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## Downtown U.S. 160 reconstruction delayed

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

On April 16, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) announced that it has denied the only bid it received for the planned reconstruction of U.S. 160 through downtown Pagosa Springs.

The announcement was made at a meeting hosted by CDOT and the Pagosa Springs Main Street Advisory Board at the Hidden Track Speakeasy.

CDOT Regional Communications Manager Lisa Schwantes indicated that CDOT only received one bid for the project, which was 35 percent, or roughly \$6.6 million, over budget.

"I have to say, after careful consideration of that bid, we rejected it," she said. "So, what this means is that we are going to repackage this project."

She mentioned that CDOT's engineers and designers will be reviewing the project and that "some things might change."

Schwantes explained that the project will be put back out for bids this fall.

"I think it's wonderful that you all are pulling together and working with us and trying to come up with solutions ... we appreciate that and we want to work with you," she added.

She also noted that CDOT now anticipates a start date of spring 2025 for the reconstruction project.

Schwantes went on to mention that CDOT will continue to use the same company, Rock Sol, for the project management team as long as it continues to be available with the new timeline of the project. This is the same project management team that was on the McCabe Creek culvert project.

Schwantes also spoke on behalf of Julie Constan, regional transportation director for Region 5, who represented CDOT at the town's previous meeting.

Schwantes explained that Constan was in Denver and was unable to attend the meeting, but conveyed that "Julie has committed to listen to you and ... to continue to work with you until we advertise again."

Schwantes also went on to explain

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Photo courtesy Archuleta County

Representatives of Archuleta County break ground for the county's new transit facility at Harman Park alongside architectural and construction personnel. For more on the center, see the related article on page A6.

## Documents reveal potential Running Iron Ranch lease violations

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County accounts payable registries from March 2024 and December 2023 reveal that Weber Sand and Gravel sold the county a total of \$4,650.50 in shot rock and road gravel, a potential violation of the Webers' lease on Running Iron Ranch.

The December accounts payable indicate the county purchased

■ See Violations A8

## BoCC declares Archuleta County not a sanctuary county

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Following extensive debates at several recent meetings, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a resolution designating Archuleta County as a "non-sanctuary county" at its April 16 meeting.

The concept of passing a resolution stating that Archuleta County is not a sanctuary county for the purposes of sheltering and providing services for undocumented immigrants began with Commissioner Warren Brown presenting the idea at the March 19 BoCC work session, where he noted that he has heard concerns from constituents about the potential that busloads of undocumented immigrants could be brought to the county and that the county does not have a resolution stating that it is not a sanctuary county.

Brown stated that he would like to pass a resolution stating that the county is not a sanctuary county and noted that Sheriff Mike Le Roux had expressed support of such a resolution to him.

"It's a no-brainer for me that we move forward," Commissioner Ronnie Maez said.

Commissioner Veronica Medina stated that she did not oppose the idea of a resolution, but raised concerns about how such a resolution would impact the county Department of Human Services and other county departments, both in terms of operations and funding from the state.

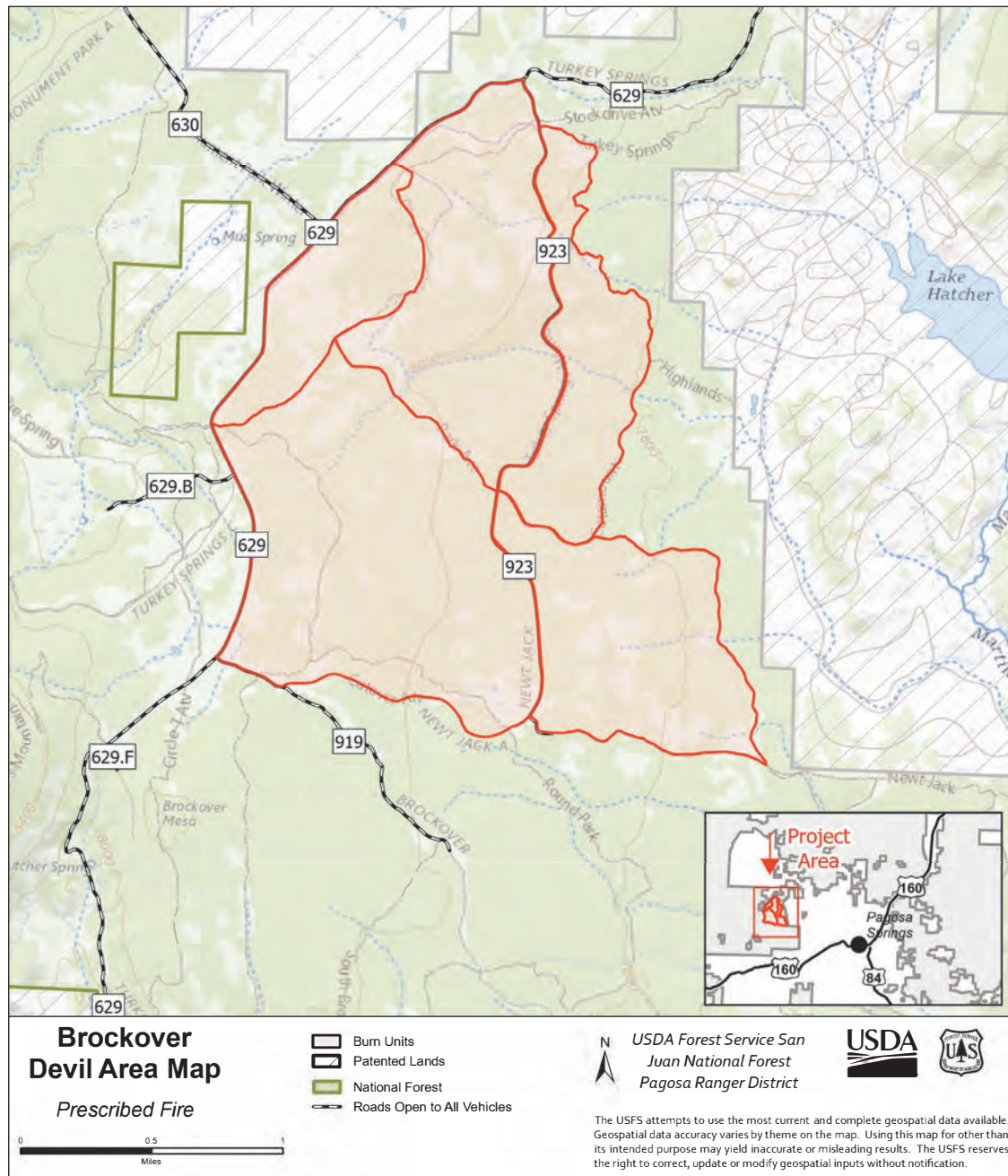
County Attorney Todd Weaver seconded Medina's concerns about the potential impact of the resolution on funding and operations for county departments.

Medina concluded the discussion by stating that the county should investigate the issue further before implementing a resolution, in addition to potentially clarifying the wording of the resolution.

At the April 2 BoCC work session, the board discussed the issue further, and Brown presented a potential resolution for board review and approval.

Sheriff Mike Le Roux then discussed the issue with the BoCC, noting that he supported the resolution due to the concerns about a lack of resources to

■ See Sanctuary A6



The San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District is planning to conduct prescribed burns in the Turkey Springs area starting in April. Burning operations may take place over multiple days when weather and fuel conditions are favorable for meeting objectives described in the prescribed fire plan.

## Prescribed burns planned for Turkey Springs area

By Kristen Allen  
San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District is planning to conduct prescribed burns starting in April. Burning operations may take place over multiple days when weather and fuel conditions are favorable for meeting objectives described in the prescribed fire plan.

Burning operations will utilize both hand and aerial ignitions, and will be conducted by Forest Service personnel and cooperating agencies.

The burn will take place in the Turkey Springs area 8 miles north-

west of Pagosa Springs and is composed of several burn units totaling approximately 2,100 acres in size. Some trails will be temporarily closed during burn operations.

The forests in Southwest Colorado are part of a fire-adapted ecosystem which has historically experienced frequent, low-intensity fires on a large scale. Prescribed fire replicates that fire regime under controlled conditions.

These burn units are part of the larger Brockover-Devil Creek Prescribed Fire project designed to reduce hazardous ground fuels and long-term risk of catastrophic wildfire, as well as restoring ponderosa

pine ecosystems and improving wildlife habitat.

Smoke from wildfires and prescribed fires may affect your health. More information on smoke is available at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/wood-smoke-and-your-health>.

Maps of the prescribed burn units and additional information can be found on Inciweb. For more information, please contact Fred Ellis, assistant fire management officer (fuels), Pagosa Ranger District, at [fred.ellis@usda.gov](mailto:fred.ellis@usda.gov).

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

## Landfill study indicates extended lifespan

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

According to a Feb. 26 memorandum by county engineering firm Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), the lifespan of the county landfill may extend to 2061, significantly longer than previously predicted.

The memorandum concerns an airspace survey of the landfill conducted by SEH on Nov. 27, 2023, and compares the survey results to a previous survey performed on Oct. 12, 2022.

"The objective of the airspace survey is to monitor airspace utilization, evaluate waste compaction/density using available tonnage data, and projecting remaining site life for future solid waste planning," the memorandum states.

The study indicates that 26,370 cubic yards (CY) of airspace at the landfill were consumed between the two surveys, at a rate of about 1,925 CY per month or 23,098 CY per year.

It notes that this is a reduction in the rate of airspace consumption compared to a previous analysis in 2020, which estimated an airspace consumption rate of 3,174 CY per month or 38,039 CY per year.

The study indicates that, comparing the survey to the remaining constructed airspace, the landfill is 69,205 CY over the remaining constructed airspace available, although the report later adds that the volume calculations could be inaccurately high due to incorporating soil stockpiles, intermediate cover and other stored materials that could potentially be excluded.

It states that, comparing the November 2023 survey to the total ultimate airspace surface in the landfill, including the unconstructed cell 4B,

the remaining airspace in the landfill is 868,289 CY and the landfill is 44 percent full by volume.

The study then discusses waste compaction at the landfill, stating that, based on tonnage data provided by the county, the approximate waste density between February and November 2023 was 1,337 lbs/CY, which it notes is below the 1,500 lbs/CY industry standard for municipal solid waste landfills.

However, it also comments that liner repair efforts on landfill cell 4A occurring during this period could have negatively impacted compaction rates due to the need to relocate waste.

The study also highlights that the county acquired a new compactor for the landfill in April 2023.

It then indicates, based on current waste filling and compaction rates, that the landfill will reach capacity in June of 2061, although it adds that this projected capacity could change as filling and compaction rates fluctuate.


The study adds that an average of the current airspace consumption rates and the consumption rates for the previous year would project the landfill's lifespan to 2052.

It concludes by noting that a longer-term historical average of airspace consumption does not exist due to a landfill airspace analysis only being conducted once prior to the current study.


County Manager Derek Woodman commented in an interview that he was surprised and pleased by the conclusions of the study, which he highlighted contrast with the five- to 10-year life expectancy that was previously assumed for the current landfill.

He stated that the county's improved approach to providing daily

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## OUR VIEW

### Keep the momentum going

Tuesday's news that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) did not receive an acceptable bid for the U.S. 160 reconstruction project through downtown was seemingly met with a lot of relief and joy by those who attended the Main Street Program and CDOT monthly update meeting.

Folks throughout the community are understandably concerned about the effect the proposed two-year construction project will have on the community during construction, and their relief that that impact isn't quite so imminent is also completely understandable.

But while it is nice to know the downtown won't be quite so crazy this year and the impacts of construction and reduced parking won't affect us quite yet, it's important to keep in mind the project hasn't been canceled, only delayed.

Now is not the time to lose momentum. Despite knowing about the construction for a long time now, it's really been in the last several months that we've seen and heard the community really come together to look for solutions to ease the effects of the project.

And we've heard some great ideas.

The town is looking into providing more parking downtown in close proximity to the 400 block and the river — something people have discussed a need for longer than we've known about CDOT's plans for our downtown.

Our local and regional economic development agencies are looking into reviving a loan program that existed during the pandemic to help retailers make it through, and we've heard that idea met with nothing but praise.

Others are looking into how other communities have handled large, extended construction projects and how we can learn from their experiences.

Others still are looking into if and how affected businesses can create secondary entrances to their establishments so people who are deterred by sidewalk construction can still access those businesses.

A committee of business owners has been created to work with CDOT regarding the sequencing of the construction to lessen the impact as much as possible.

Now is the time to move forward with solutions that have been identified and others that surface so we're better equipped to

deal with the challenges the construction will inevitably bring when CDOT receives an acceptable bid.

Now is the time to continue looking at what can be done to support those in our community who will be most affected by the project when it occurs.

We also as a community need to keep a close eye on the project as CDOT repackages it to see what, if anything, changes, and continue to work with the agency to create the best project we can.

As CDOT representatives indicated this week, CDOT could have gone forward with the project, but, instead, is going to continue to work with the community before the project is put back out to bid in the fall. That's huge.

We appreciate that responsiveness immensely and hope that what results will be slightly less uncomfortable during the construction process and will result in a nice downtown corridor for many years to come.

Now is also a good time, as always, to show our support for our local businesses when possible and to boost them before the construction even becomes a factor.

Randi Pierce

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 18, 1924

On Tuesday evening, April 15th, Fred Catchpole, president of the Citizens bank and identified with the institution since it was founded in 1908, retired from the active management of the bank, his interests having been purchased by David Hersch of this city.

The officers of the bank are now David Hersch, president; Max R. Mickey, vice-president; and R.W. Smith, cashier. Mr. Hersch succeeds Mr. Catchpole, Mr. Mickey succeeds Mr. Hersch, and Mr. Smith succeeds himself.

After the heavy storm the first of the week, the thermometer dropped suddenly Wednesday night and hit the low level of ten below zero by six o'clock yesterday morning. The cold snap took with it several damaged cars, the owners neglecting to drain their radiators.

The Rose Croix Masons of Pagosa Springs with their wives held their regular annual Maundy Thursday meeting last evening. After a wonderful dinner served at the Arlington hotel, they adjourned to the Masonic hall for formal discussions of topics for the good of the community and masonry in general.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 15, 1949

Another meeting of all those interested in the 4th of July Rodeo will be held in the courtroom at the Court House next Tuesday evening, April 19, at 8:00 p.m. The committee appointed at the last meeting will have their report to give.

A great many of the ranchers who are interested in the rodeo were unable to be present at the meeting held the first of the month due to the condition of the roads. It is expected that there will be a large attendance at the meeting and the committee stressed the fact that anyone interested in the rodeo is welcome.

Miss Patsy Clark of Dyke, was the \$25 prize winner in the slogan contest being conducted by the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce. The prize winning slogan, "Round-up Spot in The Rockies" was submitted by Miss Clark early in the contest and her check has been mailed to her by the Chamber of Commerce.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 18, 1974

Mrs. Patricia Minnis has filed a civil suit against the School Board and its superintendent, A.D. Hahn. She is asking for \$75,000 and alleging that her reputation was damaged by alleged statements about missing money. She also alleges that discrimination against her because of her sex resulted in her contract not being renewed.

The Town Board Tuesday night named Leonard Gallegos as Chief of the local police department. He replaces Joe Lister, who has been acting in a temporary capacity while Mr. Gallegos has been receiving training.

The new police department head attended the local schools before moving to another community while he was in high school. This has been his home most of his life and he is well known to long time residents. He has been a deputy marshal for the town in the past with about two years of experience in law enforcement.

Joe Lister served as head of the department during the past several months, resigning from the Town Board so that he could carry out the chief's duties.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 15, 1999

Agreement was reached Tuesday between the Upper San Juan Humane Society and the Archuleta County Commissioners allowing the Humane Society to apply for approximately 10 acres of Bureau of Land Management land in the Stevens Field area.

The agreement erased differences between the two entities regarding the actual location of the 10 acres sought by the Humane Society. Only a week ago, the county had looked at a plan for the 40 acres commissioned by Commissioner Gene Crabtree which relegated the Humane Society property to the northwestern corner of the 40 acres. Tuesday's agreement allows the Humane Society to seek 10 acres on the northeastern corner, a location they insist is necessary for their purposes. In addition, the two agencies promised to cooperate on issues such as access to respective properties.

So far, neither the county nor the Humane Society owns any of the 40 acres. The county applied for the land two years ago and expects to emphasize that application by submitting a draft of anticipated land uses. Possible uses include parks and recreation facilities, county courthouse offices, county fair facilities, and court and jail facilities.

## LOOKING BACK



From the April 28, 1988, Pagosa SUN —SPRING SPRAYING — State Highway Department employee Melinda McCarty spent Tuesday afternoon applying fresh coats of paint to pedestrian crosswalks of Main Street. It is surprising how this type of service always gets done earlier in Pagosa Springs during election years.

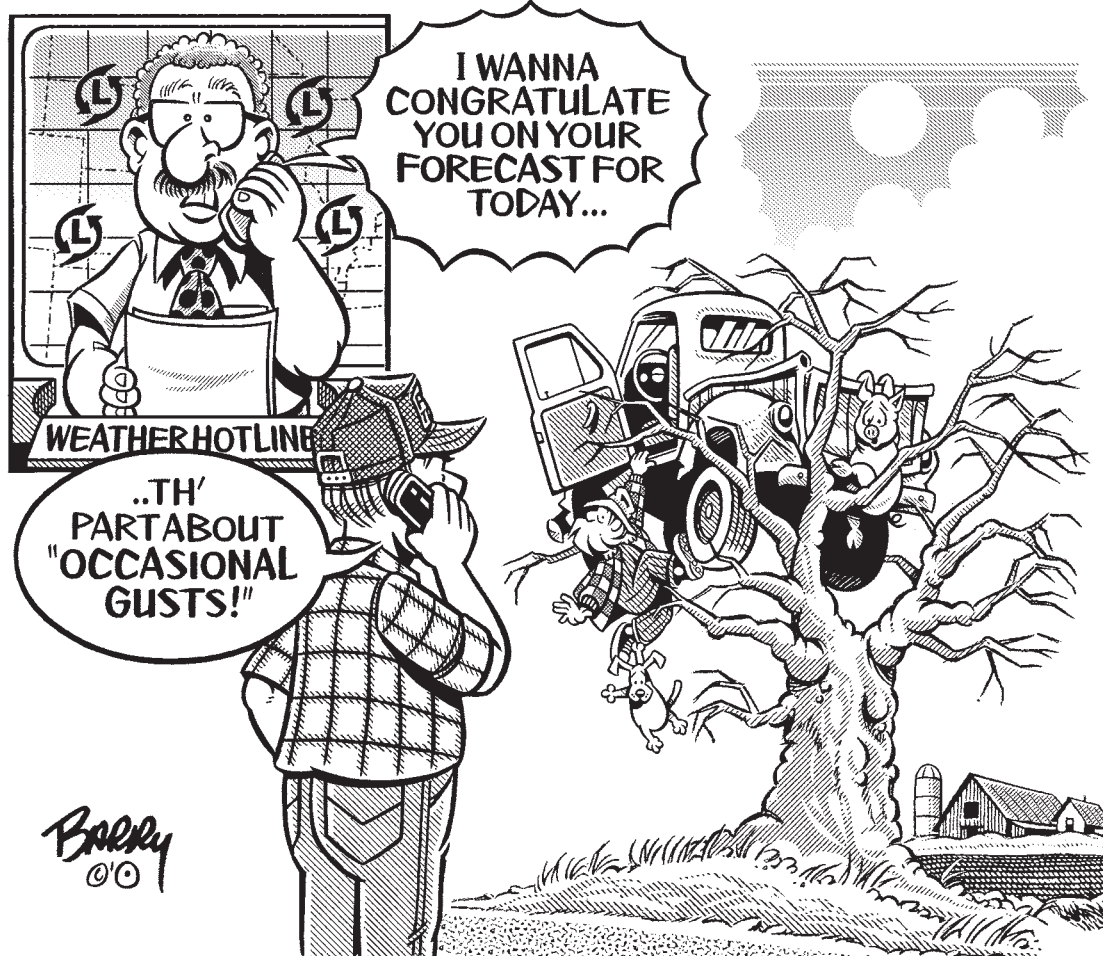
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# Letters



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## Remembering 2020

Dear Editor:

I found a number of statements by Mr Smith to be quite laughable. Inflation may have been only 1.4% in January 2021 when Biden took office but there was an average of about 80,000 people dying monthly from Covid. Airline flights were half of what they were in January of 2020 and during the election in November and throughout December 2020 there were long lines of people at food distribution centers.

