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The 2024 Spanish Fiesta royalty poses after being named at an April 13 event. Thirteen local youth competed for the honors. Pictured in back, left to right, are Lillyan Vega, princess; Tesla Morris, queen attendant; and Dazia Villarreal, queen. In front, left to right, are Anissa Chavez, junior princess attendant; Cambria Herrera, junior princess; Ana Romero Gallegos, princess attendant; and Anthony Rodriguez, junior prince. The royalty will represent Spanish Fiesta — set for July 27 — and will help the community throughout the year by performing acts of service.

PAWSD finds no violations of Running Iron Ranch lease

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

In an April 24 interview with The SUN, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey explained that an inquiry into the compliance of the Weber family with its lease on Running Iron Ranch resulted in the district finding no violations of the lease.

In its April 18 issue, The SUN published an article reporting on sales of road gravel and shot rock to Archuleta

County by Weber Sand and Gravel disclosed in the county accounts payable and the potential that these sales represented violations of the lease for Running Iron Ranch that the Weber family holds with PAWSD and the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD).

The 2023 lease for the property states, among other things, that gravel mined at the property may only be sold to PAWSD or A&M Construction and Excavation, a construction company owned by the Weber family. ■ See Violations A13

Village at Wolf Creek granted road access in new ruling

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 19, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit ruled that the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is required to provide access to a 300-acre parcel on Wolf Creek Pass that is owned by Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV) — the site of the proposed Village at Wolf Creek.

The case involves a 2019 record of decision (ROD) by the U.S. Forest Service granting LMJV a right of way of approximately 3.7 acres of national forest land in the Rio Grande National Forest for a year-round road, along with a 530-foot extension of Tranquility Road to allow for emergency access to the 300-acre parcel.

That decision was then challenged. ■ See Village A13

Board of Health considers response to commissioner requests concerning immigrants

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its April 18 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of Health (BoH) considered its response to a resolution passed by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) declaring the county a non-sanctuary county.

The resolution was covered in the April 18 issue of The SUN and states, among other action items, “Archuleta County calls on the 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.”

It also states that the county will not open shelters or provide services, other than emergency services, “to uninvited migrants and/or illegal immigrants that may arrive in unincorporated Archuleta County,” in addition to continuing to prioritize the needs of local citizens.

Prior to discussing the issue, the BoH heard public comment from Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) Public Health Educator Amy Nitchman, who noted that she was expressing her personal opinions and not speaking in her capacity as an ACPHD staff member or representing the department’s views. She commented that declaring a

group of displaced people to be “illegal” would not address the global problem of mass immigration caused by climate change, natural disasters and violent conflict.

She stated the county would benefit from working to identify locations with more adequate support for displaced populations and assisting them to relocate.

Nitchman commented that declaring the county as a non-sanctuary county is an “insufficient” response and noted that investing county resources in trying to arrest or deport illegal immigrants would be a “poor choice” for using limited county resources and would exacerbate already-existing racial and economic disparities.

“The county should focus on serving the needs of all humans within our county borders who are struggling with the social and economic determinants of health regardless of their country of origin,” she said.

She added that data indicates that sanctuary cities have lower crime rates, lower poverty rates and higher household incomes than those with non-sanctuary policies.

She then asked how the county intends to enforce the resolution and if public health staff would be expected to report undocumented or illegal immigrants. ■ See Health A9



Earth Day

SUN photos/Josh Pike

Community members enjoy a Sunday on the Riverwalk at the Earth Day celebration organized by the Southwest Organization for Sustainability on April 21. The event included booths representing a wide variety of community organizations and companies, educational talks and live music, among other attractions.

Town council authorizes land purchase

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting held on Thursday, April 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1004, which authorizes the acquisition of the 11.85 acre property located at 229 U.S. 84 #A.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff briefed the council on the ordinance and explained that council approved the first reading on April 2 with a 4-2 vote.

Dickhoff explained that, at the last meeting, there was discussion of another property along U.S. 160 that could potentially be used for parking.

“I really do not believe there’s really enough to make that work ... I think the terrain there is just unsuitable for trying to figure out a legitimate and workable, safe parking area, so I just

want to bring that to your attention,” Dickhoff stated, adding, “I certainly think the main property is available for parking ... certainly during the main street reconstruction project.”

He added that the property could also be used for parking for events such as the county fair.

Council member Matt DeGuisse questioned if it would be possible for pedestrian access to be constructed on the lot to connect with downtown.

“I think there is a way that we could probably get a rustic path down that hillside, down that drainage mainly,” Dickhoff stated.

Before voting on the matter, the council held discussion in which council member Brooks Lindner spoke in favor of purchasing the property.

“I see the purchase of this property as benefiting our locals, and that’s why I’m in favor of it for a variety of reasons,

and also its not halting or delaying any of our capital improvement projects that we have going ... So, I just wanted to make that clear as we move forward with this,” he stated.

Mayor Shari Pierce also voiced her stance on the matter, saying, “I know I’m outnumbered, but I’m just going to say this again, I have been the one who has spoken against this purchase along with council member [Leonard] Martinez.”

Pierce went on to point out the town’s current financial situation and upcoming projects that the town will need to allocate funds for.

She noted that the current balance in the capital fund capital reserve account is \$2,486,060 and of that balance, an estimated \$231,000 is to be spent on upgrades at the Harman Hill and Piedra intersection with U.S. 160. Then another \$2.1 million of that has been

allocated for the main street project, she explained.

“That is not going to happen this year, but it will happen next year,” she said, indicating that costs might increase as well.

“We heard the other night that the cost on the bids was 35 percent higher, so I’m thinking this might go 35 percent higher, at least,” she said.

However, without factoring in those potential cost increases, that would leave a balance in the capital fund capital reserve account of \$155,008, “and that’s right in our budget,” Pierce added.

She explained that the money being used to purchase the Goodman property would come from the town’s general fund capital reserve account, which has a current balance of \$3,562,265.

Pierce noted that the town has allocated. ■ See Purchase A8

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OUR VIEW

Spring cleaning

Spring — with all its sun, wind, rain, snow and more — is in the air.

We've been soaking in the sun while taking in Pirate sporting events, tending to our yard and garden, and getting out and about for a little fun. We've also been getting things ready for the inevitable drop in temperatures and (hopefully) moisture.

As we've been out and about, especially on the heels of Earth Day this week, we've also been noticing we have some sprucing up to do now that everything is greening up, which is no surprise.

Spring is also the season our community works hard to clean things up, and this year is no different.

We think our community's youngest citizens are fantastic examples of this.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School students recently took to the downtown area and the grounds around the school to pick up trash in honor of Earth Day while getting a little exercise. It's an annual tradition at the school and one we've had the pleasure of taking part in previously.

We think it's pretty awesome that the kids and staff work to clean up not only their school grounds, but also along sidewalks and at local parks.

The youngsters at the local charter school are also great examples when it comes to cleaning up.

Several years ago, Pagosa Peak Open School students studied ways to increase the amount of trash thrown away instead of thrown on the ground. The results of their study were presented to the Town of Pagosa Springs, and we now have fun character trash cans along the path near the charter school.

We appreciate the schools setting the tone for caring for the place we call home and showing that simple things can make a big difference in helping to keep our community looking nice.

There will be an opportunity to follow their example on May 3 and 4 with the annual Big Spring Clean hosted by the town and the county.

Both of those days will be free dump days for the community, with free disposal locations open at the town shop, the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse and Aspen Springs Ute Park from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. set up to accept general debris.

Note that no household trash, tires, vehicles, batteries of any kind, mattresses

or hazardous materials will be accepted.

Locations accepting specialty items will be the Archuleta County Transfer Station (electronics recycling will be available for a \$5 fee and appliances will be accepted) and the Archuleta County Landfill (clean-up debris and furniture).

A flyer for the event notes, "Roll-off dumpsters are for outside cleanup from roads, rivers, trails & exterior home clean-up. Freon must already be removed from appliances, and commercial construction debris will incur costs. Hazardous waste will not be accepted. Please bring proof of residency (ID or utility bills are acceptable).

On Saturday, May 4, volunteers can help with community cleanup projects from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Then, at 11:30 a.m., it'll be time to celebrate with a barbecue at Yamaguchi Park, the annual homemade ice cream contest in honor of Larry Fisher and live music.

Anyone looking for more information should call the Visitor Center at (970) 585-1200.

We encourage everyone to help clean up in any way they can to help preserve the beauty of this place we call home.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
April 25, 1924

Commencing last evening, this section has been visited by rain, sleet, snow, hail and wind up to the present writing — otherwise the weather is perfect.

The school board this week made the following sales of property, now located on the new school site: The McGee residence to J.W. McGee, who will move the building to another location not yet determined; the Mack and Sparks barns to N.L. Hayden, who is dismantling the latter and will move the former to his property near the depot.

Seven students, three boys and four girls, will graduate this year from the Pagosa Springs high school. They are Gertrude F. Houser, A. Mae Brakefield, Mary S. Spickard, Helen L. Bryant, J. Taylor Kyle, G. Ernest Ford and Earl H. Mullins.

The baseball season will officially open in Pagosa Springs next Sunday afternoon when the town team will cross bats with the high school. There should be a good attendance of supporters of the two teams.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
April 22, 1949

Russell Williams has completed the decoration of the newly rebuilt Harras Chevrolet quarters and Mr. Harras and his crew are busy moving back in this week after the fire damaged the building some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schoonover are the parents of a son, Billy Ray, born April 14th in a Del Norte hospital. He weighed seven pounds and one ounce. His grandparents are Mrs. Gladys Potter and Mrs. May McCully of Richmond, Calif. Mrs. McCully is visiting the Schoonovers and caring for their little daughter, Susan.

The Hi-Way Cafe, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tishner which has been closed since the first of the year, re-opened last week. The cafe has been completely redecorated and some new equipment has been added.

After many years of service in the community, the Allison Flour Mill, owned by Don Tanner, has closed down. Mr. Udell Cardon, who has operated the mill for the past year has moved his family to Bayfield where he will be employed in the new Tanner Mill.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
April 25, 1974

Retail sales in Archuleta County were up 20.4% in 1973 over 1972, according to a report this month by the Business Research Division of the University of Colorado. Sales rose from \$9,480,000 for the fiscal year of 1972 to \$11,413,000 for the year of 1973.

Biggest increase was in manufacturing, with a 64.5% increase in that category. Lumber mills and printing plants are the only manufacturing industries in the county. The increase was attributed entirely to the increased production of wood products from sawmills within the county.

Next biggest percentage increase was in hotels and lodging. This increase was 32.1%. Wholesale trade was up 23.3%, automotive sales were up 26.3%, and food sales showed a 2.1% increase.

Despite the building boom, building material sales were down 7.7% over 1972, and general merchandise sales were down 1.2%. Furniture sales dropped 29.6%, and the big drop was in eating and drinking sales, with a decrease of 29.6%.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
April 22, 1999

The speed limit in the Vista subdivision has been reduced to 20 miles per hour based on the recommendation of Captain Otis May of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department.

Capt. May recommended the speed limit reduction to the county commissioners last month, based on safety concerns for the residents. Vista is a high-density subdivision located in the Fairfield Pagosa cluster of subdivisions west of Pagosa Springs. The houses are primarily mobile home or modular in construction. Vista residents tend to be beginning families with a considerable number of young children playing in the neighborhood and at times in the streets. The former speed limit was 30 miles per hour.

Vista is reached from U.S. 160 west by way of Vista Boulevard. The speed limit on Vista Boulevard remains at 35 miles per hour.

Before approving May's request, the commissioners ordered a study by county engineer Dan Flack, and by consultants Bechtel Engineering.

"I'd like us to look at speed limits for a lot of other county roads," said County Commissioner Bill Downey during the discussion. "Circumstances have changed since the original speed limits were set."



From the May 5, 1988, Pagosa SUN — KNOWLEDGEABLE BOWLERS — Left to right, David Haskins, Kristy Shelly, Troy Backus (standing), Matt Stone, Aurora Kenyon, Donnie Link, Doug Link, Michael Kuhne and Mike Millard concentrate on their computerized Knowledge Bowl questions. Coached by the Thelma Smith, the group of Pagosa Springs Junior High students recently finished in third place in the state-wide competition.

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Non-sanctuary county

Dear Editor:
So the Board of County Commissioners has passed a resolution declaring Archuleta to be a non-sanctuary county. This is just plain pandering to the right's "be afraid" faction. Remember the 2020 "Black Lives Matter" protests in Pagosa? The fear mongers were warning about busloads of Antifa agitators coming to "a town near you" to riot and wreak havoc. So as our high school students, mothers, and old folks marched peacefully through town, they passed the armed men waiting for the Antifa hordes - which never came, and never were coming.

This whole issue is about finding a solution for a non-existent problem. Commissioner Maes fears immigrants will take jobs from locals. These are jobs that are not being filled because there is nobody to fill them. People say "nobody wants to work anymore," but in fact workers are not available. Local restaurants have had to cut hours due to lack of staff. We hear the same complaint from local contractors, landscapers, retail shops, the golf course, even the County. For example, who will fill the service jobs in the Springs hotel expansion? These jobs have in the past been filled by immigrants, but now our worried commissioners have passed a resolution of anti-immigrant sentiment. Do they know about the small towns in the Midwest that are asking for immigrants to fill jobs for aging populations?

Take heed, Pagosa: we may need those immigrants!
Isabelle Emerson

Protests

Dear Editor:
In the fall of 1967 I stood on the

steps of Missouri University and watched as thousands of my fellow students protested. It was their right to do so. History has shown their demands were right.

In 1970 I wondered, where is "Kent State," and why did those students die? History has shown they were right.

And so on over the years. And now again, demonstrations at college campuses around the country. But now ... again the students have the right to do so. And history will again show they were right.

It's time we all demand the right to be heard. Not ignored. Not arrested. It's time we support our kids and others who demand the right thing be done.

The situation in Israel is clearly complex. But it is just as clearly being handled inexcusably by the Israeli government. Aided and abetted by ours. Again, the students, now in 2024, are right.

Jim Klaus

Sales tax revenues

Dear Editor:
The April 18 issue of the Pagosa SUN printed a headline that read "Sales Tax Revenues rise in January and February." It went on to say that the revenues rose by 4.4% in January and 3.4% in February compared to one year ago. Well of course they did. So did inflation. Almost all of the inflation calculators show more than a 4.4% increase in inflation since January 2023. We're spending over 4.4% more to purchase the items we need. So don't think all is good because of that misleading headline. Do the math! We are actually in a deep recession well on our way to a depression. That headline should have read, "Real Sales Tax Revenues down from last year." That would have accurately reported the bad news. While I have your attention, make sure you vote in the upcoming elections. Vote for candidates who will stop the reckless inflationary printing of money and choose those who would drastically reduce out-of-control government spending both here in our county and beyond.

Marybeth Snyder

LTE Project 2025

Dear Editor:
This coming election is not just about Biden vs Trump, it is about powerful white conservatives trying to reshape our democracy to fit their

worldview. This conservative worldview would impose a white, Christian autocracy upon a nation comprised of many different ethnicities, belief systems, and personal aspirations. The blueprint for this reshaping is contained in the Heritage Foundations' Project 2025. The Heritage Foundation is a very powerful, influential, and well-funded "Conservative Think-tank." It has assets of \$388 million and is funded largely by wealthy individuals and large corporations. Project 2025 is a 900 page plus, collection of policy proposals to reshape the executive branch of the Federal Government in the event of a Republican presidential victory in November.

The goal of Project 2025 is to alter or dismantle the "Administrative State" (also called the "Deep State") of the executive branch of the Federal Government. This "administrative state" are the various government departments, i.e. Department of Justice, Homeland Security, Education, Interior, etc. and the various agencies under these departments, i.e. EPA, CDC, Forest Service, IRS, Consumer Product Safety Commission, etc. Project 2025 would dismantle those agencies that get in the way of their conservative worldview, put the surviving agencies under the direct control of the President and fill them with conservative loyalists subject to the whims of the President.

The conservative "complaints" about the "deep state" ranges from; mask mandates during the pandemic (which killed over 1.2 million people in the U.S.), promotion of renewable energy and electric transportation (in an age where the burning of fossil fuels is driving climate change and changing our environment), promoting equality of previously dis-enfranchised groups (black and brown peoples, and LGBTQ), the rights of women to control their own bodies, government regulations (pesky regulations that ensure worker safety, equality in the workplace, clean water, clean air, a sustainable environment, etc. which cut into the profit margins of the wealthy). I find it ironic that these people that are complaining about the "deep state's" intrusions into "every aspect of our lives are the same ones that want to tell us who we can marry, when we can have babies, and want to control who can vote. I urge all of you to look

into Project 2025 and determine if that would be where we should be heading as a nation.

Project 2025 would have us go back to a "mythical Mayberry America" ruled by powerful, wealthy, white Christians, and everybody else "knew their place" be it "in the closet" or at the bottom of the social structure. Project 2025 is a conservative backlash to the social progress this country has made since the 1950's and is fueled by three components: Racism, Religion and Greed. This coming November we have the choice of being ruled by a white, Christian autocracy or democracy. Let's not blow it.

Ernie O'Toole

Letters

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Sheriff's office temporarily suspending VIN inspections for trailers due to limited access

By Ashley Springer
Archuleta County

Effective immediately, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) will temporarily suspend VIN inspections for trailers due to the construction of the Archuleta County Transit Facility.

Construction on the transit facility, which began on April 15, required relocation of the current parking lot. The limitations caused by these necessary changes forced the removal of proper turnaround space, causing the pull-in and pull-out process for trailers inaccessible until the completion of the facility.

Both the ACSO and the Archuleta County clerk will work together to ensure all vehicles and trailers can still receive VIN inspection.

The ACSO will remain open Tues-

days and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon for passenger vehicle VIN inspections only.

The clerk's office will perform VIN inspections Monday through Thursday from 7 to 11 a.m., by appointment only. Please call (970) 264-8350 to schedule an appointment for inspection of either trailer and/or passenger vehicles.

For appointments made with the clerk's office, for safety reasons, VIN verifications will not be performed in front of the courthouse. Please drive to the back of the old courthouse, 449 San Juan St.

Inspections scheduled with the ACSO will be performed in the temporary lot east of the ACSO located at 85 Harman Park Drive. The fee for any inspection, regardless of location, is \$20.

The transit facility has an expected completion date of early 2025.

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Town council takes step forward on new pedestrian bridge

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

At its April 18 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed different design options for the future 1st Street pedestrian bridge to be constructed over the river connecting sidewalks from the museum to the Malt Shoppe.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff briefed the council on the topic, explaining the town needs to choose a bridge design in order for the Colorado Department of Transportation to move forward with its review of the project.

He noted the town received four bids for the design.

"We're glad we went out to bid," he said, explaining the price of the bid "was much lower than the original estimate for this bridge."

Dickhoff explained that town staff recommend using BCS Fabrication, a Colorado company located on the Front Range, noting that would help with the costs since the bridge would need to be trucked in on two wide loads and assembled on-site.

"I think this could be one of the most used bridges once it's constructed," he said, adding that it will provide more connectivity throughout the downtown area.

Dickhoff explained the design includes a 10-foot-wide concrete deck, providing enough room for two-way bicycle traffic to pass through and leave room for people to stop and hang out on the bridge.

