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SUN photo/Randi Pierce  
Dorothy and her friends greet the wizard during Pagosa Springs High School's Saturday afternoon performance of "The Wizard of Oz." Two variations of the cast performed the classic tale five times last week.

# Search warrant leads to arrest, recovery of stolen property in ongoing investigation

**By Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) announced this week that a search warrant led to the arrest and recovery of stolen property as part of an ongoing burglary and arson investigation.

According to a PSPD press release, on Friday, April 11, 2025, the Pagosa Springs Police Department executed a search warrant at a local residence in connection with an ongoing investigation into a recent string of burglaries in the community.

"During the operation, officers recovered stolen property tied to seven separate burglary cases reported within the town," the press release states. "The recovery marks

■ See Arrest A8

# PAWSD election features five candidates, three open seats

**By Josh Pike**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) will hold a mail-ballot election for three open seats on its board on May 6, with ballots set to hit mailboxes of registered electors soon.

Five candidates, including two current board members, are running for the three open seats.

The two current board member candidates include Alex Boehmer and Gene Tautges, while the other candidates are Bruce Jones Jr., Carl Young and Christa Chagra.

The two PAWSD board members whose offices are not up for election are Bill Hudson and Glenn Walsh.

Mail-in ballots for the election will be sent between April 14 and 21, according to a notice published in the

■ See PAWSD A9

# Town council continues metro district consideration

**By Derek Kutzer**  
Staff Writer

On April 15, the Pagosa Springs Town Council showed receptiveness to the idea of allowing metropolitan, or metro, districts within the town's boundaries.

Development Director James Dickhoff explained that the creation of a metro district is being pursued by the developers of the proposed Pagosa West subdivision, across the highway from City Market, as a "financing tool" for the multiple phase subdivision project.

An agenda document describes Pagosa West as "a residential and mixed-use commercial development located in Pagosa Springs, situated on a +/- 100-acre site along the south frontage of US Highway 160, between South Pagosa Blvd and Pinon Causeway."

The applicant, listed as Montrose-based Arena Labs LLC, represented at several public meetings by David and Heidi Dragoo, proposes "a multi-phased subdivision development with full build-out occurring over the next 10 plus years," the document states.

An 88-unit workforce housing

■ See Metro A8

# County, town hear update on plan to test fire hydrants

**By Clayton Chaney**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a joint work session on Monday, April 14, at which members of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board provided details on PAWSD's plan to have fire hydrants tested and serviced this summer.

"We'd like to give you a little update on what's happened at PAWSD," board member Bill Hudson stated, explaining that PAWSD has voted to hire a "professional team" to come into the community and test hydrants.

He noted the company will begin working on April 28 and is scheduled to be completed — testing every PAWSD hydrant — within 12 weeks of the start date.


Hudson also explained that PAWSD is looking to train school teachers to do some of this testing, noting that teachers and other community members with free time in the summer could possibly help out.

"So that we don't rely on an outside company coming in," he added.

■ See Hydrants A9



Photo courtesy Susan McAdams  
Residents in the Twincreek Village area were treated to a rare sight on Saturday, April 12: a moose. Multiple residents reported the unexpected and exciting sighting.



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# BoCC selects new county attorney, interim attorney

**By Clayton Chaney**  
Staff Writer

During a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, April 15, the BoCC unanimously approved the selection of Martha Whitmore as the preferred candidate for the county attorney position.

The BoCC had originally noticed an executive session during the regular meeting before addressing its final two matters under new business: appointment of an interim county attorney and selection of a new county attorney.

However, the BoCC decided to move forward with each matter in the public session, foregoing the option to enter an executive session before making a decision.

Commissioner Veronica Medina explained that the matter of appointing an interim county attorney was discussed earlier in the day during a work session and that the commissioners had received feedback from the other county electeds with their preferences.

"I feel like this is something that we can do in public if you so choose, or I can call an executive session," Medina said.

Commissioners Warren Brown and John Ranson stated they were comfortable with addressing the matters in the public session.

Prior to selecting a new county attorney, the BoCC unanimously approved entering into an agreement with Lance Ingalls of the law firm Icenogle Seaver Pogue to serve as an interim county attorney.

The matter was discussed during the work session earlier in the day, when Medina explained the county had received two letters of interest with different proposed rates for service.

Medina also explained that one of those letters was from Michelle Magruder with RWO Law, who the county currently has on retainer, adding that Magruder has helped the county in the past with employment and real estate matters.

The other offer was from Ingalls.

Brown explained that he knew this matter was coming up and reached out to Icenogle Seaver Pogue and was connected with Ingalls.

"I want more than just one choice,

■ See Attorney A8



# Opinion



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## OUR VIEW

### Be like them

"Success is the sum of small efforts,  
repeated day-in and day-out." — Robert  
Collier.

One of our favorite things about this job  
is the constant reminder that the future is  
bright, especially when it comes to what  
youth in our community are accomplishing  
and the character traits they're building.

On Saturday afternoon we had the plea-  
sure of taking in the high school's produc-  
tion of "The Wizard of Oz."

The students have worked since January  
and put on a wonderful show that show-  
cased the talent of not the cast and crew.  
We were impressed in particular by the  
sets — just take a look at the wizard on the  
front page this week for an example.

It even highlighted the wonderful sup-  
port of the community, with families  
supporting the students in putting on the  
production and community members  
coming forward to become a wonderful  
pit orchestra.

We wish we would have planned ahead  
a bit more to catch both iterations of the

cast to catch more of the talent.

Then, Tuesday afternoon, we watched  
as dozens and dozens of student athletes  
took to the fields and track for games and  
practice after a long day of school.

In going between the soccer and base-  
ball games for photos, we had to dodge the  
track athletes who were at practice in be-  
tween setting personal and school records  
at recent meets.

In the last couple weeks, we began an-  
nouncing students who have earned im-  
pressive scholarships and, in the case of  
Davian Coss, his Eagle Scout rank.

This week, you'll see the many Pagosa  
Springs Middle School students who  
worked hard to make the honor roll.

We've been fortunate to report on the  
work of a large number of students over  
the course of the school year, and we look  
forward to highlighting more and more of  
these accomplishments as these students  
near the end of the academic year.

There are also a strong number of  
younger members of this community who

spend time volunteering in a variety of  
ways.

But it isn't just about the results and the  
attention. Each of the accomplishments  
was undoubtedly accompanied by hours  
and hours of work behind the scenes to  
maintain grades, practice to better their  
skills and more. They were also undoubt-  
edly supported by numerous people —  
families, teachers, coaches, friends and  
more, and for that we are thankful.

Through this these youth, as well as  
those around them, are seeing that hard  
work, focus and dedication pay off.

Kudos. Keep that up and you'll go wher-  
ever you aim to in this life.

We should all strive to be a bit more like  
these young folks — willing and ready  
to learn and try something new, willing  
to work hard and make ourselves better  
through practice and discipline, willing  
to step up and cheer on others, and will-  
ing to look ahead at a bright future full of  
possibilities.

Randi Pierce

## LOOKING BACK



From the April 16, 1970, Pagosa SUN — HIGH WINDS — High winds around town the first part of the week caused considerable damage. The former Ben Lynch residence suffered heavy damage when a large tree was blown across the porch and onto the house. Windows were broken in the house and the roof was damaged. In other parts of town shingles were ripped from roofs, large branches were blown off trees and other wind damage was noted.

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## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 17, 1925

About forty citizens met at the court  
house last evening and organized what will  
be known as the Archuleta County Boost-  
ers' Club, into which has been merged the  
former tentative game and fish associa-  
tion. Temporary officers are Dr. A.J. Nos-  
saman chairman and Chas. F. Rumbaugh  
secretary-treasurer.

A bigger, better and more prosperous  
Archuleta county typifies, in general, the  
purpose of the new organization. Its main  
objects are to induce outside capital to lo-  
cate here, to make this country more attrac-  
tive to tourists by developing and advertis-  
ing our attractions, to give the tourists more  
courteous treatment while here, to better  
the hunting and fishing by observance of  
the game laws and by securing more fry for  
our streams, or to take up any matter not  
mentioned here which will make a better  
and more prosperous community.

The membership fee is \$1.00, which  
is now due, while nominal annual dues  
will be fixed at the first annual meeting, at  
which time also the permanent officers will  
be elected. The membership committee  
has to date acquired a total of 125 pledges.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 14, 1950

Excavation for the new Baptist Church  
was started on Friday of last week. The new  
church is to be 34 x 60 feet in size and will be  
located across the street from the Ben Lynch  
home. It is to be constructed of fireproof  
blocks and will be two stories high with  
one story being below the level of the street.

Despite the inclement weather early  
Sunday morning nearly 75 residents of  
the community turned out for the Sunrise  
Services. It was necessary to hold the ser-  
vices in town park rather than on the hill as  
rain made it impossible to negotiate up the  
hill. Harvey J. Catchpole was song leader,  
the prayer was delivered by H.A. Cates and  
Rev. Meeks delivered the Easter message.  
The Lions Club donated the use of their  
piano for the ceremony and Junior Clark  
donated the use of his PA system.

An Easter picnic was planned to be in  
the town park in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Har-  
old Kingsley and family, but on account of  
the stormy weather, the bunch gathered at  
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Hallett.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 17, 1975

The landowners association of the  
Pagosa development is proposing a fire im-  
provement district for that area. A meeting  
of property owners in that development will  
be held April 25 to fully explain the plans.

Officers of the landowners association  
met with County Commissioners Tuesday  
of this week to present a request for a public  
hearing on the proposal. After this hearing  
is held and a petition is presented by the  
landowners to district court, an election  
date can be set. At that time property owners  
within the district will vote upon formation.

The proposal, which was outlined in  
a service plan accepted by the County  
Commissioners, calls for the formation of  
a 13,280 acre district. This will encompass  
the developments and subdivisions that  
have been platted by Eaton. Approximately  
12,611 lots will be included in the district.

Snowfall on Wolf Creek Pass for the  
winter to date was totaled at 741 inches  
Monday of this week.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 13, 2000

Pagosa Springs trustees learned April 6  
that a long-awaited project to improve the  
intersection of Piedra Road and U.S. 160 is  
expected to move forward in the near future.

For several months, town officials waited  
for word from the Colorado Department  
of Transportation concerning a CDOT  
project designed to put a traffic signal at  
the intersection of Piedra Road and U.S.  
160. The project included an island at the  
intersection to direct right-turn traffic from  
the westbound lanes of the highway to  
Piedra Road.

As part of the project, the intersection of  
Eagle Drive (the frontage road adjacent to  
the westbound lanes of the highway) and  
Piedra Road was set to be moved to a point  
approximately 300 feet from the highway  
intersection with Piedra Road. Eagle Drive  
now meets Piedra Road approximately 40  
feet north of the highway.

Town and county officials were ready to  
cooperate on the Eagle Drive project and  
asked in March 1999 to combine the effort  
and expense with CDOT work at the site. A  
CDOT response was not forthcoming until  
Town Administrator Jay Harrington received  
word from the agency on March 28, 2000.



## Weather data

Date	High	Low	Precipitation			
			Depth	Type	Moisture	
4/8	63	24	0.00	NA	0.00	
4/9	69	26	0.00	NA	0.00	
4/10	73	28	0.00	NA	0.00	
4/11	73	29	0.00	NA	0.00	
4/12	70	30	0.00	NA	0.00	
4/13	67	36	0.00	NA	0.00	
4/14	66	31	0.00	NA	0.00	







# Letters

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## Letter to Hurd

Dear Editor:

Letter to Congressman Hurd - Dear Mr. Hurd, Has our United States federal government sold its soul?

I am extremely concerned and confounded by our government's refusal to comply with the Supreme Court's directive to "facilitate" the return of Kilmer Abrego Garcia to the US. Failure to comply certainly smacks of deceit and cover up. Surely, Garcia is not the only person caught in the administration's broad sweep of immigrants who is innocent of violent crime. They all should have had their day in court.

I am asking that you please intervene and speak out against the horrors that the leaders of our government are perpetuating. We, the people, are desperate for civility and morality, and I pray that the United States can once again, become a beacon of hope and fairness.

Thank you for listening.

Jean Broderick

## Difficult subject

Dear Editor:

I recently began receiving the Sun by mail here in West Puget Sound Washington where I am currently living. I want to compliment you on your Our View in the April 3rd, 2025 edition of the Pagosa Sun. You handled a difficult subject with diligence and grace. In these insult and name call those with whom you don't agree, you asked us to take a minute to try to listen calmly and understand each other's point of view. Thank you. I'm proud of you.

An old friend,

Carol Feazel

## 'Hands Off' protests

Dear Editor:

As a publication that is read by Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, it is disappointing that the Pagosa Sun decided the local, peaceful "Hands Off" protest on Saturday, April 5, was not newsworthy and chose not to include even a photo of the event in last week's paper. That day there were over 1400 events held nationwide.

It is a fact that Archuleta County is a majority Republican county. However, more than 40% of voters in this county voted for someone other than Donald Trump in last year's election. He won the election by less than 50% of the nationwide vote.

Over 300 people showed up and walked through downtown to publicly express their views that the country's institutions, freedoms, and programs (many of which affect rural communities such as Pagosa Springs), are in peril due to the actions of the current administration.

The people who are protesting love America, the constitution, and the rule of law and will continue to peacefully express dissatisfaction with what is occurring in the country.

Mary Gamache

*Editor's note: The SUN strives to provide a variety of news that is important and interesting for the varied interests of our readers in Pagosa Country and beyond. Last week was a busy news week in the area, and several important and interesting items did not fit in the print edition of The SUN. Some of those items appear in this issue, while others appear on www.PagosaSUN.com — as we work to get more information out to our community than print alone would allow. Multiple letters to the editor printed in the April 10 issue of The SUN spoke to the local turnout of the event.*

## Pagosa West development

Dear Editor:

There are currently sixteen storage businesses in the Pagosa area. It should be noted that there are no storage businesses within the township that are located directly on the Hwy 160 corridor. Ninety-two percent of the businesses contacted (14) had availability in multiple sized units, questioning the need for an additional storage business. Many of those storage businesses offer 24-hour

service, security cameras, fences and bright lighting. This is not compatible with nearby neighborhoods or retail businesses. There are already three U-Haul businesses in the area, again questioning the need for another.

The proposed Pagosa West development is planning to put a storage unit/U-haul/vehicle rental business on ten acres where there exists a heavy concentration of 150+ year old Ponderosa Pine trees. How necessary and how attractive is that? Why would anybody buy a house or operate a retail business behind a storage unit?

At a recent meeting with the planning commission, attendees were reassured that this was a preliminary sketch, subject to change. In fact, this ten-acre was designated as a U-Haul site back in August 2024 and has not changed since that time. The majority of the abundant, mature Ponderosa trees within that ten-acres have been marked with a pink dot (possibly for future removal?) Other than the proposed site for workforce housing, this is the only other site on the 100 acres that has been staked out and had test holes dug. This indicates a level of commitment that is inconsistent with the notion of this being a preliminary sketch.

A storage business located on this site would require a conditional use permit indicating that a storage unit was not included in the original Land Use Development Code zoning definition.

If the purpose of this commercial corridor is for business development and job creation, does it make sense to devote 10% of the entire property to a business that would create very few jobs that would also probably be low paying jobs.

Why not make a park on those ten acres to serve the uptown residents and workforce housing units in that area? What the public wants is more recreation area and park facilities, not another storage unit.

Michael Grimm

## Hydrant solution

Dear Editor:

Thank you, everyone, who contributed to the plan for testing local fire hydrants. It was a community effort that now seems headed in a good direction.

Homeowners asked fair questions of their property associations, the Fire District, and Pagosa Area Water & Sanitation District about the capacity of fire hydrants. When it became clear no comprehensive testing had been done in some time, elected officials got involved and called on representatives of the Fire District and PAWSD to explain the situation publicly.

PAWSD General Manager Justin Ramsey showed up to public meetings, as did some board members and PAWSD board candidate Carl Young. Mr. Ramsey should be acknowledged for taking the heat at those meetings and going back to PAWSD to work on solutions.

Thank you also to individuals and organizations who volunteered to help and to the neighbors who suggested PAWSD hire a qualified, experienced firm to do the testing. The risk to hydrants and PAWSD in-

frastructure is real, and it's important to acknowledge the value of paying for expertise to offset risk.

Data properly collected by experts and made available for planning benefits us all. With transparency and continued public attention, the community will be positioned to respond more effectively when hydrants are needed.

Candace Jones

## Noticeable shift

Dear Editor:

I don't believe the noticeable shift is due to the new owners of the Pagosa Sun. I believe it is due to a shift in Washington. The prior owner's tenure didn't have to deal with a convicted felon in the White House, nor an unelected billionaire calling the shots in DC. Nor did the prior owner face the specter of tariff induced inflation followed by a near certain recession.

So, the letters the current owner receives deals with current reality and I must assume that the editorial content follows along.

Albert Northrop

## Support for Dusty Mars

Dear Editor:

Dusty is running for the La Plata Electric Association Board. I have known him for several years and consider him to be a close friend. He and his wife Katrina have 6 kids. I know his younger kids and they reflect the character of their father and mother.

Dusty has a professional petroleum engineering degree and has worked considerably in that field and is very knowledgeable of all types of energy. He has been a teacher. Now he is running a large hay farm in the Arboles area. That hay operation requires large amounts of electricity, because of that he has a personal financial interest in keeping costs down and he is motivated to see reasonable energy costs in the future for those kids that he is raising.

He understands the situation that the LPEA board has placed the Coop in. It is very difficult to understand the whole situation, because of the lack of transparency of the current board. He will do all that he can to increase that transparency to the rest of the Coop's members (us). He will do all he can to keep costs down.

My hope is that every eligible voter

■ See Letters A4

# U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of April 21-26

### Work activity

- Traffic signal timing will be adjusted as needed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) traffic unit. Flaggers continue to witness motorists running through the light at the intersection of Hot Springs Boulevard and U.S. 160 (San Juan Street) where children are crossing from Pagosa Springs Middle School. Please slow down through the work zone.
- Crews continue to excavate the subgrade (base layer below the asphalt) in the U.S. 160 construction zone to prepare for utility work. The project team is working closely with the Town of Pagosa Springs to determine where utilities are located.
- The team will begin water utility work as the existing service line will be replaced; this is a joint effort between CDOT and Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District.
- Night work may be needed as the team plans for installation of new water service lines (scheduling this will limit daytime business disruptions).
- Filling potholes will be an ongoing process for the WW Clyde team throughout the project limits.
- The 2nd and 4th street intersections on the north side of U.S. 160 will remain closed until utility and drainage work is complete.
- Pedestrian crosswalks will be open at 1st, 3rd and 4th streets. Mid-block crossings between 4th and 5th will be closed, but the crosswalk at 5th Street will remain open.
- Mountain Express Transit shared about bus stops: The River Center stop #18 has moved to 1st Street and U.S. 160 in front of the museum. Bus stop #19, 2nd Street and U.S. 160, has moved to 2nd Street and Lewis Street.

### Upcoming work

- Removal of existing sidewalk, and curb and gutter on the north side.
  - Access to local businesses will be maintained throughout this operation and businesses will be notified of work taking place around their location.
- Please be alert when you are traveling through the new traffic configuration or visiting the downtown businesses as heavy equipment will be frequently moving throughout the project limits.

### Important safety reminder about drones

For the safety of the traveling public, unauthorized drone flights are prohibited over state highway property. Operating a drone over a highway right of way requires a Colorado Department of Transportation permit. Additionally, the Federal Aviation Administration has strict regulations for pilots operating drones over people and moving vehicles: [www.faa.gov/uas/](http://www.faa.gov/uas/)

commercial\_operators/operations\_over\_people.

