then suggested that the county should acquire a scale for the landfill.

Maez questioned, “Where did the scale go that we had down there?”

Pogue responded, “That’s the million-dollar question. If we had the answer to that, we could buy another scale.”

Pogue also mentioned that areas

of the landfill have gas buildups, which will require digging wells to remedy.

Pogue then raised the issue of prices at the landfill, highlighting the comparison between the \$52.40 the Cortez landfill is charging per ton of waste and the \$17 charged by the Archuleta County before mentioning that the Cortez landfill manager advised him that running a landfill like a business is critical.

Pogue and Linn then both commented that the low prices at the landfill are likely attracting additional dumping from outside the county as the price of travel is worth the savings from dumping in Archuleta County.

Pogue also highlighted that, because the landfill lacks a scale, the measurements of weight and volume of trash entering the landfill are approximate, making it difficult to estimate when the landfill will fill.

Linn then explained that, unlike most landfills, which segregate out destruction and demolition materials for recycling, the county landfill is currently dumping these materials in the same pit as other waste.

She added, “My personal concern for the landfill is, you guys are really running out of space extremely fast. The cell you are working on right now is running out of space extremely quickly and there’s only a small little area left in the southwest corner there, which we still have to design, which we’ll be working on this year, designing that. But, I mean, very realistically, you guys have only a couple years left at that location and then you are out of space and ... we’re not really sure where else we’re gonna go ... It takes about eight to 10 years to permit a new landfill.”

“It just appears to me ... that this

is what we get for doing things the way we’ve always done it,” Commissioner Warren Brown said, adding, “And, on that point, how many of these violations were listed specifically last year?”

Pogue responded, “Pretty much all of them.”

Brown then clarified that the situation is not Pogue’s fault.

County Attorney Todd Weaver added that the county had to pay the state substantial fines for the violations, with Linn adding that the fines were a “drop in the bucket” compared to what they could have been.

Pogue added that encouraging recycling and sorting debris would extend the length of time the landfill remains usable.

Maez commented that he would like to see a fee adjustment come before the BoCC for decision.

Pogue then explained that most changes to the landfill will require state approval, but that measures like purchasing a scale or adjusting fees could be done more quickly and thus would be good first steps to improve the situation.

Maez added that seniors and veterans should get a discount to prevent dumping of refuse outside of the landfill, to which Linn agreed and suggested that a single large rate increase could be a “shock to the system.”

Brown commented that, when he came into office, he requested more recycling, although the county has made “exactly zero progress” on this.

“I think it was lack of oversight, personal opinion,” Pogue said.

Linn added, “You guys are at an extremely critical juncture where you are going to be filling up the space that you have literally within the next five to eight years and it’s gonna take a minimum of that

amount of time, if not longer, in order to find another location, engineer and design and get permitted and approved. That process is very lengthy and it’s a significant investment. ... Every time I go out there, and I go out there every quarter at least, I am always shocked at how fast the space fills up and ... a part of it is the materials that are being deposited in there that could be diverted elsewhere. The other part of it is ... operations. The compactor out there doesn’t work right now. It’s standard operation that you have somebody running a compactor who smashes the garbage as it gets deposited and that decreases, once again, your air space, your volume you are putting in there. Right now, we have people that are running, because we don’t have any other alternative daily cover, so we end up using dirt and trying to keep up as best as we can and, God, they do an awesome job, but to have only three operators out there and one of them is running equipment just literally hauling loads of dirt back and forth when they should be running compactors and somebody else should be segregating that waste. ... You don’t need to have an operator who’s collecting dollars; you need to have somebody running a scale house who’s managing all of that stuff. ... So, these are all just suggestions, but I do worry you guys are running out of space really quickly out there.”

County Manager Derek Woodman commented that he plans to hire an administrative assistant position to manage payments and paperwork at the landfill, adding that the county had formerly “done a poor job of attending to” the landfill and that the “biggest thing” the county needs to do is slow the garbage down.

He also mentioned that the county could stop accepting certain types of waste at the landfill and that, to incentivize recycling, the county should stop charging for it.

Pogue then referenced that the county could lease certain equipment at the landfill to reduce the costs of purchasing equipment.

He also mentioned that the current compactor at the landfill is outdated and undersized for the needs of the landfill.

Maez added that, to him, the first priorities are to acquire a scale

to replace the one purchased by previous commissioners which had “vaporized” and to do a fee adjustment.

Woodman then commented that one way to improve the attractiveness of recycling would be to relocate the recycling center to a “more convenient” location.

He explained that the county recently discovered that it does not own the land where the current transfer station and recycling center are located, but is leasing it from the town, and suggested that the county could relocate the center on the county’s land off Cloman Boulevard.

Woodman then referenced that using the site will require the consent of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and added that he had reached out to the BLM, but had not gotten a response.

Woodman also mentioned that the county is looking into purchasing a glass crusher to process glass and reduce landfill waste, although the county still needs to decide whether to purchase a cheaper crusher which would not be able to remove labels from bottles, limiting the recyclability of the crushed glass product, or a more expensive one that could.

He explained that expanding the county recycling program would require substantial amounts of work and education and would not “change overnight.”

He also referenced that a recycling program has to be convenient to citizens and might involve partnerships with the town, the tourism board, local homeowners’ associations and others.

Maez then commented that he knows there are members of the community who might be interested in helping fund the expansion of recycling and the purchase of the glass crusher, whether one that could remove labels and make the glass suitable for recycling or not.

On the subject, Maez commented, “If we get it where we can reuse it, then we’re doing better. But if we get it to where it takes less volume, we’re doing good.”

Weaver then referred back to a statement Woodman had made earlier in the meeting about commercial haulers taking goods that customers had paid to recycle and dumping them in the landfill, stat-

ing that this practice is “consumer fraud.”

Weaver mentioned that the county should discuss investigating this with the Colorado attorney general’s office and mentioned that the county could require waste haulers to be licensed with the county.

He explained, “It’s a way of ... also managing the waste haulers, too ... so we don’t have operators who are operating, quite frankly, illegally.”

Woodman also mentioned that the county is working to improve conditions for the workers at the landfill, relocating buildings, expanding windows in the building to allow payments to be taken from inside the building in inclement weather and making water available to staff at the landfill.

Woodman added, “It is truly an enhancement of ... taking care of our staff.”

Maez and Pogue then commented that work at the landfill and transfer station is difficult and that the staff are likely underpaid for the work they are performing.

Maez also stated that he is glad that the county switched to SEH as the engineering firm for the landfill.

Pogue added, “Gosh, you’ve been a huge help. Without Julie ... we would’ve been ... between Julie and Joe, the inspector, that came out, I mean, he literally spent almost three hours going through the inspection sheet on what he was looking for ... that was a huge help.”

Woodman commented, “And I will add, just on that final one, he was pretty not pleased that nothing was done.”

Linn added, “He’d outright said that if ... the circumstances had not changed, that it would have been a whole different outcome. And we still don’t have the final ... outcome of it. We have the written one, but there’s still a final written report that will be coming out that will conclude the inspection, but ... he said that, yeah, it would have been a different outcome.”

Woodman added, “We are going to get dinged, no doubt.”

“And rightfully so, it sounds like,” Brown commented.

“Yeah, but my goal is to get it back on track,” Pogue concluded.

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Rental

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guidance was given to town staff on the implementation of the ballot question as her reason for opposition.

Some key elements of the ordinance are:

- This workforce housing fee will apply to all short-term vacation rentals within the Town of Pagosa Springs, including but not limited to all residential, mixed-use and commercial buildings licensed as short-term vacation rentals.

- The fee will not be applied to short-term vacation rental properties used as a primary residence and occupied at least nine months out of a calendar year by the owner thereof.

- All fees collected under this ordinance will be allocated to workforce housing for households at or below 100 percent of the area median income.

- A fee of \$150 per authorized bedroom will be charged monthly to all short-term vacation rental

properties. Short-term vacation rental properties authorized as studios or listing zero bedrooms will be charged as one-bedroom units.

- Property owners with active vacation rental licenses who are subject to the workforce housing fee must make payment in full by the first day of each month commencing and retroactive to June 1.

- The licensing officer has the authority and responsibility to collect the workforce housing fee and deny, suspend or revoke any vacation rental license for nonpayment.

- Fees submitted after the first day of the month and within 30 calendar days thereafter will be processed, but are subject to late fees as prescribed by the town council.

- Fees submitted after 30 calendar days from the first day of the month in which they were due are subject to suspension. If a short-term vacation rental license is suspended, the owner must cease and desist operation of the vaca-

tion rental property starting the date of the suspension unless the owner files a timely appeal.

- Fees submitted after 60 calendar days from the first day of the month in which they are due are subject to revocation. If a short-term vacation rental license is revoked, the owner must cease and desist operation of the vacation rental property, whether scheduled or unscheduled, starting the date of the revocation unless the owner files a timely appeal. If a short-term vacation rental license is revoked by the licensing officer or after a timely appeal for nonpayment of the workforce housing fee, the property owner will be subject to reapplication.

The second reading of the ordinance is set to take place at the next town council meeting, on May 19.

That meeting is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. at Town Hall. For remote viewing information, visit www.pagosasprings.co.gov.
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Housing

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At the work session, the two groups were asked to come together to provide town staff with direction on the South Pagosa Park location, which has been met with disapproval from community members and nearby residents of the location for reasons of traffic congestion and the removal of green space.

However, there was no clear consensus on a decision regarding the site.

Originally, the site at South Pagosa Park was meant to provide 28 multifamily housing units and a leasing office on a .85-acre plot, according to Planning Director James Dickhoff.

In response to the contention around the site’s location, town staff previously designed two options for the housing’s location within the park.

Option A puts the development at the corner of 8th Street and Apache Street, with vehicular access at Apache Street, covering nearly the entirety of the park’s open green space, according to the design review sketch provided by the town.

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

As the discussion has progressed in the past month, several members of the community, the planning commission and town council have argued that neither option meets the needs of the community, and the town should change the development’s location entirely.

At the work session, some members of the discussion, such as Mayor Shari Pierce and Town Manager Andrea Phillips, were weary of completely changing the location of the site because of the delay it would cause in creating workforce housing, along with the cost of commissioning new design plans and site analyses.

Council member Jeff Posey and planning commissioner Mark Weiler also expressed a desire to stick with the original plans at South Pagosa Park.

Posey suggested that the town develop Option A and remove the ice

rink at the park to create new open space at the park.

Weiler expressed that the current crisis facing the town is a lack of housing — not a lack of parks — and the town’s actions should reflect this.

Other members, such as council member Mat deGraaf, planning commissioner Kristin McCollam, council member Gary Williams and planning commissioner Chris Pitcher, were vocal about their opposition to the South Pagosa Park location, for reasons such as the preservation of the park, the will of the community members and the need for workforce housing in areas other than downtown.

When the work session attendees were asked to temporarily set aside the possibility of an entirely different site and choose Option A or Option B, there was no clear consensus.

The work session also revealed the results of a recent workforce housing market study, which were presented by Sarah McClain.

McClain was hired by Servitas, the development firm in charge of the town’s workforce housing construction, she explained.

Her study concluded that the largest demand for workforce housing in the town was pet-friendly, one- to two-bedroom apartments for young professionals.

All of this was the precedent for the town council’s task to provide guidance to town staff on the future of this development at its May 3 meeting.

Phillips explained that, at this point, town staff needed criteria for potential new sites in order to start exploring the possibility of leaving South Pagosa Park alone.

She and Pierce also expressed a need for council to start making clear decisions, as the inconclusivity has already caused delays in construction dates, along with cost increases as interest rates and supply costs continue to rise.

A representative of Servitas stated that, at this point, if the town stayed with the South Pagosa Park location it would be possible to break ground on the project by the end of the year, whereas the selection of a new site would push the project into 2023.

Still, council members Williams, Madeline Bergon and deGraaf all stated that if they could find a new

buildable site soon, they want to replace that site with the South Pagosa Park location.

Posey adamantly opposed the decision to move site locations.

He eventually put forward a motion to stick with Option A at South Pagosa Park, with the provision that the ice rink be removed to create new open space at the park.

Posey’s motion was seconded by Pierce, but failed after no other council members, with the exception of Matt deGuise, voted in support of it.

In the end, a motion was made that established priority criteria for a new site for the development. This criteria, listed in order of importance, is that the site is:

- Already buildable, meaning it has road and utility access and would require little to no extra cost to establish these.

- Within town limits, but if the site is not, it must be easily annexable to town.

- Able to host at least 28 units, but council is OK with adding additional units.

- No more than \$500,000, but council is open to spending a little more if all of the above criteria are met.

- Not associated with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, though council is open to the property being subject to a homeowners’ association.

The motion was put forward by Williams and seconded by Bergon, and ultimately passed. Posey was the only council member who opposed the motion.

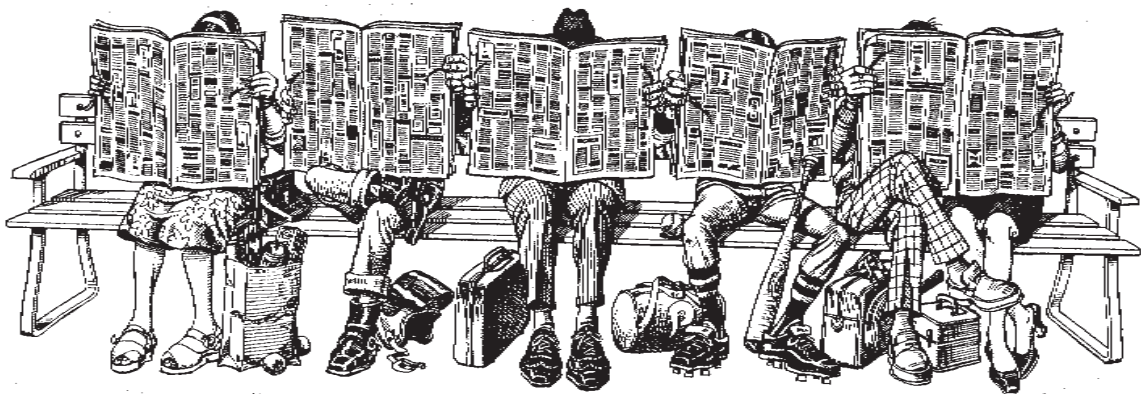
Many council members suggested that town staff look into sites around the Aspen Village area based on the criteria in the motion. Bergon also suggested some sites along Piedra Road, by the airport.

Based on this criteria, Phillips stated that the next steps are for town staff to compile a list of sites that indicate a high possibility of fitting the criteria for town council’s next meeting on May 19.

At that meeting, town council members will select the sites that they think show the most potential, at which point town staff will start formal inquiries such as land assessments on the chosen sites.

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County approves land lease to Wings, fiber cable proposal

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a request for property lease and a fiber optic cable proposal at its April 26 work session.

The commissioners later took action on both items at subsequent meetings.

Property lease request

The property lease request was presented by Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC) board member David Smith and concerned a request to lease county land to assist in expanding the Wings Early Childhood Center.

Smith explained that Wings intends to expand, adding two classrooms and a kitchen, and needed additional land for a playground and a potential small expansion to the parking lot.

He then provided a brief history of Wings, highlighting the \$100,000 in seed money the county contributed to Wings in 2017 and the fact that the program now offers 40 slots in the school, serving a population of 50-55 students given part-time enrollment.