The supply chains suffered huge interruptions because we were in the midst of a pandemic that could not have been handled any worse than the Trump Administration did. He forgets that unemployment was 14.8% in April of 2020 and people were fleeing to places like Pagosa to escape crowded cities. Gas was cheap because demand was low.

He repeats a false claim that black unemployment was the lowest ever under Trump. The fact is Black un-

employment was lowest in history under Biden at 4.8% in April of 2023. In January of this year it went up to 5.3%, the lowest rate obtained during Trump's Administration. Trump was the beneficiary of a trend in lower black unemployment set by Obama with a drop from around 16% when he took office to 7% when he left in 2016.

Peace in the Mideast during Trump? Tell that to the thousands of dead Syrians murdered by Assad with the help of Russia during the Syria Civil War. Or the abandoned Kurds who helped the US defeat ISIS in Syria and Iraq. Or the Afghan people when he abandoned them to the Taliban.

As for energy independence, the US is still energy independent according to Forbes Magazine and was trending that direction during Obama's Administration. Mostly due to the advent of fracking, the US dropped from importing 12.5 million barrels in 2005 to 4.2 million in Obama's last full month in office in 2016. In 2023 the US imported 8.5 million barrels/day of oil and exported 10.1 million barrels/day, a surplus of 1.6 million barrels.

Another word about gasoline and food prices. Gas prices have increased lately because of cuts in production of oil by OPEC nations and Russia, wars in Ukraine and the Middle East and the fact that Saudi Arabia and Russia are hoping to hurt Biden in the upcoming election by causing increased prices.

Add to that Saudi Aramco took 100% control of North America's largest refinery in Texas in 2017. As far as increased food prices, Ukraine produced about a third of the world's wheat before Russia invaded and that is contributing to higher prices, but most of the increase in food costs is actually due to corporate greed. The major grocery chains have reported the largest profits ever with those profits rising 5 times faster than inflation. It is estimated that these profits have contributed to over half of the current inflation.

You can't blame Mr Smith's for his confusion, he is just repeating Trump's lies.

Dave Butcher

## Cultivated meat

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to learn an Australian company has received approval to sell cultivated quail meat in Singapore. For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from animal cells, without slaughter. It has the potential to dramatically reduce our greenhouse-gas emissions, pandemic risk, and the suffering we inflict on our fellow creatures.

Instead of standing in the way of progress, American politicians should support increased public funding for cellular-agriculture research. A number of technological hurdles remain that prevent the nascent industry from taking off. These can be surmounted with further development. The United States should be leading the world in this revolutionary new field.

Jon Hochschartner  
Granby, Conn.

## Renewable energy

Dear Editor:

Renewable energy: solar, wind, water, geothermal, is the cheapest energy on the planet. Why would

you want to pay more for gas heating, and appliances, when you can electrify your home, and pay less for utilities forever? Yes there is some up front costs to electrify, but when you consider that heating systems, and appliances need replaced periodically anyway, and the big government rebates and tax breaks it is not so much more. The savings on monthly utilities will pay the extra costs for electrification in a few years, and after that the money you save every month on utilities will be money back in your own pocket forever. In the long term you will save money by electrifying your own home. Also having the most modern efficient heating, and air conditioning system in your home will raise the property value. Medical studies have shown that gas appliances release gas molecules in the air of your home that are harmful to your health, even if they are working properly. This is what carbon monoxide detectors are for. Why would you want to gas yourself in your own home? Why would you pay more per mile to drive a gas auto, when you can drive for much less in an electric auto? Autos need replaced periodically also, and the government will give you a 7500 rebate for an electric auto. Stop being gouged by high gas prices, put that gas money back in your own pocket forever. Renewable energy is the most job producing energy on the planet. You can contribute to a better economy. Renewable energy is the cleanest energy on the planet, it does not pollute. You can contribute to having clean air and water, gas energy pollutes both air and water. Renewable energy is the solution to global warming climate change disaster. Fossil fuels are the direct cause of climate change disaster. Half of global warming climate disaster is caused by individual gas homes, and gas autos. Why not electrify your own home, and your own auto, you can save yourself money, improve your own health, and create less pollution from gas, and do your part to prevent climate change disaster? If everyone did this we could reduce half the climate disaster causing pollution, and be on our way to solving the global warming climate crisis. If we don't, climate disaster will only get more and more severe. All future generations are depending on all of us!

Fred Munger

## Dividing times

Dear Editor:

I am 67 years old from a small Colorado town with 2 amazing successful children, but without Roe vs, Wade my life could have ended after a family friend when I was 22 years old didn't drive me home. I was compromised and 2 months later I was at a women's clinic. I had a Molar Pregnancy and with test it was cancerous. If I couldn't have had an abortion I would not be alive today or know the joys of motherhood.

I thank my prayers and faith in my doctor that saved my life. I pray that all women can make choices and not government legislatures or individuals on the Supreme Court that can limit a women's reproduction choices. Sadly, the only chance for a women to have any choice is by voting. I have carried this guilt for 45 years and will only vote for a candidate supporting a women's right to make their own medical decisions.

Nancy Redner

## Main street problems

Dear Editor:

I am a retired Civil Engineer, and I can tell you that the Main Street problems run much deeper (literally) than traffic control. The base/sub-base, if it exists, has failed. The portion in front of the court house was just resurfaced last year but is already showing the hammochy dips in the tire track areas. This is a sure sign of a thin, poorly graded, very wet base material under the pavement. The potholes that have returned near the Hot Springs Blvd intersection are also indicative of subpavement problems. They are NOT endemic to asphalt pavement. They are a result not a cause. Also concrete pavement will NOT solve the problem of potholes unless the under pavement issues are fixed. Evidence: look at the concrete pavement on 8th Street in front of the library. It is cracking into smaller and smaller pieces and it will have to be dug up and relaced. This pavement is not very old, and carries no where near the wheel loads of Main Street. Same problem; poor subbase and drainage.

Why is ODOT unconcerned about the under pavement issues? It goes ■ See Letters A4

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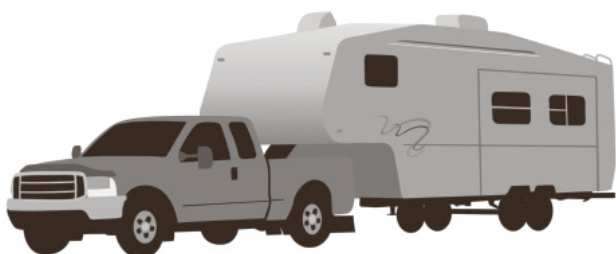
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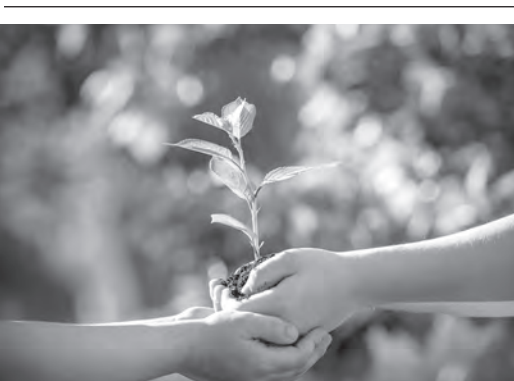
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# Obituaries

## Martin Granados Moreno

Martin Granados Moreno, 55, passed away on April 14, 2024, at Mercy Hospital. He was a beloved father, son and uncle. Born in Uruachi, Chihuahua, Mexico, Martin was the son of Ma. De Jesus Moreno and Reymundo Granados. Martin came to Pagosa Springs in 1996; he loved this town and the community and watched it grow. Martin was a hard worker and was part of build/seeing Pagosa Springs grow. He will be remembered for being a huge part of the community, his generosity, his love, his care and being a great father to his biological and nonbiological children. "Que onda cuñado." You will forever be cherished for the memories and lessons you taught us all.



A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

## Melanie Madaline Morgan

Melanie Madaline Morgan, born on May 28, 1944, in Macomb, Ill., was the second of four daughters born to Daniel M. Morgan and N. Madaline Welsh Morgan. Growing up, the family moved from Illinois to Nebraska to Grand Junction, Colo., back to Illinois, then Iowa and Idaho, finally settling in Grand Junction. Her only child, David D. Guthrie, was born on Dec. 28, 1969.



Melanie's 31-year career at Farmers Insurance began in Grand Junction and she retired in 2012 in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

The next 11 years were spent enjoying her cats, reading, having lunch with friends, doing needlework, reading, visiting relatives and friends, attending concerts, and reading. Friends said she and her older sister, Diana, were "joined at the hips." Then in 2022 a move to Phoenix enabled her to be close to David. She passed unexpectedly on July 28, 2023. She was interred by her parents in Illinois.

Melanie was preceded in death by her parents and younger sister Margo (husband Robert Rhine). Left behind are: son David and his husband, Rick Wriston; niece Alexis (husband Orlando Vivens); grandnieces Penelope and Athena; sister Diana (husband Patrick Baird); brother-in-law Robert Rhine; youngest sister Danielle (Danni) (husband Chris Hawley); nephews and more nieces; and numerous grandnephews and grandnieces.

The family is having a celebration of life on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. from 2 to 5. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial contributions be made in Melanie's memory to the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (P.O. Box 2230 or 464 Cloman Blvd.).

## Bobbie Joy Day Smith

April 8, 1935 - Jan. 27, 2024

Born in Hamlin, Texas, in 1935. She married her childhood sweetheart, Glenn, in 1952.

She was the first in her family to receive Christ as her savior. Joy went on to convert her husband, Glenn, who then became a minister, and she then served as a minister's wife for 48 years and helped Glenn to start several new churches in many states. Joy led nearly all her family and anyone she could to know Christ. They landed, resided and ministered in Tow, Texas, for 38 years. She was a member and served on the board in a variety of positions with the Buchanan Lakes Art Guild, as well as the Texas Homemakers Association.



Four years after the passing of her husband, Glenn, she moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., to live with her son, Teryl, and his family. She quickly made new friends and joined the Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Joy was thrilled to become a Daughter of the Republic of Texas after her daughter in law researched her ancestry and found out that Joy's great-great-grandfather, Warren Angus Ferris, not only lived in the Republic of Texas but mapped the layout of Dallas streets working as a surveyor for the Republic of Texas. She was able to travel to Dallas to see his highway marker and walk on his land.

Joy is survived by her daughter,

Debra (Dicky) Wills; son, Teryl (Delani) Smith; son-in-law, Dwight Wilfong; grandchildren, Rachel (Chris) Gollnick, Naomi Johnson, Johnathan Morris, Ryan Smith, Clint (Blair) Smith, Cody (Amy) Smith, Nicholas Wilfong, Chase (Geo) Wilfong, Stormie (Clint) Martin and Nicole (Ben) Mitchell; great grandchildren, Zachary Grier, Draven (Ariel) Johnson, Trinity Johnson, Noah Espinosa, Victoria Espinosa, Blaikie Morris, JD Morris and Barrett Smith; and great-great-grandchild, Athena Espinosa.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Smith; daughter, Paige Wilfong; sister, Geleta Lemos; and brother, Kenneth Day.

A memorial service for Joy will be held this summer in Tow, Texas, where she will rest with her beloved husband, Glenn, and beside her daughter, Paige.

## Carol Ann White

Carol Ann Neville White passed quietly into God's nearer presence in her Pagosa Springs residence on April 8, 2024, at the age of 84 after a long battle with cancer. She was born in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Aug. 10, 1939. She married James R. White Jr. on June 25, 1960; they spent a loving 63 years together and she is survived by him. Other surviving relatives include: her brother, Baird Neville (Sandra); daughter Mary Helen White Cammack (David); son James N. White (Leigh); son Scott G. White (Rosemary); grandchildren Jacob Cammack (Codye), Daniel Cammack (Laurel), Jennie White Siebenmorgen (Evan), Samuel White (Ryquiel), John White; and nine great grandchildren, Caroline, Lucy, Amelia, Jasper, Alder, Zaya, Blayke, Brooklyn and Josie. She was preceded in death by her father, Elzer Baird Neville; mother, Clola Ouida Payne; and son Christopher. She was a member of the Cherokee Nation with lineage stretching back through the Trail of Tears.



Carol Ann graduated from the University of Texas, Austin, with a BS Degree in education in 1961 and was a member of ZTA Sorority. She taught school in Austin, Texas; on the Navajo Reservation in Shiprock, N.M.; on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in Dulce, N.M.; in Lumberton, N.M.; and in Pagosa Springs, Colo., until

she retired in 1995. Carol Ann had special training in teaching dyslexic children and used those skills in her entire professional career. She was an exceptionally gifted and devoted teacher, her first-grade students always remembering her — all of them her favorite students.

She and James lived on the Blanco River in the Basin for 48 years, where they raised their children, and helped raise their grandchildren and great grandchildren — laughing and splashing in the Blanco River by the turtle rocks.

After retirement, she and James returned to their roots, ranching for a time in Dripping Springs, Texas, Hill Country area, where she also did local charity work for food distribution, substitute taught in local schools and helped with ranching operations. She also home taught her grandchildren as they were sent down from Colorado, one by one, for lengthy visits and work-ethic instruction.

She was always joyful and concerned about the well-being of her friends, family and all she met, gave attention and had dignity for everyone. Carol Ann loved her horses, watermelon, bright colors, reading, skiing, giving her grandchildren "ice cream money" and the many adventures of living in the Blanco Basin.

Carol Ann was a member of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Pagosa Springs, where she participated in the food box program, Loaves and Fishes, work at St. Christopher's Mission to the Navajo in Bluff, Utah, and hosted an annual church service, baptism and picnic at her Blanco Basin home.

Like the total solar eclipse that swept over the Texas hill country on the day she passed, Carol Ann (Nanny) was a rarity. Resilient, sparkling, committed, decisive, witty, adventurous and loving, Nanny was a mother and a teacher at heart and poured all her heart and soul into all the children she interacted with, especially her own children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nanny never grew old and set the example for how to run through the finish line in life as strong as ever. Nanny will be fondly remembered for her wry sense of humor, something she maintained even up to the last moments. She was an inspiration to all of us and the world is a better place because of what she brought to it. Her golden light will be lovingly missed.

Services were held April 13 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and are available for viewing anytime on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9fGtYxmMbY>). In lieu of flowers, Carol Ann would like contributions sent to Wings Early Childhood Center in Pagosa, Hospice of Mercy or St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

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back to the Feds. They have never given the subbase the attention it deserves and they are picking up most of the cost, so the States go along. I think it started with the Interstate System where haste and economics were a major issue.

So let's fix the real issues, so we don't have the expense and aggravation all over again in a few years.

Dick Riethmiller

## Vote with self-interest

Dear Editor:

I am a 71 year-old rural Coloradan politically registered as Unaffiliated. I'd like to ask my fellow seniors a simple question:

Why vote against your own self-interest?

Republicans have vowed to cut Social Security and Medicare.

Democrats have vowed to protect both.

The GOP 2025 Budget proposal raises the age for collecting Social Security and ends Medicare as we know it by replacing it with a "premium support model", changing it from its current efficient, successful form to something resembling the rest of our

failed healthcare system.

The GOP budget would cut \$1.5 trillion from Social Security, repeal Medicare's ability to negotiate drug prices, and end the \$35 out-of-pocket cap on insulin.

On March 11, Trump, responding to a question from Joe Kernen said, "There's a lot you can do in terms of entitlements, in terms of cutting (Medicare and Social Security)."

By contrast, in Biden's proposed 2025 Budget are the words, "The Budget upholds the President's commitment to protecting Medicare and Social Security for this and future generations."

He plans to pay for Social Security by raising the payroll taxes on the ultra-rich—those making over \$400,000 per year.

Right now--Write out a note to yourself and put in on your refrigerator to remind you:

In November 2024 I will vote for my own self-interest. I will vote Democratic.

Philip Riffe

## Time to talk

Dear Editor:

Some years ago, there was discussion, that one day we would lose our

democracy via misleading information given to our children. Well, I believe we are into the beginning of that "fear".

Parents, do you know what sort of info your children are receiving via those devices which you have been made to provide so they can be just like everyone else? They soon become addictive, e.g., a young pre-teen visiting me is an example of that. I woke up early, about 3AM, walked into the living room and there she was, laid out on the couch checking messages on her device. She woke up early and could not go back to sleep until she checked her device for new messages. How sad is that? A little hisotry from a WWII gal and how her children were raised to become positive, truthful, responsible was honest, not sprinkled with misleading political efforts.

When my children were growing up, we knew they were receiving the same news as we were. Sitting around the dinner table every evening, we would first ask each one about their day. Then, we would discuss the daily News. Our children were exposed to our opinions and views of our world via our dinner conversations. My

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# Business

## Sales tax revenues rise in January and February

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for Archuleta County in January and February rose compared to January and February 2023, according to a report released by Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton.

Sales tax revenues previously fell in November and December 2023 compared to the previous year.

### January sales tax

The report notes that the town and the county jointly received \$1,338,251 in gross sales tax revenue for the month of January, with \$668,671 going to the town and \$669,579 going to the county.

January gross sales tax revenues are 4.4 percent, or \$67,002, higher than January 2023.

According to the report, the categories that are up in comparison to January 2023 include:

- Manufacturing at 44 percent, or \$20,219.
- Retail Trade at 9 percent, or \$79,049.
- Finance and Insurance at 5 per-

cent, or \$81.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 14 percent or \$3,807.

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 13 percent, or \$1,477.

• Other Services (except public administration) at 3 percent, or \$1,315.

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

• Construction at 12 percent, or \$4,262.

• Information at 2 percent, or \$584.

• Accommodation and Food Services at 2 percent, or \$5,322.

• Miscellaneous at 15 percent, or \$28,779.

### February sales tax

The report notes that the town and the county jointly received \$1,230,171 in gross sales tax revenue for the month of February, with \$614,619 going to the town and \$615,552 going to the county.

February gross sales tax revenues are 3.4 percent, or \$43,502, higher than February 2023.

According to the report, the categories that are up in comparison to February 2023 include:

• Construction at 7 percent, or \$1,486.

• Manufacturing at 83 percent, or \$31,951.

• Retail Trade at 4 percent, or \$27,978.

• Information at 3 percent, or \$720.

• Finance and Insurance at 33 percent, or \$413.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 23 percent or \$5,783.92.

• Other Services (except public administration) at 4 percent, or \$869.

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

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 63 percent, or \$6,681.

• Accommodation and Food Services at 2 percent, or \$4,868.

• Miscellaneous at 6 percent, or \$14,149.