According to the agenda brief, the

total cost for the recommended option is \$247,058.

"We really came down to the concrete deck as being the least expensive over time and really not that much more expensive up front," Dickhoff said.

Dickhoff explained that other work will still need to be done, including finding the water lines in the area and another bid process for the actual construction and placement of the bridge.

"So, right now, we are trending to be within and currently under budget based on the estimates we have with the bridge. But, there's a lot of other costs associated with environmental, hydrologic study of the bridge abutments and the river," he said.

Dickhoff also explained during the meeting that the town has been unsuccessful so far in finding the water lines in the area where the bridge is to be constructed.

He noted the town hired someone to locate the lines, but due to rising water levels, they were unsuccessful.

Council member Mat deGraaf questioned if the uncertainty of where the water lines is could potentially cause an increase in the total costs of the project.

"I'm glad you brought that up," Dickhoff said, explaining the original plan was to construct a 150-foot-long bridge, but "because of the water line issues and the potential need to skew it a little bit and not go directly perpendicular to the river ... these estimates are actually based on a 165-foot bridge, in case we have to

go a little bit longer."

Council member Matt DeGuise made a motion to approve BCS Fabrication as the selection for the bridge manufacturer, approving a down payment of up to \$70,000 from the capital fund reserves for a 10-foot-wide concrete deck bridge.

The motion was seconded by deGraaf and approved unanimously by the council.

Workforce housing project

Also at its regular meeting on April 18, the council voted unanimously to approve a \$430,000 guarantee to a construction loan with the Bank of the San Juans to assist with funding needed for the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) to begin construction on workforce homes.

Town Manager David Harris explained to the council that PSCDC made an application for a construction loan with the Bank of the San Juans for \$3.35 million, which needs a 20 percent guarantee for full funding.

He noted that Region 9 has already agreed to provide \$200,000 toward that 20 percent, leaving a total of \$430,000 for the town to guarantee.

Harris explained that the town has "quite a bit of funds already in that bank," and that it would be a "good use of our reserves to essentially loan that to them for the period of 12 months."

DeGuise noted that during the construction timeframe the town would not be able to access those

funds.

"We do have sufficient reserves for the gen fund, both in COLOTRUST and Bank of the San Juans that if we needed cash we can access additional cash," Harris explained.

Mayor Shari Pierce mentioned that the town is also putting up two of the homes along with their lots as collateral, meaning that if something goes askew with the PSCDC workforce housing program, the town would receive those two homes and the lots.

The PSCDC is planning to build 40 new homes in the Trails and Chris Mountain II subdivisions over the next few years to provide workforce housing to the community.

The homes will be sold at an "attainable price point" targeted at community members who earn between 80 and 120 percent of the area median income, according to the PSCDC's website.

"We're so close to making this happen and this was a little hiccup," Lindner said. "If we can get these homes built, it'll be successful in getting them purchased and getting workforce housing for our community."

deGraaf spoke in favor of the topic, stating, "These are the things we can do to help facilitate workforce housing, affordable housing for our community members that don't involve us being on the hook for millions upon millions of dollars in a project."

Williams also commented, saying, "It's a nice affordable housing approach."

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Archuleta County to host the May the 4th Get You BootScootin' live music and dance event.

By Ashley Springer
Archuleta County

The Archuleta County Fair Board will host a fundraising event, May the 4th Get You BootScootin', on May 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

Country musician and local favorite Tyler Brandon will headline the

event.

Entry fees from the Bootscootin' will benefit the 73rd Annual Archuleta County Fair.

Tickets are \$15 on the day of the event and are available at the door; 17 and under are free. Food trucks will be on-site, along with a cash bar sponsored by Rugby's Rescue.

Weather permitting, the fair board

hopes to showcase exciting new changes at the fairgrounds by hosting the event outside in the newly remodeled 4-H outdoor courtyard event space.

"The 4-H Courtyard opens up the opportunity for dancing under the stars after a beautiful Archuleta sunset," said Fair Coordinator Tonya Steadmon. "We can't think of a more

fun way to spend a Saturday night all while supporting a good cause."

The 4-H Shooting Sports will also be a part of the fundraising, with a portion of sales from one of the food trucks going toward the program.

The fairgrounds are located at 344 U.S. 84.

For more information, please call Steadmon at (970) 264-8424.

Obituaries

Margaret Ann Hart

Margaret Ann Hart (Maggie) passed peacefully at home in Pagosa Springs lounging in the sunshine on April 10, 2024.

She was born on Jan. 14, 1928, in Jackson, Miss., the only daughter of five children to Mabel and John Blank.

She is survived by her children: John (Karen), of Houston, Texas, Bobby (Debby), of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Susan (Bob) Fleck, of Allen, Texas; grandchildren Patrick, Tyler, Brian, Casey, Allison Hart and Cory, Meaghan and Cameron Fleck; great-grandchildren Molly and Axel Hart; a sister-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Robert Hart Fleck.

Leaving Houston in 1980, she moved to Angel Fire, N.M., where she worked, skied and enjoyed a small mountain town life. From there she moved to Bandon, Ore., opening a yarn shop, playing golf, walking the beach and volunteering at the Wild Life Rescue.

In 1994 she moved to Pagosa Springs to be closer to family. There

she spent the remainder of her days as an active member of the Pagosa Springs community, golfing, volunteering to read to preschoolers, making stuffed animals for adults and children at urgent care, sewing masks during COVID and knitting hats for soldiers to be sent overseas. She was a lover of animals, always having an adopted cat from the Humane Society and where she also spent time as a dog walker. Her favorite volunteer time was spent at the Pack Rat thrift store (Humane Society of Pagosa Springs), where she met many of her friends and was even awarded volunteer of the year. She was known for her baking, especially her cheesecake that she made for friends and families on their birthdays.

A celebration of a life will be held at her residence on June 8. There will be an open house from 1 to 4 p.m.

Her family will have a private memorial in Bandon, Ore., at a later date.

In her memory, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs online or mail to: Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, P.O. Box 2230, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Jani L. Candelaria

DOB: 7/20/1959 - DOD: 4/15/2024

It is with deep sadness and broken hearts that we announce the passing of our precious mother, grandmother, daughter and friend, Jani Candelaria is survived by her mother, Lucille

Alley; children Derek (Vicki) Candelaria, Kelcie Candelaria and Keisha Candelaria; grandchildren Laila Candelaria (Patrick Manzanares), Lucas (Heather) Candelaria and Alexyn Candelaria; Great-grandchildren Amoura Candelaria and precious baby Kayclynn Candelaria on the way. She is also survived by the father of her children and best friend, Gilbert Candelaria, and his daughter, Susan. Jani is preceded in death by her dad, George; brothers Bill and Bruce; and many more loved ones. We love you, sweet lady. See you soon.

A memorial service for Jani will be announced at a later date.

Services

Rita Werner

The memorial service for Rita Werner will be held May 8, 2024, at 4 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colo.



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Business

County unemployment rate drops to 4 percent

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

According to an April 19 press release from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), Archuleta County's unemployment rate dropped from 4.5 percent in February to 4 percent in March.

The county began the year with the same unemployment rate of 4 percent for the month of January. According to CDLE reports, the unemployment rate rose to 4.5 percent for the month of February.

Archuleta County's labor force also declined slightly over the past month, from 6,639 in February to 6,603 in March. The county began the year with a labor force of 6,541 in January and saw a slight increase to 6,639 for the month of February.

For the month of March, there were 6,342 individuals employed in Archuleta County. There were 6,338 individuals employed in February and 6,282 individuals employed in January.

County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

According to the press release, the county with the highest unemployment rate for March was Huerfano County with 6.9 percent unemployment,

followed by Las Animas County at 5.9 percent and Fremont County at 5.7 percent.

Rio Grande County is next at 5.5 percent, followed by Montezuma County at 5.3 percent.

According to the same press release, the counties with the lowest unemployment rates in March are Summit County, San Miguel County and Cheyenne County, all at 2.3 percent.

The state's unemployment rate rose from 3.5 percent in February to 3.7 percent in March. The state's unemployment rate in January was 3.4 percent.

The state's labor force decreased by 300 to 3,525,300 in March.

The press release notes, "Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point in March to 3.7 percent compared to the February rate of 3.5 percent. The number of unemployed individuals grew by 3,700 over the same time period to 118,200. The national unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.8 percent from February to March."

Employers in Colorado added 5,300 nonfarm payroll jobs from February to March, bringing the total number of jobs in Colorado to

2,983,300. Nonfarm payroll jobs measure the number of workers excluding farmers.

The private sector gained 2,700 nonfarm payroll jobs and the government sector gained 2,600 jobs.

The largest private-sector job gains in March include professional and business services at about 2,100.

The largest private-sector job losses in March were in construction at about 1,500.

"Since March 2023, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 61,200, with the private sector growing by 33,500 and government adding 27,700 jobs," the press release notes.

Since March 2023, the largest private-sector job gains include:

- Educational and health services at about 17,400.
- Professional and business services at about 11,100.
- Leisure and hospitality at about 6,900.

Since March 2023 the largest private-sector job losses include:

- Trade, transportation and utilities at about 3,700.
- Construction at about 2,400.
- Information at about 2,100.

According to the press release, "Over the year, the average workweek

for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.1 to 32.7 hours, while average hourly earnings grew from \$35.14 to \$37.77, over three dollars more than the national average hourly earnings of \$34.69."

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Plan now for U.S. 160 reconstruction

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The downtown businesses from the east end of town to 8th Street received a little reprieve when the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recently announced that it will delay the U.S. 160 downtown reconstruction project until spring of 2025.

As cheers went up around the room, businesses realized they had some time to breathe and actually get "things" in order.

What are some of those "things" that businesses need to work on before the project arrives full force?

Get your finances in order. There is the distinct possibility that your business activity will be interrupted. Are you planning for that interruption from revenues garnered this summer and fall season? Can you put a little aside each month to plan for a downturn in revenues?

In addition to setting money aside, thanks to the efforts of Region 9 and through the administration arm of the Pagosa Springs Community De-

velopment Corporation, the Business Disruption Loan Program will be put into effect. There will be no interest for six months and 1 percent thereafter for a limited time. This program is meant for disruption only and short-term only. Items such as meeting payroll, taxes and utilities would qualify. It is not available in advance. It is not meant for you to expand your business. It is for emergency use only; however, it can be a lifeline for your business.

For those in the 400 block of U.S. 160, can you do any kind of redesign and open up an area in the back of your space and utilize the alleyway? There are several businesses already thinking of this idea. If there could be some improvements to the alley way, this might be a great walkable route to that business corridor. Really look at your space. Could you even do something temporarily?

Are you looking at partnering with other businesses to create a reason to come shop downtown? Will you offer specials to entice people to come downtown, brave the construction and support our businesses downtown? Depending upon how the

construction is planned out, can the businesses do something a block or two at a time?

Can the efforts be themed, fun and engaging? Now is the time to get with your neighbors and do some planning. Then, when the schedule is announced, you will be ahead of the game.

Look at your inventory now for a projected downturn in business next year. How can you adjust your inventory in preparation for the construction? Perhaps ordering the quantity of items you usually do is not in your best interest. Since ordering is usually done well in advance, look at your ordering systems and history now.

Get involved. Don't just come to the monthly Cone Zone/CDOT meetings. Sign up for Main Street Program's newsletter and find out what all the subcommittees are working on.

Don't let the short construction reprieve catch you shorthanded. Be the smart business owners we know we have and utilize this time wisely. Plan ahead, take time to meet with your business neighbors and get started now.

Archuleta County seeking input in strategic planning process

By Ashley Springer
Archuleta County

Archuleta County is excited to announce the initiation of its strategic planning process. This important initiative aims to set the direction for the county's future over the next three years, ensuring that our growth and

development reflect the values and needs of our community.

"I am so excited and proud of our staff for moving forward with a strategic planning process," commented the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioner's (BoCC) Warren Brown. "This is a wonderful opportunity to bring county staff and our community stakeholders together in a joint effort to collectively identify and review the county's vision and direction, assess and prioritize our critical infrastructure needs while working within a defined budget that is likely to promote success in meeting our goals."

As we embark on this journey, the county is committed to an inclusive and transparent process, encouraging all residents to get involved. Community members will be invited to provide their thoughts and insights through a variety of opportunities including community listening sessions, interviews and a survey.

"Strategic planning for Archuleta County is going to be a game changer," said BoCC Chair Veronica Medina. "I am excited to get this process started. Change is inevitable, and Archuleta County is evolving. My goal is to help prepare the county for planned future growth with all stakeholders."

If you are interested in contributing to the planning process, please add your name and email to our interest list to ensure you receive all the latest updates and information on how you can contribute.

To sign up, visit the county's website (<https://archuletacounty.org/203/Strategic-Plan>) and enter your contact information in the strategic planning participation interest form.

Community involvement is key to creating a vision for Archuleta County that truly represents the aspirations of those who call our region home.

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Education

PPOS middle-schoolers join community conversations, study Native American boarding houses

By Emily Murphy
Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) middle schoolers joined approximately 70 community members at the Durango Library on April 18 to hear Fabian Martinez with the Southern Ute Cultural Center present “Unveiling Histories: Boarding Schools and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.”

The PPOS fifth- and sixth-graders dove into Southern Ute history during a project on Indian boarding schools facilitated by PPOS Advisor Rue Graham.

“This project started out with the intent to learn about the historical impact of American Indian boarding schools on Indigenous culture,” Graham said. “Little did we know, we’ve just scratched the surface; our understanding of the lasting impacts and contemporary cultural implications and intergenerational traumas are limited. We’ve still got a lot to learn.”

During the Durango presentation, Martinez shared not only the history of boarding houses, but his personal history around his family’s participation in boarding houses — including his father, grandmother and great-grandmother.

“I can’t believe some of these children were kidnapped and put in these schools,” said fifth-grader Quinn. “I can’t imagine why anyone thought that was OK.”

The students began this social studies project by reading “Two Roads” by Joseph Bruchac, a coming-of-age novel that provides perspective on boarding schools during the World War I era.

“When students can explain complex historical events from multiple perspectives, seeking to understand with empathy and compassion, I

know the work has begun,” Graham said.

Integrating fiction, nonfiction, primary and secondary sources into projects allows for students to have a well-rounded understanding of academic concepts.

“Providing historical context to modern social and local topics makes project-based learning more engaging,” Graham added.

The event in Durango provided students with a greater understanding of boarding house practices and current relationships between tribes and government, reminding them that these issues are not ancient, and they are local.

“The first Indian boarding house was close to Durango,” said one fifth-grader, referring to an Indian boarding house constructed in Hesperus, near Fort Lewis in the late 1800s.

The students’ understanding of local history included a look at the rights and responsibilities of people throughout recent history in our region. The class will continue collecting perspectives next month during a visit to a boarding house site near Farmington, N.M. There they will hear firsthand accounts of the experiences in these facilities and participate in service work relating to conservation of this history.

Boarding houses were introduced to this region of Colorado as a way of controlling and exterminating the customs of Native Americans by European settlers. The Indian Boarding House Era was born of the “Utes Must Go” Colorado campaign and began in the 1880s. It is well-documented that abuse, neglect and attempts at erasing Native cultures happened within these boarding houses. Often participants were there against their will, and their education was made up of vocational



Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School students attend the “Unveiling Histories: Boarding Schools and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe” presentation in Durango on April 18.

skills related to manual labor and housework instead of academics. The negative side effects of the Indian Boarding House Era are still felt today, as generational trauma continues and local tribes argue to keep their lands, language and customs intact.

“It’s important for us to learn this history because it helps us know how

to help and how to make the future better,” Quinn said.

PPOS is a free, K-8 district charter school focused on implementing a project-based learning curriculum in a restorative practices environment. Field work and interviewing experts are foundational to project-based learning.

Middle school announces third-quarter honor roll

By Anjelica Gallegos
Pagosa Springs Middle School

The following Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Jacob Adams, Grant Bliss, Wynnona Buchner, Wyatt Buck, Kainoa Landry, Sage Merrill-Exton, Kiara Patel, Delilah Powell, Hannah Richards, Rystle Ross, Samuel Sanchez, Riley Sanders, Tyson Sewell and Maheyla Witting.

The following fifth-grade students made the honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Ariah Archuleta, Kiley Braun, Cash Carter, Taylor Cole, Mayley Evans, Dekklyn Fiorenza, Katie Fish, Seamus Flanagan, Chauncey Forster, Kaylee Granger, Savannah Graves, Merick Halterman, Anya Hamby, Kadence Hanley-Nicely, Molly Hart, Russell Hudler, Cora

Jackson, Tenley Keegan, Jaxon Kooopen, Felix Long, Colle Looper, Dylan Luna, Christopher Martinez, Mendy Mendez, Easton Miller, William Pope, Lyla Reynolds, Koda Rice, Ana Romero, Jaxon Sherman, Nathannuel Tucker, Damien Turk, Lillian Vega and Kadence Zander.

The following sixth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Micah Tyler and Francis Witting.

The following sixth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Kenzy Bowdridge, Adam Candelaria, Shiloh Deggelman, Miles Dempster, Olivia Diffey, Elijah Hanto, Bixby Hyman, Cooper Laner, Avitt Lee-Shaw, Derek Mendez-Cordova, Lucy Modern, Finley Renner, Eloise Ridley, Karlie Rose, Neitzey Shepherd, Asher Smith, Livia Souza, Trent Tator, Tuff Terrazas, Jaycee Wal-

lace and Tevye Zissman.

The following seventh-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Abigail Barreraz, Avery Book, Kylie Coleman, Olive Fladwood, Alexander Forster, Corinna Galabota, Ward Halterman, Quinn Howard, Raleigh Iverson, Brynna Looper, Arya Patel, Lily Peck, Valeria Pereyra, Laken Pitcher, Lily Rogacki and Sofia Souza.

The following seventh-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Nathalia Arvizo, Rylan Ash, Marcela Barnas, Charlie Barraza-Haymaker, Bentley Briscoe, Treyson Cotts, Jayce Davidson, Veda Deitemeyer, Fox Dietsch, Lilly Gallegos, Aliana Hoffschneider, Derek Johnson, Brandt Kerns, Daniel Kinsley, Delaney Kirkham, Bruce Kubelka, Ahrianna Martinez, Kelsey Matyniak, Olivia Moody, Jimena Moreno Echavarria, Desmond Murphy, Juliana Ortiz, Alan Renteria, Evelyn Rohwer, Zyan Souza, Avery White and Briggs Wilson.

The following eighth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Zaiden Adams, Mikaila Anderson, Noah Bellina, Tacen Carter, Vivy DavRem, Tyler Dimond, Bella Jackson, Hawkin Kofke, Aubrey Ledford,

Hunter Martinez, Peyton Pfeiffer, Sydney Plake, Luke Reynolds, Colby Ross, Gase Sams, Gianna Shaeffer, Carrington Smith, Tyler Sottek, Janzen Tuggle-Rapp and Ellie Vining.

The following eighth-grade students made honor roll with 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Lerelei Abramson, Mackayla Beach, Acea Bruce, Trinity Chase, Quintin Cheykaychi, Jacen Eastling, Darria Fiorenza, Allyson Firestone, Vincent Fish, Ava Grayson, Tristin Harper, Reese Jenkins, Gary Kimball, Kasen Limebrook, Gage Lister, Katie Lucero, Xavier Martinez, Mila Miller, Sara Morse, Angel Ramirez, Isabelle Ratcliff, Ryan Rich, Oliver Samu, Liam Sherman, Leela Simpson, Audrina Smith, Eugene Stringer, Weston Sweet, Nicolas Tator, Jasper Williams, River Wilson and Blakely Woodard.