Smith added that almost all of the parents of Wings students are working and that Wings subsidizes the tuition of approximately 90 percent of its students.

Smith explained that the expansion would add 29 slots in Wings, taking the school from 40 to 69 slots.

He also mentioned that one of the classrooms would allow the school to serve children 6 weeks to a year and a half in age — an age group with a high demand for child care in the county.

Commissioners Warren Brown, Alvin Schaaf and Ronnie Maez expressed support for leasing Wings an adjoining parcel between the Wings building and the airport for its expansion, citing Wings' positive community impact and dedication to providing child care for Archuleta County residents.

At the BoCC's May 3 regular meeting, the commissioners considered and unanimously approved leasing the property adjacent to the airport and Wings and directed County Attorney Todd Weaver to move forward with drafting and

negotiating the terms of the lease.

Prior to the vote, Maez again highlighted the importance of the services Wings provides to Archuleta County residents before suggesting that the county should pursue "the lowest monetary value that we can probably go" in terms of cost of the lease to Wings.

Schaaf echoed Maez's comments, highlighting the value of Wings and indicating the county should "make it as easy on them as we can."

Fiber optic cable request

Also at the April 26 work session, the BoCC heard a proposal from Corey Bryndal of Region 10 soliciting the county's participation in a joint project with La Plata County, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) to extend fiber optic cable along Colo. 151.

Bryndal was joined by Eric Hittle of the Archuleta County Broadband Services Management Office, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke, Archuleta School District Director of Information Technology Jesse Morehouse and Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center Executive Communications Director Kati Harr.

Hittle and Bryndal explained that the project would expand Internet capacity in the region as well as adding redundancy to mitigate the chances of Internet blackouts.

They also mentioned that this project would occur far more quickly than expected with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

Bryndal added that the project is soliciting \$500,000 from each of the partner entities and that the \$2 million would be matched one-to-one by the state of Colorado if the project was approved.

He also mentioned that this project would place the fiber optic cable on poles instead of buried below ground to reduce costs.

Maez expressed support for the project, citing the high returns on previous broadband projects and the value of redundancy.

Brown expressed concerns that broadband had already received the majority of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding the

county had received and that the community is facing other needs in terms of food insecurity and housing shortages that need to be served as well.

Maez responded that the county has already given funding for food and housing and that the ARPA funding's primary purpose was for broadband, although the county has spent the funding elsewhere.

Hittle emphasized that the project could provide financial opportunities to the county by leasing the portions of the line's capacity to Internet providers and that the line would secure communications by ensuring that the failure of the one fiber line would not cause a total outage of Internet and phone service in the county.

Harr agreed with Hittle and emphasized the damage that outages cause to 911 services and emergency services response times while stating that an opportunity to add this redundant line would likely never occur as easily and quickly as this current offer.

Morehouse emphasized that adding additional lines to the community would help add competition, decreasing Internet costs and increasing Internet speeds.

He also mentioned that rejecting this project would make the county responsible when later citizen demands for faster Internet arise.

He concluded that improving Internet access in Archuleta County would reduce the number of cellular hotspots the schools would have to distribute to families and would allow the schools to use cloud-based services for backing up data, which is currently not possible due to the risk of outages.

Schaaf commented that the county needs to approach the decision to fund the broadband project from a cost-benefit perspective.

He then suggested that housing initiatives affect "a couple hundred people" and that the broadband project could allow the county to have a positive impact on "several thousand or more."

Lashbrooke highlighted that the collaboration between the counties, the tribe and LPEA is "monumental" and would show the county's dedication to collaboration.

She also highlighted that such an opportunity would not come again at this cost and that increased Internet access is key in attracting new businesses to the county.

Later in the meeting, following further discussion on the advantag-

es of broadband, Maez reiterated his support for the project.

Brown then stated that while there is "a perception that I don't support this project" and he had "had some angst" about funding this project over others in the community, he felt that not supporting the project would be failing to invest in Archuleta County's future — something which led to the county falling behind in "nearly every field we look at."

He concluded, "And this is what's been dropped at the feet of this board is to try to bring us to a point where we are almost even, keeping our head above water. And, we've spent a lot of money. But, this is where we are and these opportunities won't come along every day. But, these are difficult decisions that should be taken to heart, and I believe they are taken to heart. And so, I, personally, would support this move, but not without a lot of difficulty for those reasons."

Schaaf noted that he had also questioned the amount of money the county has given to broadband, but that he understands the importance of the project, the timing of it and that it would be a good project long term.

Maez reiterated his support, commenting that the project would bring additional broadband and redundancy to the county more quickly than state projects would and that it would open up new opportunities.

Bryndal expressed his appreciation for their support and explained that the project would be contingent on approval by the state and that the money committed by the county would not be spent if the project is not approved and funded.

Hittle also mentioned that construction on the project could begin in the fall, dependent on the timing of the funding approvals.

At an April 29 special meeting, the BoCC unanimously approved the memorandum of understanding (MOU) required to move forward with the project, according to Executive Assistant Mary Helminski.

She stated there was minimal discussion by the commissioners. josh@pagosasun.com

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Archuleta County Democratic Club Meeting set for May 17

By Lynn Frederick
Archuleta County Democratic Club

The Archuleta County Democratic Club will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Alex Walker.

The meetings will resume in-person with no registration needed; however, if you prefer to attend virtually, please register on the website below.

The Archuleta County Demo-

cratic Club meets every third Tuesday of the month. The club gives local Democrats the opportunity to meet with other Democrats and to hear speakers from the community, to meet candidates for local and national offices, and to hear about topics of timely interest. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

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Education



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The Archuleta School District Board of Education interviews one of three finalists to be the district's next superintendent Tuesday. The board held 90-minute interviews with each of the three finalists — Chris Burr, Rick Holt and Laura Mijares — Tuesday, asking questions about leadership, communication, team building, visibility, experience and more. The board is set to consider choosing a candidate in a special meeting set for 6 p.m. on May 17 in the Pagosa Springs Middle School library.

McInnis announces retirement from Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool

By Stacey Lewis
Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool

School Director Anette McInnis has announced her retirement from Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool (OSLPS) effective June 3.

"Working as an aide, I loved being around the children and then one day the Board of Christian Education asked me if I wanted to be the director so I began the classes I needed and have loved it ever since," said McInnis. "I have loved being with the kids every day. Feeling their unconditional love and watching them grow is the best feeling ever. Those beautiful memories will always be in my heart."

McInnis' two sons attended OSLPS and she really liked the program. She started working as an aide then eventually became the director for 25 years.

"Anette is the only staff member that has worked here the entire time that I have been here, and it has been wonderful to be able to work with her for 10 years," said Our Savior Lutheran Pastor Andrew Packer. "The main reason Anette is so good at what she does is that she truly and genuinely loves every single child that is in the preschool. She cares for them body

and soul. This is evident in everything that she says and does. The love of Jesus constantly pours from her to the children. Anette and her joy and love for the children will be missed. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless this next stage of her life."

Anette took Proverbs 22:6 very seriously: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Because of her deep faith and love of children, the children in her preschool were loved beyond measure. For 25 years "Miss Anette" devoted herself to the children and families of the Pagosa Springs community. Her love and caring spirit will be missed.

We hope you will join us in honoring this early childhood professional and all she's done in the Pagosa Springs community on June 5, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Our Savior Lutheran Church gymnasium, 56 Meadows Drive.

We'd like to shower her with cards and well wishes, so if you're not able to attend the celebration, please mail a card for her to 1330 Dichoso Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or send an email of well wishes to anettesretirementparty@gmail.com.



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Local student earns Boettcher scholarship

Special to The SUN

Nell Taylor, a senior at Pagosa Springs High School, has been selected as a recipient of the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship.

Boettcher scholarships recognize Colorado's top students by providing them with the funds to attain an excellent in-state education and access to additional opportunities to enrich their time in college and beyond. Boettcher Scholars become part of a network of alumni and community leaders who will support and engage them throughout their lifetimes.

"Boettcher Scholars are selected for their academic achievement, outstanding character, and service and leadership in their schools and communities," said Katie Kramer, president and CEO of the Boettcher Foundation. "The Boettcher Scholarship is an investment in our state's doers and difference makers. It not only recognizes their past achievements but also their future impact on the State of Colorado."

Established in 1952, the Boettcher Scholarship program awards 50

scholarships each year and has established a network of more than 2,700 Boettcher Scholars. More than 1,500 graduating high school seniors apply for the scholarship annually.

The scholarship Taylor has been awarded includes \$20,000 per year for four years from the Boettcher Foundation. Partner institutions will then use institutional aid to support up to either the cost of tuition and fees or the full cost of attendance to attend the Colorado school of their choice.

"The Boettcher Foundation's scholarship selection process is competitive and rigorous," said Tiffany Anderson, director of programs. "Nell really stood out with her commitment both in and out of the classroom. We're proud to have Nell representing the Boettcher community, and we look forward to seeing how her future leadership positively impacts the State of Colorado."

Taylor has been selected as Pagosa Springs High School valedictorian and has decided to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins.



Nell Taylor

Safe2Tell report shows slight increase in reports in April

Attorney General Phil Weiser's office

Safe2Tell report volume slightly increased last month when compared to March, according to the monthly report released this week.

The program also today launched an update to its website, Safe2Tell.org, allowing Colorado residents to access vital information and submit urgent reports more easily.

In April, the program received 1,917 reports, a 4 percent increase in monthly report volume compared to March 2022.

To date for the 2021-2022 school year, Safe2Tell has received 16,726 reports. Suicide threats (239), bullying (174) and drugs (141) were the

top categories of reports in April.

"May is Mental Health Awareness Month and, in Colorado, we know that our young people are continuing to face unprecedented challenges," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. "That is why speaking up about safety concerns is vital. Anyone can submit an urgent safety concern report to Safe2Tell, or if you are in need of counseling services, call Colorado Crisis Services at (844) 493-8255 or go to imattercolorado.org."

In this school year, false reports are 2.1 percent of all reports submitted to Safe2Tell. False reports are those that contain untrue information and are submitted with the intent to harm, injure or bully

another person.

In April, anonymous reports from students and other individuals successfully helped protect students' safety. For example:

- A student reported another student threatening the school. Local teams found that the student was carrying an illegal weapon. The student was charged with possessing an illegal weapon and local teams are conducting a threat assessment.

- A person reported that a student was making suicide threats. Local teams conducted a welfare check and found that the student was not suicidal.

The following is an example of unintentional misuse of the program:

- A person reported their concerns regarding the treatment of someone living in a nursing home. This person was encouraged to contact their local law enforcement in the future.

Safe2Tell is a successful violence intervention and prevention program for students to anonymously report threats to their own, and others', safety. Safe2Tell is not an emergency response unit nor mental health counseling service provider; it is a conduit of information for distributing anonymous reports to local law enforcement and school officials pursuant to state law.

To make a report, individuals can call (877) 542-7233 from anywhere, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Reports also can be made at Safe2Tell.org or through the Safe2Tell mobile app which is available on the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Charter school board member resigns

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its April 20 meeting, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors accepted the resignation of board member Gary Hedgecock.

Hedgecock resigned effective 5 p.m. on April 19, according to a letter he sent to the rest of the board dated April 19.

"My original intention was to support the board in matters relating to PPOS evolving from being a tenant to owner (in conjunction with the Building Corp) of the building at 3133 Cornerstone Drive and to also help secure a Charter which allows more children to benefit locally from the project based teaching being provided at the school," Hedgecock's letter states. It further explains that now the

"executive is only required to liaise with the Building Corp in matter of the facility" and he feels his skills and full attention can go toward matters in his personal life.

"Finally I have been keen throughout my 26 month tenure to defend all board members' opinions and right to vote, to present an united [sic] front even if I don't agree with their point of view. Volunteering is tough and the people who choose to try to make a difference should be applauded over anyone who chooses to criticize while not being willing to get involved," he wrote before thanking the board for allowing him to "play my part in what I believe is an exciting future for Pagosa Peak Open School."

Board president Ursula Hudson acknowledged Hedgecock's contribution to the board at the April

20 meeting, stating he has been a working board member the last two years and has asked good questions about PPOS's facilities and finances.

She noted PPOS is a stronger school because of his inquiries. "Thanks, Gary," she said.

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Sports

TRACK



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Gavin Lindahl races in the boys' 100-meter dash at the Terry Alley Invitational on May 7 in Pagosa Springs. He tied for fifth place in the race with fellow Pirate Kameron Winkler, both with times of 12.34 seconds.



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Hadley Phillips, left, and Kylie Ketchum, right, compete in the girls' 100-meter dash at the Terry Alley Invitational in Pagosa Springs on May 7. Ketchum finished 15th in the race with a time of 14.84 seconds.

Pirates win Terry Alley Invitational

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field teams found victory at the Terry Alley Invitational in Pagosa Springs on May 7.

Both the girls' and boys' teams placed first, with 156 and 125 points, respectively, ahead of Sanford's 109 and 89.5 points for girls and boys, respectively.

"I thought it went really well," coach Connie O'Donnell said. "It was just a really small meet and the winds pretty much cooperated; there was only a couple jumps and a couple heats of sprints that had too high of a wind reading to count, but not many. And so we were really thankful to have just nice weather. I felt like we were ... tense all day waiting for the wind to pick up, and it did a few times, but it just felt like it was a really good day and I think the kids had a really good time. It was fun to run at home ... in front of friends and family and stuff. ... I'd say it was very successful. Everything went really smoothly and we were able to get through it quick."

The girls' 4x100-meter relay team — Lexie Valdez, Annabelle Parker, Reece Peterson and Rylie Carr — and the girls' 4x200-meter relay team — Valdez, Sienna Rose, Peterson and Carr — finished first with times of 52.70 seconds and 1 minute, 52.32 seconds, respectively.

O'Donnell explained that the girls' 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter teams are currently within the top 18 for state qualification, although they were getting closer to 18.

She added, "I do think it's just

been really hard. There's so many people who didn't compete in track and field statewide last year because it went to the end of June. And, now, there are so many athletes and the times are so fast. And, I feel like it's just harder to get to state because of the times."

The girls' 4x400-meter relay team — Annie O'Donnell, Peterson, Nell Taylor and Carr — and the girls' 4x800-meter relay team — Honesty Sweet, Aspen Salazar, Olivia Hodges and Lucy Taylor — also finished first with times of 4:26.66 and 13:36.55, respectively.

The girls' 800-meter sprint relay team — Valdez, Parker, Rose and Emma Gantt — was disqualified for exchanging the baton outside of the exchange zone, according to the coach.

The boys' 4x100-meter relay team — Gavin Lindahl, Kameron Winkler, Tommy Barker and Samuel Kinsley — placed fourth with a

time of 46.00.

The boys' 4x200-meter relay — Lindahl, Winkler, Barker and Kinsley — placed third with a time of 1:35.10, and the boys' 4x400-meter relay team — Miles Baker, Jacob Miller, Harley Armijo and David Morehouse — finished second with a time 4:04.70.

Parker finished second in the girls' 100-meter dash with a time of 13.58.

"I think Annabelle Parker ran a really ... smooth 100 and she's just been getting better and better each meet," the coach said. "And she wasn't originally on our 4x100 and now she is ... and is going to stay there just because of her improved performance in the 100."

Rose finished second in the girls' 200-meter dash with a time of 29.45.

