

CDOT, town host contentious meeting on main street reconstruction project

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On April 4, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Town of Pagosa Springs hosted an informational public meeting about CDOT's upcoming U.S 160 reconstruction project through downtown Pagosa Springs.

The meeting turned contentious at times, with downtown business owners — particularly owners of retail shops — expressing worry that the construction will "kill" business revenues during the important months of the peak summer tourist season.

The project will replace the current asphalt roadway with a new concrete road surface through the main street business district and is slated to begin in the summer of 2024.

According to CDOT, the scope of the project includes a new concrete road surface between North 8th Street and North 1st Street, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements to sidewalk ramps and new pedestrian crosswalks with flashing signs installed near 3rd Street, 2nd Street and 6th Street.

CDOT's claim, according to a fact sheet, is that a concrete surface will "prolong the road lifespan and require less frequent maintenance, increase motorist safety with a textured skid resistance surface not prone to blackice" and would be "less susceptible to wear-and-tear under heavy traffic volumes."

CDOT has not yet selected a prime contractor to execute the project, nor were the details known about the project's sequencing and schedule by the time of the meeting.

"When the [prime contractor] team is in place, more detailed project information will be published and shared with the public," states a CDOT-published fact sheet.

Such unknowns about the project led many in the packed-house meeting to question its timing, with several downtown retail business owners stating that the construction will dramatically disrupt their businesses during the summer tourist season.

Jeremy Buckingham, co-owner of Goodman's Department Store, expressed, "how dangerous this is for our businesses."

■ See Reconstruction A7

Case against driver in Jan. 29 crash with school bus dismissed following driver's death

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, 6th Judicial District Attorney Sean Murray confirmed the case against Bret Smith, the driver of the SUV involved in the Jan. 29 crash that included a school bus, has been dismissed due to the defendant's death.

In March, Pagosa Springs Police Chief William Rockensock announced that Smith had been charged with careless driving causing bodily injury.

Several children from the bus were taken to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) for minor injuries, where they were treated and released.

The two-vehicle crash left the driver of the SUV, identified as Bret Smith, 54, of Pagosa Springs, in critical condition.

The bus was transporting Pagosa Springs Elementary School students, Archuleta School District Superintendent Rick Holt indicated shortly after the crash.

According to Rockensock, there were 25 children and a driver on the bus.

Rockensock indicated in early March the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) had recently spoken with Smith regarding the crash.

According to Rockensock, Smith "made the claim" he doesn't remember. ■ See Case A7



Solar eclipse

SUN photos/Josh Pike and Randi Pierce

A thin layer of clouds and being outside the path of totality didn't stop area residents from taking in the April 8 solar eclipse, such from at the Ruby Sisson Library's watch party. The next total solar eclipse that will be visible from the United States will be on Aug. 23, 2044.



School board reverts to old policy on instructional time

Amended policy left schools short of state guidelines

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Tuesday evening, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education approved an old version of a policy it updated in January relating to instructional time.

In January, the board adopted a new version of policy IC/ICA, which, in part defines instructional time and the times during the school day that students are "actively engaged in the educational process."

The change removed passing periods between classes and response-to-intervention (RTI) time, which the high school has at the beginning of the day to allow students extra time to get support, from instructional time. Then, in March, Superintendent

Rick Holt told the board he wanted to make them aware of recent policy changes that impacted the way the district calculates instructional time.

The policy change, he explained, started a process of exploring how to adjust instructional minutes.

He led the board through the basics of the policy and the process staff was taking, and explained that, under the old policy, the district was comfortably meeting the state's required instructional hours and days.

Holt also admitted "last year's superintendent" called too many snow days, which caused a loss of 36 hours of instructional time, but that the high school still met its requirement.

The middle school, he noted, has a "much smaller buffer" and was 10 hours under the minimum after he called that number of snow days, but that the district was able to obtain a waiver due to it being unusual to have

■ See School A8



Photo courtesy Allen Domingo

With spring weather returning to the area, area anglers are hitting the water. Emmanuel Domingo netted a 20-inch brown trout on the San Juan River on Sunday.

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OUR VIEW

'A chilling message'

Despite the job we hold, we're not big on politics.

We often find ourselves rolling our eyes when it comes to politics and political rhetoric.

And there's no denying that things have become increasingly divisive over time.

There are times we feel like our kids could do better coming together to find solutions instead of more problems than the grown-ups who represent us.

But we're not apathetic. We agree with Abraham Lincoln's assessment that "The ballot is stronger than the bullet."

We also believe we are best served when politics and political rhetoric is kept in the light of day to help people be aware of what is going on and how elected officials are representing them. That allows people to decide how they should vote, and if and when they should be involved with government, whether that be at a local, state or federal level.

And we firmly believe that the processes for determining what and who goes on the ballot, as well as party platforms those people will be running on, should be public.

On Saturday, April 6, Colorado Sun political reporter Sandra Fish — who has covered politics since 1982 — was kicked out of the state Republican assembly, apparently because Dave Williams, the party chairman who is also a congressional candidate, is unhappy with Fish's reporting.

Fish was reportedly informed she was uninvited from covering the assembly via text at 3:45 a.m. Saturday.

Fish opted to attend the event to cover it anyway, and received a press credential

at the door.

About an hour later, she was told to leave and, after refusing, was escorted out by law enforcement.

The event has made headlines and drawn criticism from Republicans and Democrats alike. It also demonstrates why having information available is so important and why being informed is such a crucial part of the voting process.

On Tuesday, April 9, a group of organizations sent out an open letter regarding the incident.

Following is that letter:

"The Colorado News Collaborative (CO- Lab), Colorado Press Association, Colorado Broadcasters Association, Colorado Media Project, Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition and Denver Press Club write to express our collective dismay and concern over the recent exclusion of Colorado Sun politics reporter, Sandra Fish, from the Colorado Republican Party state assembly.

"Journalism serves as the cornerstone of a vibrant and functioning democracy, providing citizens with the information necessary to make informed decisions. The forcible removal of Ms. Fish from the assembly, under the pretext that her reporting was unfavorably viewed by the party's chairman, stands in stark contrast to the principles of freedom of speech and the press enshrined in our Constitution.

"Ms. Fish, a seasoned reporter with a career spanning decades, was unduly singled out and told that her presence was unwelcome, based on subjective assessments of her reporting. This action not only silences a respected voice in the field of journalism but also sends a chilling mes-

sage to the press at large about the erosion of journalistic access and freedom within our state.

"The Constitutionally protected role of journalists is to report facts and bring transparency to the workings of our society, especially our political institutions. By barring Ms. Fish from attending the assembly, the Colorado Republican Party risks obstructing the public's right to receive comprehensive and unfiltered news about significant political events. This action not only undermines the essential role of the free press but also detracts from the democratic process by limiting the scope of public discourse.

"This is not a partisan matter. We agree with the previous GOP state chair, Kristi Burton Brown, who posted on X, formerly Twitter, that the ouster was a 'dangerous' move by her successor, adding: 'Transparency is necessary for our nation.'

"In light of these events, we urge the Colorado Republican Party leadership to reconsider its stance on press freedom and to acknowledge the vital role that journalists like Ms. Fish play in our democracy. It is imperative for all political organizations to operate with transparency and to allow media access to their proceedings, regardless of perceived criticisms. We stand in solidarity with Sandra Fish and all journalists who face barriers in their pursuit of truth and accountability.

"Sincerely,
"Colorado News Collaborative (COLab), Colorado Press Association, Colorado Broadcasters Association, Colorado Media Project, Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition, Denver Press Club"

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the May 11, 1978, Pagosa SUN — CLEARING THE PASS — This photo was taken May 1, 1928 near the top of Wolf Creek Pass and was loaned to the SUN by Steve O'Rourke of the Mineral County Miner. In that era the pass was not kept open on a year around basis and each spring volunteers from both sides of the pass would get together and open the highway for travel. Records of that time indicate that May 5 was the earliest opening date of record at that time.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 11, 1924

Flood waters caused a break Monday evening in the water main that crosses McCabe creek on San Juan street, and deprived the western half of town the use of city water the fore part of the week.

The ornamental lighting posts and fixtures, to be installed by the town on Pagosa street are now here, and work of installing the same will soon commence.

We have had several inquiries in the past few weeks concerning the contemplated sale of the Spring property and the subsequent erection of a new hotel, but regret that to date we are unable to learn anything definite concerning the proposition. Our last information was to the effect that the deal was pending with excellent chances of its being completed.

The creeks in the lower section of the county, especially the Stollsteimer, were overflowing their banks the first of the week and threatening the numerous bridges. However the streams are now subsiding somewhat.

There may be a way to do it, but we haven't learned it yet — we refer to running a newspaper without money. Please let us have that subscription money pronto.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 8, 1949

The meeting held at the Legion home last Friday for the purpose of organizing a rodeo association was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd. A great deal of discussion was held and it was unanimously voted to go ahead with the show. A committee was appointed to take care of the organizational procedure and to name the next meeting night.

The committee meet this week and started the ball rolling on the organization of the show. They plan to have another meeting later in the week to take care of the other details and set the time for the next meeting. Every one present at both meetings was most enthusiastic regarding the rodeo and from all indications there will be a good rodeo in store for the 4th of July. At the general meeting many possibilities were discussed and it was agreed that a permanent set-up to take care of the rodeo was a must.

An oil painting depicting a Baptismal Scene has been received by Rev. and Mrs. Emmet Russel to place behind the pulpit in the First Baptist Church. U.S. Abell of Glen Ellyn, Ill., well-known artist did the work.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 11, 1974

Carlos LaVarta, president of the Red Ryder Roundup committee, said this week that queens for the rodeo, and for the Mounted Rangers are to be selected May 19th.

The contest for selecting the queens will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Red Ryder Roundup grounds. To be selected are a queen for the Red Ryder Roundup, a queen for the Mounted Rangers, and an attendant for each queen. The girls will be judged in riding ability, appearance, and personality.

A grand opening is scheduled at the Pagosa Golf Club clubhouse and pro shop this Sunday, April 14. The clubhouse will be open from 2 p.m. on for visitors, according to Bud McGonagill, pro shop manager at the club.

The new clubhouse is a large structure, located near the driving range, putting green and the start of the fairways on the first hole. It is of masonry and timber construction, is located on a knoll, and has an excellent view from the clubhouse porch. The Continental Divide can be seen, as can Pagosa Peak, Pinon Lake, and many of the scenic points in this area.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 8, 1999

As if someone were playing a giant April Fool's Day joke, snow started falling in Pagosa Country April 1. By the time the spring storm slipped out of town April 4, 29.8 inches of new snow had fallen. On Wolf Creek Pass, at the ski area, 87 inches were recorded over the same time span.

Snowfall from the four-day storm exceeded the maximum April snowfall in town recorded in 1975 when 27 inches fell. From Nov. 7 through Nov. 11 last year, 16 inches of snow fell in town, the last significant storm of the season.

Last week's storm slammed into this area at a time when below normal winter snow packs in the mountains had ranchers cleaning up shovels, a preparation for irrigating pastures much earlier than usual. As recently as April 1, experts reported the snowpack at about 65 percent of normal for the San Juan Basin. More April snow is possible.

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2025 Project

Dear Editor:
The recent letter "Democracy or Trump" was right on about the dangers of a second Trump term. What the authors failed to mention was that the letter was not just their opinions but are the proposed policies as laid out in the right wing Heritage Foundation's "2025 Project". The Heritage Foundation is the entity responsible for the hard right judges that have been appointed to the courts and the weakening of government institutions. While they label their proposals

as more efficient and responsive ways of governing, what they are proposing is a radical change in how our government operates and for whom it operates. The 2025 Project is a plan to turn the US into a permanent Republican run authoritarian regime. No Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP funds or other government sponsored health care and no Consumer Protection or regulations protecting our air, land or water. Privatize it all and let "the Market" determine how much it can squeeze out of people. Government civil servants would be radically cut back and political appointees would be installed, a return to the old "Spoils System" when bribery was rampant. And of course taxes on the rich and corporations would be cut even further. A Libertarian's dream come true, an economic ideology that not one successful country in the world has ever subscribed to, but a system such as Putin's Russia, a mob run country where the average citizen makes less than \$800/month.

The Heritage Foundation is also part of the Christian Nationalist movement. A movement that is behind the book banning in Republican run states and the attacks on women's health care and LGBT equality. Not only do they want a National ban on abortions, but also a ban on birth control itself. An authoritarian, corporate government using Christian Nationalism is the definition of Fascism. Add in the constant violent rhetoric, attacks on a free press and support of other authoritarian regimes around the world and it does not look good for democracy if they are successful in getting Trump re-elected.

Biden has said he wants to raise the taxes on the morbidly rich and return to an economic policy that doesn't create the wealth gap seen today. He wants that increased income to improve the country's infrastructure, bring manufacturing back to the country, build an economy from the middle out/bottom up, reduce the cost of education and return the country to what actually made it great. The oligarchs have been working to undermine those kinds of policies since FDR created Social Security and other progressive policies in the 1940's. They have bought a political party, the Media and the Supreme Court and this may be our last chance to keep our Democratic Republic, our personal freedoms and a government that works for all.

David Butcher

spring equinox. In 2025, Easter will fall on April 20. So, hold your outrage over President Biden designating March 31 as Transgender Visibility Day. As Randi Pierce pointed out in her editorial in the same issue, the calendar is filled with such superficial proclamations as "National Walk Around Things Day." My guess is that there weren't many days left for Biden to choose from.

I am one of those evil, leftist, demonically-influenced people of which you speak. Nevermind that I am a member in good standing at my church, I volunteer my time, and help my friends and neighbors when they're in need. I, too, am a follower of Jesus, but I do not recognize the one you worship. Vengeance was not in his character. Illuminating hypocrisy was. Call me "unsaved" if you wish, but do not call me evil.

Bless Patty Tillerson for her letter in the 4/4 issue for pointing out the ultimate hypocrisy of "that' guy Trump" selling Bibles for personal profit. Reminds me of the money changers Jesus threw out of the temple.

Like our writers, I also hope Christians will speak out. Christians like Emrys Taylor and Patty Tillerson who know that God is love and that Jesus was about inclusion, not exclusion. Our writers seem to think that they are responsible for the Last Judgment. Someone needs to tell them that's not their job.

The truth will indeed set us free, but only if we're willing to listen.

Karen LeCour

Who are we?

Dear Editor:
Abraham Lincoln once made this thoughtful observation: "Folks are usually as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Americans are preparing to decide which style of leadership best promotes our national well-being and happiness. Listen carefully to what the candidates say about our country and about our people. Let's remember that when people speak, they reflect their inner world much more accurately than the world they are attempting to define.

To best fulfill our role as ambassadors of peace and prosperity, at home and abroad, we need to choose a responsible leader. President Biden believes in America and in the Ameri-

can people. His brand of resilience is much more empowering than the unhinged hate-mongering and spirit-crushing negativity offered by his opponent.

In November, we'll be wise to look beyond partisan rhetoric to set a positive path forward, a path designed to support the welfare of all Americans rather than the sad vindictiveness of an individual who name-calls every opponent and refers to people he irrationally fears as "animals."

The choice is simple: Elect a leader who brings out the best in who we are, or elect a leader who brings out the worst in us. Our decision will reflect not only who we are in 2024, but who we aspire to be.

K Muth

Laugh or cry

Dear Editor:
Sometimes, when reading Letters to the Editor, I don't know if I should laugh or cry. I prefer to laugh.

Take, for example, a letter admonishing us that, unless you are a member of a Native American tribe, you are an immigrant or descended from one.

Imagine my surprise to discover my Anthropology professor had gotten it so wrong. All these years we've been told that the first settlers in the Western Hemisphere immigrated from Siberia across the Bearing land bridge 12 - 15 thousand years ago.

Looks like all those Anthropology text books need to be rewritten.

I do wonder why I keep seeing fake meat being promoted, by the same individual from Connecticut, in cattle country? Why should I try to get the nut cases in Denver or D.C. to fund research for it? If it is such a great idea, the market will demand it. That the market is not responding to fake meat in a positive way should tell us something.

Then there is the letter predicting all the evil things Trump will do if he wins in November. "Economy in shambles", "more military conflicts" and more fear mongering. I guess if inciting fear is the best you've got, you go with it.

Did any of these things happen in his first term?

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■ See Letters A4

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If necessary, only one letter pertaining to a candidate or political issue will be printed in each edition up to three weeks prior to the election.

The SUN generally does not edit letters, but reserves the right to do so.

Ironic

Dear Editor:
How ironic that Jan and Tom Carnley's letter in the 4/4 issue of the SUN begins by wringing their hands over these "dividing times," but then goes on to stoke that division.

Let's start with something easy. Each year, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon after the



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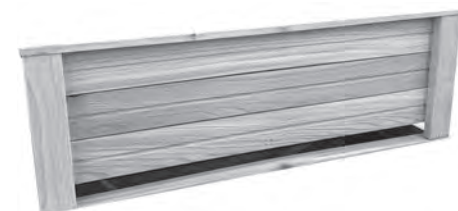
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Obituaries

Becky Ann Thorne

After years of struggling with health issues, Becky Ann Thorne passed away peacefully at her home in Pagosa Springs on March 24, 2024.



