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Town to hold road reconstruction session on May 6

By David J. Harris
Town of Pagosa Springs

The Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a second community listening session regarding the upcoming Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) road construction on U.S. 160 through the downtown business district on Monday, May 6, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

CDOT recently announced it delayed the much-anticipated reconstruction project for now and will rebid the project in the fall of 2024, with construction activities anticipated to begin in the spring of 2025.

We decided to keep up the momentum and build upon the ideas and energy of our last meeting on April 4 so that we all are better prepared for when the project takes place.

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Annual Big Spring Clean set for May 3 and 4

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County will be hosting the annual Big Spring Clean event, with the entities providing the following details for the event.

The town and county will be providing multiple free disposal locations during the next two days for residents.

The free dump locations will be at:

- Town Shop, 703 S. 5th St.

- Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.
- Aspen Springs Ute Park, 981 Ute Drive.

Roll-off dumpsters at each location will accept general debris from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. No household trash, tires, vehicles, batteries, mattresses or hazardous material will be accepted at those locations. Please bring proof of residency.

The county transfer station, located at 2140 County Road 500, will be accepting specialty items such as

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SUN photo/Clayton Chaney

Members of the community and Rise Above Violence stand together by the bell tower before walking through downtown in honor of Denim Day on April 24, during the Sexual Assault Awareness month of April. Wearing jeans on Denim Day is a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual harassment, abuse, assault and rape, according to Rise.

North Pagosa Boulevard paving project to start May 3

Mag chloride application to begin May 6

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The milling and repaving of North Pagosa Boulevard between the U.S. 160 intersection and Bastille Drive will begin on May 3, according to a press release from Archuleta County Communications Specialist Ashley Springer.

Springer explains that the project will also involve milling and repaving of a short section of Navajo Trail Drive from the intersection with North Pagosa Boulevard to the entrance to the Cowboy Car Wash.

In an interview, Springer stated that work will begin on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and continue until Saturday morning at 6 a.m. before resuming at 7 p.m. Saturday and ending at 6 a.m. Sunday.

According to Springer, traffic control and flaggers will be in place Friday night and Saturday night, and the roadway will be open for traffic during the day, although it will be narrowed and traffic will likely be

slowed.

She indicated that contractor Four Corners Materials will aim to complete the milling of the roadway over the weekend with work to continue next week.

Springer stated that that work will occur at night for the remainder of the project, with no total closures occurring at any point and the roadway open to traffic flow during the day.

She added that project engineer Mike Davis of Davis Engineering advises residents to attempt to avoid traveling through the area during the project since traffic will likely be slowed or backed up.

She notes that the businesses most impacted by the work will include the Speedway and Marathon gas stations, The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery, the Cowboy Car Wash and the Pagosa Fire Protection District offices.

Archuleta County Road and Bridge Manager Eric McRae notes in a communication that Four Corners Materials will begin staging

equipment for the project on May 1, although this should not cause significant traffic impacts or disruptions.

In the press release, Springer states that the project should be completed before Memorial Day weekend.

"The County wishes to thank residents for their patience during this necessary Construction," Springer concludes.

In other road construction news, McRae indicates that a culvert replacement project at Martinez Creek on North Pagosa Boulevard that the county began last November will be finalized in the next week with final cleanup work being completed.

Magnesium chloride schedule

Springer reports that magnesium chloride application on county roads will begin on May 6 in the Arboles area and move up County Road (CR) 500 toward Pagosa Springs.

According to the county magnesia

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Photo courtesy Sally Riggs

Rachael Berndt and Dieter Denen pose for a photo after being named prom king and queen. Pagosa Springs High School's annual spring dance was held on April 27 with a masquerade theme.

Snowpack, river levels below median despite 'good' March

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On April 30, the National Weather Service (NWS) released its drought outlook for May, which states "the last 4 weeks brought improvement to areas of drought in most of the Rockies and Intermountain West."

The outlook depicts much of New Mexico still with areas of persistent drought along with small portions of southern Colorado, including Archuleta County.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey explained in an interview

that water is still flowing into the district's Fourmile diversion.

"There's still a lot of snow up there, so we're in good shape for now," he said. "March was a good month ... helped us out quite a bit."

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, as of noon on April 30, all of Archuleta County is in an abnormally dry stage, with southwestern parts of the county in a D1 Level Moderate drought.

For more information and current drought information, visit https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?fips_08007.

Snowpack

Snowpack levels across the state were up at the start of April due to "late-season snowstorms and consistent precipitation," according to an April 9 press release from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

The state's snowpack was at 114 percent of median on April 9, but, as of April 30, the state's snowpack had fallen to 91 percent of median.

Pagosa Country received a mix of precipitation last weekend, with higher elevations seeing snow and lower elevations getting some rain, graupel and some snow.

According to Shawn Prochazka at Pagosa Weather, based on SNOTEL data, the top of Wolf Creek Pass received about 5 to 7 inches of snow from Friday, April 26, to Sunday, April 28.

As of 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 21.8 inches of snow water equivalent, according to NRCS.

The Wolf Creek summit was at 63 percent of the April 30 snowpack median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan river basins were at 64

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OUR VIEW

Supporting small business

This week, April 28 to May 4, is National Small Business Week, and it's a good time to express how thankful we are for the people across Pagosa Country who pour their hearts and souls into the businesses that make our community what it is.

President John F. Kennedy declared the first National Small Business Week in 1963 via presidential proclamation.

The week, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), "acknowledges the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners."

The organization's website adds the week is "when SBA officially recognizes their hard work, ingenuity, and dedication, including their contributions to the economy."

Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County have changed in innumerable ways since 1963, but our locally owned, small businesses are no less important now than they were then.

A number of our small businesses, namely our downtown businesses, have been at the forefront of recent discussions regarding the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT's) upcoming U.S.

160 downtown reconstruction project, with many concerned about what the project may do to those businesses.

And those conversations are continuing.

In an effort to use this extra season granted to us by the delay of the project wisely, the town and designated downtown business owners will be holding a listening session on Monday, May 6. It will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Ross Aragon Community Center, located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

The listening session, the town's press release notes, "is intended to begin local business and property owner Road Reconstruction Committee discussions."

We encourage those with concerns and ideas to attend the listening session and let your ideas be known so the designated business representatives can take those thoughts to regional CDOT personnel.

CDOT's current plan is to rebid the project in the fall and start construction in 2025, and we need to do all we can now to help this major construction project be as minimally disruptive and damaging to our businesses as possible.

We can also continue to help our local

businesses now as they gear up not only for the construction project, but also for our summer visitor season and all the challenges that brings in a normal year.

As we prepare to head into our summer tourist season, let's all keep in mind that while increased traffic can be frustrating and annoying, these folks who choose to visit our beautiful neck of the woods help keep our neighbors, friends and family employed, and let's hope for a prosperous tourist season.

Let's also keep in mind that we never know what "normal" will look like from year to year, with some years featuring large-scale wildfires that strain businesses due to visitors opting to go elsewhere and others including high water levels that extend rafting season and other good things that help draw people to our neck of the woods.

Regardless of what this year brings, it's important to continue to support our businesses how and when we can, knowing the normal stressors of operating a small business are likely to be exacerbated in the years to come.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
 May 2, 1924

Following are excerpts from a statement made by Mr. J.H. Galbreath, president of the board of directors of School District No. 1 at the Parent-Teacher Association meeting at the Baptist church last Friday afternoon and summarizes the general plans of the board in the erection of Pagosa Springs' new school building:

The building will be of brick with a pressed brick exterior wall. It will be two stories in height, and departmentalized, so that the grades and high school will be separate and in two distinct divisions of the building, with separate entrances and exits for each division.

We plan as much as possible to eliminate stairways and, instead, to use what is known as "Ramps," or inclines, such as used in the municipal auditorium in Denver. This feature is considered much safer in every respect than the old stairways.

The building will be what is known as semi-fire proof construction throughout and should be very safe from the fire standpoint, all the more inasmuch as we plan to heat the entire structure with our natural hot water, which we expect to do from the school's own hot water well to be drilled on the school grounds.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
 April 29, 1949

The Mayor of Pagosa Springs has officially proclaimed next week, the first week in May, as paint-up, clean-up and fix-up week. All citizens are urged to clear their premises of the winters collection of trash and rubbish and fix-up their property so that the town will present an appearance that the citizens can be proud of.

The local firemen will inspect all property the second week in May for trash and other fire hazards and notify residents of the results. The mayor and the firemen are seeking the cooperation of all townspeople and appeal to their civic pride in order that the town will have a neat appearance and be free from fire hazards.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Red Ryder Round-Up was held this week and plans were drawn for the 4th of July rodeo to be held this year. Proposed constitution and by-laws were also discussed.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
 May 2, 1974

Harold Schutz, who is serving as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, has announced that he will be seeking the nomination as a candidate from the Republican party for re-election.

Mr. Schutz is now serving his second term and will have completed eight years in office the first of the year. He is a resident of the Chromo area and is engaged in the livestock business. His ranching operation there includes both cattle and horses.

Dan Peters, Pagosa District Ranger, said this week that there a number of small trees available for transplants from Wolf Creek Pass. These trees are small and are of the Spruce species.

The trees are available because of a planned highway construction project on Wolf Creek Pass. The right of way for the project is being logged by San Juan Lumber Co. and only larger trees are being taken. Smaller trees are left and the construction work will destroy them, so the Forest Service is allowing individuals to remove any small trees without a permit, or charge.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
 April 29, 1999

Property tax assessment notices in Archuleta County will be mailed out late this year, according to County Assessor Keren Prior.

Colorado law requires that real property tax assessment notices, known as the "Notice of Assessed Valuations," be mailed out not later than May 1. This year the notices will be mailed approximately two to three weeks later, Prior said. The notices contain the appraised and assessed values of properties.

The mailing delay has been caused by an on-going evaluation of methods used by the county to establish property values, Prior said. Helping with the evaluation are Colorado Division of Property Taxation personnel who have been working in the local office since April 1, according to Prior.

Local appraisal practices and results must conform with standards established by the state, Prior said. Appraisers from the state office compare actual sales for a particular class of property in a given locale, with appraised values established by the county for the same class of property in the same locale. The county's appraised value must be within 5 percent of the market value.



From the April 10, 1986, Pagosa SUN — THE STATE GIVETH, ANDY TAKETH AWAY — Andy Martinez has been busy the past week trying to remove excess sand State Highway Dept. crews left on town streets during recent repair operations.

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Finally a pessimist

Dear Editor:
Well finally, I'm a pessimist on our nation's future. I have steadfastly refused what was in front of me all along. "We have found the enemy and it's us," Pogo.

But today's mystery that has continually circumbulated me is the support for Trump...I really have no answer for how intelligent, civil, relatively fair minded, sort of moral folks not to mention Evangelicals could cross that bridge regardless of his comments, beliefs, action's and facts.

Yet, why am I surprised, as historically we have quite a murderous, racial, cultural & political history in the exploration, conquest & early management of the USA.
But back to the other American puzzle, the national debt...a staggering number that must be repaid to support the dollar...which is now greater than our defense expenditure!!! Logically and ideologically the GOP s/be first in line to grab the solution in front of everyone's noses...raise taxes; by recognizing we now have an existential need to boost taxes. Throw in some future national AI employment impact and the answer seems imminently patently simple & clear.

None of what is happening makes any sense...on one hand, GOP state entities are repeatedly taking the right legal steps regarding Trump's election denial efforts and yet their leaders are continually seeking to sabotage all that we 'did' stand for and SCOTUS seems hell bent on destroying the fabric that holds us together. It's like mass national Sepuku. For me, my encounters and experiences have yielded sort-of an answer...globally we're not humanly different...forget the facial, hair, skin, cultural & language issues as they're just 'drapery,' we differ based on personality type and what-ever the local current mass hysteria is being pushed by power seekers. Manipulators who make good use of the adage the 'bigger the lie the more believable;' and maybe that kinda says it all for mankind and now it seems America! ...and just maybe that is the answer for why there are Trump supporters.
Dave Blake

Missed the point

Dear Editor:
Responding to "Ironic" letter, 4/11/24, the author missed the point of our letter, "Dividing Times". We are quite aware that Easter Day date changes each year.
But, on Easter Sunday, 2024, the set in stone celebration, the Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ was seriously violated. Biden's proclamation was unique to him and his Democrat Party to present a worldly address to a very small percentage of Americans and never any mention of "Christ's Resurrection, the Holiest Holiday" celebrated by Christians. He

chose the day to promote another of their "Anti-Christian" agenda. Our defense is in the name of "Our Savior Jesus Christ", unapologetically!

Everyday it seems since the Democrat-Biden regime has been seated, anti-Judeo-Christian incidents are allowed and promoted by these people. Anti-Semitic atrocities disrupting the university campuses, Jewish students, and our large cities are absolutely very evil. These people shouting "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" promoting "Terrorist Hamas"; their shouts of "Oct. 7, 2023- 10,000 times more to Israel" should be prosecution to the highest degree! But, it's not because this behavior is definitely being promoted from within. Evil staring in your face should not be difficult for any Christian to know what leadership authority we Christians are standing for. We are not unique in this, Christians across our USA are beginning greater to do just that, "Praise God"!

We celebrate "God's Word", the "Great I Am - Jesus Christ". We support those in authority who swear on the Bible, our forefathers referenced to form our government, uphold our Constitution and do just that.

To the point, God Bless Lee Greenwood, a strong Christian and patriotic musical American voice, for the beautiful idea, "God Bless the USA" on the cover of the "King James Version" Bible. This acknowledges our country, "One Nation Under Creator God". In the back concordance part, are all of America's vital documents. They are:

the Constitution, Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, The Pledge of Allegiance, and a hand written copy of the chorus, "God Bless the USA".
Pres. Trump's endorsement with Lee Greenwood is absolutely a stand to bring back our Christian nation. Our proclamation that Almighty God is ultimate control. We profess "Jesus Christ in America". We support Jewish nation Israel, God's chosen people.

By the way, the Bible is the most published and sold, long standing book in the world. The test of time for "God's Word" to reach the ends of the earth. Math. 28:19-20.

The beautiful gift of God to each of us is the opportunity to serve Him and to pray, "Jesus Christ Save America".
Jan and Tom Carnley

Non-sanctuary county

Dear Editor:
This letter is to express my concerns about the BOCC hasty and poorly considered Resolution declaring Archuleta County as a "Non-Sanctuary" Count. The Sun's reports reflect that they did so based upon no actual evidence of an unlikely invasion of migrants and was based upon false legal advice from Commissioner Brown.

The matter was raised because Commissioner Brown had heard "concerns" from unnamed constituents that busloads of "illegal" migrants "could" be sent to Archuleta County. No evidence was presented that any such busloads existed or would be sent to Archuleta County. Mr. Brown further advised the BOCC that a formal declaration that Archuleta County was a Non-sanctuary county required. This is untrue. The combination of the threat of an invasion and erroneous need for a declaration led to a rushed decision without proper investigation of the

alternatives, input from essential stakeholders such as the Health or Sheriff's Departments or any adequate public discussion.

We are not the only County dealing with these matters. Other Counties such as Mesa County or El Paso County - both of which are much more likely destinations for migrants seeking work, seem to study the matter, involve non-profits and churches, analyze their resource and take a more thoughtful approach. They don't suggest that a political designation does anything or that migrants should be barred.

My concern is that the BOCC's resolution is not a solution. It is just a starting point. These are issues which will likely be present for many years and will require cooperation, not quick fixes.

Jim Denvir

Cultivated meat

Dear Editor:
With tests of milk showing avian flu is now widespread among cows, our political leaders should support increased public funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from animal cells, without slaughter. Since livestock are removed from the process, our pandemic risk would be greatly reduced.

The technology faces a number of hurdles. The most important of these is lowering production costs so the new protein can compete with slaughtered meat. Our legislators can help address this issue and others by backing more government money for cellular-agriculture development. It's the right thing to do from a public-health perspective.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Conn.

Election denier

Dear Editor:
Last weekend, local Republicans hosted an election denier as their Lincoln Day dinner keynote speaker. Seth Keshel, whom Archuleta Republicans advertised as an "analytics guru," has been criss-crossing the country since the 2020 election pitching conspiracy theories about election fraud. He continues his crusade even though investigations and litigation have found no credible evidence of election results changed by fraud.

Why are Archuleta Republicans promoting these false narratives? Do they believe this stuff?

Maybe it's easier to parrot the punch line on concocted conspiracies than admit to disheartened constituents that evidence proves them wrong. Or maybe the local party has jumped on the Republican National Committee bandwagon to suppress voting under the guise of election integrity.

Supporting election deniers is not just dangerous for the country. It's dangerous for our local elected officials who follow the law and administer fair and clean elections. Election

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Letters

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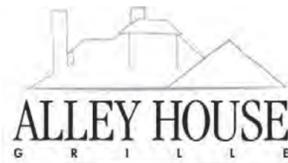
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Obituaries

Travis Aaron Baisdon

Travis went to be with the Lord on April 24 in Pagosa Springs, Colo. He was born in Eagle Pass, Texas, on April 13, 1971. He had just turned 53. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Kristie Baisdon, and his parents, Larry and Kathy Baisdon. Travis also leaves behind nieces, a nephew, uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends.



Travis found his solace with family and friends. He was known for his welcoming nature. Travis was a beacon of encouragement for others on their life's journey. His love for people shone through in every interaction, making him a cherished figure in the lives of so many.

A celebration of life will be held for Travis on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Pagosa Bible Church at 1 p.m. Kristie has asked everyone to wear their favorite sports attire or something casual. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation to the Pagosa Bible Church building fund in memory of Travis.