The coach also noted that a false start disqualified Carr from the

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Pagosa's Trista Tully lays out for a save against the Alamosa Mean Moose on May 5. The Pirates fell 1-0 in the game, but Tully made 21 saves and was the team's Player of the Game.

Lady Pirates end season with loss to Alamosa

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team wrapped up its season at home against Alamosa on Thursday, May 5, with a 1-0 loss to the Mean Moose.

Five minutes into the match, a Mean Moose attacker was able to beat the Pirates' defense on the right wing, leaving Pirate goalkeeper Trista Tully in a one-on-one situation, coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained.

"She kept us in the game," he added.

The Pirates generated a few scoring chances toward the end of the match, but were unable to find the final touch to find the back of the net, Kurt-Mason mentioned.

He went on to note that Tully was named as Player of the Game for her performance in goal.

Tully made a total of 21 saves on

the day with 11 in the first half and 10 in the second.

The Pirates tallied six shots on goal, with Nika Hinger taking four shots, and Elizabeth Currier and Kori Lucero each taking one.

Kurt-Mason spoke about how this result, along with a handful of other games this season in which the Pirates lost by just one goal, "gives us hope for the future."

The Pirates ended the season with an overall record of 0-6, including a league mark of 0-6.

Kurt-Mason noted the Pirates

"were in every game" with keeping the scores close and giving themselves a chance.

"That was the season in a nutshell," he said.

He also spoke about how the team has been "excited about playing, and that's good."

He mentioned the team progressed over the season, specifically with connecting meaningful passes.

"Passing was a lot better in the last game," he said, explaining that the Pirates were connecting on vol-

ley passes.

The Pirates have three seniors on this year's roster including Tully, Lucero and Camilla Gostynski.

Kurt-Mason explained that this has been Lucero's first season playing soccer and that she "learned quickly" and has good field vision and quickness.

"She understood defense," he added.

Kurt-Mason also noted the three seniors are leaving a "big hole" in terms of leadership in the team.

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Lady Pirate Camilla Gostynski moves the ball up the field against the Alamosa Mean Moose on May 5. The Pirates ended the season with an overall record of 4-9.

RECREATION NEWS

Registration open for gymnastics camp and softball leagues

By Breezy Bryant and Trevor Gian
Town of Pagosa Springs
Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is now accepting registrations 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 Ross Aragon 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.

Recreation gymnastics four-day Camp

The Recreation Department is opening registration for a June gymnastics camp. This camp will be held June 13-16 in the middle school mat room.

Registration fee is \$40 per student. There will be a limit to 10 students per class. Class times and ages are as follows: 3-4 years at 9:50 a.m., 5-7 years at 10-10:50 a.m. and 8-13 years at 11-11:50 a.m.

There is no online registration option. Stop by the Community Center to fill out a form. Space is limited. Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233.



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Track

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100-meter dash. Annie O'Donnell finished third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:05.15, Kyla Coiner finished fifth in the girls' 800-meter run with a time of 2:57.28, and Nell Taylor finished second in the girls' 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:02.53.

"Nell looked stronger than she has on the 1,600," Connie O'Donnell said. "I feel like she competed really well and is kind of on the right track to keep dropping her time."

Kinsley placed first in both the boys' 100-meter and boys' 200-meter dashes with times of 11.96 and 23.82, respectively.

Connie O'Donnell commented that he is "doing well."

Jesse Beck finished fourth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:33.32.

Jordan Lindstrom placed third in the girls' 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.27.

Breck Wilson placed first and Vinicio Carranza placed second in the boys' 110-meter hurdles with times of 17.10 and 19.43, respectively.

"Breck got a faster time, but just barely," Connie O'Donnell said. "He really needs to get into the 16s to qualify for state."

Tommy Barker placed first in the boys' 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.08.

Lindstrom placed second and Annie O'Donnell placed third in the girls' high jump with a height of 4 feet, 9 inches for both.

"I know she didn't high jump as well and I know she was trying to kind of get up there again, but she's pretty well qualified, like I don't think there's any way she's gonna beat out in the top 18," the coach said about Lindstrom. "And, so, she just needs to work a little bit on technique and kind of stay moving and stuff, but I don't feel like she needs to kill herself to try to get a height until the state track meet."

Lindstrom also placed third in the girls' triple jump with a distance of 30-7.5.

Kylie Ketchum placed second in girls' long jump with a distance of 14-3, a placement the coach called "pretty significant."

Jaxten Schiel placed third in the boys' high jump with a height of 5-1.

The coach commented, "He's doing great as a freshman. I think he needs to make sure he keeps that in perspective. Kind of like all freshmen, it's really hard to compete with seniors and that's your only option. ... I think he has a very promising future in track."

Breck Wilson placed third and Carranza placed fourth in the boys' triple jump with distances of 38-1.5 and 37-0, respectively.

Isabella Shortridge placed fifth in girls' discus and fourth in girls' shot put with distances of 82-5 and 24-1.25, respectively.

Wil Aucoin placed third in boys' discus and second in boys' shot put with distances of 117-2 and 41-5.75, respectively.

"He's the other one that's pretty safe in the top 18," Connie O'Donnell stated.

The Pirates' next and final meet of the season before state will be the Tiger Invitational in Grand Junction on May 13 and 14.

The coach explained that the team has to limit its number of entries for this event as it was only possible to enter three contestants per event and the team's hotel accommodations only allow them to take 32 athletes overall.

She added that the team will be focusing on technique and hand-offs to prepare for the meet while "not trying to overdo it so that they can feel fresh and confident when they go in on Friday."

She added, "I know that the kids really like this meet. ... We didn't take very many last year, but they felt like they were really successful and their times dropped a lot, so I feel like they took other kids about that and it just ... stirs some excitement to go be able to race there at a really nice stadium."

josh@pagosasun.com

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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=d1FFV0JcGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit: <http://archuletacounty.org/agendacenter>.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting, 1:30 p.m. Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0JcGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, 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-

Pagosa Springs Elementary School Scholar of the Week



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Elementary School

Adelaide Fuchs is a respectful listener. She is kind, shows compassion for her fellow students, and is creative and fun.

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

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting, 5 p.m., 3133 Cornerstone Drive (formerly 7 Parelli Way). View Zoom meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9656099136?pwd=Z3Job2R1eXl0SE8RzNpL0FucGpKZz09>, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, password: 00001.

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://pagosapris.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/9160904>

8375?pwd=d1FFV0JcGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, 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 meeting, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. or via Zoom. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosapris.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 with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.



Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Tommy Barker

Football, wrestling, track



Favorite subject: Spanish

Comments from coach Connie O'Donnell: "Tommy is a quiet leader on our team. No one works harder than Tommy to improve his technique in track and field. He shows his teammates what it means to be dedicated to a team as well as doing everything that he can to get faster at 300Meter hurdles. Tommy is a very loyal and dependable member of our team. He comes to practice every day with a tough mentality and does not fear hard work."

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Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.

David J Oehlendorf, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30009
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):
DAVID J OHELDORF
MARY ANN GARCIA
THEODORE R CRAWFORD, TRUSTEE OF THE CRAWFORD FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED MARCH 13, 2008
LESLIE M CRAWFORD, TRUSTEE OF THE CRAWFORD FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED MARCH 13, 2008
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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 in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Peregrine Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: April 21, 2022 Last Publication: May 19, 2022 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 Published April 21, 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

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:
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 situated 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.

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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
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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
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 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, according to the plat thereof filed for record April 30, 2019. Original Grantor(s) Sohum 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 Balance \$2,800,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$2,798,769.99 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(d), 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. Trust of **GARY MORRIS**, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 3, 2019 as Reception No. 2190307.
Also known by street and number as: 6651 County Road 382, Chromo, CO 81128.
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 Hereby 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 attorney's 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.
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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: 02/28/2022
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 # SOHUM 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.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Trista L. Nauman aka Trista Nauman, Deceased
Case No. 2022PR000007
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 October 5, 2022, or the claims may be forever barred.
Mark B. Floyd
153 Driftwood Dr
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXPAYER REMEDIES (Media Release)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT:
Luke de la Parra, Hinsdale County Assessor
P O Box 28
Lake City, CO 81235
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (970) 944-2225 ext. 140
From June 15 to July 1, 2022, owners of taxable personal property (e.g., business furnishings, equipment, etc.) may challenge the county assessor's valuation of their property. The value determined by the assessor is based on information submitted in your Personal Property Declaration Schedule. If you failed to file a declaration schedule, the value was determined using the "best information available."
Taxpayers who disagree with their personal property valuations may object by mail or in person on or before June 30. Once an objection has been filed, the assessor will review your account and mail you a Notice of Determination by July 11. A taxpayer's exclusive remedy for a "best information available" (BIA) valuation is the protest procedure described herein.
If you disagree with the assessor's decision, you may file an appeal with the county board of equalization. The appeal to the county board of equalization must be postmarked or hand-delivered by July 20. The county board will notify you by mail of the hearing date, time, and place where you may present evidence in support of your case. The county board will conclude hearings and render decisions by the close of business on August 5. The county board must mail you a decision within five business days of the date of its decision. If the county board adjusts the value of your property, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the adjusted value.
If you disagree with the county board's decision, you may file an appeal with the State Board of Equalization, Appeals to the district court, or you may request a binding arbitration hearing within 30 days of the county board's mailed decision.
For additional information regarding the protest and appeal process, contact your county assessor at (970) 944-2225 ext. 140.
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The Town of Pagosa Springs has received a Sketch PUD application for "Pagosa Views PUD", the 79+-acre parcel at 500 W US Hwy 160 for a proposed mixed-use residential community with proposed combination of detached and attached dwellings as well as a luxury RV resort. The proposal includes a variety of dwelling types (cottages, apartments, condominiums, townhomes), for a total buildout of 530-600 dwellings over phases, with at least 100 units designated as "workforce housing" as defined by the Town. The RV park will operate year-round and accommodate 130-140 RV units.
The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing/meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to consider a recommendation on the Sketch PUD application.
The Town Council will then consider a Planning Commission recommendation on the PUD application at their meeting on June 7, 2022, at 5 p.m.
Public Hearings and Meetings will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round Minutes and Agendas tab located along the bottom of the page on the Town's website home page at pagosapris.org. You may also view the application at mypagosa.org/proposed-development-projects.
For more information, questions and anyone wishing to provide comments, please contact the Town Planning Department at cschultz@pagosapris.org or at (970) 264-4151 x221. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearings/meetings or you may provide written comments 7 days prior to the meeting or public hearing for the respective board's consideration.
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REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYER REMEDIES (Media Release)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT:
Luke de la Parra, Hinsdale County Assessor
P O Box 28
Lake City, CO 81235
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (970) 944-2225 ext. 140
For tax years 2021 and 2022, the county assessor is required by law to appraise all real property at a June 30, 2020 level of value. Notices of Valuation reflecting the 2021 values will be sent to owners of real property by May 2. The information used by the assessor to value your property is available for your review.
From May 3 through June 1, owners of real property may protest the value or the classification established by the assessor. This protest period provides an opportunity for taxpayers to inform the assessor of errors in classification, property description, or other discrepancies that may result in a reduction in value or a change in classification.
Protests to the assessor must be postmarked or presented in person on or before June 1. The assessor must make a decision concerning your protest and mail you a written Notice of Determination on or before the last working day in June.
For protests of values on rent producing commercial real property, taxpayers must submit, two full years of rental income data, two full years of tenant reimbursement data, two years of itemized expenses and two full years of rent roll data on or before July 15. For further information, please contact your county assessor's office. If you are satisfied with the assessor's determination, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the value and classification reflected on the Notice of Determination.
If you disagree with the assessor's decision, you may file an appeal with the county board of equalization. An appeal to the county board of equalization must be postmarked or hand-delivered no later than July 15. The county board will notify you by mail of the hearing date, time, and place where you may present evidence to substantiate your case. Evidence includes documentation such as the sale prices of properties similar to yours that sold between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020. The county board will conclude hearings and render decisions by the close of business on August 5. The county board must mail you a decision within five business days of the date of its decision. If you are satisfied with the county board's decision, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the valuation and classification reflected in the county board's decision. If you disagree with the action of the county board, you may file an appeal with the State Board of Assessment Appeals or the district court, or you may request a binding arbitration hearing. Your appeal

must be made within 30 days of the date of the county board's mailed decision.
For additional information regarding the protest and appeal process, contact your county assessor at (970)944-2225 ext. 140.
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON June 7, 2022

JULIE CANDELARIA, has applied for a FINAL PLAT APPROVAL for the CANDELARIA SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT 2022-01, on Rivas Ct, Arboles, CO (PLN22-021). The parcels are located in Sec 19 Twn 32 Rng. 51W and are zoned RESIDENTIAL (R). The application is to consolidate four parcels into two parcels and vacate the Rivas Ct ROW.
Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PFlores@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on June 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Published May 12 and 26, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON June 17, 2022

DARLENE PETERSON, has applied for a FINAL PLAT APPROVAL for the PAGOSA HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 4 AMENDMENT 2022-01, at 33 D Pl, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN22-022). The property is zoned RESIDENTIAL (R). The application is to subdivide and create two parcels where there is now only one.
Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to PFlores@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on May 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Published April 21 and May 12, 2022 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160

Plaintiff:
STEFANIE RENEE ROLSTON and RICHARD L. LITTLE v.
Defendants:
ROBERT JOE GROVE, SR. and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney:
Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-klaw.com
Case Number: 2022CV30015

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

PLAINTIFFS STEFANIE RENEE ROLSTON and RICHARD L. LITTLE
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
ROBERT JOE GROVE, SR. AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint 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 in rem action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows: Lot 194 in Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 6 according to the plat thereof filed for August 3, 1971 as Reception No. 74689. Respectfully Submitted this 3rd day of May, 2022.

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Outdoors



Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association to host shooting match

By Chris Boyd

Wolf Creek Gun And Bow Association

On June 4, the Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association will host its inaugural shooting match.

The competition will consist of three action pistol stages and two long range rifle stages. Competitors can shoot in one or both (rifle/pistol) events. Prizes will be awarded to the top shooters in both categories.

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

The competition will be held at the Rio Grande Sportsman Club Range, located in Del Norte. For the safety of all, range rules require all guns to be cased or holstered and unloaded. Additionally, eye and ear protection are mandatory for all participants and spectators.

Directions: Travel eastbound on U.S. 160. At mile marker 207.5 (approximately 6 miles east of Del Norte), turn south onto Rifle Road. Continue approximately 3/4 mile and you will arrive at the range.

For additional details and/or to sign up for the match, please email: events@wolfcreekgunandbow.org or sam13colorado@gmail.com.

Mt. Allison Grange plans spring dinner

By Larry Corman

Mt. Allison Grange

In lieu of the traditional Easter Supper, Mt. Allison Grange is hosting a hamburger fry on Saturday, May 21, from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. The menu for this will be hamburgers, baked beans, chips, dessert and drinks.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children (6 to 12) and under 6 are admitted free. Everyone is invited — take time out of your busy life to come visit with your neighbors and enjoy a great meal. We have enough to feed only 100, so be sure to come early.

Contact Larry at (970) 749-8438 if you have any questions or need directions to the Mt. Allison Grange Hall.