A native of Pagosa Springs, she was born July 29, 1958, in Durango to August William Warr and Golda Elizabeth Masco. She was the descendant of area pioneers and was very proud of her Native American heritage. Becky loved to be outdoors, was an avid wild crafter and wise in the use of native plants.

Becky is survived by her sister,

Billie Heath; her four children, Wynona Trepas, Eric Eaklor, YoVonda Eaklor and Micheal Throne; and eight grandchildren.

Mary Dell Walls

Mary Dell Walls went to be with the Lord on March 4, 2024, at the age of 80. She was born in Two Rivers, Wis., on June 11, 1943, to parents Henry and Beulah Zeihen. Mary graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1966. After college she moved to New York City, working in human services.



In the early 1970s, after relocating to Northern California, she met her

husband, Ray, who worked for the U.S. Forest Service. They were married March 15, 1977. After moving to Grand Junction, Colo., in 1983, they welcomed a baby girl, Julie. Ray and Mary fell in love with the state and enjoyed the great outdoors, especially camping and fishing. Mary was also active in their church and various women's groups. In 2004 she retired from human services, and they relocated to Pagosa Springs, continuing to enjoy the mountains, gardening and, most importantly, the hot springs. Mary also started to pursue a previous interest in fiber arts, and Pagosa Peak Fiberworks was born. She spent a lot of time traveling to various art shows, promoting one-of-a-kind pieces of art. She loved to work with raw materials found in nature and there was no better place than in God's country.

Her family held a private memo-

rial in the mountains, celebrating her life. Mary is survived by her husband, Ray; their daughter, Julie Shobe; son-in-law Andrew Shobe; and grandson Weston.

Her devotion to her family will forever touch our hearts, as she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Rest in Him, Mary, until we see you again.

Services

Carol Ann White

Carol Ann White, beloved by her family and the many first-graders she taught, passed quietly in her home on Monday, April 8, 2024. Services will be held at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on Saturday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. An obituary of Carol Ann's life will follow in next week's paper.

Eligible Coloradans encouraged to apply for Low-income Energy Assistance Program by April 30

By John Rosa
Colorado Department of Human Services

April 30 is the last day to apply for Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).

LEAP helps eligible individuals and families pay a portion of winter home heating costs by making a one-time payment directly to the utility company on behalf of each LEAP-eligible household.

This season, eligible families can

expect to receive between \$200 to \$1,000 in energy assistance, depending on the type of heating fuel, household income and other factors.

"It's not too late for Coloradans to apply for LEAP," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. "The extra money that LEAP provides to help pay home energy bills can make a difference for the nearly 500,000 Coloradans who have reported finding it very difficult to pay basic household expenses recently."

To qualify for LEAP, Coloradans may have an income of up to 60 percent of the state median income. This equates to a household income of less than \$71,112 a year for a family of four. For a further breakdown of income requirements, visit the LEAP website.

Additionally, LEAP recipients must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent and have at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal

resident of the U.S. living in the household.

To access the LEAP application, visit cdhs.colorado.gov/leap. Online applications are processed through the Colorado PEAK system. You can also call the Heat Help line at 1-866-HEAT-HELP [(866)432-8435] to receive an application via mail or email or visit your local county department of human services office to pick up or drop off an application.

DMV2GO to return to Archuleta County for driver's license services

By Ashley Springer
Archuleta County

The Division of Motor Vehicles' DMV2GO services will return to Archuleta County April 30 and May 1.

DMV2GO's services include first-time Colorado driver's licenses, out-of-state transfers, renewals for driver's licenses, permits and identification cards, issuing new licenses, permits and IDs, motor vehicle records, and reinstatements.

DMV2GO does not offer driver testing or the written permit test.

If a written or driving test is needed, you must have this done prior to scheduling an appointment. Written permit testing can be taken at any state driver's license office, any third-party driver testing center or at home on a computer with camera and microphone capabilities.

For a list of required documents for any services offered by the DMV2GO, please visit the Colorado DMV website, dmv.colorado.gov.

Appointments are strongly recommended and are available every 20 minutes between the hours of 11 a.m.

and 4:40 p.m. Please reserve your time slot by searching "DMV2GO" on the county website, archuletacounty.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but cannot be guaranteed services and can expect longer wait times.

Appointments for seniors, veterans and residents with disabilities are available early in the morning, prior to 11 a.m. These time slots can be reserved by calling the Archuleta County Administration Office at (970) 264-8309.

The temporary office for DMV2GO services is located on the south side

of the old courthouse building, 449 San Juan St. The entrance is through the door farthest to the east near the alley way.

DMV2GO is a courtesy service offered by the state of Colorado. The county asks all residents to be patient and kind to associates of the DMV2GO as the services they offer are not available full-time to county residents.

For more information, please call (970) 264-8309 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Colorado secretary of state certifies state's presidential primary election

Colorado Secretary of State's Office

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold has announced the certification of the 2024 Presidential Primary Election, making the results of the election official and final.

The certification was conducted after each county's bipartisan canvass boards submitted their official abstract of votes to the Secretary of State's Office.

"I commend the county election officials, election workers, and the employees of the Department of State for their hard work and dedication to delivering great elections for Colorado voters," said Griswold.

After the election, the Secretary of State's Office worked with Colorado's

county clerks to complete a bipartisan risk-limiting audit that verified the results of the election.

After the audit, each county's bipartisan canvass board signed off on the election results. The canvass boards then submitted the final results to the Secretary of State's Office.

Returning a mail ballot was the preferred method for voters, with 98.59 percent of voters choosing to cast their mail ballot during the election and only 1.41 percent of voters choosing to vote in-person. A total of 99.02 percent of Democrat ballots cast were cast by mail ballot and 98.31 percent of Republican ballots cast were cast by mail ballot.

Following are facts and figures for

the 2024 Presidential Primary Election:

- Ballots cast: 1,464,836.
- Total active voters: 3,788,458.
- Turnout among active voters: 38.67 percent.
- Ballots cast by unaffiliated voters: 562,699 (38.41 percent of total ballots cast).
- 177,117 Democrat ballots cast (31.48 percent of ballots cast by unaffiliated voters).
- 385,582 Republican ballots cast (68.52 percent of ballots cast by unaffiliated voters).
- Ballots cast by Democrat voters: 403,471 (27.54 percent of total ballots cast).
- Ballots cast by Republican voters: 498,666 (34.04 percent of total ballots cast).
- 3,117 voters used TXT2Cure to cure a signature or ID discrepancy with their ballot in the 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

For the statewide abstract of votes cast for the March 5 Presidential Primary Election, please visit <https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/news-Room/pressReleases/2024/20240401PresPrimaryStateAbstract.pdf>.

Letters

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peace to the Middle East.

The economy "was so bad" under Trump that minorities, especially minority teens, saw record LOW unemployment numbers.

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Business

LPEA announces delegates for National Rural Electric Youth Tour

By Amanda Anderson
La Plata Electric Association

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is proud to announce the selection of four exemplary high school juniors from LPEA's service territory to represent the cooperative at the National Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., from June 17-23.

These students have been chosen for their outstanding leadership qualities and academic merits, and they will be part of a delegation of 30 students from Colorado.

The 2024 LPEA delegates are as follows:

- Aspen Salazar, from Pagosa Springs High School.

"The independence and adventures this trip will bring me is getting me prepared for my future. I am experiencing an opportunity that will benefit me for the rest of my life. Thank

you LPEA and CREA," Salazar said.

- Edward Herrera, from Bayfield High School.

"The youth tour will allow me to connect and interact with like-minded people. This will allow me to discover the inner workings of the electric rural cooperative world," Herrera said.

- Ellie Casias, from Durango High School.

"The youth tour represents an opportunity to grow not only as a leader but as a person who wishes to make a difference in the world," Casias said.

- Noah LeMasters, from Ignacio High School.

"Attending the Youth Tour is an experience I feel really lucky to have been selected for. I'm looking forward to learning new things, seeing new places, and meeting new people. Thank you for this awesome opportunity, LPEA," LeMasters said.

During this immersive week, the students will have the opportunity to visit key historical sites, engage with elected officials, and learn about the importance of civic involvement and the electric utility industry, particularly the cooperative business model.

This initiative is part of a broader effort, supported by LPEA and the Colorado Rural Electric Association, to inspire the next generation of leaders. More than 1,800 students from 45 states will participate in this year's youth tour.

The concept of the youth tour was first proposed by Sen. Lyndon Johnson in 1957, aiming to enrich young Americans' understanding of their national heritage and the value of civic engagement.

The senator declared, "If one thing goes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."



Aspen Salazar

Deadline approaching for Rotary's youth leadership program

By Jemal Mihalik
Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend one of the most prestigious youth leadership programs in the area. The deadline to submit your application to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program is 6 p.m. on April 19.

RYLA is a workshop organized and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs for future leaders in Pagosa Springs currently in grades 10 and 11. This year RYLA will be held

at the Colorado Mountain College in beautiful Leadville from June 13-16. Transportation will also be provided.

Participants are selected for their leadership potential to attend an all-expense-paid, hands-on, experiential program designed to foster and strengthen leadership skills, self-confidence, community building skills and character.

Amelia Berndt, senior at Pagosa Springs High School, said, "I had the chance to participate in RYLA the summer of 2023 when my local Rotary club selected me out of a pool

of applicants to attend the leadership council in Leadville for 5 days. I enjoyed this immensely; the activities, the people, and especially the leadership that was on show there. Many adults and teens portrayed confidence, trustworthiness, and reliability. These leadership qualities made the trip comfortable and educational while still being fun. This opportunity gave me newfound confidence and propelled me to be able to attend the Catholic youth leadership training called LEAD in preparation for Stubenville in Denver, Colorado this

upcoming summer—where I will get the opportunity to lead other teens in their journey through faith and community, just as this trip and all of its participants did for me."

For more information about the application process or to apply, interested and eligible youth can reach out to Cindi Galabota by text at (970) 903-9860 or via email at cindi@pagosalibrary.org.

For general information about RYLA, please go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/rotary-youth-leadership-awards>.

County to hire digital accessibility coordinator

Position will assist with American Disabilities Act compliance

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its April 2 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved hiring a staff member to assist the county in meeting new American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance requirements for the county website imposed by Colorado House Bill 21-110.

The issue of the requirement for the website to be accessible per the ADA and the challenges of doing this with the current staff available was discussed at prior BoCC work sessions, where County Manager Derek Woodman proposed the potential hiring of a digital accessibility coordinator position to assist the county in completing the project.

At these work sessions, the commissioners raised concerns about the costs and impact of this state mandate, and Commissioner Ronnie Maez proposed the possibility of taking down the county website to mitigate costs.

At the April 2 meeting, Woodman explained that the county must have its website fully ADA accessible by July 1.

"County staff have been working tirelessly to bring this county website into compliance," Woodman said. "The volume of the work needed to comply with this requirement has already taken ... county staff hundreds of hours, and an enormous amount of work remains. Once the website is fully ADA accessible, it will still

require a full-time staff member to keep it up to date."

He stated that the BoCC was being presented with two options concerning the accessibility coordinator, including hiring a full-time temporary employee without benefits for six months with a cost not to exceed \$24,000 or hiring a full-time position with benefits for the remainder of 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.

"This unfunded mandate is not going to be going away at the end of this year," Commissioner Warren Brown commented. "We are still going to need a person continuously, so I don't see the purpose of a temporary full-time position unless that's all we could find in our pool of applicants. But, other than that, I say we just have to have a full-time from here forward. This is what we've been mandated to do by the state; this is where we are."

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked where the county would be obtaining the funds for this position, adding that she agreed with Brown that a permanent full-time position would be needed.

Woodman stated that there is roughly \$4,000 in cost savings in the IT Department budget and that the balance could be taken from Payment in Lieu of Taxes funds.

Medina asked if the county already has "somebody in mind for this position."

Woodman stated that the county has identified a suitable local applicant with a background in Web design who was interviewed as part of a job search in the IT Department.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez then asked County Attorney Todd Weaver a question as the "devil's advocate."

"It's an unfunded mandate, OK, and the other part of it is I understand

staff put in some time and everything with this to get it to where it is right now and I'm probably gonna vote in favor of it but, the public still needs to hear it," Maez said. "Do we absolutely have to have this or do we have to implement this, Todd, I mean with our website, or do we just have to keep it general? ... And I know staff put a lot of hard work into it too, but staff got paid for it, too, so I understand that."

Weaver answered that state statute currently encourages counties and other local governments to have their meeting notices and agendas available digitally and that, in the future, counties will be required to post such notices online.

Maez asked what the alternative to this is, to which Weaver responded that there is not one.

Weaver noted that there may soon be additional requirements for digital posting of meeting materials, including those for work sessions.

He also noted that the Colorado Revised Statutes he was examining and many other state websites do not meet ADA standards.

"OK, they can't get it together and they expect us to do it on a deadline," Maez said. "That's interesting."

Brown then made a motion to approve hiring a full-time digital accessibility coordinator with benefits through the end of 2024 and to direct the county manager to offer the position to an applicant.

Medina seconded the motion, although she added that she would like the motion to include language stipulating that the county manager allocated the funds to support the position as previously described.

Brown asked Weaver if he felt this amendment would be necessary.

Weaver stated that this change would be a "helpful" clarification, although it would not be required.

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Medical Center approves required nurse staffing plan

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its March 24 meeting, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), heard about and approved the center's Master Nurse Staffing Plan.

The plan, presented by Director of Nursing Dan Davis, is for the inpatient and emergency departments at PSMC.

In introducing the report, board chair Kate Alfred explained the state began requiring the plan in 2022.

Davis noted that PSMC has 18 beds total — seven in the Emergency Department and 11 inpatient beds.

Davis explained that the plan has to be reviewed and approved annually.

He indicated that the need for the plan stems from House Bill 22-1401, with the law becoming effective Sept. 1, 2022.

The law, according to Davis' presentation, "Requires that all hospitals establish a Nurse Staffing Committee, composed of at least 60% nursing staff, along with nursing leadership representation."

The presentation adds, "Essentially, the Nurse Staffing Committee

is responsible for developing, overseeing and evaluating the Hospital's Nurse Staffing Plan."

The committee's responsibilities, he presented, are to annually develop the plan and evaluate it quarterly; submit the staffing plan to the hospital's senior nursing executive and governing body for review and approval; receive, track and resolve staffing concerns and other feedback from direct-care nurses and other clinical staff; meet the required staffed-bed capacity; and prepare an annual report for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that includes details of the quarterly staffing evaluations and how PSMC is meeting all other requirements of the new law.

Davis also presented to the board that the nurse staffing plan has to be posted on the hospital's website; a copy has to be provided to all new nursing hires; PSMC has to develop strategies to "promote the health, safety and welfare of the hospital's employees and patients"; set written guidelines for "reducing nurse-to-patient assignments based on demand, patient acuity and safety"; and has to "Describe a written process for receiving, tracking and resolving complaints from clinical staff, providers or patients regarding the Nurse

Staffing Plan."

Davis then presented the 2024 nurse staffing plan, noting no changes were made from the 2023 plan since no complaints or concerns were received on the staffing plan.

Davis told the board the plan is based on nationally recognized nurse/patient staffing ratios and standards.

The Emergency Department, Davis presented, is staffed with a minimum of one registered nurse for each of the 12-hour day and night shifts, as well as one registered nurse and one Emergency Department tech/paramedic for the overlap shift of noon to 12:30 a.m.

Target staffing, according to the presentation, is two registered nurses per 12-hour shift, and there is a nurse administrator on call seven days per week, as well as a nurse manager, available to help address staffing needs.

Davis explained there is an on-site Emergency Department physician 24/7, and staffing levels may be adjusted based on patient acuity (level of illness or injury) and safety needs.

The inpatient/medical-surgical unit, Davis presented, is staffed with a minimum of one registered nurse for each of the 12-hour shifts, and nurse-to-patient ratios are not to

exceed 1-to-6.

Target staffing, he presented, is two registered nurses per 12-hour shift and certified nurse aides and/or sitters if indicated to supplement care.

He noted that nurse-patient ratios can be adjusted based on patient acuity, staff skill mix and individual patient safety needs.

He added there is a registered nurse nurse manager available to help with staffing needs.

He also noted there is a licensed clinical social worker staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to assist with case management and patient discharge planning, and the inpatient unit is staffed by an on-site hospitalist (a doctor who works with inpatients) seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Davis also noted during his presentation that, in 2023, PSMC started a workplace violence committee that is working on specific strategies to promote the safety of staff and patients.

He also noted an employee recognition committee was formed to develop a plan to "promote employee engagement, recruitment and retention efforts, as well as staff recognition and appreciation."

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County moves forward with investigating locations for admin building

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the April 9 work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the board discussed further steps in obtaining property for a new county administration building.

At the BoCC's April 2 meeting, the board voted to put aside \$3 million in federal payment in Lieu of Taxes and Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund monies the county has received into the County Capital Fund, which was discussed at the March

5 BoCC work session as a potential source of funding for the construction of a new county administration building.

At the April 9 work session, Commissioner Veronica Medina opened the discussion by stating, "I've been speaking with staff, and my understanding is staff has been speaking with the other commissioners about acquiring property for a county administrative building."