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Pagosa Family School students entertain at Senior Center

By Laura Mijares
Archuleta School District

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Singing their hearts out and armed with handmade cards, these students made the seniors’ day brighter.

Their visit wasn’t just about sharing songs and cards, but creating memorable moments and forging strong connections between genera-

tions in Archuleta County. It was a heartwarming reminder of the magic that happens when friendship comes together in our community.

Pagosa Family School is part of Archuleta School District and offers a dynamic educational environment that connects home school, private school and public school families as they learn together through enrichment courses.

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Outdoors

County, town express support for regional recreation planning grant application

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its April 16 meeting, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a letter to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) supporting a grant application by the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition to support the creation of a regional outdoor recreation management plan.

At a BoCC work session earlier in the day, County Attorney Todd Weaver explained that, following the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) deciding to not move forward with a trail system on Jackson Mountain, many of the stakeholders involved in the project, including the San Juan Back Country Horsemen and the San Juan Outdoor Club, expressed a desire to work with the USFS to develop a regional plan for trail and recreation development.

He stated that the effort was led by the Pagosa Area Trails Council (PATC) and that he was involved as an ex-

officio representative for the county and a trail runner.

Weaver explained that, during this project, the PATC became aware of the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative Grant Opportunity from CPW and GOCO, which could offer between \$150,000 and \$200,000 to assist the development of an outdoor regional recreation plan.

"This was exactly what the group had envisioned in conjunction with the Forest Service," Weaver said, adding that the USFS is heavily involved with the project and is helping lead the grant application process.

He added that, in addition to the letter of support from the county that the BoCC would consider, the group is also requesting a letter of support from the Town of Pagosa Springs.

Weaver commented that, if the grant is awarded, the groups involved in the grant discussed the potential of forming a recreation district for the area, which Weaver noted that the county and town have discussed in the past.

"This seems to be a really good opportunity to try to wrap all the things together in a package where, if the grant is awarded, the hired consultant can come in and really develop this recreational plan," he said. "The area proposed for recreation is not just Archuleta County, it's also going to include the southern side of Hinsdale and Mineral, most of those people who come to Pagosa anyway for shopping or anything else."

Weaver commented that this recreation plan would use updated USFS boundaries and other elements to designate the area covered and that the group also needs to reach out to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to assess its interest in being involved in the planning process.

"So, that's the plan," he said. "It's kind of a regional, long-term, five, 10 year on developing sustainable outdoor recreation. We know that tourism is a mainstay in this economy. People come to Pagosa not for the hotels and the shopping, they're coming because of the beauty and

the recreation of the outdoors that we have, and that's what attracts them here. And, so, having a plan in place not only to make it possible to develop new recreational opportunities but to improve and promote what we already have seems like a very good thing for the county to support."

Weaver concluded by stating that the grant application would need to be submitted by April 30 and that an award decision could potentially be announced a month after that.

The Pagosa Springs Town Council also approved a letter of support at its April 18 meeting.

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Cheryl Uhl stands atop the mesa at Chimney Rock National Monument. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association will be holding its annual volunteer training on April 26 and 27.

CRIA volunteer training April 26 and 27

By Cheryl Uhl
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

I volunteer for Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) because it is crucial for preserving the natural and cultural heritage of Chimney Rock National Monument, one of Pagosa Springs' highlights.

When I first visited Pagosa in 2004, I attended my first full moon program.

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The full moon is my favorite pro-

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County awards Marijuana Offset Impact funds grant, scholarships

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) awarded \$6,300 in Community Marijuana Offset Impact Fund grants to eight local students and one local organization at its April 16 meeting.

Executive Assistant Mary Helminski presented the awards recommended by the grant committee to the BoCC.

She began by explaining that the fund was created in 2018 and provides funding to nonprofit organizations that provide positive alternatives to drug use and to local students who are either graduating high school or attending college after graduating from high school in Pagosa Springs.

She stated the committee received 23 student applications and one organizational application for this year's grant awards.

Helminski explained that the funds for the award are approximately \$10,000 and that the parameters of the grant state that the funds must be evenly split between funds for nonprofits and scholarships for students with a maximum award of \$1,000 per applicant.

She stated that the committee recommended that \$1,000 be awarded to the one nonprofit applicant, Pagosa

Peak Open School, with the remaining money for nonprofits going back into the fund for next year.

She commented that, due to the formatting of the fund, these monies cannot be reallocated to the student scholarships, although she plans to present the BoCC with a proposal to revise how the fund operates once a new marijuana ordinance is completed.

Helminski commented that, if the funds available were evenly split between all the students that applied, they would have amounted to only about \$230 per student.

She explained the committee discussed the issue and decided that only awarding funds to the top eight students based on essays and need would be a better use of the funds, with three "outstanding" applicants receiving a larger \$850 reward compared to the other students, who would receive \$550.

Helminski added that most scholarships do not provide awards to every applicant and that the amount of applicants has been consistently growing over the years.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez commented that the top three applications were "spot on for what this grant was intended for."

Helminski explained that Maez saw

the applications because he was the commissioner representative on the grant selection committee, which also included Helminski, Carmen Hubbs, Andrew Guinn, Darren Lewis and Jenae Ash.

Commissioner Warren Brown commented that he is pleased the grant awards are continuing and that "it's pretty awesome that we get to do this."

The board then moved to select the grant awardees as recommended by the grant committee.

Marijuana ordinance update citizen task force

Later in the meeting, the BoCC designated a size and appointed members to a county task force to investigate updating the county marijuana ordinance.

Helminski explained that the BoCC approved the creation of the task force at its March 6 meeting to assist the county in updating the ordinance and investigating types of marijuana-related licenses that could be used in the county.

She added that the county legal department lacks the resources to perform this research on its own.

Helminski stated that the county advertised for letters of interest for the task force and received eight applications.

She indicated that each commissioner provided their top five applicants to staff, who then determined a ranking of the applicants.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked the BoCC how many members it would like to have on the task force.

Brown expressed support for having a five-member task force, which Maez stated he did not object to.

Medina also stated that five members would be a "good number."

She then read off the top five applicants, including Archuleta County Undersheriff Robert Hill, Jeremy Boinin, Hannah Burnett, Town Clerk and Finance Director April Hessman, and Robert Mullen.

County Attorney Todd Weaver asked if any of the proposed members of the task force are members of the marijuana industry.

Helminski stated that two of the proposed members are owners of currently licensed marijuana establishments.

Medina noted that the task force also includes law enforcement and town representatives, making it a "fully well-rounded ... committee."

The BoCC then unanimously voted to appoint the five candidates to the marijuana ordinance update citizen task force.

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Construction of several Southwest Colorado chain stations underway

Colorado Department of Transportation

On Monday, April 15, the Colorado Department of Transportation, with its contract partner, Williams Construction, began work on the region-wide chain station improvements project to help ensure that commercial drivers have a safe location to chain up or down while traveling in the high country.

Work will begin in mid-April along several mountain passes in Archuleta, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, San Miguel and Mineral counties. The traveling public can expect daytime shoulder closures. The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2024.

Project work consists of chain station improvements on:

- Colo. 145: Lizard Head Pass (mile points 67-69)
- Colo. 145: Lawson Hill near Telluride (mile points 70-72)

- U.S. 160: Wolf Creek Pass (mile points 172-174)
- U.S. 160: La Veta Pass (mile points 275-277)
- U.S. 50: Monarch Pass (mile points 208-210)
- Colo. 17: Cumbres Pass (mile points 0-1)

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- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be patient.

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She also noted that the cost of the main street project could increase by \$735,000, and the Harman Hill and Piedra intersection project could increase by \$42,000.

"So, that would leave us with \$2,365,265. If we spend the \$850,000 tonight that we're talking about, that would leave a balance of \$1,515,265," Pierce said. "We also targeted this account to possibly pay for sanitation line repairs and replacements, geothermal line repair and replacements, and any grant matches for those."

Pierce also mentioned the town may be working on the 1st Street pedestrian bridge project, which would connect sidewalks from 1st Street over the San Juan River to the Malt Shoppe (see related article).

The town has received a \$1 million grant for that project, but any costs exceeding that the town will have to pay for, Pierce explained.

"So, that has to come out of that \$1.5 million," she added.

Pierce also explained that the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) is asking

the town to secure \$430,000 for housing projects, which would also be coming from the \$1.5 million.

"Hopefully it won't be used, but we have to assume that it might," she said.

Pierce also mentioned that she asked Town Manager David Harris to revisit a plan from a couple years ago that addresses safety concerns in Town Hall along with additional layout options.

"We don't know what that's going to cost, but that has to come out of that \$1.5 million," Pierce said. "You say people over projects; I'm going to say our people's safety over buying this land."

Pierce also indicated that the town may incur future costs depending on the need for upgrades to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District's Vista wastewater treatment plant.

"So, I'm very concerned about the amount of money that we're taking out of our reserves and what we have coming up ... So, that's my math. I'm asking you to please deny this tonight," Pierce added.

Council member Mat deGraaf commented on the matter in response to Pierce, saying, "I appreciate that, thank you, and we know your concerns. Some of those, I think, are hypotheticals."

He mentioned that he feels some of

those concerns are multiyear projects.

"I don't think that it's apples and apples, necessarily," he added.

Pierce expressed concern about how the town will be able to refill its accounts moving forward.

"I just don't want to leave a future council without money to do projects that come up that we're not thinking about today," Pierce said.

Council member Gary Williams also acknowledged the concerns, but still spoke in favor of the land purchase.

"I, too, appreciate your comments and your concern about the budget and I've always said that it's the job of the town manager to run the town day to day, for this next 12 months, so to speak, and I view the council's role as kind of looking out into the future. What can we do today that's going to make the quality of life better for town residents 10, 20 years down the road?" he said. "So, this is a unique opportunity, I think both because it's next to Reservoir Hill, or adjacent, and the price is very attractive."

Williams mentioned that town staff indicated the town could spend up to \$500,000 on land purchases.

"So, I think what we should seriously consider is asking staff to look

at land holdings that we have, that we bought for affordable housing that we may not need now, and that we consider selling some of that to make up the difference," he said.

Pierce questioned as to why the town would no longer need those other land holdings.

Williams explained that he believes the land the town purchased behind Walmart has a high capacity for concentrated development and that some of the smaller lots may not be practical for development.

DeGuise also spoke in favor of the matter, saying, "I'm still in favor of the sale. I think it's one of those properties that comes along, it's strategic, that once it goes into public hands we're not going to see it come around again."

He mentioned that based on two months of sales tax this year, he is "optimistic that our economy's still robust."

Williams moved to approve the second reading of the ordinance, which was seconded by deGraaf.

The council took a roll call vote on the ordinance, with Pierce voting against the purchase and council members DeGuise, deGraaf, Lindner and Williams all voting in favor of the purchase.

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Health

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She also asked, if staff were expected to report undocumented immigrants, who those reports would be made to and in what time frame.

BoH chair Jon Bruss opened the discussion by reading the request made to the BoH in the resolution and noting that the agenda item was for the BoH to discuss how it wanted to proceed with this request.

ACPHD Executive Director Ashley Wilson outlined that the state directs public health agencies to serve all individuals within their jurisdictions who require services.

She noted that some services are limited to citizens, but that many services do not require any checks on citizenship or immigration status.

"I think those are very important factors in building trust with the community that's here that needs to utilize our services, and, so, I would just ask us to use a lot of caution in how we would proceed given that we need to keep that trust with those communities because we do serve them, we want to serve them, they are welcome in our department," Wilson said. "And, so, however we choose to move forward with creating wording, yes, will it impact the health care system in our community? Yes, it will. Do I have the capacity to do any large-scale response of things? No, I don't. But, I do think that we do serve that population and are directed to serve them. ... And, so, I feel like we are caught a little bit between both the idea of the heart of what the commissioners were doing when they passed this, around ... large numbers coming into our community potentially versus what we as public health are charged to do, also knowing the limitations of what our capacity is. And, so, I just put that forward as you guys discuss how we as public health, as both the department and the board, would choose to formulate a response."

BoH member and Commissioner Veronica Medina responded, "In my opinion, this resolution does not affect how you currently or have been doing business. ... It is a statement. It also does not affect [the Archuleta County Department of Human Services] in any way. It's not a requirement to change anything of how you've been working. My understanding how the public health question came up that day, you were on the phone with us, in case something does happen ... how to respond. How can we prepare for an emergency, more than anything, not so much specific on legal status. It's about how can we prepare for an emergency."

Commissioner Warren Brown, who also sits on the BoH, commented that the resolution asked the BoH to prepare and plan for a potential influx of immigrants, but did not indicate that the BoH or ACPHD should not provide services to these immigrants.

Bruss asked how the county is defining a proactive order in this context.

"I guess I'm not too sure what is being asked of us," BoH member Jennifer Cox commented.

Brown stated that the request was for the BoH to create a plan for how the ACPHD would respond to and provide services for a large number of immigrants arriving in the community given its limited resources.

Wilson explained that part of the scope of work for the ACPHD's emergency preparedness funding for 2025 was to create a population surge plan, which would cover situations where the county must take on a large number of displaced people, whether due to immigration or a nearby natural disaster.

She stated that this plan would be required, but that it could be worked on early and the BoH could issue direction that this plan should be created and updated more quickly.

She added that this plan would not

be specific to undocumented immigrants.

"Nor should they be," Medina said. "It needs to be inclusive to everybody," Brown added.

Wilson commented that the population surge plan could also cover public health responses to large influxes of tourists during the summer.

She added that the BoH needed to give clear direction on what it wanted from staff, but that this plan is related to these issues.

"Well, I think, with just the small information you've provided, what you're required to do fits what is being asked," Medina said. "I don't think there is anything different, in my opinion, that needs to be done other than what is required."

Bruss expressed confusion about what was being requested of the BoH in terms of an order, stating that any influx of population into the community might be a strain on the health care system.

"But that's not public health," he said. "Public health is very different from resources that are needed for individual care within the health care system, and I think we need to be very clear about that. So, maybe the ask is really of health care providers in Archuleta County and what the burden would be on them."

Bruss explained that public health is "really dependent upon unified collective action against an external threat" such as chronic or communicable diseases, or toxic exposures.

"It doesn't ask your nationality, it doesn't ask your origin, it doesn't ask your ... racial background," he said. "What's needed is for an action that protects and prevents disease for an entire community regardless of where you're from."

As examples, he commented that pandemics do not differentiate on nationality or citizenship and that refusing care to people of a specific nationality in the community who are carrying a "high-mortality communicable disease" puts other residents at higher risk by allowing the disease to spread.

"You're not going to ask somebody who is from another place," he said. "We don't ask Texans or New Mexicans or Oklahomans ... where they're from and why they're bringing a communicable disease into our county."

He added that a clear distinction between medical resources and public health needs to be maintained, adding, "I'm just concerned about this ask of Board of Health to issue proactive and responsive public health orders because ... I'm not sure that we can come up with something that is going to be, 'OK, this is the impact from an influx of immigrants,' when in fact what public health needs to be thinking about is, 'What is the impact from the external threat?' not necessarily from the people who are residing here in Archuleta County regardless of their status. So, anyway, I just would like some more clarity on that before we engage in this process."

Brown commented that he largely agreed with Medina that the emergency planning that is occurring concerning population surges would likely address the resolution's requests.

He added that, although public health would not be providing care directly to a surge of people coming into the county for any reason, it would have a key role in coordinating resources.

Wilson explained that the public health department would manage requisition of scarce medical supplies or vaccines within the community and efforts to obtain more resources through mutual aid.

She noted that emergency preparedness also extends to public health's response and coordination with other agencies to events like drought or wildfires.

In response to a question from Bruss, Wilson noted that certain pub-

lic health programs require that the department ask about citizenship, but that most programs do not.

She stated that most programs that require questions about citizenship are federally funded.

Bruss asked if denying noncitizens services from these programs is putting other residents at risk.

Cox commented that she was also wondering about this, adding, "I fear that an unintended consequence of this is now that we're going to make people not seek care in a public health risk thinking that they're going to get turned in if they come seek care."

Wilson noted that there is no requirement to report anything about citizenship.

Cox commented that a patient may not know this and that she is concerned that patients might not seek care due to the resolution, even if they know that care is available and accessible to them.

Wilson commented that this is a risk for any program that delineates based on citizenship, but that public health does not control this and that public health's job is to find other programs that those who do not qualify based on citizenship can use.

"There is never a turn-away of service; we might just not be able to provide it in that same avenue or pay for it with the same dollars," Wilson said. "Those are just grant requirements that any nonprofit or anyone else who has funders on various levels is held to, and, so, I think that it's our job to understand what they need, where they fit and then get them where they need to go."

Bruss asked whether the request from the BoCC was for the BoH to assess the potential impact of an influx of immigrants or to create a plan for resource allocation for such an influx.

Cox asked how this would be different from the emergency plans the department is already creating.

Brown stated that, in his opinion, the emergency plans already cover this situation and that the ask had been met.

Wilson stated that she would be willing to bring the BoH a list of the plans and have the board review them.

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Pirates build four-game win streak, head into 'big series' against Bayfield

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team built a four-game win streak over the last week, outscoring its opponent 61-13 in the four games.

The Pirates picked up two wins against the Centauri Falcons on Saturday, April 20, in La Jara before notching two more wins against 2A Del Norte Tuesday at home.

"It's was a good weekend and good start to the week this week," coach Ben Garcia said, adding the team's work on limiting errors, increasing its ability to get on base and hitting have "really paid dividends."

The Pirates picked up a 15-4 win against the Falcons in the first half of the day's doubleheader, with the team scoring four in the first, two in the second, four in the third and five in the fifth.

The Falcons brought around one run in the third and three in the fourth.

The Pirates had 15 hits in the game.

Pagosa won the second half of the doubleheader 14-2, picking up another 12 hits in the game.

The Pirates brought around three in the first, two in the second, four in the fourth, one in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Centauri's runs came in the second and fifth innings.

Zach Pouyer, Riley Laugel and Chris Martinez each had four hits on the day. Pouyer, who had a double, also scored two runs and drew a walk. Laugel, who hit a homer, also scored three runs and tallied three RBIs in addition to drawing three walks. Martinez, who had a double and two triples, also scored five runs and had two RBIs.

Jaden Tuggle-Reed had three hits, including a double and a triple, and scored two runs. He also walked once.

Hunter Pouyer had three hits (including a double), scored four runs and had two RBIs. He also reached on an error and was hit by pitch twice.

Cooper Ralston also had three hits, as well as scoring two runs and logging five RBIs. He also drew a walk. Garcia noted Ralston had "a really good day."

Dylan Dempster had three hits, including a double, scored a run and had three RBIs.

Kyler Henderson had a hit, drew a walk, was hit by a pitch, tallied two RBIs and scored three runs.

Ty Richey had one hit and scored two runs in addition to drawing a walk.

Brodie Norton had one hit — a triple.

The Pirates stole 12 bases during the doubleheader.