### Safety tips for pedestrians

- Watch where you are going. Do not enter the work zone or climb over work zone safety barriers. Construction work may be fascinating, but always prioritize navigating the work zone as safely as you can.
- Pay attention to posted signs in the project area and follow all workers' instructions. Cross streets at open crosswalks or intersections; walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- Be alert for moving construction vehicles and other unexpected hazards, which often move suddenly and quickly. Stay off your phone when crossing the street or walking near the work zone.
- Look out for traffic before crossing the street make eye contact with drivers so you know they see you.

### Safety tips for drivers

- Look out for pedestrians and bicyclists everywhere, at all times, and especially in areas near schools, parks, shopping areas and transit stops.
- Slow down as you approach the work zone. Give workers extra room and be prepared to stop.
- Stop before a crosswalk, not in it.
- Obey all traffic signals. All light signals are operational and must be obeyed.
- Put your cellphone down. Never drive distracted or impaired.

### Traffic impacts

- Motorists could expect up to 15-minute delays at various times through the work zone as equipment may need to be moved.
- There will be two-way traffic flowing in the east-bound lanes of U.S. 160 through the first season of operations.
- A 10-foot width restriction will remain in place 24/7 through Dec. 1.
- During inclement weather, project engineers will assess the roadway and work location to make determinations on work continuing depending on safety concerns for workers and commuters.
- Working hours are Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and subject to change.

### Stay informed and connect with the project

- Call the project information line: (970) 335-9230.
- Email the project team: [Pagosa160reconstruction@gmail.com](mailto:Pagosa160reconstruction@gmail.com).
- Visit the project website: [www.codot.gov/projects/us160pagosasprings](http://www.codot.gov/projects/us160pagosasprings).
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## Letters

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## Tourism board recommends funding for multipurpose pavilion, ice rink

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting held on April 2, the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board unanimously approved a recommendation to move \$500,000 that was previously set aside in 2023 by the Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for the purpose of constructing a future event venue.

The request for the funds comes from the nonprofit board affiliated with the multipurpose pavilion, which is planning to have the facility constructed in Yamaguchi Park South.

According to an agenda brief from Jennifer Green, the tourism executive director, in 2023 the BoCC and town council both approved moving \$500,000 from lodging tax revenues into a restricted fund, with the intent of using the funding on a new community event center.

The brief explains that the need for a permanent event venue “was identified in the adopted 2019 destination Master Plan.”

It also explains that the tourism board did not have a specific location or project in mind when the funds were initially transferred from the lodging tax reserves.

Brian Collabolletta represented the nonprofit organization associated with the multipurpose pavilion and explained that the multipurpose pavilion project began in 2012 at the

South Pagosa Park and opened its first ice rink in 2015.

He mentioned the ice rink has opened every year since then except in 2020 and 2025, explaining that it was not sustainable to open for 28 days of operation.

“It’s been a labor of love,” he added.

Collabolletta explained that the nonprofit organization has had plans “for years” to move forward with finding a permanent facility to operate a seasonal ice rink and event center.

He mentioned that the group was “ready to build” at the South Pagosa Park location two years ago, but, ultimately, the “plug was pulled.”

He explained that the new concept for the multipurpose pavilion would have ice rink-related activities in the winter, while during the summer the pavilion could host a variety of sport groups and town events.

“It’s always been labeled as a multipurpose pavilion,” he said.

Collabolletta also explained the ice rink would be refrigerated and could host hockey and curling tournaments.

He also noted it’s been an “absolute disaster” trying to have events in current location at South Pagosa Park as they are difficult to plan with uncertainties of the condition of the ice rink, noting that the “roof has always been the next step.”

Tourism board member Gary Williams commented that the town had set aside three acres of land in Yamaguchi Park South for a pavilion

to be built.

Collabolletta explained the town set the land aside for the pavilion contingent on the nonprofit organization being able to raise enough funds for the project within three years.

“We’re gonna know within the next year if this is gonna happen or not,” he added, explaining that the organization is already one year into the three-year timeframe.

Collabolletta noted the town will take the land back if the organization is unable to raise the needed funds.

He then provided some more design details about the new pavilion, noting it would be close to 35,000 square feet with a concrete surface providing room for a stage, bleachers and even food trucks.

“Let’s have a place where we can do whatever we want,” he said.

Tourism board member Shane Lucero explained that the town and the nonprofit were both planning to apply for grants from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), leading to the original project of building a roof at the South Pagosa Park location being canceled.

Collabolletta claimed the town “knew we were applying” for GOCO funds, but he was told that the purchase of the Bob’s LP property for a river access improvement project was being prioritized.

“Bob’s LPs property had to happen ... ‘We have to have it,’ is what I was told,” Collabolletta said, adding, “That really hosed us.”

Collabolletta went on to explain

that the new project has an estimated cost of \$3.5 million and that the nonprofit organization is applying for grants from various organizations and that there are a number of private donors who are waiting to see what funds are contributed from the town before making a donation.

He noted that the location at Yamaguchi Park South is an ideal spot, even though the project might be able to cut costs if a different location is chosen.

Green explained that the request is ultimately up to the town council and BoCC.

Collabolletta added the pavilion will be run by the nonprofit organization year-round, focusing mainly on winter activities.

Lucero commented that when the money was originally set aside, “it was for a project like this to happen.”

He added that the money was set aside so that when a project like this came up, the community would be prepared to contribute financially to it.

Green also noted that a main takeaway from the destination master plan was the need for a multipurpose pavilion or event center in the community.

Green then explained that if the nonprofit organization is unable to secure additional grants and funding for the project, then the funds would be returned to the tourism board.

“There’s no risk of losing those funds,” she said.

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### F. Bruce Trenk

F. Bruce Trenk, born on April 11, 1936, in Madison, Wis., passed away peacefully on April 2, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He was the cherished son of Julia and Fredrick Trenk and was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Nettie Evans Trenk, who passed away on Dec. 25, 2023.



Bruce graduated with a Bachelor of Science in microbiology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and married his high school sweetheart, Nettie, in 1958. They built a life

together, raising their three daughters in Newburgh, Ind., where Bruce began his esteemed career with Mead Johnson/Bristol-Myers Squibb in 1961. He dedicated more than three decades to the field, focusing on research in hospital-grade nutrition, particularly infant formula, before retiring in 1994.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bruce was a passionate woodworker and created stunning pieces that are treasured by his family. He lovingly crafted three cedar chests, one for each of his daughters, and a set of shaker boxes for each. His creativity and craftsmanship shone through in the cradle he built for his first grandchild, which has cradled all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His most prized creation, an 18-foot redwood strip canoe, exemplified his love for both

woodworking and the great outdoors.

An avid outdoorsman, Bruce cherished camping and canoeing adventures with his family. He served as the president of the Audubon Society in Indiana, reflecting his deep commitment to conservation and nature. In 1999, he and Nettie moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., which he considered his outdoor paradise. He joined the Outdoor Club and the Gray Wolves and immersed himself in hiking, fly-fishing, skiing and reaching mountain peaks, always sharing these experiences with family and friends.

Bruce’s volunteerism varied. He enthusiastically shared information about the many great activities and sights in the area as a volunteer at the Pagosa Visitor Center. He spent countless hours at the Wolfwood Refuge, assisting with the care of

wolves and wolfdogs, helping to build shelters and socializing the animals. Additionally, Bruce had a profound interest in Native American culture, which led him to become active in the Friends of Native Cultures and the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association.

Bruce was adored and lovingly known as Gramps to his six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, who brought him immense joy and pride. He is survived by his three daughters: Sheri Skolnick (Marty), of Littleton, Colo.; Karen Mowbray (Bryce), of New Braunfels, Texas; and Jennifer Salvino (Mark), of Friday Harbor, Wash. He is also survived by his siblings, Lois Clark, of Iowa, and Hugh Trenk, of Connecticut.

The family would like to thank Dr. Amber Reiss-Holt and her staff for the years of love and care they provided our parents.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bruce’s memory to Wolfwood Refuge c/o Paula Woerner, PO Box 312, Ignacio, CO 81137 or to the Thingamajig Theater in Pagosa Springs, online at PagosaCenter.org or at 2313 Eagle Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Bruce and Nettie had a deep appreciation for the arts and loved live theater, holding season tickets since the very first season of the Thingamajig Theater in Pagosa Springs.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his gentle spirit, dedication to family and passion for outdoor adventure. A celebration of his life will be held later, where family and friends can gather to honor this remarkable man.

## Obituary



■ Continued from A3  
will research the candidates and vote!  
Jim Shepherdson

### Accusations of bias

Dear Editor:

Recently, this paper’s editor stated in an editorial that she had been getting complaints from readers that the letters to the editor were unfairly representing only one side of the political spectrum. She encouraged people with opposing views to write their own letters and provided the parameters for successful publication.

I’ve noticed that letters have been mostly expressions of shock, horror, outrage, and sorrow with what the Trump administration hath wrought. But I expected some pushback letters in the next week’s Sun edition. Surprisingly, no MAGA support letters — although there was a letter complaining that the Sun had started “leaning left” with publication of letters since they were purchased.

One thing I appreciate about this paper is that it publishes all the letters no matter how poorly written or dumb. I reckon you’d have to be pretty offensive or libelous to get culled. The Sun was purchased in September, 2023, during the Biden administration. As a regular reader of the letters, I can attest that there were many “right leaning” letters published right up until ... just a few months ago. Hmmm. What could be happening here? Perhaps people are finding it difficult to provide a sane and coherent defense of what’s going on in CrazyTown, USA.

Our country is being run by billionaires who want to increase efficiency by instantaneously eliminating programs supporting ordinary Americans, impoverished nations and the environment. Republican controlled Congress has relinquished its duty to check the power of the Executive and Judiciary while still trying to pass voter suppression legislation (the SAVE Act) and extending tax cuts benefiting the wealthy.

Was it only weeks ago that we were preoccupied with that incredibly

## Letters

stupid, careless, and treasonous national security breach by high officials in our government? Signalgate! All forgotten now! Because now we are watching in horror as the world economy tanks thanks to our capricious, vindictive, and mentally unbalanced president. Let’s call it Tariffgate. The resulting selloff of US Treasury bonds by international investors and suddenly our president realizes he doesn’t have the cards! He caves on some tariffs but we’re still screwed because he remains our president and the rest of the world is beginning to realize they have to create alliances and trade deals that excludes the US. They can’t trust us anymore.

We are now a country that sends people off to foreign prisons without due process based on their tattoos. Our president says out loud he wants to send American citizens as well and intends building immigrant lockups to the tune of \$45 billion (with a B). Sounds efficient and not bloaty.

They have weaponized antisemitism, applying that term to people who oppose the genocide in Gaza. Legal immigrants and residents who publicly oppose Israel’s actions have been arrested by masked, plain-clothed officers. The lawlessness of this administration and the fact that anyone opposing it is “the enemy within” means that none of us is safe. It’s called fascism, people. Anyone care to write a letter to this paper defending it?

Lee Stopher

### Federal workforce

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter

Cynthia Wutchiett  
Ponia, Colo.

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# Business

## Sales tax revenues up in February

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Overall sales tax collections for February 2025 increased 11.64 percent compared to figures from 2024, according to data released from Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton on April 7.

Eaton notes that the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County received a total of \$1,373,363.74

from the February tax revenues, with \$683,733.11 going to the county and \$689,623.63 going to the town.

The 11.64 percent increase from February 2024 equates to an additional \$143,191.44, according to Eaton's data.

Categories that were up in comparison to February 2024 according to Eaton's data include:

- Retail trade at 9.24 percent, or \$61,344.32.

- Information at 4.9 percent, or \$1,200.03.

- Finance and insurance at 47.23 percent, or \$501.46.

- Real estate, rental and leasing at 5.59 percent, or \$1,170.42.

- Accommodation and food services at 23.22 percent, or \$48,822.32.

- Other services (except public administration) at 5.48 percent, or \$994.67.

- Miscellaneous at 35.71 percent,

or \$63,113.42.

Eaton's data also identifies categories that were down in comparison to February 2024, which include:

- Construction at 17.34 percent, or \$4,875.94.

- Manufacturing at 32.22 percent, or \$22,708.36.

- Professional, scientific and technical services at 39.75 percent, or \$6,370.90.

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## 2025 Car Show moving to Yamaguchi Park

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

The annual Pagosa Springs Car Show will need to change locations this year from Lewis Street to the Yamaguchi Park area.

The dates for the show remain on the second weekend of June, which is this year is June 13 and 14.

We are excited for quite a few reasons to move the show to this location. There have been questions on where we will park the cars. If you travel 5th Street, the cars will be parked on the west side of the paved street along the park, where parking is already in existence.

Users of the park and adjacent pickleball courts need to be aware that 5th Street will be closed from

Pirate Drive, which is the corner where the town maintenance shop is located, all the way down to the pickleball courts on June 13 from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and June 14 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The section from Apache Street to Pirate Drive will remain open for access.

Participants to the show can enter from either 6th Street or 8th Street, travel through the high school parking lot, register and then get parked along 5th Street. We have positioned the cars so that it will be easy for spectators to view the cars either via the road or the sidewalk. We will continue to have food vendors, retail vendors and car-related vendors. There will still be a beer and wine garden and of course, live music both Friday night and all day Saturday.

The show will run from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on

Saturday, with the award ceremony taking place at about 2:30 p.m. We will continue to have the Best in Show, People's Choice and category awards. A bigger and better Pin Up contest will also be in full swing.

This location also affords both spectators and participants more activities with their families in the park, easier parking for the show, restroom facilities and more shade. The show will be out of the way of the construction zone, and the atmosphere will lend itself to a relaxed, open and inviting venue. Have you seen the views from this park? They are stunning.

Early-bird registration for the Car Show ends April 30. Enter early and get your free T-shirt, dash plaque and a discount. Registration can be accessed through the Chamber's website at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com).

Scroll down to Community and Chamber News, click on the Car Show graphic and register.

At this site, you can also register to volunteer for the event. We can use people to help register cars, sell merchandise, work the beer booth, or help set up or break down.

The entertainment for Saturday will be Rock n Rebels, giving everyone a great taste of some car-themed music. Friday's free concert is still in the works and will be announced soon.

Bring the family and vote for your favorite car as you view all the entries, enjoy some delicious fare, enjoy the live music, visit the retail booths and look for all the pretty pin-up girls. This year's Car Show is taking advantage of the various amenities at this new location. Enter your car now before early-bird pricing goes away.

## U.S. Small Business Administration offering relief to small businesses, private nonprofits affected by winter drought

U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the availability of low-interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private nonprofit organizations in Colorado who sustained economic losses due to the drought beginning Jan. 28.

In Colorado, the declaration includes the counties of Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, Rio Grande, Saguache and San Juan, and, in New Mexico, San Juan County.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and private nonprofits with financial losses directly related to the disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers or ranchers, except for small aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the small business or private nonprofit did not

suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills not paid due to the disaster.

"Through a declaration by the U.S. secretary of agriculture, SBA provides critical financial assistance to help communities recover," said Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA. "We're pleased to offer loans to small businesses and private nonprofits impacted by these disasters."

The loan amount can be up to \$2

million with interest rates as low as 4 percent for small businesses and 3.625 percent for private nonprofits, with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months after the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online, visit [sba.gov/disaster](http://sba.gov/disaster). Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Submit completed loan applications to SBA no later than Dec. 1.

## Comment period open on draft environmental assessment for Pagosa Gateway Project

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The draft environmental assessment for the Town of Pagosa Springs' Pagosa Gateway Project is now available through the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

The comment period on the draft assessment is open until May 16.

According to a letter from Ed Warner, area manager for the Western Colorado Area Office of the DOI, "A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA evaluates the Proposed Action and a No Action Alternative. Under the Proposed Ac-

tion Alternative, Reclamation would provide funding via a grant through their WaterSMART Program to the Town of Pagosa Springs to implement measures to improve the ecological values along 1.7 miles of the San Juan River, beginning on the east side of the Town of Pagosa Springs and extending northeast towards Wolf

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# Warm weather means more pedestrians and bicyclists are out

Colorado Department of Transportation

Twenty-one pedestrians and cyclists have died on Colorado roads so far this year.

Although this is down 38 percent from this time last year, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is urging all road users to be alert for pedestrians and bicyclists as the weather gets warmer.

Drivers need to follow the laws that protect vulnerable road users (VRUs). Additionally, VRUs, such as pedestrians and bicyclists, need to recognize their vulnerability on the roadway and obey the traffic laws created for their safety.

Pedestrians and bicyclists have a greater risk of experiencing a severe injury or even death in crashes involving a motor vehicle.

In Colorado, pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities have increased 78 percent since 2015, while passenger vehicle deaths increased 7 percent in that same timeframe. 2024 was the second deadliest year on record for VRUs, with 134 pedestrian and bicyclist deaths.

“To reverse the trend of pedestrian and bicyclist deaths in the state, it’s critical that drivers refrain from speeding, using their phones and driving impaired,” said CDOT Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. “It is important that Coloradans commit to a shared roadway responsibility, creating a safer environment for all roadway users.”

### Colorado VRU safety laws

CDOT is reminding everyone of the laws designed to keep all road users safe:

#### Pedestrians laws

It’s illegal to cross in the middle of

a block between two signalized intersections.

Pedestrians must adhere to pedestrian-specific traffic signals and signs.

If sidewalks aren’t present, pedestrians must walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.

#### Bicycle laws

Bicyclists have the same rights as passenger vehicles, including the right to use the road.

If riding on a sidewalk, pedestrian path or crosswalk, bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and audibly tell them they are passing.

Bicyclists must ride as far to the right as possible when passed by a motor vehicle.

#### Driver laws

Drivers must yield to pedestrians in all marked crosswalks and at intersections, even if there’s no marked crosswalk.

Drivers may not pass a bicyclist in the same lane if there’s oncoming traffic, unless they give:

- At least half the road to the oncoming vehicle, and
- At least 3 feet of space between the vehicle (including mirrors) and the bicyclist.

Drivers must drive sober, without distractions and obey speed limits.

More information is available in the Colorado Revised Statutes and the CDOT Bicycling Manual, which includes safety tips for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

Driving at unsafe speeds not only endangers the speeding driver but also puts everyone around them at risk, including pedestrians. Slight increases in speed can significantly increase fatality risk. For example, the risk of death for a pedestrian is 10 percent at an impact speed of 23 mph,

25 percent at 32 mph, 50 percent at 42 mph, 75 percent at 50 mph and 90 percent at 58 mph, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

### VRU deaths rising faster than overall traffic fatalities

In 2022, Colorado recorded 764 traffic fatalities, marking one of the deadliest years in the state’s history. Traffic fatalities have since decreased, falling 5.76 percent in 2023 and an additional 4.58 percent in 2024.

Despite this progress, fatalities involving pedestrians and bicyclists remain high.

In 2022, these VRUs represented 17.02 percent of all deaths on Colorado roads, a figure that climbed to 21.67 percent in 2023. While slightly reduced in 2024, VRUs still accounted for 19.51 percent of all traffic deaths in 2024.

“Enforcing traffic laws is one of the most effective tools we have to prevent bicycle and pedestrian crashes,” said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. “However, education is just as vital as enforcement. Drivers need to understand that they share the road with more than just cars. The reality is that people are using more modes than ever to get around. Please slow down and use caution around those vulnerable roadway users.”

CDOT encourages the traveling public to educate themselves on how to do their part in reducing the number of traffic injuries and fatalities, especially for our most vulnerable outside of a vehicle.