Charles 'Chuck' Albert Betts

Charles "Chuck" Albert Betts, age 83, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., passed away Monday, April 29, 2024, at his home. Chuck was born at the family ranch house in Fort Lupton, Colo., to Marvin and Violet Betts. He attended the School of Mines and Colorado State University, receiving a BA in agronomy and civil engineering. Chuck started working with SCS as an apprentice technician his senior year of high school, which led to full-time employment that led him to Monte Vista, Colo. During his time with SCS, he was transferred multiple times to Alamosa, Kiowa, Springfield, and Durango. Chuck decided to move his family to Pagosa Springs so they could be raised in one town. Chuck was in partnership with Paul Decker and family at San Juan Supply for three years. Chuck bought the building next to Jackisch Drugs, seizing an opportunity to start his own business — Pagosa Sports. His love for the outdoors allowed Chuck to give advice to the hunters that came into the store, which through the years repeated hunters from Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, Maine, Missouri, etc., ended up being thousands of returned customers. Chuck was third in Colorado state for the number of hunting licenses sold. Chuck was eager to bring business in to Pagosa. Chuck and his wife, Judy, and kids, Robert and Susan; along with Tom James,



Tommy James and Allen McCaw, helped giving guided snowmobile tours at Fairfield Pagosa for 10 years. When Chuck retired/sold Pagosa Sports, he was given the opportunity to work for the SCS in Pagosa Springs, where he retired. Chuck was involved in with the Masonic Lodge in Brighton, Colo., and was a lifetime member of the Bright Elks Lodge 1586, a lifetime member of the Rocky Mountain Elks Foundation, a lifetime member of the NRA and Ducks Unlimited. Chuck was a board member of the Red Ryder Rodeo Committee for six years. Chuck enjoyed supporting his daughter in her barrel racing and made sure to be there when she received her three saddles. Chuck is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy Betts, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; child, Susan Hawks, and her husband, Ron Hawks, of Flora Vista, N.M.; four grandchildren: Ryan Arndt (Lyndsey), of Lovelock, Nev., Allison Moore (Robert), of Aztec, N.M., Garrett Arndt (Haley) of Winnemucca, Nev., and Nick Betts, of Flora Vista, N.M.; and four great-grandchildren: Tripp Arndt, Anderson Moore, Cole Arndt and Rosella Moore.

There will be a graveside service at Greemount Cemetery on Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m.

Maggie Carpenter Chavez

Maggie Carpenter Chavez, born on Nov. 19, 1938, left our family and friends on April 29, 2024.

Maggie lived in Pagosa Springs, where she met the love of her life, Fred Chavez, and they were married for 66 wonderful years together and raised four children.



Maggie was preceded in death by her parents, Howard (Pappo) and Mary (Mommo) Carpenter; three brothers, Billy, Arkie and Tommy Carpenter; and two grandchildren, Christopher and Ryan Sanner; along with several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her loving husband, Fred Chavez; her children, Patricia (Kelly) Sanner, Ronald (MJ) Chavez, Cynthia (John) Hawby and Melvin (Lori) Chavez; her three brothers, Hank (Sylvia) Carpenter, Jimmy (Grace) Carpenter and Onis Carpenter; her two sisters, Betty Shahan and Nora (Neil) Smith; along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life for Maggie will be announced at a later date.

The family would like to thank everyone for all their sincere condolences at this heartbroken time.

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, Mich., 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.

Rebecca Anne Scott Johnson

Rebecca Anne Scott Johnson, at the age of 95, (Sept. 20, 1928 - April 25, 2024), passed from her earthly home at Brookdale Assisted Living in Brighton, Colo., to her eternal heavenly home after suffering from congestive heart failure.



Anne was born in Washington, Ga., to Leon Harold Booker and Annie Rachel Butler Booker. She had one older sibling, Leon Harold Booker Jr. At the age of 4 her family moved to

Texas County, Okla., near Guymon in the panhandle of Oklahoma. She not only lived through the Depression, but also the Dust Bowl.

She and her brother rode double on a horse to a one-room school house during their early elementary school years, and later she graduated from Guymon High School at the age of 16. After high school she attended business school and junior college in Hutchinson, Kan.

In 1948 she married her high school sweetheart, Clyde Eugene "Gene" Scott. They had two children, Mary Anne and David. In 1958 they moved from Guymon to Center, Colo. During their marriage she helped on the potato and barley farm, was an actively involved sports mom, and also worked a number of years at the Center Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office.

She and Gene built a cabin at Pearl Lakes Trout Club near Creede, Colo., in 1969, and it became a special place for the whole family to enjoy. Many happy years of fishing, hiking and snowmobiling were spent there. She was a great fisherwoman and passed her love of fishing on to all her grandchildren.

In 1984 she and Gene retired to Fountain Hills, Ariz. Due to his deteriorating health, they moved to Canon City, Colo., in 1990 to be closer to family. After his passing she became reacquainted with a high school classmate, Tom Randol. They married and lived in Meridian, Idaho, until his death. She later married Harry Johnson, whom she also outlived.

In 2015 she moved to Pagosa Springs to be near her daughter. Then in 2019 she relocated to Loveland, Colo., to live at the Wexford, an independent senior living facility, and be near her son. She made many special friends at the Wexford. While there she learned to play pool and became quite an accomplished player. Even after moving to Brookdale Assisted Living in Brighton, Colo., she stayed in touch by texting and FaceTiming her family and friends on a regular basis.

Anne traveled to many foreign locations during her lifetime, including Tahiti, London, Greece, Egypt, Turkey and the Holy Land.

She was a loving mom, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, and was affectionately called Granny Great. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Anne and Richard Stone and her son David Scott; as well as her four grandchildren: Mike Scott (Kristie), Amy Scott, Kevin Stone (Natalie) and Matt Stone (Shannon); great-grandchildren Meghan Scott, Ashley Garetson (Jared), Anthony Scott, Cody and Lucas Muirhead, Ethan and Elizabeth Stone, Lucy Willing (Luke), Lily and Carolanne Birchfield, Nolan and Lucy Stone; and great-great-grandson Jettson Garetson. She is also survived by five nieces, one nephew and their families.

Anne loved the Lord, acknowledged His faithfulness, and looked forward to her home-going. Her ashes will be buried near her husband, Gene Scott, in Canon City, Colo., at Lakeside Cemetery.

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officials report increased harassment following appearances by election deniers in their jurisdictions.

I hope local Republican leaders stood up Saturday night and defended Archuleta County officials, staff, and volunteers who conduct our local elections. And I hope voters in Archuleta County don't fall for the lies election deniers like Keshel are trying to sell.

Candace Jones

Israel/Gaza

Dear Editor:

Many college students think the Israeli/Gaza started last year, when in

fact it started in 2007 with the shelling of Israel as reported by Human Rights Watch. This was after Israel had turned over Gaza to the Palestinians in 2005 and after they elected the terrorist government of Hamas in 2006. Hamas' stated goal has been to destroy Israel and their attacks have continued unabated, culminating in the October 2024 massacre of 1200 innocent men, women and children.

So what has Hamas done to help the Palestinians? What have they done with the many millions of aid dollars sent to help Gaza? They built hundreds of miles of tunnels through which they attacked Israel. They built military command centers under

hospitals and even the Palestinian Relief Agency office. They spent millions on rockets and weapons used to attack Israel. They set up rocket launching sites next to apartment buildings hoping the Israelis would not retaliate for fear of killing civilians. (Israel has mitigated that by calling those apartment buildings before retaliating). Hamas did all this to kill Jewish people while letting Gaza sink into abject poverty.

So why would supposedly intelligent, compassionate, and inclusive college students support a terrorist organization like Hamas who not only has no qualms about massacring innocent Jewish families but also has

a complete disregard for their own citizens. There are perhaps three reasons with one being the grooming of college organizations by Hamas operatives as reported by the 4/23 Wall Street Journal (WSJ). This could explain the college chant of "From the river to the sea" which in essence is a call for the extermination of the Jewish nation. Hmm. This chant lines up exactly with Hamas' stated goal of destroying Israel.

A second reason could be the influence of paid agitators at these college demonstrations as reported by the 4/25 WSJ. They note that Rockefeller and Soros philanthropic

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Upper San Juan Health Service District seeks new board member

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), is seeking a new board member following the recent resignation of Mark Zeigler.

Zeigler's resignation was acknowledged at the April 23 meeting of the board, with board chair Kate Alfred thanking Zeigler for his many years of service and time on the finance committee and as the board treasurer.

She called him a "very valuable" board member.

Zeigler resigned via letter addressed to Alfred on April 17, with that letter expressing Zeigler's frustration about recent actions of the board.

"I am very unhappy and frustrated with the position PSMC and the Upper San Juan Health Service District BOD have put me in," Zeigler wrote. "I was voted onto the BOD to give feedback, direction, knowledge etc. to help with the guidance of the hospital to serve our amazing community that I have been serving for over 20 years. Since it has been voted last year to open a Wellness Center in the old Dr. Pruitt building my hands have been tied on how I can perform my job that I was voted in to do. I am saddened that PSMC and the BOD's main objective of a Wellness Center is Physical Therapy and that all other services that this community highly needs that a true Wellness Center serves are not being addressed."

"I hope the best for the hospital and I have enjoyed serving the community on the BOD to the best of my ability. Now that ability has been taken away from me, I give you my resignation from the Upper San Juan Health Service District BOD."

Zeigler owns a local physical therapy practice.

The board last year approved a new sports medicine service line for its new medical wellness building located at U.S. 160 and South Pagosa Boulevard, which formerly housed Dr. Jim Pruitt's medical practice.

At a special meeting on April 11, the board approved a revised renovation budget for the building and saw renderings of the facility that show, among other things, a physical therapy gym space, exam rooms and a group exercise classroom.

In presenting the plan to the board, Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese noted it was the most economical plan the architect could come up with, with CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb previously telling the board there are not enough funds to renovate the upstairs.

Bruzzese noted that using the upstairs would require an elevator, and other changes were also out of the budget.

Bruzzese explained that PSMC included a placeholder of \$1,650,000 for the renovation in its budget, but that the guaranteed maximum price came in at \$1.8 million.

She further outlined that it is known there will be some structural repairs, that the electrical may need to be up-

graded, that new fiber will need to be run from PSMC's main building, that patient tables are expensive and that the parking lot has to be torn up and re-done at an estimated cost of \$350,000.

That put the estimate at \$876,000 over the budget, including owner contingency funds.

She then delved into how the overage would be covered, reminding the board it has \$1 million in "free" money from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs in the budget and that other things from the budget will be cut or postponed to make it budget neutral.

Bruzzese later noted that the purchase price of the building served as the grant match.

Later in the discussion, Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger walked the board through things that could be cut or postponed from the district's almost \$4.7 million in planned capital expenditures this year, such as projects that are unlikely to be ready to be done this year.

She added that other things would be shifted to next year and others, such as for machinery, were only placeholders.

She also noted the district will continue to seek grants and donations to help with the project and other capital needs.

According to a staff report for the board, the 2024 capital projects are slated to be funded from \$2,253,488 in grants, \$825,000 in donations and \$1,611,025 from PSMC.

Board member Jason Cox noted he ■ See Board A7

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organizations have given grants to a number of college connected groups and some promote agitation on college campuses.

The third reason could be the lack of loud and clear condemnation of antisemitism by college administrators and faculty. These administrators and faculty appear inclusive and concerned for the safety of all people on camp, except Jewish students. Unfortunately this could lead to the same situation that occurred in Germany in the 1930's. (Google Frankfurt University 1933)

Antisemitism is a curse this country does not need. I call on all college students, administrators and faculty to stand up to this scourge. American has always been the land of the free and home of the brave. Let's see if college campuses can be the same.

Charles Newton
Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Village at Wolf Creek

Dear Editor:

Exquisite natural beauties undisturbed for hundreds of thousands of years, right on top our perfectly beautiful mountain at Wolf Creek Pass.

All of the life that lives up there undisturbed, living perfectly, with leaves of the trees blowing around their own little community in harmony.

'Extinct' is a word that carries a heaviness with it... no more, forever gone, never to be seen again heard again or visited...again. The solitude, the poetic connections of all life forms on Wolf Creek Pass. That moment in time would be gone; would be extinct.

When you cut a road, you eliminate everything but that road. Then that road leads to 300 acres, and those 300 acres and that road become a small town with infrastructure, sewers, electricity, gases — you name it — and it's no longer the Wolf Creek Pass like we know it. It becomes Wolf Creek Village.

Gone forever in the name of development.

Why do we have to develop more? Aren't there enough properties that are fully civilized? Enough properties for all of us, that we have to cut into nature, the pristine, perfect presence of God-given nature.

My dear friends and neighbors, can we rethink this? Can we be an example of the rest of Colorado, to maintain perfect beauty and its perfect place, offering its perfect peacefulness to all of us?

This is not necessary to develop... The Village at Wolf Creek is a money-making adventure.

We can make money elsewhere... doing other things... not chopping into our beloved trees...our beloved animal Kingdom... destroying the very things that we all cherish from the bottom of our hearts.

Perhaps this one time, in this one exquisite corner of Colorado, we stand together for something that we all love and we all want.

Perhaps we choose the greater good and live happily forever.

Bill Salmansohn

The rest of the story

Dear Editor:

I can always count on letters for a good laugh and Mr. Butcher filled the bill. I won't waste space refuting all of his MSNBC, CNN, Alphabet Network, etc. talking points. The first couple of paragraphs should suffice.

My first chuckle was his grudging admission that inflation was only 1.4% when Biden took over.

Today, it's "down" to 3.5% (and rising).

Oh goodie. Don't you feel so much better? Prices are only increasing at twice the rate they were 4 years ago. Somehow, that is supposed to be a good thing.

Then he pivots to Covid shut-downs and supply chain issues. Yes, there were lots of empty shelves in 2020, largely due to hoarding and bottlenecks at our West Coast ports.

Such shortages should put inflationary pressure on prices. After all, people did not stop buying toilet paper, food, etc. But inflation didn't take off until about 6 months after Biden started signing EOs in his never ending war on oil. Which he is extending by closing off 13 million acres of North Slope oil. Guess what that will do to global supply and the price. That, and he signed into law some \$6 Trillion in deficit spending.

I know the political left refuses to admit that runaway deficit spending and printing the fiat money to cover it, drives inflation. That, however, does not change reality.

As for black unemployment, CNBC ran the following:

"The jobless rate for Hispanics hit a record low of 3.9% in September, while African Americans maintained its lowest rate ever, 5.5%" (2019) "Record low."

Yes, it got a little lower but today it stands at 6.4%.

Not what I would consider an improvement.

Peace in the Middle East? Yes, the Abraham Accords were working towards that goal.

Does Mr. Butcher see the current situation there as an improvement? He must, as he ignored the stark difference between 4 years ago and recent news of an emboldened Iran and her terrorist proxies launching wave after wave of drones and ballistic missiles, at Israel. Or the Iran funded Houthis trying to close down the Red Sea shipping lanes? Miss the part about Hezbollah firing rockets in support of Hamas? All the worrying about WWII? Need I mention Oct. 7th?

Does anyone, except the rabid anti-Semites, think things are better in the Middle East now?

Of course, the biggest laugh came with the worn out excuse that "our policies" had nothing to do with inflation. It's corporate greed!

Instead of taking Biden's and the

media's word for it, why not look up the net profit margin percentage of the stores? Yeah, I know, annual raw dollars look huge but the truth is in the net profit. A 2.2% return on investment, the national average for grocery stores, doesn't look so greedy, it looks rather pathetic. According to Bankrate.com, I can get a 2 year CD at a 5.05% interest rate. Guess that buying that CD makes me greedy too.

Barry Smith

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Town's planning commission recommends zoning change for properties on Goldmine Drive

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

On April 23, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission recommended a zoning map change that would rezone properties along Goldmine Drive. The proposal would change some properties from mixed-use corridor (MU-C) to commercial zoning.

Community Development Director James Dickhoff presented the zoning amendment, explaining that the current zoning map, adopted in 2009, already lists the properties on the eastern end of Goldmine Drive as commercial and that the change would simply make both the eastern and western ends consistent with each other, with all being zoned as commercial.

He added that this change would be more consistent with the type of business activity that already exists on the western section of Goldmine Drive.

The proposed change was prompted after a property owner along the street contacted the town regarding the rezoning of the remaining properties, Dickhoff stated.

He also explained how the 2018 comprehensive plan identified that the remaining MU-C zoned properties should also be zoned as commercial.

mercial.

"All existing and established businesses along Goldmine Drive currently contain business operations much more aligned with uses allowed in a 'Commercial' zoned district rather than the current existing MU-C Zoning," states an agenda document on the matter.

The document also explains that any owner of a property "affected by a proposed amendment to the Official Zoning Map may protest the amendment pursuant to the statutory requirements of C.R.S. Section 31-23-305."

Dickhoff stated that all of the impacted property owners have recently been contacted, and that all but one, who has yet to respond, expressed support for the zoning change.

He identified the business that the town is still waiting on a reply from as Holy Smokes Stoves and Fireplaces.

"I'm just waiting for them to reconfirm," he said.

The property owner seemed to support the idea of a zoning change when it was initially proposed "about a year and a half ago," he said.

"I've heard back from all of the other property owners who are comfortable with the rezoning from mixed-use corridor to commercial. What I would propose, since I haven't heard back ... from Holy Smokes yet,

is that I will certainly get that answer before I bring this before town council for their consideration," he said.

The most recent public notification about the proposed zoning change was provided on April 11 and the town announced public hearings on the matter for the April 23 planning commission meeting, and the May 7 and May 23 Pagosa Springs Town Council meetings, respectively.

For the zoning change to take effect, it would need a recommendation by the planning commission to the town council and then be affirmed by a vote of the council, in ordinance form, through two readings of the ordinance.

When opened to questions from the planning commission, Chris Pitcher said he was curious "why anybody would be opposed to going from mixed-use to commercial, because, it seems like there's more permissions for commercial as opposed to mixed-use."

Dickhoff responded that "multi-family housing" opportunities would not be allowed in a commercially zoned area, but that it would open it up to "light assembly, light manufacturing and some other uses that are bordering on industrial, but not quite industrial."

Planning commissioner Kristen

McCollam suggested she wondered what would happen "if someone does object, or someone changes their mind."

Dickhoff replied, "We did talk to our legal council about that. It's probably not ideal, but we would just leave their property zoned mixed-use corridor. It's a little odd, but we would certainly do that if that's the case."

Planning commissioner Chad Hodges expressed that changing the area to commercial zoning would better match the types of activities "that are down there already, as far as I'm concerned."

He said that the change would "allow more opportunities for light manufacturing."

Dickhoff explained that light manufacturing would "not be a use by right," but that a business could apply for a conditional use permit to engage in light manufacturing.

"I think the pros would be exactly that — opening up the opportunity for the types of businesses that are actually already established there," Dickhoff said.

When a motion was made to recommend the zoning change to the town council, it was seconded and approved unanimously by the commission.

derek@pagosasun.com

Commissioners hear information technology update

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At its April 2 work session, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) heard a semi-annual update from Information Technology (IT) Director Gabe Cersonsky, where he discussed updates to county technology and a recent server failure.

Cersonsky opened his update by stating that his department is in the process of implementing multifactor authentication and improved firewalls for county computers as well as updating county data backup systems.

He stated that the department is conducting regular audits to identify vulnerabilities as well as replacing technology and answering tickets.

Cersonsky indicated that the IT Department manages the phones for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), including ensuring that calls for the ACSO are prioritized during a crisis where the cellular communications are overloaded.

He explained that the department is also doing a range of work for the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center, including assisting in the implementation of an Oracle computer-aided dispatch system and with the replacement of the phones for the center.

He stated that the department is assisting in replacing computers and updating systems for staff running county elections.