Garcia noted the team also went into the day with a different game plan for pitching due to pitch-count rules and mandatory rest days for pitchers, explaining starting pitchers were limited to 80 pitches before a reliever was brought in.

Laugel pitched a complete game in the first game with 67 pitches, allowing two runs and four hits in five innings while walking one and striking out six.

"Riley just absolutely threw a great game," Garcia said. "He had a no-hitter going into I think the top of the fourth against Centauri."

Garcia also highlighted Laugel's effort on the day, pointing to his hits, home run and double.

Ralston and Martinez pitched the second game, allowing two runs (one earned) on six hits and six walks while striking out five.

The Pirates committed one error in each game, with the Falcons logging five in the first game and three in the second.

The Pirates picked up where they left off on Tuesday when they welcomed the Del Norte Tigers to town.

The Pirates won the first half of the doubleheader 14-4, scoring one in the first, two in the second, seven in the third, two in the fourth and two in the fifth.

The Tigers brought two runs around in the second, one in the third and one in the fourth.

Garcia indicated the Tigers' early runs were predicated on some Pirate errors and misplays, but that the team continued to hit the ball, which was a "huge positive."

The Pirates had 13 hits in the game.



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Pirate Hunter Pouyer launches a home run during Pagosa's 14-4 win over the Del Norte Tigers Tuesday. Pouyer went 2-for-4 with a home run, a triple, two RBIs and two runs scored in the game.

The winning streak continued in the second game, with the Pirates claiming an 18-3 victory.

Pagosa broke out for nine runs in the first inning, three in the second and six in the third.

The Tigers scored three in the top of the fourth — the game's final half inning.

Pagosa had 17 hits in the game. Zach Pouyer had six hits on the day, which included three doubles in the first game. He also scored six runs, had four RBIs and was hit by a pitch.

Henderson had five hits, including three doubles, scored four runs and had three RBIs.

Hunter Pouyer had four hits, including a home run, a double and a triple. He also scored three runs and had four RBIs.

Martinez had four hits, scored three runs, logged five RBIs and walked once.

Tuggle-Reed had three hits, including a triple, three runs scored and one RBI.

Ralston had two hits — both doubles — scored two runs, walked once and had one RBI.

Laugel had two hits, drew four walks, scored five times and logged one RBI.

Kaeden Iguchi had two hits. Norton had one hit and two RBIs.

Dempster had one hit and two RBIs.

Peyton Bishop drew one walk and scored one run, and Devan Montoya scored two runs.

The Pirates stole 16 bases during the doubleheader.

Laugel and Charles Washburn pitched game one for the Pirates, allowing four runs (one earned) on two hits and four walks while striking out 10.

Garcia noted that Laugel again pitched well.

Ralston and Martinez pitched in game two, combining to allow three runs (one earned) on five hits and two walks while striking out three.

The Pirates committed eight errors on the day, while the Tigers committed 14.

Garcia stated the Pirates came out and hit the ball "really well," noting the Tiger pitcher in game one entered the game with an ERA of about 1.60.

"That's huge," he said, noting the Pirates put the pressure on the Tigers and were able to relax.

Garcia also said the team's baserunning was "outstanding," with the team stealing bases and showing good instincts.

They were also able to push the Tiger defense back, which allowed them to turn base hits into doubles.

"The kids made the adjustments," he said.

Garcia indicated the team has worked on its weaknesses, with good results.

Having Henderson gave the Pirates one more good hitter as DH, helping to solidify a solid lineup of nine hitters, the coach noted.

He also stated that Norton and Richey have alternated at first base and done a good job.

"They're just doing everything right," he said.

He added the team is doing well running the bases and is hitting the ball well, but now needs to shore up its defense.

He noted that communication will take care of a lot, and the Pirates have been taking a lot of ground balls in practice.

With the wins, the Pirates are now 8-8 on the season and 2-2 in league play.

They sit at the No. 32 team in the 3A Selection and Seeding Index.

On Saturday, the Pirates will face the Bayfield Wolverines for a doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m.

The Wolverines are 3-1 in league play and 6-11 overall.

They are the No. 39 team in the Selection and Seeding Index.

"That's a big, big series for us," Garcia said, adding wins would give the Pirates a chance to move up in the league standings and help secure a better seed at the end of the season.

The Pirates are currently third in the league, while Bayfield is second.

The keys to continuing to play well, Garcia indicated, will be to "go out, play really good baseball early" to relax the team, have the pitchers ready to go and for the Pirates to control what they can.

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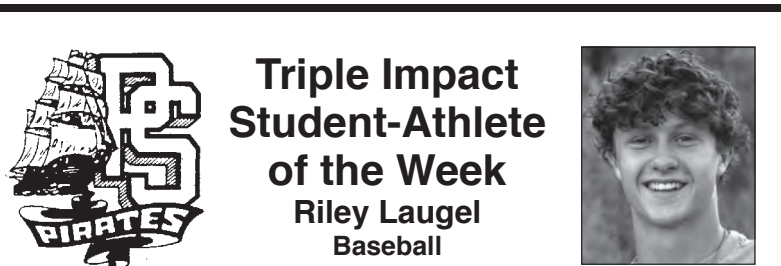
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Lady Pirate Rylie Carr works to set a new school record in the 200-meter dash at the Ron Keller Invitational on Saturday, April 20. Carr beat her own record, logging a time of 26.12 seconds.

Pirates log PRs, break school records at pair of meets

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field teams took part in two meets in four days, with multiple school records being set at the second meet and a number of Pirates setting new personal records (PRs).

Bayfield Invitational #2

On Wednesday, April 17, the Pirate teams were in action at the Bayfield Invitational #2.

"We had a really successful meet in Bayfield on Wednesday," coach Connie O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN on April 22.

Colton Lucero won the 100-meter dash at the event, running a time of 11.37 seconds. Blake Laner followed in fourth with a time of 11.78 seconds, and Harley Armijo took sixth with a time of 11.94 seconds.

"Colton Lucero is having a great year in sprints and jumps," O'Donnell highlights. "He ran a PR in the 100 in Bayfield. I think it is very possible for him to own our school record before he graduates. He is a solid leader in our sprint relays. His start out of blocks is fast and he helps our relays to keep getting faster."

In the 200-meter dash, Creede Dozier finished sixth with a time of 24.24 seconds, and Gavin Carter followed in seventh with a time of 24.32 seconds.

Miles Baker took fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.44 seconds, while Jeremiah Dean took ninth in 59.35 seconds and Jacob Castaneda finished 10th in 59.92 seconds.

Jesse Beck took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 17.86 seconds, and Jackson Chaney finished 11th in 2:45.54.

In the 1,600-meter run, Beck took seventh in 5:29.60. Connor Thomas finished ninth in 5:42.82. Baker finished 16th in 7:14.70.

Trevor Faber finished fifth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:20.48, while Eli Nehring finished seventh in 13:48.61.

Cole Harper took fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.49 seconds. Jaxten Schiel finished 10th in 20.12 seconds. Tristan Frame finished 14th in 22.31 seconds.

"Cole Harper ran a PR in the 110 hurdles," O'Donnell wrote. "He is a senior who is out for track for the first time and learned to hurdle just a few weeks ago. His time made our school's top ten list."

Harper took sixth in the 300-meter hurdles in 45.61 seconds, with Frame

finishing 19th in 55.11 seconds.

The Pirate relay team of Lucero, Dozier, Armijo and Laner took first in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 44.34 seconds.

The Pirate team of Lucero, Carter, Armijo and Laner took first in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:33.95.

The 4x400-meter relay team — Baker, Jacob Castaneda, Jeremiah Jones and Jesse Beck — took second with a time of 3:58.25.

The Pirates had three place in the top five in the high jump, with Dozier taking second with a height of 6 feet, 2 inches, Jones taking third with a height of 5-10 and Schiel finishing fifth with a height of 5-6.

"While our school high jump record might be a bit tough to get at 6-10, he is inching closer to our school long jump record every meet," O'Donnell wrote of Dozier.

Dozier won the long jump with a distance of 21-2.5. Colton Lucero followed in second with a jump of 20-9. Schiel placed sixth with a jump of 18-9.75.

Schiel also finished sixth in the triple jump, logging a distance of 34-8.25. Frame finished ninth with a distance of 31-8.

Aidan Vega finished 17th in the discus with a throw of 77-9, with Emile Schneider followed in 18th with a distance of 74-7.

Schneider took 21st in the shot put with a throw of 25-10, while Vega finished 23rd with a throw of 25-4.

The Lady Pirates also logged a number of top-10 finishes on the day.

Rylie Carr won the 100 with a time of 12.93 seconds, with Sienna Rose following in second in 13.23 seconds and Annabelle Parker finishing third in 13.49 seconds.

Elissa Mars finished fourth in the 200 with a time of 29.98 seconds. Hadley Phillips took seventh with a time of 31.24 seconds.

Annie O'Donnell won the 400 with a time of 1:03.57. Rose followed in second in 1:04.18.

In the 800, Madisen Stretton took eighth with a time of 3:06.78, while Jayslynn Perea took ninth in 3:10.36. Stretton took third in the 1,600, logging a time of 6:42.54. Charlotte Duranton placed fourth in 6:53.35. Perea took ninth in 7:47.74.

Duranton won the 3,200 with a time of 14:35.12. Honesty Sweet took third with a time of 15:03.41.

Kylie Ketchum took second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.14 seconds. Mars took eighth in 20.32 seconds, and Eden Conner finished 11th in 22.16 seconds.

Ketchum also took second in the 300 hurdles, finishing with a time of 53.42 seconds. Conner again took 11th, logging a time of 1:01.01.

The 4x100 relay team of Rose, Lexi Campbell, Parker and Carr won with a time of 51.35 seconds.

The same team won the 4x200 relay, finishing with a time of 1:54.14.

The 800-meter sprint medley team of Trinity Angle, Neveah Evans, Hayden Peterson and Marlowe Hedgecock finished third with a time of 2:07.26.

The 4x400 relay team — Annie O'Donnell, Carr, Adelyn Hittle and Rose — took first with a time of 4:24.91.

Jordan Lindstrom won the high jump with a height of 5-0, with Ketchum following in third with a height of 4-10 and Annie O'Donnell taking fourth with a height of 4-8.

With a jump of 14-7, Mars finished third in the long jump, with Campbell following in fourth with a distance of 14-6.

Campbell won the triple jump with a distance of 33-4. Lindstrom took fourth with a distance of 30-0.

Abigail Nehring won the discus and the shot put, with a throw of 116-9 in the discus and 30-0.5 in the shot put.

The coach notes the discus throw was a PR for the Lady Pirate, adding, "She is throwing 13 feet farther than last year and will continue to improve each week."

Laykyn Baxstrom finished 14th in both events, throwing a distance of 61-0 in the discus and 22-9 in the shot put.

Ron Keller Invitational

"It can be really hard to turn around and repeat that success only 3 days later in Durango. Some of our jumps and sprints were not as good on Saturday, but that was very much expected after our meet on Wednesday," the coach notes.

However, multiple school records were set on the day, with Carr breaking her own record in the 200 and the Lady Pirate 4x100 team — Parker, Rose, Campbell and Carr — breaking the record set last season.

Carr also won the 100 with a time of 13.18 seconds and was followed by Rose in third with a time of 13.62 seconds. Parker finished fourth in 13.90 seconds. Peterson took 16th in 15.21 seconds. Evans finished 18th in 15.25 seconds.

In addition to breaking her own record, Carr took first in the 200 with a time of 26.12 seconds.

Seven other Lady Pirates also took

part in the 200: Annie O'Donnell followed in sixth in 28.48 seconds, Hittle finished 12th in 29.74 seconds, Peterson finished 20th in 31.45 seconds, Evans followed in 21st in 31.49 seconds, Phillips took 22nd in 31.62 seconds, Faith Domingo finished 32nd in 34.09 seconds and Skyler Morton finished 33rd in 34.49 seconds.

Annie O'Donnell took second in the 400 with a time of 1:01.22, with the coach noting she is chasing a school record.

"Annie O'Donnell is chasing a school record in the 400," Connie O'Donnell wrote. "She improved her time on Saturday in Durango against a very competitive Alamosa athlete. She also placed in the 200 and earned herself a spot on our 4 x 2 relay."

Rose followed in third in the event with a time of 1:02.22. Hittle took 13th in 1:08.42, Phillips finished 17th in 1:14.21 and Alia Hibbert finished 23rd in 1:34.47.

Three Lady Pirates competed in the 800: Sweet finished 11th with a time of 3:03.26, Lucia Rivera finished 16th in 3:23.57 and Gwendolyn Tyler took 18th in 4:04.19.

Four took part in the 1,600, with Stretton taking third with a time of 6:34.82, Rivera finishing eighth in 6:50.06, Tyler following in ninth in 8:08.03 and Sweet finishing 10th in 8:33.75.

Duranton finished fourth in the 3,200 with a time of 13:57.42, with Smith following in eighth in 15:10.47.


"Charlotte Duranton ran a PR in the 3200 in Durango and managed to shave off 35 seconds from the Wednesday meet in Durango," the coach highlights.

Mars led the Lady Pirates with a sixth-place finish in the 100 hurdles, logging a time of 18.81 seconds. Ketchum followed in ninth in 19.25 seconds, and Conner took 17th in 21.92 seconds.

Ketchum finished fifth in the 300 hurdles in 53.04 seconds. Conner finished 12th in 1:02.33.

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Pirate Colton Lucero crosses the finish line in third place in the 100-meter dash at the Ron Keller Invitational on Saturday, April 20, in Durango. Lucero finished with a time of 11.56 seconds.


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Lady Pirates lose one, draw one in league games, defeat Durango

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team notched one loss, one win and one draw over the week, falling in a league match against Alamosa in Alamosa on April 19, winning a home game against the Durango junior varsity on April 20 and tying in a home league game against Bayfield on April 23.

The Pirates lost to the Alamosa Mean Moose 3-0, with the Mean Moose scoring twice in the first half and once in the second half.

"Alamosa's a tough team," coach Trevor Gian commented. "We started out right in the game. Again ... a couple of the goals were not necessarily as quality. There was a little bit of slowdown on our part. One of their goals was just a fantastic finish — not much we can do there, definitely

earned that. But ... it's one of those things, we went out there, we played hard, we got behind a little bit which then kind of dictated how we went back at them because then obviously we were trying to score, so things got pulled apart just a hair, but we were definitely pushing as much as we can to try to get something on the board for us.

"It was good. I know the 3-0 result looks like what it is but ... we're working on what we're working on and things are starting to come together to where, eventually, hopefully those games will start narrowing down to a bit tighter and maybe turning the tables to where we can get a victory out of those."

Gian stated that Alamosa's first goal came midway through the first half.

"We got beat, kind of, defensively and then a ball across the box on a

cross," he said. "Fairly easy finish for Alamosa there, just kind of poking it into the net and they had the players there — kind of beat us goalside."

He indicated that the second goal by the Mean Moose was off a deep cross toward the Lady Pirates' goal.

"Made a funny bounce and they got to it before our defender or keeper could get to it," he added.

Gian stated that Alamosa's goal in the second half was "definitely quality," explaining it "came off a cross and kind of a flick with the head up and over the goalie. It was pretty nice."

The next day, the Pirates faced the 4A Durango Demons' junior varsity team, winning 2-0.

Gian commented that the high level of intensity the Lady Pirates showed in the match was a critical factor in their victory, as well as closing gaps in the middle of the team's formation and maintaining possess-

sion more effectively.

Pagosa scored its first goal midway through the first half when a shot from Ximena Garcia deflected off the Durango goalkeeper and rolled into the net.

"I think getting a goal first kind of turned the tide a bit on our end and gave us that first opportunity to take the lead in a while and build off of that," Gian said.

In the second half, Elizabeth Currier expanded the Lady Pirates' lead with another goal, bringing the game to 2-0.

"We had a good through ball," Gian said. "She got through with her pace there and bounced the ball. She did a fantastic job taking that thing down and getting it on her feet and, you know what we've been working on in practice a lot is finishing, and she did a quality job. Just a nice little

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Track

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The 4x100 relay team finished first in 51.83 seconds to claim the school record.

The 4x200 relay team also took first, logging a time of 1:49.36.

The 800-meter sprint medley team finished third in 2:16.21.

The 4x800 team finished fourth with a time of 12:51.61.

Lindstrom led the Lady Pirates in the high jump with a height of 4-11, which landed her in third. Ketchum and Annie O'Donnell finished fourth and fifth, respectively, with heights of 4-9. Morton finished 15th with a height of 4-1.

Seven Lady Pirates took part in the long jump, with Mars finishing fourth with a jump of 14-5.5, Campbell finishing seventh with a distance of 14-4, Lindstrom taking ninth with a jump of 13-2.5, Angle taking 10th with a distance of 13-1, Hedgcock finishing 11th with a distance of 13-0.75, Peterson finishing 14th with a distance of 12-5 and Evans finishing 26th with a jump of 11-4.

Campbell won the triple jump with a distance of 33-0.25. Lindstrom, with a distance of 28-6.5, finished eighth, and Dawson Iverson took 20th with a distance of 24-7.75.

Abigail Nehring again won the discus, this time with a throw of 110-4.

She took seventh in the shot put

with a distance of 27-7.5. Morton finished 17th with a throw of 23-11.75, and Parker Frame threw a distance of 20-9 to finish 25th.

Ten Pirates ran in the 100: Lucero took third with a time of 11.56 seconds, Laner finished 8th in 11.91 seconds, Dozier took 12th in 11.96 seconds, Carter finished 15th in 12.08 seconds, Armijo finished 18th in 12.19 seconds, Dean took 34th in 12.78 seconds, Jerry Su finished 43rd in 13.03 seconds, Jonathan Baker finished 50th in 13.28 seconds, Jonathan Rodriguez took 53rd in 13.52 seconds and Ryder King finished 54th in 13.57 seconds.

In the 200, Laner led the Pirates with a fifth-place finish after logging a time of 23.59 seconds. Armijo followed in eighth with a time of 24.31 seconds, Carter took ninth with a time of 24.44 seconds, Dean finished 18th in 25.54 seconds, Castaneda took 23rd in 26.02 seconds, Truman Vasek finished 26th in 26.17 seconds, Baker finished 29th in 26.42 seconds, Su finished 34th in 27.24 seconds, King followed in 35th in 27.40 seconds and Thomas finished 36th in 27.64 seconds.

Baker finished 11th in the 400 with a time of 56.20 seconds — a new PR, according to the coach.

Beck followed in 15th in 57.56 seconds, Castaneda finished 17th in 58.93 seconds, Thomas took 19th in 1:00.94, Leo Dennis finished 23rd

in 1:03.10, and Eli Nehring finished 32nd in 1:07.01.

Beck finished 10th in the 800, running a time of 2:17.87. Faber finished 25th in 2:39.74. Eli Nehring finished 28th in 2:50.17 seconds.

Faber finished 25th in the 1,600 with a time of 5:56.34.

Baker took third in the 3,200, running a time of 11:28.66.

"Miles Baker ran to a PR in the 400. He spent previous years as a sprinter/jumper," Connie O'Donnell explains. "After a switch from football to cross country, he is really showing potential as a distance runner. He is now on our school top ten list in the 3200."

Thomas followed in fourth with a time of 12:07.69. Eli Nehring finished 15th with a time of 13:52.21.