### Year-to-date comparison

The report notes that on the year-to-date comparison, sales tax rev-

enues for 2024 are 4.5 percent, or \$110,778, higher than 2023.

According to the report, the categories that are up in the yearly comparison include:

• Manufacturing at 68 percent, or \$52,169.

• Retail Trade at 8 percent, or \$107,027.

• Information at 0.2 percent, or \$136.

• Finance and Insurance at 26 percent, or \$494.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 23 percent, or \$9,591.

• Other Services (except public administration) at 6 percent, or \$2,184.

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

• Construction at 6 percent, or \$2,775.

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 15 percent, or \$5,204.

• Accommodation and Food Services at 2 percent, or \$10,190.

• Miscellaneous at 11 percent, or \$42,928.

*josh@pagosahun.com*

## Commissioners hear update on tourism

### Tourism conference, construction, relations with businesses discussed

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a tourism update from Visit Pagosa Springs Executive Director Jennifer Green at its April 9 work session, with the group discussing an upcoming tourism conference and relations between Visit Pagosa Springs and local businesses.

Green opened her update by highlighting that the community has not had a tourism conference since 2019 and that the event will span two days, with educational talks, events and participation from the Colorado Tourism Office, four vendors and a range of leaders from destination marketing and management organizations from across the state.

She invited the commissioners to participate in the event and stated that there are currently four local businesses registered for it in addition to 25 non-local businesses.

Green added that her staff would be distributing flyers about the event to businesses over the week and that the event is intended to help businesses learn about working with Visit Pagosa Springs and the Colorado Tourism Office as well as learning other low-cost methods for promoting their businesses and about current trends.

Green stated that the event will be

on April 23 and 24 in response to a question from Commissioner Veronica Medina.

Visit Pagosa Springs staff are extremely busy planning events, Green indicated, including the tourism conference, a retreat for the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and the Big Spring Clean.

She added that the organization is busy rolling out spring advertising before asking if the commissioners had questions for her.

Medina pointed out that there have been “some turbulent waters with some changes and new board members and things, and I just want to know, how is the business community responding to you? Is things back on track or is it a slow process, and where are you guys at?”

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that participation by businesses is a key part of this relationship and that local businesses need to participate.

Medina asked if there is a “lack of local participation.”

Green commented she has made some progress in some areas, including engagement with media writers that Visit Pagosa Springs is bringing to the area, but that she was disappointed by the number of registrations by local businesses for the tourism conference.

However, she added that, in 2019, the number of local businesses that registered was far lower than the number of businesses that attended the event.

She stated that this variability makes it difficult to plan how much food to provide and commented, “I’m sure I’ll get criticized one way

or another on something with that.”

Green indicated that Visit Pagosa Springs continues to provide a weekly digital newsletter for local businesses and that she is currently focusing on working with the Main Street Board and crafting messaging for the upcoming Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) road construction project through downtown Pagosa Springs.

“I see the headwinds and I have a suspicion I know who’s going to get blamed when sales tax and lodging tax declines as a result of the construction, so I have that to look forward to,” Green said.

Maez commented that sales tax is already declining, even before the beginning of construction.

“We had not the best winter if you like snow,” Green said, adding that low snow years make the community more accessible, but that Colorado communities with higher snow totals have had better tourism numbers.

Commissioner Warren Brown noted that Green has been attending Main Street and CDOT meetings and asked if she has seen increased interest among business owners in becoming involved in preparing for the CDOT construction project.

“I’ve heard others on the Main Street board kind of described the state of emotions like going through grief,” Green replied. “There’s anger, there’s different levels that people are processing. I was at the ... town/CDOT meeting last week. Think we’re still at the very angry phase from the businesses. ... Unfortunately, construction is a part of life, and I see a lot of complaints about potholes and now I see a lot of complaints about fixing potholes. It’s a challenge.”

She added that the Main Street board is doing a “great job” in reaching out to businesses and engaging them at meetings.

Green stated that she reached out to the tourism coordinator in Glenwood Springs, which saw significant downtown disruptions due to road construction in recent years, and obtained the community’s communications strategy as well as advice from people involved in the project.

She stated that she expects the Main Street board to discuss this strategy at a future meeting and that she presented it to the board’s Cone Zone subcommittee.

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maternal grandmother was of German ancestry and lived with us. If we left food on our plate, she would accuse us of “helping Hitler” (by being wasteful) Pictures from the war front were put into a “Newsreel” which was shown between features at the “Movies”.

Parents, I know you consider yourselves “busy” but you need to “make time” for discussions with your children and how about the dinner table? Everyone gets hungry and what an ideal time to sit down to a meal with everyone present and enjoy truthful, healthy conversations including any “new” News that needs discussion. Why not provide them with a simple cell phone to use for their safety and convenience when away from home? Please do.

Patty Tillerson

### John Ranson for commissioner

Dear Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to verify that John Ranson was unanimously selected for the position of County Commissioner candidate by the Archuleta Republicans at the Archuleta County Republican Assembly on March 16, 2024.

I attended the Archuleta County Republican Assembly on March 16, 2024 and served as part of the creden-

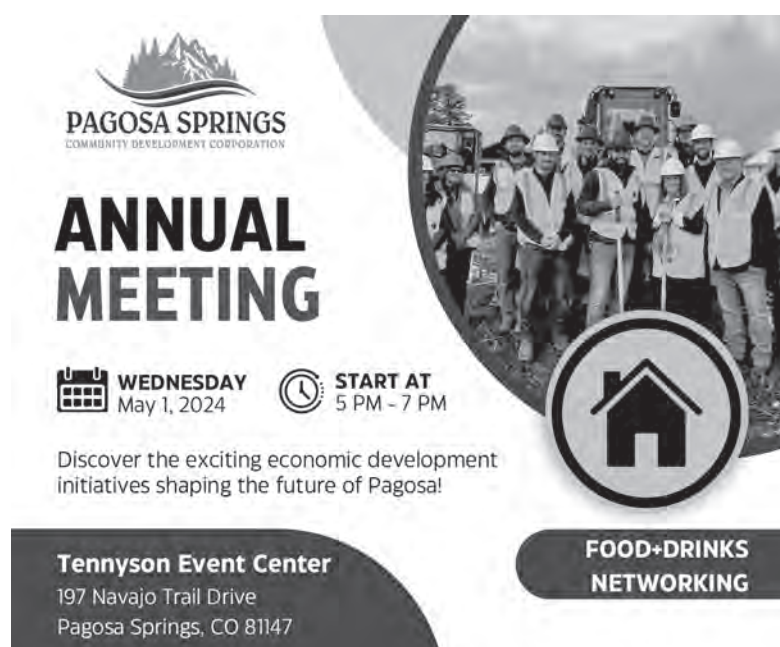
tial committee as well as processing resolutions.

I was privileged to nominate John Ranson as a candidate for Archuleta County Commissioner for District 2. I stated that John has the experience to fill this position. I told the participants of the assembly that in 2007 the county manager informed us that there was \$1.5 million deficit in the Archuleta County treasury and we had simply squandered it away. John was part of a finance committee and was also a County Commissioner

in which he put us back in a solvent position.

John was unanimously approved for district 2 as the choice for the County Commissioner candidate at the Republican County Assembly on March 16, 2024. He will address the infrastructure problems such as the maintenance of the county roads, the disposition of the old county courthouse, the problems of the county landfill, and the \$17 million Archuleta County debt.

Tom Zilhaver



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# Archuleta County breaks ground on new transit facility

By Ashley Springer  
Archuleta County

On the morning of April 15, Archuleta County commissioners Veronica Medina, Ronnie Maez and Warren Brown; County Manager Derek Woodman; County Transportation Coordinator Kevin Bruce; Mountain Express Transit (MET) Dispatcher Lavonne Rababah; County Public Works Director Mike Torres; Principal Architect Brad Ash of Reynolds Ash + Associates; and bid awardee Buildings by Design (BBD) Managing Member Travis Lefever lined up with shovels in hand to break ground on a project five years in the making, the Archuleta County Transit Facility.

The facility is funded by multiple

grant awards which began in 2019 through Colorado Senate bill 267 and federal grant 5339, the Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program. The county acquired \$4.5 million with a local match of \$622,000.

The facility will house the county's main bus terminal, a lobby and administrative offices. It will be accessible per the Americans with Disabilities Act and have ticketing purchase options.

"Archuleta County and Mountain Express Transit have been working towards this day since 2019, so it's exciting to see us finally break ground," said Bruce. "The addition of the facility supports multimodal transportation within Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County and Southwest Colorado,

giving users more connections and more choices."

The new facility located at Harman Park will eventually allow riders to connect to routes outside the county.

"We see a bright future where we are able to expand services to areas like Aspen Springs and support a greater connectivity to Durango and Grand Junction with the Bustang Outrider," Bruce added.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Bustang Outrider is a rural connection bus with the potential to take riders from Pagosa Springs to Grand Junction daily.

"Equally as exciting is that the MET will receive a new bus in June of 2025, an all-electric paratransit

vehicle by the first of the year, and three low-emissions propane vehicles which should arrive close to the facility's completion date of April 2025," Bruce added.

Present at the groundbreaking were members of BBD General Contractors based in Brush, which was awarded the bid contract in late 2023.

"We expect the project to take between 10 and 12 months," said BBD Vice President Merle Grauer. "The building is expected to take 10 months, with the other two being mostly landscape related, which will be weather permitting."

For current MET bus schedule information, please visit [archuletacounty.org/MET](http://archuletacounty.org/MET) or call (970) 264-2250.

# Tourism

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"Just trying to put the pieces in place so that, when we have the answers we need, we can actually roll out this plan," she said.

She added that some of the missing elements for the plan are the point of contact for the CDOT public information officer for the project and details of what the construction zone will look like.

Glenwood Springs had success with decorating fencing and barricades to assist wayfinding, Green stated, but what options will exist is unknown due to the lack of available construction details.

"The short answer is we need to be very creative," she said.

Green noted that Glenwood Springs also had success with a construction flagger on the project who danced and entertained drivers.

"Those little things, you never

know what's going to work or what will alleviate tensions, but these are the thinking outside the box and trying to be creative to deal with something that has to get done," she said.

Medina commented that the town/CDOT meeting appeared to be "very emotional," particularly among business owners.

She then presented an idea from a constituent that the alley north of U.S. 160 downtown and between the highway and Lewis Street could be used to alleviate construction issues.

"It would have to be fixed and there would have to be some improvements to that, but there might be an option," she said.

Green indicated that the Main Street board has previously discussed approaches to "activate the alleys," as well as options for additional downtown parking spaces near the athletic field.

"These are all great ideas, but they're going to get started now," she said. "I don't think there's a budget allocated for any of these ideas, so that may have been a weakness in planning. So, the earliest we're going to see some of these changes is after the busy summer season this year or maybe next year, but all good ideas, and we need to work towards those because I think we could utilize an enhanced alley down the road once we get past the construction."

Maez commented that January sales tax revenues are up overall compared to last year, although collections for lodging and food services taxes are down.

Green stated this was "interesting" because lodging tax was up slightly in January and significantly up in February.

Maez noted that this discrepancy could be partially attributable to in-

flation and price increases.

Green commented that having occupancy data would help analyze what the numbers mean.

She added that the tourism conference will include a presentation from a consultant at the Colorado Tourism Conference on the economic impact of tourism, which would include information that Archuleta County has outpaced inflation and the growth of other tourism communities in visitor spending in the last 10 years.

"So yes, post-pandemic, things have declined, but if you look at the longer trend, we are showing some significant impact especially compared to where we started 10 years ago," she said, adding that the growth of visitor spending in the county is outpacing nearby counties and the state as a whole.

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# Sanctuary

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provide services for large numbers of immigrants into the community.

He also stated that Colorado law prohibits him from arresting undocumented immigrants on the basis of them being undocumented, limiting what options the county would have to curtail the arrival of migrants.

Medina raised concerns about what impact this resolution would have and if it was simply a "feel-good" resolution or political statement without any actionable elements.

An extensive debate followed on the issue where Brown objected to Medina's characterization of the resolution, stating that it did not feel good to him and that it was driven by a need to protect the county's resources, which are already strained by the local population.

The board also discussed potential means to add "teeth" to the resolution, such as by drafting an ordinance that would give the sheriff enforcement options, although the group did not come to an agreement about what kind of ordinance would be useful or how to make it usable given the potential conflicts with state law.

At the request of the BoCC, Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) Executive Director Ashley Wilson also spoke, noting that the ACPHD likely does not have the resources to address large outbreaks of diseases like measles.

At the April 9 BoCC work session, County Manager Derek Woodman asked the BoCC what steps it wanted to take in moving forward with the resolution.

Another debate followed, with Medina expressing concerns about the wording and content of the resolution and stating that she would not support the current form of the resolution that Brown presented.

She also questioned the importance of passing a resolution, noting the likelihood of busloads of undocumented immigrants arriving in Archuleta County is low.

The debate concluded with the board agreeing that the other commissioners could present friendly amendments to the resolution.

Two versions of the proposed resolution were attached to the agenda for the April 16 BoCC meeting, published on April 12.

At the April 16 BoCC work session, the commissioners again debated the resolution, with Medina noting that she presented a revised version of the resolution for potential approval, but that it was shorter and less detailed than she wished it to be due to her not having an opportunity to consult with legal counsel on the ideal wording.

She added that she felt she was "under duress" due to the short time provided for supplying friendly amendments to the resolution given the agenda publication schedule.

Brown objected to this characterization, commenting that he initially raised the issue over a month ago.

Medina also stated that she would expect county staff to bring forward a potential ordinance to make the resolution more enforceable quickly given the rapidity and urgency with which the resolution was introduced.

At the April 16 BoCC meeting, Woodman presented the two versions of the resolution to the board prior to the board hearing public comments from Candace Jones and Lee Stopher on the issue.

Jones commented that the resolution reflects "paranoia, but not a lot of facts" and noted that the likelihood of undocumented immigrants being relocated to the county is low, as Medina previously stated.

She questioned why the county has not made further efforts to indicate to the state that it cannot house undocumented immigrants and if this would be a more effective step than passing a resolution.

Jones also asked what costs the county thinks undocumented immigrants would create for the community and what the basis for these expectations is.

She questioned what additional enforcement authority the county feels the sheriff needs and highlighted that the county already has a large number of tourists potentially carrying infectious diseases who are not regulated or controlled by the county.

She commented that the county previously supported local opponents to masking and vaccination efforts by San Juan Basin Public Health, but "now you're raising health concerns as an issue for keeping people out."

She concluded that, if the BoCC passed the resolution, it should be "honest" about why and indicate that it was "giving in to reactionary constituents" who feel threatened while making the county appear "paranoid" to outsiders.

Stopher also expressed objections to the resolution, stating that she feels the resolution is unnecessary and difficult to enforce.

She also commented that the resolution is a "partisan document" and is in line with the positions of the Republican party, which has inhibited national immigration reform to ensure the issue escalates and can potentially benefit its presumptive presidential nominee in the 2024 election.

Stopher stated that the community has a large number of organizations that assist others in need and "you're painting us all with a very negative brush."

She concluded by stating that the resolution is a "huge waste of your time" and that she appreciated Medina's opposition to the proposal.

"I sit here and I think, proof has been asked here," Maez said. "I would regrettably not want to have to tell that to the families that have lost children because of an illegal immigrant in the United States. The thing is, you're better ahead of the curve than behind the curve. It's better to be proactive than reactive. I respect you guys' opinion,

you both know that I do, but in this matter, I'm looking out more for the welfare of the safety of the citizens of Archuleta County ... instead of imposing a huge impact on the revenues of Archuleta County. ... This is my best solution and it's more of a statement, not an actual law. It's not an ordinance. There could be an ordinance that will follow behind this, but this is merely a statement to state saying that we do not want this here unless everybody is willing to house a lot of people in their homes."

Brown commented that he appreciated Jones' and Stopher's comments, adding, "This is a position statement that were a non-sanctuary county. It's not that we're against any one individual or any group of individuals; we simply do not have the resources that would enable us to provide services. And I think it's a bad time to wait until after an emergency pops up for a difficult situation to try to cure it than getting ahead of it, I think, as Commissioner Maez alluded to, in trying to address this. This is real, this is happening in our state. It's happening in other communities and I don't see this as mean-spirited in any way. I see this as being very diligent to look out for the welfare of our county and to look after the resources, as few as they are, that we have available to us. So that was the intent here. ... It's been stated to me and some folks are concerned about a political rigamarole. I'm not really concerned with staying in office if that means I don't do my job. I'm going to do my job ... and however that comes and whatever result, it will be what it will be. That's not my concern. I was voted in by the taxpayers to perform a particular job, and that's what I'm doing."

The board then discussed which of



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# Reconstruction

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that three business owners in Pagosa Springs have volunteered to be a part of a working group to work with CDOT to provide feedback and represent the town's business community's needs throughout this project.

"Those were the big things that we wanted to let you know," Schwantes stated.

The three business owners who volunteered for that role are JR Ford, Jeremy Buckingham and Evelyn Tenyson.

"We're hoping that this gives us an opportunity to look a little more closely at this project, an opportunity to continue our conversations with the business community here, and we certainly understand that this community has been under construction for the last few years and we appreciate your patience and we understand that ... you are going through some construction fatigue. So, hopefully, this gives you a little breather for some uninterrupted business to take place in your downtown community without any construction interruptions," Schwantes added.

In a later interview with Ford, he mentioned this is a good opportunity for the town to have more input on the project but that it will also take more work and communication between the town and CDOT.

"I think it's created a lot of work ... I think that there will be a lot of things that we can suggest to the state now that they wouldn't have had time to include in their plan," he said.

He noted that he already has about 30 items in the plan that he'd like to address.

"It'll be fun to meet with the state and see how open they are to this ... they're probably breathing a little bit easier right now, too," Ford added.

He also mentioned that he would like to see some local contractors get together to potentially bid on the project.

Ford explained that some of his ideas moving forward are to sectionalize the project into "bite-size" jobs so that only small sections of the town may be shut down at a time, rather than the entire downtown sector being affected at the same time.

In a later interview with Schwantes, she mentioned that "we [CDOT] truly do believe that it is an opportunity to go back and take a really hard look at the project design and the specifications that are in the bid, so that we can fine-tune it."

During the meeting, Rick Holter, chair of the Main Street board, spoke to the news of the bid being rejected, saying, "We are, I think like most of you, pretty excited about this news. We're excited about this news because it is a big opportunity. It's a big opportunity to answer a bunch of the unanswered questions that we've had through this process."

In a later interview with Holter, he explained that after a few "emotional" meetings about the project, this meeting "was kind of like a nice release."

He also mentioned that he would like to see businesses working together and thinking creatively on how to help each other throughout this project.

"I think there's a lot of opportunities here to think creatively," Holter added.

During the meeting, Mayor Shari Pierce encouraged people to continue to stay involved with the project and to voice their concerns to the three business owners in the working group that will be meeting directly with the state.

"Let's don't lose this momentum, please," she said. "Please, please, stay involved because that year is going to go fast."

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke also spoke during the meeting, emphasizing the opportunities ahead.

"What an opportunity we have in front of us ... we have an opportunity to provide feedback directly to CDOT with our committee," she said.

Lashbrooke also encouraged people to continue to meet with and communicate their concerns with the working group.

She noted that those three individuals will have an input on the outcome of this reconstruction project and that they can not guarantee what is going to change in the plan, "but we have the opportunity to try."

"We have the opportunity to be at the table and speak to the powers that

be," she said.

Lashbrooke also spoke about how this is uncommon for CDOT to extend the timeline on the project.