She added that the county only has 3.5 years remaining in its period of occupancy following the sale of the previous county courthouse on San

Juan Street and will thus need a new administrative building.

She stated that she personally and county staff have been looking at potential properties where the building could be located and identified at least three potential properties.

Medina asked if the other commissioners would agree to give staff direction to investigate the prices, utilities and easements for these properties and begin opening negotiations with the owners.

"My understanding is one came in and said he's wanting to sell," Commissioner Ronnie Maez said.

Medina commented that the board does not want to discuss the details or addresses of these properties at this time.

"No, no, I said, 'He's wanting to sell,' Maez said. 'That's all I said.'"

Medina added that other property owners have also stated that they want to sell and asked if the other commissioners would approve of this direction.

Maez and Commissioner Warren Brown stated that they would approve of this direction.

Medina then directed staff to begin investigating the properties.

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Summer benefits program will boost access to food for Colorado kids

By John Rosa
Colorado Department of Human Services

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) announced this week that more than 300,000 eligible students will receive increased access to nutritious meals during the summer months through participation in the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT) program.

Beginning this year, the Summer EBT program will provide eligible families with \$120 per eligible student through a onetime payment (\$40 per month of summer break). Benefits will come in the form of pre-loaded cards that families can use to purchase groceries.

"We're excited to be part of the Summer EBT program and happy we're going to be able to help more than 300,000 Colorado kids," said Karla Maraccini, Food and Energy Assistance director. "These benefits, along with other available nutrition assistance programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program (SNAP), WIC (the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) and summer meal sites, will help ensure that kids have access to nutritious foods during the summer months when school isn't in session."

Summer EBT is a new, permanent program based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer EBT for Children demonstration projects and Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), which have been proven to reduce child hunger and improve diet quality.

Colorado is expected to provide \$30 million to \$35 million in benefits to eligible students.

Who is eligible for Summer EBT?

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals while attending a school participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program.

Students who are receiving other assistance benefits, including SNAP, Medicaid or Colorado Works (TANF).

What do people need to do to get Summer EBT?

Many families will automatically receive Summer EBT through enrollment in a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program and their prior eligibility for Colorado Works (TANF), SNAP and Medicaid services. Families with eligible students will be mailed a notice of eligibility for each individual student.

If you are not automatically enrolled and believe your students are eligible for 2024 Summer EBT benefits, fill out an application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals (NSLP application) at your student's school by Sept. 14.

All families should make sure their address and contact information is up to date with the schools of their student(s) to ensure timely issuance of benefits, accurate mailing of the Summer EBT card and eligibility information.

The CDHS Food and Energy Assistance Division administers the federal SNAP. This program exists to safeguard the health and well-being

of low-income, financially eligible households by providing food assistance benefits redeemable for food items at authorized retailers.

If you are not currently participating in SNAP and are interested in learning more about enrollment, please visit tinyurl.com/ms28s9s5.

Archuleta Democratic Club will meet April 22

By Lynn Frederick
Archuleta Democratic Club

The Archuleta Democratic Club will meet on Monday, April 22, at 11:30 a.m. on Coyote Moon to hear Vanessa Slean and Deborah Smith speak about Healthy Archuleta.

They will share information about how Healthy Archuleta seeks to improve access to healthy food, increase

access and utilization of primary preventive health care, and foster community cohesion. They will also share some tips on gardening this spring and summer. Please come to see how you can support this worthy organization.

We encourage you to come at 11:30 a.m. to order lunch. The meeting program will begin at noon.

The Archuleta Democratic Club is a social organization that seeks to

sponsor programs about topics of local interest and to encourage community involvement. Everyone is welcome. Do not feel that you need to be a registered Democrat to attend the meeting.

For more information, email lynfredrick1@gmail.com.

Hanging flower baskets still on sale

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

After the initial day or two rush of ordering hanging baskets, many people think we are sold out. That's not true — at least in part.

We are sold out of the show-stopping 16-inch baskets. However, there are still plenty of beautiful 12-inch baskets available.

These baskets are easy to order. Visit the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com. Scroll down to the Hanging Basket graphic, click on

the graphic and it will take you to the registration site. Then just fill out the order form. It's that easy.

The 12-inch baskets are scheduled to arrive May 24. With the weather warming up, people are getting in the mood planning their gardens, porches, business entrances and patios. Don't wait too long to order your baskets.

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Reconstruction

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He indicated his main concern is CDOT's planned start date of early June.

He said that the "majority of our income" is generated from June 15 to late July, and expressed worry that downtown businesses would lose "hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars" if the construction takes place during those months of peak visitation to the area.

"I want this project to happen," he said. "I really do," but the "timing in which it's being done" is what he was opposed to, saying that "Pagosa will die" if it takes place as planned.

Buckingham added that he would favor starting the project in September, or late March or April of next year, "when the timing is correct," rather than during the busy tourist season.

"I don't see why we're not doing that?" he asked.

Mary Jo Coulehan, executive director of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, asked if there is any way that CDOT could negotiate with the contractor to delay work in the downtown business district until after the "key months" of "peak tourism."

Town council member Leonard Martinez, who was in the audience at the meeting, echoed this sentiment, saying he wants to make sure the contractor is aware of the town's peak business times, as well as the schedule of popular events in the town.

Representing CDOT at the meeting was Julie Constan, regional transportation director for Region 5, who was raised in Pagosa Springs.

She addressed the concerns about construction taking place during the peak tourist season.

"I cannot officially say that I have a ton of leverage" on that issue, she said.

However, she also explained that once CDOT chooses a prime contractor, the project would then go through the "construction sequencing and phasing process" and that CDOT representatives would be "working through this [timing issue] with the contractor."

She assured the audience that the town's peak months of tourism is something that CDOT would be "taking a hard look at with the contractor."

"If they are wanting to rip up some of those key areas ... in tourist season, we're gonna talk to them to try to understand why that would be a necessity and see if there's ways we could get them to work on other things ... at least for this first season," she said.

On the issue of parking downtown during the construction, Constan said, "I know that's been another hot topic, too."

However, she said, "Right now I cannot guarantee you that we are gonna have parking on the main highway through town."

She said that if CDOT required the contractor to maintain parking spaces, "it would lengthen the time of our project" because it would "limit the areas" that the contractor could work at any given time.

She explained that CDOT is requiring the contractor to keep at least two lanes open for traffic to flow through downtown during the construction, but keeping those lanes open means that parking will be sacrificed.

"I know that's gonna hurt, and I apologize for that, but unfortunately this is the balance that we are trying to figure out," she said.

Many different local entities — including Mountain Express Transit (MET), the town and the Main Street program's Cone Zone Committee — "are all working together to try and figure out what other access we have to parking around the edges of town," she explained. "There is a lot of work going on right now from that perspective to try to do everything we can to try to mitigate the [parking] issue."

She explained that CDOT is even looking for funding to help local entities with the issue.

"I understand that doesn't make everyone in the room happy, but, unfortunately, with the widths that we have to work with, keeping those two lanes open, the contractor needs as much space with their heavy excavators to get that work done," she said.

Some in the audience expressed frustration with the parking issue,



Representatives of Colorado Department of Transportation explain main street resurfacing project plans to the public at a community meeting held at Ross Aragon Community Center on April 4.

SUN photo/Derek Kutzer

with one member of the audience suggesting that CDOT should financially "compensate" business owners for lost revenues due to the lack of parking downtown during the project.

One business owner directed her frustration toward Constan, saying, "I'm not hearing anything that you are gonna do for us ... what happens to our livelihood? You have nothing to say about that."

Constan replied, "Unfortunately, the way our process works, you're right. We do not have a financial mechanism to reimburse businesses for their loss of income."

Other members of the audience expressed frustration with past CDOT projects in the community, and elsewhere, that took longer than planned, particularly the McCabe Creek project, and expressed worry that the upcoming construction would be a similar story.

Constan explained that the reason McCabe Creek took three years was due to it being a "drainage channel" project that was impacted by heavy spring runoff and monsoon rains.

She assured the audience that the current project is of a different type since it's a surface construction project, not a drainage project, and would not be as impacted by the weather.

Cindy Wilemon, who owns San Juan Mercantile, told the audience how her business was negatively impacted by the McCabe Creek project taking "double the time" that CDOT anticipated, and that downtown businesses are "fixing to" deal with what she went through.

"Once you start this project, there's gonna be all kinds of hiccups," she said, expressing skepticism that CDOT would stick to its timeline.

CDOT's stated contract time limit is 382 working days, with winter shutdowns after both construction seasons.

CDOT's contract stipulates that it has the right to charge the prime contractor up to \$8,800 per day if the contractor does not stick to this time limit.

Wilemon suggested that the \$8,800 per day charge which CDOT would collect from the contractor if the project takes longer than 382 days should be divided and given to the businesses who are negatively impacted by the project's duration.

"Because if you've already got the money set aside to pay for the project, getting \$8,800 a day back, where's it going? It should go back to businesses, because we know damn right well that it's not gonna take just 382 days," she said.

"It's gonna kill the downtown," she added. "Make them stick to 382 days."

Constan said, "At this point, it feels like we're going in a bit of circles," to which the crowd erupted in disfavor, wanting to continue audience com-

ments and questions.

She noted that she had earlier explained how McCabe Creek was an entirely different type of project since it dealt with a waterway drainage tunnel, and that the highway project is a surface project and therefore not as susceptible to weather disruptions.

She added that she is confident that the main street reconstruction would get finished within the time frame of the contract.

"I understand that there's a ton of emotion in this room. I get it. But it feels like right now the questions are going in circles ... if I could give back the businesses money, again, as I've said three times already, I would, but I can't," Constan said, explaining that the \$8,800 per day fine would go toward covering "my staff's time, the consultant's time, to be out here for a longer project."

Town of Pagosa Springs Community Development Director James Dickhoff urged the audience to tamp down on emotional rhetoric and to work toward constructive solutions.

"We're not here to beat up CDOT. We're here to express our concerns respectfully," he said.

Wilemon responded, "Emotions are tense because you're talking about our livelihood."

Constan expressed to the audience that there will be a "give and take on all sides with this project" and that CDOT would be taking the public's concerns seriously.

"That's all I can tell you right now ... until we have a contractor on board, until we have a plan in place — and, yes, it will be an interactive, iterative process. It's not just gonna be us rubber stamping what the contractor gives us," she said.

She added, "We will be making sure that the contractor knows" the issues and concerns expressed by the downtown business owners at the meeting.

Business owner Evelyn Tennyson defended CDOT, saying, "We're putting everything on CDOT, and, yes, we need their help, but what if we as business owners get together to form an idea — how can we help each other — instead of just putting everything on CDOT?"

She added that she was willing to do "a ton of stuff" at her businesses to form a sort of mutual aid society amongst the businesses downtown to help each other out.

"What if we all help each other with this?" she asked.

Buckingham replied, "If there's no customers ... there's no deals to be made."

However, he said, "I do think that we need to be respectful to CDOT and we do need to kind of tone down our emotions," adding that Constan stepped "out of her normal element to be here to work with us on this."

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Case

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ber the accident or what he was doing that may have caused it, but that he stated he believes he could have fallen asleep.

Rockensock added there are no claims relating to a medical condition causing the crash, and there is no probable cause Smith was under the influence at the time of the accident.

According to a Jan. 29 press release from Rockensock, at approximately 7:24 a.m. on Jan. 29, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch initiated a call for a two-car motor vehicle accident on U.S. 160 near the intersec-

tion of Majestic Drive in the Town of Pagosa Springs.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD), PSMC Emergency Medical Services and PSPD were dispatched to the location.

"Initial information advised a white sport utility vehicle collided with an Archuleta County School District bus. The school bus was full of children and was off the roadway. The driver of the SUV was injured and entrapped in the vehicle," it states.

The driver of the SUV, the release states, had to be extricated from the vehicle by PFPD personnel.

The investigation into the collision determined the SUV was driving west on U.S. 160, drove across the center line and collided with the left front driver side of the school bus, which was driving eastbound, according to the release.

It further states U.S. 160 was closed with the help of the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office until the accident was cleared at 9:05 a.m.

Additional information regarding the dismissal was not available by press time Wednesday.
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School

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Under the new policy, he told the board, the high school would be about 31 hours short next year and the middle school would be about 45 hours short.

"That's a pretty good chunk," he said, adding he's talked with the schools' administrations about it.

Holt added the 1,080 hours in the state's guidelines would allow for about 3.5 snow days.

Holt suggested as food for thought that calendar days could be added or the school day could be extended, but that the current professional development time for staff on Friday afternoons is important.

Holt noted he reached out to the schools for feedback, with that feedback being conflicting and having strong opinions on both sides.

The administrators, he noted, suggested that all the schools need to go the same amount of time, starting and ending the school year and school days around the same time for ease with families and bus routes.

He also spoke about feedback about when sports and concurrent enrollment begin and end, as well as when semesters begin and end and the benefits of aligning with other area schools.

"We have a later start than many," Holt said.

He then asked for board feedback that could be taken to the district's calendar committee to inform the district calendar brought before the board in April.

"What else should we be considering before we bring options to the board?" he asked.

During board discussion on the matter, Holt explained the district ran the numbers and extending the school year by five days would cost \$350,000 to \$360,000 in salaries and benefits.

That would likely not be the case if the days were adjusted in length by about 15 minutes since teachers would be contracted for the same number of days.

Board member Tim Taylor asked about the average number of instructional days in the state compared to ASD's 167.

Holt noted he didn't have that information with him, but that he believes ASD is a bit lower than the average.

"We're not over the average," he said.

Lynch commented that Fridays are built into the culture of the school and benefit the staff, and adding time to the school year, such as one week at the beginning of the school year, may solve the problem.

Holt responded that would solve for the high school, but that there would have to be further changes at the middle school.

Board member Dana Guinn noted

that ending the first semester before winter break would mean adding two weeks at the beginning of the year and ending the year a week early.

She also asked which of the other things brought up in feedback are the most important to staff and administrators.

"Do we need to go over that 1,080? I don't think so, personally," she said.

She added that starting the school year earlier would also trigger a discussion about facilities, calling Holt's mentions of hot classrooms on the south sides of buildings "no joke."

Lynch commented that Fridays are built into the culture of the school and benefit the staff, and adding time to the school year, such as one week at the beginning of the school year, may solve the problem.

Lynch asked when a solution needs to be in place, with Holt responding that April would be late notice for families that their summer break would be changed.

He added that the board could go back to its old policy for another year to better prepare.

Guinn asked if going back to the old policy would cause compliance issues with the state, with Holt responding that local control means the district would be fine in terms of compliance.

Board member Amanda Schick asked what led to the oversight and if there just wasn't enough conversation before the policy change.

"That was me," Holt said, noting he didn't do the homework to inform the board of potential outcomes.

He added that this changed the way the district looks through policies.

Guinn suggested that was also on the board for not looking at the impact on the district more.

Lynch expressed agreement that it wouldn't be wise to make big changes at the end of the school year.

He indicated that the board concurred that making a change for the fall of 2025 would be better.

Lynch suggested the policy should come back to the board in April.

The matter was also discussed by the Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors in March, with that board opting to postpone adoption of its calendar for next school year until

ASD determined how it would move forward.

PPOS board president Lawrence Rugar pointed out that, per its charter, PPOS must have more days than the district-operated schools.

Discussion the policy on Tuesday began with public comment from high school teacher Darcy DeGuise, who suggested the district go back to its old policy.

DeGuise told the board passing periods are instructional time, though not in a typical sense, with students working on social skills and talking to teachers.

She also noted the Colorado Department of Education guidelines include both passing periods and RTI time as instructional time.

The policy was then discussed by Holt and the board later in the meeting.

"I pushed that policy before the board to be approved without consulting the board about what kind of impact that would have," Holt told the board.

He added that it seemed appropriate, now that the district has realized that changing the policy to not count passing periods and RTI would shorten the high school by 31 hours and the middle school by 45 hours, to reconsider it.

"I agree that now may not be the best time to address that policy change," Holt said, adding it may be in the best interest to continue with the old policy.

Holt noted that would give the district more time to consult with the community and, with the U.S. 160 construction set for downtown, now would not be the best time to lengthen the school year.

The superintendent continued that he still feels the board could and should be doing more for its students, suggesting that while passing periods are beneficial, it is not high-quality instruction, and the district is still lagging in performance.

He suggested going back to the older policy for the time being and addressing the matter at some point in the future.

"Where does the guidance come from? Who has any teeth doing that?" board president Bob Lynch asked

Holt explained the state and, more specifically, the Colorado Department of Education, has very specific guidelines about the hours of instructional time (1,080 at the middle and high schools) and days of contact required (160).

He noted the required instructional time for elementary schools is "considerably less."

He also added there is a provision to dip down to 1,056 for things like weather delays and emergencies, with Holt reiterating last year's snow days were above that buffer.

"The year ... when your brand-new superintendent called five snow days ... we were behind in the middle school," Holt said, referring to himself, adding the district obtained a waiver from the state since the dip from 1,080 hours to 1,056 hours allows for about 3.5 snow days. "That's cutting it a bit close."