In the 110 hurdles, Harper finished ninth in 18.79 seconds, with Schiel following in 10th in 20.26 seconds, Jones finishing 12th in 20.42 seconds and Tristan Frame finishing 15th in 21.93 seconds. Harper finished sixth in the 300 hurdles, logging a time of 46.28 seconds. Tristan Frame took 16th in 53.99 seconds.

The 4x100 relay team took first with a time of 44.36 seconds.

The 4x200 also took first, finishing with a time of 1:34.08.

Dozier and Jones finished fourth and fifth in the high jump, respectively, with heights of 5-11. Schiel

finished eighth with a height of 5-5, Vasek finished 10th with a height of 5-3 and Milo Dietemeyer finished 13th with a height of 5-1.

Dozier took second in the long jump with a distance of 20-2. Lucero followed in fifth with a jump of 19-8. Schiel took eighth with a distance of 19-5.25. Dean finished ninth with a jump of 18-3. Jones followed in 10th with a jump of 17-8.5. Dietemeyer finished 14th with a distance of 16-10.25.

In the triple jump, Schiel finished fourth with a distance of 35-4, and Tristan Frame finished seventh with a distance of 31-3.5.

Vega finished 14th in the discus with a throw of 82-5 and finished 16th in the shot put with a throw of 28-8.

Up next

This week, the Pirate teams will take part in the Intermountain League (IML) meet in Alamosa.

"The good news is that we only have one meet this week," Connie O'Donnell wrote.

The coach notes that winning events at the IML meet is the only way to earn all-conference honors.

"We are planning on running a loaded sprint medley and changing up the girls sprint relays just a bit to see what happens," she wrote of the teams' plans for the meet.

Action is set to begin at 9 a.m.

randi@pagosasun.com



AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE 22-2019 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO CONCERNING NUISANCE LEVELS IN UNINCORPORATED ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
INTRODUCED AND READ ON FIRST READING ON the 19th day of March 2024 and published in full on March 28, 2024 in the Pagosa Springs Sun in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado.
ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING ON the 18th day of April 2024 and ordered published by reference to title only with the following amendment:
1. Added the date of May 18, 2024 in Section 17.
2. Revised the Certifications page to reflect the dates of the first reading and publication in the newspaper.
Published April 25, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (234590)

AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE 23-2023 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS AND OTHER PET ANIMALS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
INTRODUCED AND READ ON FIRST READING ON the 19th day of March 2024 and published in full on March 28, 2024 in the Pagosa Springs Sun in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado.
ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING ON the 18th day of April 2024 and ordered published by reference to title only with the following amendment:
1. Revised the Certifications page to reflect the dates of the first reading and publication in the newspaper.
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County Court
Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address:
Archuleta Combined Courts
109 Harman Park Dr., PO Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
In the Matter of the Petition of:
Adult: Michelle Marie Hamelmann
For a Change of Name to:
Jordyn Michelle Hamelmann
Case Number: 24C24
Division Courtroom
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given on April 5, 2024 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Adult has been filed with the Archuleta Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Michelle Marie Hamelmann
First Name Middle Name Last Name
be changed to
Jordyn Michelle Hamelmann.
By C. Turner, Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published April 11, 18, & 25, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (233646)

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Case Number: 2024CV30026
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON WATER & WASTEWATER AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURCHARGE CHANGES SCHEDULED FOR 5:00 PM ON MAY 23, 2024 AT THE PAWSO DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 100 LYN AVE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO
At the April 18, 2024 meeting, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors approved the findings of Resolution 2024 – 03 – Resolution for the Reduction of Capital Investment Fees for Low-Income, Workforce, and Other Types of Affordable Housing and Resolution 2024 – 04 – Resolution Revising Low-Income, Workforce, and Other Types of Affordable Housing Water and Wastewater Surcharges.
Rate changes, including but not limited to the following, will be considered for implementation in May of 2024:
WATER CHARGES
Monthly Affordable Housing Surcharge: increase from \$0.77 to \$1.91
WASTEWATER CHARGES
Monthly Affordable Housing Surcharge: increase from \$0.24 to \$2.86
The 2023 Water and Wastewater Rate Study can be found at <http://www.pawsd.org>.
For assistance regarding how these proposed rate changes could affect your water bill, please call 970-731-2691.
Published April 25, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (234812)

Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
PLAINTIFFS:
MARK S. JESKE
v.
Defendants:
ROBERT L. REYNOLDS; ROSA R. REYNOLDS and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney:
Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@kklaw.com

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFFS MARK S. JESKE
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complainant filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 640 in Pagosa Vista, according to the plat thereof recorded September 13, 1971 as Reception 74884.
Respectfully Submitted this 16th day of April, 2024.
Published in *The Pagosa Sun*
First Publication: April 25, 2024
Last Publication: May 23, 2024
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
160 E. 12th St., Ste 7
Durango, CO 81301
(970) 403-1580
(234680)

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
RADO
109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Plaintiff: The People of the State of Colorado in the interest of J.W., Child
And Concerning: Jessica Hayes and Edward Rafferty, Respondent Parents
Case Number 2023JV30001
Attorney for the Archuleta County Department of Human Services:
Jeffrey C. Koy, Atty. Reg. No. 30052
Koy, Dingboom, Oates LLC
PO Box 4191
Englewood, CO 80155
Phone Number: (720) 937-0394
Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule
Email: JKoy@KDO-law.com

DEPENDENCY SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: EDWARD RAFFERTY YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a verified Petition in Dependency and Neglect has been filed in the above-captioned case in which it is represented that the child named above is neglected and/or dependent as defined in the Children's Code, C.R.S. § 19-3-102, for the reasons set forth in the Petition. You may obtain a copy of the Petition from the Clerk of the Court. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that the Court has set the Petition for a hearing on **May 14, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in Courtroom 2 of the Archuleta County Court-house, 109 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.** You must appear before the Court at said time. **If you fail to appear or file a response within thirty-five days after publication, the Court may enter a default adjudication and/or termination of your parental rights.** You are required to be present at all hearings in this case, as your right to the care, custody, control and guardianship of the child will be determined. A continuance of a hearing may be granted for a reasonable period of time upon good cause shown to the Court. You are further notified that you are entitled to such other legal rights and privileges as more fully set forth below.
NOTICE-LEGAL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES
To the child and her parents, guardian, or other respondents named in this Summons:
A Petition concerning the above-named child has been filed in this Court. You may obtain a copy of the Petition by contacting the court clerk or the undersigned attorney. You are notified that:
1. The allegations in the verified Petition must be proven by a preponderance of the evidence.
2. You have the right to be represented by a lawyer or you may waive your right to a lawyer. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you should begin now to obtain a lawyer and notify the Court of your lawyer's name and address. If the Court finds that you cannot afford a lawyer and you wish to be represented by a lawyer, the Court can appoint a lawyer for you.
3. You have a right to a trial by jury.
4. At the time of the hearing regarding the verified Petition, you have a right to question witnesses who appear at the hearing and to bring any witness and present other evidence on your behalf. If you request, the Court may order persons to be present as a witness.
5. Any admission you make to the verified Petition must be made voluntarily.
6. The Court has dispositional alternatives available if the Petition is sustained. These are set forth in section 19-3-508, C.R.S. 2023. If the Petition is admitted, the Court is not bound by any promises or representations made by anyone about dispositional alternatives selected by the Court.
7. Termination of the parent-child relationship is a possible remedy which is available if the verified Petition is sustained. If a motion to terminate the parent-child relationship is filed, the Court will set a hearing at which the allegations of the motion must be proven by clear and convincing evidence.
8. Any party to this case has the right to appeal any final decision made by the Court.
This summons is being initiated by the Archuleta County Department of Human Services through its counsel.
Dated: April 18, 2024
Published April 25, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (233386)

District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 46 Eaton Dr., Suite #1, PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160
John Reese, Plaintiff

National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; Archi Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; and all unknown persons who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.
Case Number: 2024CV30014 Division 1
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you.
Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 171 AND 172, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
Dated: April 16, 2024
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s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 46 Eaton Dr., Suite #1, PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160
John Reese, Plaintiff

National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; Archi Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; and all unknown persons who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.
Case Number: 2024CV30013 Division 1
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you.
Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 171 AND 172, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
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s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
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National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; Archi Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; and all unknown persons who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.
Case Number: 2024CV30014 Division 1
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you.
Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 171 AND 172, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
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s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 46 Eaton Dr., Suite #1, PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160
Fred A Rich and Margaret Rich, Plaintiffs v.

National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; Archi Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; and all unknown persons who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.
Case Number: 2024CV30029 Division 1
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you.
Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 173 AND 174, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON MAY 7, 2024
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-116 that the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public hearing to consider revising the County Land Use Regulations. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review at the County Development Services Department (970) 264-1390 and on the County Website.
The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at which time all interested parties will be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public hearing.
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON MAY 7, 2024
Dianne Bridges has applied for TRILLIUM TOWN-HOMES CC, MAJOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 4 and Common Area in Sec. 31 Twn: 35 Rng: 1W, at 3000 US Hwy 84, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-033). The property is zoned RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR).
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-8341 or to ELANNING@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on May 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
Published April 18 & 25, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (233514)

FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON MAY 7, 2024

Thaddeus Swiatek has applied for RIO BLANCO VALLEY SUBDIVISION UNIT 1, PLAT AMENDMENT 2024-01, FINAL PLAT REVIEW, creating Lot 11-AZ-1 and Lot 11-AZ-2 in Sec. 32 Twn: 34 Rng: 1W, at parcel number 58873205003, in Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN24-030). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL ESTATE (AR).
Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-8341 or to ELANNING@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on May 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Deborah Jean Lubick.
Case Number 2024 PR 30017.
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before August 26, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.
Daniel L. Fieldt, Attorney at Law
190 Talsman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Published April 25 and May 2, 9, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (234627)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Colorado law requires the county assessor to hear objections to real property classifications and valuations beginning May 2, 2024. Objections to the valuation or classification of real property must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the county assessor's office no later than June 10, 2024.
Colorado law requires the county assessor to begin hearing objections to personal property valuations no later than June 17, 2024. Objections to personal property valuations must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the county assessor's office no later than July 1, 2024.
For additional information, contact the county assessor's office at 970-264-8310.
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Soccer

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shot to the back post." The coach commented that the Lady Pirates were tired in the second half of the match, partly due to having played two games in two days, and played more defensively in that half as a result.

"It was sort of strategic, in a way, of let's get more compact in the back, not pulled apart," he added. "Durango had quite a bit of pace up front and through the middle and they were very tactical, good team. Just trying to slow that down, shut the lanes down, kind of pressure inside of our half when they started getting a little closer instead of jumping out and letting some passes or some speed get behind us. ... And, being a little bit tired factored into that. We don't need to go chasing balls that we might go one versus four against. Let's just put someone up top, kind of pressure around as much as they could, someone with a little bit of fresh legs and then defensively kind of settle in and try to close out the game."

Gian highlighted the performance of Lady Pirate goalkeeper Kiera Davis, who he stated made several critical and high-quality saves.

"I think her response in that game was huge," he said. "It was awesome."

He noted that her saves included foiling an airborne shot in the second half, adding she "did a great job fighting for it to get on top of it," and another "strong shot" that she "punched out to the side."

The Lady Pirates tied in their match against the Bayfield Wolverines, with both teams ending the game scoreless.

"Not the most opportunities in there," Gian commented. "We had our chances, they had their chances, and I felt like it was pretty evenly matched. I definitely think our team was playing really, really well throughout the game. I know we got a little tired at the end and were just trying to get through the last bit of that game, but I think we played fantastic. I know the result is not necessarily there, but we're developing and we're

working towards a goal, so I feel like ... it's a win to go out there and compete the way we did."

Gian stated that the team's focus on developing through every game and practice and its work building a positive team culture have been key contributors to the continuing improvements in play.

"I think the team's sort of found a mindset. They've found an identity," he said. "Really trying to set a culture that they have the expectations now themselves to show up and play that way, and they know they can — a little bit of belief in themselves and seeing it and doing it. A lot of practice, a lot of hard work puts them in a position to see that on the field, start realizing their potential."

The coach added that the team also made improvements on being first to the ball, winning balls out of the air and fighting for the ball in the match against Bayfield.

"Having a little bit of intensity in our play and sort of bringing that onto the field will help turn games ... into what you saw yesterday where we are winning the possession more. Those 50-50 balls are starting to go our way a little bit more," Gian said, referring to the match against Bayfield. "It shows when you can do that. It's definitely been a point of emphasis, and they've been doing a great job working on it. That's something they've got to bring out there on their own a little bit, and they definitely showed that yesterday, I think."

The Lady Pirates will play another three games this week, beginning with a home game against Ignacio at 4 p.m. on April 26.

The Pirates previously defeated the Ignacio Bobcats 10-0 on April 16.

This game will be followed by an away league match in Cortez against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on April 27, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Pirates previously lost to the Panthers 2-1 on April 13.

The Pirates will return home for a match against the Del Norte Tigers on April 30, beginning at 4 p.m.

The Pirates defeated the Tigers



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Adison Johnson takes the ball out of the air during a game against the Durango Demons junior varsity on April 20. The Lady Pirates scored once each in the first and second halves to win the game.

10-0 in their first game of the season on March 7.

The game will also include senior recognition for the three senior players on the team.

Gian commented that he expects the matches against Ignacio and Del Norte to have significant scoring opportunities for the Lady Pirates and chances for a wide range of Pagosa athletes to have playing time.

He stated that he expects the match against Montezuma-Cortez to be highly competitive and similarly challenging to the game against Bayfield, with the possibility for the game to go "either way."

The team is currently fourth in the Intermountain League with a record of 0-3-2 and is ranked 45th in the 3A Selection and Seeding Index.

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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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Village

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in court by Rocky Mountain Wild, the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, San Juan Citizens Alliance and Wilderness Workshop.

The challenge resulted in a U.S. District Court judge setting aside the USFS decision to provide road access in October 2022, with that order stating that LMJV's "plans have been frustrated for thirty-five years by the fact that its parcel is fully surrounded by federal land, which limits Intervenor's ability to access and develop its property."

That order adds that, for the last 20 years, LMJV has been involved in litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts over its plans to develop its property.

The judge in that matter decided the appropriate action was to vacate the USFS action, taking away the mandate for road access.

That decision was then appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, leading to the 65-page ruling filed on April 19.

The ruling affirms a 2018 biological opinion relating to lynx and the 2019

ROD.

The ruling, however, indicates that there may be more to be decided in court.

A concurring opinion by Judge Allison H. Eid states, "I agree that we must resolve this appeal as described in the Court's opinion because of how the parties litigated this case. I therefore join the Court's opinion in full. However, I write separately to clarify that for the purposes of this case we assume, but cannot here decide, that provisions of law such as [National Environmental Policy Act] and the [Endangered Species Act] may constrain the Secretary's power to grant access to inholdings pursuant to ANILCA [the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act]. We have not yet considered the effect of the '[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law' clause contained in § 3210(a) of ANILCA. Nor did the parties raise its application in this case. Accordingly, the question of how ANILCA interacts with other, potentially conflicting statutes remains open to resolve in a future case."

The suit names Dan Dallas in his

capacity as Rio Grande National Forest supervisor; Brian Ferebee, regional forester; Anne Timberman, western Colorado supervisor; the U.S. Forest Service; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as respondents-appellants.

Tamara Whittington, deputy regional forester, is named as a respondent.

LMJV is listed as a respondent intervenor.

LMJV spokesman Clint Jones said LMJV is "obviously pleased with the ruling and feel like it was the correct ruling under the law."

Jones indicated they are, "enjoying the chance to just soak it in" and evaluate what the next steps are.

"We're definitely disappointed with the 10th Circuit," Matt Sandler, legal director for Rocky Mountain Wild, said, adding the ruling is contrary to every other judge who has reviewed the decision.

Sandler noted the conservation organizations are assessing the next steps, noting that attorneys for the developer made it clear during oral arguments in the case that there are still

many steps before any development begins and it becomes a reality.

"Certainly we're going to be participating in any other steps or any other processes that may need to unfold from here," he said.

Sandler indicated the "disappointing thing" is that the original 1987 land swap was based on a worst-case scenario of 208 units and that it "just feels like a bait and switch on the American people."

He added that the land swap likely would not have been approved if the developers had divulged wanting to build more units and alleged there was political pressure involved with the initial land swap.

The U.S. Department of Justice could not be reached by press time Wednesday to comment on behalf of the USFS.

Violations

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A potential 2024 lease is still under negotiation, PAWSD Business Manager Aaron Burns explains in a communication to The SUN.

Weber Sand and Gravel, which is represented by Donald Andrew "Andy" Weber, did not reply to a request for comment for the April 18 article.

At its April 18 meeting, the PAWSD Board of Directors directed staff to investigate if any violations of lease had occurred.

Ramsey explained that he contacted Weber about if he is selling material from the pit to buyers not allowed under the lease and Weber stated he is not.

In an interview with The SUN, Archuleta County Public Works Director Mike Torres explained that, although the material sold to the county by Weber Sand and Gravel in the fall of 2023 was listed in the December 2023 county accounts payable as "road gravel," it was actually shot rock, the same material the county purchased in the spring of 2024 and that was listed in the March county accounts payable.

In an April 19 interview, Weber explained that the shot rock sold to Archuleta County by Weber Sand and Gravel was not sourced from Running Iron Ranch and thus did not violate

the terms of the lease.

He stated that it was obtained from a variety of excavation jobs, including a 2014 job installing new sewer lines for PAWSD and "a few house project sites."

He added that the shot rock was temporarily located at Running Iron Ranch, but that PAWSD asked it to be removed from the site a year ago and it was stored at another location when the county purchased it.

Weber explained that shot rock is primarily composed of sandstone and that the pit at Running Iron Ranch does not produce this type of rock.

Torres corroborated Weber's account, stating that the rock was picked up from another location and that no county trucks entered Running Iron Ranch to obtain material for county projects.

He explained that the shot rock purchases in the fall of 2023 were connected to the repair of the liner for cell 4A in the county landfill, while the purchases in the spring of 2024 were for culvert repairs on North Pagosa Boulevard.

He stated that he initially contacted Weber to obtain shot rock in a "last-ditch effort" as a highly specific material was needed for the repair of the leachate lateral for the cell and none of the other gravel suppliers

Torres contacted had the material.

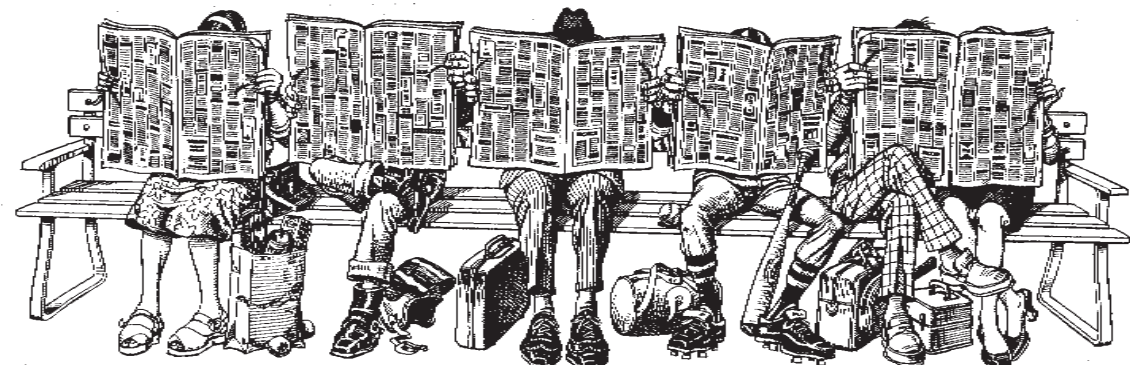
Torres added that he reached out to Weber because his company was listed as a supplier of material for the leachate lateral when the cell was initially constructed.