He highlighted that 2024 is a "crisis year" due to there being three elections and that staff learned last year that the software in use was outdated, necessitating replacements this year.

Cersonsky explained that the county is working on implementing Starlink as a backup Internet provider — something he indicated is more important now due to the ACSO and the dispatch center both using cloud-based Oracle systems.

He stated that a fiber cut occurred the previous Sunday, but that the county was able to switch Internet access to Starlink and continue operations for 12

hours until the cut was repaired.

Commissioner Warren Brown expressed appreciation for Cersonsky setting up Starlink for the county to prepare for situations like this one.

Cersonsky added that, due to increased reliance on cloud-based services for emergency dispatch, he would like to have Starlink on for the county year-round instead of just during the summer.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked how much this would cost, and Cersonsky responded that Starlink service costs the county \$250 a month.

Cersonsky added that he is also working on implementing a Starlink connection for the county Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to ensure that EOC staff have access to the Internet and digital communications at emergency locations.

Brown asked if this would involve additional costs for the county, which Cersonsky confirmed.

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that this cost is currently being paid out of the search and rescue line item included in the 2024 budget, although Cersonsky added that this cost could be shifted to the IT Department budget in future years.

Cersonsky went on to explain that, three weeks before the meeting, the county had a "catastrophic server failure" that could have taken down online county operations for a week.

However, he stated that the redundant system the county already had running was able to absorb the necessary functions and the primary server system was running again within five days.

"I don't think I slept during those five days because when you're running off your backup you get pretty worried," he said.

Cersonsky then spoke about a range of other work the IT Department is doing, including extending wireless Internet access to the Hughes Pavilion and Colorado State University Extension buildings, conducting regular cybersecurity training and assisting departments with new programs and

technical solutions.

He stated that he is taking on all third-party software licensing for the county, allowing him to manage obtaining software licenses for county departments and potentially creating cost savings since he can buy needed licenses in bulk.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked how county departments reporting what licenses they possess to IT is going.

Cersonsky responded that it is going "great" and that this has allowed the county to eliminate some redundant licenses.

Medina asked how much money the county would save with this arrangement and Cersonsky responded "none."

He added that the new arrangement has led the rate of county staff obtaining licenses to double, causing increased costs.

Medina commented that these departments likely need the software they are asking for.

"Exactly," Cersonsky said. "They were just suffering and now they're becoming more efficient because they have the appropriate software."

Medina added that department heads would have to understand that new software acquisitions will eventually impact their budgets.

She also commended Cersonsky for his "hard work" on the software licenses.

Cersonsky explained that he and his staff are working on security cameras for the courthouse, which are requiring weekly restarts to prevent growing delays between events at the courthouse and when they appear on the security camera screens.

He commented that the security camera system was potentially less expensive and effective than what is needed and that the county may need to consider a replacement next year.

Medina noted that the county recently purchased the system and asked why it could not be returned and replaced this year.

Cersonsky explained that replacing



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Southwest Opioid Response District announces grant launch

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 18, Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) Project Coordinator Claire West spoke to the Pagosa Springs Town Council, announcing the launch of the SWORD grant application for 2024.

"I'm here today to announce the launch of the SWORD grants. The aim of these grants is to disperse opioid settlement funds throughout our region so they might expand and enrich locally identified recovery support needs," West stated.

The SWORD region includes Montezuma, La Plata, San Juan, Archuleta and Dolores counties. The regional council was formed in 2021 following settlement agreements between the

Colorado Attorney General's Office and various opioid manufacturers and distributors. The council consists of advisory members and voting members from city and county governments in the region, West explained.

She indicated that there is a total of \$465,286 available for grants, "which the SWORD aims to equitably distribute across the region."

West explained that in order to be eligible for these grants, organizations must benefit people in treatment and recovery for opioid-use disorder, or promote substance misuse abatement methods.

She noted that the proposed projects must serve the SWORD region, and it is preferred that the project applicant is also located in the SWORD region.

Grant applications will open on

June 1 and close on July 1.

"Successful applicants will be required to sign a grant agreement both with SWORD council's fiscal agent, which is La Plata County, as well as Region 9 Economic Development District as the facilitator," she said.

West mentioned that there will be two virtual information meetings in regard to the application process that will be held on May 21 and June 25.

She also noted there will be various other in-person information sessions, with one in Pagosa Springs on June 3 at the Ross Aragon Community Center at 5:30 p.m.

During the meeting, council member Matt DeGuise asked if the SWORD council is still planning on pulling funds from across the region to build a regional recovery center.

"We are still going to build a recovery center for the region," West said.

She explained that the SWORD council has allocated about 63 percent of its first two years of funding to go toward that project.

"It's just a long process, so we wanted to get a little bit of money into the community right away," West added.

She explained that the SWORD council wants to "fortify the recovery support within the region" before having a recovery center built where people can go to begin their recovery process.

West went on to explain that the purpose of the information sessions is to advertise the grants and walk-through the application process.

She also mentioned the target audience for the grants is "anyone who works with people who are struggling with opioid misuse," such as advocacy and recovery groups, health departments, first responders and other nonprofit groups.

For more information about the SWORD grants or the information sessions, email west.claire@outlook.com.

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applauds staff for being creative and keeping the budget in mind in getting the new facility on board.

In response to a question, Bruzzese noted the goal is to have the renovation done toward the end of November.

The board resolution approved unanimously at the meeting — board members Zeigler and Gwen Taylor were absent — includes a new capital budget for the medical wellness building of \$2,526,945.

Board vacancy

According to an ad placed by the USJHSD, interested people can apply for the board vacancy until 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 9.

Qualified candidates must be an eligible elector (registered to vote in the state of Colorado and either a resident of the district or own taxable real or personal property in the district).

The district comprises all of Archuleta County and small parts of

Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

Self-nomination forms are available on the PSMC website, www.pagosaprimedicalcenter.org, or by contacting Heather Thomas at Heather.Thomas@PSMedicalCenter.org or (970) 507-3815.

Qualified candidates interested in serving on the board must submit completed self-nomination forms to the USJHSD no later than 4 p.m. MST on Thursday, May 9.

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Cersonsky stated that two county staff members have been working on the project for nine months with another member of his department working for an additional three weeks on the project.

"This all equates to money that we will figure up at some point in time," Brown said.

"A lot of money," Maez added.

Maez then asked Cersonsky who controls or owns the cloud.

Cersonsky stated that the cloud is information kept on another computer's server and that whoever owns the server being accessed controls it.

He added that this is typically the vendor for the software being uti-

lized.

Medina asked if the county still owns the data being stored on the cloud and if it could be moved to another location if needed.

Cersonsky confirmed that both these things are true.

"Then it becomes partly cloudy," Maez commented.

Cersonsky concluded by confirming that the county owns data stored on the cloud and that moving it is relatively simple.

Woodman asked if he could make a comment, which Maez stated he would approve.

"I just wanted to say that the evidence of Gabe's entire department and the efficiency that they are doing

is by us not knowing what's going on because it's seamless," Woodman said. "We've got this backup system in place. Nobody even knows that it exists."

Maez commented that the IT Department's work is "amazing."

"I think that's the greatest ... complement to IT is we don't know that we have problems," Woodman said.

"And if you do, let us know," Cersonsky said. "There's a lot of people suffer through their problems when they should be contacting us."

He added that IT staff frequently encounter damaged devices in county departments that could be repaired by IT but for which no tickets have been submitted.

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Car Show slated for June 7 and 8

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The 15th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show is slated to be held June 7 and 8.

This annual event will be held on Lewis Street. With a breather on the construction that was scheduled for U.S. 160, the show will be in full swing on both days.

Friday night's festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with the Street Party and the initial showing of cars. Plan to make it an evening of fun as popular musician Garrett LeBeau, from Austin, Texas, will be performing on Friday night. LeBeau's eclectic music will definitely be an addition to the annual display of cars. Add on the variety of food and retail vendors,

and you can easily make it an evening of fun.

On Saturday, the Show and Shine will begin at 9 a.m., with awards taking place at about 2:30 p.m. Come out and vote for your favorite cars as they vie for the coveted People's Choice award. There will be even more food and retail vendors on this day, as well as a swap meet. For all you antique parts seekers, this is the place to buy or sell your wares.

Vendor space is open. Please contact Events Coordinator Naomi Lindquester for information regarding a booth space. Also on Saturday will be some demonstrations and possible activities — new to the Car Show this year.

While the early bird pricing has passed, there are still spaces open where you would receive a free T-shirt and dash plaque with your

registration. Registration is easy. Visit the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com. Click on the Car Show graphic, which takes you to the registration link. If you would like to enter multiple cars, or have any challenges, please contact our offices and we can assist you. This is shaping up to be a great show; don't miss entering your car.

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The Chamber still has 12-inch hanging baskets available for sale for our annual Pagosa Pride Hanging Basket program.

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County purchases hot box asphalt reclaiming trailer

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

At the April 16 meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the board approved the purchase of a hot box asphalt reclaiming trailer for the Road and Bridge Department at a cost not to exceed \$53,608.

At a BoCC work session earlier in the day, Road and Bridge Manager Eric McRae presented the concept of purchasing the trailer to the board.

He explained that the trailer would allow for hot asphalt patching, compared to the current county method of using cold patching.

McRae commented that, in the two to three weeks he has held his position, Road and Bridge staff have frequently revisited the same potholes to perform repeated patching.

"The hot box trailer will allow us to recycle material that has solidified and it will perform a permanent patch versus a temporary patch," he said.

He stated that he provided the BoCC with five quotes, but that the preferred vendor for the trailer is Denver Industrial Sales and Services.

McRae added that the trailer would also reduce the number of staff needed for patching from five to two to three.

He noted that purchase is unbudgeted, but would be paid for from the department's Road Capital Improvement (RCI) Patching Capital Outlay budget, which contains about \$250,000.

He also indicated that the trailer would be available in two to three weeks once the purchase is approved.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez asked how the trailer would be differ-

ent from a "pothole-filling machine" that the county purchased but could not use.

McRae explained that device heats tar for crack sealing and that the county would prefer to contract for such crack sealing about every five years instead of owning the equipment, describing the maintenance for it as an "awful process."

He stated that the hot box trailer can take regular asphalt that is seized up or damaged, reheat it and have it ready for application in two to three hours.

In response to a question from Maez, McRae indicated that the trailer could use regular asphalt which the county could purchase for patching and dump out of the trailer and reheat later if it is not used.

He explained that the cold patching the county currently performs is designed for "temporary use," while the hot patching the trailer could perform is more permanent.

He added that the trailer also includes a hoist for the compactor being used on patches, reducing risk to staff and the potential for worker's compensation claims.

McRae noted that it is also easier to use than the current cold-patching method and will not require "four to eight people" to perform patches that last for as little as a few days or weeks.

He commented that the county should be getting "years" out of its asphalt patches.

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked what the origin and availability of the RCI patching funding was.

County Manager Derek Woodman explained that it is a separate county budget for asphalt patching and that the hot box trailer purchase is not included in this budget, although there are funds available in this budget.

Commissioner Warren Brown asked what the life expectancy of the trailer would be.

McRae replied that it should last for more than 20 years without significant maintenance, adding that the trailer is a "simple unit" with a double axle trailer, a diesel burner for heating asphalt, a dumping container for asphalt, a removable propane burner assembly, a removable tack tank and sprayer, and a hoist for a compactor.

He stated that the tack is a liquid tar that would be sprayed on the sub-base of the roads prior to the application of asphalt.

"It's not a very intricate unit," he said, stating that the most complicated piece of equipment on the trailer is the diesel burner.

He added that the current approach is "not productive" given the amount of staff time involved and the short time that patches remain in place.

At the BoCC meeting, prior to voting to approve the purchase of the trailer, Brown pointed out that the machine would allow for longer-lasting patches, while Maez commented that it will not require a specialized aggregate.

Medina commented that she is "very happy" that McRae proposed the purchase as she has heard a number of comments from constituents questioning why the county does not purchase the equipment necessary to perform long-lasting patches.

"Our staff is looking forward to this purchase," McRae commented.

The board then voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

Paving contract and change order

At a special BoCC meeting on

April 22, the board approved two items related to county construction work, including the contract for the North Pagosa Boulevard resurfacing project — which will resurface North Pagosa Boulevard from U.S. 160 to Bastille Drive and a portion of Navajo Trail Drive — and a change order for the construction of the county transit center.

Public Works Director Mike Torres explained that the contract for the North Pagosa Boulevard project was awarded to Four Corners Materials on April 2 and that the contract documents were before the BoCC for approval.

The commissioners asked no questions and unanimously approved the contract.

The board then considered a \$35,043.36 change order for rock removal as part of the construction of the county transit facility in Harman Park.

Woodman explained that the change order was for chemical rock excavation of approximately 76 cubic yards of rock underneath the building site.

Brown asked Woodman if it was correct that the county expected to have issues with the rock at the building site prior to the project beginning.

Woodman stated that the issues with the rock were expected, but that rock was nearer to the surface than hoped.

He added that the chemical excavation process or blasting were discussed, but that the chemical excavation approach was chosen because it would be more cost effective.

The board unanimously approved the change order.

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Snowpack

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River report

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 538 cubic feet

per second (cfs) in Pagosa Springs at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30.

Based on 88 years of water records, the median flow for that date is 712 cfs, with a record high flow of 2,090 cfs in 2019.

The lowest recorded flow for that date is 127 cfs in 2002.

As of April 30 at 11 a.m., the Piedra River was flowing at a rate of 577 cfs, which is below the median flow rate of 813 cfs for that date, according to the USGS.

The record high flow rate for that date was set in 1973 at 3,270 cfs, while the record low was set in 2002 at 97.7 cfs.

Weather forecast

The NWS is forecasting warm, sunny and breezy days for this weekend with highs in the 70s and lows in the 30s.

According to the forecast, the high for Thursday, May 2, is 64 degrees with sunny skies and wind gusts as

high as 30 miles per hour. The evening will be mostly clear with a low of 30 degrees.

Friday, May 3, will be sunny and breezy with a high of 68 degrees and a low of 33 degrees.

Saturday, May 4, will be sunny with a high of 72 degrees and a low of 35 degrees.

Sunday, May 5, will also be sunny and breezy with a high of 73 degrees and a low of 37 degrees.

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Paving

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sium chloride treatment list, treatment will begin with a number of roads in the Arboles area before working up the lower end of CR 500 and CR 700.

Treatment will continue on a range of roads in the vicinity of

Meadows Drive and South Pagosa Boulevard before shifting into roads in the Chris Mountain Village, Trails and Vista subdivisions.

Roads in other areas of the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association will be treated next, with work moving northward and eastward between

and adjacent to North Pagosa Boulevard and Piedra Road (CR 600) before moving east along U.S. 160 to treat Pike Drive, CR 400 and CR 200.

Treatment will then move south along U.S. 84, including roads in the Rio Blanco Basin area and the Chromo area.

Treatment will conclude with the upper portion of CR 500.

McRae explains that the magnesium chloride application process is expected to take approximately two months to complete, although weather or emergencies could change this schedule.

Clean

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recycling, electronics (\$5 fee) and appliances (freon must be removed).

The county landfill, located at 9179 County Road 500, will be accepting furniture and clean-up debris. Any commercial construction debris will incur costs. Proof of residency is required.

May 4 will be the community day, with volunteer clean-up projects going on from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer for a clean-up project, sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKQy5FsVwKPBupiU-bba1ozgkJOZi4hyLMPurGs4bvy0VQ/viewform>.

Participants will then meet at Yamaguchi Park at 9 a.m. for bags, pickers, vests and assignments, if needed.

There will be a community barbecue and ice cream contest (in honor of Larry Fisher) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Yamaguchi Park.

There will also be live music.

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The May 6 listening session is intended to begin local business and property owner Road Reconstruction Committee discussions.

Small committee groups will

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Charter school discusses food authority program, board vacancies

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 17, in which the board met with representatives from the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) to review a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the two entities that outlines CSI's role as the school's food authority.

According to the MOU, CSI "serves as a School Food Authority (SFA), a governing body with the legal authority to operate a nonprofit food service program in schools."

The MOU explains that CSI applies to receive federal funding from the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) and administers those funds to participating schools in accordance with state and federal laws.

CSI School Nutrition Program Manager Ilene Augustin led the conversation on the topic and explained that throughout this school year, CSI has not been getting the required documents in a timely manner in order to provide PPOS with its service.

"What we've found with Pagosa Peak is that due to the amount of staff that are turning over in the kitchen, the head of school is really having to step in and do a lot of the work for the kitchen staff," she said. "So, we thought that it would be a better process for us to have the school board be part of the memorandum of understanding so that they're reading through it, they understand everything and they're actually the one actually signing it rather than the head of school, since the head of school can't hold themselves accountable, shall we say, if there are issues with any of the agreements."

Augustin explained that if a school is not compliant with turning in its records, such as temperature logs and production logs, then CSI will withhold reimbursement to the school until it receives proper documentation.

PPOS has contracted with CSI to be its food authority since the 2020-2021 school year.

PPOS School Director Angela Reali-Crossland acknowledged CSI's concerns, explaining that staffing has been a main issue as to why there have been issues getting documents to CSI.

"We have had a lot of turnover in

the kitchen and you know staffing is really hard, is the best way to say that, in this community, and I think the district would say the same thing," she said.

She also mentioned that she has been filling in and taking on some of the kitchen staff roles.

Reali-Crossland went on to explain that PPOS cannot legally act as its own school food authority.

PPOS board treasurer Pamela Meade also acknowledged that there have been issues with getting CSI the required paperwork in a timely manner, but assured that the school board is taking the matter seriously.

"I know we've had many meetings about getting the information to you, so I definitely think the intent is there," she said. "The intent is to always meet the deadline; we take it seriously."

Meade also spoke about how kitchen staffing has been unreliable, contributing to the issue.

CSI Chief of Finance and Operations Andi Denton acknowledged the board's struggles with retaining kitchen staff, saying, "we know how hard it can be. In certain areas it can be more challenging than others."

Denton also explained that the MOU with PPOS is the standard MOU that CSI uses with all of its schools, and that it is not specific to PPOS.

Augustin clarified during the meeting that CSI does not provide meals, as that is the responsibility of the school.

According to the MOU, CSI's responsibilities include: providing technical and administrative support for the Titan Point of Sale (POS) program, online training for CNP compliance, in-person or online training on the POS system before the start of school, review and determine status for all meal benefit applications within 10 business days of receipt, perform site reviews to ensure compliance for CNPs, submit monthly claims for reimbursement within a timely manner (CSI will withhold 14 cents per breakfast, 22 cents per lunch and seven cents per snack if applicable as a fee for SFA services), maintain all contracts relevant to the CNPs operation, set up meal prices and charging policies, import previous school year's student statuses and account balances, and collect online payments from families to distribute funds to applicable schools monthly.