Learn more about bicycle and pedestrian safety at [codot.gov/programs/bikeped](https://codot.gov/programs/bikeped).

# Water conservancy district hears budget update, swears in board members

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

At its April 14 meeting, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors heard a budget update from SJWCD treasurer Joe Tedder regarding the district’s ongoing spending on litigation with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD).

Tedder also reported on progress on fixing errors in filing the district budget with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

At the district’s March 17 meeting, Tedder explained that the SJWCD’s February tax distribution was held by DOLA due the district’s 2025 budget submission not being accepted.

SJWCD president Candace Jones stated that this was due to a technical or communication issue and not due to the content of the budget.

Tedder explained that he believed that he submitted the correct forms on Dec. 29, 2024, but that DOLA did not receive it due to what he believed were issues with the department’s submission portal.

However, Tedder stated that the error had been corrected and the SJWCD’s tax revenues should be released soon.

At the April 14 meeting, Tedder opened his update by explaining that the SJWCD had begun receiving money again from property taxes, although the district “had got down to the last \$600 in our checking account before” funding resumed.

Tedder added that he knew fund-

ing was going to resume and that he “wasn’t too worried” when the district’s accounts dropped to low levels.

He explained that the district’s legal expenses are in line with previous expectations, and that the board’s previous assumption that its legal expenses line item would be overrun by about \$15,000 if litigation with PAWSD is concluded by the middle of 2025 will be accurate.

However, he noted that he could not predict the costs if the lawsuit continues for 18 months, as PAWSD board members have suggested.

He noted that excess spending in the legal and public education categories of the SJWCD budget would be covered by contingency funds included in the SJWCD budget until the district knows the costs will exceed those funds.

Tedder then stated that the district would assess how much of its engineering budget is likely to be spent in 2025 and potentially cover costs with this money.

If all the engineering funding is likely to be spent, he stated that the district would hold a budget hearing early in the third quarter of 2025 and consider increasing the legal and public education spending included in its budget.


Currently, Tedder explained, he is planning for the amount spent on engineering for the district’s reservoir project to be decreased and money to be shifted to legal and public education expenses.

### Oaths of office

At the April 14 meeting, the SJWCD board also swore in new board member John Kappelman and returning board member Charles Riehm for two-year terms.

Prior to the oaths of office, Jones explained that returning board member Robert Hagberg will also be sworn in for another term at a later date due to his being absent from the meeting.

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## Metro

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apartment complex is being proposed on a section called Lot R, within the Mixed-Use Residential section of the subdivision.

Dickhoff explained that there was some urgency for the council to decide if it wants to allow metro districts — and, if so, decide what types of metro districts to allow — in order to give the developers enough time to go through the stages of the legal process before November’s election.

Town Attorney Bob Cole was on hand to guide the council through the weeds of such districts, explaining that metro districts are considered special districts in Colorado.

They are a type of local government entity that can operate within a jurisdiction, such as a town, and they provide specific services, such as road maintenance, parks, water and sanitation, and have authority to levy taxes (with voter approval) to pay for such services, Cole explained.

They have become one of the primary financial tools for the construction of public improvements in Colorado, and can finance and construct public improvements that county or town governments are unable or unwilling to provide, Cole noted.

A presentation shown states that there are approximately 2,473 metro districts in Colorado currently.

Several metro districts exist within Archuleta County (Alpha Rock Ridge, Aspen Springs and Timber Ridge, for example), but there are no such districts currently within the town boundaries.

Dickhoff explained that metro districts are a tool that can help make it easier to finance developments that are “hard to make pencil,” such as workforce housing developments.

Mayor Shari Pierce asked about the crunched timeline for the legal process, considering that the Pagosa West developers would need to make necessary court filings before November’s election.

Cole explained that the first step would be for the council to decide if it wants to allow metro districts or not, and then decide if it wants to put

limitations on such districts, creating a clear policy or blueprint for metro districts to follow that matches the council’s goals and plans.

The developer would then draft a “service plan” that would come before the council for approval or rejection in a public hearing, he stated.

If the service plan is approved by the council, the developer would then need to file a petition to organize a metro district with the district court. The court would then hold a public hearing and order an election for the organization of the metro district, he added.

If a majority of the metro district property owners vote to organize a district, then the court would issue an order and decree organizing the district, which is recorded against all property within the district, allowing property taxes to be collected by the district, he explained.

If this couldn’t all get done by this November, the developers would need to wait until November 2026 or May 2027, he noted.

“That’s one of the challenges,” Cole explained.

He also explained that once a metro district is ordered and decreed by the court, “it’s outside of the town’s hands,” emphasizing the importance for the town to set limitations upfront on what is allowed and what is not allowed before any metro districts are created.

“The town can impose requirements and protections that are consistent with your goals and your plans,” Cole explained.

Examples of limitations that municipalities can impose on metro districts include capping the mill levy and amount of debt a district can incur, as well as limiting or removing the power of eminent domain, limiting boundaries and types of grants districts can pursue, he explained.

He then walked the council through a long list of pros and cons for municipalities with regard to allowing metro districts.

Ultimately, Cole concluded that metro districts could be a useful tool for the town to spur development and

would be a positive thing as long as the town has the foresight to put in place a clear policy with proper limitations.

Pierce wanted to gauge the council’s appetite for allowing metro districts, with the majority expressing that they were open to the idea, but with some saying that they needed more time to weigh the pros and cons and the possible limitations the town could impose.

Council member Gary Williams expressed that when the idea was first brought to the council in December 2024 he was against it because he thought that the town “would lose control over development,” but indicated that he might be changing his tune.

He asked what town staff thought about the idea.

Town Manager David Harris said, “I think we need more tools in our toolbox,” generally expressing his favor for allowing them.

“We’d be foolish” not to add this tool, he said.

Dickhoff stated that he likes the idea, but with certain restrictions imposed by the town, adding that he thinks metro districts are most appropriate for mixed-use areas with commercial development in mind.

“You don’t really want to burden homeowners with that extra tax burden. You really want to generate it mostly with commercial. That’s where a commercial district is really important, so a mixed-use district makes a lot of sense for me,” he said.

Town Clerk April Hessman suggested that she thinks it is “a very beneficial way” for a developer to come in, but wondered if “we have flexibility” when drafting limitations, so that “we won’t hinder a developer” with different needs than another developer.

Williams noted that his gut was to trust town staff on this issue.

Council member Mat deGraaf suggested that the council should include the town’s planning commission in the conversation about metro districts, and it was generally agreed to bring this before both entities at a joint work session on April 29.

deGraaf also expressed that he’d like to craft the town’s policy around metro districts to include housing as part of any phase-one development since workers in the commercial spaces will need somewhere to live.

He voiced concern about developments that were “commercial upfront, and then maybe 12 years later we will get a couple of apartments,” urging “some sort of housing requirement in phase one.”

Cole explained that what the council and planning commission would really need to dive into at the upcoming work session is crafting a model service plan or policy that meets the town’s goals and objectives, and that a housing requirement could be part of that.

He added this is where any limitations on metro districts would be drafted, and urged the council to study up on Title 22 of the sample ordinance drafted for the council’s consideration.

Pierce asked for a show of hands “if you’re comfortable moving forward with metros?”

Some said that they were still on the fence, but wanted to move forward to another work session that included the planning commission.

Then emerged a general consensus that the council wanted to “utilize metro districts to achieve the town’s goals and priorities for growth and development,” as Pierce stated, with Cole saying, “Let us take that and do a little modification to this sample” after the work session so the policy would match the desires of the council.

The allowance of metro districts within town boundaries and the approval of a model service plan policy for the town to follow would need to be passed in ordinance form before a developer could file a petition in district court for a special district, Cole explained.

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honestly,” Brown said, explaining that he was concerned with Magruder’s current retainer billing by the hour.

“We can spend a lot of money in a hurry was my big concern,” he said, adding that he didn’t want to be billed each time a commissioner may need to ask a question.

Brown then explained that Ingalls has 19 years of experience serving as the county attorney for Douglas County, noting, “he has a very in-depth knowledge of issues that come before counties.”

Brown indicated that he had asked Ingalls for a “flat fee rate” which would provide the county with a “known cost.”

He then mentioned that the proposed rate includes an estimated 20 hours per week at a rate of \$125 per hour, which Brown described as “incredibly reasonable.”

Brown explained the estimated weekly hours was based on the BoCC recently having weekly work sessions lasting three hours and biweekly meetings lasting two hours, plus time required for Ingalls to research topics.

Brown acknowledged the county’s other option with Magruder, but stated that he would “feel more free in asking questions” with Ingalls, and that this “may be the more cost-effective route.”

Ranson indicated that he was “comfortable” with either option for an interim county attorney, noting he would want to know a procedure in which the commissioners would communicate with the attorney in order to “monitor” the county’s bill.

Ranson also alluded to the possibility of the BoCC making a decision on selecting a new county attorney later in the day during the regular meeting.

“We don’t know quite yet what today brings,” he said, “this may be resolved before the day’s out.”

Medina indicated that Magruder’s proposal included fees of \$390 per hour for RWO partners, \$295 per hour for associates and \$175 per hour for paralegal services.

“Yes, there’s definitely a cost difference,” Medina said, explaining that she would “lean” toward appointing Magruder due to her familiarity with the county, but also stated she understood her fellow commissioner’s points.

During the regular meeting that afternoon, Medina briefly reviewed the two options for appointing an interim county attorney, noting again that she would be comfortable with appointing Magruder while also mentioning that she would be happy with either choice.

Ranson stated that he thinks “highly” of Magruder, noting she helped the county in December 2024, while also noting that Ingalls has experience with county governments and provides a lower rate.

“I’m hoping this is gonna be very temporary,” he added.

Brown commented that Ingalls offers a “plug-and-play” scenario, given his experience serving as a county attorney.

Brown’s motion to appoint Ingalls as the interim county attorney was unanimously approved.

Medina then moved on to the matter of selecting a county attorney, explaining the county interviewed two applicants “that really fit our qualifications.”

Those two applicants were Whitmore and Cathleen Giovanni.

Brown commented that both applicants were “incredibly experienced,” while noting that between the two, “Whitmore stood out” and would offer another “plug-and-play” scenario, given her background in county government and experience of personnel management “and how to build a team.”

According to Whitmore’s resume, she currently serves as the county

attorney for Montrose County, a position she has held for the past seven years.

Whitmore’s resume also shows that she has practiced law in Colorado since 1978, “primarily in water rights, environmental permitting and compliance, and land use.”

Additionally, her resume explains that she served as the county attorney for Ouray County from 2012 to 2017.

Ranson agreed with Brown’s comments, adding that both candidates were “really good.”

He also explained that he had heard from several constituents who indicated that the county “would be lucky to have Marti [Whitmore].”

Medina also agreed with her fellow commissioners that the county had two “great” applicants, while adding that the county would be “hands down, way ahead of the game” with selecting Whitmore.

Ranson motioned to select Whitmore as the preferred candidate while also motioning to instruct Medina to serve as the negotiator for an employment contract.

That motion was unanimously approved by the BoCC.

Also during the meeting, the BoCC unanimously approved formally adopting a new pay range for the county attorney position, which is now listed at \$138,881.60 to \$185,693.04.

Before approving the matter, Brown commented that while he does not like the high price of gasoline, he is willing to pay it.

He added, “but that’s the price that it takes to keep me moving and this is the price it costs to compete for a competent and ... accessible counsel.”

Ranson agreed with Brown’s comments, adding, “you get what you pay for.”

Medina also stated, “This is definitely something that needed to be done.”

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Street the morning of April 8, PSPD Chief William Rockensock confirmed.

“This arrest reflects the dedicated investigative work of our officers and our department’s ongoing commitment to keeping our community safe,” Rockensock said via the release. “We are grateful for the support and cooperation of our residents.”

As of Wednesday, April 16, Apodaca remained in custody at the Archuleta County Detention Center.

Rockensock reported the same day that the investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information related to these incidents, or who believes they may be missing property and have not yet filed a report, is encouraged to contact the PSPD at (970) 264-4151, ext. 241.

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## Arrest

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a significant development in efforts to resolve these incidents and return stolen items to their rightful owners.”

It adds that a male suspect, Russell Apodaca, 54, of Pagosa Springs, was arrested at the scene.

“He is currently facing multiple burglary-related charges as well as one count of arson in connection with a recent fire within the town limits,” it adds.

That fire took place on Apache

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## La Plata Electric Association outlines board election voting information

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La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) reminds its members of the 2025 Board of Directors election beginning the week of Monday, April 21.

Online voting begins at 8 a.m. on April 21. Eligible LPEA members will have several options to cast their ballots.

### Online voting

New this year, members can vote electronically through their secure online bill-pay SmartHub account.

A “Vote Now” button will appear for eligible voters, directing members to the secure voting portal. Once the ballot is submitted, the button will

disappear.

Members enrolled in SmartHub will also receive an email when voting opens containing a direct link to access their ballot.

### Mail-in ballots

Paper ballots will be mailed to LPEA members in mid-April. Completed ballots may be returned by mail or deposited in 24-hour drop boxes located only at the following LPEA offices:

- 45 Stewart St. in Durango.
- 603 S. 8th St. in Pagosa Springs.

Please note that ballots may no longer be submitted at La Plata County or Archuleta County election drop boxes.

### In-person voting

Members may also vote in person the hour before LPEA’s annual meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., held in the truck barn at the LPEA Durango Office.

As required by LPEA policies, all members will still receive a paper ballot by mail unless they’ve opted out. However, the new online voting procedure prevents the possibility of duplicate votes and provides an accurate vote count.

### Deadlines

- Online ballots must be submitted by noon on May 20.
- Mail-in ballots must be received by 4 p.m. on May 20.

• In-person voting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 21 at the LPEA Durango Office.

To learn more about LPEA’s board candidates, please visit [lpea.coop/elections](http://lpea.coop/elections).

Election results will be confirmed at the annual meeting. For more information and to RSVP, please visit [lpea.coop/annual-meeting](http://lpea.coop/annual-meeting).

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## Hydrants

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Hudson mentioned that high school teachers are currently asking around to see if there is a willingness for those folks to be “properly trained to do the testing.”

Pagosa Springs Mayor Shari Pierce asked if there was any sort of certification that these community members would get in order to be able to properly test and service the hydrants.

“I can’t answer that,” Hudson replied, explaining, “I think the intention is to make sure that they’re properly trained,” adding that would involve opening and closing the hydrants, potential pressure tests and filling out reports.

“Because we want a report on each hydrant,” Hudson added.

PAWSD board member Alex Boehmer added that he was a part of a previous hydrant testing crew and that he was never officially certified.

“I wasn’t certified in any way,” he said, adding that the procedure is “fairly simple” and only requires “basic mechanical knowledge.”

Boehmer mentioned the reasoning for bringing in a professional crew at this time is because of the hydrants potentially not being opened in the last 10 years.

He added that, “having people that are not really highly trained,” touching hydrants for first time in 10 years, “could lead to a lot of extra problems.”

Council member Brooks Lindner asked for clarification on if having teachers trained to perform this work is something PAWSD anticipates doing for this summer or for future testing.

Hudson indicated that it may be a possibility for this year, explaining that PAWSD is paying \$115 per hydrant “and we’re thinking if some of the work can be done by trained people in the community, that’ll be a reduced fee that we have to pay.”

Commissioner Veronica Medina asked for clarification on what the third-party company will be testing and if it includes a pressure test.

Boehmer explained that the third party will be opening and flushing each hydrant, as well as performing a “static pressure test.”

He added that the American Water Works Standards “recommends a different approach,” but that given the time constraints and the amount of hydrants, “we’re going with a more

basic approach this year” in order to get the hydrants back up to a “reasonable standard.”

Boehmer went on to explain that the first focus is to test every hydrant, noting that pressure tests require lots of water.

“It uses a lot of water to test 1,140 hydrants,” he said.

Commissioner John Ranson asked if there is any way to “prioritize certain areas... over others” in getting hydrants tested before peak fire season hits.

Boehmer explained those conversations will happen once the company becomes familiar with PAWSD’s systems.

Ranson then asked if the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) used to test fire hydrants, with Boehmer explaining “it was a cooperative effort,” with the PFPD hiring summer crews to help test hydrants.

Ranson then asked what the plan will be going forward in having hydrants tested after this upcoming summer.

PFPD Chief Robert Bertram explained that PFPD likes the “stance” that PAWSD has taken in bringing in a third party to test the hydrants this summer, “and then we can try and work together in the future going out and doing some of the hydrant testing along with them.”

Medina then asked if the static pressure testing will be sufficient for the fire district, with Bertram explaining the “biggest thing” is to know if water is available at the hydrant.

Commissioner Warren Brown inquired about liability with a third party coming in to test the hydrants.

Boehmer explained that the third party will only perform basic repairs such as replacing gaskets, while also stating PAWSD “would be liable for any repairs.”

Brown then asked about liability with PAWSD potentially training teachers.

Hudson explained that the teachers would be paid and trained, “as I understand it.”

Council member Gary Williams then stated that he is “confused organizationally” about who is responsible

for testing and servicing the hydrants going forward.

Boehmer replied that he was as “confused as everybody else is,” while referencing the PAWSD bylaws and noting that “it’s not crystal clear.”

He added, “What I can say is, at the end of the day, is that PAWSD is going to take the leadership if necessary to get it done for the community.”

Boehmer and Hudson also explained there is still some “figuring out” to do going forward about funding and which district can handle what.

Williams then asked if the PFPD would play a “larger role” going forward with testing hydrants.

“Going forward, we’d like to be part of the solution,” Bertram stated, adding that it is not the PFPD’s responsibility and that the hydrants were installed by and are owned by PAWSD.

Bertram added that the PFPD has a “vested interest” given that water is important to the fire district and water availability is tied to the district’s Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating.

Bertram also noted that other fire districts he has worked for assisted with hydrant testing, but it was not their responsibility.

Williams then stated that with members of the county, town, PFPD and PAWSD all in attendance, it was clear to him that “going forward, we don’t know who’s in charge.”

Hudson explained that conversations will be held over the next year to see “who can handle what” and see who’s responsible for which parts of the process.

Pierce then asked how often hydrants should be inspected, suggesting it may be on an annual basis.

“They should be done on an annual basis,” Bertram replied.

Pierce then stated, “I don’t think we can have discussions over next year,” explaining the matter needs to be resolved before PAWSD’s budget season “based on what the chief just said.”

Medina indicated that it would be helpful to review the previous agreement to help clarify responsibility.

“I have not actually seen it,” Bertram stated, explaining the agreement is likely not filed with the county and is

## PAWSD

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April 10 issue of The SUN.

Additionally, the notice indicates that the walk-in polling and place of deposit for mail-in ballots will be the offices of Public Alliance LLC, the designated election official PAWSD contracted for the election.

That office is located at 405 Urban St., Suite 310 in Lakewood, according to the notice, and will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to receive ballots.

It adds that the phone number for the designated election official is (720) 213-6621.

The district will also offer a walk-in polling place at its administrative offices at 100 Lyn Ave. in Pagosa Springs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 6, the notice states.

According to the notice, people who reside within the district boundaries and those who own taxable real or personal property within the district are eligible to vote.

In addition, it states that people whose spouse or civil union partner own taxable real or personal property within the district can also vote.

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## Correction

In the April 10 issue of The SUN, the article “New mobile home park rezoned approved” indicated that planning commissioner Matt Nobles voted to approve the rezoning request. Nobles was not present at the meeting, and planning commissioner Mont McAllister voted to approve the request.

The SUN regrets the error.