"He really did help the county out, the whole county as a whole, not just Archuleta County," Torres said. "If it wasn't for him having that rock, that repair wouldn't have been able to get done."

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Area gas prices above state average, below national average

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Fuel prices in Archuleta County continue to sit above the state average, but below the national average, an April 18 report from the American Automobile Association (AAA) indicates.

According to AAA gas price report, the current average gas price for regular unleaded in Durango is \$3.48 per gallon, the most expensive listed for Colorado in the report. A month ago it was \$3.31 per gallon and a year ago it was \$4.07 per gallon.

The cheapest region of the state is the Boulder-Longmont area, with a current average of \$3.08 per gallon.

On a national level, Colorado ranks as the second cheapest state in the country, behind only Mississippi with a current average price of \$3.11 per gallon, the report states. New Mexico is the sixth cheapest state with an average price of \$3.26 per gallon.

According to the report, "Colorado has the second-cheapest gas prices in the country with a statewide average of \$3.16 per gallon of regular unleaded, fully 51 cents below the

national average."

The report notes that Colorado gas prices are down from \$3.58 per gallon this time last year, and are up 10 cents on the month.

The most expensive state in the country currently is California with an average price of \$5.45 per gallon. Arizona and Utah rank as the seventh and eighth most expensive states with average prices of \$4.13 per gallon and \$3.96 per gallon, respectively.

According to the AAA report, "Coloradans should make the most of comparatively low prices while they can," states Skyler McKinley, regional director of public affairs for AAA, via the report.

He adds, "Looking ahead to a robust summer travel season combined with the long-expected, EPA-mandated switchover to reform gasoline, it won't be long before Colorado sits above the national average."

Investigation into local fuel prices ongoing

Citizens for Fair Fuel Prices (CFFP) Founder Jane Davison explained in an interview there is an open investigation with the Colorado Attorney

General's Office looking into reports of price gouging of fuel prices in Pagosa Springs.

Davison explained that she first started tracking local, regional and national gas prices in December 2023. She found that on Dec. 4, 2023, the average price per gallon for regular unleaded in Pagosa Springs was \$3.88. Meanwhile, during that same time, the average price per gallon in Bayfield was \$3.43, with prices as low as \$3.33 per gallon in Durango.

"What gives me heartburn about this is I know how much it costs for transportation of fuel because I have invoices from Archuleta County ... and the price for transportation is around 10 cents a gallon. So, you can't attribute a difference of 50 cents per gallon just for transportation," Davison said.

She also mentioned that over the past two weeks gas prices haven't changed much, or at all, noting the lowest price per gallon for regular unleaded on March 22 in Pagosa Springs was \$3.44.

"The prices in Bayfield and Durango are generally on par with our prices now," Davison added.

She noted that gas prices in the local area went up around the time of spring break, but since then haven't changed much.

"What I've seen is that the price ... it went up for spring break and it hasn't gone down since then, but the price in general has gone up," Davison said, adding, "From a local perspective, I've noticed that gas prices have remained unchanged."

Davison also explained there is a complaint portal on the attorney general's website where citizens can go and submit a complaint about unfair gas prices.

The CFFP met last on March 4, at which time it determined that it would not meet again until more information is received, Davison explained.

"It is still an active investigation," she said, "and until the end of the investigation, we likely will not hear much."

In an email to The SUN, the Colorado Attorney General's Office Chief Communications Officer Lawrence Pacheco states, "The attorney general's office cannot confirm or otherwise comment on investigations." clayton@pagosasun.com

County adopts three updated ordinances

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the April 16 meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the BoCC adopted on second readings updated noise, dog and open burning ordinances.

The ordinances were previously approved upon first reading at the March 19 BoCC meeting.

County Attorney Todd Weaver presented the ordinances to the board, explaining that no changes had been done to the ordinances since their initial readings except for the effective dates and certification pages on the ordinances.

He also explained that the ordinances were updated to ensure that they comply with recent changes to state law.

Following the presentation of the noise ordinance, Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked if the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has purchased decibel meters to assist in enforcing the ordinance.

County Manager Derek Wood-

man stated that he understands that the ACSO has one meter, but was unsure if the office purchased additional meters.

Maez noted that substantiating noise violations requires a meter.

Commissioner Warren Brown, who previously worked for the ACSO, commented that, in his recollection, there were two noise meters available to the office, although he was not sure if that had changed.

The board then moved to adopt the noise ordinance on its second reading.

Prior to the adoption of the amended dog ordinance, Maez commented, "It's always the poor dog that pays the price."

Before the BoCC voted to adopt the revised open burning ordinance, Maez asked Weaver if agricultural properties are exempted from the open burning ordinance.

Weaver replied that they are exempted by statute.

The board then voted to adopt the ordinance.

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Health

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Bruss asked if the ACPHD would consider an influx of immigrants to be a public health emergency.

Wilson stated that these plans cover a wide range of jurisdictions and that a population surge plan would cover the impacts of a population surge on public health and how public health would respond to such an event.

Bruss asked how an influx would be defined.

Wilson commented that population surge planning originated from Hurricane Katrina and covers response to events like if a nearby community had to be evacuated due to a wildfire from a range of perspectives.

Bruss commented that a clear definition should be created for what a population surge is and what amount of displaced people would be required to impact local services.

Wilson commented that this topic is something the BoH should consider and pointed out that threshold

for strain may be different between agencies.

She then asked what the BoH would like her to bring back to determine if the request had been met.

"Maybe the next step is to suggest that it's already part of the system itself," BoH member Stacey Foss commented.

Brown asked if Wilson could share a list of the plans the ACPHD is working on or has completed so the board could examine them.

Wilson commented that she could do so and that some plans might be of interest to the BoH or be things that she would recommend the BoH assess due to the potential for unique considerations in the county.

Wilson also proposed that the BoH could create a schedule to review the plans.

Foss recommended that the list of plans be presented to the BoH and that its members could raise questions about plans or suggest certain plans for review, which Cox ex-

pressed agreement with.

Bruss asked how the term "unhoused immigrants," a term used in agenda documentation for the discussion, is defined.

Wilson stated that she did not have a definition, and Brown noted that the term was not defined in the resolution the BoCC passed.

Brown then asked County Attorney Todd Weaver for his input on a definition.

Bruss asked how the BoH would define which immigrants are unhoused or not.

Weaver commented that the resolution envisioned a busload of immigrants being dropped off in the county lacking any arrangements for housing.

He added that a specific definition would be difficult to create.

Bruss noted that he was "struggling" with the request, since, if the definition were not clarified, it would be difficult to create an order for a "something that might happen or

might not happen."

Weaver noted that this difficulty is why many definitions and plans are created after an emergency and that creating one before such an emergency is very difficult.

Bruss then raised the issue that immigrants may come from locations with varying levels of contagious diseases, making it a "very complex situation" to determine what risk an influx of immigrants might pose.

"So, coming up with these blanket orders or programs treating everything as equal may not be realistic," he added.

Weaver commented that the BoCC wanted to have the BoH assess what risk the arrival of a large number of immigrants would pose, how it would be assessed and what response could occur.

He added that this assessment could be short, and that the board would want "a plan or some vision of how we're going to respond so that, if it happens, we know the steps to follow."

He stated that this vision could also include how other agencies might be needed or become involved in a response.

Medina commented that "it sounds like that's already what's happening, so it sounds like maybe this request is already being fulfilled."

She added that she does not believe that more needs to be done.

Weaver commented that he was not familiar with the plans that are in development, but that he was outlining his vision of what sort of plan might be needed, and is potentially already being created.

Wilson explained that emergency preparedness plans typically outline the steps for an emergency response and commented that the "hang up" might be that a plan is not a public health order.

She stated that a plan outlines steps, but that plans may have to be changed over the course of an event, such as how public health plans shifted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"If a plan is what is being asked for, that can be done," Wilson said. "If an order is what you're asking, I think that feels like a different standard to me than us creating public health emergency plans, but ... if the board just issues an order that we create the plan, maybe that's enough?"

Foss suggested that the BoH should give Wilson a list of next steps to ask about and receive clarification on to help determine whether the current planning effort is sufficient or if there are additional needs beyond that to meet the request.

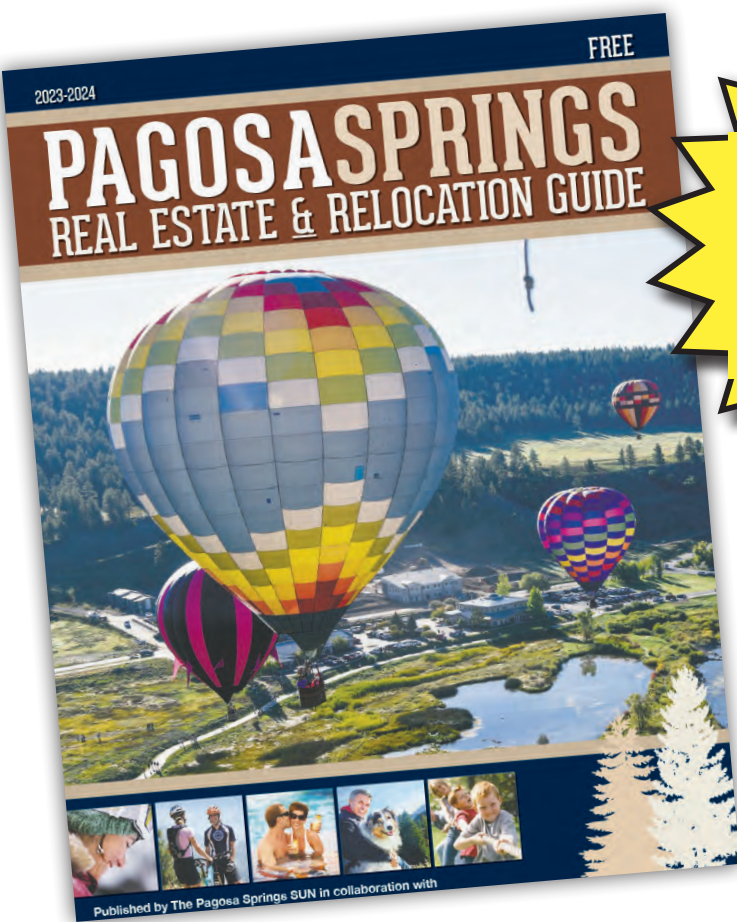
"So, it sounds like the ask for clarifications are: is it really about just knowing if there's a plan in place, here's where we think this may cover this and clarifying if there's an additional ask beyond that," she said.

"As long as a plan includes some definitions and thresholds," Bruss added.

"It can be done," Wilson concluded.

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Brews for Rescues Beer Fest slated for Saturday

By Shane Lucero
Rugby's Rescue House

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WHIPS luncheon set for April 30

By Nancy Ford
Women Helping in Pagosa Springs

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It will be at Beny's Mexican Restaurant and costs \$15.

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The Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School is hosting a concert featuring the soulful duet of Ariella McManus and Nicolaas Kraster on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m.

Americana Project to present Ariella in concert May 1

By Bob Hemenger
 Pagosa Springs High School

The Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School is hosting a concert featuring the soulful duet of Ariella McManus and Nicolaas Kraster.

The concert will be held in the high school auditorium Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and tickets are only available at the door.

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On the other side of the stage, we have the passionate virtuoso, Kraster, hailing from the town of Fredonia, N.Y. Armed with his guitar, Nicolaas adds a layer of complexity to Ariella's music that is nothing short of magical. His influences, including the likes of Al di Meola, Paco de Lucia and Roy Buchanan, have sculpted his unique guitar style, enriching the duet's musical tapestry with a diverse range of genres and textures.

McManus and Kraster have been performing together for an astonishing 14 years, a testament to their unwavering commitment to their craft and, more importantly, to

each other. This enduring partnership shines through in every note

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tion that resonates with audiences worldwide.

Ariella's musical prowess knows no boundaries. They effortlessly traverse a multitude of genres, from soulful ballads to fiery flamenco, from bluesy melodies to electrifying rock. This versatility is a testament to their boundless creativity and mastery of their instruments.

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In the past year, Ariella experienced a meteoric rise on Facebook, growing their following from 6,000 to an astounding 361,000 followers. Many of their reels and video clips have over a million views. Their music has struck a chord with fans around the world.

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On May 11, the San Juan River will have a surge of boaters competing for cash and prizes during the annual Pagosa Paddle whitewater races. Races will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue all day.

Pagosa Paddle whitewater races to be held May 11

By Jenny Highum
Friends of the Upper San Juan River

On May 11, the San Juan River will have a surge of boaters competing for cash and prizes during the annual Pagosa Paddle whitewater races.

Races will begin at 9:30 and continue all day, featuring the slalom, sprint, head-to-head and a down-river parade.

Athletes can compete in one or multiple disciplines: R4 Teams, inflatable or hard-shell kayak, and stand-up paddleboards. Community sponsors have donated cash and prizes to honor the top athletes at an awards ceremony to be held at 5 p.m. at The Springs Resort's special pint-tasting event tent.

The Pagosa Paddle is sponsored by Friends of the Upper San Juan River (FUSJR), a local nonprofit since 2005.

FUSJR's primary mission is to promote environmentally sound,

socially beneficial and economically prosperous management of the Upper San Juan River and Pagosa Springs community parks experience through education, recreation and environmental awareness.

Every year, the vision is to be better stewards of local river, parks and environment while having fun and encouraging others to do the same.

Hosting competitive fundraising races like Pagosa Paddle in May and the long running CRUISE-A-THONG in July is an example of the groups continued efforts to secure public river access and collaborating on improvement projects relating to the

San Juan River and Pagosa Springs community parks.

Not up for paddling? Come out to cheer on the amazing athletes as they go through the downtown water features that make up the whitewater park on the San Juan River through downtown Pagosa Springs.

Spectators can watch the action from above at The Overlook viewing point, alongside the almost-famous Pagosa Riverwalk or from the healing waters of The Springs Resort in conjunction with its Pints, Pools and Paddles event.

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Group will discuss issues related to death on May 7

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

Interested people will be meeting for a third time on Tuesday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ruby Sisson Library meeting room.

Hood Mortuary is the only one in Pagosa and maybe even in Durango, so we will not be giving them an advantage over anyone else since they are the only "show in town." Ryan Phelps and his wife are the owners and they greatly value being able to meet with people when they are not devastated with the loss of a loved one. Phelps will go over all the questions and choices that need to be discussed at the time of death. He has had much experience in talking to others about this difficult and highly emotional topic.

I want everyone to be able to mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ruby Sisson Library for some very important information. He will also answer all our questions, so ask them.

Other topics to be discussed:

- Green burials.
- 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 and used for medical science, then having her ashes returned in an urn with absolutely no cost to the family. He will bring specific information on May 7 so that more people will be able to use such a program.

We are hoping to have dates for 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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Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Five ways to support sexual assault survivors

By Amanda Briggs
Rise Above Violence

Learning someone you know or love has experienced sexual violence is heartbreaking. It can be difficult to know what to do or say in those moments.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a great time to invest in learning healthy strategies for response.

Here are five ways you can support survivors who trust you with their story:

1. Believe them. Studies show that 92 to 98 percent of reports regarding sexual violence are true. In instances where the victim is a child, 98 percent of reports are true. It is safe to believe survivors.

2. Keep your body language open. Having calm and relaxed body language signals to the survivor that you can handle what they are saying.

3. Model appropriate emotions. Survivors often direct anger, shame and embarrassment at themselves instead of directing it at the perpetrator. Many survivors learn how to have a healthy emotional response to their trauma by watching safe, trusted people in their lives model appropriate anger and grief.

4. Encourage them to seek mental health care. We cannot force survivors to seek mental health care, but gentle and well-timed conversations can help a survivor consider the benefits of professional support.

5. Follow up. Many survivors struggle in the aftermath of sharing

their story with another person. Following up within 24 hours signals to the survivor that it was safe to trust you and that you care.

These simple practices can help the survivors in your life feel safe letting you know when they need support in their healing journey.

We at Rise Above Violence encourage you to continue learning about the impacts of sexual assault and how to provide safe support to survivors by following us on social media, checking out the resources on our website and participating in our awareness events throughout the year.

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



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Archuleta Food Summit registration open

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The food summit will take place on Saturday, May 11, at Pagosa Springs High School.

Want to know more about:

- What is grown/produced locally?
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 - What you can do with the food you produce?
 - Where you can get local food?
 - How to support local community food efforts?
 - What the different composting options are?
 - What garden and growing education programs are offered?
 - How to get your garden started?
- On May 11, residents will have

the opportunity to network with our community's local produce and livestock farmers and ranchers. Plus, there will be drawings for produce and pasture-raised meat giveaways for our attendees.

From 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., we'll have an informative opening session on the landscape of local food production and breakout sessions that will include interactive discussions where you can ask the experts on:

- Starting high-altitude gardens.
- Sources of local foods.
- Preventing food waste.
- Water, land and energy resources.
- Preparing and eating with local foods.

And, there is more. Attendees get to join us for a networking lunch while enjoying our local foods raised and produced right here. It doesn't end

there — for those who have a little extra time, there will be a tour of the grow dome and compost production at the high school. It's time to build community through local foods.

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New Thought Center to meet Sunday

By Shayla McClure

New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on April 28 at 10:30 a.m. will be with Elaine Harding, who will speak on "Knowing Your Truth Will Set You Free."

"The most authentic thing about us is our capacity to create, to overcome, to endure, to transform, to love and be greater than our suffering." — Ben Okri.

Upcoming events

April 25, 6 p.m.: Illuminations free lecture with Stephanie Morrow, "Our Bodies, Our Hearts, Our Souls ... a deeper awakening to the healer in you. The way of Water, energy medicine and beyond." Donations will be accepted.

April 26-28 weekend: Mayhill, N.M., spiritual retreat rescheduled due to family passings.

May 3-5: "Your Power Goddess Unveiled" Sedona retreat with Shari Silvey, artist and author, and Shayla White Eagle, medicine woman and spiritual leader.

May 9, 6 p.m.: Illuminations with Paul Kriescher - creator of Heart of a Building, "Actively Loving Nature;

Honoring Your Spiritual Calling with Gaia."

May 12, 11 a.m.: Mothers Day Wolfwood Refuge tour and picnic in Ignacio.

May 16, 6 p.m.: Illuminations with Kathy Steventon, animal spirit artist and energy worker, on "Evolution Of Divine Purpose."

June 13, 6 p.m.: Illuminations with Maggie Red Eagle and White Eagle on the Blessings of the Animals set for June 15.

About us

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

The SpiritHeart Band provides live music every Sunday. We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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Ruby Sisson Library staff hosted an afternoon tea in the library's garden on April 19 to thank its volunteers in honor of National Volunteer Week. Library volunteers help with many important tasks including shelving, program preparation, garden maintenance and more. In 2023 they contributed 1,845 hours valued at \$63,394, a remarkable amount of money, especially for a small library. Such impressive community support is important not only for good service to patrons and visitors, but also when the library applies for grants.