Also according to the MOU, the school's responsibilities include: appointing a staff member responsible for the oversight of CNPs operating at the school site to communicate directly with the CSI food authority, appointing a staff member responsible for recognizing reimbursable meals and entering counts into Titan POS daily, appointing a staff member responsible for receiving meal benefit applications from households and forwarding them to CSI, providing free meals to all students who would like one under Healthy School Meals for All, and providing online meal benefit application information to households.

The MOU also states that the school is responsible for paying the annual administrative fee for participating in the SFA. The fee for the 2024-2025 school year is set at \$5,500.

Augustin mentioned that if PPOS decides to continue to use CSI as its food authority, the MOU needs to be signed and returned to CSI by May 20.

"So, I'm assuming this is here because you are trying to meet these standards of records that you've been looking for and you haven't been getting those on a cadence that you're comfortable with," said PPOS board member Jesse White.

White expressed some concern about the board getting too involved in day-to-day operations in the school kitchen, as the school board is meant to be a governing board, he explained.

"What I don't want to do is, like, get into the state of going to look in the kitchen everyday," he said.

However, he mentioned that the board needs to take ownership to ensure CSI receives records in a timely manner.

"We're looking for the board to just know what's happening more in the school," Augustin said. "We feel like the board just needs to be able to know what's going on ... if we get to the point of having to withhold reimbursement, we feel that the board needs to know about that."

White suggested that the school could do more performance evaluations of its kitchen staff to make sure everything is going smoothly.

PPOS board president Lawrence Rugar brought up the possibility of PPOS joining Archuleta School District's (ASD's) food program, and if that is a viable option.

PPOS Assistant Director Emily Murphy explained that ASD Food

Service Director Todd Stevens has expressed concern about adding PPOS to its food program.

"Adding PPOS would be a financial burden to the district and not a benefit for them," Murphy said.

She explained that PPOS has seen an increase in the number of students relying on the school's food service now that it is free.

Board vacancies

At the same meeting, board member David Pribble announced that he would not be renewing for another term as a board member following the end of his current term, which is up this May.

The board also has one other open position.

Reali-Crossland explained in a later interview that the board can have up to seven members.

During the April 17 meeting, White suggested that the board look into the option of having an ASD board member join the PPOS board as a nonvoting member.

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Monday, May 6
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Tuesday, May 7
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Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. See town website for participation information: <https://pagosaprices.civicweb.net/portal/>.

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2024 contestants: Cambria Herrera, Tesla Morris, Bella Postolese, Lillian Vega, Annissa Chavez, Paloma Moreno, Emilia Gonzalez, Alicia Gonzalez, Marie Smith, Baylie Rodriguez, Ana Romero Gallegos, Dazia Villareal, Sophia Espinosa and Anthony Rodriguez.

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Pagosa player Lauren Monterroso works to move the ball forward with Elizabeth Currier during a game against the Del Norte Tigers at home on April 30. Monterroso led the team by scoring four goals in the game, with Currier following with three.

Lady Pirates notch two wins, tie one

By Josh Pike
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team won two games and tied one over the week, defeating Ignacio at home on 11-1 on April 26, tying Montezuma-Cortez 0-0 in Cortez on April 27 and beating Del Norte at home 10-0 on April 30.

The match against the Ignacio Bobcats was 9-1 at halftime and lasted between 55 and 60 minutes prior to the mercy rule coming into effect, coach Trevor Gian explained.

Pagosa previously defeated Ignacio 10-0 on April 16.

Gian commented that the match was highly successful, though he added that the circumstances of the game were unique due to Ignacio only having eight players available and the match being played eight versus eight.

"It was a little different — a lot of space on the field, and we were definitely able to exploit that," he said. "But, I can't give enough credit to Ignacio for showing up and wanting to play still. They're showing the heart and effort they played with knowing they had no subs. They were coming in for a fight, but I really respect that."

"We were able to find a lot of space and that definitely helps us with a couple of our faster players and passing the ball a little bit."

The coach explained that the smaller number of players on the field also led to challenges for the Lady Pirate defense, with players shifting positions and having to stop the ball one-on-one against the Ignacio offense more frequently than in a typical game.

"They played with a lot of heart, that team, and it showed in that goal," Gian commented on Ignacio's goal. "They

just never gave up, kept looking for opportunities ... and they got in there, got behind our defense a little bit and finished the shot. Really good effort on their part."

Gian explained that the game ended seven versus eight with an Ignacio player being injured shortly before the game ended.

"We were trying to get some people some playing time and, in a sense, trying to be respectful of that team as well for them wanting to show up and play," Gian added.

The next day, the Lady Pirates faced the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers for their final league match of the season, with both teams ending the game scoreless.

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

Gian explained that the weather for the morning game was cold and damp, and that the game was "tough," with the team having to leave Pagosa very early to arrive in time.

"To get a league game and to go in and get a result like that," he said, "Cortez is a very good team. They're building up as well through their coach and their program, but, on our end, it was a lot of fight, a lot of effort, a lot of intensity trying to get first to the ball, working on the things we're working on."

"Definitely things looked good at times, and we had our chances to win it. Cortez had their chances to win it. But finding that tipping point where we don't lose those games, we find a way to even a tie, it's not the most exciting thing, but it's a quality result and finding a way to survive those games now that earlier in the season we might have lost that game. Now we're finding ways to put ourselves in a way to win it or get out of there still with a result."

Gian explained that there were standout performances across the Lady Pirate roster, including from goalkeeper Kiera Davis, who "kept us in with a couple key saves."

He noted that the Lady Pirate defense played well overall and highlighted the contributions of Katelyn Fricke, who Gian explained is a younger defensive player who he feels played "really, really good."

He also pointed out the contributions of Lady Pirate midfielders Adison Johnson, Jeidy Moreno Echavarría and Hailey Sams, and highlighted that Ximena Garcia's "effort and attitude" on offense was "irreplaceable."

He commented on the "immense value" that Elizabeth Currier provides the team, as well as noting that it was "nice to see" senior Taylor Elliott get playing time in a "Swiss Army role" during the game following being out of games due to a concussion.

Gian also highlighted the "fantastic attitude" and effort displayed by freshman Tatiana Monterroso.

"I think all around it was just huge," the coach said. "Even the people that didn't get a lot of playing time are there supporting, and we're building this program that way. The individual efforts come and go. It's looking at that team effort. It's just been phenomenal the last few weeks."

The Lady Pirates defeated the Del Norte Tigers in approximately 75 minutes before the mercy rule came into effect, with Pagosa scoring six goals in the first half and four in the second.

The Lady Pirates previously defeated the Tigers 10-0 on March 7 in the team's first game of the season.

Gian commented that he felt "good" about the game by the end, although he added, "The beginning ... we started a

little slower than I would have liked. ... It was basically, kind of, finishing at the goal kept that game a little tighter. Credit to Del Norte there — they really came after us for a little while, surviving some of our attempts and then getting a couple chances on their end, too. I was a little nervous there for a minute, but I was confident for our team."

"Definitely excited for the result the way it went for once we got rolling there about 20 minutes in. Happy to be able to get the seniors in there, get the juniors in there with the seniors there at the very end for kind of the last home game for those guys. I thought that was good."

The Lady Pirates scored in the first minute of the game, although the goal was called back due to an offside call.

The team then had several additional opportunities before scoring its first goal about 20 minutes into the

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Lady Pirates Lauren Monterroso (left), Jeidy Moreno Echavarría (middle) and Elizabeth Currier (right), work to score during a match against Del Norte at home on April 30. Monterroso and Moreno Echavarría are both seniors, and the match against Del Norte was their last home game.

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BASEBALL

Pirates split doubleheader with Wolverines

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Despite snow and lightning delays, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team split its doubleheader with the Bayfield Wolverines on Saturday, April 27, in Bayfield.

"It was a crazy day," coach Ben Garcia said. "We got there and it just snowed and snowed, just made everything a mess."

Garcia noted the game was slightly delayed due to the field being wet following about half an hour of snow.

Despite the weather, the Pirates won the first half of the doubleheader 12-3.

"We played really well that first game," Garcia said. "We hit the ball a ton and did what we needed to do."

The Pirates picked up three in the top of the first, which the Wolverines countered with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Pagosa brought around another five in the top of the second, with the Wolverines scoring their only other run of the game in the bottom of the second.

Pagosa went on to score two more in the third, one in the fifth and one in the seventh.

The Pirates' 12 runs came on 16 hits and four walks. The Pirates struck out four times in the game.

Hunter Pouyer went 3-for-5, including a triple, with two runs scored and five RBIs. He drew one walk.

Kyler Henderson also picked up three hits in the game, scored two runs and logged three RBIs. He drew one walk.

Rylie Laugel had two hits, including a triple, drew a walk and scored three runs. He also tallied two stolen bases.

Chris Martinez logged two hits, four runs scored and an RBI. He also drew a walk and stole three bases.

Cooper Ralston also had two hits, which included a triple, and had one RBI.

Zach Pouyer went 2-for-4.

Jaden Tuggle-Reed had a double and two RBIs.

Dylan Dempster had a hit and a run scored.

Laugel pitched a complete game for the Pirates, allowing three runs over seven innings on six hits and three walks while striking out five.

"Riley pitched really well," Garcia said. "He gave us an opportunity. He had big strikeouts in key situations, some ground balls in key situations."

The Pirates committed three errors in the game, with the Wolverines having two.

Garcia acknowledged the Pirates continued to make mistakes in the game, but the team was able to overcome them with the help of Laugel's pitching and the team's hitting.

"We really hit the ball well... especially with runners in scoring position. I was really happy with how we came through in those situations, so that turned out really well," Garcia said, adding the Pirates had the bases loaded three times and were able to score them all every time. "As a whole, we did really well that first game."

The Pirates fell 11-10 in the second half of the doubleheader, with Garcia noting it was kind of the opposite in the second game.

"We had a chance to really blow it open on a number of occasions, but what happened is we didn't come through, especially with bases loaded," Garcia said,

The Pirates scored three in the top of the third, but lost the lead to Bayfield in the bottom of the fourth when the Wolverines scored four.

Pagosa countered with six in the top of the fifth to lead 9-4, but Bayfield brought around five in the bottom of the inning to tie the game.

The teams also had to wait through an hour-long lightning delay in the bottom of the fifth, according to Garcia.

The Pirates picked up one run in the top of the sixth.

Garcia explained the Pirates had

the bases loaded with no outs in the top of the sixth inning, but had a strikeout and a ground ball, with the team only scoring one in the inning.

The Wolverines logged the walk-off win with two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

"The bottom fell out in the seventh inning," Garcia said, noting the Pirates got the first out, then a Wolverine batter was hit by a pitch. A ground ball then resulted in a late play and no outs, which was followed by another hit batter.

"Then we walked the next two hitters. So, that's how they tied the game and that's how they won the game," Garcia said.

Pagosa had 14 hits in the game and walked three times.

Hunter Pouyer again went 3-for-5, which included logging a homer, two runs scored and two RBIs.

Tuggle-Reed had two hits, a run scored and an RBI. Zach Pouyer had two hits, including a triple, three RBIs and a run scored.

Martinez had two hits, an RBI and a run scored.

Ralston had two hits, including a double, and scored a run.

Laugel logged a triple, a walk, a run scored and an RBI.

Henderson had one hit, one RBI and two runs scored.

Dempster had one hit, a walk, one RBI and one run scored.

Ty Richey drew a walk.

The Pirates had eight stolen bases in the game — two each from Tuggle-Reed, Hunter Pouyer, Martinez and Ralston.

Martinez and Ralston took the mound in the game, combining to allow 11 runs (eight earned) on 12 hits and seven walks while striking out three.

The Pirates committed four errors in the game.

"Bayfield's a pretty good team. They can hit the ball really well," Garcia said.

The coach highlighted Laugel's and Martinez's pitching on the day.

Garcia also highlighted Hunter Pouyer.

"Hunter Pouyer just absolutely stood out like crazy," Garcia said, highlighting Pouyer's seven RBIs and home run on the day, as well as his strong defensive skill as catcher when the Pirate pitchers were struggling. "He wasn't letting anything go by him, just absolutely did a great job. ... That's a huge bright spot for us."

The coach also highlighted Zach Pouyer's consistency reaching base and hitting in runners, as well as taking on whatever is asked of him.

"One of the things we've continued to talk about is that we are our own worst enemy," Garcia said. "We couple our errors. We don't make one, shut the door and move on."

The coach acknowledged the Pirates again had some fielding difficulties that compounded and led to several Wolverine runs.

"We have got to stop making those types of mistakes," Garcia said, adding, "Routine plays will win ya championships."

But, Garcia noted, "Winning five games out of six is not bad."

Garcia added the Pirates played great in five of those games.

"I'm excited. I really think we'll show strong," he said, adding he hopes the Pirates will have the chance to make the playoffs.

The Pirates currently sit third in the Intermountain League behind Montezuma-Cortez and Bayfield.

The Pirates are 5-3 in league play and 9-9 overall. They currently sit as the No. 32 team in the 3A Selection and Seeding Index, which helps determine postseason seeding.

The Pirates will be back in action on May 7 in Ignacio versus the 2A Bobcats with a 3 p.m. matchup in Ignacio.

The Bobcats are 13-5 on the season and are the No. 16 team in the 2A Selection and Seeding Index.



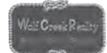
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TRACK

Pirates earn all-conference honors, will host Terry Alley Invitational Saturday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Several Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field athletes claimed Intermountain League (IML) honors at the High Altitude Challenge/IML meet in Alamosa on Saturday, April 27.

All-conference honors went to the first IML finisher in each event.

The boys' team placed fifth overall out of 17 teams, while the girls' squad took second out of 13 teams.

"I wasn't really sure how this track meet would go after watching the weather all week, but it turned out to be better than we expected," coach Connie O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN. "It was still pretty cold, but the wind managed to stay down. It also helped that they started running events earlier than usual."

On the boys' side, Colton Lucero took first in the 100-meter dash, earning all-conference honors with a time of 11.12 seconds. Harley Armijo finished in eighth in 11.94 seconds, and Blake Laner followed in ninth in 12.14 seconds.

"Colton Lucero ran an absolutely outstanding 100 meter race," O'Donnell wrote. "He came in first and claimed the title of fastest boy in the IML. His time is just off of the school record and it ranks him at 3rd in the state in 3A. He

is fast out of the blocks and that is the reason that he starts both of our relays."

Gavin Carter finished ninth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.95 seconds.

In the 400-meter dash, Miles Baker finished 11th in 57.38 seconds and Freddy Barnas finished 18th with a time of 1 minute, 0.38 seconds.

Jesse Beck finished sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:15.66, while Connor Thomas finished 11th with a time of 2:18.80.

Baker finished fifth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:15.10, Beck followed in sixth in 5:19.96 and Thomas finished 10th in 5:31.02.

Jaxten Schiel finished eighth in the 110-meter hurdles in 19.76 seconds. Tristan Frame followed in ninth with a time of 21.29 seconds.

Jeremiah Jones took fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.85 seconds, while Frame finished 14th in 51.73 seconds.

The 4x100-meter relay team — Lucero, Armijo, Creede Dozier and Laner — took second with a time of 44.58 seconds.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Lucero, Carter, Armijo and Laner took first and earned all-conference honors with a time of 1:34.88.

Dozier took fourth in the high jump, and Schiel and Jones tied for fifth, with

all three logging heights of 5 feet, 7 inches.

Dozier took first and earned IML honors in the long jump with a distance of 20-0. Lucero finished third with a jump of 18-8 and Schiel finished fourth with a distance of 18-5.75.

Dozier finished second in the triple jump with a distance of 39-0. Schiel took fifth with a result of 35-6.5. Frame finished 12th with a distance of 31-5.

Barnas finished sixth in the shot put with a throw of 33-6.5.

On the girls' side, Rylie Carr took first in the 100 with a time of 12.68 seconds, earning all-conference honors.

"Rylie Carr won the 100 and is the fastest girl in the IML," O'Donnell wrote. "It is so fun to have the fastest kids at the track meet. Rylie anchors both of our sprint relays and both relays won by large margins."

The 4x100 relay team — Aspen Pitcher, Lexi Campbell, Sienna Rose and Carr — won with a time of 52.29 seconds, with the second-place team finishing in 55.17 seconds.

The 4x200 team — Pitcher, Annie O'Donnell, Rose and Carr — finished

first in 1:50.64, with the second-place team finishing in 1:56.95.

Both relay teams earned all-conference honors.

Adelyn Hittle took seventh in the 200 with a time of 29 seconds.

In the 400, Rose finished second in 1:03.28 and earned IML honors. Annie O'Donnell followed in 1:05.00. Hittle

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Comments from coach Connie O'Donnell: "Rylie Carr is the cornerstone of our girls' track team, leading our sprint program with remarkable speed. Rylie demonstrated that speed by winning the 100 Meter dash in our league meet on Saturday, which gives her the title of the fastest girl in the IML. She is currently ranked 5th in class 3A for the 100 Meter. When Rylie wins a race, it's often by a significant margin. She holds both the school records for the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes. Her contribution to our girls' 4x100 and 4x200 teams, both ranked in the state's top ten, is invaluable."

This year, Rylie broke the stadium record in Bayfield for the 100 Meter dash. We consider ourselves fortunate to have Rylie as a member of our team. Beyond her exceptional athletic abilities, she exemplifies sportsmanship by cheering on her teammates from the sidelines. Rylie's dedication to her teammates is evident in her constant encouragement and support. She has put in extra time preparing for this season by participating in several indoor meets during the winter months.

With her outstanding performances and support for her team, Rylie Carr is on track to have a great junior season."



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Outdoors

Avian influenza detected in dairy cattle in Colorado

By Olga Robak

Colorado Department of Agriculture

On April 25, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratory confirmed a detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 in dairy cows in northeast Colorado. This is the first detection of avian influenza diagnosed in cattle in Colorado. Detections of HPAI in dairy cattle have occurred in eight other states.

On Monday, April 22, the Colorado State Veterinarian's office received a notification of a dairy herd demonstrating clinical signs consistent with HPAI in cattle. Samples submitted to the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory tested presumptive positive for HPAI on April 24 and were confirmed by the USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratory on April 25.

"We continue to see this ongoing HPAI outbreak evolve and over the last month have seen transmission of the virus now move into dairy cattle. While we don't yet completely understand the mechanism of transmission of this virus, we do know that it appears to be spreading from cow to cow and between herds," said Colorado State Veterinarian Dr. Maggie Baldwin. "It is critically important

that producers implement enhanced biosecurity measures to mitigate the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza."