"CDOT doesn't do this," she said, explaining that although the bid came in over budget, CDOT could've found a way to go through with it.

"Do you think CDOT could've gone and found that \$6.6 million? Yes, they could have, but they didn't. They heard you. They respected what you had to say. They want to change the path of trajectory. They want to include us in the solution. It is our job to show up," Lashbrooke said.

In the interview with Schwantes, she indicated, "We [CDOT] could've definitely said, 'Hey, we do need to get this project through now' ... we could've made our case."

However, she explained, CDOT felt it was best to "take a step back" and continue to work with the Pagosa Springs community to figure out the best way forward.

She also explained that CDOT will be reevaluating the project package and setting up meetings with the town's working group to "hear what the concerns are and listen to them so that we can maybe incorporate a bit more of those concerns into the specifications."

She added, "We're looking forward to continuing to work together for a better project being put out to bid in the fall."

During the meeting, Lashbrooke reiterated how this is "unheard of" from CDOT and that, "we are, again, in southwest Colorado, setting the example for the state."

Lashbrooke also went on to explain that the PSCDC and Region 9 are looking into the possibility of having a COVID fund account reactivated which would allow businesses to apply for a loan up to \$10,000 at a zero percent interest rate.

"The best thing that could've happened to us is that they rejected the bid, and they did ... you all should be celebrating this day," Lashbrooke said.

During the meeting an audience member voiced concern about the new timeline, noting that every year and every month things get more expensive and that "this project is not going to get

any cheaper, whatsoever, the further that we push it off."

The audience member questioned if that is something that the town and CDOT are taking into consideration.

"I want this project to go forward, the right way, because I think it will be a really good thing for the community," they added.

Schwantes replied to the concern, saying, "We're really anxious and looking forward to the project being put back out to bid with multiple bids put in" this fall.

She noted that during the fall season construction companies are often looking to bid jobs for the upcoming spring to ensure they have work.

"So, hopefully, it'll be more competitive," she added.

One of the last people to speak at the meeting was Jeremy Martin, a member of the Main Street Advisory Board.

Martin brought up the possibility of the town being able to have its Fourth of July parade go through downtown this summer since there won't be any construction going on.

He noted that it usually takes up to six months for the town to get a permit to have the parade go along U.S. 160, but asked if CDOT would be able to expedite that process in any way.

"I promise that will be the first thing I ask tomorrow morning when I get to the office," Schwantes replied.

Pierce indicated that the town will be working on updating its July 4 parade plans.



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# Sanctuary

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history as a "beacon of freedom" before stating that the saturation of "displaced people" in urban Colorado has led to dispersion of some of these peoples into rural areas and creates the possibility that these people could arrive in Archuleta County.

It adds that the county lacks the resources to address the needs of its current residents and cannot support more before stating the county's support for its citizens and taxpayers.

"Archuleta County declares that it is NOT a sanctuary county and will not open shelters or provide services, other than emergency services, to unsheltered homeless individuals that may arrive in unincorporated Archuleta County," the resolution states. "Archuleta County will continue to prioritize the needs of our local citizens."

It concludes by noting that the county supports the sheriff's office

in upholding the law and federal immigration policy and calling upon the county Board of Health to "issue proactive and responsive Public Health Orders regarding how an influx of immigrants would impact Archuleta County's services and supplies."

Brown commented that he appreciated Maez's support of this version of the resolution and that it was something he could "live with."

However, he added that this version of the resolution "falls short" of specifically highlighting the number of immigrants taken on by Denver, which is a sanctuary city, and their potential distribution across the state.

Brown commented that, despite these concerns, he would not be opposed to the "softer" version of the resolution.

Maez asked why the version of the resolution he favored is softer than the version Brown supported.

Brown commented that the version

he supported more specifically highlighted Denver's role as a sanctuary city in this issue.

He added that the version Maez preferred also did not speak to the county's sympathy for humanitarian issues involved.

"I can live with this," he said. "It's just soft. And I'm OK with soft. We're still stating the same position. If that's what the other two commissioners feel OK with, I'm not opposed to it."

Maez commented that he is not opposed to being more "stern," but he was stating which resolution he liked best.

Brown then noted the differences between the versions of the resolution that he and Maez preferred, stating that his preferred language included language noting Denver's status as a sanctuary city, language pointing out the negative impact of il-

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# Landfill

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cover at the site, which has reduced the amount of space consumed by cover daily, and the new compactor are likely factors in the increased lifespan.

Cell 4B also can be made far bigger than expected, Woodman commented, helping provide more space for storing waste, and thus a longer lifespan for the landfill.

Woodman stated that the county acquiring a scale to measure waste coming into the landfill was also a key element in the changing projection, noting that, according to data he had reviewed, the county was consistently overestimating the amount of waste coming into the landfill prior to its installation.

He concluded by highlighting that the increased lifespan of the landfill is good news for the county and will make efforts to replace or obtain additional land for the landfill less urgent.

"It really takes the urgency out of it, and now it's just we gotta figure this out," he said.

## Landfill updates and construction

At the April 9 Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session, the board heard an update from Public Works Director Michael Torres on activities at the landfill.

Torres stated that the Solid Waste Department is still waiting for approval of the repaired cell 4A at the landfill from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

He indicated that the county submitted a report on the repair to the CDPHE, but received feedback from the CDPHE about questions and concerns, which SEH has since answered. Torres commented that he hopes to

have a response from the CDPHE in the next few weeks, adding, "That's really what we're waiting on to get things moving... down there."

He explained that, during the winter, a leachate pump at the landfill failed and that county staff are working to install its replacement.

He stated that the department is also looking at going out to bid on the construction of cell 4B and is performing survey verification of property lines and other steps to prepare for this.

Torres added that the county previously put the project out to bid last year but did not move forward with the project at that point.

He commented that he hopes the county can move forward with the project this year, although he was not sure if it would be fully completed since a significant amount of dirt and trash would have to be relocated for the project.

He stated that staff are beginning work on taking dirt out of the cell 4B area and are planning to use this dirt as cover dirt once cell 4A is approved by the CDPHE to help alleviate issues with cover shortages.

Torres concluded that staff are also working on moving scrap metal at the landfill and preparing for this year's Big Spring Clean event.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked if Torres had made any progress on obtaining a message board at the landfill office area.

Woodman explained that this board could be located at the landfill and potentially others could be located on roads leading to the landfill to provide updates on its status.

He added that such message boards would also have to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Brown stated that a sign at the land-

fill could help communicate upcoming closures and other events to help keep landfill users, particularly waste haulers, informed.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that he would like to know how much such signs would cost.

"If we don't have it, we don't have to put it, either," he said.

"The cost of not communicating is pretty high, as well," Brown replied.

"I think they do a pretty good job of it now," Maez said.

Brown stated that he agreed that landfill staff try to communicate "very diligently," but that he had spoken with citizens requesting better communication at the landfill.

Torres stated that he would look into the issue.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked where the county is on relocating its recycling facility.

Torres stated that the county is in the "preliminary design" phase for such a relocation and is moving forward with having a design for a new recycling facility completed.

Medina then asked if there has been any progress on looking at other properties near the landfill for potential expansion.

She added that such plans might not be moving forward due to the SEH report stating the life of the landfill is longer than previously expected.

Torres stated that there are no current plans on this due to the number of other issues that the department is dealing with but that it could be something to pursue in the future.

Medina then asked if conversations are still ongoing with companies that were potentially interested in taking over landfill operations.

Woodman stated that these conversations have "kind of stalled" due to

mergers, although there is still interest in the possibility.

He added that this project would have to go out for a request for proposals and that further conversations cannot occur without this since they could prejudice the process.

At the April 16 BoCC meeting, the board approved two supplemental letter agreements with SEH for landfill consulting services for 2024 and for engineering services for cell 4B.

The consulting services were approved at a cost not to exceed \$148,700, while the engineering services for cell 4B were approved at a cost not to exceed \$164,000.

At a BoCC work session earlier in the day, Torres explained that the landfill consulting services involve assisting the county with monitoring and reporting at the site and with staying in compliance with the CDPHE.

He also stated that the engineering services will help the county start the bid process for the construction of cell 4B.

Torres indicated that the county has \$1.7 million budgeted for cell 4B and that the costs of the project would likely be around \$2 million.

He added that the cell would be "huge" (about four to five acres) and would likely need to be completed over multiple years.

Brown stated and Torres confirmed that the higher cost is due to a "misunderstanding" by the county of the size of the cell, with the final cell being larger than expected.

Woodman commented that he is hopeful that putting the project out to bid again may encourage lower bids and that staff doing pre-excavation work might reduce the cost of the project.

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# Violations

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\$1,489.50 in "road gravel," while the March accounts payable state that the county bought an additional \$3,164 in "shot rock."

Weber Sand and Gravel is located on Running Iron Ranch, which is owned by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), and its registered agent is Donald Andrew "Andy" Weber, according to Colorado secretary of state's website.

According to communications from PAWSD staff, these sales of gravel to the county may be in violation of the lease for Running Iron Ranch held by the Weber family.

PAWSD Business Manager Aaron Burns states in a communication that the 2023 lease on the property did not allow sales of gravel, rocks and dirt to entities other than PAWSD and A and M Construction, a construction company for whom Weber is also the registered agent, according to the Colorado secretary of state's website.

Burns indicates that a 2024 lease has not been finalized, meaning that only reclamation activities can take place at the ranch.

PAWSD Programs Manager Renee Lewis adds in a communication that PAWSD would have to consult its attorney to determine if the sales constitute a lease violation.

SJWCD president Candace Jones comments in a communication, noting that she was speaking from her expertise as a lawyer and not for the board, "The lease extension signed for 2023 included specific limits on the scope of extracting and selling gravel from Running Iron Ranch. There was a limit on the amount of gravel to be extracted and the permitted buyer. If the Webers mined or sold gravel outside those parameters, they would have violated the lease."

"The next logical question would

be whether or not either PAWSD or SJWCD would take some action to hold the Webers to account for any violation. Reacting to a breach entails some assessment of damage," Jones adds, noting that the district would have to have further information to make this assessment.

In an interview, County Manager Derek Woodman stated that the county purchased gravel extensively from Weber Sand and Gravel on an "as-available" basis when the gravel pit was previously open to the public.

He indicated that the materials the county purchased from the Webers were all used as fill and base materials for the North Pagosa Boulevard culvert reconstruction project that began in November 2023 and continued in the spring of 2024.

Woodman added that, to his understanding, the purchases occurred when county Public Works Director Michael Torres reached out to Weber Sand and Gravel to look for the rock products needed for the project and the Webers had them available.

He added that the products the county obtained from the Webers are specialty materials for the specific work being done on North Pagosa Boulevard and that the county does not have any currently planned projects that would utilize such materials.

An extended lease for the Webers to continue agricultural activities and gravel mining on Running Iron Ranch was approved by the SJWCD Board of Directors on Dec. 14, 2022, and the PAWSD Board of Directors on Dec. 15, 2022.

According to the lease agreement, this lease ran from Jan. 4, 2023, to Jan. 3, 2024, and included a provision that the gravel sales by the Webers would only be made to PAWSD and to A and M Construction, which was contracted to perform excavation work at PAWSD's Snowball water treatment plant expansion project, for which PAWSD was also purchasing gravel.

At the Dec. 14, 2023, PAWSD board meeting, Weber presented a proposal to the board for another lease extension for 2024 that would allow Weber Sand and Gravel to sell gravel and rock on the property to entities besides PAWSD and PAWSD contractors in exchange for PAWSD being paid royalties for the gravel sold.

After hearing public comment from neighbors of the Running Iron Ranch opposing the extension, the PAWSD board voted unanimously to enter into negotiations with the Webers concerning a lease extension.

However, conflicts arose when the SJWCD board took a stance opposing the extension of the gravel mining lease, citing concerns about the extension's potential impact on the SJWCD's reservoir project on the site.

This opposition led to an exchange of letters between the SJWCD and PAWSD boards in January and March, which was followed by the SJWCD board discussing potential negotiations with the PAWSD board and its newly formed Running Iron Ranch subcommittee concerning the lease at its March 18 meeting.

Burns states that the renewal of both mining and grazing leases for the Webers at Running Iron Ranch are "on hold after receiving the letter from SJWCD expressing their opposition to the renewal of the mining lease."

He notes that the SJWCD did not oppose extending the grazing lease, but that execution of this lease was delayed due to the ongoing negotiations between the parties.

"The 2023 lease has expired and there is no arrangement for residing or operating on the property other than reclamation work that would be ongoing," he adds.

Lewis adds that the reclamation work does not include the sale of gravel to entities besides PAWSD or contractors for the district.

PAWSD Engineer/Manager Justin

read?" Maez said.

"It just has more factual," Brown replied.

"It's more direct toward Denver and all that, but I don't see how it's much harder," Maez said. "The principal's still the same."

"That's why I don't have an issue," Brown said.

Medina then seconded Brown's motion, which passed unanimously.

"Again, appreciate," Medina concluded. "And it did drag out way too long. Again, this is about our county, the resources that we have and what we cannot afford, and I do look forward for staff to put together a ordinance and it would not be about the individual, but there's a different direction that we can take to give law enforcement something to actually enforce. So, thank you, commissioners."

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Ramsey indicates in a communication that Archuleta County is not a contractor for PAWSD, either on the Snowball expansion project or any other district project.

Lewis also indicates that PAWSD has not been informed of or authorized any sales of gravel to outside entities during the period covered by the county purchases.

PAWSD board chairman Jim Smith indicated in an interview that he was not notified of any sales to the county.

Jones states in a communication that she was also not informed of gravel sales to the county in 2024 and that she was not aware of any other SJWCD board members being told of these sales.

"During 2023, I was aware only of the sales to PAWSD permitted by the lease extension," she adds.

Former SJWCD board member and president Al Pfister states in a communication, "I was not informed of any sale of gravel to Archuleta County by Weber Sand and Gravel. To the best of my knowledge, no one else on the Board approved of such sales."

Weber Sand and Gravel did not respond to a request for comments on the sales.

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# Outdoors



## Help your health during the upcoming prescribed burns

By Amy Nitchman  
Archuleta County Public Health Department

The U.S. Forest Service, Pagosa Ranger District is planning to conduct prescribed burns throughout the month of April in Turkey Springs area.

Prescribed burns help to mitigate the devastation that can occur with natural wildfires that are harder to control. All wood smoke, whether from wildfires, prescribed burns or from residential wood stoves, can impact your health.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and En-

vironment (CDPHE), breathing in wood smoke can "irritate the eyes, nose and throat; cause wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing; and worsen asthma, other lung disease, and heart disease."

Keep asthma relief medication on-hand and contact your doctor if symptoms worsen or you experience chest pain or difficulty breathing.

High particle pollution has been shown to increase the incidence of hospitalization and death due to cardiovascular events, including heart attack, congestive heart failure, arrhythmias and ischemic stroke, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Take measures to protect yourself and your family.

Avoid going outdoors in areas close to prescribed burns and wear an N95 mask if you must do activity outdoors. Other types of masks do not filter fine particles and will not provide protection from breathing in smoke. Consult with your doctor before wearing a respirator if you have asthma or another lung or heart condition.

Keep air inside the home as clean as possible by keeping doors and windows closed, running the HVAC system and changing the filters frequently during periods of heavy smoke. You can create a filter fan by

attaching a furnace filter to a box fan if you do not have an air conditioner or HVAC system. Visit <https://www.pscleanair.gov/525/DIY-Air-Filter> to watch a video with step-by-step instructions or find the DIY video on the Archuleta County Public Health Department's Facebook page.

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## Continental Divide Trail partners, communities gearing up for another season of activity

By Audra Labert  
Continental Divide Trail Coalition

The month of April marks the beginning of the height of the season on the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT), with locals and visitors alike flocking to get outdoors as temperatures rise and snow begins to melt.

This year thousands of visitors will explore sections of the CDT and many will even attempt to hike the trail in its entirety from the borders of Mexico to Canada. Early estimates place the number of likely thru-hikers, or CDT visitors attempting to hike the trail in its entirety, around 800-1,000 thru-attempts in the 2024 season.

Renowned as one of the most remote and scenic long-distance trails in the world, the CDT traverses the spine of the continent, spanning 3,100 miles through the states of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana.

Connecting more than 20 designated CDT Gateway Communities and dozens of other Rocky Mountain

rural communities, the CDT provides access to some of the most iconic landscapes in the West, including Old Faithful in Yellowstone, the towering 14,000-foot peaks of Colorado, the first designated wilderness in the Gila, and the glaciers of Glacier National Park.

"Springtime in the Rocky Mountain West is a time of awakening and re-emergence. For northbound travelers along the CDT, it is also the time of excitement and anticipation for the adventure that awaits them as they travel along the major watersheds of North America and follow the spring melt along the way," said Teresa Martinez, executive director at the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC). "For some, it will set in motion lifelong dreams of a journey across the continent and all the lessons, discoveries, and relationships they will forge along the way. The reward is the experience of knowing they have journeyed along one of the most special places on the North American continent and that their stories

are now intertwined."

In Colorado, the CDT travels 750 miles following the Continental Divide from the San Juans to the south, moving north connecting with Rocky Mountain National Park and up through the Medicine Bow Mountains. The CDT connects Pagosa Springs, South Fork, Lake City, Salida, Leadville/Twin Lakes, Grand Lake and Steamboat Springs, and provides a gateway to the outdoors for locals and a boost for the regional economy.

In a 2023 survey of 134 small business owners, 71 percent of businesses in designated CDT Gateway Communities reported seeing an increase in traffic from trail users.

The CDTC is the main private partner in the stewardship of the CDT and provides hiking resources such as day and overnight hiking guides, as well as a CDT Interactive Map, to better plan visits to the trail for users of all types and experience levels.

Peak season is a critical time for stewards and volunteers of the CDT, too, with CDT partners organizing

dozens of projects each year to build, maintain and complete the trail.

In 2023, the CDTC and other partner organizations contributed more than 32,033 volunteer hours valued at \$1.19 million through volunteer projects, community stewardship events and trail adopters.

The 2024 season promises another exciting year on the CDT, with volunteer opportunities and community events planned across the trail this year.

### About the CDTC

The CDTC was founded in 2012 by volunteers and recreationists hoping to provide a unified voice for the trail. Working hand-in-hand with the U.S. Forest Service and other federal land management agencies, the CDTC is a nonprofit partner supporting stewardship of the CDT.

The mission of the CDTC is to complete, promote and protect the CDT as a world-class national resource.

For more information, please visit [continentaldividetrail.org](http://continentaldividetrail.org).

## DUST2 announces dates and programming for 2024

By Janine Emmets  
DUST2

As spring sets in, DUST2 is gearing up for its 2024 programming.

Both the middle school summer camp and the fall cycling team have become very popular over the last few years, so spots are limited in both programs. Make sure to sign up quickly.

The middle school summer camp

will be June 24-28 this year. Programming runs from 8 a.m. to noon each day. Kids will focus on different skills as well as ride the fun trails we have here in Pagosa. The summer camp is open to kids going into fifth through eighth grade in the fall of 2024.

The fall cycling team will start Aug. 5 and is open to kids going into sixth through 12th grade in the fall of 2024. Students in high school will have the

opportunity to race with the Colorado High School Cycling League if they choose to. Middle school students focus more on skills and adventure riding.

Registration for both summer camp and fall team opens on May 1. Registration links will be posted on Facebook and Instagram, as well as on the DUST2 website: [www.dust2.org](http://www.dust2.org).

## Rio Grande National Forest to discuss 2024 wildfire season

By Gregg Goodland  
Rio Grande National Forest

Wildfire season is upon us.