Photo courtesy Mike Buckingham

Chimney Rock National Monument is open for the 2022 season and is offering plenty of events during the month of May, including a Full Moon Program with lunar eclipse on May 15. Archaeological structures and artifacts, abundant wildlife and its setting in the breathtaking San Juan National Forest make the monument a must-see.

Chimney Rock National Monument open for the 2022 season with lunar eclipse Sunday, May 15

By Nadia Werby

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Come experience a unique part of America's heritage this summer in the shadows of Chimney Rock National Monument's awe-inspiring twin spires. Chimney Rock is now open for the 2022 season. Archaeological structures and artifacts, abundant wildlife and its setting in the breathtaking San Juan National Forest make Chimney Rock a must-see.

May special events at Chimney Rock National Monument

- Full Moon program with lunar eclipse: May 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- CRIA Lecture Series with Ron Sutcliffe — "Archaeoastronomy and Cultural World Views": May 16, 4:30 p.m.
- Geology Tour: May 25, 7-8:30 a.m.
- Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies: May 27, 7:15-10 p.m.
- Life at Chimney Rock: May 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The first program of the season is an exciting one — a lunar eclipse will take place at this month's Full Moon Program on Sunday, May 15.

The Full Moon Program occurs

against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site. Guests will then watch the full moon rise to the music of the Native American flute from Charles Martinez.

The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top and hiking to the Great House Pueblo. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. There is a \$20 fee for attending or \$25 to attend the Full Moon Program with an early tour. Guests who plan to attend the early tour, please check in at the gate by 6:15 p.m. Guests who plan to attend the Full Program only, please check in at the gate between 6:45 to 7 p.m.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) invites the public to learn about archaeoastronomy and cultural world views at the CRIA Lecture Series on Monday, May 16, presented by Ron Sutcliffe. The lecture is free to the public and will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the Chimney Rock National Monument amphitheater.

Join us as author and CRIA volunteer Sutcliffe discusses "Aca-

dem perceptions of Archaeoastronomy in the Southwest; An address as first given at the Congress of Cultural Astronomy, Guatemala, Nov. 2019."

Sutcliffe is the author of "Moon Tracks," a guide to understanding the observed patterns of the sun and moon and how those patterns may have been employed by ancient astronomers, especially those of Chimney Rock.

This month's Geology Tour will take place on Wednesday, May 25. This program includes a 2.5-hour guided tour that explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the Ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock. Tour participants will hear the events in the ancient geology of the area and learn how to identify a common trace fossil in the area.

Guests must arrive for check-in at 7 a.m. The tour departs the lower parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12).

The first Night Sky program of the season will be on May 27. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky, in order to enjoy the night sky in a truly dark environment and see deep-sky objects such as binary stars, globular star clusters, open clusters, various nebulae and

other galaxies. Check in at the entry gate at 7:15 p.m.

Celebrate Memorial weekend with CRIA's Life at Chimney Rock family festival. Join us on May 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for activities related to Ancestral Puebloan culture, Native American market and more. No reservations and no fees are required — just come and enjoy.

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

Include Chimney Rock in your plans this summer. This Ancestral Puebloan cultural site is located 17 miles west of Pagosa and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. To view the Chimney Rock National Monument calendar of events, go to: www.chimneyrockco.org.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that offers interpretive programs at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Explore birdsong at May Audubon meeting

By Jean Zirnhelt

Weminuche Audubon Society

At this time of year, birds are singing their signature songs to advertise their presence, attract a mate and defend nesting territories.

Identifying bird species by what we hear in addition to by what we see will be the topic of the Audubon meeting on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. Socializing and setup will take place beginning at 6 p.m. For those unable to attend in person, the link to join by Zoom will be posted on the events listing on our website, weminucheaudubon.org.

Audubon Rockies Community Naturalist Keith Bruno will lead us in learning the skills of birding by ear. His lesson will focus on the songs of birds commonly encountered in our Forest Bird Monitoring citizen science project.

The fourth season of this study, which documents bird species and numbers in selected areas of the national forest, will begin at the end of this month. Recognizing birds by what we hear is a valuable skill set in this study and in our bird survey in the HD mountains and one that improves among our volunteers every year.

Audubon meetings and activities are open to the public and we welcome your participation. We are seeking volunteers for our bird-monitoring projects. For more information and to add your name to the volunteer list, email us at weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

In appreciation for our meeting place, we welcome donations of nonperishable food to the Methodist Church food bank.



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May 12, 2022

Join Aspire's Walk for Moms this Saturday, May 14

By Marcy Mitchell

Aspire Medical Services and Education

Aspire Medical Services and Education invites Pagosa Springs community members to attend its annual Walk for Moms event on Saturday, May 14, at Yamaguchi Park.

Participants can register online at for free at <https://aspirepagosa.org> or just show up. The theme this year is "Step into spring ... Cause Moms Just Want to Have More Sun!" There will be kid games, prizes and booths for the entire family.

The Walk for Moms keeps our quality prenatal clinic affordable for all as well as helping us provide education/classes for parents of babies and toddlers. Registration for the event is free. All participants will receive a "goodie bag" and walkers can also earn additional prizes for those who raise \$50 or more. Furthermore, we will also have prizes for "best dressed" teams and

most pledges raised.

Check-in/registration and a free breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. in Yamaguchi Park. The walk starts at 9 a.m. and the awards ceremony will follow at 10 a.m. Vari-ous stations and fun pit stops will be set up along the path for supporters to play games and get information.

About Aspire

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Band-O-Rama Concert to feature five community bands

By Susy Mekeal

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

This Saturday will be the annual Band-O-Rama concert featuring five bands from Pagosa Springs. The three bands from the Pagosa Springs Middle School will start the concert with pieces that they have prepared for your listening enjoy-ment. The Pagosa Springs High School Jazz Band will follow with several selections. The last band to play will be the Pagosa Springs Community Band.

The musicians look forward

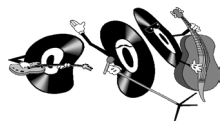
to this concert each year as an opportunity to share the love of music across generations. More than 100 musicians of all ages have been practicing at home and at rehearsals to get each note, phrase and entrance to perfection. The conductors' directions work to get each band member to think as one as they interpret the music. It is amazing to think of all the people, instruments and hands that work together in perfect unison to create the pleasing sound of music. The icing on the cake is the joy that it brings to the musicians and the audience.

Come and enjoy the musical talent of your friends and neigh-bors. The concert will be Saturday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. It is a free concert and donations will be accepted. Come and enjoy the music.

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Wednesday

Coyote Moon Bar and Grill: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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Senior recital for Hayden Kiker and Ethan Mazur set for May 21

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 multi-talented, 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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Pagosa Springs members of the San Juan alumnae chapter of Pi Beta Phi gathered May 6 at Mountain Pizza for a pizza party to celebrate Founders' Day, the club's Golden Arrows (ladies who have been members of the sorority for 50 years or more) and spring. Seated, left to right, are Penny Hart and Melissa McDonald. Standing, left to right, are Carole Howard, Joni Rose, Paula Tennant and Mary Bailly. Pi Beta Phi is the oldest sorority in the U.S. It was founded in 1867 at Monmouth College in Illinois by 12 creative and courageous women at a time when only five state universities admitted women. Today there are 135 collegiate Pi Phi chapters in the U.S. and nearly 300 alumnae clubs around the world.

Final event for Gabriela de la Paz slate for Saturday, May 14



Gabriela de la Paz

By Jean Broderick
Special to The PREVIEW

Gabriela de la Paz, a traditional singer of Mexican ballads and folk songs, will be presenting her final performance in Pagosa Springs on May 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

This is the first opportunity that de la Paz has had to return to Pagosa since travel restrictions were imposed due to the COVID-19 virus. She is pleased to be able to perform again at St. Patrick's after a three-year absence.

de la Paz has a wonderful ability to share the culture of Mexico, and the variety of her songs and the emotion portrayed in her voice resonate strongly with her audiences. The whole family will enjoy this opportunity to immerse themselves in this delightful evening.

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Healthy Archuleta to hold vote on community health initiatives May 22-25

By Rose Chavez
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Healthy Archuleta is hosting a participatory voting May 22-25. Voters will decide which areas Healthy Archuleta will put at the forefront of its work over the next two years.

Healthy Archuleta, doing business as the FSFE — Food Coalition, conducts assessments, secures resources and supports community initiatives relating to food and nutrition that can advance

the health of our community. We are asking that you look over the various focus areas and tell us what matters most to you.

In order to participate:

1. Please complete the voter registration form at: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/>.
2. Please watch the videos for each focus area on our website:
 - Free Food Mobile Market.
 - Grow More Local Produce.
 - Community Food and Nutrition Education Program.
 - Nutrition Security Health

Navigator Program.

- Design of Local Food Hub.
3. Please look for an email on May 22 with your username and password for the voting platform.
 4. Finally, cast your vote between May 22 and May 25.

For more information about the health assessment, please contact us at 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>.

Healthy Archuleta to host Community Conversation about preventive care access and utilization

By Rose Chavez
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Today, Thursday, May 12, from 2 to 3 p.m., Healthy Archuleta, doing business as FSFE — Food Coalition, will host a community conversation that will engage the health care community and everyday residents about the types of preventive and primary care services that are available in Archuleta County.

Healthy Archuleta, in partnership with Archuleta County, is

working to complete a community health assessment over the next couple of years. We are looking at two broad questions that will help capture people's voices/experiences related to food and preventative health care issues and opportunities in Archuleta County.

Thursday's conversation will focus on our community's experience as it relates to preventative health care access and utilization (coverage, timeliness, workforce and service).

According to HealthCare.gov,

"Preventative services is defined as routine health care that includes screenings, check-ups and patient counseling to prevent illnesses, disease or other health problems."

Join us on Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83978862954>, for the virtual meeting. If you have questions, please contact us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.org or (401) 371-3227.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company actors, crew preparing for summer season

By Amy Wolfe
Thingamajig Theatre Company

The professional actors arrived this week to begin rehearsals for Thingamajig Theatre Company's production of the musicals "Bright Star," "Guys and Dolls" and "The SpongeBob Musical."

Costumes are being fitted, sets detailed, music and choreography rehearsed to prepare for a magical summer of live musical theatre. Visit our website at pagosacenter.org for links to purchase season and individual tickets for these wonderful shows.

Following the opening of the three summer shows, the Whatchamawhozit Kids Camp will take place on weekdays from July 5 through July 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will culminate in public performances of "The Music Man Kids" on July 16 and 17, directed by a returning camp favorite, Tyler Price Robinson. The camp works with 7- to 12-year-olds (inquire about special consideration of 6- and 13-year-olds), introducing them to all aspects of theater production.

Thingamajig's professional actors for the main-stage shows work with the campers on signing, dancing, storytelling, character development, costume design, painting and lighting while teaching them the invaluable skills of teamwork, public speaking, critical thinking and self-confidence in a fun and active environment.

At Whatchamawhozit Kids Camp, all the art forms come together to provide an amazing experience right here in Pagosa Springs. Register your youngster at pagosacenter.org for the transformative power of theater education.

The cost of the camp is \$375 and includes admission to the July 13 matinee performance of "The Spongebob Musical" which features all the camp counselors.

The opening of our Broadway in the Mountains season is only



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

The Whatchamawhozit Kids Camp will be back at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts this summer. This year, the camp will culminate with public performances of "The Music Man Kids."

three weeks away, on June 3, with "Bright Star." The award-winning collaboration of Steve Martin and Edie Brickell was inspired by a true story and their 2013 bluegrass album "Love Has Come for You." Set in the Blue Ridge Mountains in the 1940s with flashbacks to the 1920s, the music and script weave a story of loss and the power of love. Allie Tamburello returns to Thingamajig's stage to perform in a dream role on her bucket list as Alice Murphy.

The musical romantic comedy of "Guys and Dolls," subtitled "A Musical Fable of Broadway," will open on June 17 with familiar songs and amazing dance. The unlikely pairing of Manhattan underworld figures with straight-and-narrow "dolls" is set in 1920s New York and Havana, Cuba.

You will be singing along with songwriter Frank Loesser's brilliant compositions, "Bushel and a Peck," "If I Were a Bell" and "Luck Be a Lady."

Opening July 1, "The SpongeBob Musical" will transport audiences to the underwater world of Bikini Bottom. Inspired by Nickelodeon's long-running animated children's cartoon, "SpongeBob SquarePants," trouble is about to erupt in Bikini Bottom, producing an unlikely hero. This family-friendly and fun musical is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

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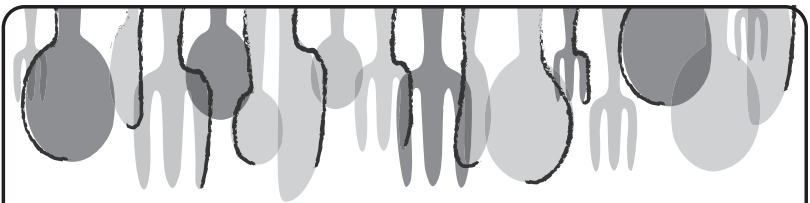
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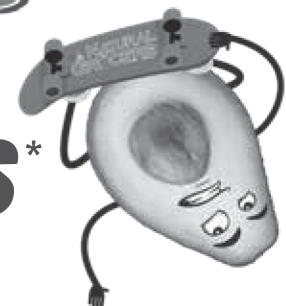


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Senior Center seeking volunteers

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.

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

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

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

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

Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

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

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

The cost per meal for the pub-

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lic 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, 12 — Pork ribs, macaroni and cheese, milk, salad and pistachio salad.

Friday, May 13 — Chicken salad with green salad or as a croissant sandwich, carrot salad, milk and strawberry shortcake.

Monday, May 16 — Pork red beans and rice, cauliflower salad, milk, salad and French apple tart.

Tuesday, May 17 — Beet salad, pimento cheese finger sandwich, milk, four-fruit salad and chocolate éclair.


Wednesday, May 18 — Beef short ribs, mashed potatoes, yeast roll with butter, milk, banana and salad.

Thursday, May 19 — Tuna salad with green salad or as a sandwich, broccoli salad, milk and lemon mousse.

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

days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

Due to COVID-19, food supplies have been affected. Substitutions will be made accordingly.




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Photo courtesy Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

A handful of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership board members at the outdoor amphitheater in Centennial Park in April.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership to host open mic every third Thursday beginning in May

By **Rose D. Chavez**
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) invites the community to an open mic each third Thursday from May through September.

The free event is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Centennial Park at the GGP amphitheater at 80 S. 5th St. The first scheduled open mic will be on May 19.

All forms of family-friendly art and music are encouraged and welcome. A portion of the funds raised during these events will be used to jump-start the future heritage food gardens surrounding

the grow domes that celebrate and provide educational opportunities about the traditional plants, foods and cuisines of our indigenous and Hispanic relatives and ancestors that have thrived here for generations.

The GGP is excited to host these free community gatherings to connect spaces in beautiful downtown Pagosa Springs along the San Juan River and to support GGP's mission of educating the community in sustainable agricultural practices by producing food year-round using local renewable energy.

For additional information, please contact us at ggp@pagosagreen.org.

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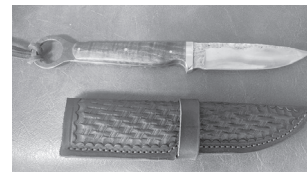
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Get to know the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars' coaches and director

By **Danyelle Leentjes**
Seeds of Learning

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars (DWTPS) is back for the fifth year of dancing to support Pagosa Springs' nationally accredited preschool, Seeds of Learning.