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### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

March 24 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

March 25 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, Navajo Trail Drive.

March 25 — Theft-\$750 to \$2,000 from yard, Corral Court, County Road 982.

March 25 — Disorderly conduct-petty offense, harassment-public place-obscene language or gesture, harassment-follows in public place, trespass warning, Rosewood Court/Navajo Trail Drive.

March 25 — False reporting to authorities, information only, Dandelion Drive.

March 25 — Warrant arrest, Ute Drive.

March 26 — Theft-\$300 to \$750 pickpocket, Corral Court.

March 26 — Dog at large, Park Avenue.

March 27 — Vicious dog with injury-bodily injury to domestic animal, Northlake Avenue.

March 27 — Disorderly conduct-petty offense, harassment -public place-obscene language or gesture, harassment-follows in public place, North Pagosa Boulevard.

March 27 — Criminal mischief under \$300 private, information only, Bastille Drive.

March 27 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Bastille Drive.

March 27 — Fraud by check-other method, Prospect Boulevard.

March 27 — Driver's license-driving without, registration-fictitious plate, lane usage violation, driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, East Pagosa Street.

March 28 — Dog at large, information only, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance-schedule III, IV or V, drug paraphernalia-possess, violation of protection order-criminal, alcohol-open container/drunken in vehicle, marijuana-use/consume/possess in vehicle, U.S. 160.

March 29 — Dog at large, worry livestock/wildlife, Sunset Trail.

March 29 — Dog at large, Ute Drive.

March 31 — Obstructing governmental operations, disorderly conduct-petty offense, County Road 339.

April 1 — Speeding 10-19 over limit, driving under the influence of alcohol, South Pagosa Boulevard/Pinon Causeway.

April 1 — Second-degree burglary, theft, Carino Place.

April 1 — Lane usage violation, driving under the influence of alcohol, alcohol-open container in vehicle, South Pagosa Boulevard/North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 1 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

April 2 — Theft \$300 to \$1,000 County Road 500.

April 2 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

April 2 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.

April 2 — Warrant arrest, West U.S. 160.

April 2 — Information only, View Drive.

April 2 — Theft-less than \$2,000-from yard, third-degree criminal trespass, Ranchland Drive.

April 2 — Cruelty to animals-neglect/mistreatment, noise ordinance-first offense, nuisance dog, Hills Circle.

April 3 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, careless driving, Darcie Place/South Pagosa Boulevard.

April 3 — Criminal mischief \$300 to \$1,000 private, first-degree criminal trespass, Scenic Avenue.

April 3 — Information only, Boulder Drive.

April 3 — Domestic violence, Periwinkle Drive.

April 4 — Information only, Creek Circle.

April 4 — Warrant arrest, Talisman Drive.

April 4 — Information only, East McCabe Street.

April 4 — Trespass warning, Na-

vajo Trail Drive.

April 5 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, Down and Out Road.

April 5 —Assault in the third degree, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Navajo Trail Drive.

April 6 — Weapon-prohibited use-drunk with gun, illegal discharge of a firearm, false imprisonment, West U.S. 160.

April 7 — False reporting to authorities, information only, County Road 339.

April 8 — Warrant arrest, Prospect Boulevard.

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April 8 — False reporting of identifying information to law enforcement, Prospect Boulevard.

April 8 — Unlawful possession 4 gm< of Schedule I and II or ketamine or flunitrazepam, unlawful use of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia-possess, Prospect Boulevard.

April 8 — Criminal mischief M, Colo. 151.

April 8 — Driving under restraint-alcohol/drug related, Navajo Circle.

April 8 — Prohibited use of weapons, reckless endangerment, child abuse, domestic violence, disorderly conduct-petty offense, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges DV, driving while ability impaired, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, pedestrian-drunk on highway, U.S. 84.

April 8 — Violence, Forest Place.

April 9 — Trespass warning, Down and Out Road.

April 9 — Information only, Cox Circle.

April 9 — Third-degree criminal trespass, violation of protection order, Bastille Drive.

April 9 — Warrant arrest, Bastille Drive.

April 9 — Warrant arrest, Rosewood Court.

April 9 — Warrant arrest, Navajo Trail Drive.

April 9 — Warrant arrest, Navajo Trail Drive.

April 10 — Warrant arrest, Colo. 151.

April 11 — Agency assist, information only, Catchpole Drive.

April 11 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

April 11 — Criminal mischief \$300 to \$1,000 private, domestic violence, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Jubilee Court.

April 11 — Possession of a controlled substance-Schedule III, IV or V, lane usage violation, driving under the influence of drugs (all other), careless driving, South Pagosa Boulevard/U.S. 160.

April 12 — Reckless driving, U.S. 160.

April 12 — Criminal mischief \$300 to \$1,000 business, first-degree criminal tampering, obstructing governmental operations, false reporting-fire alarm, Harman Park Drive.

April 12 — Obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, false reporting to authorities, County Road 982.

### Pagosa Springs Police Department

March 24 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Aspen Village Drive.

March 25 — Nuisance/vicious animal, South 7th Street/South Pagosa Boulevard.

March 25 — Lost/found property, Pagosa Street.

March 25 — Missing person, Talisman Drive.

March 26 — Menacing-misde-meanor, criminal mischief \$300 to \$1,000 private, violation of protection order-criminal, South 9th Street.

March 27 — Information only, South 8th Street.

March 27 — Information only, Country Center Drive/North Pagosa Boulevard/8th Street/Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 27 — Information only, Country Center Drive.

March 28 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

March 30 — Lost/found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 30 — Warrant arrest, Talisman Drive.

March 30 — Criminal mischief, Eagle Drive.

March 30 — Animal complaint, 15th Street.

March 31 — Disorderly conduct/fighting with another in public, Pagosa Street.

March 31 — Criminal trespass,

Country Center Drive.

March 31 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

March 31 — Reckless driving, South 10th Street.

March 31 — Criminal mischief, Hermosa Street/South 6th Street/San Juan Riverwalk.

March 31 — Violation of protection order-criminal, San Juan Street.

March 31 — Possession of a controlled substance-schedule III, IV or V, violation of protection order-criminal, warrant arrest, Village Drive.

March 31 — Criminal mischief, South 5th Street.

April 1 — Criminal tampering, Eaton Drive.

April 1 — Careless driving, East Pagosa Street.

April 1 — Second-degree burglary-forced entry-residence, theft \$2,000 to \$20,000 from building, South 10th Street.

April 1 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Pagosa Street.

April 2 — Second-degree burglary-forced entry-nonresidence, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 4 — Assault, Lewis Street.

April 4 — Trespass warning, Country Center Drive.

April 5 — Agency assist, Navajo Trail Drive.

April 6 — Driving under restraint-alcohol/drug related, Eagle Drive.

April 6 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, careless driving, North 6th Street/South 7th Street.

April 8 — Violation of protection order, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 8 — First-degree criminal trespass motor vehicle, South 6th Street.

April 8 — Criminal mischief, South 9th Street/Navajo Trail Drive.

April 8 — First-degree arson-other building or occupied structure, second-degree burglary-no force entry-nonresidence, Apache Street.

April 9 — Criminal trespass, Talisman Drive.

April 9 — Theft-\$2,000 to \$5,000, Aspen Village Drive.

April 9 — Menacing, San Juan Street.

April 10 — Warrant arrest, Village Drive.

April 10 — Harassment-credible threat with communication, Aspen Village Drive.

April 10 — Registration-fictitious plate, North 8th Street.

April 11 — Theft/intends to deprive person, East Pagosa Street.

April 11 — Driving under restraint, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 11 — Warrant arrest, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 11 — Driving under restraint, careless driving, South 10th Street.

April 11 — Second-degree burglary, River Rock Drive.

April 11 — Menacing-misde-meanor, reckless endangerment, Lewis Street.

April 12 — Driving under restraint, no insurance-owner, unsafe or defective vehicle, stop lamps-defective, Eagle Drive/U.S. 160.

### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

No report.

### Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

March 19 — Stevie M. Martinez, careless driving, 12 months diversion program revoked, fines and costs — \$263.50.

March 19 — Stevie M. Martinez, trespass 3, fines and costs — \$61.

March 19 — Leantoinette R. Vigil, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.

March 19 — Carl Gregg, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$139.50.

March 19 — Rudy Oddie Curtis Clark, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$872.50.

March 19 — Raul Muniz, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$155.50.

March 19 — Erwin King, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

March 19 — Ethan Gatske, driving under restraint, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$277.50.

March 19 — Genesis J. Tepper, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

March 19 — Joshua Alderson, obedience to official traffic control device, fines and costs — \$170.

March 20 — Suzanna Hess McCauley, driving under the influence, 425 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, two years probation, 60 days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$1,945.50.

March 20 — Jesse Gheen, controlled substance-possession <1G fentanyl, fines and costs — \$1,806.50.

March 20 — Manuel Eduardo Robles-Espinosa, waving from traffic lane, fines and costs — \$137.

March 21 — Jonathan Michael Bush, hunting without license-big game, 15 points to be assessed, fines and costs — \$6,541.59.

March 21 — Bryan Guillen, disorderly conduct-offensive gesture, 12 months unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$61.

March 24 — Christopher News-ham, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

March 24 — Rout Lity, failure to stop/yield right of way, fines and costs — \$105.

March 26 — Robert Regina, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.

March 28 — Kevin R. Christensen, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

April 2 — Thomas M. Lee, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$84.50.

April 2 — Brandon Wood, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

April 2 — Joseph Wancurd, lane usage violation, fines and costs — \$172.50.

April 2 — Jacob Simms, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

April 2 — Benjamin Karakasis, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

April 2 — James Kaiser, passing on left improperly, fines and costs — \$172.50.

April 2 — Caleb P. Crowder, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

April 2 — Monica Coonis, lane usage violation, fines and costs — \$172.50.

April 2 — Sabre Madonna Monique Dereta, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$124.50.

April 3 — Boris Gordin, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

April 3 — Daniel James Aitken, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

April 4 — Gabriel Ramirez, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$27.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**  
No report.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**

March 24 — Nickolas Juan Romero, weapon-prohibited use-drunk with gun, 364 days jail, fines and costs — \$258.50.

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# Sports

## Soccer



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A trio of Lady Pirates shield the ball from a Bayfield attacker. The Lady Pirates came from behind to win the match 3-2.

## Lady Pirates earn first league win of season

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team picked up another win and another loss over the last week, falling 4-0 to Alamosa on the road on April 11, and then defeating Bayfield 3-2 at home on April 15.

The Lady Pirates were originally scheduled to face off against Lake County on April 12, but coach Trevor Gian explained that the match was rescheduled due to field issues and a lack of officials.

The Lady Pirates are now scheduled to take on the Lake County Panthers in Leadville this Friday, April 18, at 3 p.m.

In their match against Alamosa, Gian explained the Lady Pirates fell behind early, with Alamosa bagging its first goal in the opening minute of the first half.

Gian mentioned the Lady Pirates are still trying to “dial in” their formation, noting the team took a more defensive approach against Alamosa.

He added, “There’s a lot of good things, for sure, defensively.”

Gian also noted that despite the score, the Lady Pirates had quality play from “quite a few players,” specifically highlighting Morgan Galloway’s and Sophia Sottek’s roles as outside fullbacks.

“They did a good job against that team,” Gian said.

He also mentioned that Alamosa is a “good team” with lots of “pace” on its wings.

Gian highlighted Addison Johnson’s performance, as well, explaining she took on a more defensive center back position and helped “slow things down.”

Gian also spoke about the Lady Pirates’ communication with one another on the field, explaining it’s “getting better every week” as he has asked the team’s captains to step up and initiate more communication.

He explained the team is building up more chemistry and the “players are responding to it.”

The Lady Pirates trailed 3-0 after the first half.

“At times we played really, really well,” Gian said, noting the Lady Pirates were able to slow down Alamosa’s wing play at times.

“I thought our outside mids did really well,” he added.

Gian highlighted freshman Ellie Vining, who played the entire game and was able to cut off Alamosa’s passing lanes.

“She did really well,” he added.

Gian also mentioned the Lady Pirates were able to maintain “good stretches of possession” at times, which is something the team has been focusing on throughout the season.

Although Gian described the match against Alamosa as a “tough environ-

ment,” he noted the Lady Pirates were able to create a couple chances offensively by getting in behind Alamosa’s back line and were just missing a “quality finish.”

He noted that if the Lady Pirates can find ways to capitalize on their counter-attacking chances in these kinds of matches, they should be able to “stay in a tight game.”

Pirate goalkeeper Keira Davis logged a total of 19 saves on the day.

Additional stats were not available as of press time Wednesday.

The Lady Pirates picked up their first Intermountain League (IML) win of the season Tuesday, defeating Bayfield 3-2 at home.

“Really nice to get a win against Bayfield there at home,” Gian said, explaining the Lady Pirates tied Bayfield twice last season and have not been able to beat them in a couple years.

He noted the result was good for the team in showing the players they are “capable of winning tight games against quality opponents.”

After a quality start for the Lady Pirates controlling possession and creating multiple scoring opportunities within the first 20 minutes, Bayfield was able to snag a goal from a free kick to take the lead, Gian explained.

“We fought back,” he said, explaining that Elizabeth Currier was able to tie the game at 1-1 with a “breakway goal.”

Tatiana Monterroso then put the Lady Pirates up 2-1 with a “shot off the outside of the foot,” and Hailey Sams added a third goal, beating the Bayfield goalkeeper on a near-post

shot to give the Lady Pirates a 3-1 lead at halftime, Gian explained.

Gian praised the Lady Pirates’ defensive effort in the first half by not giving up a “true quality look” other than the free kick.

“It looked good for awhile,” he said, noting the team was building momentum.

Gian explained that Bayfield put pressure on the Lady Pirates’ defense in the second half, eventually being awarded a penalty kick for a handball in the box.

Bayfield converted the penalty to bring the score to 3-2.

“Bayfield stuck in it,” Gian added.

He went on to mention the Lady Pirates “dropped fundamentals” a little bit toward the end of the match, “but they put themselves in a position to win it and they won it, and, I mean, that’s really, really awesome — something to be proud of.”

Sams and Currier each had three shots on goal, each converting one. Monterroso scored off her only attempt on goal, while Terriana Cage logged one shot on goal.

Cage and Sams each recorded one assist on the day, while Davis notched nine saves.

Gian mentioned the Lady Pirates are moving forward with some confidence after the win against Bayfield as they prepare for another round of three games this weekend and into next week.

“People are stepping into roles,” he added.

Following their match against Lake County tomorrow, the Lady Pi-



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Elizabeth Currier dribbles past a Bayfield defender during the Lady Pirates’ win on Tuesday, April 15, at Golden Peaks Stadium. Currier scored the Lady Pirates’ first goal of the day, leveling the score at 1-1.

## Pagosa Pickleball Club to host national champion for clinics

By Tina Heffner  
Pagosa Pickleball Club

Dave “The Badger” Weinbach, professional pickleball player, is coming to Pagosa Springs.

We are honored to announce that, for the first time ever, Weinbach, a 10-time USA Pickleball national

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## TRACK



Photo courtesy Jessica Carr

Lexi Campbell, center, and Molly Washburn, right, run in the 200-meter dash at the April 12 Thunder-Storm Invitational in Pueblo.

## More school records fall at Thunder-Storm Invitational

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

More Pagosa Springs High School records were broken at last weekend's 36-team Thunder-Storm Invitational in Pueblo, despite the team being without some of its athletes, who were performing in the school's production of "The Wizard of Oz."

The meet was held at Colorado State University Pueblo's Thunderbowl on April 12.

"The Thunderbowl is a beautiful facility," coach Connie O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN. "It was really quite the experience to compete there. The weather was beautiful and there was very little wind. The best part is that we competed with some of the top ranking athletes in the state."

Breaking school records for the second week in a row were Colton Lucero and Abi Nehring, with Creede Dozier also setting a new school record.

"Colton Lucero was absolutely on fire at the Thunder-Storm," O'Donnell wrote. "He took even more time off of his 100 Meter record. He broke the school record in the 200 meter dash. The record was held by Jason Schutzn in 2003. Right now, Colton is ranked 1st in the 100 and 5th in the 200."

Lucero took second overall in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.85 seconds and first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.39 seconds.

O'Donnell notes Lucero also ran the opening leg of the 4x100-meter relay, which is now a tenth of a second off of a relay school record after finishing second at the meet with a time of 43.83 seconds.

The other members of that relay, she notes, are Tommy Nigro, Alex Pacheco and Dozier. The relay team is currently ranked fourth in the state.

Dozier also set a new school record at the meet, besting the long jump record set in 2005 by Daniel Aupperle.

Dozier jumped a distance of 22 feet, 2.75 inches to take first at the Thunder-Storm and is now ranked second in the state in the event.

O'Donnell noted Dozier also "ran the 100 for the first time this season and ended up running a time that makes him 5th on our high school top ten list."

Dozier took ninth overall in the event with a time of 11.52 seconds.

Nehring, according to the coach, "bettered her school record in the discus by over 4 inches. She got to throw against a girl from Manitou who is ranked 2nd in the state."

That thrower, who took second at the meet, threw a distance of 135-2, compared to Nehring's first-place throw of 142-10.

Nehring also notched first in shot put with a throw of 33-4.

In addition to the school records being broken, a number of other Pirate athletes competed at the event, with several logging new personal records (PRs) and showing progress.

Nigro also ran the 100 for the Pirates, finishing 19th with a time of 11.81 seconds.

Nigro took 14th in the 200 with a time of 24.51 seconds, with Pacheco running a time of 25.60 to secure 33rd.

Jeremiah Dean earned 14th in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.17 seconds.

"Jeremiah Dean took a full second off his 400 time in the 90 degree heat, O'Donnell highlights. "He looked so strong in the race."

In the 800-meter run, Eli Nehring ran a time of 2:38.06 to finished 33rd, and he finished 23rd in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12:04.04.

Dozier finished fourth in the high jump with a height of 5-8, with Jer-

emiah Jones taking 13th with the same height.

Lucero finished 11th in the long jump with a distance of 19-1.

In the triple jump, Jones took third with a distance of 38-9, with Milo Deitemeyer finishing 11th with a result of 34-11.

Emile Schneider finished 12th in the discus with a throw of 112-0, with Aidan Vega following in 19th with a distance of 104-7.

On the girls' side, Rylie Carr finished 14th in the 100 with a time of 13.40 seconds, Lexi Campbell took 18th with a result of 13.51 seconds and Molly Washburn finished 32nd with a time of 14.10 seconds.

Campbell took ninth in the girls'

200 with a time of 27.76 seconds, which O'Donnell notes was almost a full second faster than the previous week and a new PR.

Carr took 15th with a time of 28.42 seconds and Washburn finished 28th with a time of 29.75 seconds.

"We didn't run a girls' relay in Pueblo because we were missing Sienna Rose," O'Donnell explained. "It was for a good reason; she played the role of Dorothy in the school's spring musical. We were missing a few other athletes because of their involvement in the Wizard of Oz as well. I like that we have kids that are talented in other areas outside of running."

Madisen Stretton finished 16th in the 1,600-meter run with a time of

6:42.93, and 14th in the 3,200 with a finish time of 13:58.85.

Carr, O'Donnell highlights, added another 2 inches to her high jump to finished ninth with a height of 4-10.

"She is getting better at this event every meet," O'Donnell wrote.

Campbell set a new season PR in triple jump with her third-place finish of 32-11.

This week, the Pirates will be in action in Durango for the Ron Keller Invitational, which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

"The weather doesn't look great, but we are still looking forward to the competition," O'Donnell wrote. "We will be running more relays than we have been so far this year."