Schick asked Holt how his strategic plan is going into ensuring the district is better using instructional time and — if the district needs more time — better structure of time or more cushioning.

Holt suggested the district needs to be more efficient and practical with its instructional time so it is creating learning opportunities that are engaging and that students are actively engaged in.

He added the district also needs more of that time.

He added the district has, through its strategic plan, been providing high-quality curriculum and coaching for its teachers to help ensure high-quality and meaningful instruction, but students also need more of that time.

He further noted he didn't feel the weather argument is enough to add more days.

The board then unanimously adopted a previous version of policy IC/ICA.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2024-2025 district calendar, with Administrative Assistant Heather Schultz noting the calendar is more balanced between the four quarters, though the start and end dates for the year are similar to other years.

- Heard a presentation from Gifted and Talented Coordinator Carrie Steadman about the district's gifted education identification and monitoring program.

Holt noted Steadman's presentation was the first of the presentations to the board on school programs required by the state or federal government.

- Discussed publicly reviewing the district's threat assessment policy to increase transparency and understanding.

The topic was discussed after parents of an elementary school student suggested the district update its notification policy after they were not formally notified by the district about a threat involving their student for 24 hours.

The parents indicated they were pleased with the teacher's and superintendent's response to the incident and were reassured by the assessment.

Holt noted that schools have learned a lot in recent decades, citing that a threat assessment likely wouldn't have taken place 20 years ago, and the bar for a threat assessment is pretty low.

Holt also acknowledged the district has no notification policy related to threats, but there is an opportunity for the district to come to an agreement about how to move forward in a "typical" situation.

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County moves to deny fee waiver requests from Archuleta Seniors Inc.

By Josh Pike
 Staff Writer

At its April 2 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), acting as the liquor board, denied waiver requests for a special event permit fee and building rental fee from Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI), among other business.

Following the approval of the special event permit allowing ASI to sell alcohol at its Spanish Fiesta Royalty Benefit on April 13, ASI Executive Director Rose Chavez presented to the BoCC and requested a waiver of the \$100 special event permit fee and the \$400 building rental fee for renting the county extension building for the event.

She explained that the Spanish Fiesta is a fundraiser for ASI, the Spanish Fiesta intergenerational youth royalty and the Spanish Fiesta Black, Indigenous and person of color scholarship fund for elders in the community.

She added that ASI revived the Spanish Fiesta after a 20-year hiatus and is expanding the fiesta over three years, including re-establishing youth royalty as part of the event.

Chavez stated that the event would involve 16 youth and their families competing to become fiesta royalty and that all proceeds from the event would go to the royalty.

She indicated that the royalty will represent the fiesta at community events and will also participate in community opportunities to develop their leadership skills.

She indicated that waiving the fee would help support fundraising for the royalty at the event.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked if the county has provided special event fee or building rental fee waivers for any other nonprofit.

County Manager Derek Woodman

indicated that the county has not waived either of these fees for other nonprofits.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez stated that he would not vote in favor of the waivers due to concerns about what precedent this would set for other nonprofits and their requests for fee waivers.

Commissioner Warren Brown then moved to deny the waivers for these reasons that Maez outlined.

He added that he fully supports ASI and the Spanish Fiesta, but "I think this is just not the way that the county should show their support."

Medina seconded, commenting that she thanked Chavez for bringing the request, but that she felt it would set an unsustainable precedent.

Maez commented that he appreciated Chavez's request as well, adding, "If you don't ask, you'll never know."

"Exactly," Chavez said.

The board unanimously voted to deny the fee waivers.

Vehicle leases

At the meeting, the BoCC also

voted to approve \$90,903.81 in spending for continuing leases on five county vehicles and new leases for four more.

Fleet Manager Waylon Sutton explained that all these vehicle leases were included in the 2024 budget and that County Attorney Todd Weaver had reviewed and done "extensive work" on ensuring the verbiage in the lease contracts is correct.

Medina asked if the county is considering consolidating some of the less-used vehicles between departments due to public concern that the county has too many leased vehicles.

Sutton commented that this would be an "excellent idea" and suggested that the departments with these vehicles should keep usage logs to track how heavily they are used before investigating potential consolidations for the 2025 budget.

Medina added that the public believes that the county is purchasing a large number of vehicles, but that they are actually leased yearly.

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Volunteer opportunities available at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Bernadette Sikes
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Yes, it is already April. The count-down to opening day at Chimney Rock National Monument on May 15 has begun.

Things here at the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) office are really hopping. We have moved to a new location (the suite right next door), inventory for the gift shop is arriving, special event plans are in the works, tours and workshops are being reviewed and revised, school-week programs will soon be scheduled and, most important of all, the annual new volunteer orientation is being planned.

A couple years ago I attended the new volunteer orientation after visiting/touring Chimney Rock several times and attending multiple night programs the previous summer.

I enjoyed my experiences at the monument so much that I decided that I had to volunteer there. Through a connection with the San Juan Stargazers and an article in 'The SUN', I found myself at the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) new volunteer orientation.

I was excited to see what volunteer opportunities there would be and was amazed to see the number of opportunities there were. There were opportunities to greet and interact with the public, to support and mentor youth, to preserve the history and culture of the site, and to help visitors of all ages enjoy the beauty of nature that abounds there.

Volunteer positions are available for mesa host, plaza host, tour guide and gift shop sales. In addition, volunteers are needed for CRIA's numerous special programs: Night Sky, Full Moon, Geology Tour, Flora Tour, Birding Tour and youth summer workshops, among others. As the program progressed, I found that I wanted to volunteer for everything, and I volunteered for a lot.

It was a great start and continues to be a fun and exciting adventure for me as a CRIA member.

I invite you to come join the fun and volunteer with us. An easy way to find out more is to attend the volun-



Photo courtesy Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

To help community members learn about volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association will host a volunteer recruitment open house on Thursday, April 11, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Members will be there to provide information regarding the various duties and activities at Chimney Rock.

teer recruitment open house.

The recruitment will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center on Thursday, April 11, from 5 to 6 p.m. CRIA members will be there to provide firsthand knowledge of the various duties and activities at Chimney Rock and explain the CRIA organization and our mission. We'll gladly answer your questions, give you information about Chimney Rock and share our personal experiences of volunteering. Please join us and bring a friend, a neighbor or anyone you know who may be interested in becoming a CRIA Volunteer.

In addition, CRIA offers a yearly volunteer orientation for those of you interested in joining our team.

This year, the volunteer training will take place on April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church, located at 434 Lewis St. The second day

of training will take place on April 27 at the monument from 9 a.m. to noon.

If you cannot attend the volunteer recruitments event, you can find more detailed information about the various volunteer positions on our website: www.chimneyrockco.org.

A volunteer form can easily be filled out online and submitted electronically, or feel free to call our office at (970) 731-7133.

For more information about Chimney Rock National Monument and volunteer opportunities, we encourage you to stop by our volunteer recruitment event.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that runs the gift shop and interpretive programs/tours at Chimney Rock National Monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest.

Weminuche Audubon Society to hear about area forest birds

By Herb Grover
Weminuche Audubon Society

At this month's meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society, Herb Grover will discuss the findings of the citizen science, forest bird monitoring project volunteers from our chapter have been conducting.

More than 60 volunteers have contributed to this study over the past five years, so we can definitely say that citizen science is indeed alive and well in Pagosa country. With sites at Turkey Springs, Fawn Gulch and Jackson Mountain, our project has revealed a very diverse bird community with more than 85 bird species accounted for thus far.

Interestingly, about half of those species remain here over the winter months, with about half migrating to Central and South America.

Along with the migratory patterns of the bird species we share the forest with, Grover will also discuss population trends, feeding behaviors and nesting habits of our feathered friends.

With the expectation of continuing this project into the coming years, we hope you will consider joining our team.

So, come join us on Wednesday, April 17, at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We will gather at 6 p.m. for socializing, with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Please enter through the

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Lady Pirates drop two, tie one, to host Panthers Saturday

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team lost two matches against Telluride on April 3 and Alamosa on April 5 and tied a game against Bayfield on April 9 to bring its record to 2-2-1.

Coach Trevor Gian commented on the losses against Telluride and Alamosa, "It's kind of tough they were both losses, but ... I still feel good with the effort and attitude we're providing out there."

The Pirates lost to the Telluride Miners 7-0 in Telluride, with the Miners scoring four goals in the first half and three goals in the second.

"Telluride was a big, strong, physical, fast team," Gian said. "They were very good, at least on that athletic side, and you could tell they've been playing together for a while. ... I thought we definitely had chances in that game to turn that score around. I know it ended 7-0 on the varsity side, but ... a couple bounces here and there, a couple of different things happened, that game could be a little bit different, a little bit tighter, but the effort was definitely there on our end."

He added that the defeat at home against the Alamosa Mean Moose in a league game, where the Lady Pirates lost 4-0 and Alamosa scored one goal in the first half and three in the second, was similar, with Pagosa "working out some kinks" in terms of formation and players' positions.

The coach noted the wind was a major factor in the game against Alamosa, stating that it gave Alamosa an advantage in the first half by elongating the distance that the Mean Moose shots could travel and required the Lady Pirates to "stay deep" to defend against potential Alamosa breakthroughs.

He added that the Lady Pirates had "quality opportunities" to score against Alamosa, though the team was not able to convert these opportunities into goals, partly because of the quality of Alamosa's defense and goalkeeper.

"But a couple things here and there in the Alamosa game," Gian said. "The 4-0 and the 7-0 at Telluride, they don't necessarily indicate what that game could have been. But, ... it's tough because those were our first two real tests. ... We went out there and we're still learning. We're pretty young in a lot of spots and we're working towards it, but definitely the effort's there, so we're going to build off of that."

He added that he's looking forward to playing Alamosa again, "once we get a little more legs on us, a little more cohesion on what we're trying to do."

Gian commented that the team's formation is improving, but continues to evolve, with changes in the positions taken by various players and continuing work on keeping the team's formation compact and maintaining shape.

"We do have some experience, but we're also very young as well, and it's trying to find what fits our group of players," Gian said Monday. "Definitely some people are moving around, some people will move around for Bayfield, as well as I attempt to try to clean things up defensively and that will give some people



Lady Pirate Sophia Alexander works to maintain possession during a home game against Alamosa on April 5. The Pirates lost the match 7-0.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

some opportunities in other positions as well.

"I think, at the end of the day, we're still trying to figure out our identity, we're trying to figure out our development, where do players fit. And those first two games against Del Norte and Lake County, we were kind of going there, but these last two games against Telluride and a league game against Alamosa really gave me some perspective in seeing where some people fit."

Gian commented that, although he has learned about the strengths and abilities of his players through practices, game situations often "show and dictate where players are going to find success. And, even then, we're going to continually work as the games go on. We're only going to get better, but we're learning on the field as well as at practice. ... It's just a process; it's nothing to be discouraged of or get ahead of ourselves with. We're going to stay true to what we're doing and the results will come when that happens."

Gian reported Wednesday that the

team's efforts to improve positioning and formation as well as continued work to find the ideal positions for players paid off in its 1-1 tie against the Bayfield Wolverines in a league game on April 9.

He commented that the game was successful, "not just on the results side, but the effort. Everything we've been working on kind of came together pretty well. ... Being able to get a better result there was pretty exciting."

He stated that Bayfield was similar in skill level to Alamosa, with skilled and athletic players, including a significant number of upperclassmen.

"On our end, as the coaches, we've kind of put together a pretty good game plan on formation, where we can put some people to find success out there. We did move some people into the defensive position that haven't been playing there, but they actually fit that position well. That helped us solidify the back and not give up many opportunities. The ones we did were stuff we're working on. But, it was that, the effort ...

I can't say enough about the effort, going in there, just fighting tooth and nail, going right at 'em for the whole

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Lady Pirate Lauren Monterroso attempts to score a goal during the Lady Pirates' game against the Alamosa Mean Moose on April 5 in Pagosa. The Pirates ultimately lost the game and now have a 0-1-1 record in league, having lost to Alamosa and logging a tie against Bayfield on April 9.

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BASEBALL

Pirates look to right ship with home doubleheader

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The 3A Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team hit a rough patch when it took on a series of 4A opponents over the last week, going 0-5 and moving to a 4-6 overall record.

The Pirates are now the No. 33 team in the 3A Selection and Seeding Index, which helps determine postseason seeding.

Coach Ben Garcia noted that the vast majority of the innings played over the week were good for the Pirates.

"If you combined all the innings that we played together ... you're talking about 35 innings. Probably 33, 32 innings, we played really good baseball," he said. "But we really had some problems."

He noted that in several of the games the Pirates led until the final inning, when things fell apart.

"Three games we ran into the pitch count, so I had to pull my pitchers, who were doing really well," he said.

Changing pitchers, he explained, means three changes for the Pirates, with players then put into positions they're not as familiar with.

"That's where a lot of the problems lie," he said, adding, "The ball seems to find ya."

That, he noted, leads to the Pirates feeling the pressure, and feeling that pressure more after each loss.

"That pressure is just kinda takin' over," he said, later noting the Pirates had five balks in one game.

But, he noted, from a pitching standpoint, he was pleased.

"The pitching did a great job until they ran into their problems with innings," he said.

From April 4-6, the Pirates competed at the Roaring Fork Tournament, with Garcia noting all three games were "very winnable."

Glenwood Springs

The Pirates opened tournament play against the Glenwood Springs Demons, but fell 11-9 after a sixth-inning Demon rally.

The Pirates scored first in the affair, bringing two runs around in the top of the first. Glenwood countered with one run in the bottom of the second.

The Pirates took a 4-1 lead after bringing two more runs around in the top of the third, but the Demons tied the game in the bottom of the inning after scoring three.

The Pirates retook the lead in the fourth with four runs and expanded that lead to 9-4 with another in the

top of the fifth.

The Demons, however, rallied for seven in the bottom of the sixth to log the win.

The Pirates ended the game with nine runs on nine hits and four walks and struck out four times.

Cooper Ralston went 3-for-4, with that effort including a double, a walk and a sacrifice fly.

Four Pirates had one hit each in the game. Jaden Tuggle-Reed logged a hit, a walk and two RBIs. Hunter Pouyer had a hit and two runs scored. Tyler Henderson had a hit, two walks, an RBI and a run scored. Dylan Dempster had a hit and a run scored.

Three Pirates took the mound in the game, with Hunter Pouyer, Riley Laugel and Chris Martinez combined to allow 11 runs (10 earned) on 15 hits and two walks while striking out five. They allowed a double and three home runs.

Garcia highlighted Laugel's pitching in the game.

The Pirates committed one error.

Canon City

The next day, the Pirates took on the Canon City Tigers.

Again, the Pirates scored first, logging two runs in the top of the first.

The Tigers countered with two in the first, two in the second and two in the fourth to take a 6-2 lead before the Pirates brought five around in the fifth to take a 7-6 lead.

The Tigers, though, answered back with five runs in the bottom of the inning to win 11-7.

The Pirates had nine hits in the game and five walks and one hit batter. They struck out eight times.

Martinez went 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

Hunter Pouyer and Zach Pouyer each logged two hits, with Hunter Pouyer hitting a double and logging a run scored and an RBI.

Tuggle-Reed and Ralston each had one hit, with Tuggle-Reed also scoring a run.

Laugel walked three times and scored a run.

Henderson, who walked and was hit by a pitch, also scored a run.

Dempster also drew a walk.

Ralston and Kaeden Iguchi split time on the mound, combining to allow 11 hits and four walks while striking out two.

Both teams committed four errors.

Roaring Fork

On Saturday, the Pirates played the tournament host, the Roaring Fork Rams.

The Pirates fell 5-4 in the game after scoring one in the first and three in the seventh to take a 4-0 lead.

The Rams rallied for four in the bottom of the seventh to take the win.

The Pirates logged nine hits in the contest, and had one walk and one strikeout.

Martinez had another three-hit game against the Rams, including a double, and tallied an RBI and two runs scored.

Henderson went 2-for-4 with a run scored. Tuggle-Reed, Ty Richey, Zach Pouyer and Laugel each had one hit. Richey also had a run scored. Laugel, who hit a double, also had an RBI and a run scored.

Dempster again drew a walk.

Martinez pitched a complete game for the Pirates, allowing five runs, two of which were earned, on nine hits and one walk. He struck out 10.

"Chris Martinez absolutely threw a great game," Garcia said.

The Pirates committed four errors.

Durango

On Tuesday, the Pirates traveled to Durango for a doubleheader against the Demons.

Durango won the first half of the doubleheader 11-1.

Durango picked up three runs in the bottom of the first, and each team scored one in the second.

Durango brought around three more in the third and four in the sixth.

Garcia noted the Pirates came out flat in the first game after leaving late for the game and having less warm-up time left the team not ready to play.

He acknowledged he also made a mistake in his calls that led to outs for the Pirates.

"Durango just took it to us," he said. "They hit the ball."

Pagosa fell 6-5 in the second game.

The Pirates took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first before the Demons evened it in the bottom of the inning.

Pagosa retook the lead with another run in the third, and increased that lead to 4-1 with a pair of runs in the fifth.

The Demons scored one in the bottom of the inning, but the Pirates answered with another run in the top of the sixth.

The Demons rallied for four in the bottom of the seventh to secure the win.