On Aug. 20, six Pagosa stars with the support of six local dance coaches will take the stage at the Ross Aragon Community Center to spin and dip their way through thrilling dance routines. We are incredibly excited to introduce you to those dance coaches.

Leslie Carlson returns this year as the event entertainment director and choreographer. Carlson has been a professional dance instructor for over 20 years. She taught social dance with Arthur Murray Studios in New Orleans for nine years before becoming an independent instructor and relocating to Durango in 2005.

Kylie Ross has been with DWTPS since the beginning as a coach and co-choreographer. She is a West Coast girl who made her way to Pagosa Springs. Ross has 23 years of dance experience that began with tap, jazz and ballet. Prior to coming to Pagosa, Ross' career led her to a studio in Seattle, Wash., where she spent four years competing in West Coast swing, teaching and regularly performing with her students in studio productions.

Ashley Butcher has been a Pagosa Springs resident for more than 20 years and she couldn't be more excited to return for her fifth season as a coach for DWTPS. She grew up with a love for dance thanks to her mother and former coach, Angela Wirth, who's supported her over the decades watching her perform in school musicals, burlesque shows and

now this event. She's incredibly grateful to not only have grown up in this wonderful community, but now to be able to give back and watch DWTPS get bigger and better every year.

Sharina Ramsay-Adams returns this year as a coach. Ramsay-Adams plays recreational soccer in Durango, is a fitness coach and runs a garage door company in Durango. She has worked for the Thingamajig Theatre Company in "Doubt," "Chicago," "Full Monty," "Office Space" and more. She dances in Snow Down Follies show in Durango and performs with SE School of Movement.

Also in his fifth year of DWTPS, Nolan King has trained under several of the top dance instructors in the United States. He now is an instructor himself, teaching at his dance studio in Cortez, which he co-owns with his sister, Cassidy. King studies all styles of dance, but his passions are West Coast swing, Latin dances and historical dances — and his biggest passion of all is sharing his love of dance with others.

When Nash McNichol isn't running his business fixing Durango's broken computer devices, he's probably teaching someone how to dance. Like most people, McNichol started wiggling around on the dance floor before formally taking the plunge to learn a specific wiggle. His choice: West Coast swing. The history of West Coast dates to the 1940s, when Dean Collins introduced a variant to the Lindy-Hop called Savory Style Lindy that we now refer to as West Coast Swing. West Coast Swing later came to be the official dance of California, which Collins was inevitably given credit for accomplishing. Like Collins,

Nash likes to dance. Unlike Collins, Nash is here to dance for the 2022 DWTPS.

Steve Novacek waited 56 years before he started dancing. Once

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

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



Kylie Ross



Ashley Butcher



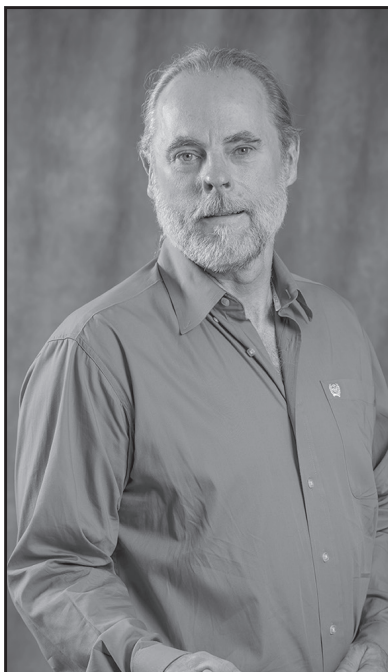
Photos courtesy Seeds of Learning
Sharina Ramsay-Adams



Nolan King



Nash McNichol



Steve Novacek

Dancing

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he started dancing, he couldn't stop. He has learned more than 20 different dances and is still looking for more. Novacek, along with his dance partner, won the 2018 Dancing with the Durango Stars. He has lived in the Four Corners area for 45 years. In addition to dance, he enjoys jeeping, photography and being in the mountains. When not traveling for dance or wintering in Arizona, Novacek can be found teaching the beginner dance lessons in Durango.

If you'd like to catch more about these dedicated coaches and staff, be sure to like and follow our Facebook page. Tickets for the event will be available July 14. For more information on when and how to get tickets, follow our DWTPS Facebook page at facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/ or visit our website at www.growingseeds.org. And, watch next week's SUN for our debut of the Pagosa stars.



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Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss life after death

By Lynzlie Sutton
Spiritual Experiences Group
of Pagosa Springs

Within my circle of family, friends and pets, I have had many experiences that confirm to me without a doubt that we do indeed live on beyond this earthly world.

Have you ever had an after-death communication from a loved one? Come share your stories with people who understand such experiences are valid. There are many who have shared your experience.

In the great cycle of birth, life and death, many people are uncertain about what happens after

our physical existence ceases. Is there really such a thing as life after death? Can we gain experience of this journey of soul — while still living in the physical world?

Understanding more about our true spiritual nature and our spiritual experiences can provide personal proof of soul's eternal nature and can answer questions as to what lies beyond this life.

Join us for this free spiritual discussion to share your own insights, learn from those of others and try a spiritual exercise or two. Let's dig deeper into the topic each time. Come explore the eternal, divine wonder of you.

We all look forward to exchanging

insights and experiences. Find a free link to the article "Life After Death" in the Soul Adventure magazine. You are welcome to explore this article before the discussion. Visit www.SoulAdventureMagazine.org. Click on "View Current Issue." See the "Life After Death" story of a man that goes to visit his barber and his next great adventure story.

The Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs meets at 1 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. All faiths are welcome. For more information about Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom, visit eckankar.org.



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New Thought service will focus on Egypt tour

By Shayla McClure
New Thought Center for
Inspirational Living

Sunday service is at 10 a.m. on May 15 with Julie Loar, who will share her latest spiritual tour March 2022 in Egypt.

After the service with Loar, we will host a reception and potluck followed by a 1-1/2 hour presentation of her tour in Egypt.

"After thousands of years, Egypt still calls us back to remember an-

cient wisdom and sacred purpose." — Loar.

Upcoming events

Meditation and yoga is Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. with Madison Humes.

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

May 20, 6-9 p.m.: Fundraiser

dance with Bruce Wayne Rock and Country Band, Pagosa Lodge ballroom.

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

Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.



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Preview Calendar

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

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.

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.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library.

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

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library.

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

School of Movement Presents Burlesque, 'We're Back.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive.

The School of Movement will return to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts stage in May with a show called "We're Back." This fun and inspiring variety show will present 22 acts of dancers, aerial artists performing on silks, lyra and pole as well as our newest act in a life-sized wine glass! This spectacular experience showcases the hidden talent of amazing local performers, some who are taking the stage for the first time. Doors open at 6 p.m. with shows beginning at 7 p.m. The show is recommended for mature audiences, ages 14 years and older. See pagosacenter.org for more information.

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. The clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month, but available appointments are limited, so please contact the library early in the month to reserve your spot.

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.

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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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Gabriela de la Paz Performance. 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Gabriela de la Paz specializes in traditional music of Mexico and Latin America. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

Sunday, May 15

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee and Archuleta County Republican Women Ice Cream Social. 1-5 p.m., Tall Pines, 23 Pike Drive.

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)

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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.

Full Moon Program with Lunar Eclipse. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. There is a \$20 fee for attending or \$25 to attend the Full Moon Program with an early tour. Guests who plan to attend the early tour, please check in at the gate by 6:15 p.m. Guests who plan to attend the Full Moon Program only, please check in at the gate between 6:45 and 7 p.m. For more information, see the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Monday, May 16

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. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Proof of COVID vaccination required. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Lecture Series with Ron Sutcliffe: 'Archaeoastronomy and Cultural World Views.' 4:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. The lecture is free to the public. For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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

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.

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Adult DIY: Creativity Mishmash. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will use a variety of DIY supplies from previous months to give you the opportunity to create something useful or decorative. DIY crafts can be a fun way to create something unique that does not cost a lot of money. Bring your imagination. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Archuleta County Democratic Club Meeting. 7 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse. The speaker will be Alex Walker. The meetings will resume in-person with no registration needed; however, if you prefer to attend virtually, please register on the website below. In appreciation for our meeting place, we welcome donations of nonperishable food to the Methodist Church food bank. For more information, you may email lynnfrederick1@gmail.com. To register to attend virtually, please go to: www.archuletadems.org.

Wednesday, May 18

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

Family Storytime with Lisa Baker. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join our guest presenter, Miss Lisa, and her friend Fluffy Dog for some puppets, storytelling and lots of silly fun. 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.

Mountain High Garden Club: Preparing Your Garden Soil. 10 a.m.-noon. CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. How to amend soil for the new season. Roundtable discussion on preparing your garden and flower beds for planing. Raised beds versus in-ground soil,

amendments, vermiculture and composting will be discussed. See mountainhighgardenclub.com for more information.

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Google Meet. For youth in the 4th-12th grades. Bring your fun

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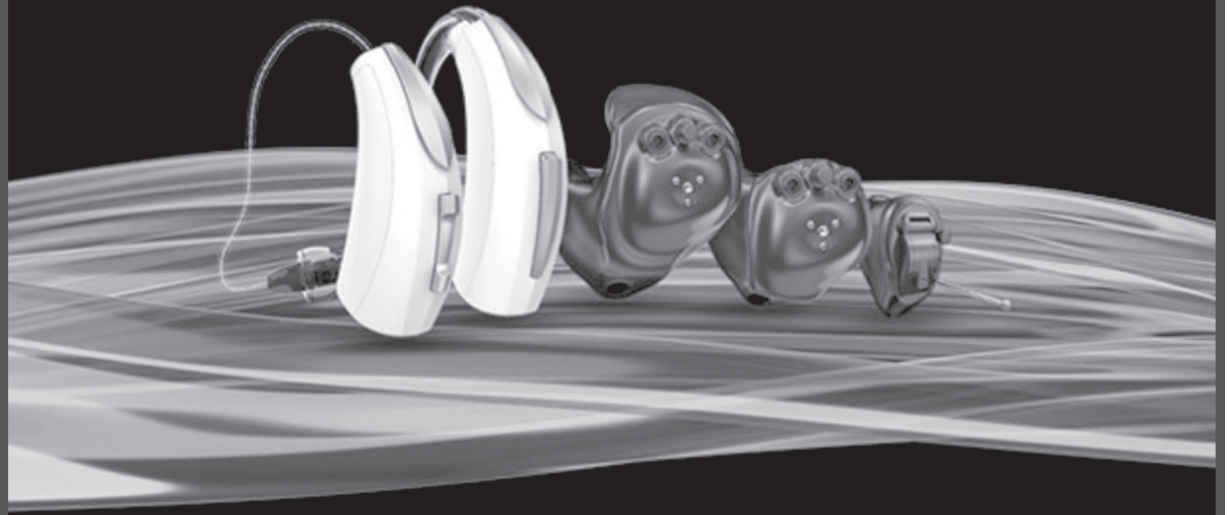


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Weminuche Audubon Society: Explore Birdsong. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Identifying bird species by what we hear in addition to by what we see will be the topic. Socializing and setup will take place beginning at 6 p.m. For those unable to attend in person, the link to join by Zoom will be posted on the events listing at weminucheadubon.org.

Thursday, May 19

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving beef stroganoff, 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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Dungeons and Dragons 3-5 p.m. Discord. Ongoing game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join.

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Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Open Mic. 4:30-7:30 p.m., GGP Amphitheater, Centennial Park. For additional information, please contact ggp@pagosagreen.org.

Spanish Conversation. 6-7 p.m. Sisson Library. Would you like to improve your Spanish language speaking and listening skills? Join us in person to practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. There is no minimum skill level needed to attend. Everyone is welcome to participate. Learn Spanish and many other languages anytime on your own using the Transparent Language Learning database available at <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/>. Call (970) 264-2209 for

more information.

Friday, May 20

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

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Saturday, May 21

DUST2 Bike Swap Party. 8 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Drop off your lightly used cycling gear to sell from 8-10 a.m. Bikes, trailers, helmets, jerseys, etc.: \$5 tag for items/ kids bike, \$10 tag per bike, \$25 tag for table plus \$5 per item. More than 10 items requires a table sign up. Then, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., snag

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

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some sweet deals on used gear. At noon there will be a no-drop 15-mile road/gravel group ride. At 2 p.m. there will be a skills competition pump track and skills courses with prizes, led by DUST2 high school racers. From 5-6 p.m., there will be a party in the park with music, drinks and food. Pick up unsold gear and get paid for your gear. Visit www.dust2.org or <https://www.facebook.com/pagosabike> for more information.

Rise Mental Health Awareness Walk 2022. 9:30 a.m., Town Park. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., walk starts at 10 a.m. After the walk concludes, community organizations will have informational booths with mental health resources set up at Town Park and there will be multiple guest speakers.

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.

Sunday, May 22

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs. 1 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Our topic of discussion will be "Life After Death." Come share your experiences. All faiths are welcome. For more information about Eckankar, see www.eckankar.org.

Monday, May 23

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

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Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Proof of COVID vaccination required. If you have not attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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Wednesday, May 25

Geology Tour. 7-8:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Guests must arrive for check-in at 7 a.m. The tour departs the lower parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

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

Thursday, May 26

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

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PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more! Mark can

help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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NUTRITION

"The two chief causes of disease are food and drink." — *Julius Gilbert White, Abundant Health, p. 3*

What is food?

"A food may be defined as any substance which, when absorbed into the blood, will nourish the tissue, repair waste, and furnish force and heat to the body without causing injury to any of its parts." — *Julius Gilbert White, Abundant Health, p. 25*

Whatever we eat is broken down and feeds our cells, the building blocks of our bodies. Nutrition is brought to the cells throughout the body by our blood. So, in essence, whatever we eat is converted to blood and then is transported to the trillions of cells that make up our bodies.

Science has proven that a whole, plant-based diet is best for optimal health. People who live on a plant-based diet live 7 to 10 years longer and better.

For years, we have heard of the deleterious effects of saturated fat and cholesterol on heart health and chronic diseases, in general. But the real "elephant in the room" has been the presence of animal protein — specifically lysine — in the human diet. Increasingly, studies have indicated animal protein's primarily causative effects on heart disease. As recent as the last decade of the twentieth century, scientists have known that lysine has been more prevalent in animal proteins than in plant proteins (which primarily have arginine). In fact, arginine has been shown, not only to be more prolific in plant proteins, but it has also been observed to actually facilitate blood vessel dilation and to increase blood flow. This is due to the body's inherent ability to create natural nitric oxide (a vasodilator) from arginine.

As if the existence of lysine in animal protein were not enough, a naturally occurring animal based, sulfur-rich amino acid, known as methionine, may potentially pose an even greater threat to human health. In a recent *Advances in Nutrition* article, scientists cited methionine as being the culprit behind cellular oxidative stress, uncontrolled Insulin-Like Growth Factor 1 (IGF-1) production, and immune system repression. This is troubling, due to the fact that studies have linked oxidative stress to premature aging and chronic diseases. Of additional concern is the fact that the molecule IGF-1 has been shown to have a carcinogenic effect on the body. In other words, a growing body of evidence seems to point towards the proliferation of chronic and cardiovascular diseases via meat and dairy consumption.

Join us next week for more information about living better!