Photo courtesy Jessica Carr

Tommy Nigro and Creede Dozier start the 100-meter dash at the Thunder-Storm Invitational in Pueblo on April 12.



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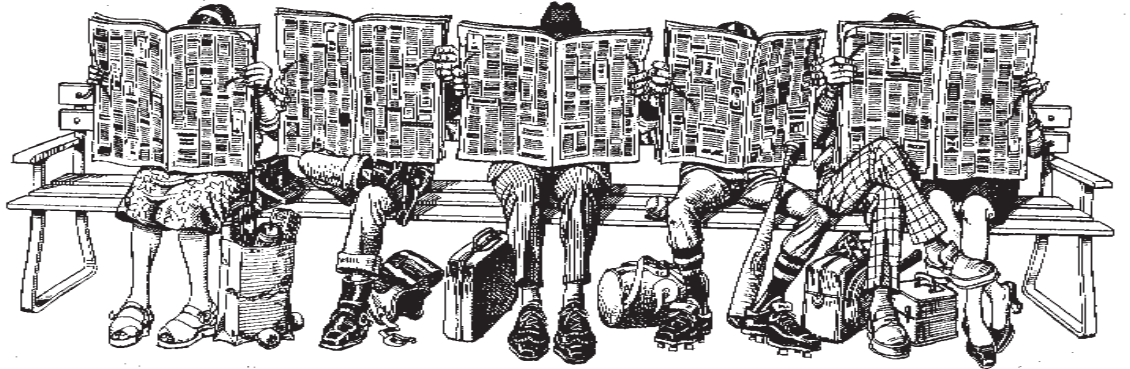
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## BASEBALL



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Pirate Zach Pouyer puts the ball into play against the 4A Durango Demons Tuesday afternoon. The Pirates fell to the Demons in both halves of the day's doubleheader, but coach Ben Garcia highlighted the team's play against a "very good team."

# Pirates move to 7-4 record

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team was dealt its first losses of the season over the last week, with the team moving to a 7-4 record.

But, despite the losses, coach Ben Garcia indicated he's proud of how the team responded Tuesday against Durango after falling to Alamosa on April 12.

The Pirates believed in themselves, he noted.

The Pirates opened league play on Saturday, April 12, in Alamosa, where they lost both halves of the day's doubleheader.

Garcia called the first game, an 11-6 loss, "kind of the tale of two teams."

The Pirates, he explained, came out in game one and played the way they've been playing, building up a lead.

The Pirates scored one in the first inning, two in the second and two in the fifth while allowing a run in the bottom of the fourth and another in the bottom of the fifth to take a 5-2 lead into the sixth inning.

Then, Garcia explained, "the wheels kind of came off," with fielding mistakes leading to some panic.

"I just had visions of last year," Garcia said. "When pressure like that became intense, we had a tendency last year to fall apart. This showed signs of that, unfortunately. ... We lost our composure."

That, he added, set the tone and opened the door.

The Mean Moose scored nine in the bottom of the sixth to take an 11-5 lead into the seventh.

The Pirates brought around one run in the seventh, but lost 11-6.

Garcia noted a combination of things led to the loss.

"We won the game for six innings, and we make a couple of those plays early and I think we cruise," he said.

Pagosa's six runs came on 12 hits.

Kyler Henderson and Chris Young-Martinez each notched three hits in the game. Henderson also had an RBI, while Young-Martinez paired his hits with two runs scored and two stolen bases.

Zach Pouyer had two hits and a run scored.

Taylor Wells had a triple, a run scored and an RBI. Charles Washburn also hit a triple, reached on an error and notched an RBI. Sean Ryan had a hit and an RBI, and Dylan Dempster logged a hit.

Sebastian Gonzalez, who reached on an error, stole a base and logged an RBI.

Cooper Ralston pitched 5.2 innings for the Pirates, allowing five runs (none earned) on four hits and two walks while striking out 10.

Ralston, the coach noted, pitched a "really good game," adding, "He pitched a good enough game to win."

Garcia indicated the Pirates' other pitchers had uncharacteristic command issues in the game.

Combined, the Pirates' pitchers allowed 11 runs, six of which were earned, on eight hits and five walks.

The Pirates committed six errors in the game, compared to Alamosa's two.

Garcia added the first game set the tempo for the second game of the day, which the Pirates lost 11-1.

"We were not ready to go. We just absolutely didn't come out the second game with the same fire and the desire," he said.

The Pirates allowed three runs in the first, one in the second, three in the third and four in the fifth while scoring one in the fourth.

Pagosa's run came on three hits.

Gonzalez hit a double to score Pouyer, earning the RBI. Ty Richie and

Young-Martinez had the other two hits in the game.

Pouyer walked twice in the game, with Wells and Ryan each reaching once on a walk.

Wells, Pouyer and Young-Martinez each stole a base.

"Again, we made some mistakes," Garcia said, adding the team was also dealing with some slight injuries during the game.

The Pirates committed four errors, with Alamosa committing one.

The Pirates also struggled on the mound, according to the coach.

Wells and Washburn combined to allow 11 runs, eight of which were earned, on nine hits and four walks while striking out two.

"When you look at 14 stolen bases in two games — you're not going to win a lot of games if you're puttin' people in scoring position consistently," Garcia said.

The coach indicated the team did not play up to its potential on the day.

"I was very disappointed in our response — not in our boys, but in our response — to make the adjustments because I thought we were well on our way the way we had played, and we didn't play the way we're capable," Garcia said.

The coach noted the team had a really good practice on Monday, putting the Pirates in high-intensity fielding situations.

"We hit tons of pop flies, and we got better at it," he said, indicating the team played better against Durango Tuesday, despite losing both games on the day.

"I thought we played good enough. We hit the ball. Chris actually pitched very well, but ... Durango is a very good team. They, absolutely, are better than I've seen them in a long time," Garcia said, highlighting the depth of Durango's pitching and hitting.

The Pirates fell prey to the 4A Demons 16-3 in the first game.

Durango picked up four runs in the first, four in the second, one in the third, one in the fifth, one in the sixth and five in the seventh.

The Pirates brought two around in the third and one in the fourth.

Pagosa's runs came on six hits.

Henderson and Dempster had two hits each, with Henderson notching a double and Dempster also drawing a walk.

Gonzalez had one hit, and Pouyer had a hit, a walk and an RBI.

Wells, who drew two walks, scored a run. Young-Martinez also scored a run.

Wells and Young-Martinez combined to allow 16 runs, 10 of which were earned, on 19 hits and three walks while striking out six.

Pagosa logged four errors in the matchup, with Durango committing one.

The Pirates fell 7-4 in the second game.

Durango again took the lead first in the game, scoring three in the top of the first, but the Pirates countered with two in the bottom of the inning and another two in the bottom of the third.

Durango bounced back with four in the fourth and one in the fifth to go home with both wins on the day.

"I thought we played with them well until that one last inning," Garcia said. Pagosa's runs came on five hits.

Young-Martinez had two hits, one of which was a triple, and two runs scored. He also reached on an error.

Pouyer had a hit, walked and scored a run. Ralston logged a double and an RBI. Henderson had a hit and two RBIs.

Wells drew a walk, logged an RBI and scored a run.

Kaeden Iguchi reached after being hit by a pitch.

"We had a chance to win the second game," Garcia said, noting the Pirates had runners on first and second with Henderson up. "And that's who you want up at that time."

Henderson made contact, and Durango's center fielder made a diving catch, Garcia relayed.

"They were sound. They won the game. We didn't give it to them, but they won the game," Garcia said, highlighting another time the Pirates had the bases loaded with two outs and Ralston hit a line drive over the center fielder's head, but the center fielder was able to drop step and make the catch.

"Sometimes you've got to tip your cap to those type of teams," he said.

Wells and Washburn combined to allow seven runs, two of which were earned, on eight hits and one walk while striking out three.

The Pirates had six errors in the game, with Durango logging one.

Garcia added the teams has to continue to work on closing the door and moving on from mistakes.

"As a whole, I was very pleased with the way we played against a good team," he said, adding if the Pirates can play that way for a full game, they can win a lot of games.

Prolonging innings against a good lineup can let the runs pile up and put you in a position where it's hard to come back, Garcia indicated.

"They're equipped to be able to withstand and of your comebacks ... where we're trying to get to that point," he said.

Garcia also spoke to the importance of learning lessons from playing a good team like Durango and building off of that, noting the team has potential and will continue to work ahead of its games Saturday against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

The Panthers are 8-4 on the season, with both the Pirates and Panthers having lost to Durango this season.

"Cortez will be good, we know that," Garcia said, adding if the Pirates can play the way they did in the second game against Durango, he thinks they'll be OK.

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# Pagosa Springs Middle School releases third-quarter honor roll

By **Anjelica Gallegos**

Pagosa Springs Middle School

Pagosa Springs Middle School has released its honor roll for the third quarter.

The following fifth-grade students made the honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Steele Forrest, Rafe Halterman, Kaden Karas, Liam McRae, Evelyn Mendoza, Kenzie Miller, Zaen Mitchell, Jeri Moeller, Kaci Moeller, Jaxen Nielsen, Evan Pond, Jariah Portnell, Sierra Rich, Bianca Rivera, Eleanor Sierra, Grant Saylor and David Smith.

The following fifth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Louis Carroll, Beatrice Iverson, Sadie Matyniak, Penelope Peck and Kensington Wallace.

The following sixth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Jacob Adams, Ariah Archuleta, Kiley Braun, Taylor Cole, Dekklyn Fiorenza, Chauncey Forster, Savannah Graves, Mia Gutier-

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The following sixth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Brooke Anderson, Grant Bliss, Wynnona Buchner, Wyatt Buck, Merick Halterman, Lita Henson, Kai Mathews-Davey, Sage Merrill-Exton, Barton Munro, Kiara Patel, Samuel Sanchez and Damien Turk.

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The following seventh-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Elias Becker-Sweden, Kiana Bennett, Kyleah Coss, Olivia Diffey, Lillian Jones, Mia Lucero, Eduardo Marinelarena, Asher Smith, Livia Souza, Harlee Taylor, Jaycee Wallace and Michael Wells.

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CAUSE NO. 112  
DOCKET NO. 250300039  
TYPE: SPACING

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**APPLICATION LANDS**

Township 32 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M.  
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Township 32 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M.  
Section 1: N 1/2

Township 33 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M.  
Section 29: SW 1/4  
Section 30: Lot 3 (40.32), Lot 4 (40.32), E1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 (aka S 1/2)

Section 31: Lot 1 (40.51), Lot 2 (40.49), Lot 3 (40.46), Lot 4 (40.26), E 1/2 W 1/2, E 1/2 (aka All)

Section 32: S 1/2

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Section 15: All

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**DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF HEARING**

The assigned Hearing Officer will hold a hearing on the above-referenced docket number at the following date, time, and location:

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Energy and Carbon Management Commission  
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**PETITIONS**

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Any Affected Person who files a petition must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of **May 12, 2025**, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant or by any person who has filed a petition.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For more information, you may review the Application, which was sent to you with this Notice. You may also contact the Applicant at the phone number or email address listed below.

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**ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

By: Elias J. Thomas, Commission Secretary

Dated: April 7, 2025

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**FOR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON APRIL 24, 2025**

LES FAUST has applied for a WAREHOUSE AND MINI STORAGE, CONTACT USE PERMIT on the parcel of Section 20, T2N 35, R10E 2W, in the Pagosa Village Service Commercial Subdivision at 513 Park Avenue, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN-CUP-25-025). The property is zoned COMMERCIAL (C). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1057, Pagosa Springs, CO 81417-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on April 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Leigh Cole, Deceased

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Case Number **2025 PR 2**  
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
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**Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.**  
Plaintiff  
v.

**KIMBERLY J MCCORMICK, MARGEE L SCHROER,**  
Defendants  
**Case No.: 2024CV30058**  
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**

**AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM**  
**Sheriff Sale 2025-01**

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

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered **December 16, 2024**, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made apart hereof.

Owner(s) of Record:  
**KIMBERLY J MCCORMICK, MARGEE L SCHROER**  
Evidence of Debt: Recorded mortgages in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, being further identified in Exhibit "A".  
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.  
Obligations Secured: Underlying note for the purchase of the Timeshare Property identified in Exhibit "A".  
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Payments Due to: Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.  
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Mortgage, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., MST, on **Monday, June 2, 2025, Sale Number: 2025-01**, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81417, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, the Lender may bid, indebted to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Mortgage at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81417.

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

DATED at Archuleta County, Colorado, this 26th day of February, 2025.

By: Mike Le Roux, Sheriff,  
Archuleta County, Colorado

**Matter: Amount**  
**Principal Amount** **Case No. 2025 PR 2**  
**Accrued Interest: \$1,722.90**  
**Late Fees: \$85.00**  
**Costs: \$570.50**

**Peregrine Townhouses Phase II**  
HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:

**Attorney's Fees: \$1000.00**  
**Total: \$7,401.06**  
Published April 10, 17, 24, and May 1 and 8, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN* (262146)

**INVITATION TO BID**  
Separate sealed BIDS for the 2025 Upper San Juan Library District Expansion and Renovation project will be received by Upper San Juan Library District located at 811 San Juan St., P.O. Box 489, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81417, until 3:00 P.M. local time on May 8, 2025, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud on May 9, 2025 at 10 a.m.  
The project consists of constructing new additions to the library building, landscaping exterior surfaces, and renovating existing interiors.  
Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and PLANS are available on the library's website <https://www.pagosalibrary.org/request-for-proposals-general-contracting-services>

A mandatory pre-bid conference and inspection trip for prospective Bidders will be held at the library (phone number (970) 264-2009), located at the address mentioned above, at 10:00 A.M. local time on April 28, 2025. Published April 17, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (262366)

Notice of a Special Meeting of the Pine River Irrigation District  
Notice is hereby given that a **Special Meeting** has been called by the Board of Directors of THE PINE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT on **Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.**, to be held at Oxford Garage 8018 State Highway 172, Ignacio CO 81137. **Sign-in will begin at 1:00 p.m.**  
The purpose of this meeting is for members to vote on the purchase of the Pine River Irrigation District.  
No other business can be discussed or conducted at this special meeting.  
Published April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (261822)

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESUME  
(This publication can be viewed in its entirety on the state court website at: [www.coloradojudicial.gov](http://www.coloradojudicial.gov).)  
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7  
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of March 2025, for Archuleta County.

**2024CW3029** Amended Application for Absolute and Conditional Surface and Storage Water Rights; 1. Applicant: Jon B. Bruss and Moshdeh B. Bruss c/o Kimberly C. Perdue, Southwest Water and Property Law LLC, 679 E. 2nd Ave., Unit 10, Durango, CO 81301; (970) 422-5515; [kperdue@bhlawyers.com](mailto:kperdue@bhlawyers.com). 2. Structure: a. Bruss Pond 1/4 a/k/a West Bruss Dam 4B; i. In the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 323669 m E, 4125012 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Bruss Lot 7 Wastewater Diversion No. 1 via the Park Ditch in the amount of 0.25 cfs; iii. Appropriation date: July 1, 2018; iv. Amount: 1.17 acre feet, absolute; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Four acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 8,237 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 100 ft.; 2b. Bruss Lot 7 Wastewater Diversion No. 1; i. In the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 323669 m E, 4125012 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: July 1, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.25 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, fire suppression, and filling of Bruss Pond 1; vi. Irrigated Area: Four acres as shown on Exhibit A; 2c. Bruss Pond 2 a/k/a Central Bruss Dam 4B; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 324112 m E, 4125106 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Bruss Lot 6 Wastewater Diversion No. 2 via the Park Ditch in the amount of 0.25 cfs; iii. Appropriation date: July 1, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.74 acre feet, absolute; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Five acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 4,877 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2d. Bruss Lot 6 Wastewater Diversion No. 2; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S, 324112 m E, 4125106 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: July 1, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.3 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, fire suppression, and filling of Bruss Pond 2; vi. Irrigated Area: Five acres as shown on Exhibit A; 2e. Bruss Pond 3 a/k/a East Bruss Dam 4B; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,147 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 200 ft.; 2f. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: July 1, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.3 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2g. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2h. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2i. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2j. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2k. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2l. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2m. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2n. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2o. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2p. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2q. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam: 10 ft.; ix. Length of Dam: 120 ft.; 2r. Bruss Lot 5 Wastewater Diversion No. 3; i. In the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. UTM Coordinates: 13 S 324359 m E, 4125157 m N (PLSS and UTM data from DWR map tool); ii. Source: Wastewater from a terminal lateral of the Park Ditch; iii. Appropriation date: September 5, 2018; iv. Amount: 0.75 cfs, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; iii. Appropriation date: August 19, 2024; iv. Amount: 1.0 acre feet, conditional; v. Use: Irrigation, livestock watering, storage, and fire suppression; vi. Irrigated Area: Twelve acres as shown on Exhibit A; vii. Surface Area: 7,207 sq. ft.; viii. Height of Dam



# Outdoors

## Generation Wild announces return of Wilderflowers

Generation Wild

Generation Wild, a movement from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) that works to connect kids with the outdoors, has a big ambition: ensure future generations will love Colorado's landscapes and open space heritage enough to protect them.

And they believe it all starts with a tiny seed; 151 million of them, in fact. For the second year in a row, Generation Wild is aiming to get a generation of increasingly indoorsy kids outside with Wilderflowers, by distributing more than 120,000 free seed packets across the state.

Last year, Generation Wild distributed 100,000 seed packets while calling on Colorado's kids to get outside and help save the bees. The initiative was so successful, communities asked for more.

That demand resulted in this year's

effort being 26 percent larger, with Wilderflower seed packets now available through more than 585 partner distribution sites — up from 250 partners last year. The enhanced initiative provides more Colorado kids with a fun and engaging way to get out in nature while supporting Colorado's pollinators and local ecosystems.

“This project is so important, not only because it aligns with our mission to get kids outside and create future stewards, but the native flowers also support our local pollinators and beautify the great outdoors,” said Jackie Miller, GOCO's executive director. “With so many people reaching out and asking if we were doing it again, we knew we had to bring Wilderflowers back this spring.”

The Wilderflower seed mix was developed in partnership with Applewood Seed Company and vetted in partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Butterfly Pavilion. All

seeds are regionally native to Colorado, which is important for sustaining the living landscape of bees, birds and other animals.

By distributing more than 120,000 seed packages, 151 million seeds will be planted across Colorado this year, helping improve the environment for pollinators and make Colorado's kids happier by spending time outside. Combined with efforts last year, that's more than 200 million seeds planted across Colorado.

According to the New York Times, the United States has lost 22 percent of its butterfly population in the last 20 years, amounting to 1.3 percent per year. Experts blame habitat loss and pesticide use as factors, but emphasize solutions such as creating habitat refuges for butterflies and other insects by planting native flowers, shrubs and trees.

The effort is being promoted through art installations at elementary

schools across the state and a Colorado Rockies partnership featuring Wilder, Generation Wild's 8-foot-tall spokescreature who is part yeti and part mountain goat. (Look for him to throw out an opening pitch this spring.) The launch is further supported by a one-minute endearing film created by experienced artists and puppeteers to help bring to life the wild nature of these Wilderflowers.

Seed packet distribution partners include Generation Wild coalitions, local libraries, Little Free Libraries, mission-aligned partners and schools. By starting the initiative in the spring season, more than 663 classrooms have opted in to get seeds directly into the hands of Colorado kids.

With the seed packets, Generation Wild aims to connect kids with nature in a meaningful way, which, in turn, grows curiosity, self-reliance, creativity and physical activity while reducing stress, anxiety and symptoms of ADHD.