Garcia highlighted that Ralston "threw a great game against Durango."

Additional stats for the Durango doubleheader were not available by press time Wednesday.


Up next

This week, the Pirates will look to right the ship as they delve into league play against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

The Pirates will host the Panthers for a doubleheader beginning at 10 a.m.

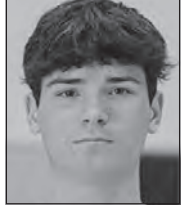
The Panthers are 5-7 on the season and are the No. 26 team in the Selec-

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Creede Dozier
Football, baseball, track



Favorite subject: English

Comments from coach Connie O'Donnell: "Creede dominated in track and field during the recent week. Securing personal bests, he won the long jump, triple jump, and high jump at the Bayfield invitational. Those performances now position him within the top 10 in 3A across all three jumping events. His effort during practice shows his commitment to improvement, strengthened by his coachabil-

ity. Not only is Creede a standout performer, but he also is great at encouraging his teammates. His leg in the 4 x 1 relay helped his team to a top-ten finish at the state level. He continues to have a positive attitude and is willing to contribute to his team in any way that is asked of him. Despite being a sophomore, Creede exhibits exceptional leadership. As a three-sport athlete for the Pirates, he continues to make significant contributions to his team's success."

TRACK

Pirates opt out of meet, will compete Friday in Cortez

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field teams opted to not compete with Mother Nature at last weekend's Abel Velasquez Invite in Ignacio.

Coach Connie O'Donnell explains in an email to The SUN that, while the Saturday meet in Ignacio was not canceled, Pagosa, Bayfield and Durango decided not to compete, with the Pirates not competing due to the high winds and cold weather.

"I just didn't want athletes to get injured and decided that it wasn't worth the risk," she wrote.

With the weather affecting mul-

tiple meets so far this season, several Pirates are still awaiting their first competition.

That competition should come Friday, when the Pirates will compete at the Bob Archibeque Invite in Cortez beginning at 9 a.m., with the forecast showing sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s.

"The weather for Friday looks pretty good at this point," O'Donnell notes, adding, "It's likely that wind will be a factor again because it always is in the spring."

O'Donnell notes her plan heading into the meet continues to be the same.

"I'm still planning on putting some of our upper level athletes into indi-

vidual events so that they can get times for those in state rankings," she wrote, adding, "This will be a first meet for several athletes. It is important for them to do well and get in the state rankings as soon as possible. The longer it takes to perform well in a certain event, the more pressure athletes feel to perform. Sometimes that works well for athletes and sometimes it gets overwhelming."

O'Donnell also notes that its important that this week's practices be upbeat and fun given the lack of recent competition.

"Going over a week without competing can also feel overwhelming and I want practices to build them up, not tear them down," she wrote.

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109 Harman Park Drive
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LOT 21 OF BLOCK 29 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD AUGUST 20, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74785
Respectfully submitted this 13th day of March, 2024.
/s/ Daniel L. Fiedler
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Published March 21 & 28 and April 4, 11, & 18, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (231667)

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO
v.
Defendants: NRLL East LLC, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of This Action.
Case Number 2024CV30009
Attorney or Party Without Party:
Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708
P.O. Box 1507
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number (970) 264-8321
Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule
Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: NRLL EAST, LLC
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the plaintiff filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VENDOR
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$144,432.37	ORKIN LLC.
SO Taser 7 BASIC BUNDLE	\$70,545.02	LINDA CAPRIOLLO
ARPA SUBMISSION #1	\$67,325.08	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC
COUNTY P CARD EXPENSES JAN 23 24-FEB 23	\$62,282.95	LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC
FLEET 2023 CHEVY SUBURBAN	\$57,594.00	COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS
PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES	\$35,100.00	WESTERN PAPER DISTRIBUTORS
COUNTY CLEANING CONTRACT	\$31,186.96	STERLING
ARPA SUBMISSION #24	\$27,180.82	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS
COUNTY FUEL	\$20,529.51	ACCESS TRUCK PARTS
LANDFILL EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$17,860.20	PATAGONIA HEALTH INC
ANNUAL SOFTWARE RENEWAL	\$14,500.00	ABBOTT RAPID DX NORTH AMERICA
2024 PRIMARY BALLOT PRINTING	\$11,853.49	JUST CLICK PRINTING INC
DETENTION FOOD	\$11,228.84	COWBOY CARWASH LLC
MONTHLY APPRAISAL SERVICES	\$11,200.00	GRAINGER
AIRPORT GATE	\$10,810.00	BARBARA HENDRICKS
COUNTY ELECTRIC UTILITY	\$10,739.36	BI INCORPORATED
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$9,439.03	HO ENTERPRISES LLC
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$8,998.01	INEZLOBAT
PHD SUPPLIES	\$8,904.85	LORIANA MACHT
ARPA SUBMISSION #23	\$8,789.99	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY
NATURAL GAS UTILITY	\$8,541.18	ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS LLC
PHD SUPPLIES	\$8,093.67	APCO INTERNATIONAL, INC
PHD EQUIPMENT	\$7,675.31	BAYFIELD FAMILY DENTISTRY
MONTHLY HOLDING CONTRACT	\$7,500.00	COLORADO DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION & CONTROL
COUNTY LANDLINE UTILITY	\$7,383.13	EVON THERESA LUCERO
ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL	\$7,000.00	TERRY'S ACE HARDWARE
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION	\$6,972.25	NANCY FORD
COUNTY WATER & DATA USE	\$6,747.18	WESTERN POWER CORP
CMP SALARY AND SUPPLIES	\$5,437.66	COOPER FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE
LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$5,344.86	BRIAN MILLER
FLEET PARTS	\$4,912.21	MONOGRAMS PLUS PAGOZA LLC
INMATE INSURANCE	\$4,845.00	BALLANTINE COMMUNICATIONS INC
TRANSIT ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES	\$4,750.00	JEROME N LUBETZ
FLEET SUPPLIES	\$4,512.40	SUTTON WAYLON
FAIR SHIRTS	\$4,207.50	JACKALOPE PRINT & DESIGN
DHS OFFICE LEASE	\$4,166.67	COLORADO WEED MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
PHD SUPPLIES	\$4,156.76	COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
MARTINEZ CREEK CULVERT	\$4,071.00	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO
MURKIN POSTAGE	\$4,029.00	YANITA MOTOR COMPANY
PHD INDM FURNISHINGS	\$3,975.71	DIVISION OF PROPERTY TAXATION
FLEET SNOW PLOW PARTS	\$3,915.00	BRUCKNER'S TRUCK SALES
ATS TRANSFORMER ASSEMBLY	\$3,887.70	PINE VALLEY RENTAL & SALES INC
COUNTY LEGAL/HELP ADS	\$3,646.99	MARYBETH SNYDER
MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION	\$3,489.00	PATRICIA HOWARD
FLEET PARTS AND SUPPLIES	\$3,458.41	SALLY HIGH
SHOT ROCK	\$3,164.00	FREDRICKZINK & ASSOCIATES, PC
DOCUMENTATION PREP AND POSTAGE	\$3,074.41	TRANSWEST TRUCK TRAILER RV
VEHICLE TOWING SERVICES	\$3,041.90	MOUNTAIN LAND ASSOCIATES
COUNTY WATER UTILITY	\$3,005.65	DAY LUMBER COMPANY LLC
FLEET SUPPLIES	\$2,918.00	SOURCE OFFICE & TECHNOLOGY
SSI FUND TRANSFER	\$2,874.93	MARYLN J. COBB
ROAD SAND	\$2,863.70	SARFLETE FULFILLMENT INC
FLEET PARTS	\$2,823.67	ARCHULETA COUNTY SOLID WASTE
FLEET TIRES	\$2,781.00	SANDRA FREEMAN
COPIER LEASE AND USAGE	\$2,698.17	ASHLEY SPRINGER
ACTIVATION FEE	\$2,400.00	DOROTHY ANN GEORGE
ANNUAL CLOUD LICENSE	\$2,400.00	DENYCE MCKEEK
TRAINING REGISTRATION	\$2,400.00	DESIGN-A-SIGN
FLEET PARTS AND SUPPLIES	\$2,342.32	ADRIAN A CHAVEZ VALENZUELA
COUNTY OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$2,218.00	BUTTAZIO ALLEGROS
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,160.60	CARL MACHT
EMPLOYEE BOOT ALLOWANCE	\$2,008.40	COLTON WILKINS
TRAINING REGISTRATION	\$1,995.00	DEANNA HIBBERT
FLEET PARTS AND SERVICE	\$1,975.26	JORGE ZUNIGA
SEWER UTILITY	\$1,954.55	JUSTIN BURTON
PUBLIC WORKS SUPPLIES	\$1,814.18	PEDRO CARAVEO
RENT AND ELECTRIC FEB MARCH 24	\$1,781.19	RYAN YOUNG
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$1,772.29	RYAN LEWIS
PROFESSIONAL ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$1,764.00	WINFRED CRONON
FLEET TIRES	\$1,747.60	YAFAIMA FRIAS DAVIS
UNIFORMS BOOT ALLOWANCE	\$1,711.88	DANIELLE BROWER
SSI FUND TRANSFER	\$1,691.19	UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY INC
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$1,667.00	STERICIZE, INC
CORNER SUPPLIES	\$1,623.75	RONNIE MAEZ
IT EQUIPMENT	\$1,524.89	CUTEZEY CUSTOM CREATIONS
SOFTWARE ANNUAL RENEWAL	\$1,500.00	VISIONARY COMMUNICATIONS INC
2024 SENIOR LUNCH SERVICES	\$1,500.00	VITAL RECORDS CONTROL
HARDWARE SUPPLIES	\$1,482.07	EAGLE SAFE SURFACES COLORADO
REGISTRATION POSTAGE	\$1,323.91	LA PLATA COUNTY CORONER
FLEET PARTS AND SUPPLIES	\$1,316.24	VERONICA MEDINA
EMPLOYMENT TESTING	\$1,202.00	CHRISTOPHER WEIGAND
COUNTY OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,188.44	BUTTAZIO MOTOR COMPANY, LLC
2023 FAIR SUPPLIES AND SERVICE	\$1,162.38	JUANITA SISCO
PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICES	\$1,153.50	LARRY ALLEN
COUNTY DISPOSAL SERVICES	\$1,071.34	ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESERVE LLC
NOVEMBER INSERTS	\$1,070.75	KATHERINE F. BETZER
VOIP AND IT SERVICES	\$1,053.61	GALLS, LLC
SUBJP WASTEWATER 2591 CR 131	\$1,000.00	ARCHULETA COUNTY ATTORNEY
CITIZEN CONTACT ANNUAL RENEWAL	\$999.80	DHS PETTY CASH FUND
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$982.00	ARCHULETA COUNTY SHERIFF
24 PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES	\$952.50	NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT CATA
FLEET PARTS AND SUPPLIES	\$914.81	MHC KENWORTH
2024 CORONER ONCALL SERVICES	\$891.19	SELP'S PROPANE
EMPLOYMENT TESTING	\$885.00	JOHNSTONE SUPPLY
METERED MAIL POSTAGE	\$860.46	
FLEET SUPPLIES	\$859.75	
R&B TRAINING AND SUPPLIES	\$750.00	

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.
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Defendants: George S. Fleischmann, Jovita Fleischmann, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Archuleta County Public Trustee, and all Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of This Action.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: GEORGE S. FLEISCHMANN AND JOVITA FLEISCHMANN
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Phone Number: (970) 264-8400
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
ERIC SCHNOEBELN,
THERESA E FISHER, JR.,
RONALD R FISHER, JR.,
Defendants
Case No.: 2022CV30062
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
Sheriff Sale 2024-01
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See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apparent hereof
Owner's of Record: **ERIC SCHNOEBELN**
THERESA E FISHER, JR.
RONALD R FISHER, JR.
Evidence of Debt: Recorded mortgages in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, being further identified in Exhibit "A"
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.

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Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV
Building Number: 18
Lot (Unit) Number: 7835 - 7836
UDI Points: 84,000 / 17,743,000
of **Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV**, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, subject to First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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Commissioners hear updates on development services departments

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its March 19 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard an update on the Building, Planning and Water Quality departments from Development Director Pamela Flowers.

Flowers opened her update by highlighting the grants that county development services obtained in the last year, including a grant supporting a waste tire pickup day that collected more than 1,000 waste tires, a \$70,000 Stronger Communities grant for a housing assessment, and a \$1.9 million More Housing Now grant for infrastructure in the Chris Mountain Village II and Trails subdivisions.

She added that Development Services staff conducted 565 short-term rental (STR) inspections, down 45 from 2022, and processed 122 nuisance ordinance violations, 12 building code violations and 31 zoning violations.

Flowers commented that the number of zoning violations rose by 21 from 2022 and that this was driven by corrections to how code enforcement classifies violations.

She also stated that code enforcement closed 543 cases in 2023 and code enforcement created a new webpage with assistance from other county staff.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked why STR inspection numbers were down.

"I attribute that to the staff that we had in there before wasn't doing their job," Flowers said, adding that a significant backlog of STR permit applications accumulated and staff are now working through a backlog.

In 2024, Flowers stated that she hopes to advance grant-funded work on workforce housing and seek more grants.

She added that she wants to complete revisions to the sign regulations for the county and introduce definitions and rules for agritourism into the county land use regulations due to increased interest in the concept

in the area.

Flowers stated the revisions to the nuisance ordinance are ongoing with the assistance of County Manager Derek Woodman.

She indicated that staff in code enforcement wish to refocus the department toward a more community-engagement-centered approach and that she will likely rename the positions connected to code enforcement to reflect this change in focus.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that "a lot of" the direction for code enforcement should come from the commissioners since they are "really connected to the community."

He added that code enforcement is too strict at the moment.

Flowers commented that the shift in direction for code enforcement is partially driven by feedback from the BoCC and that the change is intended to align code enforcement with the goals of the BoCC.

Maez stated that he does not believe that many of current regulations received extensive public comment when they were initially approved and reiterated his opposition to the present nuisance ordinance and other codes he stated are too strict.

In response to a question from Medina, Flowers stated that all the grants that development services obtained were completed in cooperation with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) and some also involved the Town of Pagosa Springs.

Flowers added that she is "learning" about the grants that are available and how to apply for them and that the workload is presently not "overwhelming," particularly with the hiring of a planning manager to oversee the Planning Department.

She then moved on to the Building Department, commenting that the current staff are a "pretty good team" and that the phone tree for the department was updated, including the addition of a specific line for people requesting inspections, which she stated has reduced the amount of calls sent to the front desk.

Flowers indicated that the Building Department has also implemented new tiny home regulations the BoCC approved last year, although Flowers stated that issues with the state certification process are inhibiting licensing of tiny homes and the county may have to pursue a local licensing solution to allow the usage of tiny homes to expand.

She stated that most building permit types were down in 2023 but that the numbers in 2024 so far have risen from 2023, which she partially attributed to the building permits associated with the PSCDC affordable housing project.

Flowers commented that her department is "concerned" about the possibility that the state may mandate that the county move to the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), which she stated may increase the cost of building in the area.

She stated that she and Chief Building Official Tim Hatch are currently reviewing the 2021 IECC and preparing to provide a list of suggested amendments to the code that the county could implement if it is compelled to adopt it.

As an example of the 2021 IECC standards, Flowers stated that it would require a "whole-home pressurization test" for every build, which she commented would likely be difficult to perform or comply with for local builders.

Maez asked what a pressurization test is intended to do.

Hatch responded that it is intended to detect air leaks and that it can be "brutally" expensive to build structures that have few enough leaks to pass this test.

Flowers added that the amount that the county can modify the 2021 IECC would depend on the state mandate.

Hatch raised concerns about the potential negative impact of the code on cost of building, and Maez expressed doubt about if living in a more airtight home is healthy.

Flowers stated that the Building

Department is planning to begin implementing online applications related to building in 2024.

Flowers explained that the Planning Department previously obtained STR permitting software that failed to implement all the promised elements and is "extremely cumbersome on the staff."

She stated that she dropped two modules of this software and switched to permitting software through GOGov, which she stated is the same software provider that code enforcement uses.

She added that GOGov has been effective for this department and having the same software across multiple departments would help streamline processes within these departments, particularly in terms of processing building and septic permits.

Flowers stated that she also hopes to create a process that will handle and allow for complaints to be submitted online for all types of complaints, which she added is currently possible only for complaints involving STRs.

Medina noted that the county previously planned to create a public portal where data on STRs would be available for the public to examine.

Flowers explained that this public portal was part of the functions that the previous STR permitting software failed to implement and that creating such a portal would likely be difficult, although she is working on finding ways to implement one.

She added that she is also concerned about the numbers of STRs in the community potentially being overestimated by the software and that having the data generated by this software publicly available could be misleading.

Medina commented that her question was primarily made on the behalf of the public and that she wanted to make clear that this functionality would not be available in the near future, despite previous county promises.

Planning Manager Owen O'Dell added that the Planning Department publishes lists of permitted STRs in the county monthly, which provides some publicly accessible data on what STRs are active.

Flowers stated that a future priority for the Planning Department is implementing the GOGov software.