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1. Make the switch to a plant-based diet, avoiding meat, dairy (milk), and cheese.
2. Eliminate processed foods, including refined products like white sugar, white flour, and white rice.
3. Always eat a hearty breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a pauper.
4. Get your healthy fats from nuts and seeds or avocados.
5. Eat whole, fiber-rich foods rich in colors as vibrant as the rainbow.
6. Limit irritating spices like black pepper and cinnamon.
7. For maximum absorption and assimilation of nutrients, avoid vinegar-based salad dressings.
8. Do not eat a meal while you are stressed, as digestion will be impaired.
9. Avoid drinking liquids of any kind with your meals.
10. Keep from overeating by setting a limit of one plate with only 3 to 4 food items per meal.



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Colorado Proud's Recipe of the Month: Beets and burrata

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

"Bears. Beets. Battlestar Galactica." If you are familiar with Dwight Schrute from NBC's hit TV series "The Office," then you know how often this character, a beet farmer, references this underutilized vegetable.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture is featuring Colorado Proud beets and burrata for this month's recipe, and you won't be disappointed at how well the humble beet fits into your meal rotation.

Nutritionally, the golden beet is quite similar to that of red. They have similar carbohydrate, fat and protein content, and both are equally packed with potassium, a blood pressure-lowering mineral. The main nutritional difference between the two are the pigments, which provide nutrients commonly found in other yellow and orange vegetables. Vitamin C, vitamin A, beta-carotene, flavonoid and zeaxanthin are abundant in goldens.

There are also some differences beyond basic nutrition. For starters, golden beets are sweeter in taste and less earthy in flavor. For those who do not like the taste of red beets, there's a good chance you may enjoy golden beets.

Burrata is an Italian-style cow or buffalo milk cheese with a solid outer casing and a soft interior of stracciatella and cream, giving it an unusual, soft texture. This cheese pairs beautifully with the sweeter golden to create a delicious dish perfect for brunch.

Each month, the Colorado Department of Agriculture features a different ag commodity to highlight the variety and quality of products grown and raised in the state. For May, Chef Jason Morse uses Colorado beets to complement the warmer weather.

"I must admit something, I love beets," Morse said. "Maybe not so much when I was a kid, but as an adult I can't get enough of them. The flavor is so amazing and connects you to the earth with that rich, earthy flavor. I crave them as a salad, side dish or just in a bowl. I hope you enjoy this recipe as much as I enjoyed making it. Happy cooking."

Beets and Burrata

Recipe by Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes plus rest time

Yield: Two salads

Ingredients:

- 12 each beets, golden, small
- 1 quart apple cider (or juice)

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- 6-8 ounces burrata cheese, fresh, large
- Rub-A-Dub Seasoning (all-purpose BBQ rub) to taste
- Garden Rub (Bangkok-inspired rub) to taste
- 1/4 cup apple vinaigrette or your favorite vinaigrette
- Italian parsley, chopped as desired
- Balsamic glaze, dark as desired

Cooking directions:

1. Wash beets and trim off the stalk and roots ends.
2. Place into a medium-sized stock pot and cover with the cider/juice.
3. Bring to a boil and simmer for 20-25 minutes or until fork tender.
4. When beets are done, turn off the heat and cover the pan for 5 minutes to let the beets finish.
5. Uncover the beets and, using tongs, carefully remove the beets to a cooling rack.
6. Allow beets to cool for 10 minutes.
7. Peel the beets and quarter them.
8. Place beets into a mixing bowl and season with Garden Rub and Rub-A-Dub seasonings.
9. Add 1/4 cup of the apple vinaigrette
10. Mix well and let sit for 5 minutes.
11. Place mixed beets on the bottom of the platter.
12. Top with the fresh burrata, drizzle with balsamic glaze and garnish with chopped parsley.
13. Devour.

This brunch dish pairs well with a Cabernet franc.

Visit ColoradoProud.org for a complete list of recipes.

Volunteers needed

Archuleta County 4-H needs volunteers. We are looking for short-term commitment for superintendents at the county fair. Please contact our office at (970) 264-5931 or contact 4-H Coordinator Becky Jacobson at rjacobson@archuletacounty.org.

Shredding event

The shredding event has been canceled until further notice. Due to new ownership of the shredding company, we can no longer offer our biannual shredding event. We used this service, too, so we understand the inconvenience. We will work on bringing another shredding event to Archuleta County. Thank you for your past

participation.

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.

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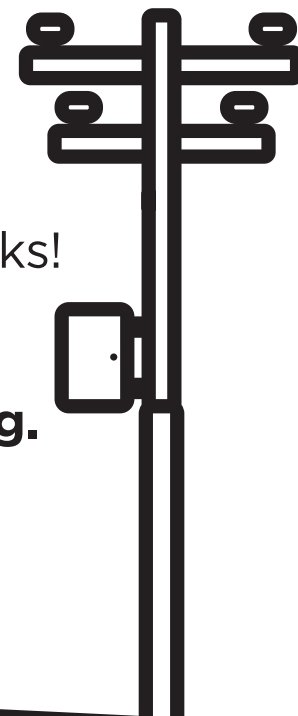
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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten an ideal literacy program for babies and toddlers

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

One of the greatest gifts you can give your babies and toddlers is to sign them up for a free early literacy reading program called “1,000 Books before Kindergarten” for children from birth to 5 years old.

You can sign up any time at your library. You will receive a folder with bubbles to keep track of the books you read to your child. The concept is simple: Read 1,000 books to your newborn, infant or toddler — yes, you can repeat books — before your precious one starts kindergarten. You’ll get a free book each time your child completes 100 books.

One thousand may sound like a huge number of books, but it’s not really. If you read just one book a night, you will have read 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you may think.

Legal clinic tomorrow

The free legal clinic this month is happening by appointment tomorrow, Friday, May 13, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Please come into the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney who will answer your questions, show you legal documents and help you fill out the necessary forms.

To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled “Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic,” with your first name and phone number, to ruby@pagosalibrary.org, or phone (970) 264-2209 or stop by the library. The volunteer attorney’s time is limited so it’s first-come, first-served. This clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month.

New StoryWalk next Monday

Our very popular StoryWalk has resumed at a new location. We are pleased to partner with the Town of Pagosa Springs to bring the StoryWalk to the Riverwalk downtown. It starts at the Ross Aragon Community Center and heads north toward the green houses. The May 15-31 featured book is “Hike” by Pete Oswald.

Adult DIY next Tuesday

At the in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, May 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., we will use a variety of DIY supplies from previous months to give you the opportunity to create something useful or decorative.

LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs

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are provided — on Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook if you can’t make it to the library.

Virtual teen advisory board

Next Wednesday, May 18, the teen advisory board will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. on GoogleMeet. Fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jav-wcht-szx>.

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 guests Lisa Baker and her friend Fluffy Dog will provide puppets, storytelling and silly fun on May 18.

Dungeons and Dragons

Join us next Thursday, May 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. for our ongoing Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Contact claire@pagosalibrary.org to learn how to join.

Free in-person sessions take place at your library on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 4 to 6 p.m.

Spanish conversation next Thursday

Next Thursday, May 19, from 6 to 7 p.m., we will gather in person at the library to practice speaking and listening skills together. There is no minimum skill level required to attend.

You also can learn Spanish and many other languages using the Transparent Language Learning database available at: <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/>

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. The next Discovery Time is on May 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.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Brad will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) sessions take place on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m., when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note there will be no PALS on May 19.

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 was posted May 9 on the library’s Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

Library hours

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

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"Silver Grass" by John D. Nesbitt is a western set on a ranch in Wyoming. "Ralph Compton Blood on the Prairie" by Tony Healey is a western in the Gunfighter series. "A Family Affair" by Robyn Carr features a woman whose life falls apart when her husband dies. "A Safe House" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. "Sister Stardust" by Jane Green follows a small-town English girl who moves to Morocco.

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Nonfiction

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Spanish-language books

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Books on CD

"One of Us is Dead" by Jeneva Rose is a thriller set in Atlanta. "City on Fire" by Don Winslow is the first book in a new trilogy about two criminal empires at war. "Death of the Black Widow" by James Patterson and J.D. Parker follows a woman who escaped from police custody. "Dream Town" by David Baldacci is an Aloysius Aracher thriller. "Glimpse into Evil" by Lynn Moffett is book three in the Incursion series about mercenaries rounding up Christians in a small Colorado town.

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"Youthfulness is connected to the ability to see things new for the first time. So, if your eyes still look at life with wonder, then you will seem young, even though you may not be chronologically young." — Goldie Hawn, actress, dancer, producer and singer.

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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. Parts A and B were covered in last week's column.

The other two Medicare parts (C and D) are optional. You don't need them to have TFL.

Medicare Part C: Medicare Advantage

Medicare Part C refers to Medicare Advantage plans. This is optional coverage offered by private companies that contract with Medicare. A Medicare Advantage plan must cover Medicare Part A and Part B services. These plans may offer you additional benefits not covered by Medicare or TRICARE. And, about half of the Medicare Advantage plans include Medicare Part D drug coverage.

Considering enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan? You should be aware of the following: You may pay a monthly plan premium, plus your Medicare Part B premium. You'll also have to pay copayments at the time of service. This means you'll have to file a claim with TFL to be reimbursed for any copayments. TRICARE can reimburse you for copayments for TRICARE-covered services. You must also get health care services from the Medicare Advantage plan's network of providers, with the exception of emergency services.

Medicare Part D: Prescription drug coverage

Medicare Part D helps cover the cost of prescription drugs. However, you don't need Medicare Part D. TFL beneficiaries remain eligible for the TRICARE Pharmacy Program. This means you still have the same pharmacy options to fill your covered prescriptions.

If you sign up for Medicare Part D, it's important to remember that Part D has a monthly premium which varies depending on which plan you choose. Medicare Part D coverage and costs can change each year, so it's important to review your options annually. If you get Medicare Part

Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



D, it would be the primary payer for your prescription medication and the TRICARE Pharmacy Program would be the last payer for all TRICARE-covered prescription drugs.

You have different options for your Medicare coverage. But remember, you only need Medicare Part A and Part B to have TFL coverage.

You can learn more about TFL eligibility and the four parts of Medicare by checking out "Becoming Medicare-Eligible" on the TRICARE website.

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 dharps@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@archuletacounty.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the vet-

eran 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.

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We are luminous

Eighty years old. Yikes! Did I think I would live this long? Am I desiring life in its fullest possibilities, knowing I'm not finished yet?

The next generation needs the wisdom, depth and light from us. Will we seize the opportunity? Or are we entering the next decade like old whining women and grumpy men? Are we finding our aches and pains difficult and becoming a burden on our families? Sometimes we want to drop out of life and call it quits.

Can't do that. This is not the time to check out, but to check in. We are still growing to be more of what we've always been. In this next decade, we will leave behind what counts the most for our family and friends.

This light we give to younger people will have substance and depth. We must not see this age as an obstacle, but embrace it as life's most profound period. When life is almost over, we are just beginning to understand the mystery of it.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, "For age is opportunity no less/Than youth itself, though in another dress/and as the evening twilight fades away/The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day." Interesting how we see clearer now in these evening years, when youth is still burning daylight with new energy and exciting ideas.

I desire a good quality of life. I went to the doctor and found I needed to have at least 10 procedures done on my legs. That meant 10 trips to Denver, six hours each way, gas and hotel. My children will have to take time off work to drive me.

I questioned if I really needed to do this, but the pain had increased to the point that I was becoming immobile. It seemed self-serving until I realized, in order to have a good quality of life, I must take care of my health. If I don't want to be pushed around in a wheelchair and be a burden to my children; I have to do what is required today.

My doctor and her assistants are very young. I have discovered the younger generation computes everything in quick and rapid speech and movement. My daughter said to the doctor, "You're speaking too fast. Please slow down. I know my mother didn't understand any of the instructions. Neither did I."

In the movies, the younger characters speak words so fast, there is no depth or acting, just reciting words. I wonder if they understand the words they are saying. Us older

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



The purpose of life becomes more visible as I live it, like the stars at night. In my younger days, I was too busy to look up.

people turn on the subtitles in order to grasp the scene because we want to know the depth of the story.

There are a few rare young people who desire understanding beyond their age and will embrace the wisdom of older people. One example is a writer with whom I spend time. At 28, she has such a sense of story. She is doing the last editing on my book. She will stop, ponder and will talk about a previous paragraph or chapter and how to take the meaning to another level in concept. She is what it means to be an old soul. She looks at the whole story and will go to the depth of a word for the right meaning. I embrace who she is. She is a writer and editor with depth of reasoning.

My grandson spent a Sunday afternoon with me. We spoke on deep things. I was taken aback by the lucid and clear insight he has. We talked ideas, future and the destiny we have entered into, both at his age and mine. When he left, he told me again how he enjoyed our time together.

I knew how he felt. I felt the same, deep called to deep. He was hungry to fill the depth of his soul. What other 26-year-olds would find contentment talking for five

hours with their grandmother?

"The evening of a well-spent life brings its lamps with it," French moralist Joseph Joubert wrote. As we grow more and more with intent, we can appreciate our lives, embrace them and give light to the ones who are ready to be illuminated.

The purpose of life becomes more visible as I live it, like the stars at night. In my younger days, I was too busy to look up. I see more than I did before. I am freer to see things, value relationships and know who I am. I can find me in me.

Final brushstroke: I believe we are luminous in our old age. It's been a lifetime of transformation, and we have a responsibility to shine our light into a dark world.

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalists to discuss the spirituality of earth, water and fire

By Joan Ward
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

On Sunday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m., the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship service will consider our spiritual connections with earth, water and fire. The service will be in-person and on Zoom.

What are our spiritual connections with earth, water and fire? Joan Ward will be sharing excerpts from a recent service from the UU Ministry for the Earth about each of these and an accompanying somatic practice.

As described on the website in-finiteocean.com: "Somatics comes from the word 'soma' which is Latin for 'body.' Somatic practices are practices which are rooted in the body and center the body's natural

wisdom. Rather than solely using the brain or rational thought to interpret our experiences, somatics focuses on our felt sense, or the wisdom we are able to gather by turning our attention toward the feelings and sensations that are alive in our bodies."

There will be a potluck after the service. Plan to stay for a potluck lunch. We have not had a meal together since Thanksgiving and last summer. A main entree will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert. Please bring your own place setting.

Depending on the current recommendations concerning COVID and the comfort level of those in attendance, please be prepared to wear a well-fitting mask while in the building. Social distancing will be encouraged and, to that end, the maximum capacity of the fellowship

has been reduced to 25.

To join by Zoom: <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/86176360552>, meeting ID: 861 7636 0552, phone: (346) 248-7799.

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

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

For more information about the fellowship, please see www.pago-sauu.org.

Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

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

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

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

This Sunday, May 15, our theme is "Know Thyself."

"Man should know his own self and recognize that which leadeth unto loftiness or lowliness, glory or abasement, wealth or poverty ... True loss is for him whose days have been spent in utter ignorance of his self." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is an all-embracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity's spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every human soul. Among the teachings of the Baha'i Faith are the investigation of truth; the oneness of God; the oneness of

mankind; justice; universal peace; the conformity between science and divine revelation; the equality of women and men; and the abandonment of racial, religious, worldly and political prejudices. It is in this spirit of community that we cordially invite you to our devotionals.