Dairy cattle affected by HPAI are reported to have decreased feed intake, decreased milk production and abnormal colostrum-like milk. Affected cattle appear to recover after supportive care.

The USDA tracks infections in livestock and provides additional resources on its website, <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock>. Colorado's HPAI response webpage, <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/reportable-diseases/avian-influenza/colorado-hpai-response>, will be regularly updated on the state's response to the ongoing HPAI outbreak.

Additionally, the Colorado Department of Agriculture is working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to provide disease control guidance for people exposed in the outbreak. Colorado has 106 dairies and approximately 200,000 dairy cows.

Milk safety and public health

The USDA and U.S. Food and Drug Administration have stated that be-

cause commercial milk products are pasteurized before entering the market, at this time there is no concern about the safety of the commercial milk supply, or that pasteurized milk poses a risk to consumer health. Pasteurization has continuously proven to inactivate bacteria and viruses in milk.

Despite the detection of HPAI in dairy cattle, the risk to the general public remains low, per the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). H5N1 remains mainly an agricultural issue in poultry and now in dairy cows.

Two human cases of H5N1 have been reported in the United States, one in Colorado in 2022 and one in Texas in 2024. Both cases had minimal symptoms following exposure to infected animals. No person-to-person spread has been identified associated with the current H5N1 virus.

More information is available on CDC's website regarding the H5N1 Bird Flu Current Situation, <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/avian-flu-summary.htm>.

USDA federal order

In order to continue to monitor and understand the extent of this virus, and reduce the risk of further disseminating HPAI H5N1 virus, resulting in greater threats to poul-

try and livestock, the USDA issued a federal order requiring the following measures, effective April 29:

- Mandatory reporting of HPAI cases in cattle to the USDA.
- Mandatory testing for all lactating dairy cattle moving interstate.

On April 26, the USDA published the accompanying guidance document to clarify those requirements, <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/aphis-requirements-recommendations-hpai-livestock.pdf>.

Biosecurity

The USDA and other agencies are conducting testing and analysis to better understand the spread of HPAI H5N1 viruses in dairy cattle. Both dairy and poultry producers should practice enhanced biosecurity and be vigilant about monitoring for and controlling disease in their herds and flocks. Additional detailed actions can be found in the USDA's livestock recommendations document, available at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/recommendations-hpai-livestock.pdf>, which will be updated as additional information is made available.

The Secure Milk Supply website, <https://securemilksupply.org/training-materials/biosecurity/>, offers

comprehensive materials on dairy biosecurity practices, including posters and information sheets in English and Spanish.

Additional biosecurity resources can be found at:

- Biosecurity — National Dairy FARM Program: <https://nationaldairyfarm.com/dairy-farm-standards/farm-biosecurity/>
- Biosecurity Practices for Dairy Operations: <https://texashep.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Biosecurity-Practices-For-Dairy-Operations.pdf>.
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- Farm Biosecurity — CFSPH: <https://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/biosecurity/>.

Key biosecurity practices for livestock

- Monitoring for sick animals.
- Producers should monitor herds

closely for cattle with clinical signs of disease.

- Limiting the movement of cattle. Movement of cattle should be minimized; pre-movement testing is required for lactating dairy cattle moving interstate and recommended for non-lactating dairy cattle; movement of cattle should be focused on preventing movement of disease.

- Vehicles, equipment and people on the farm.

Producers should limit the movement of vehicles and visitors on and off livestock and poultry premises, and establish dedicated routes for vehicles that do come onto the premises.

- Wildlife management.

Producers should monitor and report any odd behaviors and die-offs in domestic and wild animals immediately. Report wild bird die offs to your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office and any domestic bird mortalities to the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office at (303) 869-9130 or animalhealth@state.co.us.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate senior Taylor Elliott sends the ball up the field during a game against the Del Norte Tigers on April 30. Elliott scored one goal in the match, which was her final home game for the team.

Soccer

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match. Gian commented that the team's finishes when attempting to score improved over the match, with players not shooting toward the Del Norte goalkeeper and placing the ball more effectively.

He added that Del Norte played a highly defensive game with a focus on stopping drives from Pagosa and then countering offensively when opportunities emerged.

He stated that senior Lauren Monterosso led the team with four goals, followed by Currier with three.

Garcia, Elliott and Johnson also scored one goal each.

Gian commented that, due to the game occurring on senior night, the team shifted its positioning in an effort to give all three seniors scoring

opportunities.

He added that this effort was successful for Lauren Monterosso and Elliott, while Moreno Echavarría, who typically plays defense or midfield, got some "good looks."

The coach commented that Elliott has shown "a lot of resiliency and a positive attitude coming back from a concussion that took most of her senior season. It was definitely nice to see her getting in there and getting involved."

Elliott's concussion occurred during the Lady Pirates' April 3 match against Telluride, Gian explained.

The Lady Pirates will play the last game of the regular season against the Crested Butte Titans on May 3 in Crested Butte beginning at 4 p.m.

Gian stated that he expects the match to be challenging, with Crested

Butte being a skilled team that defeated Telluride 6-0 in their most recent match on April 24.

Pagosa lost to Telluride 7-0 this season.

He added that the Lady Pirates will focus on intensity and "aggressiveness to the ball," as well as continuing to work on elements such as first touch and maintaining possession that have been a focus throughout the season.

The coach commented that he is "looking forward to" the game to "see where we're at in the season and a good perspective for the younger players that are returning to kind of see what's out there, too. As we want to get better, as we're working on things, here's a quality opponent to take a look at."

The Pirates are entering the game with a 6-4-3 record.

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Track

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finished seventh in 1:06.92.

"Sienna Rose and Annie O'Donnell continue to push each other at practice and in meets in the 400 meter," the coach highlights. "It's fun to watch them compete and then be each other's biggest fans. With that kind of support for each other, I believe they will both continue to improve significantly in the coming weeks."

Honesty Sweet finished eighth in the 800 with a time of 2:53.26.

Sweet logged a ninth-place finish in the 1,600 with a time of 6:38.41. Marie Smith followed in 12th with a time of 7:08.33.

Charlotte Duranton took third in the 3,200 with a time of 14:09.39, with Smith taking fifth in 15:08.02.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Kylie Ketchum finished fifth in 18.13 seconds, Elissa Mars followed in sixth in 18.44 seconds and Eden Conner finished 18th in 21.35 seconds.

The 800-meter sprint medley relay

team — Pitcher, Ketchum, Rose and Annie O'Donnell — finished second in 1:56.68.

Jordan Lindstrom took fourth in the high jump and Ketchum finished sixth, with both logging heights of 4-9.

Mars finished fourth in the long jump with a jump of 14-1.75. Lindstrom took sixth with a jump of 14-1.00.

Campbell finished second in the triple jump and won IML honors with a distance of 33-0. Lindstrom finished fourth with a distance of 28-1.

Abigail Nehring took first in discus, earning all-conference honors with a throw of 114-1. Malorie Morton finished third with a distance of 82-11. Parker Frame finished 24th with a throw of 59-6.

Nehring finished third in the shot put with a throw of 27-6.25. Morton finished 16th with a distance of 22-4. Frame finished 31st with a distance of 18-11.

"Abigail Nehring continues to dominate in throws," Connie O'Donnell

wrote, adding, "She continues to work hard at practice and hopefully will qualify for state in both events."

On Saturday, May 4, the Pirates will host the Terry Alley Invitational at Golden Peaks Stadium.

According to the coach, field events will begin at 9 a.m., with running beginning at 11 a.m.

"It is a small meet, but we seem to always compete well and get good times on our own track," she wrote.

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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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 Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiffs:
 MARK S. JESKE
Defendants:
 ROBERT L. REYNOLDS; ROSA R. REYNOLDS and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
 Submitting Attorney:
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 Respectfully Submitted this 16th day of April, 2024.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Deborah Jean Luback.
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. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
 190 Tallman Drive, Suite D-6
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
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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

v.
 National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; and all unknown person 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;
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 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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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
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 Fred A Rich and Margaret Rich, Plaintiffs
 v.
 National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; and all unknown person 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
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FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING MAY 21, 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 21, 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. Published May 2 & 9, 16, 23, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*. (235419)

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, COLORADO, BY TAX DEED, ALL PARCELS AS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AT RECEPTION NUMBER 74886 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, TO WIT:
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The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "Final Major Design Review" for a 50-unit apartment complex proposed at 116 Alpha Drive (SW of intersection of Alpha Drive and Aspen Village Drive). The proposal includes 2 buildings with 50 total units on approximately 3.5 acres. The apartments will be a mix of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units. The Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the Final Major Design Review Application. Public Hearings and Meetings will be conducted at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round Minutes and Agendas tab located along the bottom of the photo on the Town's website home page at pagosasprings.co.gov. You may also view the application at myapa.gov/proposed-development-projects. We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Division prior to the public hearing dates, with any questions at either (970) 585-8636 or kdeluche@pagosasprings.co.gov. Written comments received 7 days prior to the meeting or public hearing will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing(s)/meeting(s). Published May 2, 2024 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*. (235408)

Slope repair set to begin May 6 along U.S. 84

Colorado Department of Transportation

The Colorado Department of Transportation and Drill Tech Drilling & Shoring Inc. will begin slope repair work on May 6.

Work will occur on U.S. 84, 21 miles south of Pagosa Springs and 7.7 miles north of the New Mexico state line. The project is expected to last until the end of December.

The project will help mitigate a slope adjacent to the roadway that is prone to landslides and will stabilize the roadway infrastructure.

Work will consist of the installation of a concrete wall barrier with a reinforced subsurface pile system drilled into the ground. Crews will replace an existing drainage culvert with a new concrete and corrugated metal pipe under the roadway. Slope repairs will help stabilize the roadway including widening the roadway to include a 13-foot shoulder.

Traffic impacts

- Daytime work hours range from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Some potential weekend work may occur.
- Vehicles will be reduced to a single lane, alternating traffic intermittently in either direction, throughout the duration of the project.
- Lane closures, guided by a temporary light signal or flaggers, will have up to 15-minute delays.
- The speed limit will be reduced to 25 mph through the work zone.



Map courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation
The Colorado Department of Transportation and its contractor will begin slope repair work on U.S. 84 on May 6. The work, taking place 21 miles south of Pagosa Springs, is expected to last until the end of December.

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Flakes, fries, chips and spuds: The powerful economics behind potatoes

By Robin Young
 SUN Columnist

The potato certified seed sale is almost here.

Mark your calendars to pick up seed potatoes from the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension on May 15 and 16.

Bring your bags to the CSU Extension Office between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and purchase your certified potato seed for \$2 per pound. There are six different varieties. Potatoes are fun and easy to grow.

Economics behind potatoes

The National Potato Council estimates the United States' domestic potato industry created 714,000 jobs, generated \$34.1 billion in wages and added \$53.5 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product in one year alone. Potatoes in all forms, from flakes to slices to whole spuds, have become one of the most important agricultural commodities around the world.

"Not only are potatoes an essential and healthy component in our diet, but now we can say unequivocally that they are vital to the American economy," explained RJ Andrus of Idaho's TBR Farm and incoming president of the National Potato Council. "Potatoes are an essential component to our prosperity as a nation, built and sustained by America's potato growers, who put people to work in every city and town across our great country. Today's report cements the fact that potatoes are America's favorite vegetable with value."

This unassuming but versatile vegetable has found its way into the recipes and culture of virtually every country in the world and has also become a major international commodity. It is considered a dietary staple in regions where other crops have proven challenging or impossible to produce. The global demand for potatoes continues to grow year after year in a range of markets.

Potato chips: The potato chip was invented in 1853 by George Speck (later Crum), a cook at the Moon Lake Lodge Resort in Saratoga Lake, N.Y. A customer's repeated requests for thinner, crispier french-fried potatoes prompted Speck to fry paper-thin potato slices in oil until they turned brown. The "Saratoga chip" became popular with other customers, creating a new snack item for the general public.

The global potato chip market is projected to reach \$40 billion by 2028, largely fueled by the popularity and convenience of shelf-stable potato chips. The United States currently dominates the potato chip marketplace, with companies such as Frito-Lay and Utz producing both plain and flavored products.

While major snack companies such as Frito-Lay and Wise enjoy mainstream success, the potato chip market also has room for niche companies specializing in small-batch production. A wide range of flavor profiles, fat content and textures means customers can find a brand that meets their individual needs.

French fries: Although the origins of the french fry remain shrouded in mystery, there can be no doubt the side dish/snack itself is enjoying significant success with consumers. The global french fry market is expected to reach \$18.5 billion by 2027, including both fresh and frozen products. The fast food market alone is fiercely competitive, with potential customers often basing their dining decisions on the quality of a brand's french fries alone.

Frozen ready-to-cook french fries are also popular in home kitchens, largely because of their ease of preparation and their compatibility with other dishes. French fries can be served as side dishes for sandwiches, fried fish and meat entrees, but can also be prepared as a stand-alone snack. They can be deep-fried, baked, air-fried or even microwaved. The potatoes can be sliced into crinkle cuts, thick planks or thin shoestring fries.

French-fried potatoes perform well with seasonings and can be topped with chili, cheese sauce and other savory toppings.

Dehydrated potatoes: Potatoes respond well to both dehydration and reconstitution. Dried potato flakes are key to many commercial soups, stews, gravies and food thickeners. They also serve as the base for instant mashed potatoes, a popular shelf-stable item in home pantries. Potato flour is a plant-forward alternative to processed wheat and white flour in baked goods. Dehydrated potatoes are also the foundation of many snack items, most notably Pringle's brand potato crisps.

The global dehydrated potato market is expected to reach \$9.68 billion by 2030, fueled by growing demand for processed and shelf-stable foods. Increasing interest in plant-based foods has also added to the appeal of dehydrated potatoes as a vegan food thickener or cornstarch alternative. A long shelf life and high nutritional value make dehydrated potato flakes common in emergency food kits.

Fresh potatoes: Germany, the Netherlands and Canada lead the world in fresh and chilled potato exports, while Belgium, the Netherlands and the United States are the greatest importers of fresh spuds. The global fresh potato market is expected to reach \$118.15 billion by 2028. While dehydrated or processed potatoes still dominate the overall market, many commercial food producers consider fresh or chilled potatoes a better choice for their products.

The abundance of fresh potatoes in almost every country has helped turn the root vegetable into a thriving and highly tradeable commodity. In fact, the Great Potato Famine in Ireland from 1845 to 1852 spurred several economic revolutions as both importers and exporters struggled to recover from the effects caused by the blight. Today's potato crops benefit from disease resistance, soil management and genetic research advances.

Making the case for potatoes

A general shift toward ketogenic and paleo low-carb/high-protein dieting has created something of an identity crisis for the potato, and organizations like the National Potato Council are investing in efforts to defend the benefits of the tuber.

For example, potatoes are an excellent source of vitamin C, potassium and vitamin B6. An average potato also contains 110 calories per 5.3-ounce serving. Sweet potatoes are also high in vitamin A, and purple potatoes contain powerful antioxidants, including heart-healthy anthocyanins.

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Colorado Cottage Foods Certification

There will be a Colorado Cottage Foods certification class on June 5 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Check out our Facebook page for more information.

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.

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Over Snow Travel Management Planning Project underway for Rio Grande National Forest

By Gregg Goodland
 Rio Grande National Forest

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, Rio Grande National Forest announced recently the beginning of the forest-wide Over Snow Travel Management Planning Project.

A notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement was published in the Federal Register on April 30, establishing the official 45-day comment period for the project. The resulting decision from the analysis will set parameters that will guide over-snow travel on forest roads, trails and cross-country use for the next 15-20 years across the 1.8-million-acre Rio Grande National Forest.

The project will require an environmental impact statement and, when completed, will be an addendum to the Rio Grande National Forest Land Management Plan, which

was signed in May of 2020. The Over Snow Travel Management Plan will provide direction for motorized use across the Rio Grande. It is likely that the direction will amend the current direction in the Rio Grande National Forest Land Management Plan.

Interested parties wishing to submit comments on the Over Snow Travel Management Planning Project should submit them online at: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Project/Details/3993>.

"The over-snow travel management planning process will require a great deal of public involvement in order to develop the best product that balances winter motorized travel needs with the appropriate use of our natural resources," said Forest Supervisor Dennis Kuhnle. "We invite and look forward to collaborating with our tribes, interested forest users, our valuable communities and our partners from other agencies on this

important process."

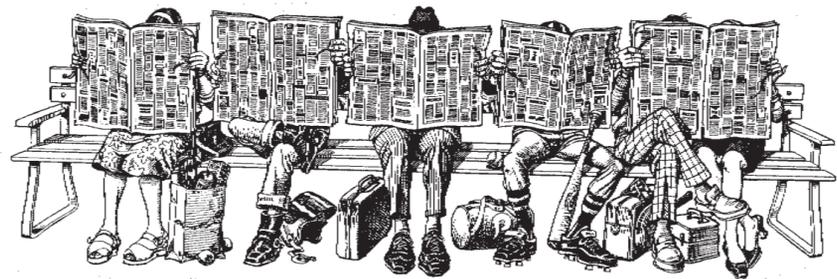
Kuhnle added that this process will be a long undertaking that will follow the guidelines set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act for an environmental impact statement. Rio Grande National Forest personnel will aim to complete the process in approximately two years.

The next step in process will be to release draft environmental impact statement, which will be available for public comment.

Additional information about the Over Snow Travel Management Planning Project can be viewed at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Over-snow-Travel-Management-Planning> and in the official project record at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/riogrande/?project=65529>.

For information on the Rio Grande National Forest, call (719) 850-2374, visit the forest website.

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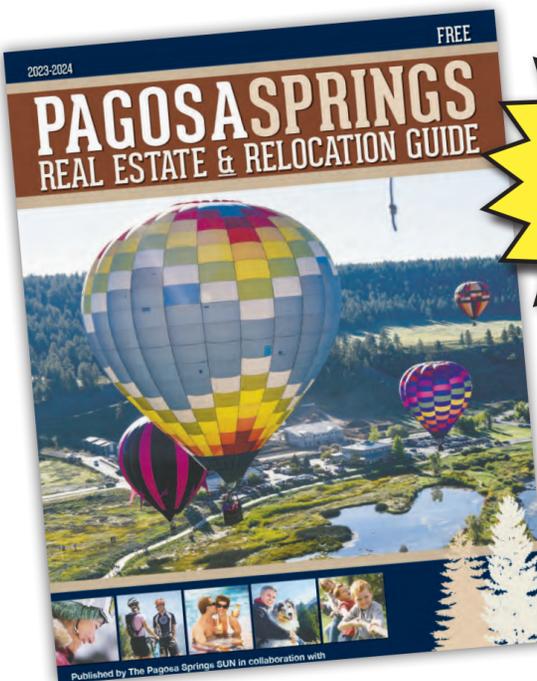
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Prom 2024
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 Pagosa Springs High School students pose for photos at the school's masquerade-themed prom on April 27.