Join Doug Currie, forest fire management officer for the Rio Grande National Forest as he talks about the local fire season outlook and how he is preparing for it at the upcoming

Forest Specialist Series presentation. Currie has nearly 30 years of experience in wildfire response, prescribed fire and incident management throughout Alaska, the southern and western U.S.

The online program will be held Wednesday, April 24, at 5 p.m. in partnership with the San Juan Mountains

Association. Visit the Rio Grande National Forest website or Facebook page for event information.

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# Sports

## TRACK

### Lady Pirates win meet, Pirates take second

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Lady Pirate track and field team took first at the Bob Archibeque Invitational on April 12 in Cortez, with their Pirate counterparts taking second on the boys' side.

"We had a great day in Cortez," coach Connie O'Donnell states in an email to The SUN. "It was windy, but beautiful. Such a difference from just a week ago."

That wind, she indicates, affected the sprint events on the day, with the Lady Pirates not improving times.

However, it didn't stop PSHS athletes from logging several top finishes.

Rylie Carr took first in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes.

In the 100, she finished with a time of 13.23 seconds. She was followed by Annabelle Parker, who took second with a time of 14.06 seconds. Lexi Campbell finished third with a time of 14.32 seconds. Aspen Pitcher finished fifth in 14.44 seconds.

In the 200, Carr finished in 27.54 seconds. Pitcher finished fourth in 29.61 seconds. Annie O'Donnell took eighth with a time of 30.13 seconds. Adelyn Hittle took 16th in 31.28 seconds.

Annie O'Donnell took first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 1.36 seconds — a personal best time and her first time running the event this season, according to Connie O'Donnell.

Annie O'Donnell is now ranked 10th in 3A in the state for the event, the coach indicates.

Carr also ran the event for the first time this season and finished second with a time of 1:04.37. Hittle finished fifth with a time of 1:09.96.

Honestye Sweet took 12th in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:13.66. She was followed by Charlotte Duranton in 13th in 3:13.97, Marie Smith in 14th in 3:19.02 and Gwendolyn Tyler in 18th in 3:45.72.

Sweet finished seventh in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:53.44. Madisen Stretton finished ninth in 7:01.29, and Tyler finished 13th in 8:45.57.

In the 3,200-meter run, Duranton finished third with a time of 14:38.77. Smith took sixth with a time of 14:54.09. Stretton finished eighth in 15:27.25.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Elissa Mars finished fifth in 19.46 seconds, Kylie Ketchum took seventh with a time of 19.72 seconds, and Eden Connor finished 10th in 21.97 seconds.

Mars took eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.89, and Connor followed in ninth in 1:01.15.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Campbell, Pitcher, Parker and Carr took first with a time of 52.01 seconds, which Connie O'Donnell notes is an improved time.

The team of Parker, Campbell, Pitcher and Mars finished first in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:54.61.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the team of Annie O'Donnell, Hittle, Ketchum and Hadley Phillips won with a time of 4:37.99.

"We finally ran a competitive 4x4 and now have a place to start on our pursuit to qualifying for state there as well," the coach notes. "We will be looking at loading our medley relay soon as well."

All three Lady Pirate high jumpers logged jumps of 4 feet, 8 inches, with the results showing Jordan Lindstrom in second, Ketchum in third and Annie O'Donnell in fifth.

"Our girls high jump is going great," according to the coach. "Jordan didn't improve this weekend, but she is the leader of the group. The one thing that you can always count on is Jordan building up both boys and girls in the high jump. All of our high jumpers are jumping higher earlier than last year."

Mars finished fourth in the long jump with a distance of 14-5.25, Hittle followed in sixth with a jump of 14-1.25 and Nevaeh Evans finished 14th with a distance of 12-6.

Campbell took first in the triple jump with a distance of 32-9.5. She was followed by Lindstrom, who took second with a distance of 30-9. Dawson Iverson finished fifth with a distance of 25-0.5.

"Both Lexi Campbell and Jordan Lindstrom got their best triple jumps of the year so far," Connie O'Donnell

highlights. "Lexi had a huge personal record and is now ranked 13th in the state."

Abigail Nehring won the discus with a throw of 108-10. Makaela Denton took 19th with a throw of 48-1, and Laykyn Baxstrom finished 22nd with a throw of 46-8.

"Abi Nehring is continuing to dominate in discus. She got another personal record in Cortez," Connie O'Donnell wrote, adding, "She is also regularly placing in shot so she helps our team score every week."

Nehring finished third in the shot put with a throw of 29-3. Baxstrom took 11th with a throw of 23-2.5. Malorie Morton followed in 13th with a throw of 21-4. Denton finished 17th with a distance of 18-1.

The coach also comments on the Lady Pirates' support of their teammates, writing, "The girls are also super supportive of each other. I love that they stand along the track and yell for their teammates."

The Pirate boys' squad also logged a number of top finishes on the day.

Colton Lucero finished first in the 100 with a time of 11.53 seconds, with Blake Laner following in second with a time of 11.81 seconds. Harley Armijo took fifth with a time of 12.16, and Gavin Carter followed in sixth with a time of 12.18 seconds.

Carter took second in the 200, finishing in 24.41 seconds. Armijo finished in fourth with a time of 24.70 seconds.

"The 100 and 200 were slower because of a head wind, but Gavin Carter was able to improve his 100 and 200 times," the coach wrote. "He is really making a statement to get on our sprint relays. We are going to have to have a runoff this week and Gavin has a good chance of earning a spot on those relays. Harley Armijo also improved his time in the 200."

Jesse Beck finished seventh in the 400 with a time of 58.25 seconds. Jacob Castaneda followed in ninth in 58.60 seconds. Milo Dietemeyer finished in 13th with a time of 1:11.84.

In the 800, Jackson Chaney finished ninth with a time of 2:33.69. Trevor Faber took 11th in 2:34.89, Eli Nehring finished 14th in 2:52.16 and Stetson Osborn finished 16th with a time of 2:58.65.

Two Pirates ran the 1,600, with Beck finishing 11th in 5:41.17 and Faber taking 13th in 6:02.88.

Two Pirates also competed in the 3,200, with Eli Nehring finishing seventh in 14:25.31 and Osborn finishing ninth in 14:37.51.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Cole Harper finished 10th in 19.89 seconds and Tristan Frame finished 13th in 22.41 seconds.

Harper took sixth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 46.46 seconds. Nathaniel Kinsley took 12th in 48.28 seconds, and Frame followed in 14th with a time of 54.71 seconds.

The 4x100 team of Lucero, Armijo, Creede Dozier and Laner took first with a time of 44.31 seconds.

The 4x200 team of Lucero, Kinsley, Armijo and Laner won with a time of 1:36.09.

"Both boys sprint relays improved," Connie O'Donnell highlights. "They had great handoffs and I expect them to just keep getting



Photo courtesy Gerry Lindstrom

Pirate Creede Dozier eyes his landing during a jump at the Bob Archibeque Invitational in Cortez on April 12. Dozier picked up top finishes in multiple jumping events on the day, including first in high jump, second in long jump and first in triple jump.

faster."

The 4x400 team of Jeremiah Jones, Castaneda, Aidan Vega and Beck finished third with a time of 4:02.68.

"The high jump was also a fun event for Pagosa in Cortez," O'Donnell notes. "The event wrapped up with a jump off for Creede and Jaxten for 1st place. Both got personal records in the event. Jeremiah Jones is right there too."

Dozier took first with a height of 6 feet, with Jaxten Schiel following in second and Jones taking third with jumps of 5-10. Milo Dietemeyer finished seventh with a height of 5-4.

Lucero and Dozier tied for second in the long jump with distances of 20-10. Schiel finished fifth with a jump of 19-0, and Dietemeyer followed in sixth with a jump of 18-11.

"Creede Dozier and Colton Lucero both had outstanding jumps in the long jump with personal bests," the coach wrote. "Both are top 10 in the state in 3A right now. Jaxten Schiel is also in the mix in the long jump. He has the potential to be right there with them in the next week."

The Pirates also fared well in the triple jump, with Dozier taking first with a distance of 40-2, Schiel taking second with a distance of 36-11.75 and Frame finishing ninth with a distance of 30-5.

"We are just jumping really well," the coach adds. "It's such a good feel on our team right now. They are all rooting for each other and feeding off of each other's success. I really

couldn't ask for anything more. This team is just a dream come true as far as how much they love and support each other."

Vega finished ninth in the discus with a throw of 83-6, with Emile Schneider taking 13th with a throw of 79-11.

The same pair competed in shot put, with Vega taking 13th with a distance of 29-3 and Schneider finishing 18th with a distance of 25-5.

"Overall, I'm just so impressed with our athletes," Connie O'Donnell wrote. "They are all about their teammates and push each other at practice and at meets. Comradery is at a high

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Annie O'Donnell runs at the Bob Archibeque Invitational in Cortez on April 12. O'Donnell took part in several running events on the day and returned home with a first in the 400-meter dash and 4x400-meter relay.

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## BASEBALL

# Pirates fall prey to Panthers in doubleheader

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team hit rough waters when it opened league play against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Saturday, April 13, with the Pirates dropping both halves of the day's doubleheader.

"We just, again, didn't take advantage of the opportunities," coach Ben Garcia said, adding later the Pirates knew the Panthers are a "very good" team and had previously watched them play.

The Pirates, he noted, are an equally good team, but they are not currently showing that.

The Pirates dropped the first half of the doubleheader 12-3, despite being down by two heading into the sixth inning.

The Panthers picked up one run in the top of the first, with Pagosa then taking the lead with two runs in the bottom of the third.

The Panthers answered with three runs in the top of the fourth, then tacked on six in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Garcia indicated the change came from missed plays and walks, "and before you know it, they're clearing the bases."

The Pirates brought one run around in the bottom of the seventh to finished the game at 12-3 in favor of the Panthers.

One of the concerns heading into the game, Garcia noted, was the bottom of the lineup, but that they walked and had sacrifice bunts that helped the Pirate offense.

"They did," he said. "They've done their job. They're getting on base ... just some things that really helped us."

The top of the lineup, he indicated, "just didn't have a good game."

Garcia noted there were opportunities during the game, but that the Panthers didn't make mistakes.

"Cortez didn't make ... a lot of mistakes," he said. "I mean, they made really good plays. ... They defensively didn't let the ball get by them. They were getting singles. ... We were turning singles into doubles."

He added of the Panthers, "They were pretty sound."

He also noted, "It seemed like we were giving them five outs every inning and we were only getting the three."

The Pirates had five hits in the game, with one each coming from Jaden Tuggle-Reed, Ty Richey, Zach Pouyer, Riley Laugel and Dylan Dempster.

Pouyer, Dempster and Laugel also scored runs.

The Pirates walked five times, with Cooper Ralston drawing two walks, and Chris Martinez, Kyler Henderson and Dempster each drawing one. Laugel and Henderson also reached after being hit by pitches.

The Pirates are listed as having two strikeouts in the matchup and nine errors.

### RECREATION NEWS

## T-ball, adult soccer registrations open

By **Matt Zaborowski**  
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for its T-ball league. The T-ball league is for 4- and 5-year-olds and the cost is \$45. The deadline to register is April 21, and play will begin May 7.

Registration for adult coed soccer is also now open. The team registration fee is \$300 total with no individual fees. The deadline to register a team is April 21, and play will begin April 29.

Online registration is available through the town website at [pagosaprisings.co.gov](http://pagosaprisings.co.gov) or in person at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Please call the Recreation Department with any questions, (970) 264-4151, ext. 524.

## Track

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and I love getting to spend time with them everyday."

The Pirates also competed on Wednesday, April 17, in Bayfield, though results were not available by press time and will be reported in the April 25 issue of The SUN.

Next up, the Pirate teams will head to Durango on Saturday, April 20, for a 9 a.m. meet.

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Chris Martinez applies the tag on a Montezuma-Cortez runner during the first half of the April 13 doubleheader against the Panthers. The Pirates fell to the Panthers in both games.

Ralston, Kaeden Iguchi and Laugel took the mound in the game, combining to allow 12 runs (three earned) on 13 hits and six walks. Ralston struck out one batter.

The first game, the coach noted, also usually sets the tempo for a doubleheader, and the Panthers picked up where they left off in the second game, bringing five runs around in the top of the first.

"We came out and gave up five runs," Garcia said, calling it "unbecoming" and explaining Martinez was pitching well, but mistakes in the field were extending the innings.

*"One of the things we're really concentratin' on this week is shoring up those particular scenarios and keeping our composure."*

Coach Ben Garcia

The Panthers scored two more in the second and three in the third to build an 8-0 lead.

The Pirates brought around three in the third.

The Panthers scored another five runs in the top of the fifth, with the Pirates answering with three more runs in the bottom of the inning to make it a 15-6 game.

The Panthers added another four runs in the top of the seventh, with Pagosa bringing one around in the bottom of the inning to make it a final score of 19-7.

"Scoring seven runs should be enough to win a baseball game,"

Garcia said, adding that Montezuma-Cortez's second-game pitcher was not as tough.

He added the team wasn't in sync, even though it rebounded and had opportunities in the second game.

The Pirates had six hits in the matchup, with Hunter Pouyer and Laugel logging two hits each.

Hunter Pouyer, who had a double and a triple, also scored two runs. Laugel, whose hits included a triple, also scored a run.

Zach Pouyer and Henderson each had a double and a run scored. Henderson and Peyton Bishop each drew a walk.

The Pirates struck out twice and had five errors.

Martinez and Hunter Pouyer combined to allow 19 runs, eight of which were earned, on 16 hits and four walks while striking out two.

Additional stats from the games were not available.

Garcia noted the team also had a little trouble at first base in both games, which then put pressure on the defense and made the team bring in its infield, which cuts the ability to have angles and make plays on deeper-hit balls.

"That cost us a lot," he said, adding, "All of the effects of not making plays early costs us," he said, adding the little things cost the team a lot.

The team then starts to panic and compounds the mistakes, he explained, noting there are several young members of the team who are learning.

"We've got to keep our composure and get the out," he said.

Garcia indicated the Pirates are working in practice to block the ball and keep it in front of them, among other things.

"One of the things we're really concentratin' on this week is shoring up those particular scenarios and keeping our composure," he said.

With the losses, the Pirates are now 4-8 on the season and 0-2 in Intermountain League (IML) action.

They sit as the No. 39 team in the 3A Selection and Seeding Index, which helps determine postseason seeding.

The Panthers are current atop the IML with a 2-0 league record and 7-7 overall mark. They are the No. 20 team in the Selection and Seeding Index.

The Pirates were slated to play Del Norte Tuesday, but that doubleheader was postponed due to a lack of officials available and is now set for next week.

The Pirates will continue league play this weekend when they head to La Jara to take on the Centauri Falcons in a doubleheader that is slated to begin at 11 a.m.

The Falcons are 5-9 on the season and 0-2 in league play, having lost to Bayfield 23-7 and 22-4 on April 6.

The Falcons are the No. 42 team in the Selection and Seeding Index.

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates will welcome the 2A Del Norte Tigers for a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

The Tigers are 3-4 on the season and sit at the No. 34 team in the 2A Selection and Seeding Index.

"We've gotta come out ready to play in the first game," Garcia said, adding the team needs to take care of its opportunities and put pressure on other teams instead of having other teams apply that pressure.

Playing Del Norte and Centauri will give the Pirates a chance to get back into contention, Garcia indicated.

"Those are important games for us," he said, adding, "These are very winnable games. The only way we're going to get better is to continue to play and make ... less ... errors."

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## SOCCER

# Lady Pirates lose to Panthers, defeat Bobcats, will face Alamosa Friday



Lady Pirate Hailey Sams fights for possession during a match against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on April 13. The Pirates ultimately lost the match 2-1.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

**By Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team dropped a close game against Montezuma-Cortez on April 13 at home before winning a 10-0 match against Ignacio in Ignacio on April 16.

The Lady Pirates lost their match against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers 2-1, with the Panthers scoring once in each half and Pagosa scoring once in the second half.

“I felt great about it, to be honest,” coach Trevor Gian commented on the game. “I felt like we played really hard, showed a lot of effort, matched them on their intensity for the whole game, kind of took it to them for a little bit there at the beginning, too. Again, it’s kind of unfortunate not to get the result there, but ... that game could go either way there, and we showed a lot of resiliency getting back in after going down 2-0.”

He explained that the Lady Pirates were leading the game in terms of momentum and shots on goal for much of the first half until the Panthers scored and momentum shifted back toward them.

Gian noted that halftime was valuable for the team as it gave them “a chance to recharge” and to begin taking back the momentum in the second half.

He stated that the Lady Pirates fully regained momentum following a goal by Elizabeth Currier in the second half that brought the game to 2-1.

“Definitely put Cortez on their heels for a while there at the end in just trying to push forward to get that tying goal,” he said. “At the beginning, we did a fantastic job coming after them, working on things we’ve been working on, finding some quality opportunities. An unlucky goal there on ... our part, that sort of took us down and then definitely that second half was good to see that response.”

He stated that the number of shots on goal was similar for both teams, adding, “If we can put a couple of those opportunities away, those quality opportunities, then things will change.”

Gian highlighted the performance of Pagosa, goalkeeper Kiera Davis, stating, “After that first goal, she responded fantastic. She had some really great saves as well. ... Made some really clutch saves for us. Goalies sometimes get taken for granted because you’re expecting them to stop that but I think her response in that game was just as good as everybody else.”

He added that the team is still working on positioning and formation, including determining the ideal positions for players and working on staying in assigned positions.

Gian stated that the team went through a range of formations in the earlier part of the season, but has found a formation that appears to be effective and is now being fine-tuned.

The Lady Pirates followed the match against the Panthers with a 10-0 victory against the Ignacio Bobcats.

Gian stated that the game was 8-0 at halftime and that the game continued for 15 to 20 minutes in the second half before it went to 10-0 and the mercy rule came into effect, ending the game.

“Really like we’ve been doing every game, we try to go in there, work on what we’ve been building on, work with the starters going in and basically trying to improve on the last game as far as maintaining possession, finding quality opportunities on goal, working the ball around back

■ See Soccer on A13

To unknown fathers of I.M.R last known address Pagosa Springs, CO.

There is a hearing on May 28, 2024 for concerns of the long term guardianship of child I.M.R born 6/26/2021.