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

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

Seven gift ideas for soon-to-be graduates

Special to The PREVIEW

It would be an understatement to say that it has been an interesting few years for the class of 2022.

Due to the pandemic, many soon-to-be grads spent a significant portion of their school years adapting to a changing landscape, both at school and at home. While it is an accomplishment to reach graduation in a "normal" situation, students who have succeeded and thrived in the face of pandemic-related adversity are worthy of extra celebration.

Graduation gifts are a great way to show grads how proud you are that they stayed the course in the face of significant challenges. Here are seven gift ideas for graduates.

1. Journal: Graduates are about to start new chapters in their lives. Either a blank journal or one with writing prompts can help grads get their thoughts on paper to document both the many moments that will shape the next few years.

2. Mascot- or school-themed offerings: If a high school graduate will be going on to higher educa-

tion, visit the college or university's spirit shop to purchase anything from sweatshirts to blankets to coffee mugs featuring a school logo or mascot. On the first day of classes, the new student will already feel part of the team.

3. New wardrobe: Graduating means forging new paths, whether in a career or through additional schooling. Grads can look the part with several items from a favorite retailer. Those who are unsure of the graduate's style can purchase a gift card and let the grad go on a spending spree.

4. Framed school photo or map: A piece of artwork can evoke strong emotions of time spent on campus. Frame a black-and-white or sepia-tone print of the aerial view of campus, or opt for an official school tour map which indicates buildings and other points of interest. This could become a cherished keepsake.

5. Bedside organizational pouch: Dorm life requires maximizing a small amount of space. An organizational pouch or pocket can keep essentials such as a tablet,

book, reading glasses and remote control close by and organized without taking up a lot of room. Some are designed to rest over a couch cushion or slide between a mattress and bed frame.

6. Automotive essentials: Graduates will be facing all sorts of new expenses, so easing any sort of financial burden can help them in a big way. Vehicles tend to be major financial drains for teens and young adults. Prepaid cash cards, gas station gift cards, vouchers for car washes, and even gift cards to an automotive supply store can help graduates direct their funds elsewhere.

7. Personal coffeemaker: Many people feel coffee is essential to make it through the day. Graduates who will soon be studying for college exams or those waking up early for their first forays into the workforce may appreciate an on-demand pick-me-up. Coffeemakers are much more streamlined these days, and there are pots designed to use loose grounds or special pods to produce cups quickly.

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Healthy Archuleta features Community Learning and Leadership Circle member Kirsten Derr

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

The Archuleta County Nutrition Security and Health Equity Assessment which kicked off this past 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/work on 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 information as it relates to primary/preventive health care and food efforts.

Healthy Archuleta is sharing individual profiles of CLLC community members who are serving their community in this capacity. This week we are featuring CLLC member and community leader Kirsten Derr:

1. Health is the new wealth. What does that mean for you and your family's health in Archuleta County? "Eating and being healthy requires conscious effort. I want my friends, family, neighbors and community to experience the richness of a healthy lifestyle with improved tools, access and education to make it so."

2. What are your ties to Archuleta County? "We have lived in Archuleta County for one year now, but we are familiar with the area as my dad grew up in Del Norte where we have a family ranch that has been in the family since 1908. My husband, daughter and I moved here from Albuquerque to be closer to family and the ranch. I enjoy working as a Dr. of optometry at Mountain Eye Care where I see patients a few days a week. I have heard so many stories about the area my entire life and we are thrilled that we now have the opportunity to live here and experience the beauty of the area first hand."

3. What do you see as your role on the CLLC for the Nutrition Security and Health Equity Assessment? "I hope to serve as a voice for education, improving communication with health providers, identifying barriers and seeking potential solutions to improving nutrition security and health equity."

4. What is your vision for a healthy Archuleta? "Improved access to more nutritional foods, education on growing and preparing healthy foods and better communication and access with health care providers are all an

important part of my Vision for a healthy Archuleta."

5. What do you think is critical about the dynamics of learning and leading on the CLLC for this assessment? "I feel it is so important that I embrace the knowledge I am acquiring with an open mind and heart to better serve the needs of the community. I am eager to listen to what the committee members, community members and current leaders have already learned and hope to take that to a higher level. Being sensitive and perceptive to the people of Archuleta County will enable all of us to experience Nutritional Security and Health Equity which will lead to a stronger community and richer life experiences."

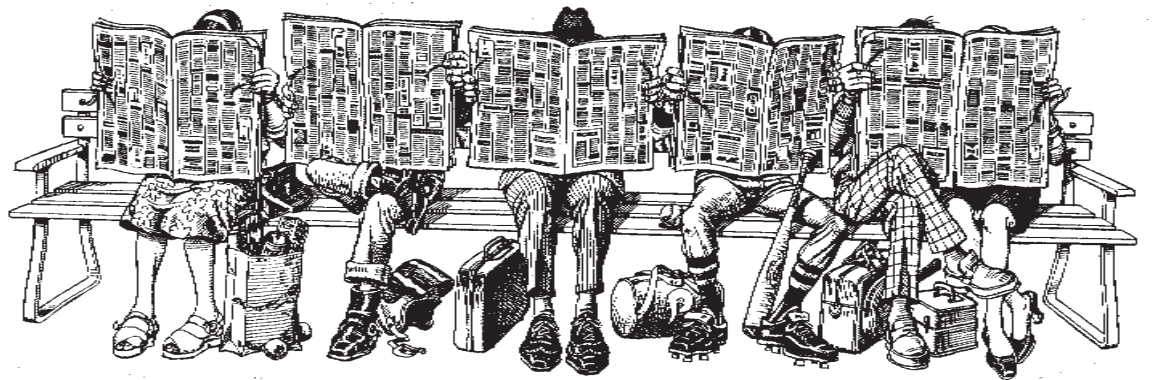
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How much will a name change change?

By **Tim Lydon**
PREVIEW Columnist

It was late November in Alaska and a lousy day for deer hunting. Rough seas rocked our small boat and when we finally stumbled ashore in Squaw Bay, we found another hunter already there. He glanced at us unhappily, then walked toward the best deer habitat. With just six hours of daylight left, all we could do was sit, watching and thinking.

A week earlier, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland had ordered her department to remove the derogatory word “squaw” from any place names on federal lands. It means new names are coming for this bay and over 600 other features on public lands across the country.

A year earlier, while working with a local nonprofit, I moderated a Facebook group page about the popular national forest surrounding the bay. The page is a place to trade stories and information. One morning, my friend Dave, a local charter boat captain, posted a picture from the bay and commented, “nice place for a name change.” This was before the Biden administration and Dave was only musing.

Name changes are not uncommon here. In recent years, streets, mountains and a whole city have adopted Alaska Native names. And in 2015, as he prepared to visit Alaska, then-President Barack Obama issued a famous — and popular — order renaming the state’s highest peak from McKinley to Denali, a nod to the Athabaskan people who have lived here for millennia.

I didn’t think anything of Dave’s comment, but when I checked back later, I saw he’d been dog-piled. Scores of people, mostly men, puffed up their online chests and hurled insults. They cursed, called him a snowflake or far worse, and lamented Alaska’s descent into “wokeness.”

I think I was a weak moderator. I deleted some abusive comments, kicked out a few people and politely called for civility. But, later, when Dave read the comments, he deleted his post and left the group. With that, our page lost a great source of local history and science.

There’s a lot to untangle from this little squall in Alaska’s remote corner of the Internet, including the tenor of today’s culture wars, which normalizes bullying.

Then there’s the word itself. Some commenters schooled Dave on etymology, citing a popular theory that squaw evolved from an Algonquin term meaning “woman.” But it was a selective take. No one mentioned that for centuries the Americanized usage was contemptuous and dehumanizing.

Writers on the Range

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Like any racist slur, the term still causes pain and fuels bias. These things matter, especially when we consider the violence disproportionately inflicted against Indigenous women and girls, an issue still unfamiliar to many. In recent years, tribes, states and others have identified thousands of unsolved cases of missing or murdered indigenous women and girls and shown that a mix of bias and jurisdictional issues on tribal lands feeds a disparity in justice.

In response, many Western states, including New Mexico, Colorado, Montana and Washington, have assigned task forces or taken other actions. Congress and both the Biden and Trump administrations have also acted with the 2020 Savannah Act, which improves Justice Department coordination on the issue and the creation of a new Bureau of Indian Affairs unit for such crimes.

Haaland’s name-change order skips past these specifics and simply states that squaw is a racist term. But she does remind the public of the federal government’s long-standing efforts to wipe racial slurs from place names. In 1962, for instance, efforts began to remove a racist term for African American

people. In 1974, the same occurred for a slur against Japanese people that originated in the World War II internment era. And beginning in 1999, state laws in Montana, Oregon and elsewhere outlawed squaw from place names.

It reveals decades of bipartisan work to remove names that alienate subsets of Americans from their public lands. That long view would have been handy on our Facebook page, where many disparaged Dave’s comment as politically correct faddishness.

Ultimately, a name change won’t solve bigger issues. But at over 600 sites, it will stop a slur and prompt a dialogue that’s overdue. That’s true for my local bay, too. But even with a new name, it will still be a serene place surrounded by forest and snow-clad mountain, where in late fall you can stand around all day and never see a deer.

Tim Lydon is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He writes from Alaska. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.



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INSTRUCTIONAL COACH NEEDED at Del Norte Jr/Sr High School. Candidate should be proficient in all areas of teaching and learning with an emphasis on professional practice and the teaching and learning cycle. The coach will be responsible for consulting with and supporting the instructional teaching staff in using resources that impact student learning. The coach will provide support and professional learning to instructional staff as needed. 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: David Grabowski, Principal at dgrabowski@urtigers.co or contact David at (719)657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co.

HELP WANTED PART-TIME OR full-time, at Pagosa Bar and Silver Dollar Liquor Store. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Apply at Silver Dollar Liquor Store.

DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/ hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

HCCA IN IGNACIO CO is accepting applications for the following positions: Middle School Science Teacher; Middle School Math Teacher; 5th Grade Teacher. The job descriptions and application can be obtained by emailing hopecommunitychristianacademy@gmail.com. To learn more about our school, visit HopeCommunityChristianAcademy.org, (970)563-0692.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO WORK for a company focused on rural community development? Do you love working with a high driven and a fun team? 1st Southwest Bank is looking for a Personal Banker and Teller. Offering a strong benefit package and career growth opportunities. For more specific details, visit <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers>. EOE.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

BWD CONSTRUCTION- Positions open for skilled construction laborers. Competitive pay, great benefits (including health insurance, PTO and 401K) and a positive work environment. Come join our growing team! Apply today at: www.bwdconstruction.com/apply.

SAWMILL HELP. GENERAL LABORER needed for local sawmill. Please call (970)264-5000 for more information.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE- No experience necessary. Competitive pay/ benefits. Energetic, dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT, 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

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 or contact Amy at (719)657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co.

KIP'S GRILL AND CANTINA is looking for hard working, dependable people to join our kitchen staff. Competitive pay, great benefits and an awesome team to work with. Swing by the restaurant to drop off an application.

PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY is seeking a full-time early morning baker/ cook and a part-time dishwasher. Our great team is fast paced, fun and supportive. Call (970)264-9348 or print application at pagosabakingcompany.com/contact/opportunities/, drop off at 238 Pagosa Street.

CNA CLASS STARTING SOON. Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a customer oriented person for a full-time cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

NOW HIRING!
Tour Guides • Drivers
 for touring/transportation company
 Weekends • Evenings • Days

Part-time positions
 \$14/hour + tips + bonus

2 full-time positions
 Salary + IRA match + vacation + bonus

Apply in person at

WJ/P/PRO
 in the lobby of the
 Pagosa Lodge 3505 W. Hwy. 160





PART-TIME HELP FOR LANDSCAPING WORK. Must be experienced with mowing, weed eating, trimming. Must have transportation. Call Eric, (970)946-2061.

MESSAGE THERAPIST WANTED at Overlook Hot Springs. Minimum pay- \$37.50/ hour, tips- 17-18%. Full-time, part-time or on call positions available. Apply in person.

THE UPPER RIO GRANDE School District has received a grant for a K-12 school counselor- the first year is 1/2 time, then full time for the next 3 years, starting in the 2022/2023 school year. Applicants must have a Master's Degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain an appropriate Colorado school counselor license. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Amy Duda, DNES Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at (719)657-4050; or to David Grabowski, DN Jr/Sr High Principal at dgrabowski@urtigers.co or contact David at (719)657-4020. Applications for certified staff positions can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co.

SAN JUAN BOCES is looking for Teachers and Paraprofessionals for Summer Programs 2022. Please apply online at: www.sjboces.org.

FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

ROOF LABORER NEEDED with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

BEST JOB / SCHEDULE IN PAGOSA. Pagosa Adventure Rentals is searching for seasonal (May-September) part-time (2p.m.-6p.m.) team members. Great schedule with 7 days on and 7 days off. More hours available during peak season. Monday through Friday schedules also available if desired. Duties to include operation of ATVs and UTVs, pressure washing, hooking up/ moving trailers. Experience in any of these areas is a plus, but ability to learn is mandatory. Willing to train. Being polite, positive attitude, respectful, and on time a must. All positions starting at \$16/ hour and up DOE. Send inquiries to Mike@PagosaAdventureRentals.com or call (970)398-0088.

NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday, 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.



Join Our Team!

Mountain Pizza & Taproom is looking for an **Assistant Manager** with experience to join our team.

Fast-paced, fun atmosphere!
 Good weekly pay plus tips, monthly bonuses.
 Stop by for application and start your new career.
Ask for Donna or Angela
 175 Pagosa Street



HILLSIDE INN IS LOOKING for a responsible, friendly team player to join our housekeeping staff. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays. Monthly performance bonuses are given as well. Please send your resume to Natalie at hillsideinnpagosa@gmail.com or stop by the hotel to pick up an application.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. **Primary responsibilities:** Greeting and checking in customers. Advising customers on the best product for their needs and preferences. Processing payments through a point-of-sale system and cash handling. Ensuring product security and compliance. Maintaining store appearance and organization. **Required qualifications:** Outstanding customer service and communication skills; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; reliable and professional; full-time availability and ability to work nights and weekends. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Previous retail, food service, and/or cannabis industry experience is preferred but not required. We provide an extensive training program on product knowledge and compliance requirements, with opportunities for continuing education. Benefits include paid sick leave, sales bonuses, and employee discounts. We are growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please e-mail your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

ASSISTANT BREWER. Opportunity of a lifetime! Will train. Must be 21+ years old. Applications on Facebook, email: info@pagosabrewing.com, or at Pagosa Brewing. No phone calls. Cheers!

BUSY RENTAL SHOP SEEKING reliable service tech, small and medium equipment, full time. Also looking for front desk clerk/ customer service, knowledge of equipment a plus but will train for both positions. Apply at 305 Bastille Dr. (970)731-4410.

RECEPTIONIST/ OFFICE MANAGER. Part time to start, moving to full time in a couple of months. Skills required, typing, retail payments, customer service/ phone and in person. Detail oriented person a must, hourly pay depending on experience, will start at \$15 per hour with increase after training period. Please call (970)731-4554.



Lube Tech
\$17 per hour, plus weekly bonus - averages \$21 per hour
 Friendly, neat appearance.
 Apply in person at 1985 Eagle Drive
 or call 970-731-1400
 locally owned/operated

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY HELP WANTED ADS — tinyurl.com/d64deel9. The Pagosa Springs SUN.