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Eat, mingle and be merry: Archuleta Food Summit set for May 11

Healthy Archuleta

Are you looking to improve your health? How about taking up a hobby that gets you outside? Would you like to help those in need of food assistance have more to eat? Or, maybe you would like to lower your household grocery costs and eat healthier.

The Archuleta Food Summit can satisfy your hunger for all of these desires on Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

Registration is open. Visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-food-summit.html> to register.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear and learn from local growers and ranchers about their businesses and agricultural practices. You can hear about the successes of local food entrepreneurs and how easy it can be to grow food in our county.

Other sessions will include groups of experts who will provide further information about regulations and policy issues related to water and land use; local food businesses sourcing from local farms; and the future of recycling, composting, waste reduction and resource recovery. This last session includes representatives from town, county and state governments.

A farm-to-table lunch will be served following the breakout sessions and attendees can participate in a networking with fellow attendees.

An optional Pagosa Springs High School grow dome and compost tour will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The morning breakout sessions will be available in English and

Spanish and facilitated by some well-known community members: Mary Jo Coulehan, Warren Brown, Veronica Medina and Laurie Gutierrez. There will be prizes and giveaways.

So, whether you are hungry for local foods, eager to garden, longing to give back to the community or passionate about our waste management

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Kentucky Derby Party to benefit four local nonprofits

By Annie Gian
Rise Above Violence

Don your best derby attire, including fabulous hats, and come on out for the Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 4, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the Kentucky Derby Party benefit four local area nonprofits: Rise Above Violence, LASSO — Large Animal Rescue, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR), and The Jim and Elizabeth Sullivan Foundation for the Arts.

The event will be held at the Tennyson Building Event Center and includes live music with Tim Sullivan, live streaming of the derby races, a silent auction, appetizers and desserts. The cash bar will offer wine, beer and the Kentucky Derby signature drink: mint juleps.

Rise Above Violence's goal is to

support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Pagosa Springs. Rise promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence by providing support and advocacy services for victims as well as education for youth and our community.

LASSO is dedicated to the safe keeping of abandoned, abused, neglected and unwanted horses in the state of Colorado. It provides shelter, rehabilitation and forever homes for unwanted horses. Horses awaiting adoption provide equine therapy to the public and challenged individuals of the community.

USJSAR is a volunteer organization that trains and organizes volunteers in search, rescue and other emergency services. USJSAR volunteers respond only when activated by the Archuleta County sheriff or

his designee and operate where directed. USJSAR members volunteer to provide these services so that others may live.

The Jim and Elizabeth Sullivan Foundation for the Arts is dedicated to helping students who have the desire to study music, dance and visual art, but are lacking the financial means. Each dollar raised makes it possible for a student to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to express themselves in a positive and uplifting manner.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kentucky-derby-party-a-fundraising-soiree-tickets-875431117037?aff=oddtcreator>.

You can also purchase tickets at Exit Realty's office at 565 Village Drive, Suite E, or by calling Shelley Low at EXIT Realty at (970) 946-0930.

Group will discuss issues related to death on May 7

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

People wanting to dignify death 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 also in Durango, so we are not giving them an unfair advantage over anyone else by having this speaker.

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 at the time needed, and also like on May 7, beforehand.

This is an amazing opportunity, so the room will be filled with chairs awaiting wise and responsible people wanting to see his presentation and then hear his answers to all our questions.

Our last gathering was absolutely amazing when we heard from Connie Cook, a greatly experienced paramedic.

I have decided that paramedics

are the greatest heroes in the practice of medicine. I had no idea what all they do when responding to an emergency. I have never experienced being present at such a time. I am still processing what all I learned. I also did not comprehend the significance of the "do not resuscitate" form that is available at Pagosa Springs Medical Center. You do not need to pay for an appointment to complete the form. You can begin the process, which needs a doctor's signature, at the reception desk.

I am hoping to have Cook speak to our group again, for the benefit of the people who missed her talk and for anyone who does not have a "do not resuscitate" form.

There are many other topics that are in the works for future programs, such as doctors who will discuss the right-to-die option voted for in Colorado in 2016 and how to access it. We are working on a green burial site. There will be a personally ex-

perienced speaker on near-death experiences. 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" and trying to decide who would be best to handle this crucial topic. Another topic of importance is donating a body to science without cost to the family. We are planning to have a doctor speak on the possible outcomes of the resuscitation process. There is so much to learn.

Our plan is to create a glossary of terms discussed, a recommended book list and website list to have available to Pagosa as a result of our having met.

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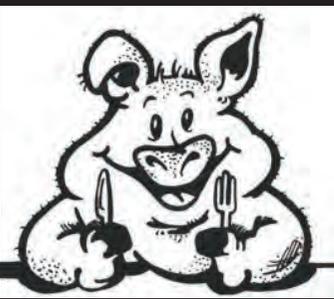
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Build Pagosa's annual auction set for May 10

By Will Ridlehoover
Build Pagosa

The local community nonprofit organization Build Pagosa continues to build momentum toward construction of a regional workforce center (RWC).

The RWC will serve Archuleta County and the Southwest Colorado region by providing the much-needed facilities to expand our community's career and technical education (CTE) and job services.

Working in collaboration with Archuleta School District, Build Pagosa's RWC will be located adjacent to Pagosa Springs High School and provide the space to transform high school CTE courses like building trades, automotive, welding, health sciences and more.

Outside of school hours, Build Pagosa will work in partnership with other educational partners, like Pueblo Community College, to offer career-focused coursework to the community at large.

While the vision for this project stretches back more than seven years, fundraising initiatives have gained momentum in the last year. The project has received support through several avenues.

Through a collaboration with the Town of Pagosa Springs, the project is on track to accept \$600,000 in generous support from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The organization has also received grants from the OpportunityNOW program and the Boettcher Foundation, in addition to hundreds of thousands contributed by generous, engaged individuals and families.

This spring, Sen. John Hickenlooper sponsored a \$1 million congressionally directed spending allocation, which was included in the most recent federal budget passed by the Congress. This earmark is now being managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a community facilities grant. Build Pagosa is working closely with colleagues at USDA and elsewhere to accept this federal funding.

ASD Superintendent Rick Holt and Build Pagosa Director Will Ridlehoover agree that the future looks bright for CTE in Pagosa Springs.

"The RWC is going to unlock the potential of our schools' CTE programs in a transformational way," said Holt.

Ridlehoover added, "Investing in

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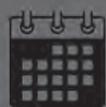
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But wait, there's more!

Not only will you be having a blast, but you'll also be making a difference. EXIT Realty Home & Ranch is sponsoring this Derby event & all proceeds will be going towards four exceptional causes: Rise Above Violence, LASSO - Large Animal Rescue, Upper San Juan Search & Rescue, and The Sullivan Foundation, which supports music & choir programs for young people. So mark your calendars and come out to support these incredible causes while having an absolute hay-day!



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San Juan Stargazers announce spring events

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

The San Juan Stargazers have had a restful winter with only monthly meetings, which ended on April 8 with an amazing total solar eclipse seen across the entire United States.

Club members traveled to western Mexico, to the far northern border of Maine, Texas and many other places. There also were many who stayed here in Pagosa for a surprisingly great view. About a dozen people gathered along the river at the amphitheater by the geothermal domes. The eclipse appeared to be at much more than 66 percent.

Our August monthly meeting, which will be on Aug. 22, will provide an opportunity for everyone to bring your eclipse pictures and stories to share with the club. If you are not a member, but went to some exotic location, please feel welcome to come and share your experience.

Onto how we are gearing up for the summer.

On Friday, May 10, we are having a members-only opportunity that might make it worth your joining the club. We have two very special visitors who will be in Pagosa for one day only. Dr. Erica Ellingson from the University of Colorado and a good friend of hers who is an outstanding telescope expert will be here to help Chimney Rock Interpretive Associa-

tion and the Stargazers prepare for major lunar standstill activities later this summer.

During the day we will be setting up private appointments for members, including new ones, to get individual help with their telescopes. If you are serious about learning to use your telescope, call (303) 995-2888 and leave a message for an appointment. In between, our Stargazer telescopes will be fine-tuned by an expert. That day, Pueblo tribal leaders will be at Chimney Rock and, weather-permitting, we will set up telescopes that night for very special sacred stargazing.

On Saturday, May 11, we have a special members-only event starting at 8 p.m. at the park on the southern edge of Hatcher Lake right off Piedra Road. We will have several hours of training on doing Tours of the Night Sky. You know what it is like having a person stand there and point out constellations, bright stars, planets etc. We want many of our members to realize that dream. Here is your chance. Judith Jubb, who does the tours at the night sky programs at Chimney Rock, will be the instructor.

Our monthly meeting which is on Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. will be on our favorite galaxy, the Milky Way, and presented by member Kurt Hillman, an expert deep-sky photographer. He also will share fantastic aurora which he recently

photographed in Norway.

We meet at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. You can use the parking lot and enter at the side door right off the parking area. (We leave the front doors locked.) We have new members at almost every meeting, so feel welcome. There is a social hour starting at 6 p.m. with coffee/tea and treats. From 6:20 to 6:50 p.m., if people are interested, Joan Mieritz will present a brief Astronomy 101 Class covering basic astronomy.

Our meeting on June 6 will be on how to use telescopes with two special telescope training sessions on June 8 and 9.

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine which is the publication of the National Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25 per family. You can join the club at any of our events or you can join using PayPal on our website, sanjuanstargazers.org. Check out our continuously changing website with new information and fabulous photos.

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Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group to meet May 7

By Dion Hollenbeck
Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group

The Man 2 Man Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 7 in Durango.

Our group consists of survivors of prostate cancer and men who

have been diagnosed with prostate issues, including BPH and cancer. We discuss experiences with resources, diagnosis and treatments for the disease.

Anyone is welcome.

For more information and a Zoom invite, please contact prostategroupdro@gmail.com.

Auction

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career focused education in Pagosa is going to have a positive economic impact that we'll feel for generations."

As Build Pagosa enters the final stretch of fundraising for this project, its board of directors would like to invite community members to participate and contribute.

"We're confident that Build Pagosa will have the resources to get this project off the ground soon. If folks in the community have been considering getting involved, the time is now," said board president Larry Ash.

If you're interested in learning more about Build Pagosa and the RWC, and connecting with the community of CTE supporters, you're

invited to the sixth annual auction on May 10 at 5 p.m.

The event, hosted at the Ross Aragon Community Center, will include a BBQ dinner and drinks, live and silent auctions, live music, and fun. Featured items will be made by Pagosa Springs High School CTE students and include custom mini bikes, garden sheds, utility trailers, birdhouses and more. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Tickets are available at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/embed/ticketing/1d92c740-b03a-413a-bf5d-749b977c70ff?modal=true>.

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Last call for artists to join second annual Studio Tour

By Rosanna Dufour
Pagosa Springs Arts Council

After a successful inaugural event last year, the Pagosa Springs Arts Council is excited to announce the second annual Studio Tour Aug. 23-25.

This unique, free, self-guided tour allows local artists to showcase their talents and invites the public into the creative spaces where their art comes to life in our community.

We're looking for talented artists who call Pagosa Springs their home and creative sanctuary. If your studio is within a 10-mile radius of Pagosa Springs and you're eager to share your passion and process with art lovers and admirers, we want you on our tour.

The Studio Tour offers an unparalleled opportunity for artists to connect directly with their audience, share their passion and process, and display their work in a personal and meaningful setting. It's not just an exhibition, but an intimate experience that invites people into the heart of where creation happens. Artists can show off their workspace, sell their art if they choose and become more rooted in the local arts community.

This year's tour promises to be even more exciting. It will take place daily over three days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The self-guided nature of the tour allows visitors to explore at their own pace and immerse themselves in the rich artistic culture of Pagosa Springs.

Interested artists are encouraged to register before the June 1 deadline to secure their spot on this year's tour. Registration is simple: Go to www.studiotourpagosa.com and fill out the registration form. A nominal registration fee and sponsor contributions cover printing and advertising costs, ensuring widespread publicity for the event and its featured artists.

By participating in the Studio Tour, you'll enhance your visibility within the community and be a part of the growing art culture in Pagosa Springs. Whether your medium is painting, sculpting, textiles or any-

thing in between, this is your chance to shine and share your artistry with neighbors and visitors alike.

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The Friends of the Thingamajig Theatre are again planning a busy season of events.

Friends of the Theater planning busy summer season

By Simon Fuger

Friends of the Thingamajig Theatre

It has now been more than 10 years since we held our first Friends of the Thingamajig Theatre events.

It has been a fun ride as we have had the opportunity to be involved with our live professional theater and the rotating group of actors, directors and support staff. The constant has been all of our love of theater and the intimacy of the stories on stage that inspire us.

Our response to theater is personal, but it flourishes as a shared experience. Many of us have developed a strong bond with the theater, so whatever we can do to sustain and nourish our theater is vital to us. We would love to have you join as a member.

In addition to a splendid lineup of live shows for the summer season, the Friends have a jam-packed summer season of events. There are three

Tech Tuesday events where members can sign up to provide food for the actors and crew, get to meet the summer cast and support staff, and share dinner with them. The dates are May 28, June 4 and June 25 at 5 p.m.

If you are a Friends member, be sure to block off the weekend beginning July 20 for three Friends events.

On July 20, we will have our popular "Behind the Scenes" event. The topic will be "The Business of Theater" presented by the theater owners Laura and Tim Moore. On July 21, we will have a music-themed laser show with the actors. Finally, on July 22, we will have our traditional Williams Lake picnic.

On Aug. 18, we will have the Friends' exclusive cabaret show where the actors perform their favorite songs.

Finally, to wrap up the season, we will have the Farewell Party at Paradise Ranch on Aug. 26.

As usual, the Friends will once

again be sponsoring the season theater jackets for the actors and crew. These jackets are worn by actors and crew and end up all over the world, promoting our theater to other actors and potential future patrons.

If you are interested in theater and want to become more educated and involved, then becoming a Friends member is the ideal way to do this. It is a fun and rewarding experience.

Annual membership is \$35 per person. Go to pagosacenter.org and look under the tab "become a Friend of the Theater" and follow the prompts. The other option is to send a check to: Thingamajig Theater Company, 2313 Eagle Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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Our Community Eats pantry serves record-breaking number of households

By Sandra Dillon
Our Community Eats

In a touching encounter at Our Community Eats (OCE) pantry, a teenage boy bravely enters alone, revealing his family's struggle with hunger.

"My dad is outside in the car and embarrassed to come in. I'm really hungry. Can I get some food?" he asks.

A compassionate volunteer eagerly offers support. "Of course, we can get you some food. Let me help you sign in, get you a cart and show you what we have."

This heartening exchange is just one example of the profound impact OCE has on the community, serving 3,000 individuals and 1,000 families monthly.

What began as a modest, one-room pantry in a local church has blossomed into a thriving 501(c)(3) nonprofit, responding to the escalating food needs among families' economic challenges. With inflation squeezing household budgets, more families turn to OCE for food support after covering their other essential expenses, a roof over their heads and the lights on.

OCE is breaking records nearly every month in how many families it serves.

Recognizing the growing demand, Katherine Solbert, fueled by her

commitment to alleviate hunger, and with a following of volunteers, spearheaded the relocation from Restoration Fellowship Church to a larger facility, the old Sears building on Cornerstone Drive, in May 2023 and secured its nonprofit status.

Despite its vital role, OCE remains somewhat under the radar in the community. However, recent milestones, such as serving a record-breaking 116 households in a single day on April 22, underscore the urgency of spreading awareness.

People can contribute to OCE's mission through simple and easy gestures such as linking their City Market card to their Community Rewards Program and selecting OCE as the beneficiary. With every purchase, 1 percent can help OCE feed the hunger. Don't hesitate to go online and sign up today.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of more than 45 volunteers drive OCE's operations, from managing the board to stocking shelves and making deliveries to the elderly. Their tireless efforts ensure the smooth operation of this logistics-intensive endeavor that secures and moves more than \$1 million worth of food annually.

Additionally, OCE leverages grants, federal and state donations, and partnerships with local businesses and residents to bolster the food inventory. OCE also invests back

into the community by purchasing meat and produce from local farmers and growers.

OCE believes whole-heartedly that it takes a community to help feed the community. OCE extends an open invitation to the community, encouraging visits, tours and support. Whether stopping by for a glimpse of its work or donating, every contribution plays a crucial role in its mission to combat hunger.

Learn more about OCE or contribute by visiting www.ourcommunityeats.com and follow it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ourcommunityeatspagosa.

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Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society to meet May 4

By Carolyn Paschal
Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society

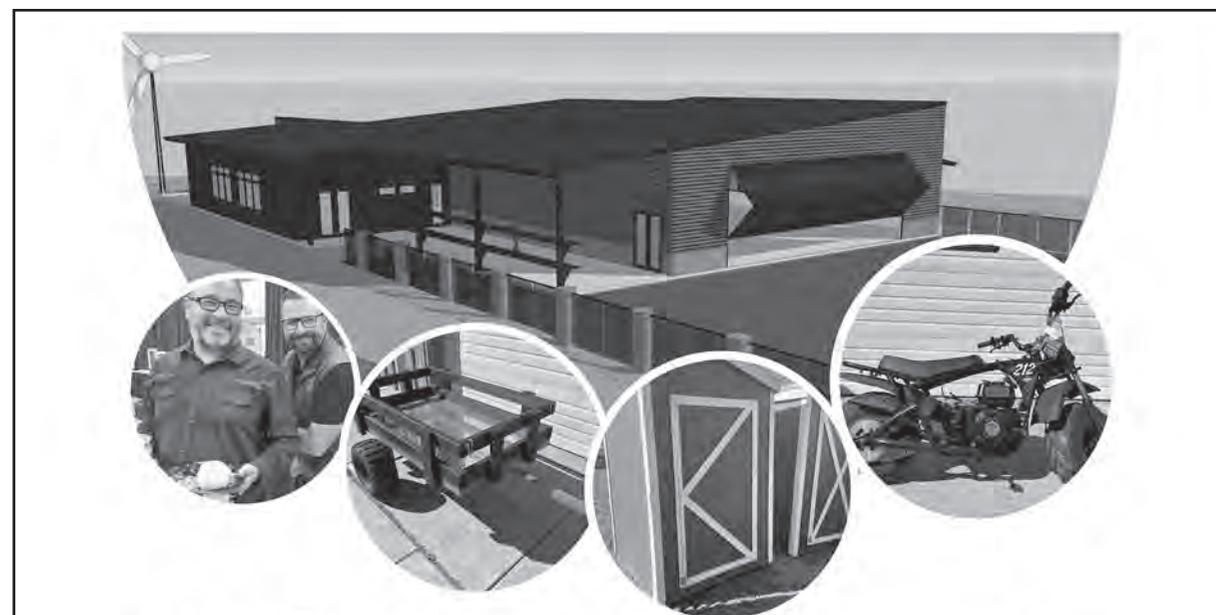
The Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society will hold its next monthly meeting on Saturday, May 4, at the Community United Methodist Church, located at 434 Lewis St.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. We will begin with a short business meeting where you can learn about the upcoming activities of our society and the topic of future programs.