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ARCHULETA COUNTY 2023 Annual Salary Report	
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<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
4-H Coordinator	50151.35
Accountant	60129.89
Accountant	12927.39
Accounting Clerk III	52743.54
Accounting Clerk I	36359.31
Administrative Assistant	47939.38
Administrative Assistant	23124.94
Administrative Assistant	28150.48
Administrative Assistant	13289.49
Administrative Assistant	13823.85
Administrative Assistant	1481.00
Administrative Assistant	39603.06
Administrative Assistant II	53982.18
Administrative Assistant	5832.73
Administrative Assistant	2419.20
Airport Maintenance Tech	63571.36
Airport Manager	83883.01
All. Senten. & Pre Trial Coord	91098.23
Animal Control Officer	57177.66
Appraiser I	54895.32
Appraiser I	8340.81
Appraiser I	10006.01
Appraiser I	37044.60
Arboles Trans Station Fill in	16953.50
Arboles Transfer Station Atten	2229.46
Assessor	82535.68
Building Inspector	41183.94
Bus Driver	15601.61
Bus Driver	42682.94
Bus Driver	12645.89
Bus Driver	10945.67
Case Service Aid/ Fraud Claims	33002.10
Caseworker 1	71612.32
Caseworker 1	12348.94
Caseworker 1	48772.20
Caseworker I	57082.72
Caseworker I	2773.86
Caseworker I	21986.65
Caseworker Supervisor	1635.08
Caseworker Supervisor	57154.12
Chief Building Official	69071.04
Chief Deputy Assessor	64236.24
Chief Deputy Clerk	64655.78
Chief Deputy Treasurer	64655.78
Child Support Legal Tech	55291.25
Child Support Legal Tech	48097.55
Code Enforcement Officer	52916.76
Code Enforcement Officer	38997.91
Code Enforcement Officer	6255.52
Commissioner	81465.00
Commissioner	5400.00
Commissioner	82955.23
Commissioner	38589.63
Communications Specialist	36717.96
COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPECIALIST	3234.75
Computer Support Spec.	46649.55
Computer Support Spec.	57456.97
County Administrator	138066.31
County Attorney	140350.09
County ASSITANT Attorney	23113.62
County Clerk	170478.13
County Clerk	25950.89
County Coroner	15752.17
County Coroner	2723.91
County Surveyor	5936.90
County Treasurer	93965.00
Court House Security Officer	50071.43
Court House Security Officer	55162.55
Court House Security Officer	27251.85
Court House Security Officer	2439.20
Data Collection Specialist	29826.14
Data Collection Specialist	17304.49
Deputy Assessor	63575.76
Deputy Clerk I	38224.14
Deputy Clerk II	19855.64
Deputy Clerk III	48972.96
Deputy Clerk III	47994.14
Deputy Dir. Of Emer. Mgt	59773.01
Deputy Dir. Of Emer. Mgt	70478.13
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I	2269.20
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I	32957.74
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I	17377.58
Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk I	1060.24
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Deputy Treasurer	51589.23
Deputy Treasurer	41574.36
Detective	82242.77
Detective	70099.73
Detective	30736.96
Detention Commander	84559.5
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Detention Officer	5564.67
Detention Officer	30272.84
Detention Officer	8484.89
Detention Sgt.	81426.07
Detention Sgt.	86874.19
Development Director	85948.32
DHS Accountant	53794.32
DHS Accountant	2349.20
DHS Director	112313.62
Dispatch Admin Assistant	3432.00
Dispatch Admin Assistant	2119.81
Dispatch Admin Assistant	16756.17
Dispatcher	72728.89
Dispatcher	60443.42
Dispatcher	58029.14
Dispatcher	54167.72
Dispatcher	43609.69
Dispatcher	5320.34
Dispatcher	8062.20
Dispatcher	968.16
Elections Administrator	50756.17
Eligibility Technician	43281.87
Eligibility Technician	42701.11
Eligibility Technician	3084.8
Emergency Comm Ops Mgr	67817.45
Engineering Tech	46315.03
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	9000.00
Equipment Operator I	13714.25
Equipment Operator I	30327.53
Equipment Operator I	37305.55
Equipment Operator I	40151.55
Equipment Operator I	47658.25
Equipment Operator I	50388.62
Equipment Operator II	54361.54
Equipment Operator II	50071.43
Equipment Operator II	49868.08
Equipment Operator III	62058.00
Equipment Operator III	54506.88
Equipment Operator III	55020.77
Equipment Operator III	11286.28
Evidence Tech.	43279.63
Evidence Tech.	9985.28
Facilities Maintenance Tech.	47731.68
Facilities Maintenance Tech.	1691.30
Facilities Maintenance Tech.	43393.05
fair coordinator	149.00
Family Advocate	39915.26
Family Advocate	15005.58
Finance Director	101488.82
Fleet Manager	50400.19
Food Service Assistant	53023.37
GIS Analyst	61985.23
GIS Analyst	47685.52
Human Resources Administrator	77750.65
HR Assistant	44811.55
IT Director	89289.36
Kitchen Manager	66026.78
Landfill Supervisor	83166.13
Lead Dispatcher	69701.44
Lead Dispatcher	74222.06
Lead Mechanic	5582.08
Mechanic I	44101.30
Mechanic II	28986.60
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Office Assistant	58917.76
Office Assistant	189.60
Office Assistant	33049.34
Office Assistant	33069.58
Office Manager	58715.02
Office Manager	285.95
Office Manager	2579.38
Operations Commander	89393.79
Paralegal/Executive Assistant	77520.66
Patrol Deputy	68365.89
Patrol Deputy	71744.18
Patrol Deputy	73816.19
Patrol Deputy	64023.79
Patrol Deputy	63929.56
Patrol Deputy	60569.87
Patrol Deputy	57313.84
Patrol Deputy	61552.30
Patrol Deputy	45541.84
Patrol Deputy	31988.50
Patrol Deputy	10269.35
Patrol Sergeant	103494.49
Patrol Sergeant	10681.59
Personal Property Appraiser	42470.89
Planner I	43652.50
Planner I	6610.91
Planning Manager	31754.28
Planning Technician	47647.03
Program Coordinator	67706.20
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PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR	54304.30
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	160.00
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Public Wks Operations Mgr	79018.83
Public Works Director	89602.91
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R & B Foreman	15577.00
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Recycle Center Supervisor	23546.25
Resource Manager	87101.25
RoadWay Inspector	62207.22
Seasonal Firefighter	29421.30
Seasonal Firefighter	22793.06
Service Writer	14561.81
Service Writer	7844.01
Service Writer	13186.29
Sherrif	10305628.80
Solid Waste Facilities Op.	47916.06
Solid Waste Facilities Op.	42682.92
Solid Waste Facilities Op.	9854.35
Solid Waste Facilities Op.	8449.35
Sub Bus Driver	19617.67
Sub Bus Driver	17255.80
Sub Bus Driver	957.86
Sub Bus Driver	15577.00
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Sub Bus Driver	754.20
SW Admin	23546.25
Under Sheriff	87101.25
Veterans Services Officer	62207.22
WATER QUALITY MANAGER	29421.30
WATER QUALITY SPECIALIST	22793.06
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: NRRLL EAST, LLC  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the date of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado more particularly described as follows:

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: NRRLL 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.

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v.  
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.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
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Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO  
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
109 Harman Park Drive, P.O. Box 148  
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Tel. 970.264.2400  
Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.  
Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO  
v.  
Defendants: NRRLL 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.

Sheriff Sale 2024-01  
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to separate Mortgages recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, under the information provided in Exhibit "A".

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered January 4, 2024, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part hereof.  
Owner(s) of Record: ERIC SCHNOEBELEN  
THERESA E FISHER,  
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.  
Obligations Secured: Underlying note for the purchase of the Tishmore Property identified in Exhibit "A".  
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Payments Due to: Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.  
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Mortgage, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST  
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on May 15, 2024, Sale Number: 2024-01, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, the Lender may be credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Mortgage at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
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# Local snowboarders place in junior national championships

By Elisabeth Callard  
Continental Divide Freeride

The Continental Divide Freeride ski and snowboard team sent two athletes to the International Freeskiers and Snowboarder's Junior National Championships for Region 2 (North and South Americas) in Breckenridge last week.

Bradley Lamoreaux and Logan Lamoreaux both received invitations

to the championship event after competing this winter in big mountain freeride events across Colorado and Utah.

The championship started with qualifying on April 8 on Breck's Peak 7 and about half the competitors advancing to the finals on April 9, which was held on Breck's Peak 6.

Both Bradley Lamoreaux and Logan Lamoreaux advanced through the qualifiers, with Bradley in sixth

place in the U19s and Logan in fifth place in the U15 division.

Finals day was bright and clear with sunny skies for huge runs from the snowboarding competitors.

Logan Lamoreaux laid down a clean run with two big airs to hold on to his fifth-place position in the finals.

Bradley Lamoreaux navigated a tight technical section at the top of the peak to a huge cliff drop with a clean run out to bump him up into

second place in the National Championship for U19.

With that amazing second-place finish in the championships and a consistent competitive season, Bradley Lamoreaux also earned third place overall in the 2023-2024 IFSA Region 2 Mens' U19 Snowboard Series for the season. The top five athletes from the season are selected to compete in the Freeride Junior World Championships against athletes from across Europe and the Americas. He will be among that select group of athletes who will travel to Austria next season to compete.

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# Soccer

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through the middle, stuff like that," he said. "We did a pretty decent job of that. We were able to kind of run away some points just out of sheer athleticism. But, at the end of the day, really it was just the positivity. The effort was there again from everybody. We got everybody to play a pretty significant amount of time for what we were able to get out of the game. We saw a couple quality finishes, some really good passing here and there — all around just a really positive game."

Gian commented that all Pagosa's players performed well in the game.

Of the starting players, Gian highlighted Currier, who scored three goals in the match; Lauren Monterroso, who scored two goals; and Ximena Garcia, who "took one all the way from the back, just dribbled all the way through and got in and put one away."

Gian stated that, among the players who were substituted into the game "there were some quality looks as well."

He indicated that Davis scored a goal in the second half, departing from her usual position as goalkeeper.

"Probably one of the best-looking goals was a breakaway by Jeidy Moreno Echavarría," Gian said. "She was going one-on-one down the field. She took it across a defender and she ended up finishing. That was the last goal of the game, but I know

she's been probably itching to get up front a little bit and she got herself an opportunity, so that was pretty cool."

The Lady Pirates will play Alamosa next on Friday, April 19, in Alamosa at 4 p.m., followed by a home game at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, against the Durango junior varsity team.

The team will then play Bayfield at home at 4 p.m. on April 26.

The matches against Alamosa and Bayfield will both be league rematches.

Alamosa previously defeated Pagosa 4-0 on April 5, while the Pirates tied Bayfield 1-1 on April 9.

Gian commented that he is excited for the rematches against Alamosa and Bayfield now that the team has more experience and playing time.

"I'm kind of excited just to go back and play them again now that we've worked a little more through the

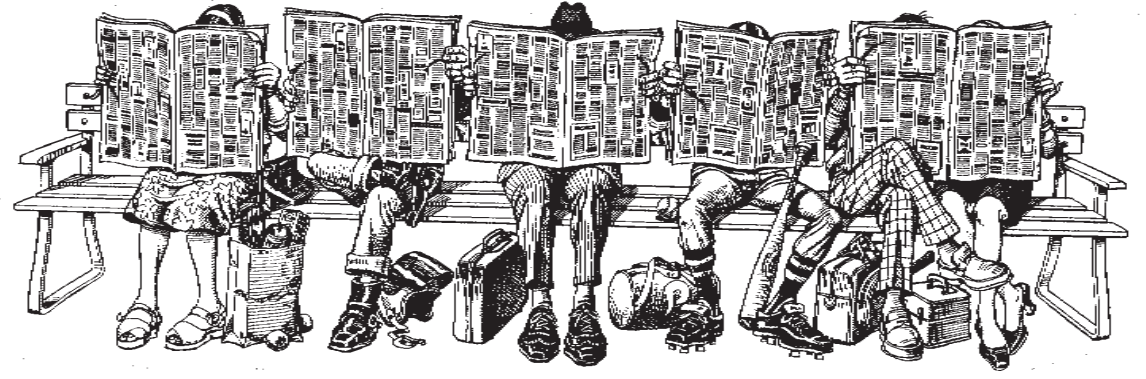
season," Gian said. "We're building on each game, and I'm just really excited to see what we bring to the table there. And definitely by getting a rematch against them we kind of know what we're going up against, where we fit in that and, quite frankly, I think we fit perfectly. It won't be an easy game, as we've seen, but I'm hoping to go into Alamosa and just show that effort we've been showing the last few games. The results may or may not come, but if we show that effort, I give us a good chance there."

He added that the same statement applies to the rematch against Bayfield.

Gian also notes that he expects the game against the Durango Demons to be challenging and for the Demons to bring skilled and athletic players to the match.

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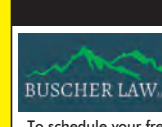

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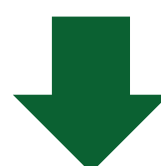
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## A Tribute to The Beatles

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April 18, 2024



# 'A Tribute to The Beatles' fundraising concert set for April 27

By **Bill Hudson**  
Pagosa Peak Open School

Nineteen Pagosa Springs musicians will be combining their talents on Saturday, April 27, to pay tribute to the most popular rock 'n' roll band of the 20th century: The Beatles.

The event — billed as "A Musical Dress-up Dance Party Fundraising Event" — will benefit Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), our community's district-authorized K-8 charter school.

The dance-concert — "A Tribute to The Beatles" — will feature interpretations of the Fab Four's extensive song catalog, arranged by some of Pagosa's finest vocalists and instrumentalists, including Kirsten Andrews, Laurie Brinkmann, Trey Brooks, Jason Dockter, Chris Haas, Steve Hays, Josh Harper, Bill Hudson, Ursala Hudson, James Kiker, Taryn Jones, Andy Matlock, Chris Morley, Greg Millioto, Gus Palma, Marcus Rivas, Em Tholberg, Bill Trimarco and Eric Wade. The musicians have been rehearsing for the past month, working up harmonies and arrangements for 24 classic Beatles hits.

The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts will be hosting a cash bar, and prizes will be given for costumes that best celebrate The Beatles, their music and the global youth culture they influenced. The event will also feature a Beatles-themed photo booth, and you're invited to bring your phone and snap a picture with your friends.

So, pull out your favorite '60s or '70s Beatlemania dance-party outfit and get ready to "Twist and Shout"

with a "Little Help from Your Friends."

This event continues the musical celebrations hosted by PPOS over the past several years, beginning with the highly popular "Blues Box Prohibition Night" jazz night held at the CSU Extension building. In 2022, PPOS hosted the "Golden Age of Hollywood" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and the "Viva Pagosa Springs" casino night last October — two more community-supported fundraising events that have helped fund the innovative educational program at our public K-8 charter school.

Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 for a couple. Purchase tickets in advance at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts website (with a service fee added).

In support of the event, PPOS will be hosting a "Parents' Night Out" children's event from 6 to 10 p.m. on April 27. Parents can drop off kids age 5-12 years for dinner, crafts, science and movies at PPOS. The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child. Contact PPOS at [hello@ppos.co](mailto:hello@ppos.co) or call (970) 317-2151 for information about "Parents Night Out."

Note: Parents can enjoy a \$5 discount per child if you buy a ticket to the "Tribute to the Beatles."

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The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Ron & Susan, 5 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
The Den: Karaoke, 8 p.m.

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Join us on May 11 at Pagosa Springs High School to connect with local food and your community. Plus, enjoy a delicious farm-to-table lunch.

Register today for this fun-filled day to reserve your spot for lunch. To learn more, please visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-food-summit.html>.

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

## Earth Day Celebration

Visit the Healthy Archuleta booth at the Earth Day Celebration. Healthy Archuleta will be at Centennial Park during the Earth Day event on Sunday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please stop by and visit our booth.

Come meet our team members and learn more about the Food Summit and other upcoming summer activities.

There will also be a food-based scavenger hunt for children to participate in. We look forward to celebrating Earth Day with you.

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To learn more about Healthy Archuleta's efforts, please email us at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) or visit our website at <https://www.food-coalition4archuleta.org>.



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# 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.

This is a free event open to the public.

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Photo courtesy Colorado Environmental Film Festival

“Documerica” reviews Terry Eiler’s lifetime of photographic accomplishments. Here are just two of his historic photos. “Documerica” will be shown at 10:05 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. on Saturday at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership’s Environmental Film Festival. Buy your tickets today at [www.pagosagreen.org](http://www.pagosagreen.org) or at the door.

# Pagosa Environmental Film Festival slated for Saturday

By Sally High  
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) is ready for the Pagosa Environmental Film Festival this weekend.

The Tennyson Building Event Center is the location where film enthusiasts will gather Friday evening at 5 p.m. and Saturday all day starting at 10 a.m.

Tickets are on sale at [www.pagosagreen.org](http://www.pagosagreen.org). GGP supporters can buy tickets at the door, but seating is limited. Gather up your friends and get your tickets today.

A premiere gala, Friday from 5 to 10 p.m., will welcome the community to support the GGP with a special night of gourmet food, live music with Steve Blechschmidt, art photography with Pagosa Springs Photography Club and two feature-length films, both 2024 award-winners. Tickets are only \$60 and all proceeds benefit the nonprofit GGP.

The doors open at 9 a.m. for Saturday’s full lineup of films that begin

at 10 a.m. A food truck and a cash bar will keep guests happy with refreshments all day.

Here’s the schedule for Saturday:  
9 a.m.: Wristband sales continue all day at \$10. Premiere Gala wristbanded guests are admitted all day. Empty seats will be filled.

- 10 a.m.: “A Reason for Hope”
- 10:05 a.m.: “Documerica”
- 11:10 a.m.: “Paddle Tribal Waters (Klamath Youth)”
- 11:20 a.m.: “True Survivors”
- 1 p.m.: “Flyways: The Untold Journey of Migratory Shorebirds”
- 2:40 p.m.: “A Reason for Hope”
- 2:45 p.m.: “Native Suns: Sacred Souls (Lakota)”
- 3:05 p.m.: “Dark Sacred Night”
- 3:25 p.m.: “Documerica”
- 4:40 p.m.: “Paddle Tribal Waters (Klamath Youth)”
- 4:50 p.m.: “True Survivors”
- 6 p.m.: “Requiem for a River (New Mexico)”
- 7 p.m.: “Covenant of the Salmon People (Nez Pearce)”

The GGP’s film festival opens the Earth Day celebration here in Pagosa

Springs. The GGP will see you and your friends at the film festival and on the Riverwalk. The GGP is “growing food and community with local energy.”



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Photographer Boyd Norton has authored 18 books about photographing our environment. Norton is just one of the photographers featured in “Documerica.”

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# Habitat for Humanity volunteer spotlight: Maddie Van Duzer

By **Monica Nigon**  
Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Maddie Van Duzer was the crew leader for 12 young adults participating in the AmeriCorps NCCC program who spent 12 weeks on the Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County build sites in the summer of 2023.

When volunteering for disaster recovery and repair in Houston, Texas, Van Duzer learned how to do flooring and painting.

Halfway through volunteering for the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa County in Miami, Okla., Van Duzer was promoted to team leader for the crew at Habitat Archuleta.

"My prior experience with AmeriCorps gave me a better appreciation for the work that Habitat, and other nonprofits similar to Habitat, do," Van Duzer said. "To be completely honest, I was never a handy person, I had never done construction prior to those restoration projects."

Van Duzer said being in the AmeriCorps position gave her insight into the attainable homeownership challenges in Pagosa Springs.

"I feel like a lot of people have a misconception of what Habitat does," she said. "That they just give away homes, and that's not the case."

Van Duzer described that a normal day involved the crew splitting into different projects in the morning and being guided by the construction supervisor or regular volunteers.

Van Duzer noted that most of her team had "little to no experience."

"That's the good thing about AmeriCorps," she said. "After a day or two of teaching and watching from the other volunteers, they kind of took it from there. It was all about patience and learning on the job."

Van Duzer said that on their days off and after work, the crew also volunteered at the food pantry. She added that AmeriCorps requires its crews to do three days of "physical training."

"We'd often play basketball at the [PLPOA] rec center," she said. "We'd go swimming, utilize the gym there. It was such a nice thing to have."

Van Duzer said the team participated in further service learning when it wasn't on the Habitat Archuleta build sites. The team especially enjoyed its time at Chimney Rock National Monument, she noted.

It also spent time perusing the Pagosa Springs downtown, attended the Fourth of July parade and got to take a hot air balloon ride.

"It was a great experience, and I do really appreciate the experience I got through Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County," Van Duzer said. "It was an amazing time ... Seeing the beautiful nature and parks out there opened my world view."