She highlighted that the meeting

day for the Archuleta County Planning Commission has switched from the fourth Wednesday of the month to the fourth Thursday to allow the commission to use a larger facility for applications that generate high amounts of public interest.

Flowers stated that the Water Quality Department has completed a large amount of training to improve the capabilities of its staff as well as completing the adoption of local water quality regulations by the county's board of health.

She added that the department also created forms and defined procedures for on-site wastewater treatment system permitting and other processes.

Flowers explained that the department received permitting information from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), but that much of this data is in a "cumbersome" format which is causing difficulties with making this information publicly available in a searchable database.

She added that, due to American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance concerns, the information will likely not become publicly available online, but will be kept by the department.

Flowers stated that the department received 46 in-process permits from SJBPH and is working on completing them.

The department also recently ran its first course for septic installers, she stated.

Flowers added that the department will also work on implementing online permit applications in the future, as well as obtaining further certifications for staff.

She stated that the department has processed 29 new construction permits, eight alteration and repair permits, four change-of-use permits, three emergency use permits, and eight transfer of title permits in 2024, as well as awarding 22 septic installer licenses.

The group then discussed issues with inspections of open-cell and closed-cell foam in buildings, with Woodman stating that open-cell foam in buildings will be allowed and will be inspected to the specifications of the current code.

In response to a question from Medina, Woodman indicated that open-cell foam has never been inspected "to the level that the code requires," but was previously in use and being inspected.

Then followed further discussion with Hatch and Flowers, with Flowers noting that vapor barriers associated with open-cell foam are not listed as items for inspection in the current IECC, but that the Building Department now plans to inspect them.

Medina raised concerns about the possible impact of open-cell foam on the structural integrity of buildings.

Hatch also commented that many updated codes have become "building science" and focus on "being green" and carbon footprint instead of affordability.

"Which puts people out of homes," Maez said.

The discussion concluded with Maez stating that "common sense ain't that common anymore" and Medina thanking Flowers for her presentation.

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Baseball

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Garcia indicated the team is working to have those who change positions during the game be a bit more comfortable in the alternate positions and situations, and with the team's closer to help alleviate the pressure that comes with pitching late in games.

He explained the team, in addition to working on the field, is also doing

classroom sessions to help understand why the problems are happening and how the Pirates can collectively help the team come out on top.

He noted that the team's errors and runs allowed came in bunches and the Pirates' problems extended innings.

"We have to learn how to win games like that," he said, explaining the mentality and culture needs to change.

The Pirates are a good team, but they need to play with more confidence and put all the pieces together for a full game, according to the coach.

The Panthers, Garcia noted, are a pretty good team that hits the ball a ton, and the Pirates will need to take advantage of playing on their home field, regroup and charge forward.

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Soccer

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80 minutes was huge. ... Everything we've been working on is slowly starting to come together."

The coach explained that Pagosa scored once in the middle of the first half of the game when Hailey Sams took a corner kick that deflected off the Bayfield goalkeeper and went into the goal.

"She put it tight to the keeper and the keeper actually, while attempting to make a save, knocked it into the net," he explained.

He stated that Bayfield evened the score in the second half off of a free

kick.

"They got a free kick call just outside the 18," he said. "It was a direct free kick off of that. The ball basically got through the wall and went into the back of the net."

Gian also highlighted his appreciation for the efforts of the school district's bus drivers to get the team to games, particularly since the district's transportation team is "kind of short-handed right now."

"I just want them to know that the soccer program really appreciates them getting us to games."

The Lady Pirates will next face the

Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in a home game at 11 a.m. on April 13 at Golden Peaks Stadium.

That will be followed by an away game against the Ignacio Bobcats on April 16 in Ignacio, with that game set to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Gian commented that he expects the match against the Panthers to be similarly competitive to the other league matches against Alamosa and Bayfield, while he noted that Ignacio is likely to be more similar to the teams the Pirates faced earlier in the season, such as Del Norte or Lake County.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, April 11

Main Street Advisory Board meeting. 4 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/portal/>.

Upper San Juan Health Service District special meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Friday, April 12

Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board strategic planning retreat. 8:30 a.m., Community Center, south conference room. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/81489539111>. Call in: (669) 900-6833. Meeting ID: 814 8953 9111.

Tuesday, April 16

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=dl

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Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. View Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375>;pwd=dlFFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885. For more information, visit <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

Main Street Advisory Board meeting with Colorado Department of Transportation. 4:30-6 p.m., Hidden Track Speakeasy, 251 Pagosa St. A meeting to address needs prior to and during the downtown reconstruction project.

Wednesday, April 17

Upper San Juan Library District Board meeting. 4 p.m. Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398449146>.

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m.,

3133 Cornerstone Drive. For more information, visit pagosapeak-penschool.org.

Thursday, April 18

Archuleta County Board of Health meeting. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

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

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave. Visit pawsd.org for more information.

Monday, April 22

Archuleta County Road and Bridge Advisory Committee meeting. 2 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. For more information, visit <http://archuleta-county.org/agendacenter>.

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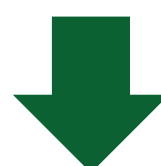
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Environmental Film Festival

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“A Reason for Hope,” a youth-made short film, will be shown twice on Saturday, April 20, at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership’s (GGP’s) Environmental Film Festival at the Tennyson Building Event Center.

Tickets available now for Environmental Film Festival

By Sally High
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership’s (GGP’s) 2024 Environmental Film Festival celebrates spring. Each year since 2013, the GGP has produced a fun and educational film event for the Pagosa Springs community. The Tennyson Building Event Center will be the site

of this year’s film festival, Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20.

Proceeds benefit the GGP’s year-round vegetable production, demonstration of direct-use geothermal energy, environmental education and spirit of community service.

The GGP is truly a partnership. Local governments, **■ See Festival on next page**

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- Friday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: San Juan Mountain Boys, 5 p.m.
- Saturday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Bob Hemenger, 5 p.m.
- Sunday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Steve Blechschmidt, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday**
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday**
The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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 businesses, schools and numerous volunteers contribute support to the donation-driven nonprofit. The 501(c)(3) organization uses donations to drive its operations in Centennial Park, to provide educational experiences for all ages and to beautify the San Juan Riverwalk.

The Environmental Film Festival is GGP's largest fundraiser planned for 2024. All nine 2024 films are from the Colorado Environmental Film Festival Caravan. All are new to Pagosa Springs. All films are thought-provoking and will inspire conversations about our shared ecological responsibilities: our water, our locally grown food supply and the sustainability of our lifestyles.

The GGP invites you to the Premiere Gala on Friday evening, April 19, from 5 to 10 p.m. The celebration will include live music by Steve Blechschmidt and a delicious catered dinner by Pagosa's most popular chefs. Guests will enjoy two feature-length films, both 2024 award winners. "Flyways: The Untold Story of Migratory Shorebirds" and "The Covenant of the Salmon People" will be introduced by knowledgeable locals on Friday evening.

Framed photographs by the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be displayed and for sale. Several photographers have donated their works to benefit the GGP. The photographs are an extra visual treat for the GGP's supporters.

Guests to the Premiere Gala will be admitted all day on Saturday, April 20. A cash bar will be available to guests Friday and Saturday, and a food truck will offer a variety of casual eats on Saturday.

Friday's Premiere Gala is \$60. Saturday's film lineup is \$10. Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival>. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Ticket holders do not receive paper tickets. Your names will be at the entry table, where GGP volunteers will welcome and wristband you.

Purchasing your tickets online is greatly encouraged and only available through Friday, April 19. When online ticket sales end, tickets must be purchased at the door.

All nine films will be shown on Saturday. The doors open at 9 a.m. Some films will be shown twice so that all environmental film enthusiasts have a chance to see each film.

Saturday's schedule of films is shown here in order:

- "A Reason for Hope" (10 a.m. start).
- "Documerica."
- "Paddle Tribal Waters."

- "True Survivors."
- Lunch break.
- "Flyways: The Untold Journey of Migratory Shorebirds (1 p.m. start).
- "A Reason for Hope."
- "Native Suns."
- "Dark Sacred Night."
- "Documerica."
- "Paddle Tribal Waters."
- "True Survivors."
- "Requiem for a River."
- "Covenant of the Salmon People" (7 p.m. start).

The GGP's film festival has sold out in recent years. Round up your friends and purchase your tickets today. Go to <https://www.pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival>. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

The GGP thanks the Pagosa community of environmentally aware supporters for enthusiasm and a continuing spirit of stewardship. GGP is "growing food and community with local energy." See you at the film festival and on the Riverwalk.



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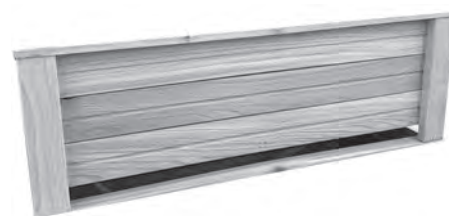
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“Requiem for a River” explores the dwindling state of the Rio Grande in New Mexico. A Rio Grande River irrigator is seen here watering his crops from the endangered river. “Requiem for a River” will be shown at approximately 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership’s Environmental Film Festival. Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival>.

Auditions for ‘Once Upon a Mattress’ set for April 11-12

By Dale Scrivener
Curtains Up Pagosa

“Once Upon a Mattress,” a family-friendly musical adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson’s “Princess and the Pea” is this summer’s musical presented by Curtains Up Pagosa.

The show will take place June 12-16. Auditions for the cast are Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room.

If you are interested in auditioning for this wonderful community theater production, please prepare a

one-minute monologue or dramatic reading, along with a one-minute solo.

Auditions will be on a first-come, first-served basis during the times listed above. The audition itself should take no more than 5-10 minutes.

Video auditions will also be accepted. Please submit video auditions to director.curtainsup@gmail.com.

If you wish to be a part of the show and not be in the cast, we are always looking for backstage crew, as well as pit musicians. We love to feature our

community members in whatever way they feel comfortable.

If you wish to play in our pit orchestra, please email musicdirector.curtainsup@gmail.com for information on our orchestra rehearsal schedule, and what instruments are left to be covered.

We also need some volunteers to help build our set, help work backstage during the show and join our costuming team. If you are interested in being a part of our production crew through building, sewing or any of the backstage areas, please email director.curtainsuppagosa@gmail.com to express interest and let us know how you would like to help out.

Theater is a great way to meet new people, as well as have a fun family bonding experience. Curtains Up Pagosa is always happy to grow our community of thespians by welcoming newcomers, both on stage and off.

Please come out and join us for this fun adventure and come with us “many moons ago in a far off place.”

Sourdough baking workshop planned for April 20

By Peggy Duggan
Mt. Allison Grange

On Saturday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. the Mount Allison Grange, located at 2622 County Road 229 in Allison, will hold a sourdough baking

workshop.

There will be information on how to grow and maintain sourdough starter, bread recipes, recipes for using discard, and sample baked goods.

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This year's Earth Day Celebration, organized by the Southwest Organization for Sustainability, is set for April 21 and is scheduled to include talks, live music and activities for the whole family.

Earth Day Celebration set for April 21

By **Pauline Benetti**
Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The Earth Day Planning Team reports a day full of activities at our Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 21 — the day before Earth Day.

There will truly be something for everyone, whether it be updates via short talks on relevant topics, nature walks, being in community, participating in doing good for the Earth or seeing how the community is engaged in that pursuit, a plethora of activities for kids, and music and food for all.

The day begins appropriately with a time for reflection to remember that we all are involved, whether willingly or not, in determining the future of our planet, Earth. And our involvement is inherent in almost every decision we make every day.

Dr. Jane Goodall captured that reality in one sentence: "What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

Perhaps we can all begin the day with that thought at play somewhere in the mind and, since there is no "right way" to engage in reflection, we offer a variety that goes from stillness through purposeful movement to walking, culminating in the Opening Ceremony.

Schedule of events

• 9 a.m.: Mindfulness Hour begins with a choice of sitting meditation,

yoga or the Riverwalk Naturalist Tour.

- 9:45 a.m.: Opening Ceremony, beginning with a sound bath and culminating with a dedication.

- 10 a.m.: Gently Used Clothing Swap begins and runs until noon.

- 10:15 a.m.: Talks on three relevant topics in the amphitheater — "The Hazards of Plastic," "Growing Domes for Seniors," and "Recycling and Composting."

- 11 a.m.: Featured presenter Paula Woerner of Wolfwood Refuge will present.

- Noon: Community tea ceremony and celebratory feast.

- 1 p.m.: More relevant talks in the amphitheater — "Earth Day, Past and Present" and "Audubon World Migratory Bird Day."

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community booths open.

- Full day for kids: sidewalk chalk art starts at 10 a.m.; solar car races start at 1:30 p.m.; Earth Day costume parade starts at 1:30 p.m.

- Music during and at the end of the day, 3 p.m.: Charles Martinez and Xavier O'Luain and Friends.

How to be involved

Clearly there is a full day planned, but there is space for more community involvement.

We invite individual, organizations and businesses wishing to display their role in doing "good for the Earth." We would like to hear from you now (see email below).

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Americana Project to welcome Ariella for guest artist concert



Photo courtesy Americana Project

Husband-and-wife duo Ariella will perform at Pagosa Springs High School on May 1. Students from the Americana Project will open the show.

By Bob Hemenger
Pagosa Springs High School

The Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) is proud to announce its concert Wednesday, May 1, with Ariella.

Students from the class will open the show with original and cover songs.

Ariella is an amazing husband-and-wife duo that has been taking over the world with passionate performances that deeply express their talented guitar and vocal work, as well as the fact they are madly in love.

The concert will be held at the PSHS auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 1.

Tickets will be available at the door only and are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under are admitted free. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for general seating.



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Our practice is to have a map showing the location of all tables/booths and to share that before the event.

To date the following organizations will have tables/displays for your interest and edification: Daughters of the American Revolution, Archuleta Democrats, EV Auto Demo, San Juan Water Conservancy District, Weminuche Audubon, Native Plant Garden, Audubon Rockies, Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, Healthy Archuleta doing business as Food Coalition, Pagosa Farmers Market, Southwest Organization for Sustainability, CSU Extension Seed Exchange, Habitat for Humanity, Eckankar, Pagosa Weather Team, Wolfwood Refuge, Archuleta Seniors Inc., San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, Wildfire Adapted Partnership, Archuleta County Public Health and Build Pagosa.

For those not interested in having a display at the celebration, perhaps joining the Earth Day Planning Team

is of interest. If so, please email or call and we will send out notification of the date, time and location for our next planning meeting.

If neither of these options work, then just be sure to come on down and enjoy the show as an observer participant. For more details, watch for our beautiful poster that is going up all over town now.

The Earth Day Planning Team is also promoting another Earth Day celebratory event, the Environmental Film Festival sponsored by the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, which starts Friday night, April 19, with a gala dinner and film showing and continues all day Saturday with all of the films selected from the prize winners at the Colorado Environmental Film Festival in February. Tickets are available at www.pagosagreen.org.

For more information or to be involved, email sospagosa@hotmail.com or leave a message at (970) 264-5232.

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2014's "Red" featuring Craig McArthur and Dennis Elkins at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This year's summer theater kicks off May 31 and will feature four shows.

Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts to open summer theater season May 31

By Tim Moore
Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts is thrilled to remind you about its highly anticipated 2024 summer theater season opening May 31, promising an unforgettable lineup of incredible performances set against the backdrop of the San Juan Mountains.

From big, classic showcases to jukebox musicals, this summer's lineup at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts promises something for everyone. Audiences can expect another season of top-notch productions featuring talented actors from across the globe, dazzling sets in rep and memorable music that will surely leave you humming the songs long after the show is over.

Show lineup

"Jimmy Buffet's Escape to Margaritaville": Get ready to escape to paradise with this fun-filled musical featuring the music of Jimmy Buffet. Follow Tully, a laid-back island bartender, and Rachel, a career-driven tourist, as they embark on a journey of self-discovery and romance. Audiences will enjoy the infectious energy of Buffet's iconic songs and the vibrant atmosphere of a tropical getaway.

"Beautiful: The Carole King Musical": Take a trip down memory lane with this Tony and Grammy award-winning musical that tells the inspiring true story of King's rise to stardom. From her humble beginnings as a Brooklyn teenager to her reign as one of the most successful

singer-songwriters in music history, "Beautiful" celebrates King's timeless music and indomitable spirit.

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast": Be our guest and experience the magic of Disney's beloved tale as old as time. Follow Belle, a smart and adventurous young woman, as she discovers the true meaning of love and inner beauty when she meets the

Beast, a cursed prince trapped in the form of a monstrous creature. Audiences of all ages will be enchanted by the enchanting music, dazzling costumes and unforgettable characters of this classic fairy tale.

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Healthy Archuleta

Registration is now open for the 2024 Archuleta Food Summit on May 11 at Pagosa Springs High School.

Please join us for this fun-filled day to learn about local food production, connect with the community and share a delicious lunch.

The day will feature an opening presentation and two breakout sessions featuring information about our local food system, including how to grow and produce food locally, where to get local foods, and how to support local composting efforts.

After the breakout session, attendees will participate in a networking farm-to-table lunch and have the opportunity to join an optional tour of the high school's grow dome and compost system.