Following the business meeting, the program will be a video entitled

"Introduction to the Family History Guide." Take a guided tour through the Family History Guide website, the industry-leading learning and research hub for family history. This video covers all the main features of the site, from the home page to the online tracker.

Please come join us as we explore this fascinating aspect of genealogical research. This will be a hybrid meeting, so if you cannot attend in person, please contact Carolyn at carolynpaschal@gmail.com for a Zoom link, or visit our website, pagosapeakgs.org.



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The identities of this year's dancers for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, set for Aug. 17, will be revealed on May 23.

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

By Cory Henderson
Seeds of Learning

It is time to pick out your Pagosa finest dress threads, dust off the bling and mark your calendar to attend the star-studded event of the summer — the seventh annual Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.

On Aug. 17, local celebrities will slip into their costumes and dance their hearts out, competing to raise critically needed funds for Seeds of Learning.

These generous celebrities are all people that are recognized as leaders in our community. They will partner

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Thursday, May 2

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
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Dancing

continued from previous page with professional coaches to present a dazzling night of dancing and fun. You will be able to buy tickets to support your favorite dancers and vote as many times as you want, with each vote costing \$1.

The celebrity raising the most money from ticket sales and voting will get bragging rights and take home the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy at the end of the night.

The identities of the chosen celebrities are under wraps until the big reveal on May 23, when voting for your favorite stars will be officially open. You are not going to believe who we have dancing this year.

For the most up-to-date news on the event, follow Dancing with the Pagosa Stars on Facebook at facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/ or visit our website at growingseeds.org, where tickets for this much anticipated event will go on sale July 1 at 9 a.m.

Jason Cox and Joe Jordan will be returning as the emcees for this year's event, providing endless entertainment leading up to and during the performance. Both gentlemen are no strangers to this popular event. Jordan's wife, Chantelle, was a star dancer in 2022 and Cox was a star dancer in 2019.

Seeds is extremely grateful to

welcome our amazing director, Kylie Ross, who is working hard to make this night special. Ross has 26 years of dance experience and has been teaching since 2010. With a passion for the stage, she has had countless opportunities to be involved with productions as a teacher, choreographer and performer. She moved to Pagosa Springs in 2018 and has been ecstatic to find dance opportunities here in productions such as Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.

This month, 26 children will graduate from Seeds and attend kindergarten in the fall. History tells us these children will excel among their peers because of Seeds' age-appropriate education programing and curriculum. Many children have been able to attend Seeds because of the generosity and support from this event. Seeds offers a sliding scale tuition based on each individual family's income, with more than 75 percent of families receiving financial assistance. The future of our community's 2.5- to 5-year-olds lies in the hands of generous individual donors and local businesses.

More details about this incredible evening will follow. Mark your calendar for Aug. 17 to support your favorite Pagosa celebrity and help educate the future leaders of Pagosa Springs.

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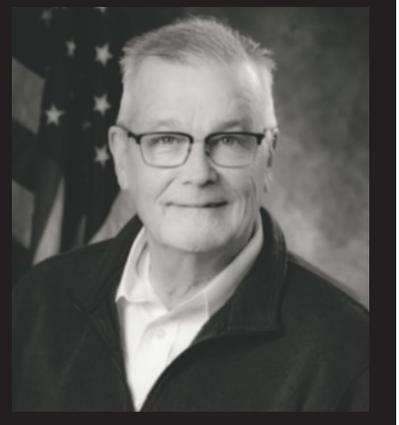
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John volunteered to serve as a Financial Task Force member in 2007 when Archuleta County discovered a serious financial crisis. Following that, John served for a period of time as County Commissioner. In addition, he recently sat on the committee to form, and budget for, Archuleta County's new Health Department. He has an unwavering commitment to the fiscal health and well-being of our County. John's leadership, as Commissioner and Task Force Member, not only rescued the county from financial turmoil, but also set the stage for a prosperous future.

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EXPERIENCE IN ARCHULETA COUNTY

- 2007 Served on Financial Task Force
- Elected County Commissioner to dig out of a financial hole
- Served on Committee to set up new Health District — 2023

To learn more about John Ranson's campaign for Archuleta County Commissioner, District 2, please feel free to contact John at:
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Spanish Fiesta Committee. 5:30 p.m., Senior Center dining hall, Community Center. All are welcome.

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."

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 Search and Rescue team. Join and learn important information to help you stay found while enjoying our beautiful mountain environs. The meeting starts with a social half hour at 6 pm with light refreshments and the meeting gets started at 6:30 p.m. For more information, email sanjuanoutdoorclub@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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 com-

munity. 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. 9 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.

Pagosa Peak Genealogical Society. 10 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Following a short business meeting, the program will be a video entitled "Introduction to the Family History Guide." This will be a hybrid meeting, so if you cannot attend in person, please contact Carolyn at carolynpaschal@gmail.com for a Zoom link, or visit pagosapeakgs.org.

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.

Kentucky Derby Party. 3-6 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Proceeds will benefit four local nonprofits: Rise Above Violence, LASSO, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, and the Jim and Elizabeth Sullivan Foundation for the Arts. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kentucky-derby-party-a-fundraising-soiree-tickets-875431117037?aff=oddtcreator>, at Exit Realty's office at 565 Village Drive, Suite E, or by calling Shelley Low at (970) 946-0930.

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

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Monday, May 6

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

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

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.

Pagosa Unplugged. 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Musicians of all abilities and expertise are invited to jam and sing with others. Call Susan at (970) 946-3396 for details.

Tuesday, May 7

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your

current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

Pagosa Duplicate Bridge. 12:30 p.m., PLPOA conference room. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

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

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

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

Death Discussion Group. 1:30 p.m., Sisson Library.

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.

Conversational Spanish. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Practice your Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required.

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

Therapy Dog Visit. 11-11:45 a.m., Sisson Library. Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog.

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

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

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

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more information.
Virtual Author Talk: Nina Simon. 5 p.m., virtual. Listen live or recorded. "A Murder Mystery, Family Story & Love Letter to Strong Women Everywhere" with Nina Simon. For details and to register, go to <https://library.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Following social time, the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Keith Bruno will discuss birds and the role of photography in conservation. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by emailing abutler@mac.com. For more information about the club, and to download a membership application, visit <https://pagosaspingsphotoclub.org/about/>.

Thursday, May 9

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.

Dungeons and Dragons. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join the adventure. Preregistration is required.

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. Dallas Weaver will share about his experience hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Friday, May 10

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

Emotional Freedom Technique Introduction. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Great Stories Club. 2-3:30 p.m. Participants will create art based on the book "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Everyone will come away with a free book. Pizza will be provided.

Build Pagosa Auction. 5 p.m., Community Center. The event will include a BBQ dinner and drinks, live and silent auctions, live music, and fun. Featured items will be made by high school students and include custom mini bikes, garden sheds, utility trailers, birdhouses and more. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets are available at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/embed/ticketing/1d92c740-b03a-413a-bf5d-749b977c70ff?modal=true>.

Saturday, May 11

Archuleta Food Summit. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. To register, visit <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org> or <https://form.jotform.com/240785457148062>.

Pagosa Paddle. 9:30 a.m., San Juan River downtown. Whitewater races will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue all day. Awards will be presented at 5 p.m. at The Springs Resort. For more information and to register, visit friendsoftheupper-sanjuan-river.org.

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

Paint-a-Pot for Mom. 10 a.m.-noon,

Terry's Ace. All supplies will be provided. Kids should wear clothing for painting.

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.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball. 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs High School vs. Alamosa.

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 13

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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Aspire's annual Walk for Moms is slated for Saturday morning in Yamaguchi Park, with this year's event taking on a moon/space theme.

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Registration still open for Moon Walk for Moms on May 4

Aspire Medical Services and Education

Celebrate the mothers in your life by attending Aspire's Moon Walk for Moms event on Saturday, May 4, at Yamaguchi Park.

Kids can enjoy fun space-themed games, a bounce house and a scavenger hunt with prizes.

Participants can register online for free at <https://aspirepagosa.org> or just show up. Get creative and plan your team "costumes" around our moon/space theme. There will be prizes for the Top Fundraising Team, the Top Individual Fundraiser, the Best Stroller decoration and Best Team Costume.

Check-in/registration and a free breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. in Yamaguchi Park. The walk starts at 9 a.m. and the awards ceremony will follow at 10 a.m. Various stations and fun pit stops will be set up along the path for supporters to play games and get information. All registrants will receive a "goodie bag," and walkers can also earn additional prizes based on how much you raise such as this year's Walk for Moms T-shirt, a North Face crossbody bag and a Stanley cup.

There will also be a prize for the most laps completed.

The Walk for Moms keeps our quality prenatal clinic affordable for all as well as helps us provide parenting education and group classes for babies and toddlers.

One of the dads who took our Positive Parenting group class commented at the end of the last class that he had a real revelation during the class.

He said one of his children had become afraid of him and he couldn't figure out why. After learning about temperament, he realized spanking

his child was making him afraid.

One of our goals is to help all children thrive physically, socially and emotionally during the first few years of life. Preparing parents not only with the physical aspects of parenting, but to care for their children socially and emotionally, is a huge step toward reaching that goal.

About Aspire Medical Services and Education

Aspire provides prenatal care, parenting education, parent/toddler classes, affordable prenatal care, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STI/STD testing and treatment, as well as childbirth education classes and a baby boutique.

We empower men and women in Archuleta County to make healthy life choices by providing medical services and education in a safe and supportive environment.

Aspire is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our main source of income is through events and the generous support of individuals and organizations.



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A western bluebird. The May 8 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will feature a discussion by Keith Bruno on birds and the role of photography in conservation.



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Pagosa Springs Photography Club will meet May 8

By Andy Butler
Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The next meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

We will have social time at 6 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. This month's program will be presented by Keith Bruno, who will discuss birds and the role of photography in conservation.

Bruno is the Southwest Colorado Community Naturalist for Audubon Rockies and is based in Pagosa Springs. Bruno works closely with the Weminuche Audubon Society. He develops and runs ecology education programs in the region. Bruno enjoys teaching about birds, native plants, pollinators, food security, snow science and generally anything that gets him outdoors. He has a master's degree in natural resources from the

University of Idaho and has worked throughout the West.

This meeting will also be available on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to members; others who wish to attend may request the link by email to abutler@mac.com.

The presentation will be followed by our members' image share session. Photo club members may bring up to five images to show and discuss with the group. Please bring these on a thumb drive. They should be saved as jpeg files of at least 2,000 pixels on the long edge.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club welcomes anyone with an interest in photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help our members improve their photography. For more information about the club, and to download a membership application, visit our website at <https://pagosaprinphotoclub.org/about/>.

UUs to focus on living in a changing world at service

By De Anna Hoyle
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship strives to offer services from what inspires us spiritually, from climate and social justice, belief systems and beyond.

We are a Welcoming Congregation as designated by the Unitarian Universalist Association, which

states: “being welcoming means striving for radical inclusion, and creating spaces that honor every part of our identities, backgrounds, and experiences.”

The fellowship typically meets for in-person services on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m.; however, we took time to celebrate Earth Day with the wider com-

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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 Wilson's phalarope.

This is another remarkable migratory bird that stops in our area at this time of year. The small Wilson's phalaropes complete one of the longest migrations in the world, traveling 4,000 miles in spring and in fall between winter grounds in South America and the places they seek for nesting, wetland areas in north-central United States and south-central Canada.

The typical gender roles are reversed in Wilson's phalaropes. Females are the larger, more colorful sex and it is they that seek to impress potential mates with courtship displays. In breeding plumage, both sexes have long, dark legs; a slender neck with peachy colors; blue-gray backs; a dark line through the eyes; and a long, thin bill.

Female colors are brighter than males' and they have a dark stripe down the neck.

In a practice termed polyandry, after laying her eggs, a female may leave almost immediately and look for other males to mate with. Male phalaropes assume the primary role of caretakers for young. They incubate the eggs and stay with their chicks until they can fly. By then, the females have left for the saline lakes of the West.

Small aquatic invertebrates make up most of the phalaropes' diet. Spinning in tight circles on the water creates a whirlpool that brings this food to the surface. They also feed by chasing and pecking insects floating on the water, or by walking along the shoreline and probing in the mud with their long bills.

In late summer, Wilson's phalaropes gather in the hundreds of thousands at saline lake staging areas to gorge on brine shrimp and flies, and molt their feathers. They sometimes eat so much that they double their body weight, temporarily getting too fat to fly.

Up to 60 percent of the world population of Wilson's phalaropes congregate at Great Salt Lake, where water levels dropped to record low levels in 2022. Drought, climate change, water diversions and pollution from agriculture threaten the saline lake habitats these birds need both in the United States and on winter grounds. In an effort to save these critical habitats, a petition to seek protection for Wilson's phalaropes under the Endangered Species Act was filed in March of this year.

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

UUs

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munity on April 21 in Centennial Park.

The following quote by Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of "Braiding Sweetgrass", speaks to the continued effort it takes to make every day Earth Day: "Gratitude is most powerful as a response to the Earth because it provides an opening to reciprocity, to the act of giving back, to living in a way that the Earth will be grateful for us."

During the service on Sunday, May 5, we will revisit a reflection of how to live in our changing world.

As Kimmerer's statement suggests, a practice of gratitude is at the forefront. Through story and song, we

will hold space for further sharing of tools and practices that can support the emotional impact of environmental degradation.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. Join us. For more information about the fellowship, please visit www.pagosauu.org and find our current newsletter. You can join us online using Zoom at the meeting link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991941305>.

On alternate Sundays, in-person meditation practice is held on the second and fourth Sundays at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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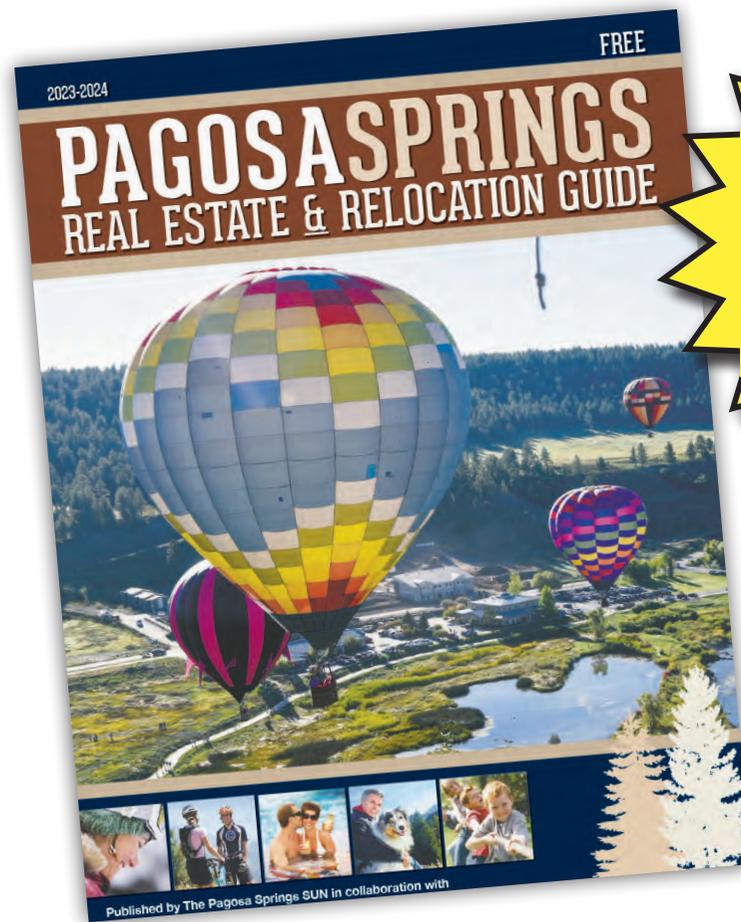
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Lifelong Learning Lectures and virtual author talks continuing this month

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

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

- Today, 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 two opportunities in May for you to interact with New York Times bestselling authors.

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

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.

Deadline tomorrow for contest entries

Entries must be turned in by 5 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 3, for the Children's Book Day/El Dia de los Ninos 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. 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 the help of library staff.

AARP senior program tomorrow

Seniors aged 60 and above are invited to a free live online Senior Planet AARP program on the first and third Fridays of the month, this month on May 3 and 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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

Paws to Read tomorrow

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

Messy art tomorrow

Get messy and create beautiful swirling artwork tomorrow, Friday, May 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. at this free art session. All ages are welcome and all supplies will be provided.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO Club on Saturday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours to free build.

Knitting and crochet lessons

Learn to knit or crochet on Monday, May 6, at our free gathering from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Supplies will be provided.

Shakespeare read-aloud

Shakespeare fans of all ages are invited to join in reading aloud "Twelfth Night" on Mondays, May 6, 13 and 20, 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 May it's wood burning with guest artist Peg Snyder. Join us Mondays, May 6, 13 and 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. Registration is required.

Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 6, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. For information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396.

Spanish conversation

Practice your Spanish in a free group setting on Tuesday, May 7, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is no minimum skill level needed.

This group meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Chimney residue
- 5 Charitable gift
- 9 Barkin or Burstyn
- 14 Church recess
- 15 Gardening moss
- 16 Easily duped
- 17 Restore to office
- 19 "Looney ____"
- 20 Like Fitzgerald's Gatsby
- 21 Close at hand
- 23 Tax-return figure
- 26 Bow
- 27 Article-finding game
- 32 "Hey, ___!" ("Hey, fella!")
- 35 "You got that right!"