Connecting youth to the outdoors also helps facilitate a lifelong relationship, one the organization believes will help further GOCO's mission of protecting and caring for Colorado's beautiful places well into the future.

### About Generation Wild

Generation Wild was created by GOCO to connect Colorado kids to the outdoors by increasing the amount of time they spend outside.

The program is made up of a statewide communications campaign designed to inspire and activate Colorado families using tools like a list of 100 Things To Do Before You're 12, and a network of 12 Generation Wild communities engaging more than 270,000 youth participants with outdoor programs, activities and jobs in the outdoors. Generation Wild has become a leader in the outdoor movement by executing several statewide initiatives such as Say Hi with a Snowman, Wilderflowers, World's Longest Hopscotch and “Wilder,” the film.

For more information, visit Generation Wild's website, Facebook or Instagram.

## Archuleta County Public Health Department, CSU Extension Center to offer free workshop on emergency preparedness

By Ashley Springer  
Archuleta County

Recognizing the potential for heightened emergency activity, including an elevated risk of wildfires this season, the Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) along with Colorado State University (CSU) Extension, are hosting a crucial and informative workshop focused on preparedness.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend this free event to gain essential knowledge and skills for navigating power outages and other unforeseen circumstances.

The workshop will take place on Saturday, April 26, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the CSU Extension Building, located at 344 U.S. 84.

The session will cover critical aspects of emergency preparedness, including essential power outage safety protocols, an overview of local weather patterns and climate factors relevant to emergency situations, and the importance of maintaining the health of our land.

Participants will receive practical guidance on how to effectively prepare for a range of emergencies, understand recovery procedures and learn about available financial resources. Given the anticipated increase in wildfire risk, the information shared will be particularly pertinent for ensuring community safety and resilience.

“In light of the potential for extreme wildfire activity this season, proactive preparation is not just recommended, it is a necessity,” stated Laura Capre, ACPHD community outreach specialist. “This workshop provides essential, potentially life-saving information in a focused and supportive environment. We urge all residents to take advantage of this opportunity to safeguard themselves, their families and our community.”

This initiative is a collaborative effort between Archuleta County and the CSU Extension Office, underscoring their commitment to community safety and well-being.

“The CSU Extension is committed

to providing timely and relevant education to our community, especially concerning critical issues like emergency preparedness and wildfire awareness,” emphasized Cindi Galabota, CSU Extension center director. “This workshop offers crucial skills and connects residents with vital resources right here in Archuleta County. We strongly encourage everyone to attend and take proactive steps to prepare.”

Do not underestimate the importance of being prepared. This free workshop is open to all Archuleta County residents and will offer invaluable information for navigating potential emergencies, particularly the heightened risk of wildfires this season.

Attend the “Be Prepared for an Emergency” workshop and take proactive steps to protect yourself and our community. It is free and open to the public, with no registration required.

For questions about the class, please contact Capre at [lcapre@archuletacounty.org](mailto:lcapre@archuletacounty.org) or (970) 264-8439.

## The hummingbirds are nearly here

By John Porco  
Weminuche Audubon Society

The hummingbirds will be arriving in Pagosa Country in the next few weeks, providing a flash of color in our gloomy days.

Scout birds arrive early to identify feeders, so it is important to get the feeders out by mid- to late April.

So, courtesy of the Weminuche Audubon Society, here are a few guidelines.

### Feeders

There are many good feeders on the market. The most important criteria when selecting a feeder are that it be easy to clean and easy to fill.

In order to be a responsible host, you must keep your feeder very clean and full of fresh nectar. Feeders should come apart so that all parts are open and available for cleaning. Red attracts the hummingbirds. If your feeder isn't red, tie a red ribbon on it or use red tape.

Hummingbirds are very territorial. If you put out more than one feeder, try to put the two feeders in locations out of sight of each other.

Feeders attract bears, so keep your

feeders out of bear range.

### Food

In nature, hummingbirds eat flower nectar for energy and bugs for protein.

Here is the recipe for making hummingbird nectar:

Mix 4 parts water to 1 part white table sugar in a pan. For example, use 1 cup sugar to 4 cups water. Do not use honey, Jell-O or powdered or brown sugar. Especially do not use artificial sweeteners, as putting hummingbirds on a diet will kill them. They burn prodigious amounts of energy for their size and need real sugar. Do not use red food coloring or buy premade red nectar. It is unnecessary and can harm the little hummers even in low concentrations, because they eat so much nectar. Do not add anything else — just sugar and water.

Bring to a boil then remove from the heat. Stir it while it is heating until all of the sugar is dissolved. Don't boil it for long because that will change the ratio as water is boiled off. The reason for boiling is not to make syrup, but to drive out the chlorine in the water and to kill mold and yeast spores that might be in the sugar. This will help

make the nectar last longer both in the feeder and in your refrigerator. Cover and allow to cool before using or pouring into a storage bottle. We recommend making a large batch of nectar and storing it in the refrigerator.

### Cleanliness

Sugar water is a very rich growth medium. Yeasts like to eat it, causing fermentation, which can harm hummingbirds. Mold and bacteria grow in it and can also harm the birds. If you see black spots inside your feeder, this is mold and you will need to scrub it out with a good bottle brush.

You must change the nectar frequently to avoid contaminants. In cooler temperatures, we recommend changing it every seven days. If the temperatures are getting above 70 degrees, clean every three days.

Clean the feeder thoroughly using a mild detergent. You can use a mild bleach solution (1 part bleach to 9 parts water). In any case, rinse the bottle thoroughly. Some pet stores sell specialized brushes made to fit into feeder bottles and the holes in the base.

So, get your feeders out and enjoy the antics of these wonderful and colorful little birds through the fall.

## Forest Service roads and trails will begin opening in April and May

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Southwest Colorado is experiencing warm, dry weather in the low country, but many of the San Juan National Forest's roads and trails remain buried under snow.

Roads are closed seasonally to protect drivers from hazardous conditions, to protect wildlife and to prevent road damage. Wet, muddy areas where snow has begun to melt are easily damaged by hikers, bikers, horses and vehicles. Budget and resource limitations could hinder future road repairs, so we ask that public please stay off wet and muddy roads and trails, and respect gate closures.

Trails: Some low-elevation trails have begun to thaw out, which can tempt hikers, bikers and horseback riders. Hiking and riding on muddy

paths damage our valuable forest assets, such as streams, vegetation, and fish and wildlife. Hikers and bikers often walk or ride along the edges of paths and trails on live vegetation to avoid muddy paths. This damages plants, widens and braids the trails, and leads to erosion and sedimentation in waterways. Still want to recreate? We recommend visiting gravel roads or paved pathways that have melted out and are accessible without causing resource damage.

Roads: Dolores and Pagosa Ranger District staff have begun opening roads as conditions allow, except for roads closed to protect elk and deer, which will open May 1. The Columbine Ranger District will begin opening low-elevation roads May 1, and will follow the Motor Vehicle Use Map dates for all roads. Upper-

elevation and backcountry roads will be opened June 1 or as conditions permit. Spring conditions are variable and even dangerous, and visitors should be prepared to encounter system roads that are impassable due to snow drifts, waterlogged roads, down trees or other debris. All travel on the national forest is regulated by the Motor Vehicle Use Maps that can be found online. For specific road information, visit our road conditions webpage or contact your local district office:

• Columbine Ranger District: (970) 884-2512.

• Dolores Ranger District: (970) 882-7296.

• Pagosa Ranger District: (970) 264-2268.

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



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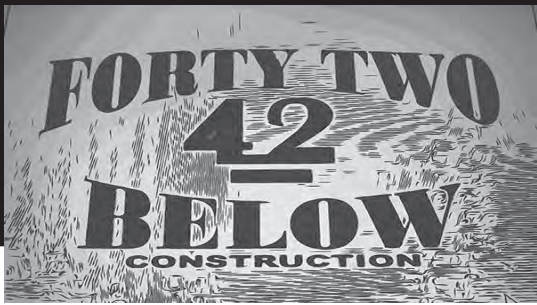
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The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council both granted proclamations in recognition of International Dark Sky Week 2025, April 21-28.

Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers announce proclamations

By Dena Laterza  
Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council both granted proclamations in recognition of International Dark Sky Week 2025, April 21-28.

We appreciate the ongoing work of both county and town government in support of dark skies.

The proclamation request was also endorsed by several local organizations, including the Weminuche Audubon Society, the Pagosa Springs Photography Club, the San Juan Outdoor Club and the San Juan Stargazers.

The night sky is an important natural resource worthy of conservation. We hope this inspires community participation to protect it.

DarkSky International, headquartered in Tucson, Ariz., is the globally recognized authority on light pollution.

It provides resources and solutions to minimize light pollution and promote responsible outdoor lighting. DarkSky's Advocates Network is a global community united in its efforts to protect the night. Learn how you can become and advocate or donate to the cause at DarkSky.org.

Amateur astronomers across the globe celebrate International Dark Sky Week. You can celebrate International Dark Sky Week by turning off your outdoor lighting, going outside with friends and family to enjoy the night sky, planning neighborhood star parties, learning more about dark sky-friendly lighting, and assessing your home's outdoor lighting. Embrace the darkness. Use this celebratory week to talk to friends and neighbors about how each one of us can make a difference by improving outdoor lighting to protect the night sky.

There's a lot of movement toward

preserving dark skies along the U.S. 160 corridor here in Colorado.

Chimney Rock National Monument is very close to achieving recognition by DarkSky International as a Dark Sky Park, adding it to other parks in Southern Colorado including Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, and Mesa Verde National Park. The city of Durango and the town of Bayfield are working on becoming Dark Sky Communities, and the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors coalition is working toward designation of the Sangre de Cristo Dark Sky Reserve. We are just getting started here in Pagosa Country.

The Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers provide community service through astronomy, hosting free, educational public events and raising awareness about preserving the night sky through outreach and education. If you are passionate about dark skies, contact us. We've been waiting for you.

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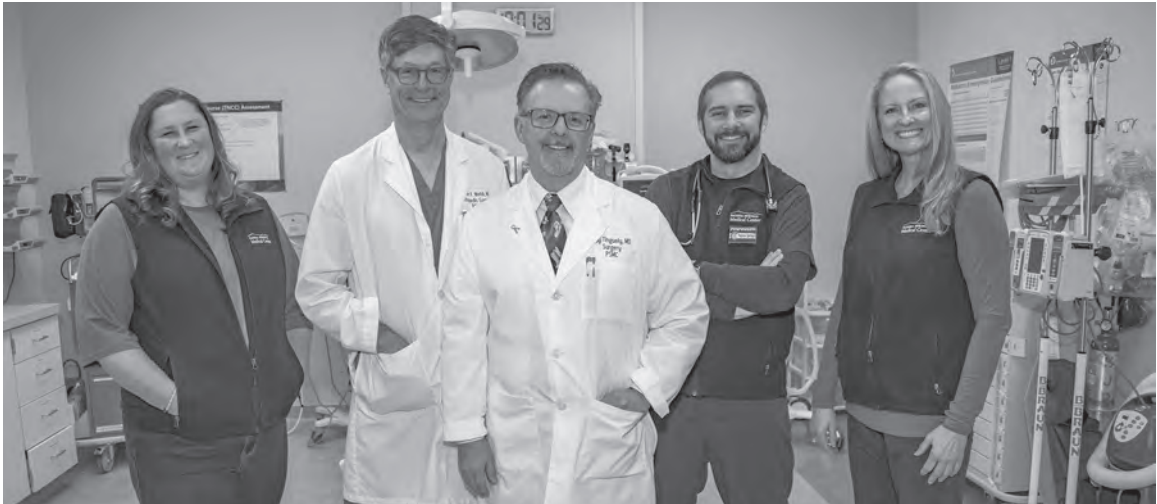
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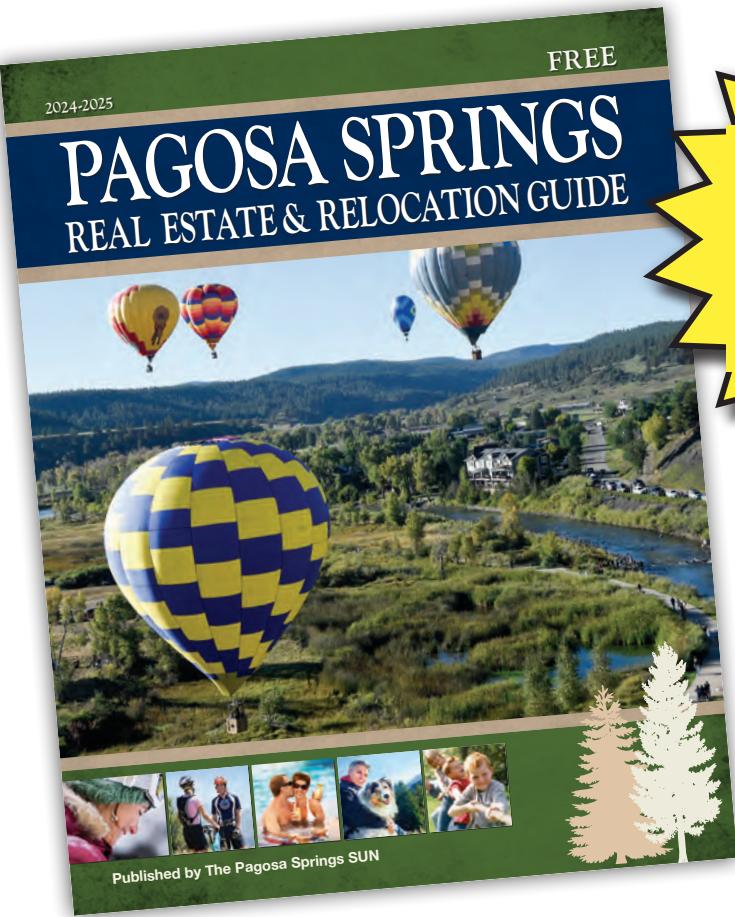
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## ARTS & LIFE

# ‘Pagosa Country’

7 p.m. • April 19 • Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts



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Many of the same musicians who produced the well-attended “Tribute to the Beatles” dance concert last April have come back together for another fundraising concert set for this Saturday, April 19, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts — this time, offering a tribute to American Country Music. The dance concert will feature 35 Pagosa musicians, representing some of the town’s favorite bands and vocalists.

# ‘Pagosa Country’ fundraising concert set for April 19

By Bill Hudson  
Pagosa Peak Open School

Thirty-five Pagosa Springs musicians have been rehearsing for the past several weeks, preparing to present “Pagosa Country” — a celebration of country music.

The dance concert is a fundraiser for Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), the community’s tuition-free public charter school authorized by Archuleta School District in 2017.  
The concert, with the theme “Dress Up and Get  
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- Friday  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Jason Rose, 5 p.m.
- Saturday  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Maxwell Miller, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday  
The Springs Resort lodge atrium: Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.


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## Pagosa Environmental Film Festival slated for Saturday

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The film "Common Ground" will be released for worldwide streaming on Earth Day, April 22, just in time for the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) Environmental Film Fundraiser at the Liberty Theater at 6 p.m. that evening.

The public is invited to join in this celebration of the earth.

As part of a "Global Watch Party," we will be viewing the film along with millions of people worldwide. Tickets are \$25 (children under 13 go for free) and can be purchased either at the door on the day of or in advance at our website, [pagosagreen.org](http://pagosagreen.org).

The program will begin with the evocative local film "Pagosa is My Name," written and directed by Darryl Saffer and narrated by Diane Cirksena.

Prior to the films, attendees are invited to participate in other fun activities. All are encouraged to purchase tickets for three exciting door prize drawings; prizes include a framed bird photo by celebrated

local photographer Herb Grover, a home energy audit offered by Paul Kriescher (executive producer of the PBS series "Heart of Building"), and a surprise offering from Terry's Ace Hardware.

Folks can also purchase tasty items from the Earth Day bake sale offerings, which will include spring-time treats.

The GGP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate the community in sustainable agricultural practices by pro-

ducing food year-round using local renewable energy. Our three growing domes in Centennial Park have become focal points for locals and visitors alike, and are symbols of this community's dedication to the health of our planet.

After seven years of weathering, our domes need maintenance. For this effort, we are seeking community support. Individuals and businesses interested in providing that support may contact us at [ggp@pagosagreen.org](mailto:ggp@pagosagreen.org).

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## Concert

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Down," will be performed this Saturday, April 19, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, and will feature some of Pagosa Springs' most popular bands, musicians and vocalists covering a range of tunes made famous by country music stars such as Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Garth Brooks, LeAnn Rimes, Jimmie Rodgers, Morgan Stapleton, Keith Urban, and Brooks and Dunn. You will also find yourself dancing to a few original country songs written by our Pagosa musicians.

Performers include established Pagosa bands — 13th Hour, Alibi Five, Last2Know, On The Edge, Ron and Susan, SoulFire, and Totally Happy Campers — along with some of Pagosa's most entertaining vocalists, including Chris Haas, Lisa Saunders, Gus Palma, Emily Tholberg and Matt Degelman. All the musicians are donating their time and talents to this event.

Tickets — \$40 adult, \$75 couple — are available through [PagosaTickets.com](http://PagosaTickets.com).

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the dance concert will benefit PPOS to help the school carry out its mission: "Developing brave and experienced lifelong learners who contribute to our evolving world."

You can learn more about PPOS at [PagosaPeakOpenSchool.org](http://PagosaPeakOpenSchool.org).



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**The Americana Project** will host Austin, Texas, singer-songwriter Patrice Pike at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Students will open the show. Tickets will be available at the door.

## Celebrate National Volunteer Month with Project Sanctuary

By Heather Ehle Ray  
Project Sanctuary

April is National Volunteer Month, a time to recognize and celebrate those who give their time to make a difference.

At Project Sanctuary, we know firsthand the power of volunteers. As a nonprofit dedicated to serving military families, we rely on volunteers to help us run our six-day therapeutic retreats — life-changing experiences designed to help families reconnect, heal and build a stronger future together.

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But, we can't do it alone. Local volunteers are essential to making each retreat a success, and we invite you to be part of the mission.

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This year's Earth Day celebration is set for Saturday, April 19, in Centennial Park, with booths and activities planned for all ages.

# Earth Day celebration planned for April 19

By Pauline Benetti  
Southwest Organization for Sustainability

The celebration of Earth Day in our town goes back to 2009, when the Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS) volunteers gathered the community for the first time.

In 2025, 16 years later, our community will gather on Saturday, April 19, to pay homage to our home planet.

On the national stage (earthday.org), the Earth Day theme is “Our Power, Our Planet” and is intended to spotlight renewable energy with a goal of tripling the global generation of clean electricity by the year 2030.

Back here at home, our day will begin at 9 a.m. in Centennial Park with booth setup and the mindfulness hour, which will include the opening earth blessing, a sound bath, yoga in the park and a wetland tour with the Riverwalk Naturalist Program.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., activities for young and old will abound — a community tea gathering, World Migratory Bird Day, a poetry slam and open mic, tour of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) Education Dome, a youth art booth, chalk art for children, and the 26 (and counting) community booths that will celebrate our businesses and nonprofits and what they bring to our community.

We will have pastries, muffins, warm breakfasts and coffee for the early birds, and empanadas, cold salads, tamales, small bites and trail mix for later on.

Finally, the day will end as it began, reminding us of the spiritual nature of our celebration drawing our attention to the earth — the reason we came together in the first place. And, new this year, organizers are inviting folks to join in a drumming circle as part of the finale. Bring your

drum.

Before closing, let's take a historical look at Earth Day.