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

To register, please follow the link on the Healthy Archuleta website or visit <https://form.jotform.com/240785457148062>.

Siembra La Cena class

Siembra La Cena is off to a great start.

Last week was the first session of the Siembra La Cena gardening class, with great participation from our community.

Students are excited to be getting started with planning their gardens this spring and that they can learn in the language of their hearts (Spanish).

We are excited to learn alongside this group to prepare for this growing season.

Healthy School Meals for All

Archuleta School District families are asked to fill out the Free and Reduced Lunch Application to support the Healthy School Meals for All program, which offers free breakfast and lunch to all students.

If you have not yet filled out your application this school year, you can do it today by following these simple steps:

1. Visit the ASD website at <https://www.mypagosaschools.com/>.
2. Click on the popup "Free and Reduced Lunch Application" in the upper right-hand corner.
3. Complete the application and submit it.

Follow these steps to complete your application and support our youth.

To learn more about Healthy Archuleta's efforts, please email us at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com or visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org>.

Theater

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lightful children's production based on Disney-Pixar's hit animated film. Join Marlin, a nervous clownfish, and his forgetful friend Dory as they embark on a daring journey across the ocean to find Marlin's lost son, Nemo. Featuring catchy songs, colorful costumes and lovable characters, "Finding Nemo Kids" is sure to delight young audiences and families alike.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Rise Above Violence works to support survivors

By Amanda Briggs
Rise Above Violence

This Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Rise Above Violence is working to ensure our community knows we provide crisis response and support for sexual assault survivors.

Though we hope no one in our community ever again experiences the trauma of sexual assault, we stand ready to help you and your loved ones in case of the unthinkable.

Too often, sexual assault remains hidden due to manipulation, fear, shame and embarrassment.

However, the statistics are staggering:

- An American is sexually assaulted every 68 seconds.
- Every nine minutes, that victim is a child.
- Of those children, 93 percent are assaulted by someone they know.
- More than 52 percent of women and more than 29 percent of men

experience sexual violence in their lifetime.

This horrible crime occurs within every socioeconomic level, faith background and community. It can be hard to believe, but sexual assault happens here in a paradise like Pagosa. That is why our theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month this year is “Building Connected Communities.” It is our hope that Pagosa Springs comes together in strong, unwavering support of survivors.

We at Rise hope you will join us this month — and every month — in acknowledging the issue of sexual assault and educating ourselves so we can prevent this terrible crime and respond well in the instances when prevention has not occurred.

Please follow along on our social media to learn more about sexual assault prevention and response, join our Push-Up Challenge, and participate in our Denim Day Walk at noon on April 24 at Bell Tower Park.

If you are a survivor in need of support, please know you can reach out to us at any time through our 24-hour hotline: (970) 264-9075. All calls are free and confidential, and it is our honor to walk next to you as you seek support and healing.

Six questions for your doctor about memory loss

By Jim Herlihy
Alzheimer’s Association of Colorado

If you or a loved one have concerns about memory loss or other unexplained changes in behavior, getting an expert opinion from your family doctor is an important first step in understanding how to proceed.

Medicare offers a free annual wellness visit for those 65 and older where patients can request a brain health assessment. But if you don’t see your family physician frequently, he or she may not know you well enough to determine if you are experiencing cognitive changes.

To help, the Alzheimer’s Association has developed a list of six questions that individuals or family members can ask the doctor to help ensure that the visit is productive and patients get proper direction.

1. Do I (or the patient) have any medical conditions that could increase my risk for developing Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia?

2. Am I taking any medications that could be causing memory or cognitive-related symptoms?

3. What tests could you perform that might rule out Alzheimer’s or dementia as a diagnosis?

4. Are you aware of my family his-

tory — particularly among immediate family (grandparents, parents or siblings) related to Alzheimer’s or dementia?

5. Should I be concerned about ... (explain any changes in memory, focus, thinking or mood)?

6. Can you provide a referral to a geriatrician or neurologist?

“This is a good starting point for having a productive conversation with your family doctor,” said Jim Herlihy, spokesperson for the Alzheimer’s Association of Colorado. “I would suggest bringing these questions in writing along with any other specific concerns or examples you may have. There can be a number of reasons behind memory loss and personality change, so it’s important to get guidance from your doctor as early as possible.”

For individuals who have immediate questions, the Alzheimer’s Association has a free, 24/7 helpline staffed by trained professionals who can provide guidance and support: (800) 272-3900.

Information is also available on the Association’s website, www.alz.org. A free online webinar explaining the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s is available at <https://training.alz.org/products/4062/10-warning-signs-of-alzheimers>.

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Its gastro-protective effects have been observed in rats with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), and mango juice and its bark extracts reduced intestinal inflammation in rats and mice with ulcerative colitis.

Mango extracts have anti-diabetic effects, with research demonstrating reduced insulin resistance and improved glucose metabolism in diabetic rats. Extracts from mango peelings brought about significant declines in blood glucose levels, increased insulin production, and reduced A1c levels.

One of the extracts that has earned particular attention is mangiferin. This polyphenol possesses antioxidant, anti-infection, anti-cancer, anti-diabetic, cardiovascular, and neuroprotective properties while increasing immunity. It has also been found to repair liver and kidney cells. But the most amazing bit is that mangiferin has no toxicity. It is toxic only to diseased cells, and does not damage normal cells. Mangiferin also has shown very potent anti-cancer activity in a wide variety of cancers, suppressing cancer-promoting mechanisms, inhibiting metastasis, promoting cancer cell death and directly neutralizing free radicals. *Always check with your doctor before starting any new vitamins or supplements.*

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

Fun Bible Facts: One of the longest chapters in the Bible is Numbers 7, which is all about giving!

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A look at local land stewardship agencies

By Ethan Proud and Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Extension Viewpoints

If you have ever visited the Weed and Pest Department, San Juan Conservation District or the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension Office with questions on land management, stewardship, state or local programs, or services, you have likely been directed to one or both of the other offices. The purpose of this article is to educate the reader on what each office does or specializes in. While staff at any of the offices can give you a satisfactory answer on most topics, one will likely have a better answer.

The Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department was formed to maintain compliance on county-owned property with the Colorado Noxious Weed Act. This department, through the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, also has enforcement authority. Weed and Pest also offers services to private landowners, though, ultimately, noxious weed control is the responsibility of the landowner.

The San Juan Conservation District is a special form of local government established to represent private landowners' interest in best management practices for healthy soil, water, habitats and agricultural land. Our local conservation district can offer seed recommendations for both habitat and agricultural production, ditch maintenance, forage production and other services.

CSU Extension is exactly what it sounds like — an arm of CSU aimed at adult and youth education in rural areas. There is no shortage of knowledge to be found in this office and you can find information on canning, gardening, land stewardship, radon, first aid and nearly any other topic of interest. Our local Extension Office is very active in educational programming and classes that will help you

adjust to rural life or to deepen your knowledge.

By familiarizing yourself with these three offices you will be getting the best possible information on how to manage your property in a way that is consistent with our local climate and your land use goals.

We cooperate on the Colorado Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Fund Grant to bring educational events, such as the Weed Tour and the Holistic Grazing Project, as well as the revegetation program that provides free native grass or wildflower seed to landowners who have purchased herbicide or contracted noxious weed control in the county.

These are not the only land management agencies in the area that provide services to private properties, but serve as a jumping-off point for your journey into land stewardship.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

Landowner Stewardship Series

Save the dates for Tuesday evenings in April at 6 p.m. for the Landowner Stewardship Series.

Do you own property in Archuleta County? Would you like to know more about your land and its resources?

The CSU Extension office and the San Juan Conservation District are hosting an in-depth Landowner Stewardship Series on best practices on your land:

- April 16: wildlife.
- April 23: fire mitigation and

evacuation.

- April 30: range and soil health.

Go to the Extension Facebook page for information and registration. This is a free event, but registration is strongly suggested.

Lifelong Learning Lecture Series

On April 18 from 6 to 7:15 p.m., the Ruby Sisson Library's Lifelong Learning Lecture Series will present "Water, Our Most Precious Resource."

What can we do as individuals and a community to preserve what we have?

Chamber After Hours

Chamber After Hours will be on April 26 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office. The first 20 people will receive a free Colorado Blue Spruce in celebration of Arbor Day.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month at the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday 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) 246-5931 to register.

Check out the online option on our website, <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/>.

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

Thursday, April 11

Ruby's Writers Guild. 9-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members will provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

T'ai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30, Senior Center. Free for those 60 and better.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Knowledge Bowl. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Test your trivia skills in a wide range of subjects.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced

students from 6-7 p.m.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Volunteer Recruitment Event. 5-6 p.m., Community Center. Learn about volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument.

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.

Curtains Up Pagosa's 'Once Upon a Mattress' Auditions. 6-9 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School band room. To audition for the family-friendly musical, prepare a one-minute monologue or dramatic reading and a one-minute solo. Video auditions can be sent to director.curtainsup@gmail.com. The show will take place June 12-16.

Friday, April 12

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

Preschool Playdough. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for playdough exploration and fun.

LEGO Club. 2-3:30 p.m., 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.

Teen/Tween Murder Mystery. 4-5:30 p.m. Everyone is a suspect. Solve the clues to discover who the real murderer is. Registration is required. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

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Saturday, April 13

Chess Club. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to play chess with quick lessons and game time or practice your skills. All ages and abilities are welcome.

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. GriefShare is a 13-week

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program providing support and encouragement after the death of a family member or friend. Contact Marie Rascoe at marierascoe67@gmail.com or call the church office at (970) 731-2205. There is no cost for this program, and you may start at any time.

Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your scrapbooking projects or any crafting project you may want to work on with the group.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball. 10 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Soccer. 11 a.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters to get help with your project, or sit and knit.

DivorceCare. 4-5:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. DivorceCare is a program that provides a safe environment for persons who have gone through, are going through or are considering going through a divorce. You may begin classes at any time throughout the session. For more information, please contact Lorena Medina at loremedina0817@gmail.com or the church at admin@centerpointpagosa.com. You can also register online at www.divorcecare.org. Click on "find a group" and follow the prompts or register at any of the meetings. There is a \$20 fee for the cost of your workbook. Scholarships are available.

Spanish Fiesta Royalty Competition. 5 p.m., CSU Extension building. There will be an enchilada dinner, royalty competition and live music. Tickets are available through any of the 15 contestants at <https://givebutter.com/SFRoyaltyCompetition>. For more information, contact Archuleta Seniors Inc. at (970) 264-2167.

Monday, April 15

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

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network-Critique Groups. 9-11 a.m., Grace in Pagosa Community Room, 1044 Park Ave. A meeting to fellowship, inspire, encourage, critique and study the practice of writing.

Women's Fellowship. 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-

2064 for more information.

Senior Conversations. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Learn to Knit or Crochet. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit or crochet. For ages 8 and up.

Healthy Aging and Yoga Therapy Class. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Tween/Teen Art Camp. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration is required. Art classes for tween and teens. Each month will explore a different style or medium.

Boy Scout Meeting. 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis Street. Boys aged 11-17 are invited to attend meetings. Contact Jennifer Walterscheid at (970) 986-0387 for more details.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Musicians of all abilities are invited to jam and sing with others.

Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.

Deepening the Faith Classes. 6-8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Tuesday, April 16

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy

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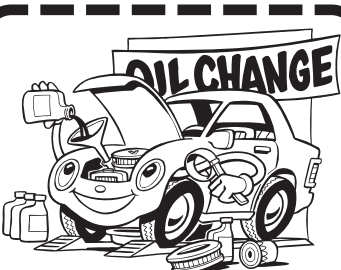
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Tech Time. 10 a.m.- noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Adult DIY. 1-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn a simple art method that allows the mind and body to release stress while creating beautiful images. Registration is required. Limited to 12 people. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Mahjong. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball. 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Del Norte.

English as a Second Language. 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

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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.

Wednesday, April 17

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

Pickleball Beginner Lessons. 8:30-10:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available. Reservations are required and can be made at pagosapickleball.org under the "Play" tab.

Pagosa Catholic Quilters. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms. For more information, contact Maxine Everaert at quilters@ihmjp2.org.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. Focus Group. 9-11 a.m., Senior Center. Feedback will be gathered on the needs of local older adults and how well ASI is meeting these needs. A survey is also available online. For more information or to sign up to attend, call (970) 264-2167 or email rosa@psseniors.org.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play while building early literacy skills together. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Bridge. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mindful Drawing. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. Focus Group. 1:15-3:15 p.m., Senior Center. Feedback will be gathered on the needs of local older adults and how well ASI is meeting these needs. A survey is also available online. For more information or to sign up to attend, call (970) 264-2167 or email rosa@psseniors.org.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Spanish Fiesta Committee Meeting. 5:30 p.m., Community Center, Senior Center dining hall, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. All are welcome.

Virtual Author Talk: Xochitl Gonzalez. 6 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. "A Literary Examination of Power, Love, and Art" with Smithsonian curator Paula J. Johnson. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

ABLAZE High School Youth Group. 6-8 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church. Dinner provided.

Thursday, April 18

Ruby's Writers Guild Anthology Session. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. A blind review session of submissions for the "Writer's Guild Anthology."

T'ai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30, Senior Center. Free for those 60 and better.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. Focus Group. 3-5 p.m., Senior Center. Feedback will be gathered on the needs of local older adults and how well ASI is meeting these needs. A survey is also available online. For more information or to sign up to attend, call (970) 264-2167 or email rosa@psseniors.org.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

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 stu-

dents from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

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

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New Thought Center to meet Sunday

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on April 14 at 10:30 a.m. will be with Elaine Harding, author of "Be Authentic," who will speak on "Increase Your Life Force Using the Power of Quantum Entanglement."

Upcoming events

April 11, 6 p.m.: Illuminations free lecture with Julie Loar, award-winning author, "Aging with Grace, as Maiden, Mother and Crone." Donations will be accepted.

April 14, 6 p.m.: Sunday service with Harding.

April 18, 6 p.m.: Illuminations free lecture with Susanne Bryant on "Lav-

ender, The Versarality of its Benefits and Uses."

April 19: Friday Earth Day revelations with spiritual earthing readings and ceremony.

April 20, 6 to 8:30 p.m.: Workshop with Young, "Evoke Your Divine Feminine With The Art of Tease." To sign up, contact (970) 510-0309.

April 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Sunday Earth Day revelations ceremony, earth readings and earthing sessions with Shayla White Eagle, Stephanie Morrow and others for a day of spiritual refreshment and honoring Earth Mother.

April 25, 6 p.m.: Illuminations free lecture with Morrow, "Our Bodies, Our Hearts, Our Souls ... a deeper awakening to the healer

in you. The way of Water, energy medicine and beyond." Donations will be accepted.

About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the 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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Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.

6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. The topic will be "Water, Our Most Precious Resource" with Robin Young, CSU Extension director.

Friday, April 19

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

Senior Planet AARP Program. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Seniors aged 60 and up are invited. Join seniors across the country in discussing aging issues via Zoom.

Bingo. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center. Free. Those under 18 must have an adult chaperone. For more information, contact (970) 264-2167.

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Read with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Environmental Film Festival Premiere Gala.

5 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center. Guests will enjoy two films, a catered gourmet dinner and live music. Wristbands are \$60 and includes the April 20 film festival. Purchase tickets at www.pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival.

Saturday, April 20

GriefShare. 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. GriefShare is a 13-week program providing support and encouragement after the death of a family member or friend. Contact Marie Rascoe at marierascoe67@gmail.com or call the church office at (970) 731-2205. There is no cost for this program, and you may start at any time.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partner-

ship Environmental Film Festival.

10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center. Wristbands are \$10. Purchase tickets at www.pagosagreen.org/environmentalfilmfestival.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Soccer.

11 a.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Durango.

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.

Pokemon Club.

12:30-2:30 p.m. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokemon too. No experience is required.

DivorceCare.

4-5:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. DivorceCare is a program that provides a safe environment for persons who have gone through,

are going through or are considering going through a divorce. You may begin classes at any time throughout the session. For more information, please contact Lorena Medina at loremedina0817@gmail.com or the church at admin@centerpointpagosa.com. You can also register online at www.divorcecare.org. Click on "find a group" and follow the prompts or register at any of the meetings. There is a \$20 fee for the cost of your workbook. Scholarships are available.

Sunday, April 21

Earth Day Celebration. 9 a.m., Centennial Park. The full-day celebration will include discussions, live music, activities for kids and more.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the band-tailed pigeon.

This relative of the rock pigeon, an introduced bird commonly found in cities worldwide, is a forest pigeon native to North America. It lives either in wet forests along the Pacific coast or in the dry mountain forests of the southwest. In our area these are migratory birds that breed in mixed forests of pine and oak with berry-producing shrubs.

The band-tailed is gregarious year-round and may travel in flocks of up to 300 birds. It is a pretty, large pigeon with grayish upperparts and purplish underparts. Adults have a white crescent on the back of the neck above a patch of iridescent green, scaly-looking feathers. The yellow bill has a black tip and the eyes are red.

Band-tailed pigeons are almost entirely vegetarian, consuming pine nuts, acorns, fruits and grain seeds. They are known to travel long distances away from their breeding grounds daily to feed. This habit developed the homing instincts pigeons are known for.