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Smithsonian traveling exhibition on changing landscape of rural america coming to Ignacio

By Jennifer Macias
Colorado Humanities

Colorado Humanities is touring "Crossroads: Change in Rural America," a Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibit to 10 Colorado communities between August 2023 to December 2024.

The exhibit takes a broad look at the characteristics of rural America and explores how rural American communities changed in the 20th century. It explores how an attraction to and interaction with the land formed the basis of rural America, and how rural communities and small towns evolve.

It also highlights how change has transformed rural America and how rural Americans are evolving for the future.

The exhibition opened in August 2023 in Walsenburg and will continue moving to other communities, including Ignacio on April 29 at the Ignacio Community Library, 470 Goddard Ave.

About 'Crossroads: Change in Rural America'

Currently, most of the United States landscape remains rural, with only 3.5 percent of the landmass considered urban. Since 1900, the percentage of Americans living in rural areas dropped from 60 percent to 17 percent, and the exhibit looks

at that remarkable societal change and how rural Americans responded.

Americans have relied on rural crossroads for generations. These places where people gather to exchange goods, services and culture, and to engage in political and community discussions, are an important part of our cultural fabric. Despite the massive economic and demographic impacts brought on by these changes, America's small towns continue to creatively focus on new opportunities for growth and development.

"Crossroads' allows us to reflect on Ignacio, Colorado's, history, present and future, and we are excited to explore what the future may hold for our community," said Eva Lewis, director of the Ignacio Creative District. "We want to convene conversations about what makes our community unique and have developed a local exhibit, public programs and facilitated conversations to complement the Smithsonian exhibition."

All events will be held at Ignacio Community Library.

- April 29, 10 a.m.: Grand opening and ribbon cutting at 10 a.m.
- May 9, 5 p.m.: "Ties to Land and Place."
- May 17, 1 p.m.: "Community Celebrations and Traditions."
- May 21, 5 p.m.: "Ignacio's Past, Present and Future."
- May 31, 5 p.m.: "Visions, Views, **See Exhibition on next page**



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

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.

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.

PALS Adult Education. 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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 and staying safe during wildfire season.

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." Livestreaming is available at www.cumcps.org.

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.

Ready, Set, Learn. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. A centered approach designed to build preschool skills.
Children's Book Art. 2-3:30 p.m.

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Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Soccer
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Support for MoMS has been provided by the U.S. Congress, Colorado Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, contact Jennifer Macias, history programs coordinator, at jennifer@colorado-humanities.org or (303) 894-7951, ext. 17.



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cer. 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.

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

Prescription Drug Takeback Event. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive. For more information, visit www.dea.gov.

Brews for Rescues. Noon-5 p.m., Town Park. A fundraiser for Rugby's Rescue House. For more information and tickets, visit brewsforrescues2024.eventbrite.com.

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

DivorceCare. 4-5:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. DivorceCare is a program that provides a safe environment for persons who have gone through, are going through or are considering going through a divorce. You may begin classes at any time throughout the session. For more information, please contact Lorena Medina at loremedina0817@gmail.com or the church at admin@centerpointpagosa.com. You can also register online at www.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.

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/.

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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.

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.

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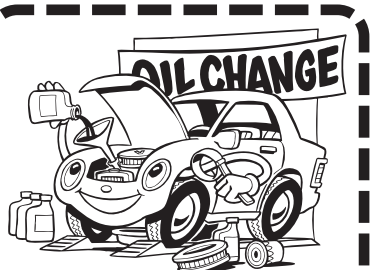
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Deepening the Faith Classes. 6-8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

Tuesday, April 30

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

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs) Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., Beny's Mexican Restaurant. All women are welcome. The cost is \$15. RSVP to (970) 946-1895 by Sunday night, April 28.

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.

Children's Book Day/El Dia de los Ninos. 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join for a bilingual storytime, face painting and some fun activities.

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

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

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Virtual Author Talk: Douglas Brunt. 1 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. "Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I" with Douglas Brunt. For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

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

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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.

Americana Project Presents Ariella. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Students from the Americana Project will open the show before husband-and-wife duo Ariella takes the stage. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

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Lifelong Learning Lecture Series. 6-7:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Denise Fisk and Joanne Lucariello from the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association will present "Knowing Our Ancient Puebloan Neighbors."

Friday, May 3

Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club. 4-6 p.m., home of Lisa Scott. A gathering in honor of Founders' Day and our Golden Arrows, women who have been a member of the sorority for 50 years or more. Bring a small plate of appetizers to share. RSVP to Lisa by May 1.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 6-8 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Hike leaders from the club will present guidelines for safe hiking in the wilderness. The presentation will provide information on

outing planning and critical gear to take with you on any hiking activity. Archuleta County Sheriff Mike LeRoux will join the meeting to answer any questions about search and rescue activities conducted by his office and the Upper San Juan

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WHITE VEGGIES

Easy to overlook, but essential for flavor, white veggies such as garlic, onion, and leek are great for bumping up the phytonutrients in most any meal.

DARK-GREEN LEAFY VEGGIES

Look for spinach, kale, bok choy, and broccoli. Add them to a stir fry for a vibrant and flavor-packed dinner, or try romaine lettuce for a delicious and crunchy salad.

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Friday, May 3

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.

Messy Art: Fingerpainting.

2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Get messy and create a masterpiece.

Saturday, May 4

Walk for Moms.

8:30 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Whether you are a mom, grandmother or a fan of moms, come celebrate moms in our community. This year is a moon/space theme, so plan your team and dress accordingly. In addition to the walk, there will be themed trivia, music and activities, including for kids. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Registration is free. You will receive a bag and some goodies just for signing up, and there will be prizes for raising money. Register and learn more at <https://aspirepagosa.org/walk-for-moms-pagosa-springs/>.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Track and Field: Terry Alley Invitational.

a.m., Golden Peaks Stadium.

Big Spring Clean Community Clean Up.

9-11:30 a.m. See a brochure to scan the QR code for participation signup. For more information, call the Visitor Center at (970) 585-1200.

GriefShare.

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

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.

Big Spring Clean Community BBQ.

11:30-1 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. BBQ, ice cream contest and live music. For more information, call the Visitor Center at (970) 585-1200.

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.

Monday, May 6

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

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

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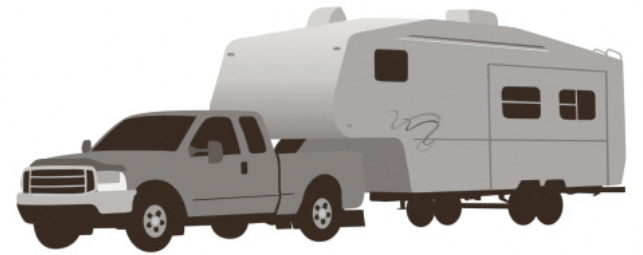
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Species Spotlight: bouncing bet

By Ethan Proud and Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnists

This summer, the format for articles coming from the Weed and Pest Department will be a little different.

Over the last seven years I have focused on a Weed of the Month, and after seven years most of the notable

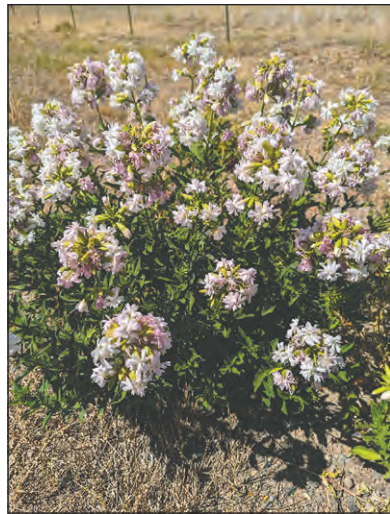


Photo courtesy Archuleta County Weed and Pest

Bouncing bet, also known as soapwort, was discovered in Archuleta County last summer. It is a B List Noxious Weed.

Landowner Stewardship Series

Do you own property in Archuleta County? Would you like to know more about your land and its resources? The CSU Extension office and the San Juan Conservation District are hosting an in-depth Landowner Stewardship Series on best practices on your land.

April 30 at 6 p.m. will be on range and soil health.

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

Chamber After Hours

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

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month at the CSU Extension office, generally on the second Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. Call the Extension office at (970) 246-5931 to register.

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

Extension Viewpoints

weeds have been covered.

I could dive into the obscure weeds which you are likely to never see here in Archuleta County (and ones that I have never seen), but instead we will be switching to a species spotlight each month and rotate between a noxious weed, a biocontrol agent and a native species.

To kick off the season, we will start with a B List Noxious Weed: bouncing bet. Bouncing bet is the newest invader in the county and was discovered last summer growing just north of the transfer station in the county right of way.

It is likely a garden escapee, and my guess is that a seed or several seeds blew out of the back of a truck after someone took their garden refuse to the landfill or transfer station.

Bouncing bet is available for purchase in the U.S. as an ornamental, so be diligent when planning your gardens to avoid unknowingly planting an invasive species.

Bouncing bet is a perennial species which reproduces by both seeds and rhizomes and can produce up to 1,500 seeds per plant. The flowers are light pink to white and are about an inch wide, with five slightly notched petals. Some varieties are double blooming and will have up to 10 petals.

Bouncing bet grows between 1 and 3 feet tall and has opposite, lance-shaped leaves which grow between 1 and 4 inches long, and between half an inch to 2 inches wide.

It is toxic to grazing animals and contains a chemical which causes it to lather in water, giving it the alternate name of soapwort.

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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 blue-winged teal.

This migratory duck regularly shows up later than others in our area to spend some time before continuing on to breeding territories. The blue-winged teal is a long distance migrant, with some wintering as far away as South America and others spending this season in Mexico and Central America. It does not tolerate cold weather well and is one of the last ducks to migrate north in spring and the first to fly south in fall.

Although some travel as far north as Alaska to nest, most breed in shallow ponds and wetlands in the prairies of the central United States and Canada. The availability of suitable nesting habitat is dictated by wetland conditions on the prairies, some years good, some not. Nest failure from predation by mammals often exceeds 90 percent. Despite these odds, blue-winged teal are the second most abundant duck in North America.

No. 1 status is held by the mallard.

The blue-winged teal is the second smallest duck in North America, only slightly larger than the green-winged teal. If you see one side by side with a mallard, you can appreciate just how small they are. In breeding plumage, a male is buffy colored with black speckles covering the body. On his bluish gray head, he sports a bold, white crescent in front of each eye. The males we see in fall are a different story, resembling the brown, patterned females. In flight, their wings show green patches below the powdery blue shoulder patches for which they are named.

These ducks feed by dabbling and rarely dive. For this reason, they prefer to forage in shallow water and mudflats. The majority of their diet is plant material, and they feed on the seeds of rice, millet and water lilies. Before and after egg laying, females fulfill protein requirements by consuming a large amount of invertebrates.

World Migratory Bird Day, celebrated yearly on the second Saturday of May, this year focuses on the importance of insects to bird life. You can do your part by reducing the use of pesticides and fertilizers in your living space.

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

Spiritual Experiences Group to meet Sunday

By Laurah Brock Young

Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

You are invited to explore your eternal nature.

Could past-life recall provide valuable insights to improve your quality of life today?

Is it possible your dreams are a source of inner truth and wisdom?

Would you like to live a more open and loving life by tapping into Divine Spirit and understanding how your past lives influence who you are today?

Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs on Sunday, April 28, at 1 p.m. for a lively discus-

sion called "Past Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel, Let Go of the Past, Live for Today."

We will meet at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

This free event is sponsored by Eckankar, a spiritual resource for people of all faiths and beliefs. It is an individual, creative practice to experience our unique relationship with the Divine.

Join the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs at <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/>.

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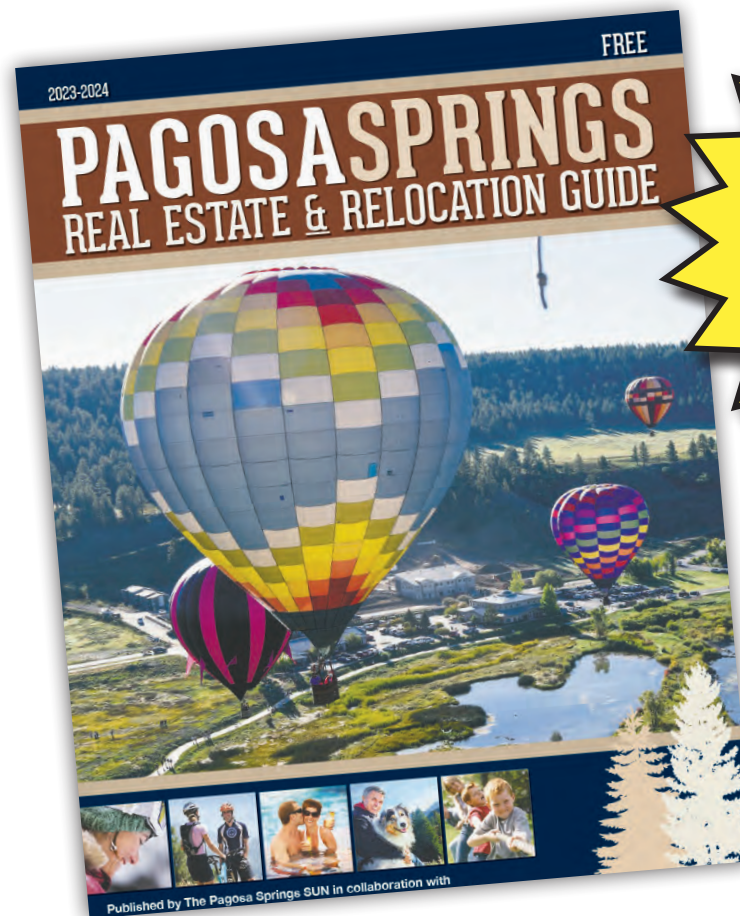
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Two free events will celebrate Children's Book Day/El Dia de los Ninos

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

You are invited to two free special events to celebrate Children's Book Day/El Dia de los Ninos.

On Friday, April 26, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., all ages are invited to the library to start creating your entry in a fun book art contest to reproduce the cover of a children's book on a new surface such as a rock, a book stand or a plate. You also can make your entry at home. They must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 3, and winners will be announced May 4. Prizes will be awarded for each of five age categories: 0-5, 6-8, 8-11, 12-17 and 18 and up. Entries may not exceed 36 inches by 36 inches by 36 inches and must be your own creation, not a kit or other pre-built structure. You must be able to carry your entry in and out of the building without help of library staff.

On Tuesday, April 30, from 3 to 5 p.m., children are invited to a celebration hosted by Sherry with a bilingual storytime presented by Jennifer that will also include face painting and crafts.

Special teen event tomorrow

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 Rodriquez and create art based on his book "Always Running." Pizza will be provided and everyone will receive a free book.

Lifelong Learning Lectures

The free spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series takes place Thursday evenings through May 23 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. with five more informative presentations:

- Today, 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 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.

Virtual author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks continue with three opportunities in May for you to interact with New York Times bestselling authors and ask questions in April.

For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

On Wednesday, May 1, at 1 p.m., we'll focus on "Genius, Power and Deception on the Eve of World War I" with Douglas Brunt.

Wednesday, May 8, at 5 p.m. will highlight "A Murder Mystery, Family Story & Love Letter to Strong Women Everywhere" with Nina Simon.

Tuesday, May 21, at 5 p.m. will showcase Rebecca F. Kuang discussing Asian American representation in literature.

Preschool class tomorrow

Our free "Ready, Set, Learn" that helps build important preschool skills such as tracing a line, cutting, identifying letters and holding a pencil happens tomorrow, Friday, April 26, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Adult knitting Saturday

Join new and experienced knitters Saturday, April 27, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project.

Shakespeare read-aloud

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

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 Monday, April 29, from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration is required.

Elementary tutoring

Children ages 6-11 are welcome at these free sessions on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. where they will build essential skills in core subjects. Preregistration is required.

Family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join a free educational hour of read-

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Go to and fro
- 5 Ski slope
- 10 Witch's blemish
- 14 Matinee ____
- 15 Hepburn film, "Wait ____ Dark"
- 16 Word after rush or happy
- 17 PBS science series
- 18 English rock group?
- 20 Ditchdigger
- 22 Italian city NW of Milan
- 23 Brawl
- 24 Wee-hours flight
- 26 Justice's garb
- 28 To the degree that
- 32 Chemical reaction phenomenon
- 36 Jazz singer Simone
- 37 NAFTA signatory
- 38 Progress delayer
- 41 Rock's Bon Jovi
- 42 Cocktail garnish
- 44 Bringing from abroad
- 46 Adopts, as a stray
- 49 Like some excuses
- 50 Thin, silky fabric
- 52 Schnozzes
- 56 Perfect pass
- 59 Outgoing officeholder
- 61 Nobel Prize category
- 63 Painter of melting watches
- 64 Puts to work
- 65 Enlarge, as a road
- 66 "The Blackboard Jungle" author Hunter
- 67 NFC West team

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- 68 Bird feeder fill
- 69 Brooklyn five

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- 1 Pub servings
- 2 Love lots
- 3 Really, really want
- 4 Hyundai model
- 5 It may come to shove
- 6 Arousing attention
- 7 Mall component
- 8 Pewter component
- 9 "Stranger Things" girl
- 10 Atop which
- 11 First-rate
- 12 Hairpieces
- 13 Grove growth
- 19 Robert of "Airplane!"
- 21 Adds ice, maybe
- 25 Went missing
- 27 "Gotta run!"
- 29 Pacific island nation

- 30 Auth. unknown
- 31 Summoned, as a butler
- 32 Short
- 33 Home to the Himalayas
- 34 Armored vehicle
- 35 PC maker
- 39 Dove's sound
- 40 Danish currency
- 43 Dishearten
- 45 Walked-over
- 47 Fly like an eagle
- 48 Spouse's family
- 51 Give the slip to
- 53 Smooth-tongued
- 54 Showy display
- 55 Trapper's wares
- 56 Disparage
- 57 Galileo's birthplace
- 58 "Time" anagram
- 60 Department store department
- 62 Father's Day gift

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Library

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ing, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

Writers Guild

Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

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.

Local author

"Sacred Work" by Peggy Bodde is subtitled, "A Christian Woman's Guide to Leadership in the Marketplace." The author uses her knowledge of the Bible and her 25 years of business experience in the corporate world to provide advice on how to handle challenges such as when you disagree with the boss, are passed over for a promotion and more.

DVDs

"King in the Wilderness" is an HBO documentary focusing on the last three years of Dr. Martin Luther King's life. "Gentle Yoga Plus Pilates" features Jessica Smith exercises for stretching and core strength. "Lancaster" is the story of the iconic World War II bomber. "Wednesday" is season one

of this supernatural comedy. "Freud's Last Session" features a conversation between Freud and C.S. Lewis on the future of mankind and existence of God. "Immediate Family" focuses on session musicians from iconic 1970s pop music. "Why Women Kill" is season one dealing with three wives' reaction to infidelity. "The Iron Claw" is the story of two brothers who made history in the world of professional wrestling. "Evolution Earth" is a PBS documentary tracks how animals are adapting to keep pace with an ever-changing planet.