April 22, 2025, will be the 62nd celebration of Earth Day, which began in 1970 with a demonstration by 20 million Americans and has resulted in the passing of legislation.

The Environmental Protection Agency, and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species acts, all came out of this effort — legislation which today is in danger of revocation.

In 1990, Earth Day went global with 200 million people in 141 countries participating. Today, more than 1 billion people from 192 countries participate and the need has never been greater, especially in our own country, once the world leader in protecting the planet's natural resources. Check [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) for more details.

Also plan to attend the GGP Environmental Film Festival at the Liberty Theater on the actual Earth Day, April 22, at 6 p.m. This event brings the new film “Common Ground” to our community. It is a film about regenerative agriculture and its solutions to the environmental crisis we face. Tickets are available at [pagosagreen.org](http://pagosagreen.org).

Our motivation for this Earth Day Celebration is found in these words by Margaret Mead: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

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The annual Good Friday Pilgrimage led by the Pagosa Springs Catholic Community is slated for 2 p.m. on Friday, April 18.

# Annual Good Friday Pilgrimage planned

By Shanna Robb

Pagosa Springs Catholic Community

On Good Friday, April 18, Christians around the world will participate in pilgrimages that prayerfully reflect on the cross that was willingly carried by Jesus Christ.

As in years past, the Pagosa Springs Catholic Community is leading a Good Friday Pilgrimage and the entire community is invited to participate.

The Put Hill Pilgrimage, led by Father Samuel Auta bearing a large cross, will begin at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary, located at 455 Lewis St. It will proceed up U.S.

160 with police escort and end at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church at 353 S. Pagosa Springs Blvd. Water stations will be located along the route.

Those who want to participate are encouraged to carry crosses. Whether walking a portion or the entire route, wearing comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate attire is recommended.

At the conclusion of the estimated two-hour pilgrimage, the community is invited to attend a 4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the prayer garden behind Pope John Paul II Catholic Church. A Good Friday liturgy will take place inside the church starting

at 5:30 p.m.

The Good Friday events are an opportunity for the entire Pagosa Springs community to unite in Christ. For more information, including Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday schedules, visit ihmjp2.org.

# SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

The Sunday service at 11 a.m. on April 20 will be an Easter celebration and potluck. Dress in your Easter attire for our group picture.

## Upcoming events

Save the date for the following activities at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center:

- April 19, 11 a.m.: Book sale. We are releasing our spiritual library books to find a good home.
- April 26: Playshop with Candace Isenberg on “Creating Your Magic with the Elements of Nature.”
- April 28, 6 p.m.: New Moon Drumming Circle at Xanadu. A \$10 donation will be collected.
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# Unitarian Universalists to hear ‘Reimagining Together: Listen, Because Kindness Eases Change’

By De Anna Hoyle  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

With this upcoming Sunday being closest to the day we honor Earth Day, the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship will hold the service “Reimagining Together: Listen, Because Kindness Eases Change,” led by our own Joan Ward. We will have special music by Dave Pettis and Susan Kuhns, and we invite all to join us for this timely offering as we honor Mother Earth in all her glory this season.

The resources for this service are from the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE.org), an

entity within the UU Association that focuses on spiritual grounding and education for earth care and climate justice.

As Unitarian Universalists, we are positioned to be faith leaders at this critical time in our country’s history. And it can feel overwhelming. Where do we start? We run the risk of becoming quick to act without listening to each other and the communities most impacted by climate disruption.

This Earth Day, UU Ministry for Earth helps us deepen practices that put love at the center of our climate justice work, not to avoid acting, but to prepare and sustain us for action.

Join us to explore the power of

listening in justice movements, why it’s important to avoid being “saviors” and instead listen to communities most impacted by climate injustice, how listening is a practice of kindness and how kindness eases change.

Also on April 20, there will be a meditation practice beginning at 9 a.m., and every Sunday at this time. The first and third Sundays hold a shorter practice. The second and fourth Sundays is practice including a dharma talk. We welcome all who want to explore this Buddhist practice or deepen their regular meditation.

Our offerings include Sunday programming each week at 10:30 a.m., two worship-type services the first and third Sundays, a small group sharing circle (second Sundays), and Action Sunday (fourth Sundays).

All these offerings are listed on the current newsletter, which is available online at PagosaUU.org. The fellowship is located at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. We also offer Zoom services the first and third Sundays of the month.

As a welcoming congregation, we work toward inclusivity and justice for all.

# Community United Methodist Church to hold Holy Week services

Community United Methodist Church

As the season of Lent draws to a close, we invite you to walk with us through Holy Week at Community United Methodist Church.

It’s a time set apart to reflect, pray and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

We invite you to join us for the Maundy Thursday service in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. This meaningful worship experience commemorates the Last Supper and Jesus’ commandment to love and serve one another. All are welcome. Come as you are and share in this sacred time this Thursday, April 17, at 434 Lewis St.

On Good Friday, April 18, our sanctuary will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for self-guided prayer sta-

tions. These interactive spaces are designed to help you reflect on the final hours of Jesus’ life through scripture, silence, creativity and contemplation. Come and go as your schedule allows and experience a quiet, personal encounter with the story of the cross.

This year, Holy Saturday and Earth Day fall on the same day. This is a meaningful pairing for us, as we deeply value creation care.

As we sit in the stillness of the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we also celebrate the gift of the earth. Join us at the local Earth Day Celebration on Saturday April 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m in Centennial Park, where we will offer a blessing of the earth as part of our preparation

■ See Services on next page

## Trinity Anglican Church

Come join us for Holy Week services.

Maundy Thursday - 6:00pm  
Good Friday - 6:00pm  
Easter Sunday - 10am

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Easter Week 2025  
Holy Thursday-April 17  
Mass at 7:00 PM at JPII

Good Friday- April 18  
Pilgrimage from IHM 2:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross 4:30 PM at JPII  
Liturgy 5:30 PM at JPII

Easter Vigil - April 19  
8:00 PM at JPII

Easter Mass April 20  
9:00 AM JPII | 11:15 AM IHM  
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# Easter Season Services

Following are the Lent, Holy Week and Easter services that were submitted to The PREVIEW. Events may be submitted to editor@pagosasun.com.

## Thursday, April 17

**Maundy Thursday Service.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Reflections on the Last Supper. Communion will be served.

**Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.** 6 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive.

**Holy Thursday Service.** 6:30 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive.

**Maundy Thursday Liturgy Service.** 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Holy Thursday Mass.** 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

## Friday, April 18

**Good Friday Prayer Stations in the Sanctuary.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Come and go from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**Good Friday Chief Service.** Noon, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive.

**Good Friday Worship Service.** Noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Pilgrimage.** 2 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St. The pilgrimage will proceed to Pope John Paul II Catholic Church.

**Stations of the Cross.** 4:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church prayer garden, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Good Friday Liturgy Service.** 5:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Good Friday Service.** 6 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman

Park Drive.

**Good Friday Service.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive.

**Good Friday Service.** 6 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers.** 6:30 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive.

## Saturday, April 19

**Blessing of the Easter Baskets.** Noon, Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Holy Saturday tradition of blessing a basket containing the food that will be eaten on Easter Sunday.

**Saturday Easter Vigil.** 6:30 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive.

**Easter Vigil.** 8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

## Sunday, April 20

**Easter Vigil.** 6 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Easter Sunrise Service.** 7 a.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive.

**Easter Eucharist Service.** 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Instrumental music, followed by coffee and an Easter egg hunt at 9:15 a.m.

**Easter Sunday Service.** 8:15 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

**Easter Mass.** 9 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Easter Service.** 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Hosted by Grace in Pagosa. A kids' Easter egg hunt will follow the service.

**Easter Sunday Service.** 9:30 a.m.,

Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive.

**Easter Day Service.** 10 a.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 56 Meadows Drive.

**Easter Sunday Holy Communion.** 10 a.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive.

**Festival Eucharist Service with Choral Music.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Easter Sunday Service.** 10 a.m., Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Drive.

**Easter Sunday Service.** 10 a.m., Open Door Church, 110 Trinity Lane.

**Easter Sunday Service.** 10:15 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

**Easter Sunday Service.** 11 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

**Easter Celebration and Potluck.** 11 a.m., SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160.

**Easter Mass.** 11:15 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St.

# Confusion about climate change

Confusion about climate change has been the story line for industry and news outlets since 1959, when then Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, successfully organized the inaugural Earth Day.

Senator Nelson addressed this confusion in a letter to CBS, he wrote, "we were left with the assertion by the Philadelphia Coke Company executive that "money spent on air pollution controls does not produce profit." He continues, "This is important and goes to the heart of the issue because if the polluters can convince the public that it costs too much to clean-up the air and water, they will succeed in passing this problem on to the next generation."

Sixty-five years later, with a president yelling, "Drill, Baby, drill" and an Energy Secretary who simultaneously serves as CEO of a natural gas company, "the polluters" seem to have won control of the narrative in the human story that negatively impacts us all, and yet, keeps us all silent.

Maybe we feel guilty or helpless as "polluters" and don't see a different way than the Coke executive? Those who can afford to make changes make them, while those focused on survival continue to focus on survival.

Attempts to rewrite the story of human destruction are often characterized as antagonistic and anti-American. Representative Boebert

now has a bill to thwart wolf-reintroduction as if she were Superhero to victimized ranchers. For decades, politicians and big business have profited from public confusion and rifts between rural and urban populations. Take back control of the human narrative and your role in it.

This group was formed in an attempt to unify rural and urban populations, to unify the working class with those more privileged. Every voice matters. In the spirit of journalist Howard Zinn, author of "A People's History of the United States," average people will be given a platform to be heard in the telling of their story and climate change. I will be presenting various media and sources, acquired and produced, to educate, inspire, and connect each other as individuals, regardless of socio-economic, political, or religious affiliations.

The destructive impact of industry on nature and humans has been realized since 1957, isn't it time we act with the intelligence specific to our human species and time?

Ecology is the science of relationships. To grow a healthy people and planet, we must examine and heal our relationships to self, each other, profit and planet.

**Those interested in creating a healthy ecosystem here in Pagosa Springs, are invited to meet Friday, April 18th, at the Ruby M. Sisson Library from 4:45 pm to 5:54 pm.**

# Services

■ continued from previous page for Easter, and stop by our table for more information and fun crafts.

Finally, we invite you to celebrate the resurrection of Christ with us at either of our Easter Sunday worship services, at 8:15 a.m. or 11 a.m. Enjoy delicious treats between the services and fellowship in the foyer. Nursery

care will be available, and children are warmly welcomed in the service.

This Holy Week, whether you're a long-time member or a first-time visitor, we invite you to journey with us through the story of Christ, from the table, to the cross, to the empty tomb and into the promise of new life.

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# April is National Garden Month

By Cindi Galabota  
PREVIEW Columnists

Did you know that April is National Garden Month?

The official proclamation, declared by then-Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack in 2015, “celebrates the great American tradition of gardening at home, at school and in the community.”

And, if you haven’t already, April is a great time to start prepping your garden.

Here are 10 tasks to complete in April for a bountiful garden in the summer and fall:

1. Clean up your garden. Remove last year’s dead plants and rake back last year’s mulch. You can shred and/or compost everything except diseased plants.

2. Complete the pruning of your trees and shrubs in and around your garden. Wait to prune your roses until after buds begin to swell to avoid late frost damaging new growth.

3. Test your soil for its pH balance to help you understand the nutrients present within and the type and amount of fertilizer to apply. Your Archuleta County CSU Extension office has soil sampling instructions through the CSU Spur Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

4. Loosen the soil with a broad fork, pitchfork or shovel to improve drainage and aeration, making it easier for plants to grow. This is also a good time to add worms to your soil.

5. Worm castings (worm poop) make excellent manure for your garden. They are neutral in pH and contain plant nutrients that are generally released over the course of several months. Castings can be harvested every three months from a vermicompost bin. Your Archuleta County CSU Extension is offering a vermicomposting class on June 28 where you will learn about the importance of worms in our soils and gardens and will make a worm compost bin to take home. Call (970) 264-5931 to register.

6. While your garden may appear weed-free at the beginning of April, hundreds of weed seeds are likely just waiting for the right conditions to emerge. Adding a fresh layer of mulch to your garden will help keep these seeds from germinating and help smother them if they do germinate. Mulch also conserves moisture, prevents soil splash and reduces soil-borne diseases.

7. The warm spring weather will encourage seeds to germinate and you will want to begin weeding as soon as the plants begin to emerge. It is much easier to remove smaller plants than their larger counterparts.

8. Design and plan your garden layout. Plan your pathways to improve your garden space and efficiency. There are various ways to design your garden, and a well-designed garden can bring you years of beauty and enjoyment.

9. Purchase or prepare your garden journal. Journals are helpful to docu-

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ment your plants’ progress, successes and failures. They can also be used to schedule upcoming tasks and seasonal reminders. There are many journals online that you can purchase, or you can simply buy a notebook and document your observations.

10. Order your Colorado certified and non-GM seed potatoes from your Archuleta County CSU Extension Office. Five varieties of potatoes are available. Visit <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu> or call (970) 264-5931 to learn more and place your order today.

When you have questions, Colorado State University Extension has research-based answers. Contact your Archuleta CSU Extension Office to learn more about gardening in the southwest at <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu>.

*Resources: Yablonski, B. “11 Gardening Tasks To Do in April For a Bountiful Spring Garden.” Epic Gardening, 11 April 2024, [www.epicgardening.com/april-gardening-tasks](http://www.epicgardening.com/april-gardening-tasks); Bogardus, F. “Year Round Gardening: April Garden Calendar.” Colorado State University Extension, 30 March 2019, [sam.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2019/04/march-30-2019-April-Garden-Calendar.pdf](http://sam.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2019/04/march-30-2019-April-Garden-Calendar.pdf).*

### Email list

Do you want to be added to our email distribution list to learn about upcoming programs and the latest resources? Email [cindi.galabota@colostate.edu](mailto:cindi.galabota@colostate.edu) to be added to our list.

Or, to learn more about the many programs, resources and services offered by Colorado State University (CSU) Extension, visit <https://extension.colostate.edu>.

### Seed potatoes for sale

Place your order today for Colorado certified and non-GMO seed potatoes. Five varieties of potatoes are available.

Order by April 30 and pick up your potatoes May 13, 14 and 15 at the CSU Extension Office. Visit <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu> or call (970) 264-5931 to learn more and place your order today.

### Be prepared for an emergency

A “Be Prepared for an Emergency” workshop with Cindi Galabota, CSU extension director, and Lacy Capre, Archuleta County Public Health outreach specialist, is set for 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, at the CSU Extension Building at 344 U.S. 84. This free workshop will cover the best practices for preparing for and recovery from an emergency.

### Field to Freezer Course

Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be holding its Field to Freezer Course on

May 16 and 17 at the CSU Extension building located at 344 U.S. 84.

Trained professionals will teach you how to responsibly care for and process the meat from any big game ungulate in Colorado. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Visit <https://forms.gle/owfhB5R8PTpYYHGGA> to register.

There are limited spots available. Applications are due by May 9.

### Vermiculture workshop

Join Galabota for a fun, hands-on and engaging Vermiculture Workshop. Learn all about the vital role worms play in healthy soils and build your own worm composting bin.

It is set for 10 a.m. on June 28 at the CSU Extension Building at 344 U.S. 84. There is a \$20 materials fee. RSVP at (970) 264-5931 or <https://archuleta.extension.colostate.edu/>.

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered every other month at the CSU Extension office, generally on the third 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) 264-5931 to register.

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



YOU'RE INVITED!

## Easter Sunday

Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time, we'd love to have you with us as we celebrate the true meaning of Easter.

**Date:** Sunday, April 20th  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** 264 Village Drive

Bring the whole family for a morning of worship, hope, and fun! After the service, children are invited to participate in our Easter egg hunt. Don't forget your baskets!

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## 9:30am | April 20

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### Kids Easter Egg Hunt

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# Free Friday fun: Science for kids, Denim Day jeans decorating for teens and tweens

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Youngsters aged 6-10 are invited to Steam Engines, a free science fun session, tomorrow, Friday, April 18, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Also tomorrow, Friday, April 18 from 2 to 3 p.m., is the latest in the Rise Above Violence series of fun, free events when teens and tweens are invited to decorate denim jeans and talk about the history of Denim Day and how denim affects our environment today. All supplies will be provided.

## Lifelong Learning Lectures

Your library's free Spring Lifelong Learning Lectures takes place every Wednesday through May 21 — and note that they are now happening in the afternoons, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

The time change was made from evenings because many patrons said they preferred not to have to drive at night to attend.

As always, these informative and interesting talks will cover a wide variety of topics with talented and knowledgeable speakers:

- April 23 will showcase Karina Guerrero, a financial planner, ex-

# Garden Conversations to begin May 17

Healthy Archuleta

Do you enjoy gardening? Do you like to talk about gardening? Are you a plant geek?

Come join Healthy Archuleta's growing guru at the Pagosa Springs Community Garden starting in May.

Last year's Garden Conversation meet-ups were not only fun, but also educational and enlightening, with lots of "Oh wow; that's a great idea" kind of talk.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is a local community garden maintained by some of your neighbors, located right along the Riverwalk on the San Juan River (right next to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership domes). It is free and open to the public to visit every day.

So, plan to join us this lovely mid-spring season, starting with our first gathering on May 17 from 9 to 10 a.m. Yes, it's only for an hour, but feel free to stay longer and just enjoy being outdoors, listening to the sounds of the San Juan River flowing nearby. Bring a folding chair, a favorite morning beverage and even a snack if you like. Sometimes, someone in the group goes a little crazy and brings freshly baked coffee cake. Nice way



plaining the difference between wills and trusts and much more in an estate planning session.

- April 30 with Kimberley School-ey of the Durango Dementia Coalition will explore what it's like to live well with dementia from a care partner's perspective.

• May 7 with Peggy Bergon will go back into history when Hispanic shepherders expressed their loneliness and artistic talents with arborglyphs carved on aspen tress.

- May 14 will be a Zoom session by Dayton Romero introducing you to AARP Senior Planet live online classes for seniors on many topics from wellness to finance.

• May 21 will highlight the weather expertise of Arleen Prochazka discussing the 2025 monsoon in the Southern San Juans.

Pick up a brochure at your library with more details on all these outstanding talks.

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to start a weekend, right?

Future dates for the Garden Conversations are every other Saturday morning, May 24, June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23, and Sept. 13 and 27. For more information on gardening-related activities in the Pagosa Springs area, please visit the Healthy Archuleta website and check out the calendar of events: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/events--happenings.html>.

Can't wait until May 17 to start talking about gardening? There are still a few spots open in our five-week Seed to Supper Garden Education Course starting Wednesday, April 23. These sessions take place on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. and will be hosted at the local community gardens.

To learn more, visit our website at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/events--happenings.html> or register directly at <https://form.jotform.com/250646054697061>.

To learn more about the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, contact [PagosaSpringsCommunityGardenCo@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaSpringsCommunityGardenCo@gmail.com). There is also an Instagram page: [@Pagosagardens](https://www.instagram.com/pagosagardens/) or <https://www.instagram.com/pagosagardens/>.