HIRING YARD PERSON to help on Saturdays for 4 hours. Must be able to lift 40 lbs., cut and trim grass, weed, plant, trim bushes, rake, maintain landscape, etc. in Piedra Road in Pagosa Springs. Call (505)980-3782 to set up interview. \$30/ hour.

PRESS OPERATOR ASSISTANT — WILL TRAIN — Position open immediately to assist operating newspaper press. Must be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods. 30 hours a week. Must have a clear driving record and driver's license. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com, drop resume to, or fill out application at, The Pagosa Springs SUN, 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM is a fast growing, successful Pizza Brand. Are you looking for a career opportunity and not just a job? We are looking for full- and part-time people. Amazing opportunity for career progression. Wonderful teams- ain't no Family like a Pizza Family. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa Street. Pagosa Springs, CO.

MESSAGE THERAPIST for our Pagosa Springs, CO location: Hiring Certified/ Licensed Professionals for busy established premier wellness spa in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. You are interested in being a permanent part of the team as an independent contractor for: Scheduled shifts and/or on call ability, willing to schedule during 10-7, (shifts of 10-3 or 3-7) opening hours and can self manage. Competitive commission, beautiful working environment with perks, and discounts on amenities. Training provided for additional services (optional). 2 positions. Call (970)422-7161.

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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FULL-TIME BUILDER LOOKING for part-/full-time help. Extremely flexible schedule. Building custom small structures. 2-man crew. Great opportunity for trade growth. Pay is dependent on production and experience. Pay scale starts at \$25/ hour (1099 contractor). "Young builder having fun on the job with a level head seeking someone who has good mentalism and can be calm when dealing with problematic implications. Autonomy promoted; common sense required." Please contact Josh at Chromo Mountain Construction, C: (719)208-9823. Email: joshua@chromomountainconstruction.com.

SUBWAY IS HIRING- Enjoy working in a fun environment with a great team? Earn a strong hourly wage with tips while serving our wonderful community? Apply in person at either location or apply online at subway.com!

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

PART-TIME RANCH HELP, experienced working with horses, irrigation, general ranch work. (808)330-1000.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 22-23 school year include: Elementary School Principal, MS Math Teacher, High School Agriculture, HS Special Education, HS Asst. Track, HS Asst. Girls' Basketball, HS Asst. Volleyball Coach, HS Asst. Cheer Coach, Elementary School Teacher, Part-time Assistant Cook, Bus Driver, Substitutes all positions. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

PINON HILLS RANCH PROPERTY Owners Association is seeking to hire a Ranch Manager to work with the Board of Directors in managing the Ranch. For more information, contact Tim Connor by phone, (970)507-0870 or by email, pinonhillspoa@gmail.com. Visit our website at pinonhillsranch.com.

SPA/ HOT TUB WATER CARE and Maintenance Person wanted. Need clean driving record. Maintain water chemistry, cleaning of spa/ filters/ covers, etc., chemical treatment, and more. Deliver and replace covers, install accessories, help Spa/ Hot Tub Delivery Crew on deliveries and moving display tubs in and out of showroom. Training is provided. Please call (970)946-4673 for more information or visit us at Homespun Comforts, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., B-6.

NEEDED: HELPERS FOR BUILDING DECKS. All tools provided. Call (970)501-0150.

CALLING DINNER COOKS! Earn more \$\$\$ here (!) with up to \$24/ hour in shared tips. If you enjoy preparing high-quality food, join us at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. Apply on Facebook, email: info@pagosabrewing.com, or in-person at Pagosa Brewing. No phone calls. Cheers!

HELP WANTED

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND FRAMING laborers needed. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour. (970)946-0720.

PAGOSA SPRINGS GOLF CLUB is accepting applications for all staff positions: Short Order Cook, Retail Pro Shop, Bar/ Snack Bar, Golf Carts, Groundskeeping and House-keeping. We are seeking outgoing, reliable and responsible applicants with excellent customer service skills for our 2022 team. Full- and part-time positions available with golf benefits. Training available for all positions. Apply in person.

KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

FRESH START WORKING OUTDOORS. Call Buck Frisbee Landscaping for information (970)946-0996.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. Starting pay \$15 an hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com.

SATURDAY LABOR, 4 HOURS per week: mow, dig, haul, paint, miscellaneous labor. \$30 per hour. Call (505)980-3782.

COULD YOU MAKE \$18-20+/HOUR? Willing to train Dental Assistant: Pagosa Smiles exists to help people with their oral health and provide excellent customer service. Join a great team where everyone works hard! Professional environment, weekends and holidays off, great pay, 401K, and bonuses all in a beautiful facility. Email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

RANCH WORK IN THE BEAUTIFUL Piedra Valley- Fence and general labor. You'll need transportation. \$18/ hour. Please call or text (970)946-4615 and leave a message.

DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED. SAN JUAN DENTAL is seeking a Dental Assistant to join our lovely practice. Are you kind, caring, compassionate and friendly? Come join our team. Competitive benefits and a great place to spend your working hours, Monday- Thursday. Email resume to drericmsmithdds@aol.com.

DISHWASHING DINNER GURUS! Earn more \$\$\$ here (!) with up to \$24/ hour in shared tips. If you like a clean and organized environment, join the team at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. All Team Members share tips! Apply on Facebook, email: info@pagosabrewing.com, or in-person at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. No phone calls. Cheers!

OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED for established construction company. QuickBooks, multi-layered scheduling, sales. Please call (970)403-5119 and submit resumes to info@fullertonworks.com.

THE GEORGE T. SANDERS COMPANY is looking for a dedicated and passionate Counter Associate to join our team. Do you have plumbing knowledge or previous plumbing experience? Do you have a passion for being a team player and willingness to do what it takes to succeed? Are you a go-getter looking for your next opportunity? Then come work for us. \$17-\$19/ hour. Go to <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/459799af-dd77-40f9-9c86-48c9bd7f2f1b/George-T-Sanders> to apply.

HELP WANTED

3R RANCH IS HIRING full time 40 hours, or part time 32 hours a week. Signing bonus after 30 day probation pay review. Must have own transportation. (970)264-5160, leave message for interview.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Seeks experienced Line Cooks. 4-5 nights per week. \$18 to start, \$300 signing bonus*. Must be available weekends and holidays. Health Insurance available after 6 months of employment. Submit resumes and inquires to Contact@alleyhousegrille.com.

NOW HIRING DISHWASHERS, SERVERS and busers for the upcoming busy summer season. Competitive pay. Please apply in person or ask for Jen or Kevin at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery.

ESTABLISHED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY hiring All Positions, including Project Manager, reliable transportation a must. Submit resumes to info@fullertonworks.com or call (970)403-5119.

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THE DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL Athletic Department is currently seeking High School football assistant coaches for the 2022 football season. Applicants must be able to meet all CHSAA and District certification requirements for coaching. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Richie Madrid, Athletic Director (rmadrid@urtigers.co) or Coach Henry Castillo (castillo@urtigers.co).

PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

FRONT OFFICE RECEPTIONIST needed at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Newspaper experience not required. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com. Successful applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please.

YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, MAY 14. 279 Woodsman Drive. Furniture, house decor, clothing, automotive, sporting goods, and more! Sale is from 8a.m.-1p.m.

ESTATE SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, May 13 and 14, 8a.m. sharp. Lots of fun stuff for your shopping pleasure. John Deere riding mower, snowblower, log splitter, chainsaws, ladders, tools, firewood, motorcycle, household items, garage stuff, furniture, kitchen stuff, decor and more. Hwy. 160 west, right on N. Pagosa, left on Capitan, right on Juniper Ct., house #43. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

YARD SALES

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ESTATE SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 8a.m. sharp. Furniture, kitchen items, clothing, plants, exercise equipment, etc. 153 Pines Drive (off of Park or Masters Circle). 1/2 price Saturday. Sale by The Organizers.

MULTI FAMILY: MAY 13 AND 14, 9a.m. to 3p.m. Many new Thirty One brand bags; home furnishings; barely used exercise bike. 35 Tee Ct.

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

YARD SALE, MAY 27, 8A.M.-2P.M.; May 28, 8a.m.-12p.m. 27 Croton Ct. Treasures, great "finds," useful items in every category! Priced to go!

FLEA MARKET SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, 8a.m. to 1p.m. at 230 Port Ave. (PLPOA Clubhouse) inside and outside with 21+ vendors offering both yard sale and artisan/ arts/ craft type booths. NO EARLY CALLERS.

PERSONALS

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. JLJ. If you want to respond, place an ad in this column.

TO YOU WHO HAVE MET my mother Simone, merci for your kindness towards her. For 99-1/2 years, she radiated her light. She has now returned home, Zhenia.

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FOR SALE

PETS

NOW OPEN, PAWLISHED. Pagosa Springs newest dog grooming salon. An intimate and calm environment with one on one grooming. Give your dogs the personal attention and pampering they deserve. Certified groomer with 18+ years experience. Located at 444 Lewis Street and open T-Sat 9:30a.m.-5p.m. by appointment only. Call (970)585-WAGS or visit www.pawlishedpetsalon.com.

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. www.humanesociety.biz.

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NEEDED: MOVING/ PACKING BOXES. (970)264-5620.

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245G GYNOSTEMAIA TEA (JIAOGUIAN), \$35. Omega mm 900 HDS masticating juicer, hardly used. Best celery juicer, \$300. Zhenia (970)731-5098.

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BUTCHER READY BEEF and Hogs. Contact Lindsay at Cole's Meat Processing for availability and pricing. (970)264-2426.

TREK ROAD BIKE, Raleigh mountain bike. Good condition, \$150 each. Call (970)317-5859.

CLAW LEG BATHTUB. Perfect condition, \$350. Call (661)428-6360.

NEED FIREWOOD? Start stocking up now! \$225 a cord split and delivered or get a dump truck load for \$400. Pine/ Aspen mix. Contact FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

FARM FRESH, ORGANIC EGGS for sale. Call Leah: (970)264-0421.

2016 PALOMINO SS1251 CAMPER and 2000 Ford F250 7.3L Super Duty 4X4 being sold together. Torklift mounts, Fastgun tie-downs. Tanno and tailgate included. Miles 265K. \$25,950 OBO. (720)810-9118.

SPRING FIREWOOD SALE. Get your wood now for best deal before fuel prices rise even more. Pine, spruce, aspen. Call for availability. Full cord guaranteed, pickup or delivery. Gabe (970)403-2784.

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS. We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. (970)731-PAWN (7296).

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2020 17' AMERILITE GULFSTREAM RV. Rear entrance, kitchen, stove, large refrigerator, microwave, shower, TV hookup, radio, extra awning. Sleeps 3-4. Trailer hitch, self braking. Excellent condition, \$16,000. (970)731-1506.

TINY HOUSE FOR SALE. Built 5 years ago. 28' long on gooseneck trailer, 95% complete. \$17,500 OBO. Call Gary (970)382-1327.

1999 FORD SEA VIEW 31'. Slide out 12', 32,000 miles. \$9,000 OBO. (970)946-6083.

2020 ROCKWOOD MINI LITE 2104S. Includes slideout topper, weight distribution hitch. Everything you need to camp. In excellent condition, \$24,000 OBO. (203)907-5869.

AUTOS

2012 RAM 3500 LARAMIE Longhorn Mega cab. 6.7 diesel, adjustable 5th wheel hitch, auxiliary fuel tank. \$25K. (970)946-1700.

GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL! 4X4 Auto Sales. 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

1996 LEXUS LANDCRUISER restoration project. Second owner since new. Straight body, no rust, needs cosmetic and mechanical restoration. Great investment for collectors and rebuilders. \$5,000. (970)749-4905.

2000 GMC YUKON XL 1500 SLT for sale by owner. 331,000 miles. New dealer engine installed at 200,000 miles. Runs great. All oil changes, brake jobs, etc. have been maintained throughout the years. One owner. Price includes 4 Blizzak almost new snow tires in addition to 2 brand new tires on vehicle. Airlift shocks in rear. Electronic brake control for towing. Interior condition is good. Includes third seat. Moon roof. \$5,200 OBO. Contact (713)248-0169.

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OWNERS, WE ARE BOOKED UP AND NEED MORE VACATION RENTAL PROPERTIES! Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! www.NexthomeRMR.com (970)507-8655.

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ROOM FOR RENT with private bath. Utilities included. No pets. \$650/ month, first and last. (970)903-6094 after 3p.m.

APARTMENT FOR RENT. Small upstairs 1 bedroom unit, \$1,250 plus utilities. Great mountain views. Must show proof of good credit and 12 months good prior rental history. Contact Shelley Low (970)946-0930.

HOUSES FOR SALE



Rocky Mountain REALTY & RENTALS

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

LUXURY HOME FOR RENT: Beautiful fully furnished 2,200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with mountain views on approximately 4 acres is for rent on a monthly basis. This is an amazing home and property that adjoins National Forest with direct access to hiking, mountain biking, ATVing while also providing a quite place to vacation, live or work remotely from. Rent is \$3,000 per month plus propane, all other utilities provided. Deposit and background check required. Available mid-May. Call (970)398-0573 now for availability.

APT STAND ALONE BUILDING on 8 acres off Meadows Drive. Hilltop, quiet cul-de-sac, great views. You pay city water, electric, propane. High efficiency boiler heat and hot water. Two rooms- bedroom and front room. 900 sq. ft. Refrigerator, washer, dryer. 1 year lease, \$1,200/ month, \$1,600 security deposit. Burt (970)731-4699.

OWNERS, THERE IS A LONG TERM RENTAL SHORTAGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS. We have a waiting list for approved tenants. Need all types of rentals. Call us today for lowest commission and highest customer service. All you have to do is wait for your rent check to come in. We do the rest! www.NexthomeRMR.com (970)507-8655.

BEST VALUE IN PAGOSA. Newly remodeled 1/1, 2/2 apartment homes. Convenient location, walk to uptown grocery store. (970)946-4773.

RESPONSIBLE, PROFESSIONAL LOCAL RESIDENT looking for a long term caretaking/ house sitting opportunity (303)249-0144.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PURCHASE a home but can't qualify for a conventional mortgage because your income isn't high enough? You may qualify for Habitat for Humanity's Affordable Homeownership program if you are an Archuleta County resident (1 year+), have good credit and dependable household income. We will be building three homes in 2023 and are looking for potential homeowners who are willing to put in sweat equity to build their own home alongside volunteers. Pick up an application packet at Habitat Archuleta, 703 San Juan St., #201 (above TBK Bank downtown), download an application at HabitatArchuleta.org or email Director@HabitatArchuleta.org. Completed applications should be returned by June 28, 2022.

LAKE PAGOSA VIEWS. 2 and 3 bedrooms in 4plex. Available May 1. Most utilities paid. Washer, dryer, dishwasher, range and fridge. Covered deck, seasonal stream, 10 minute walk to lake. \$1,550 for 3 bedroom, \$1,450 for 2 bedroom, 1 bath. No pets, nonsmokers preferred. For details, call John (720)431-3327.

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CALL TEAM PAGOSA REALTY (970)731-8599 for your long term rental needs. pagosaspringsrealty.com.

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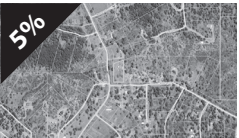
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