For more information on how to get involved at Habitat Archuleta or join our volunteers on our build sites, call (970) 264-6960 or email [office@habitatarchuleta.org](mailto:office@habitatarchuleta.org). We are also recruiting local businesses and organizations to make "Cameos" on our sites for a consecutive Friday and Saturday. Contact us to learn more.

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# Band-O-Rama Concert set for April 24

By Michelle Chapman

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS) Community Band, the high school jazz band and the middle school band class invite the public to a special Band-O-Rama concert on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Admission is free.

It is vital to the continuation of high-caliber musical performances in Pagosa Springs to encourage musicians of all ages to become comfortable playing in public for our concerts. PSIMS provides the opportunity for them to learn from experienced musicians in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Some students who have participated in Band-O-Rama have continued to embrace music and gone on to pursue college degrees in music as teachers and performers.

Our own Leo Baughman, high school music instructor and Malinda Burnett, middle school music instructor, benefited from Pagosa Springs music programs and are now giving back in a big way.

In 2023, PSIMS awarded two \$1,000 renewable scholarships to local students continuing their education in instrumental music.

Please come out on April 24 and support Pagosa's music students and their families. While admission is free, donations support the mission of PSIMS.

PSIMS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides free concerts four times a year: This Band-O-Rama concert in the spring, July 4 in town, the fall concert and Heralds of Christmas for the winter holidays.

PSIMS contributes financial support to the music community with music lessons, instrument repairs, and scholarships to music students.



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# What's mine is yours

By Betty J. Slade  
PREVIEW Columnist

April 1, 1960, 18 and my Sweet Al, 24, we had no idea what we were doing or saying. Sixty-four years later, we have changed, but some things have remained the same as when we stood before the preacher and said, "I do."

We made the decree back then, "What is mine is yours, and yours is mine." Those words might sound old-fashioned today, but they have come to fruition and are more real than we could ever imagine.

What does "I do" mean today? It surely doesn't mean all that I thought it would back then. We pictured ourselves in love, with wedding pictures to prove it. We could live on love. Our children would of course be perfect. Why wouldn't they be? We would raise them according to Dr. Spock, the only child care book on the market then. Today, most of it would be thrown out the window.

Today, our "I do's" either is saying yes to an elevated 19-inch commode or a 21-inch toilet with a bidet. Oh, how things have changed.

Whiskey has gone to dog heaven. Al still cries over his dog and I'm jumping for joy at having new carpet. I'm standing my ground about having another dog. I've put down my foot, but I'm not sure who's going to win. Even after 64

## Artist's Lane

years, we're still learning how to live the "I do" thing.

I said, "What is mine is yours." I looked all over the place for my eye-glasses. My daughter asked her dad, "Why are you wearing my mother's glasses?"

My words were not dripping with honey and sweetness as when I first spoke those words in 1960. I stood in 3-inch heels with pointed toes, still shorter than my Sweet Al. My shoes matched the latest fashion. Now they have been traded in to match the comfort and shape of my feet. And, I didn't know one day Al and I would be the same height and we would be wearing the same shoe size and he'd be wearing my shoes.

When I asked him, "Al, why do you have my shoes on? You're wearing them in the mud? You have three racks of shoes. I'm down to half a rack. What's that all about?"

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## Eckankar to host booth at Earth Day event and discussion on April 28

By **Laurah Brock Young**

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Would you like to learn more about Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom?

Would you like to attend a fun and holistic educational event?

Eckankar, the sponsor of the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, will be hosting a booth at the Earth Day celebration in Centennial Park and the Riverwalk on Sunday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We would enjoy chatting with you. We will be giving out free "Eck Wisdom" books on topics such as "Past

Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel," and our booth will have a wisdom wheel that you can spin for a playful way to receive spiritual insights.

Our next spiritual discussion at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse is scheduled for April 28 at 1 p.m. and the theme is "Past Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel: Let Go of the Past and Enjoy Today."

We hope to see you on Earth Day. Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs at <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

To learn more about Eckankar visit <https://www.eckankar.org> or <https://eckankar-colorado.org/>.

## Lane

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after all these years. He loves beautiful shoes. Florshein wingtips and brushed leather Pradas, now he's wearing my shoes, leather and fur. "Heavens."

When we heard the lyrics to Dan + Shay's song "From the Ground Up," we knew they penned a song about us and everyone else who has weathered the rolling clouds and the earthshaking tremors. We've experienced hard times and remain standing, holding each other's hands. Al's carrying my purse for me and we're both limping along, and it doesn't matter who's wearing whose shoes.

To paraphrase the lyrics, they go something like this: "Grandma and grandpa painted a picture of 65 years. They lived in one little house, and made memories. It was more than saying I do, they kissed each other goodnight and said I love."

"And they built this love from the ground up for worse or for better. They stood beside each other through the good and the bad. They gave all had and built their love from the ground up."

Yes, on April Fool's Day, my Sweet Al and I started building a home, a relationship from the ground up. With

our different personalities, we endured each other's hard-to-love families, successful moments and failures. At 18 and 24, we thought we knew everything.

We knew nothing. We were painting a picture of what it looks like to live a lifetime together. We've always had a roof over our heads and food on the table for our four children, even if it was beans and tortillas.

We took thousands of pictures on our children's birthdays, graduations, weddings and now their children's events. These are more than memories. They are good times, hard times and walking miles in each other's shoes.

I won't trade those moments for anything, the life we built together. I'll kiss you goodnight and will say I love you still.

Final brushstroke: People gasp when they hear we have lived 64 years together. They wonder how we did it. We still kiss each other goodnight and the last words we hear each other say are, "I love you. See you in the morning." We painted a picture of how it works for us. His pain is mine and mine his. His joys are mine and mine his. I guess we've weathered the storms and lived the "I do's."



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# Group will discuss issues related to death on April 23

By Joan Mieritz  
Special to The PREVIEW

Interested people will be meeting for a second time on Tuesday, April 23, at 1 p.m. in the Ruby Sisson Library meeting room.

There will be an informative guest speaker, Connie Cook, who is an advanced emergency medical technician at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

She said, "I have attended to many sick patients during my career that have resulted in positive outcomes, and I have also had the distinct honor of being there for a patients' last moments of life doing my best to preserve their dignity and support their families and friends during emotional and difficult times."

She will use her incredible background to provide us with information about what can happen when you call an ambulance or paramedic. Then we will be able to ask questions.

Other topics to be discussed:

- **Green burials:** Information will be presented on green burial sites in Mancos and Crestone. We are hoping that the man with the land in Pagosa that could be used for green burials will be present to share his ideas.

- At our first meeting a man who recently lost his wife shared the fulfilling experience of having her body picked up at the hospital, transported, used for medical science and then having her ashes returned in an urn with absolutely no cost to the family. He will bring specific information on April 23 so that more people will be able to use such a program. Information on other possible programs will be presented.

- We are hoping to have dates for one or more medical practitioners to speak to our group on the Colorado End-Of-Life Options Act which passed in 2016.

- Another major topic of concern is the paperwork that needs to be filled out related to end-of-life, such as do not resuscitate, do not transport and advance directives. We are working on finding a future speaker on "the paperwork of dying."

- Additional new topics can be presented. If you have information that may be of value to our group, please come to our next meeting. There is so much potential in this gathering.

Please note that we are not a club or formal group at this time, but independent people who plan on meeting, finding speakers and asking questions until all our questions have been answered. If this interests you, feel welcome to join us.

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Photo courtesy Aspire Medical Services and Education

This year's Walk for Moms fundraiser is slated for May 4, with the event having a moon/space theme. Teams can register now.

## Moon Walk for Moms on May 4 in support of Aspire

By Marcy Mitchell

Aspire Medical Services and Education

May the 4th be with moms.

Whether you are a mom, grandmother or a fan of moms, come out to the Yamaguchi Park and spend the morning with friends and family to celebrate moms in our community.

This year we are doing a moon/space theme due to the May 4 date, so plan your team and dress accordingly. We will have themed trivia, music and activities.

Bring your kiddos as we will have stations with games, a bouncy house and multiple activities for kids to enjoy.

Registration is free, and you receive a bag and some goodies just for signing up.

You also receive prizes for raising money. Prizes include a Stanley cup, fanny pack, T-shirt and bag.

All proceeds go directly to help offset costs and keep our prena-

tal care affordable to everyone in the community, as well as provide evidence-based parenting, baby/toddler classes and prenatal education programs.

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. while you enjoy breakfast on us. The walk will begin at 9 a.m., and then awards for best-dressed team, top team fundraiser and top walker will be announced at 10 a.m.

Teams of seven or fewer can register now at <https://aspirepagosa.org/walk-for-moms-pagosa-springs/>. Then promote your walk pages to family and friends and unite on May 4.

Individuals will be able to pick up their walk prizes and bags during the event.

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# April is National Stress Awareness Month

By Jim Herlihy

Alzheimer's Association of Colorado

The physical, emotional and financial implications of stress are universal, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) cites those as it observes April as National Stress Awareness Month.

The sources of stress are as diverse as the people who undergo it, but one group that experiences stress day after day, occasionally for as long as 20 years, are the caregivers for people living with Alzheimer's disease.

More than 11 million Americans (3.3 percent of the total population), including 177,000 Coloradans, are currently serving as volunteer caregivers for loved ones living with Alzheimer's disease. On average, they donate 31 hours per week to provide unpaid care.

According to the Alzheimer's Association's 2024 facts and figures report:

- 59 percent of Alzheimer's family caregivers rated the emotional stress of caregiving as "high" or "very high."
- Caring for a spouse with dementia is associated with a 30 percent increase in depressive symptoms compared with spousal caregivers of partners without dementia.
- The pressure of stress among Alzheimer's caregivers with a mean age of 64 is associated with a 32 percent

prevalence of suicidal ideation vs. 2.7 percent for adults age 56 and older (exact age comparison not available).

## 10 symptoms of caregiver stress

Recognizing the signs of caregiver stress is the first step to getting help.

The Alzheimer's Association lists 10 symptoms of caregiver stress:

1. Denial about the disease and its effect on the person who has been diagnosed. "I know mom is going to get better."
2. Anger at the person with Alzheimer's or frustration that he or she can't do the things they used to be able to do. "He knows how to get dressed — he's just being stubborn."
3. Social withdrawal from friends and activities that used to make you feel good. "I don't care about visiting with the neighbors anymore."
4. Anxiety about the future and facing another day. "What happens when he needs more care than I can provide?"
5. Depression that breaks your spirit and affects your ability to cope. "I just don't care anymore."
6. Exhaustion that makes it nearly impossible to complete necessary daily tasks. "I'm too tired for this."
7. Sleeplessness caused by a never-ending list of concerns. "What if she wanders out of the house or falls and

hurts herself?"

8. Irritability that leads to moodiness and triggers negative responses and actions. "Leave me alone!"

9. Lack of concentration that makes it difficult to perform familiar tasks. "I was so busy, I forgot my appointment."

10. Health problems that begin to take a mental and physical toll. "I can't remember the last time I felt good."

Caregivers who experience any of these signs of stress on a regular basis should make time to talk to their doctor.

In addition, the Alzheimer's Association offers a number of resources through its website ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) specifically for those providing care for loved ones with the disease:

- The Association's Community Resource Finder for assistance in finding Alzheimer's care resources in your community. Whether you're living with memory loss or caring for someone who is, ALZNavigator™, an online interactive tool, will guide you to your next steps.
- ALZConnected online community and local support groups are all good sources for finding comfort and reassurance.
- The Association also has trained professionals who staff its free 24/7 Helpline, (800) 272-3900, to help direct caregivers to resources in their community.

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# Creation Care Pagosa to hear from scientist Dr. Terry L. Root

By Sarah L. Riehm  
Creation Care Pagosa

Creation Care Pagosa is honored to bring eminent scientist Dr. Terry L. Root to our community to speak on the 2024 Earth Day theme: "Planet vs. Plastics."

She will speak on Thursday, April 25, at 6 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC), located at 434 Lewis St.

For those of you who attended her previous talk at the Weminuche Audubon Society, you know she is a fun, energetic and engaging speaker.

Admission is free; donations are welcome to further environmental education here in Pagosa Springs.

"I'm hoping that the people of Archuleta County will come and learn how to help tackle this problem," said Creation Care co-founder Sarah Riehm. "I recently learned that the biggest source of microplastics in lakes and oceans comes from our laundry."

Synthetic textiles, such as polyester and especially fleece-type fabric, slough off microfibers during the wash cycle, and end up in our lakes, rivers and, eventually, in our oceans.

A recent study shows that microplastics ingested by aquatic fish lodges in their flesh and leads to damage of their digestive organs and a reduction in growth and reproductive output. These threats increase the risk to marine life and the health of humans who rely on seafood as a food source (from *Advances and Challenges in Microplastics*, January 2023).

Root is professor emerita at Stanford University. She was a lead author of the "Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change 4th Assessment Report" that in 2007 was co-awarded the Nobel Peace Prize with Vice President Al Gore. Also, she was a lead author for the "3rd Assessment Report" (2001) and a review editor for the "5th Assessment Report" (2014).

In addition to other honors, Root was awarded the Spirit of Defenders Award for Science by Defenders of Wildlife in 2010, and Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016 for the conservation organization Point Blue. She served on the National Audubon Board of Directors from 2010 to 2019, currently serves on the board of Defenders of Wildlife, Birds Caribbean and is on numerous science advisory boards, including the



Dr. Terry L. Root

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Creation Care Pagosa is a faith-based environmental stewardship organization open to everyone in the community. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (except for March) at CUMC.

If you have questions or would like to join our mailing list, please contact Sarah.Riehm@gmail.com.

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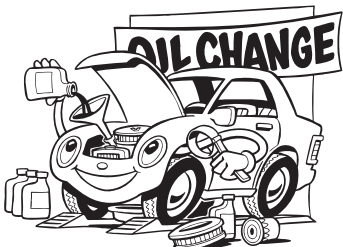
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# Preview Calendar

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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., intermedi-

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

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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](http://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

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# PAGOSA SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL



Photo courtesy Americana Project

The Americana Project at Pagosa Springs High School will be hosting the dynamic husband/wife duo Ariella for its guest artist concert on May 1. Students from the class will open the show.

## Americana Project concert to feature students, Ariella

By Bob Hemenger  
Pagosa Springs High School

The Americana Project at Pagosa Springs High School will be hosting the dynamic husband/wife duo Ariella for its guest artist concert on May 1.

The show will be held in the high school auditorium starting at 7 p.m., with students from the Americana Project class opening.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students/seniors and free for 12 and under. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are only available at the door.

The Americana Project class began in 2008. A need was established to reach those students who had a love for music but may not necessarily be involved in band or choir. Grants were written and a team of

educators and administrators, as well as community members, was established.

Money from the grant was used to hire Brad Tisdell from Sisters, Ore., to spend two days mentoring the team on how he originally created and established the program at Sisters High School. Of particular interest was how to engage the community in support.

This was at a time when school districts all over the country were cutting the arts programs due to economic recession. Our school board bravely stated that the arts would not be cut and gave the go ahead to add the Americana Project class. Fundraisers were organized by community member Christine Funk to purchase equipment as well as bringing in professional musicians

to work with the students.

Guest artists have included Victor Wooten, Pete Kartsounes, KJ Denhart, Sway Wild, Anna Tivel and Jeffrey Martin, Bo DePena, Joe Craven, Joseph Wooten, Thom Chacon, Caleb Hawley, Jaden Carlson Trio, Elder Grown, Good Time Travelers, Beth Wood, Songs of the Fall, Nathaniel Talbot, Vicki Genfan and Gary Morris.

The Americana Project is an elective class that uses music, performance and creativity to foster self-expression and self-confidence. There is an incredible amount of talent in Pagosa Springs and this class is another opportunity for students to discover and express that.

Please show your support by coming out for an evening of wonderful music May 1.

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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 Piecemakers Quilt Guild.**

10 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. The meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. It will be followed by a class presented by Susan Smith. Those not participating in the class are invited to enjoy social time and snacks. Please park in the rear.

**Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Environmental Film Festival.**

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

**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.

**Monday, April 22**

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

**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.

**Archuleta Democratic Club.** 11:30 a.m., Coyote Moon. Vanessa Skean and Deborah Smith will speak about Healthy Archuleta.

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

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

**Shakespeare Read Aloud Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join in reading aloud "Twelfth Night" together. For more information, call Jenny at (240) 426-7887.

**Tween/Teen Art Camp.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration 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.

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

**Tuesday, April 23**

**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Conference.**

10 a.m., Community Center. For complete conference agenda, visit <https://bit.ly/TourismConferenceAgenda>. To register,

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“A Tribute to The Beatles” — a musical dress-up dance party — on April 27 will benefit Pagosa Peak Open School. Tickets are available at [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org).

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complete the form at <https://bit.ly/TourismConferenceRegistration>.

**Pagosa Springs Stitches.** 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 the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

**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.

**Dignifying Death Discussion Group.** 1 p.m., Sisson Library, meeting room.

**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 Girls' Soccer.** 4 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Bayfield.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required because space is limited. Contact [Josie@pagosalibrary.org](mailto: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 students from 5-6 p.m. and advanced students from 6-7 p.m.

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### Wednesday, April 24

**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](http://pagosapickleball.org) under the “Play” tab.

**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Conference.** 9 a.m., Community Center. For complete conference agenda, visit <https://bit.ly/TourismConferenceAgenda>. To register, complete the form at <https://bit.ly/TourismConferenceRegistration>.

**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.

**Denim Day Walk.** Noon, bell tower. Part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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

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

Center.

**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.

**Band-O-Rama.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society Community Band, high school jazz band and middle school band class will perform.

### Thursday, April 25

**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.

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

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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 Baird's sandpiper.

Shorebird migration is underway in our area, and it's time to get out and find these amazing birds when they stop to fuel up on their long journeys to northern breeding grounds. Included among shorebirds is the family of birds known as sandpipers, a large and diverse group of species ranging in size from tiny to large.

Measuring between 5.5 and 7 inches, the Baird's is one of the sandpipers lumped together as "peeps." These are the species that are the smallest and often maddeningly difficult to identify. The tips of a Baird's very long wings extend past the tail, its back is mottled brown and black, and its chest is streaky brown. Usually Baird's display a horizontal posture and a gently drooping black bill.

Rather than its appearance, what makes this bird truly remarkable is where it's going and where it's been. The annual migration journeys of this small bird are among the longest and most rapid of all bird species. Many complete the 9,300-mile trip from the tip of South America to breeding grounds in the arctic in five weeks. In both spring and fall migrations, these sandpipers pass quickly through the center of North America.

Males arrive first on the breeding grounds when much of the arctic tundra is still covered in snow. Soon after their arrival where summer is short, females lay a clutch of eggs in drier habitats than the wet tundra favored by many shorebirds. Both adults assist in nest building, incubation and tending to young, but the female may depart even before the young fledge, leaving the male to finish rearing their young.

These sandpipers spend the winters in South America, often at high elevations in rather desolate cold and windy areas. Their preference for drier habitats than the wetlands where we are used to seeing shorebirds have earned them the nickname "grasspipers."

It is difficult to imagine a more incredible feat than the one that long-distance migratory birds accomplish twice yearly between summer and winter homes.

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

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**Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Amy Nitchman from the Archuleta County Public Health Department will discuss air quality in Colorado.

**Creation Care Pagosa.** 6 p.m., Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Scientist Dr. Terry L. Root will speak on

the 2024 Earth Day theme: "Planet vs. Plastics."