Although they are fairly secretive, they will come to sunflower feeders large enough to accommodate their size.

As is typical with most pigeons, the band-tailed nest is a thrown together layer of sticks that would seem to offer little protection for eggs or nestlings. Although they may raise up to three broods in a season, typically only one egg is laid each time. Both parents share incubation and feeding duties, and protection from nest predators including ravens, scrub-jays and squirrels. Like other doves, both parents feed nestlings a secretion from the esophagus known as crop milk.

The band-tailed is the closest genetic relative of the passenger pigeon, whose extinction in the early 1900s has been attributed to unregulated hunting by humans. Once the most abundant bird in North America, traveling in flocks numbering in the hundreds of millions, disappearance of passenger pigeons in the wild inspired early laws for wildlife protection.

Partners in Flight lists the band-tailed pigeon as a "common bird in steep decline." Causes of population losses are not well understood and raise concerns that this bird might also go the way of the passenger pigeon.

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Survey and focus group participants sought by Archuleta Seniors Inc.

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Community members are encouraged by Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) to provide feedback on the needs of local older adult residents and to comment on how well ASI is meeting these needs.

Several focus group discussions and an online survey are part of a countywide effort to gather data that will inform the ASI Board of Directors as it plans for ASI's senior services provision for the coming three years.

"We want to hear from anyone and everyone interested in maximizing the services and supports available to our community's seniors," said ASI Executive Director Rose Chavez. "It is important that all impacted voices are heard. To this end, we are hosting several focus group conversations, and are making the online survey available in both Spanish and English."

Focus group discussions (sign-up requested) will be held on April 17 (9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.) and April 18 (3 p.m. to 5 p.m.).

Both clients and non-clients of ASI and the Pagosa Senior Center are welcome to participate; refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

Those interested in completing a short survey may visit www.ps-seniors.org or contact ASI for a printed version of the survey instrument. It is available in Spanish at <https://forms.gle/vBDSkEksaZVZmp6DA> and in English at <https://forms.gle/D7ftzcJFA8HNvrTA8>.

ASI's mission is "To promote independence and advance community resilience by empowering individuals who are 60 years old and better,



their families, and other community stakeholders."

Services' delivery is driven by the deeply held value that older adults have an important role in the community, and includes provision of meals, social and educational activities, monitoring systems and other caregiver supports, and local referrals.

For further information, to sign up to attend a focus group gathering or to request a printed survey document, contact Chavez at ASI, (970)264-2167 or rosa@psseniors.org.

Spanish Fiesta royalty update

Please join us on April 13 at the Archuleta County Extension building as we bring back the timeless tradition of Spanish Fiesta royalty.

Archuleta County's Hispanic and Latino youth will compete for the coveted positions of king/queen to junior prince/junior princess.

Let's support our youth in keeping the traditions of our Hispanic, Latino and Archuleta County heritage alive.

Purchase tickets from any of the 15 contestants at <https://givebutter.com/SFRoyaltyCompetition>.

Join us for dinner and the Spanish Fiesta royalty competition from 5 to 7 p.m.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Motel amenity
- 5 Starchy side, slangily
- 9 Sharper than 90 degrees
- 14 Giggly Muppet
- 15 Apart from this
- 16 Like some points
- 17 Mideast's Gulf of ____
- 18 Keep in office
- 20 Heist planner, perhaps
- 22 Grooving on
- 23 Classroom units
- 24 Weighty works
- 26 Row producer
- 27 Statue's stand
- 30 B, on the periodic table
- 33 Gets too much sun
- 34 Astonishment
- 35 Pastor's flock
- 36 "Who ____ we kidding?"
- 37 Where dos are done
- 39 Needing no Rx
- 40 Eccentric
- 42 Paper producers
- 43 Some lab workers
- 45 Patriotic women's org.
- 46 One of a 1492 trio
- 47 Whopper topper
- 51 Paddler's target
- 53 Nonreader
- 55 American in Paris, e.g.
- 57 Graphic ____
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- 60 Guitar ridge
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- 62 Blue jay's abode
- 63 First-timer

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- 1 Oyster's prize
- 2 Nostalgic number
- 3 Bad signs
- 4 Horse with high odds
- 5 Peaceful
- 6 Answers to charges
- 7 Secondhand
- 8 Forward eraser
- 9 Super Bowl side
- 10 Two in a Dickens title
- 11 Remove from a computer
- 12 REI purchase
- 13 Therefore
- 19 Wear down
- 21 Madhouse
- 25 Army meal buddy
- 27 Repair bill line
- 28 Military no-show

- 29 Periscope part
- 30 Voting coalition
- 31 Sworn promise
- 32 Calligrapher's supply
- 33 Troop group
- 38 Gliders and fighters
- 41 Moving about
- 44 Desert illusion

- 45 Gear catch
- 47 Toys with tails
- 48 Fictional Potter
- 49 Total
- 50 Sauce with basil
- 51 Roulette bets
- 52 Off-ramp
- 54 Cleanse, to a poet
- 56 Kind of truck

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Senior

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There will be live music featuring Los Mitotitos starting at 7:30 p.m. Crowning of our 2024 royalty will take place between 9 and 10 p.m.

The proceeds will benefit the Spanish Fiesta royalty youth. The Spanish Fiesta royalty committee seeks to provide our Hispanic and Latino youth in Archuleta County the opportunity of representing their community and celebrating their cultural heritage as well as providing them with numerous learning opportunities and valuable leadership skills.

Senior Discount Card

The Senior Center is continuing its annual tradition of providing a local discount card for those ages 60 and better.

The discount card encourages seniors to support local recreational, restaurant, medical and retail services by obtaining a senior discount card for a small fee that serves as a fundraiser for ASI.

These local businesses provide a discount ranging from 5 percent to 20 percent off services.

For more information, visit <http://www.psseniors.org/discount-club.html> or stop by our offices at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. to pick up your card. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

Healthy aging yoga therapy class series

This winter, a healthy aging yoga series will be offered as a hybrid class at the Senior Center on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Classes will be structured by therapeutic yoga tools and techniques with chair movement, standing stretches, gentle postures, breathing practices and reflective meditative moments.

Monthly themes for the series will include topics such as sustainable strength for healthy aging individuals, brain health, heart and cardiovascular health, mental and emotional well-being, community connections, and stress management, to name a few.

Classes will be educational for participants to utilize practices in daily life and are meant for all levels of experience with yoga.

The class is hosted by local yoga therapist AJ Connors, with a hybrid focus for the winter months, blending in-person, online and, occasionally, recorded classes. Zoom sessions will be streamed at the Senior Center to provide the community experience to practice together or can be accessed at home if weather is a factor.

Mats and chairs will be provided at the Senior Center; some blocks and Therabands are available, too. The addition of yoga props is always welcomed.

We are requesting that individuals who are new to joining the series arrive early for intake inquiries and

to please communicate with AJ directly by emailing ajconnorslove@gmail.com.

Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Bingo will be on April 19.

Participation is free, and we ask you bring yourself and a friend for joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes from local businesses for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required; just show up. All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone.

For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com.

Pagosa Springs Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$6, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu

items include Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna, Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

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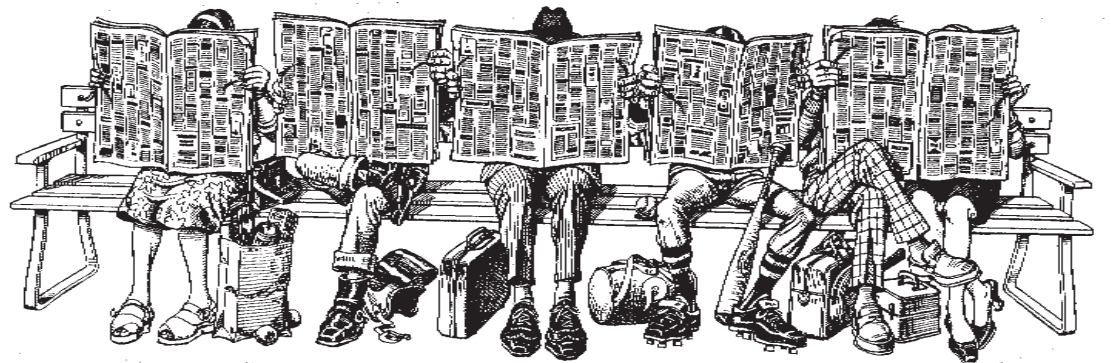
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Community Cafe menu

Thursday, April 11 — Salmon cakes with tartar sauce, sauteed greens, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, April 12 — Pork tenderloin with Burgundy peppercorn sauce, baked sweet potatoes, garden salad, fruit, banana brunch cake and milk.

Monday, April 15 — Beef Frito pie, cheese and sour cream, Mexican corn, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, April 16 — Butternut squash, mushroom and sage lasagna, dinner roll, wilted spinach, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, April 17 — Pork carnitas, charro beans, tortilla, garden salad, fruit, cottage cheese and milk.

Thursday, April 18 — Chicken and dumplings, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, blueberry muffin and milk.

Friday, April 19 — Ginger-lime shrimp, grits, rainbow chard, garden salad, fruit, fortune cookies and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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Spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series slated to begin next week

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

The ever-popular free spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series will take place Thursday evenings starting April 18 through May 23 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. with six informative presentations:

- April 18 will feature Robin Young, the CSU Extension director, on "Water, Our Most Precious Resource," discussing what we can do as individuals and a community to preserve what we have.

- April 25 will showcase Amy Nitchman from the Archuleta County Public Health Department talking about air quality in Colorado and ways to keep yourself informed of high pollution days during wildfire season.

- May 2 will be "Knowing Our Ancient Puebloan Neighbors," a presentation by Denise Fisk and Joanne Lucariello from the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association.

- May 9 will feature Dallas Weaver telling us about his experience hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro from trailhead to the summit.

- May 16 will showcase Cindi Galabota, library foundation executive director, discussing your library's building campaign.

- May 23 will be "North American Monsoon Outlook for Pagosa Springs," a presentation by Arleen Prochazka of Pagosa Weather.

The lectures are free and no registration is required. For more details, pick up the Lifelong Learning Lecture brochure at your library.

Save the date

We hope you'll join us to say a fond farewell to departing library director Meg Wempe on Wednesday, April 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. Snacks, activities and well wishes will be available.

Free tax forms

We have 1040 federal tax forms and instructions, as well as 0104 Colorado tax forms and instructions, available free while supplies last.

If you need other forms, we will pull them up online and print them out for you for free, but there is likely to be a charge for the instructions when they are long, multipage documents.

Activities calendars

Pick up monthly events calendars at the library so you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your family.

Virtual author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue with three opportunities in April for you to interact with New York Times bestselling authors and ask questions in April. For details and to register, go to

Library News

<https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

On Wednesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. we'll focus on a literary examination of power, love and art with Xochitl Gonzalez, author of "Anita de Monte Laughs Last."

Knowledge Bowl today

Our free Knowledge Bowl for tweens and teens is today, Thursday, April 11, from 4 to 5 p.m. Test your trivia skills on a wide range of subjects.

Preschool playdough tomorrow

Join us for free playdough exploration and fun tomorrow, Friday, April 12, from 10 to 11 a.m.

LEGO Club Saturday

All ages, especially children, are invited to an extra session of the free LEGO Club on Friday, April 12, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

Teen/tween murder mystery tomorrow

Teens and tweens are invited to follow clues to solve the murder as a free session tomorrow, Friday, April 12, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Chess Club Saturday

Learn how to play chess with free quick lessons and game time to practice your skills on Saturday, April 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All ages and

abilities are welcome.

Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters Saturday, April 13, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Teen/tween art camp

Each month we explore a different style or medium at this free event. In April, it's watercolor art. Join us Mondays, April 15, 22 and 29, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, April 15, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. For information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396.

Adult DIY next Tuesday

At the free in-person adult DIY next Tuesday, April 16, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., we will enjoy Zentangle, a simple art method that allows the mind and body to release stress while creating beautiful images. Registration is required.

Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, April 16, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No minimum skill level is needed. This group meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

Elementary tutoring sessions

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Family storytimes

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

Writers' guild

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

Dungeons and Dragons

Next Tuesday, April 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us share the word about these classes.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources.

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Spanish-language novel

"En Agosto Now Vemos" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez is the rediscovered novel from the Nobel Prize-winning author that Time magazine called "one of the 15 most anticipated books of 2024." It's about a woman who leaves her family for one night each August to travel to an island where she takes a new lover each trip.

DVDs

"The Color Purple" received 11 Academy Award nominations. Disney's "Wish" is an animated musical comedy.

Large print

"Good Half Gone" by Tarryn Fisher features a woman investigating her twin's kidnapping. "Every Single Secret" by Christina Dodd is about revenge for the murder of a mother. "Rock Bottom" by Fern Michaels is part of the Sisterhood mystery series. "The Summer Book Club" by Susan Mallery deals with romance books and new beginnings. "The New Couple in 5B" by Lisa Unger begins with a major inheritance. "Murder in the Tea Leaves" by Laura Childs is a Tea Shop mystery. "The Lantern's Dance" by Laurie R. King features Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes. "The Heat Will Kill You First" by Jeff Goodell explores the extreme ways our planet is already changing because of extreme heat.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"Wolf at the Table" by Pulitzer Prize finalist Adam Rapp is a saga about a family harboring a serial killer. "Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter?" by Nicci French is a psychological suspense story set in a small English village. "Diavola" by Jennifer Thorne is a Gothic family vacation story set in a remote villa.

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"Expiration Dates" by Rebecca Serle is a romance that begins with a blind date. "Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter?" by Nicci French is a psychological suspense story set in a small English village. "After Annie" by Anna Quindlan follows a family and friends after a woman's death. "The Morningside" by Tea Obreht tells of a woman and her mother after they were expelled from their ancestral home.

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An invitation to play the climate-change game

By Pepper Trail
PREVIEW Columnist

Let's play a game, the climate-change game that every living thing on Earth has no choice but to play, starting — now.

The game is called Adapt/Move/Die, and the rules are simple. The object of the game is not to die. And the winners, well, the winners get to keep playing the game.

You may say wait, what about Solve? Isn't solving the climate crisis an option? Yes, of course, and a worthy goal.

But even if humanity somehow musters the now-lacking resolve to rapidly phase out fossil fuels, greenhouse gases already in the atmosphere are higher than at any time in hundreds of thousands of years. The effects on climate will continue to unfold for centuries.

Adapt/Move/Die used to have another name: Evolution. But Evolution was played without a time clock over centuries or millennia. Adapt/Move/Die is customized for our fast-paced world. Every round is a lightning round, and there are no time-outs.

Let's get started. Who's on Team Adapt? You already know some of them well because they are all around us — pigeons and rats, cockroaches and coyotes, dandelions and thistles. No matter how the climate changes, these adapters will find a way, and a place, to survive.

Under the old evolution rules, most species belonged to Team Adapt. But the pace of the new game has changed everything.

Just take a look at your local forest. Its trees were once adapted, attuned to the temperature, soil, patterns of rain and snow, and natural pests.

But, now, every forest is full of dying trees. A report from the Forest Service estimated that over 36 million — yes, million — trees died in 2022 just in California.

For many plants facing rapid climate change, their only choices are Team Move or Team Die. It is an unanswered and existential question whether the plants that support the biosphere can move fast enough.

And what of people? As befits our huge numbers and our great cleverness, it is likely that no species on Earth will show such complicated game play.

Team Adapt will mostly be drawn from the global north, where climate extremes may (repeat, may) be somewhat buffered, and where great economic resources can be brought to bear in the name of adaptation.

Here, we hope, coastal cities can be protected behind seawalls and levees.

Infrastructure can be strengthened or moved or repaired. Some emergency assistance will be available for victims of "natural" disasters.

Tragically, none of these fixes will be available, or be enough, for huge numbers of people. The United Nations estimates that extreme weather

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crossing national borders, it often has another name: illegal immigration. From the United States to Europe to Australia, illegal immigration is already considered to be a crisis and has been a key factor in the rise of right-wing political parties. Given the harsh response to the existing level of illegal immigration, it is frightening to imagine what the future flood of climate refugees could face.

There is only one way to win the game of Adapt/Move/Die. That is to recognize that we all share this critically damaged planet. To succeed, adaptation will require cooperation. To survive, those who must move will require help and compassion.

We can play the game together and win the right to keep playing, that is, to live. Or, we can enlist in Team Die by choosing isolation and conflict.

Anyone want to roll the dice?

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caused 2 million deaths in the past 50 years, but that pales in comparison to what's coming.

The World Health Organization predicts that climate change will cause an estimated 250,000 additional deaths per year between 2030 and 2050 from disease, starvation and heat stress.

If true, Team Die will claim 5 million members over that 20-year span. Many of those deaths will come from the poorest countries, where people lack even the resources to join the last team: Team Move.

"Move" will, in fact, be the most disruptive play in the game. The UN high commissioner for refugees estimates that between 2008 and 2016, an average of 21.5 million people per year were displaced by climate-related events like floods, storms and wildfires.

But, again, that is just a mild preview of what could be coming. The same report concludes that 1.2 billion people, or over 10 percent of the world's population, could be displaced globally by 2050.

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