Large print

"The Truth about the Devlins" by Lisa Scottoline is a murder mystery about a family of lawyers. "Everyone is Watching" by Heather Gudenkauf is a suspense story about five contestants on a game show. "The Wild Side" by Fern Michaels features an undercover female investigator. "The Trail of Lost Hearts" by Tracey Garvis Graves is a romance between two people recovering from life-altering blows.

Nonfiction

"Bird-Friendly Gardening" by Jen McGuinness offers guidance and projects for supporting birds in your outdoor landscape. "Postdiabetic" by Eric Edmeades and Dr. Ruben Ruiz is a nine-week guide to reversing pre-diabetes and Type 2 diabetes. "Your Best Financial Life" by Anne Lester, former head of retirement solutions for J.P. Morgan Asset Management, shows you how to save for your retirement and the future. "Rebel Rising" by Rebel Wilson is a memoir by the actress in "Pitch Perfect," "Bridesmaids" and "Isn't It Romantic." "Who Is Afraid of Gender?" by Judith Butler looks at how rhetoric can strip trans and gay people of their right to pursue life without fear of violence. "Nourish" by Gisele Bundchen provides 100 recipes plus advice for emotional and physical well-being.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"The Genesis 6 Project" by Michael Ferguson is a biblical sci-fi action adventure featuring a Special Agent of Indian Affairs. "The Cradle of Ice" by James Rollins is a techno-thriller about a fellowship before a coming apocalypse. "The Good, the Bad and the Aunties" by Jesse Q. Sutanto begins when a gift is given by accident during a Chinese New Year celebration.

Other novels

"The Rachael Incident" by Caroline O'Donoghue is a comedic look at friends and lovers in Ireland. "Mobility" by Lydia Kiesling follows the life of a woman with a successful career in the oil industry. "City of Laughter" by Temim Fruchter features a young gay woman traveling back to her origins. "The Trail of Lost Hearts" by Tracey Garvis Graves is a romance between two people recovering from life-altering blows. "Clear" by Carys

Davies follows a minister sent to a remote island in Scotland to evict a tenant.

Quotable quote

"Recalibrate your values to reward joy, not physical prowess. No one keeps score on what you're doing except you. As I get older, I recognize my athletic achievements by the width of my smile." — Avid skier, filmmaker and author Warren Miller.

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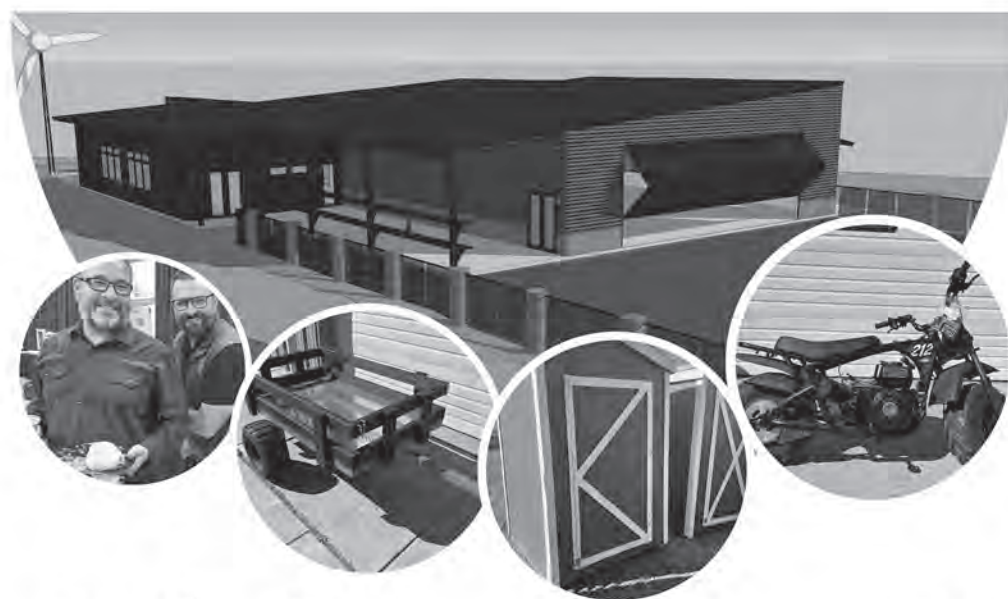
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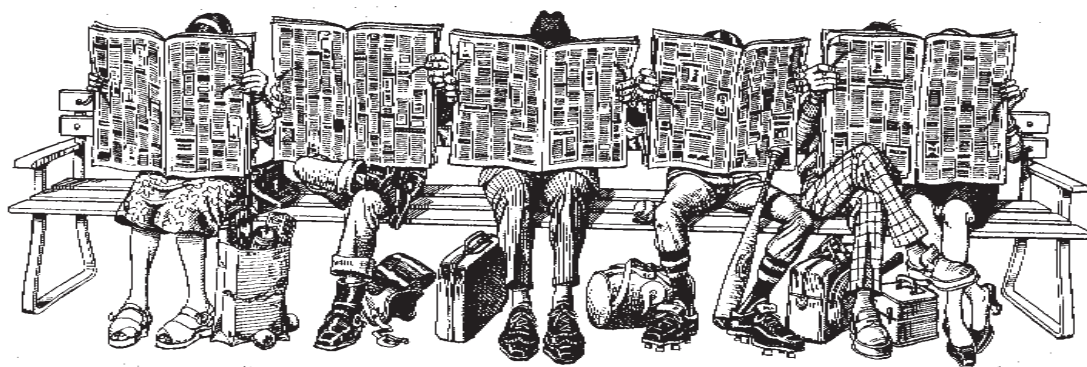
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ASI to lead Older Americans Month celebration in May

By Rose Chavez
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) is thrilled to announce the 2024 Older Americans Month theme — “Powered by Connection.”

Led by the Administration for Community Living, this annual observance aims to recognize and honor the valuable contributions of older Americans.

The chosen theme emphasizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on the health and well-being of our elderly population.

This year, ASI is proud to join the nationwide celebration by hosting a series of events throughout May in Archuleta County.

On Tuesday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m., join ASI Executive Director Rose Chavez as she presents a proclamation for Older Americans Month 2024 to the community and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners at 398 Lewis St.

On May 17 at 1:30 p.m., join ASI for our inaugural “Fresh Conversations” class. Are you interested in learning more about carbohydrates in your diet? Join us on May 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., for Fresh Conversations. You will get to sample some healthy, delicious food while you learn about the differences between refined and whole grains and how to select healthier alternatives to refined carbohydrates. You will also walk away with helpful information about the benefits of physical activity and how to fit it into your daily lives. We will provide you with a newsletter about the topic you can take home. Come join us for a great conversation.

On May 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., join ASI for a picnic in the park. Join us as we renew a tradition of the past hosting lunch for older adults and community members of all ages in Yamaguchi Park, located at 684 S. 5th St. Local band Acoustic Picnic will provide music and generate an ambiance of connection and relaxation. All community members are invited to join. We just ask that you please RSVP for lunch by 9 a.m. on May 30, by contacting or texting the ASI office at (970) 264-2167.

In the spirit of collaboration, we invite local organizations to partner with us in hosting events that foster connections, share experiences and promote the well-being of older Americans.

ASI is at the forefront of this effort, seeking host organizations to make a meaningful impact. If you or your organization is interested in being part of this initiative, we encourage you to reach out to Chavez at rosa@psseniors.org.

By coming together and creat-

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ing a network of support, we can ensure that the celebration of Older Americans Month goes beyond the confines of May.

These events are not just about a month-long celebration; they are about building lasting connections, understanding the needs of our older community members and empowering them to lead fulfilling lives.

Join us in making May a month of joy, shared experiences and strengthened connections. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the well-being of older Americans in our community.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact ASI at (970) 264-2167.

Healthy aging yoga therapy class series

This spring, a Healthy Aging Yoga Series will be offered as in person 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.

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 Connors directly by emailing ajconnorslove@gmail.com.

Bingo

The Senior Center will be hosting bingo twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Bingo will be on May 3, May 31, June 7 and June 21.

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

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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.

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 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.

Monday, April 29 — Chicken Dijon, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, garden salad, fruit, cottage cheese and milk.

Tuesday, April 30 — Beef lasagna, garlic bread, broccoli, garden salad, fruit, chocolate cake and milk.

Wednesday, May 1 — Artichoke, mushroom and sundried tomato fettuccine Alfredo; garlic bread; garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, May 2 — Pork kielbasa with German potato salad, sweet and sour cabbage, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, May 3 — New England clam chowder with focaccia bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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.

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.

Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

Supporting ASI

Please support our ongoing operations and programming that provide critical services to some of the most vulnerable in Archuleta County.

You may mail your donation to P.O. Box 3444, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or please visit our website, <http://www.psseniors.org/> (donation button). Donation checks can be written to: Archuleta Seniors Inc. We are located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information about Archuleta Seniors Inc., please visit <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

There is also another way to donate.

Are you 70 and half years old or better? Do you have an IRA from which you need to take a distribution? Did you know you can make charitable donations directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution, up to \$100,000 per year? The donation from the account would be payable to Archuleta Seniors Inc. and sent to P.O. Box 344, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. This gift option is called the IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution.

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Don't take your love to town

By Betty J. Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

I love Pagosa. Our little town is not like some of the others around the state. We still have a hometown feel. I don't want to lose our family-friendly place. We are free from the pretentious trappings of the big city.

I saw a woman step out of her shiny clean Cadillac wearing diamonds and pajamas. By the looks of her clean car, she is definitely a visitor.

So, what am I saying? Pagosa is who we are. I love that our little town has an unpretentious way about it. But there are limits. I have to draw a few lines with my Sweet Al.

He was bragging about his old 4Runner at the breakfast table. I told him, "You can love her all you want, Al, but don't take her to town."

"Why?"

Because the hatch door on your lovely is tied up with a rope, secured to the trailer hitch by a wire to keep the door shut. It's so redneck. She's wearing an eyepatch on her backlight.

"It looks fine. Nobody cares." Al became offended.

Offended or not, I pointed to the side window. In case it snows, you've duct taped a piece of cardboard and a big black garbage bag to cover the open window. Can't you see how bad it looks? Not to mention the rusted back bumper. The license plate is hanging on by a wire.

"But it runs like a striped ape."

"I don't care how much he loves her or how she runs," I said to my daughter, "It's OK for your dad to drive around the property, stay on the Blanco, but not go to town."

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She turned 28 years old. For a gal her age, the motor still purrs like a fine-oiled machine.

She said, "It looks like Pagosa. You ought to see the sights that come to my store. Let him take his love to town."

Sounds like a song by Kenny Rogers, "Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town." I went to the computer and listened to the song and the lyrics. There was definitely an article here.

Even if you paint the rusty bumper, roll and curl a new tint job, I don't want you to take that car to town.

And yes, it's true that Al isn't the sharp salesman, all dressed up with the shiny shoes he used to wear, and I know his old car still needs his

company, but don't leave the property with it.

She turned 28 years old. For a gal her age, the motor still purrs like a fine-oiled machine. "If you feel the need to take her out for a drive, just keep going and leave her at the boneyard in Bayfield. I'll pick you up there." Oh, Ruby, don't take your love to town. For God's sake, turn around.

So, if you see that old car driving the streets of Pagosa, just know my Sweet Al is taking her out for a drive. He doesn't care how she looks; she's his.

When I went to the garage to get in my Subaru, I noticed the back door open. "Al, what's that all about? What have you done?"

"Oh, when we went to town, we filled up a couple of 5-gallon cans of gas for the ATVs. Your car has a little gas smell, that's all. I'm letting it air out."

"What?" I came unglued. "I told you not to carry gas in my car."

"Well, you told me not to take my car to town."

Final brushstroke: Country living in Pagosa is who we are. As hard as we try, we're all wearing caked mud on the back of our pants. I'm glad when my daughter says, "It's OK to look like Pagosa." It's a good thing. I don't think my Sweet Al will ever change.

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Durango Mesa Park opened last fall with a series of demonstration trails.

Building a huge park is anything but easy

By **Dave Marston**
PREVIEW Columnist

Marc Katz is a retired entrepreneur who lives part-time in Durango, a town of 19,000 people who all seem to love the outdoors.

You can't have too many parks, he believes, because the demand seems inexhaustible.

The way he tells it, when he bought the 1,680 acres adjacent to town, he thought it would be a fantastic place for a rural park that included biking and hiking trails and a centralized set of soccer fields. He quickly learned it was "naïve" to think park development would be uncomplicated or quick.

What he started in 2014 has now become a whopper of a park that someday may prepare mountain bikers for the Olympics. Katz, though, only had experience working in the private sector, as CEO of a credit card payments company.

The \$14 million parcel he bought once hosted a coal mine and gravel pit, and it sits atop a steep mesa above the town. Planning for the new park turned into a nine-year effort that involved countless meetings with city and county officials. Then there were road trips to innovative park projects, notably those around Bentonville, Ark.

As one of its goals, Katz's project includes an 80-acre "outdoor mountain bike stadium," a BMX track and community events center, which would make Durango the king of U.S. mountain biking.

"We anticipate the 2028 US Olympic Mountain bike team training at the park," said Gaige Sippy, a board member of the Durango Mesa Foundation that's carrying out Katz's vision.

Sippy knows cycling. He was the longtime director of the Iron Horse Bicycle Classic. Every Memorial Day weekend, the race pits a tourist train against several thousand bikers, who usually win.

Cycling is anchored deep in Durango, with a vigorous youth and adult program involving hundreds of participants.

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Still, said Moira Compton, who runs Katz's foundation as executive director, "this is a big lift for Durango. But so was Purgatory Ski Resort and our local Chapman Ski Hill."

Sippy agreed.

"Those same people who fought the rec center now say, 'It's too small.' This is the biggest philanthropic endeavor for Durango times ten," Sippy said. "Sometimes I feel like a snake oil salesman, selling something that won't be fully realized for 20 years."

But the hard work isn't on his plate.

"That's Moira's job," he said, as Compton wrangles meetings and talks to residents about what they want in the new park.

Compton said planning includes leaving "big open space" for what the community might want in 10-20 and even 40 years.

"If you told me that the Klunker bikes we made in our garages in Crested Butte would become an Olympic sport, I'd have said, 'impossible.'"

For today's users, Katz said, "We know we need adaptive sports trails (hand-bike trails), and we need a dozen ball fields in one place for state tournaments. We also need camping, from primitive to RV hook-ups, to go with it."

"Don't forget Frisbee golf," he added, and "dedicated walking trails" for the many locals who don't bike or find interactions with mountain bikers intimidating.

"They (bikers) just move so fast," agreed 77-year-old Dave Stiller, an avid walker.

To get things moving, Durango Mesa Park opened last fall with a series of demonstration trails with banked corners, table-top jumps and, unlike other area trails, traffic goes in only one direction and e-bikes are permitted.

The biking community was ecstatic, Sippy said. "We just had to get something going. It was time to get shovels in the ground."

If there's grumbling, it's about housing.

Durango, like many mountain towns, is housing constrained.

"Three developers put (Katz's) land under contract and then passed on developing. The infrastructure costs were over \$100 million," said Sippy.

"This, though, is a rural park," said Compton. "We don't have to build sidewalks or streetlights."

Sippy added that if the town moved its ballfields and BMX track to the park and the county moved its fairground, "it would open up land in the town for housing."

But the county backed out of building its fairgrounds in the park.

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Lance, the instrument repair person

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

My wife, Donna, is a band instrument repair person. She has been repairing instruments for 21 years. She has become proficient at it.

As a member of NAPBIRT (National Association of Professional Band Instrument Repair Technicians), she has shared and had shared with her some interesting stories and images, such as a trumpet that a person ran over and flattened totally, then brought it in, thinking it could be repaired. As one technician said, "It went from a C trumpet to an A flat trumpet."

One day, a young band instrument technician shared his story.

Lance had gone through some of the best training a person could have for band instrument repair. There are two ways to get this training: a trade school or an apprenticeship. Lance had done both. He then went on to work for a music store for a few years before setting up his own shop.

Prior to starting his own business, the shops he worked in had all been set up for him. He just had to do the work. It was exciting for him to set up his own shop. He could put the tools and materials where he wanted them. And one thing he wanted was to have the things he used within easy reach. Something that really annoyed him was that the school and the shop he worked in had some things so far

away.

He had grown up with a father that wanted his wood shop a particular way, and every wrench had its spot, which was labeled. Similarly, the shops he worked in had a certain spot for everything, and he was required to put it back in its place when he was done.

Of course, Lance made sure he had the safety equipment in place that he had been trained to have. Nearby was the water spray bottle, the most crucial tool for any little flame that might get out of hand. As a last resort, a fire extinguisher hung on the wall.

Lance liked his convenient little shop. He didn't have to go far for the things he consistently used. One of these was the rust remover. In the other shops, it was on a shelf a distance away from his workbench. Though it was only five steps away, it was an annoyance to go get it and then have to put it back. It seemed like every instrument that came in was stuck in some way and needed something to break through the corrosion.

Lance did an excellent job, and business quickly picked up. The efficiency of his shop made it so he was able to do a few extra instruments each day and make more money.

One day, Lance was brazing a piece of metal with a butane burner. To keep the instrument piece from getting scratched or dented, he had

it sitting on a rug piece on his workbench. But in the process, he got the fire a little too close to the carpet. This was not the first time this had happened. Most technicians he knew used something like a carpet under the instruments when they worked on them, and that was how he had been trained.

Lance didn't even get excited. He just reached for the ever-constant water bottle to put it out. But just as he hit the spray nozzle, he realized that instead of water, he had grabbed a can of WD-40. Suddenly, a fireball engulfed the area in front of him, including the instrument he had been working on.

He quickly grabbed the water spray and put out the fire in short order. Maybe putting the flammable chemicals a distance away and walking to get them was a good idea. Perhaps others had done something similar, and that was why they had them where they did.

Lance moved the chemicals across the room, then went to change his underwear, grateful that was the only incidental damage of the mishap.

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Photo courtesy Durango Mesa Foundation

Riders take to Durango Mesa Park's demonstration trails in 2023.

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"It was a setback," Compton said. "We're leaving the option open if they want to reconsider."

As Sippy put it, "Someone rarely hands you a huge chunk of land next to town and the money to build a giant park for the community. This is a big opportunity for Durango."

"And it's our job not to screw it up," said Compton.

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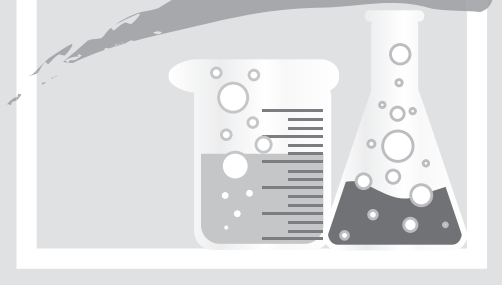
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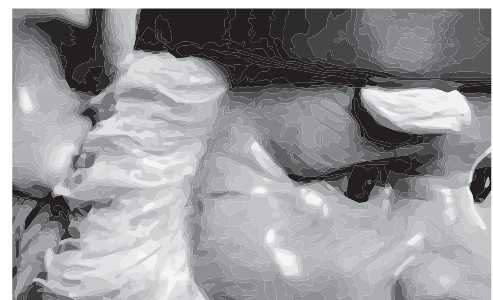
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PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/ Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

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