**Friday, April 26**

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

**Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Volunteer Training.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, visit [www.chimneyrockco.com](http://www.chimneyrockco.com).

**Ready, Set, Learn.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. A centered approach designed to build preschool skills.

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- *Apples* contain **quercetin**, which may help with inflammation.

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Next week we will explore these phytonutrients by their colors.

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**Children's Book Art.** 2-3:30 p.m. Recreate the cover of your favorite children's book on rocks, plates or a unique surface and enter it in the contest.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Soccer.** 4 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Ignacio.

**Great Stories Club.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Participants will hear from author Luis J. Rodriguez and create art based on the book "Always Running." Everyone will come away with a free book. Pizza will be provided. Registration is required.

## Saturday, April 27

**Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Volunteer Training.** 9 a.m.-noon, Chimney Rock National Monument. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, visit [www.chimneyrockco.com](http://www.chimneyrockco.com).

**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](mailto: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.

**Prescription Drug Takeback Event.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive. For more information, visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).

**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](mailto:loremedina0817@gmail.com) or the church at [admin@centerpointpagosa.com](mailto:admin@centerpointpagosa.com). You can also register online at [www.divorccare.org](http://www.divorccare.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.

**A Tribute to The Beatles.** 6-10 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A musical dress-up dance party fundraising event for Pagosa Peak Open School. Tickets are available at [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org).

## Sunday, April 28

**Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs.** 1 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse. The theme is "Past Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel:

Let Go of the Past and Enjoy Today." For more information, visit [www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/](http://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/).

## Monday, April 29

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

**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.

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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Leading man?
- 5 Top dog
- 10 Colorless
- 14 Etna output
- 15 Defiant response
- 16 Mark's successor
- 17 Age, in Acapulco
- 18 Dead reckoning?
- 20 Cedar or cypress
- 22 Fairly long time
- 23 Pre-1917 ruler
- 24 Steaming
- 26 Try to work it out
- 29 Structural support
- 33 Get-up-and-go
- 34 Seafood choice
- 35 "Twin Peaks" co-creator David
- 36 Word said with a salute
- 37 Keep hidden
- 39 Rage
- 40 Warming drink
- 42 Scouting outing
- 43 Tried to get home, maybe
- 44 War horse
- 45 Ben & Jerry's offerings
- 47 Alpaca's habitat
- 49 Airy melody
- 50 Star of "The Blacklist"
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- 3 Like innovative art
- 4 Noted NYC avenue
- 5 "The Vampire Lestat" author
- 6 Sly glance
- 7 Pipe material
- 8 That girl
- 9 Mealtime lure
- 10 Clerical residence
- 11 Litter's smallest
- 12 St. Louis landmark
- 13 80's flick, "The Lost \_\_\_"
- 19 Splotch or blotch
- 21 \_\_\_ Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
- 24 Slanted type
- 25 Chastise

- 26 Hatchlings' homes
- 27 Poet T. S. \_\_\_
- 28 Riverdale High redhead
- 30 Kind of decision
- 31 Theater curtain fabric
- 32 Outbuildings
- 37 Site of a famous opera house
- 38 Announced
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- 46 Tide type
- 48 Slip cover?
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# Lifelong Learning Lectures to begin today

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

The free spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series takes place Thursday evenings starting today, 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 is "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 is "North American Monsoon Outlook for Pagosa Springs," a

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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.

### Farewell event for Meg

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.

Wempe is leaving the library to become an RN specializing in elderly care and hospice at a local facility. She sees similarities between being a librarian and being a nurse because both involve helping people.

She leaves an impressive legacy from her 11 years at our Sisson Library. Wempe was hired as adult services librarian in 2013 and promoted to director in 2016. She launched our adult book club and DIY series, broadened our computer offerings, brought our community's ESL pro-

grams into the library and worked to create a foundation to fundraise for the library's impressive expansion plans.

"It has been a joy to work with our skilled staff, supportive board and involved patrons," she said. "Pagosa is a very special place."

A huge fan of our community, Wempe said another plus about her new job is that it means she and husband Mark don't have to move for her to achieve her nursing dream. Both are avid outdoors people, with a special love of powder skiing at Wolf Creek. She also is pleased to be able to remain a member of Pagosa's Rotary Club.

### Save the date for special teen event

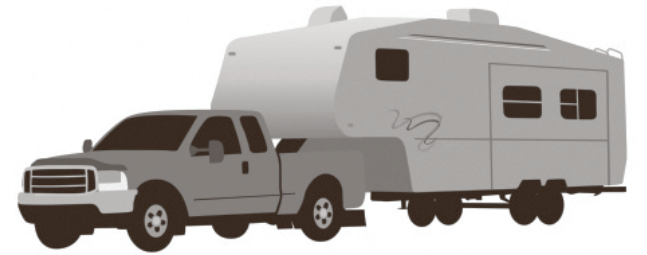
Teens are invited to a free Great Stories Club event Friday, April 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., when we'll hear from author Luis Rodriguez and create art based on his book "Always Running." Pizza will be provided and everyone will receive a free book.

### Save the date for children's special event

Children are invited to join us Tuesday, April 30, from 3-5 p.m. to celebrate Children's Book Day/El Dia de los Ninos with a free bilingual

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storytime, face art, crafts and a fun contest.

## Special Writers Guild event today

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.

Today, April 18, is a special longer event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with blind reviews of submissions for the Writers Guild anthology collection that will be donated to the library.

For more information, please contact Judy at the library at (970) 264-2209.

## 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.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Today, Thursday, April 18, and next Tuesday, April 23, 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.

## AARP senior program tomorrow

Seniors aged 60 and above are invited to a free live online Senior Planet AARP program on the first and third Fridays of the month, including April 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Judy will connect the group via the video conferencing platform Zoom so that you can join other seniors across the country in discussing aging issues such as loneliness, isolation, making new friends and learning in new hobbies.

She also will show you how to use Zoom free from your home to participate in topics like finance, wellness, fitness, computers and technology on other times and dates if you are interested.

## Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, April 19, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Muppet or Maple, therapy dogs who love stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

## LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO Club on Saturday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

## Shakespeare read-aloud

Shakespeare fans of all ages are invited to join in reading aloud "Twelfth Night" on Mondays, April 22 and 29, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Call Jenny at (240) 426-7887 for more information.

## Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you're aged 6-11 and love Poke-

mon, this free club is for you. Bring your cards on Saturday, April 20, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

## 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 22 and 29, from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration is required.

## 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.

No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but please bring your device's charger and passwords with you.

## Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## 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.

## Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

## Nonfiction

"Ghost Town Living" by Brent Underwood tells of the author's move to an abandoned town high above Death Valley where he learned a wealth of new self-sufficiency and problem-solving skills to survive. "Indulge" by Food Network's Valerie Bertinelli is a new cookbook with recipes the author cooks for friends and family and essays about how to savor moments big and small.

## Large print

"Bad Hombres" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Slash and Pecos western. "The Cow Hunter's Lament and Other Stories" by Larry D. Sweazy is a collection of 11 western short stories. "Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon" by Michael Lewis is a biography of cryptocurrency's Sam Bankman-Fried, who was convicted of fraud. "The Guest" by B.A. Paris begins when a close friend moves uninvited into a couple's home. "Anita de Monte Laughs Last" by Xochitl Gonzalez follows an art history student affected by the life of a forgotten artist.

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# ASI taking part in celebrating Earth Day

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

Spring is in the air here in Archuleta County. It's a time to appreciate and renew our dedication to protecting this beautiful planet we call home.

Since 1970, we have set aside April 22 as Earth Day to celebrate and learn about ways we can honor and preserve Earth's gifts and natural resources for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

Pagosa's own Southwest Organization for Sustainability is hosting an Earth Day Celebration this Sunday, April 21, in Centennial Park at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information can be found at <https://sospagosa.org>.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is excited to be a part of this educational and fun experience for people of all ages.

Stop by our booth to enter our prize drawing. Learn about how we grow fresh local produce and feature

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it in our seasonal menu and meal program for older adults. Complete our strategic planning survey and learn about our programs and services available to our 60 and better community.

Here are some other easy ways to get involved in the Spirit of Earth Day:

- Organize a cleanup: Join the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County on May 3 for a free dump day at multiple locations around town and at the annual community-wide clean-up event followed by a BBQ, ice cream contest and free concert in Yamaguchi Park on May 4. Details can be found at <https://archuletacounty.org/728/Big-Spring-Clean>.

- Tend or start a community gar-

den: The PLPOA Garden Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on May 2 at 230 Port Ave. at the garden by the gazebo.

- Reduce, reuse, recycle: Reducing, reusing and recycling are important aspects of conservation.
- Enjoy nature: What better way is there to celebrate Earth Day than

by enjoying and appreciating what nature has to offer?

Earth Day is about coming together to spread awareness and inspiration, and to make small changes that will make a larger impact over time.

Contact ASI for more information on any of the above-listed events or

activities at (970) 264-2167.

### Survey and focus group

Community members are encouraged by ASI to provide feedback on the needs of local older adult residents and to comment on how well

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**Mysteries, thrillers and suspense**

"The Truth about the Devlins" by Lisa Scottoline is a murder mystery about a family of lawyers. "To Slip the Bonds of Earth" by Amanda Flower features the Wright brothers' sister solving a mystery that might imprison her famous siblings.

### Books on CD

"What Happened to Nina?" by Dervla McTiernan tells of two families at odds after a woman disappears. "The Princess of Las Vegas" by Chris Bohjalian is a thriller about a woman inspired by Princess Diana. "The Wild Side" by Fern Michaels features an undercover woman investigator. "City in Ruins" by Don Winslow is book three of the Danny Ryan thriller series.

### Other novels

"Never Too Late" by Danielle Steel features a widow starting a new life in New York. "Upcountry" by Chin-Sun Lee begins when a couple relocates from New York City to the Catskills. "Blackouts" about two gay men exchanging life stories won the 2023 National Book Award for author Justin Torres. "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya is a coming-of-age story set in New Mexico during World War II. "Wandering Stars" by Tommy Orange tells of a survivor of the Sand Creek Massacre forced to learn English and practice Christianity in Colorado in 1864. "Turtle House" by Amanda Churchill is a story of intergenerational friendship that moves between Japan and a small

Texas town.

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### Quotable quote

Response to the author's question about whether lack of privacy is the worst thing about a small town: "And also the best," replied one woman. "I love going to the post office in the morning and knowing everybody. The only time we honk a horn is to wave at a friend." — William Least Heat-Moon in his book, "PrairieErth." He is an American travel writer and professor of history of English, Irish and Osage ancestry.

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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."

A focus group discussion (sign-up requested) will be held on 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](http://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](mailto:rosa@psseniors.org).

## 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](mailto: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.

## T'ai Chi Chih

The Senior Center will be offering T'ai Chi Chih with accredited instructor Patti Popovich each Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the dining hall to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (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.

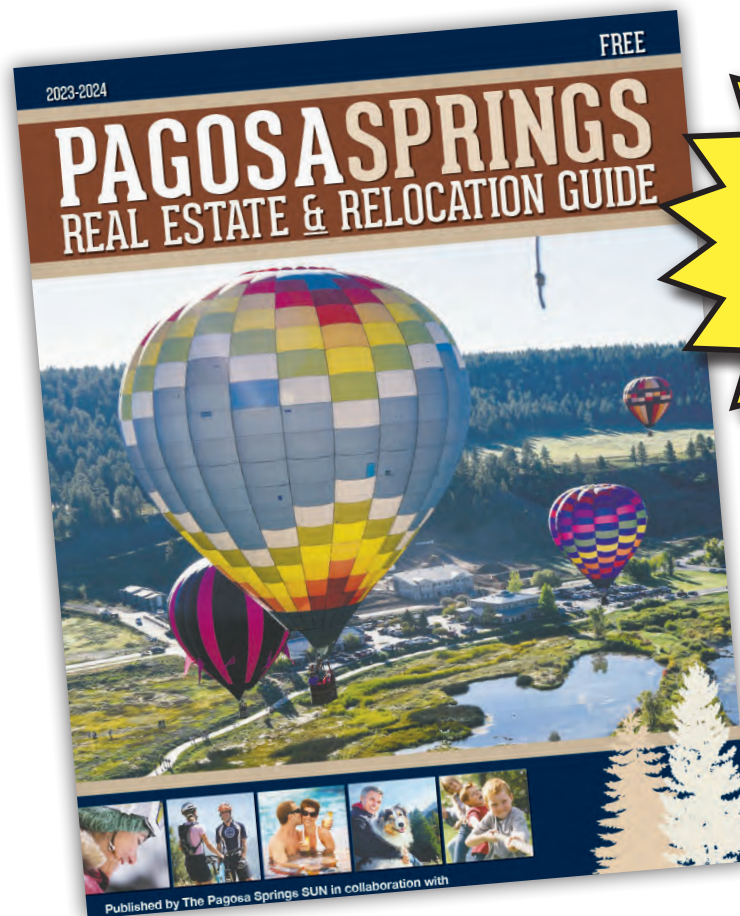
It meets each month from 10 a.m.

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

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## Distribution

15,000 copies of the Relocation Guide will be printed for distribution by area businesses, on newsstands and in one edition of The Pagosa Springs SUN. Distribution will begin mid June.

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each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to [copenhavercreative@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Our chef works with a team of local food professionals to hand-prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

## Community Cafe menu

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.

Monday, April 22 — Pork posole, tortilla, garden salad, fruit, flan and milk.

Tuesday, April 23 — Mahi-mahi with mango salsa, quinoa rice pilaf, garden salad, fruit, cream puffs and milk.

Wednesday, April 24 — Sweet potato and black bean tacos with avocado, sour cream, cilantro rice, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, April 25 — Meatloaf and mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, garden salad, fruit, cookies and milk.

Friday, April 26 - Chicken piccata, broccoli, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit, vanilla-honey yogurt 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 pickup 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.

## Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

## Mobile food pantry service discontinued

The Mobile Food Pantry Service has been discontinued due to funding shortages. Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

## Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

## COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick up a pack of six free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

## Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

## Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 2.

## Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-

learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

## Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

## Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

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# In Wyoming, tormenting a wolf is not a big deal

By Wendy Keefover  
PREVIEW Columnist

It's legal in Wyoming to chase coyotes and run over them with snowmobiles, but, recently, a man used his snowmobile to run down a wolf until it was disabled. Then he taped the wolf's mouth shut and paraded the animal around a local bar, taking photos to commemorate the event. Finally, he killed the wolf.

According to news reports, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department fined the man \$250. His only crime: possession of a live wild animal. The more we learn, the worse this disturbing story gets. Most recently, one news outlet released video footage from the state game department showing the muzzled wolf splayed out on the bar floor.

The single upside to this incident is that it has brought scrutiny to the state of Wyoming's bureaucratic indifference to wolves and other wildlife.

We now know that the responsible management agency can't effectively punish one of the worst acts of cruelty ever exposed in the state. But is that any wonder when we consider that the state funds ineffectual predator-control programs that kill wolves and other wild animals indiscriminately?

This failure stands out starkly when compared to neighboring Colorado, now hosting reintroduced wolves. Although Colorado Parks and Wildlife reported recent wildlife-rancher conflicts, two state agencies, which held many meetings with the public before wolves came back to the state, are already working with those ranchers to prevent and mitigate losses and to provide generous compensation funds.

The new Born to be Wild specialty license plate has already generated more than \$60,000 toward Colorado wildlife department's nonlethal-conflict prevention fund for wolves. If a wolf, bear or mountain lion causes a livestock loss, the producer is eligible for compensation, as in a case in early April, where wildlife staffers reported that wolves had killed two calves.

Most states have limits on "manner of take," defined as what methods are permitted to kill wildlife. But in what

## Opinion: Writers on the Range

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Wyoming calls its "predator zone" that's a whopping 85 percent of the state where wolves, coyotes, red foxes, raccoons, porcupines, jack rabbits and stray cats can be killed using any method.

Methods include hounding, baiting, neck snares, leg-hold traps, shooting wildlife from aircraft and M-44 "cyanide bombs," courtesy of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services.

This is all usually undertaken to protect sheep and cattle and grow mule-deer herds for hunters. But conservation biologists find otherwise.

We know that livestock losses attributable to wolves and other native carnivores are rare. Using government data, the Humane Society of the United States found that losses to cattle and sheep caused by wolves, cougars and grizzly bears amounted to less than 1 percent of those domestic animal inventories in every state containing those wildlife species.

Recent reports have indicated that the Sublette County Sheriff's office has opened an investigation into the killing of the wolf, and we hope officials will move forward with new charges.

Meanwhile, "wildlife advocates in Wyoming, energized by the wolf torture allegations, plan to push for policy reform," reports the news outlet Wyofile.

In Wyoming now, it is legal and routine to pursue coyotes by running them down with snowmobiles. The "sport" even has a name: "Chasin' fur."

The plight of wolves in Wyoming, along with those in neighboring states Montana and Idaho where similar practices are allowed, highlights the need for increased protections for these animals. On April 8, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was sued by several wildlife organizations to restore protections for wolves in the Northern Rockies.

In the meantime, a case as shocking as this must never recur. At the least, Wyoming lawmakers need to eliminate its predator zone and strengthen animal cruelty laws. In Colorado, wild animal or not, such an incident would be classified as "aggravated cruelty to animals."

That is the decent thing to do for animals, and when we take into account the links between cruelty to animals and interpersonal violence, we should see it as essential for a civil society as well.

*Wendy Keefover is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring conversation about Western issues. She works for the Humane Society of the United States as senior strategist for native carnivore protection. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.*

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<http://www.psseniors.org/>.

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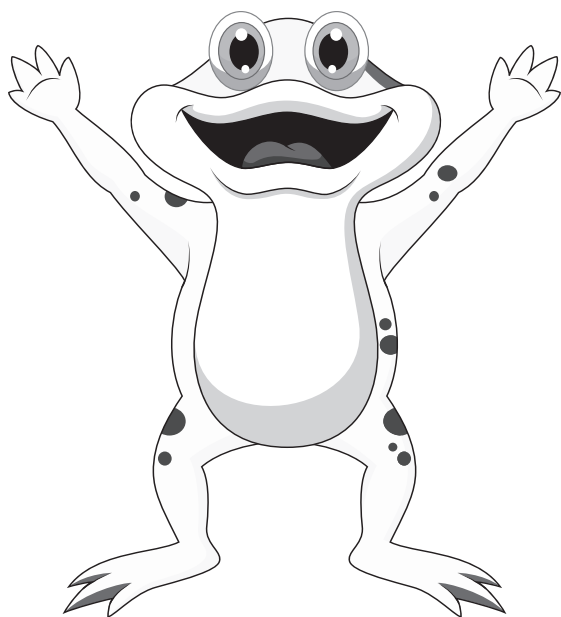
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Answers: Jump, Frog, Lakes, Tadpole; Frog catches a fly.

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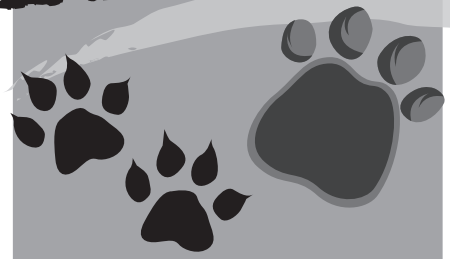
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**SPANISH:** Rana

**ITALIAN:** Rana

**FRENCH:** Grenouille

**GERMAN:** Frosch

## Did you know?

A FROG COMPLETELY SHEDS ITS SKIN ABOUT ONCE A WEEK. AFTER IT SHEDS THE DEAD SKIN, IT USUALLY EATS IT.



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ANSWER: FROG



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