- 36 Caruso, for one
- 37 Bring to life
- 40 Place to fall by
- 42 Think tank output
- 43 Swarm
- 45 Three-way joint
- 46 Beverly Hills 90210 actress
- 50 Part of Scand.
- 51 Classic Cadillac
- 55 "The Hustler" setting
- 59 Beaver State capital
- 60 Taxpayer's dread
- 61 War-ending smoke
- 64 British biscuit
- 65 "Do ___ others ..."
- 66 V.I.P.'s opposite
- 67 Rip to pieces
- 68 Fitbit unit
- 69 Little scurriers

DOWN

- 1 Barracks boss
- 2 Phantom's haunt
- 3 Basketry willow

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- 4 Lease signer
- 5 Well-put
- 6 Grassy field
- 7 French painter Henri
- 8 Plant part
- 9 Sum total
- 10 Cape Canaveral events
- 11 Come-on
- 12 Word with "get" or "break"
- 13 Hatchling's home
- 18 Classic comedy, "___ Crazy"
- 22 Scratch up
- 24 Spiffy
- 25 Reproductive cell
- 28 Under the weather
- 29 Condo, for one
- 30 Protuberance
- 31 Sloth's home
- 32 Lure
- 33 Nullify
- 34 Bavarian brew
- 38 Principal rail route
- 39 Candy-box word
- 41 Surrounded by
- 44 Hydrogen or helium
- 47 Paid player
- 48 Durante's famous feature
- 49 Italian brandy
- 52 Unearthly
- 53 Railroad station
- 54 Harbingers
- 55 Football play
- 56 Toe-stubber's cry
- 57 Landfill emanation
- 58 "Soup" anagram
- 62 Scarfed down
- 63 One with a beat

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Library

■ continued from previous page Therapy dog visit

Next Wednesday, May 8, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., all ages are invited to a free visit with a certified therapy dog. The visits will be limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the dog or just say “Hi.”

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

Writers Guild

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

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.

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Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

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Other novels

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Nonfiction

“Somehow: Thoughts of Love” by Anne Lamott explores the power of love in our lives in the author's 20th book. “We Loved It All: A Memory of Life” by Lydia Millet is a memoir that looks at the pain and joy of being a parent, child and human in a world where the planet's life is threatened. “Uncertain: The Wisdom and Wonder of Being Unsure” by Maggie Jackson is a guide to skillfully confront the unexpected and the unknown. “The Wives” by Simone Gorrindo is an intimate look into the lives of the women waiting at home while their husbands fight in an elite Army combat unit.

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3. Drink more water and put away soft drinks and coffee. Most people are chronically dehydrated, and it's slowly killing them.
4. Get enough sunlight, but not too much. We need sunlight for Vitamin D production, better rest, and even just to feel better.
5. Avoid caffeine, nicotine, sugars, and other drugs. These ingredients can destroy immune function and age you prematurely.
6. Find time to breathe in clean air (not hard to find here in Pagosa Springs). Oxygen is the most important substance for life and health; go to the forest where it is the purest and breathe deep!
7. Honor the Sabbath Day. Fellowship and worship at church and place your worries with God. You'll be refreshed, ready to tackle the coming week!
8. Get enough sleep during the week. Maintain a regular bedtime schedule of at least 7 hours every night. The most healthful sleep is the hours before midnight.
9. Slow down; keep stressful situations to a minimum. Avoid debts and spend within your means. You'll be a lot happier with less stuff to worry about.
10. Trust in God; pray and read your Bible more. Remember that you have a friend in Jesus and can claim His promises!

Bonus Tip: Visit www.AmazingFacts.org for spiritual refreshment every week!

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: Do not fret — it only causes harm.” Psalm 37:7

Fun Bible Facts: John 1 has been called the “finders” chapter. John found Jesus, Andrew found Peter, Jesus found Philip, and Philip found Nathaniel.

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New Thought Center to meet Sunday

By Shayla McClure
 New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service on May 5 at 10:30 a.m. will be about angelic messengers. Bring your stories of angelic encounters, sayings and teachings. This will be a 30-minute discussion group.

“For he shall give his angels charge over you. To keep you in all your ways they shall bear you up. Lest you should dash your foot against a stone.” — Psalms 91:11-12.

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 vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth, and to enhance our members’ life experience through self-empowerment, inner peace and being part of an all-inclusive community.

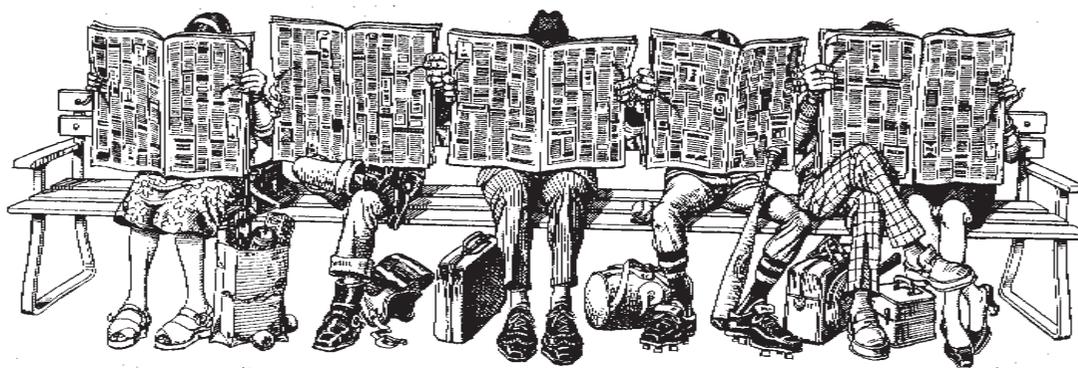
The SpiritHeart Band provides live music every Sunday. We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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Keeping the lid off the jar

By Betty J. Slade
PREVIEW Columnist

AI told my Sweet AI, "To live in a bubble in this day and age would be easier, but we can't. We must live in the real world and stay connected with our grandchildren. This gives them the freedom to come to us with their crazy wild ideas. Even if their ideas are not of our choosing, we must be cheerleaders for them."

The way we can stay current is to keep moving forward with the next generation and the things they are facing. Moving forward, but staying anchored, with our beliefs and without compromising, is possible. It's like filling a quart Ball jar with a gallon of water. How do we do that? We keep an open mind and we keep the lid off.

This is what we are doing as we relate to them. We're not changing the size, but allowing their ideas to flow in and out. It actually allows us to hold more. Guck on the bottom is being washed away; all the things we held on to that aren't important. The jar is still quart size, godly principles remain the same, but we're asked to think bigger with more grace than we have in the past.

This week I edited some writings for my grandson. I thought, "Wow. He trusts me with his words." I'm thrilled he would ask me to edit his work. I told him why I changed his sentences and paragraphs.

He wrote back with the corrected version with a great ending. "I am grateful for all of your assistance. I hope you enjoy this write-up, I learned from what you typed, and added the final conclusion."

I responded, "To have a teachable spirit is wise."

The same goes for me. I need to be teachable. His topic is not to my taste, but he has acquired a taste for expensive cigars.

Oh me, I'm learning a lot about the tools and the cutting of the cigar

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music. It is how we speak to God, finally — or how we don't. It's the language of the spirit. If you believe that we contain within our skin and bones a spirit that might last longer than your time breathing in and out — if there is a spirit, music is the thing that wakes it up." — Bono, nickname of Paul David Hewson, Irish singer-songwriter and activist, lead vocalist and primary lyricist of the rock band U2.

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Artist's Lane

for a satisfying smoke. He's almost convinced me to smoke one. Not quite, but keeping the lid off the jar is the goal.

We've got to stay relevant to those around us. Our grandchildren are moving forward, we must be open to what is happening in their world. My other grandson has a beautiful radio voice. His quick humor is authentic. He could host a game show and never hem or haw.

He is producing podcasts. His last one showed up on YouTube. He was interviewing Adam Dahman, a leader for Grayscale Season, a band.

As I listened to the interview with Adam Dahman, I was amazed at how prepared my grandson was and how well-informed he is about Christian rock bands and hard rock bands. The interview flowed without a hiccup, pause or an awkward moment.

The music pounded in my ears as I pushed past the sound and listened to this amazing child who has a remarkable career in front of him. Would I ever listen to rock music? Absolutely not, but I will listen to my grandson.

And yes, all three of my grandsons have tattoos. Each time I see them, they have added another one and another one. My daughters begged their sons not to get tattoos. As soon as the boys left the house, they went

to the tattoo parlor.

I said to one of my grandsons, "Please don't show up like Jelly Roll with crosses on your face and tears on your cheeks. He was astounded that I even knew Jelly Roll. I told him, "Actually, I like Jelly Roll's music. I want to cry for this sad man. I can feel his pain. But don't come home with face tattoos. I don't love his pain that much."

Another grandson showed up with fresh ink. "Rent Due," tattooed on his forearm. What's that?

Is that like a Post-it note to remind him to pay his rent? He explained to me about tattoos. They tell their story.

If I had a tattoo on my body every time there was another story to tell, good or bad, I wouldn't have enough real estate or ink to tell them all. Maybe that's how this next generation copes with the world they live in. I can't judge. My life seems pretty harmless compared to what is thrown at them today.

Final brushstroke: I am learning how to keep an open mind without compromising, holding to what is the truth. This quart Ball jar is overflowing with blessings from my grandchildren.

I have often apologized for my thoughtlessness and poor judgment, but I will never apologize for Jesus. He is the answer, today, tomorrow and forever. My arms are getting wider, and I'm learning how to embrace a bigger world, but the answer still remains the same: Jesus.

Send your comment to bettyj@sladeauthor.com.

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Community picnic planned for May 31

By **Rose Chavez**
PREVIEW Columnist

On May 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., join Archuleta Seniors Inc. (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.

Emotional Freedom Technique

On May 10 there will be an introduction to Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) at 1:15 p.m., with a May 24 follow-up session.

The technique is an evidence-based method which uses acupuncture trigger points and elements from other therapeutic practices.

Extensive research and more than 100 published studies have shown EFT to be effective with lowering both psychological and physiological symptoms of anxiety, depression, PTSD, insomnia, stress and more.

Once you've learned EFT, you can use it at any time you need it. Those who utilize the technique often report a reduction in symptoms in the first 90 seconds. You are invited to join Judith Newman, LPC (licensed professional counselor), for an introduction to EFT on May 10 at 1:15 p.m.

In this hour, you'll learn the process and have an opportunity to try it out for yourself.

You are invited to bring a personal issue/problem/event/challenge about which you feel a high level of anxiety, fear, depression or nervousness. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being high anxiety), choose something that you would rate above a seven. You will not share details with anyone; however, you will have the opportunity to apply EFT to this issue during the workshop.

At the end of the workshop, you will receive a handout with all the information you need to continue using EFT on your own.

After you've had a few weeks to practice, you're invited to a follow-up session on May 24 at 1:15 p.m. In this session you'll be able to ask questions and we'll practice a few rounds of EFT to make sure you're comfortable with your new EFT skills.

Fresh Conversations

Are you interested in learning more about carbohydrates in your diet? Join ASI 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

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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.

Healthy aging yoga therapy class series

This spring, a Healthy Aging Yoga Series will be offered 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 at (970) 264-2167.

T'ai Chi Chih

The Senior Center will be offering

T'ai Chi Chih with accredited instructor Patti Popovich each Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the dining hall to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes will be free for older adults (age 60 and better) and will last approximately one hour in the dining hall.

No special clothing or equipment is required.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

Senior Conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of "Senior Conversations" with local Bill Salmansohn.

He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns.

The meeting will be held in the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

It meets each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new techniques, share supplies and indulge in a potluck lunch together.

Bring your scrapbooking projects — or any crafting project that you may want to work on with the group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com.

Pagosa Springs Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is open to all. Pickup is available all week, including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older we request a suggested donation of \$6, but no one will be turned away. There is a \$10.50 charge for guests under the age of 60.

Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad plus beverage. Some popular menu items include Frito chili pie, pork

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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, 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.

Monday, May 6 — French beef dip on hoagie roll with au jus, horseradish sauce, steak fries, garden salad, fruit, Key lime pie and milk.

Tuesday, May 7 — Tempeh chili, cornbread and honey, garden salad, fruit, hazelnut torte and milk.

Wednesday, May 8 — Curry chicken with pineapple and peppers, jasmine rice, roasted cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, chai pudding and milk.

Thursday, May 9 — BBQ pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, garden salad, blueberry cobbler and milk.

Friday, May 10 — Lemon orzo pasta, green beans, garden salad, fruit, vanilla yogurt and milk.

Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal

reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pickup a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167.

Mobile food pantry service discontinued

The Mobile Food Pantry Service has been discontinued due to funding shortages. Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry should contact the MET to schedule a ride with its paratransit service. For more information, contact Lavonne at (970) 264-2250.

Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

COVID-19 test kits available

Stop by the Senior Center to pick

up a pack of six free COVID-19 tests kits for your personal use. These kits are available to anyone in the public who needs affordable access for health promotion and disease prevention.

Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 2.

Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

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How did so much stuff pile up?

By Rich Wandschneider
PREVIEW Columnist

Opinion: Writers on the Range

A few years ago, I turned a carport into a bedroom. But first I had to empty out the books, papers, furniture, rugs and tools that were in the carport.

Then I took it all to a storage unit where rent was \$50 a month.

After three years of thinking about it, and only occasionally pawing through the storage unit for a lost item, I finally sorted out a handful of books and items that meant something — I could have fit them in a suitcase — and held a yard sale for the rest.

I think about that when I see storage facilities spreading and expanding across the country. At least 500 units have been built here in eastern Oregon's Wallowa County, population 7,500, and storage businesses can be found in towns and suburbs across the West.

A local entrepreneur who owns about half the local units is now building in regional towns as well:

Concrete slabs with metal buildings on top, single light bulbs inside, no plumbing.

I'm past 80 now, and, although my house is small, I have held onto a lot of stuff. In the normal course of events, my children would inherit it.

But my two children and their families live in Arizona and Guam, busy building their own inventories of stuff. In a previous age, when there was a family house and three or more children to a house, the house and its basic furnishings would go to one child, and the remaining children would parcel out anything else.

In my nuclear family, it worked like this: Mom passed on, and no one wanted or needed the house, so Dad called a summit meeting as he

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Writers

■ continued from previous page prepared to go into assisted living.

We four siblings gathered for a week in the sunny Southern California backyard and emptied the house. Dad sat in his captain's chair and laid down the rules: If you brought it into the house— sculpture from Africa, old sports equipment—you took it away. Or traded with a sibling. One table was set up for stuff to go to Dad's best friend and another for a yard sale, and off we went to sort through the remaining items.

cars were always Fords — as he figured my family needed a good second car more than did the others. It was a wonderful week.

I don't have plans for a summit, but I am looking around the house and thinking about what child or grandchild might want the things I have held onto, such as carpets from Turkey, artwork by Northwest artist friends, cast iron cookware and so many books.

Books written and signed by Ivan Doig and Ursula LeGuin — they can go to libraries now. And I smile thinking about taking my best Turkish carpet to a granddaughter's first house.

Last week, Nez Perce artist Carla Timentwa brought a fine collection of beadwork, woven basket hats and shell dresses to the Joseph Center in the town of Joseph, where I work. She said she'd ignored her grandmother's teachings as a child, but on becoming a grandmother herself, took up the arts and began making things to give away: hats for granddaughters who serve food in the Longhouse, a fine beaded vest for her husband, dresses for young women to wear at naming and mourning ceremonies.

It's important, Carla said, to take care of others as they come into the world, as they grow and as they leave. It's a good lesson — giving is always more important than storing stuff away.

Rich Wandschneider is a contributor to Writers on the Range, [writersontherange.org](http://www.writersontherange.org), an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He feels lighter in Joseph, Ore. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN.

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When it came to Dad's fine collection of old cameras, they went to brother Phil, in Dad's estimation the only one of us who knew how to take a decent photo. The tools were split between sister Mary and me: "You both at least know the difference between an end wrench and a crescent."

Dad said that he had seen families argue and split over parental leavings, and he wanted no part of that. So on we went, sorting through Grandma's rag rugs, old diplomas, a collection of bell-bottom pants and lots of keepsakes, all the while drinking beer and retelling old stories.

We cried some as we set Dad up with a few things for the assisted living place, then left for our own homes. I got Dad's last Ford — his

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Putting a positive spin on life's challenges

By **Daris Howard**
Special to The PREVIEW

A cousin of mine just passed away. Becky was a great lady, and I'll miss her a lot. She was also a writer, having written for farm magazines for years. She also wrote children's books and books about people's encounters with bigfoot. But one of the things I will miss the most is the way she could find something positive in the hardest of situations.

Becky was about three years younger than me, while her oldest brother, Kelly, was born only a year after me. When we were very young, Becky would tag along with Kelly and me, and I just viewed her as Kelly's annoying little sister. But as time went on, my opinion changed.

It wasn't that she didn't still tag along with us, but her spunk and will- ingness to try almost anything grew on me. She could do nearly anything we could, and sometimes even better. As we grew into our teenage years, we became even better friends.

But as life often does, our paths diverged when we went our separate ways to college and other things that took us away from home and family. We both married and moved far away from each other. We seldom connected, and it was usually through other family members that I learned what was happening in her life.

I didn't know the challenges she faced in life. She had eight children, but her marriage wasn't the best. To say her husband wasn't kind to her or the children is an understatement. I

didn't know that until I heard about her divorce. We lived far apart, so we still never saw each other.

Then things changed. She moved to southern Idaho, and though we were still hundreds of miles away from each other, we took the time to catch up on what our families were doing. Then, one day, she called and asked if I could help her family move to a town only about 40 miles from where we lived. I was glad to help, and on the appointed day, my wife, Donna, and I rented a trailer and headed down to help Becky move.

My pickup is an old flatbed. I have built wood sides on it, and, frankly, it looks like something right out of "The Beverly Hillbillies." It took all day to load the truck and trailer. Once

we got almost everything on and stacked high above the cab, we found an old recliner that family members couldn't bear to leave behind. I got on top, and they hoisted it up, and I strapped it right on top of the load. We could have been the very model of that old sitcom if we only had a granny to sit in the chair.

Becky squeezed into the truck cab with Donna and me, and her children, with the oldest driving, packed into the car. All the way to their new place, we shared stories from our lives. Never once did I hear a complaint. Instead of talking about her divorce, she referred to it as her new start in life. Instead of referring to the job she just lost as downsizing, she talked about a chance for new employment op-

portunities.

Her death this week was unex- pected, but all her children made it to the funeral. In visiting with one of her daughters about how her mother was always positive, I loved what she told me. She said the divorce was hard, and her dad got almost everything monetary. However, Becky got what she wanted most: the children. But with little money, they found them- selves homeless.

"We were definitely homeless," her daughter said. "But, Mom called it camping."

I smiled. That was Becky, always finding the positive in everything. I'm sure she is making her little corner of heaven just a little brighter.

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BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

ESTATE SALE Friday 5/3 and Saturday 5/4. 8a.m. sharp. Furniture, Households, kitchen items, decorative items, 3 riding lawn mowers, chipper, rototiller, snow blower, portable air compressor, lawn tractor cart, ATV jack, ladders, canoe, yard tools, gardening galore, firewood and lots more. Hwy 84 south, right on County Road 335 (Lower Blanco), left on Rainbow Road, left on Aspen Road, left on Meadowbrook Place. House #233. Rain or Shine. AEHPOS.



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