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Scenic outlook
- 6 Hoover and others
- 10 Palindromic title
- 14 Playwright Chekhov
- 15 Pronto
- 16 Central European river
- 17 Graphic symbols
- 18 Strangles
- 20 Generosity
- 22 Halloween items
- 23 Breaks down
- 25 \_\_\_ Baba
- 27 Sun follower?
- 28 Wolfish look
- 29 Frida's husband
- 31 Most contrite
- 35 Not to mention
- 36 Broods
- 38 Scrabble piece
- 39 Dave \_\_\_ Band
- 41 Sponsorship
- 42 Scale deduction
- 43 Hymn homophone
- 45 Initials at sea
- 46 Copyright violation
- 50 Metric volume units
- 51 Just too cute
- 54 Giving in abundance
- 56 To no \_\_\_
- 57 Protected, at sea
- 58 Advantage
- 59 Letter before epsilon
- 60 WV senator from 1959 to 2010
- 61 Insolence
- 62 Ethan or Woody

### DOWN

- 1 Colorado resort
- 2 Machu Picchu builder
- 3 Most turbulent, as weather

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- 4 Neighbor of Fiji
- 5 Marin County's San \_\_\_
- 6 Nissan, way back when
- 7 White-faced
- 8 Calendar abbr.
- 9 Some gym helpers
- 10 Rock from outer space
- 11 Poe's middle name
- 12 Helps a hood
- 13 Something to clean up
- 19 A judge, e.g.
- 21 Airport near OAK
- 24 Blood flow blockage
- 25 "Bonanza" bro
- 26 Country singer McCann
- 30 Former voice of Aflac's mascot
- 31 Pension starter?
- 32 Bad thing to be behind

- 33 Like some pickings
- 34 Dick Tracy's gal
- 36 Passes away
- 37 Julia's "Wonder" co-star
- 40 Rabbits' relatives
- 41 Oil company that merged with Hess, once
- 43 Yard borders

- 44 "As I see it," online
- 46 Europe's "boot"
- 47 Defiant response
- 48 Turf claimers
- 49 Belly button
- 50 Meat loaf serving
- 52 \_\_\_-Brite (rhyming toy)
- 53 Zest
- 55 Wyo. neighbor

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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## Online author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks with New York Times bestselling authors continue in April with one more talk for you to watch live on Zoom or via a recording later.

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

Thursday, April 24, at 5 p.m. will feature “The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure and Suspense” with Gregg Hurwitz.

## Paws to Read tomorrow

Friday, April 18, from 2 to 3 p.m., youngsters are invited to share their favorite books with Maple, a therapy dog who love stories, at a free Paws to Read session.

## LEGO play Saturday

Kids aged 6-11 are invited to the free LEGO play on Saturday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours to free build.

## Pokemon Club on Saturday

If you’re aged 6-11 and love Pokemon, this free club is for you. Bring your cards on Saturday, April 19, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

## Brain fitness program Monday

In a special community partnership program, Judy, adult services librarian, is leading an Ageless Grace exercise program at the Pagosa Senior Center every Monday in April from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

It is a brain fitness program consisting of 21 simple exercises designed for all ages and abilities, performed while sitting in a chair. The Senior Center location was chosen so participants have more privacy as they exercise.

## Music fun Monday

Pagosa Unplugged is free from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, April 15, for amateur musicians who would like a safe, supportive, non-bar setting to play, sing or both with other people. For information, contact Susan at (970) 946-3396.

## High school math tutoring

Free high school math tutoring for ages 14 and up takes place Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Registration 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.

## 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.

## Writers Guild

Every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m.,

Ruby’s Writers Guild welcomes writers looking for opportunities, support, resources and camaraderie with other writers at this free gathering.

## Dungeons and Dragons

A community-library partnership is expanding the reach of Dungeons and Dragons for middle school students. They are invited to join friends at the Pagosa Community Initiative (PCI) every Thursday in April from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for a free after-school adventure.

Registration is required. Participants must be in middle school and registered with the PCI after-school programs.

This Dungeon and Dragons program will continue until the end of the school year.

## ESL classes

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners, 5 to 6 p.m. for intermediate and 6 to 7 p.m. for advanced students. Please help us share the word about these classes.

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing the library’s online resources.

No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions, but please bring your device’s charger and passwords with you.

## Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS)

Join Mark or Sally for free PALS sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. No appointment is necessary.

## Activities calendars

Pick up monthly events calendars at the library so you don’t miss any of the free activities available to you and your family.

## Downloadable books

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

## Books on CD

“Broken Country” by Clare Leslie Hall is a reawakened love story. “The Talent” by Daniel D. Addario is a behind-the-scenes look at five actresses competing for a major award. “Beneath the Stands” by Emily McIntire follows two people heading for

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# Pints, Pools, and Paddles 2025

A Community Celebration of Craft Beer, Hot Springs, and the San Juan River

## The Springs Resort

The Springs Resort is excited to host the 10th Annual Pints, Pools, and Paddles Craft Brew Fest, happening May 9 through 10. This event isn’t just a beer festival. It’s a spring tradition that brings our community together to celebrate what makes Pagosa special: mineral-rich waters, craft brews, whitewater adventure, and the spirit of gathering in a place we all love.

## Friday, May 9: Start with Flavor and Fun

Kick off the weekend with a Beer, Chocolate, and Cheese tasting session, hosted by Pagosa’s own Riff Raff Brewing Company. Each session offers an intimate setting where just 30 participants gather to discover the art of pairing craft beer with rich chocolates and carefully selected cheeses.

This experience isn’t just delicious; it’s educational and fun. You’ll learn how the flavors of a well-crafted brew can complement or contrast with sweet and savory notes, deepening your appreciation for both. Whether you’re a seasoned beer enthusiast or just curious to learn more, this event is designed for you.

These sessions always sell out quickly, so be sure to secure your spot early. Two sessions are available, at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., for \$50 per person. Don’t miss

the chance to kick off Pints, Pools, and Paddles in the most flavorful way.

## Saturday, May 10: A Day for the Community

Saturday is the heart of the festival and a perfect chance to gather with friends and family.

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a second-chance romance. “Dream Girl Dream” by Tessa Bailey is a romance featuring two people who are becoming step-siblings. “Nemesis” by Gregg Hurwitz is an Orphan X adventure. “The Paris Express” by Emma Donoghue” is a historical novel about a French railway disaster. “Summer in the City” by Alex Aster is a rom-com set in New York City. “Hang On St. Christopher” by Adrian McKinty is part of the Edgar award-winning series set in Northern Ireland during the Troubles. “Dance on the Wind” and “Buffalo Palace” by Terry C. Johnston are the first two books in the Titus Bass western series. “Advent” by Seth Ring is the first book in the new Exlian Syndrome sci-fi series.

### Large print

“The Second Fifty” by Debra Whiteman is a guide to living well after you turn 50. “Blind Spots” by Dr. Marty Makary explores the effects on our health when medicine gets it wrong. “Girl Falling” by Hayley Scrivenor explores relationships of three friends after a tragic accident. “Betrayal at Blackthorn Park” by Julia Kelly is an Evelyne Redfern mystery. “The Ageless Brain” by Dr. Dale E. Bredesen shares the latest research on how to retain your vibrant mind.

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“Understanding and Applying Self-Defense Strategies” and “How to Draw” are Great Courses DVDs. “Moana 2” is the Disney animated musical. “The Count of Monte Cristo” stars Pierre Niney. “Mom and Dad’s Nipple Factory” is a documentary about how a husband supported his wife’s breast cancer needs. “Grizzly 399: Queen of the Tetons” is a Nature show. “Funny Woman” is set in the swinging ’60s. “The English Patient” won nine Academy Awards. “Jarhead” is an unconventional war story about Marines. “Thoroughly Modern Millie” stars Julie Andrews. “Young Frankenstein” is the Mel Brooks comedy.

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### Quotable quote

“If you have stopped reading fiction, that’s a red flag for potential cognitive decline,” said Richard Restak, a neurologist and neuro-psychiatrist at the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Fiction, he said, “is a challenge to your working memory,” which

has to follow a plot and keep track of characters. Your memory is not as challenged by nonfiction, which lets you skip around and skim, according to this expert on how brains work.

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# Seniors work to take action for future generations

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

As elders of the community, Pagosa Springs' older adults are increasingly sharing their concerns about climate change and actively seeking to leave a legacy of environmental stewardship for future generations.

We are leveraging our life experiences, professional expertise, and a sense of responsibility to contribute to climate action. This involves various forms of engagement, including advocating for policy changes, supporting climate-friendly businesses and volunteering in community initiatives.

A few examples of how Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) supports this essential work locally is through strategies that enable a sustainable and equitable regional food-system through our annual partnership with Terra Walk farm to provide locally grown, organic produce to low-income older adults, the use of compostable to-go containers for our grab-n-go items, and the use of our 42-foot grow dome to support food sovereignty through small-scale agriculture that helps us reduce our carbon footprint and inspire seasonal menus at the community cafe.

We also want to share more about a recent grant we received from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and gather your community-led solutions/ideas that will ultimately provide additional opportunities for older adults and the community to leverage the ASI grow dome for new and exciting programming experiences.

By actively engaging in climate action and sharing our wisdom and experience, older adults are making a significant contribution to ensuring a more sustainable future for all generations.

We invite the community out to celebrate Pagosa's own Earth Day celebration to be held in Centennial Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and to learn more about the legacy efforts our elders are organizing here in Pagosa Country. We will also be providing tasty, nutritious snacks and coffee for your enjoyment during the event.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing more about our leadership efforts, volunteer opportunities, and programs and services.

For more information, please contact ASI at (970) 264-2167.

## Third annual Southwest Food and Agriculture Summit features grow dome project

On Wednesday, April 2, ASI Executive Director Rosa Chavez, MPH, presented on behalf of the Southwest Colorado Region 9 Grow Dome Partnership that supports senior center food sovereignty in four of the five counties in Region 9, using Archuleta

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County as a case study.

Food sovereignty is defined as the right of peoples to have healthy and culturally appropriate food, produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems. It emphasizes local control over food production, distribution and consumption, prioritizing the needs of people and communities over corporate interests and global markets.

The Pagosa Senior Center, Ignacio Senior Center, Silverton Senior Center and Ute Mountain Ute Senior Center were all recipients of funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 distributed via the Colorado State Unit On Aging through the regional San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, which funded phase one of the projects, including the purchase of the grow dome infrastructure, supplies and a modest salary for a professional horticulturist.

Unfortunately, ARPA funds were terminated abruptly in September of 2024, but this unplanned challenge allowed the group to pivot and more proactively collaborate by putting in a joint application to CDPHE with the support of the regional food system nonprofit out of Durango called the Good Food Collective.

The partnership received notification of our funding award from CDPHE in March, and regionally we have begun a planning process, lasting between April and June, to engage the community around solutions and ideas to further leverage the grow dome for new and exciting programming. The grant also has an implementation phase that will be from July 2025 to June 2026.

ASI's first outreach event locally will be at Earth Day on April 19 in Centennial Park to gather input from community members, and we look forward to being at other local events to solicit input.

ASI is inviting volunteers to assist with the Southwest Colorado Region 9 Grow Dome Partnership effort locally here in Archuleta County. If you're interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact ASI at (970) 264-2167.

## Community spring and April birthday celebration

The Senior Center is excited to continue to host monthly seasonal and birthday celebrations for community members of all ages.

Fostering social bonds between older adults and community members of all ages is vital. Celebrating the spring season with small gestures of connection and compassion can

significantly improve emotional well-being, reduce loneliness and promote a sense of belonging among our community.

If you have an April birthday and/or want to join in a low-key, informal spring celebration, come join us Thursday afternoon, April 17, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. in the dining hall at the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

We'll have treats, games, music and opportunities for meaningful connections. Come experience Pagosa love and help us build and strengthen systems of community care. Our community celebrations at the Senior Center are intergenerational, so everyone is welcome.

Supplies are limited and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so arrive early. For more details and updates about these monthly events, please visit our website, [www.psseniors.org](http://www.psseniors.org), or call (970) 264-2167.

## Caregiver support group

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our first caregiver support gathering last Thursday.

If you are caring for a family member or friend with physical/mental disability, emotional health needs or cognitive decline, this group was created for you.

Note: This group is not limited to only caregivers of older adults. Caregivers of all types are welcome. This group offers a safe, welcoming space for caregivers seeking connection, empathy and encouragement. Whether you're looking for understanding during difficult times or just need a community to lean on, we're here for you.

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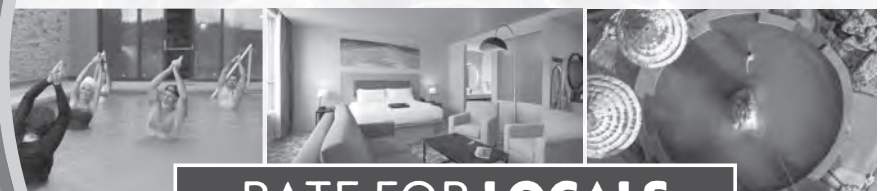


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These sessions will also offer educational resources to grow you in the knowledge and skill to strengthen self-care, to care for your loved ones and empower you to navigate your role as a caregiver, one day at a time. Dates for the monthly caregiver support gathering in 2025 include: April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

All meetings will be held at the Community Center in the West Conference Room (except the August gathering will be in a local park) from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

If you have questions or would like to be added to our announcement list, please contact Yeun Fiedler at (970) 946-5810 or Madeline Sutton at (970) 507-1574.

## No t'ai chi chih in April

The Senior Center offers t'ai chi chih with accredited instructor Patti Popovich to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

This activity will be paused for the month of April and will resume in May. We apologize for any inconveniences.

For more information, call (970) 264-2167.

## Scrapbooking and crafters club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking and Crafters club continues to hold monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., within the dining hall in the Senior Center.

This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, and we invite all creative individuals to come and share ideas, connect with new and old friends, learn/share creative 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.

Help us create an intergenerational community. Those ages 18 and older are welcome. For those youth age 17 and younger, we kindly request an adult chaperone accompany them.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your request to copenhagencreative@gmail.com and you will receive notification each month of the upcoming meeting, along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking and more.

## Stretching and mobility class

Community members are invited to attend free weekly classes every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

The stretching and mobility classes for older adults (age 55 and up) are designed to help build balance in the body through functional exercises

that aim to improve mobility and flexibility.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of techniques that can help enhance overall movement efficiency.

Though not necessary, a mat is recommended for this class.

The program is instructed by local ballet dance instructor Dee Pitchon, who will provide modifications to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the exercises.

## Bingo

The Senior Center continues to host free community bingo games twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming bingo dates include April 18, May 9, May 23, June 13 and June 27.

Bring yourself and a friend for an hour of joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes from local businesses for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required. Help us create an intergenerational community.

All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone. Seats are first come, first served.

For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.

## Senior Conversations

Join us Mondays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn.

Salmansohn brings to our conversations a variety of topics designed to stimulate discussions within a safe and comfortable environment as we explore our well-being and shared experiences.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with others living within the Archuleta community for friendship and togetherness.

Snacks will be provided.

Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, is a get-together created for those who wish to continue the conversation. This opportunity is typically from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., following Senior Conversations.

The group occasionally reconvenes as an informal gathering at various local restaurants.

## Share lunch Monday through Friday

Open to all. 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.

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.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

## Community Cafe menu

Thursday, April 17 — New England clam chowder, oyster crackers, broccoli, garden salad, pistachio fruit, salad and milk.

Friday, April 18 — Greek chicken with lemon potatoes, orzo salad, garden salad, strawberry shortcake and milk.

Monday, April 21 — Butternut squash ravioli with sage butter sauce, wilted spinach and onions, garden salad, fruit, almond croissant and milk.

Tuesday, April 22 — New Orleans sausage and corn chowder, southern biscuit, garden salad, fruit, tapioca pudding and milk.

Wednesday, April 23 — Chicken Dijon, quinoa rice, peas and pearl onions, garden salad, apple pie and milk.

Thursday, April 24 — Beef spaghetti, garlic bread, broccoli, garden salad, fruit, vanilla yogurt and milk.

Friday, April 25 — Crispy codfish with tartar sauce, glazed carrots, garden salad, fruit, strawberry rhubarb crisp and milk.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation

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## Text reservations

Don't forget that we offer a convenient texting service for you to communicate with us. Text us at (970) 264-2167. When texting, please include your name, phone number and the days you want a meal. If you are canceling a reservation, please include your name, phone number and the days you want to cancel.

Texting services are available for dine-in meal reservations, Grab-n-Go meals and Meals on Wheels recipients.

## Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair.

Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

## Medicare call by appointment

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## Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center. This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

## Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

## Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

## Board vacancies

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## SMOKING AND ITS RELATION TO DEMENTIA

With Dementia being in the top 5 causes of death, its causes and risk factors need to be determined. If it can be avoided or slowed down in any way it behooves us to know how.

Today's excerpt provides important information. In 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) published a report entitled "Tobacco Use & Dementia," based on a comprehensive scientific review of tobacco use, exposure to secondhand smoke, and incidence rates for all types of dementia, including Alzheimer's.

The report found that smokers have a 45 percent higher risk of developing dementia than non-smokers, and concluded that 14 percent of all Alzheimer's cases worldwide may potentially be attributed to smoking. These risks hold true across nearly every income level and geographic boundary—including US, China, India, and Latin America. Smokers with dementia also die earlier than non-smokers with dementia.

Smoking is thought to cause dementia by the same biological mechanisms as its contribution to coronary artery disease, cerebrovascular disease, and stroke, namely by promoting the following three pathological processes:

Increasing total plasma homocysteine, which is a known risk factor for stroke, cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's, and other dementias

Accelerating atherosclerosis in your heart and brain, which deprives your brain cells of oxygen and important nutrients. Arterial stiffness is associated with the buildup of beta-amyloid plaque in your brain, which is a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease

Oxidative stress, excitotoxicity, neural death, and inflammation that may directly or indirectly be related to brain changes seen in people with Alzheimer's

Source: "Smoking Is Major Factor in Alzheimer's Disease." By Dr. Mercola. <http://www.mercola.com>

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## ‘THE WIZARD OF OZ’

PREVIEW photos/Randi Pierce

Scene ... taking a trip over the rainbow during Pagosa Springs High School’s production of “The Wizard of Oz.” Students presented the classic tale five times April 9-12.





# Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the bufflehead.

What does this diving duck that spends little time on land have in common with a familiar woodpecker? It might surprise you to find out that the answer is they both nest in tree cavities. This small duck is just the right size to nest in old woodpecker holes, and almost always in those drilled by northern flickers. They are so reliant on the cavities built by these woodpeckers that the bufflehead's breeding range is limited by the distribution of flickers.

Buffleheads compete with green-winged teal for the distinction of being the smallest duck species on the continent. They have large, round heads and small bills. Males have a large, white patch on their otherwise iridescent purple-green head and a white body with a dark back. Brownish females are distinguished by a white patch on their cheeks.

Soon the buffleheads that are here now will be leaving for their breeding territories dominated by ponds and small lakes in boreal forests of Canada and Alaska. Flying under cover of night, many females will return with their mate to the same tree and same hole where they nested last summer.

Arriving at the breeding territory where they were born, nonbreeding females fly around in groups, checking out cavities that may be available for nesting the following summer and noting their locations. Larger cavity-nesting ducks like goldeneyes and mergansers are too big to squeeze through the hole made by a flicker, but mountain bluebirds, tree swallows, starlings and the flickers themselves compete for use of these cavities.

Bufflehead pairs are mostly faithful to each other for several years, a behavior unusual in ducks. Once incubation by the female begins, the male departs to molt, but the pair can reunite during winter. Within 36 hours of hatching, young must climb up the inside of the nest cavity and jump to the ground. Although the female doesn't feed her young, she does watch over them and broods them at night. When the chicks are only 5 to 6 weeks old and still too young to fly, the female abandons them.

With more than 300 bird species regularly breeding in the boreal, this area is known as "North America's Bird Nursery."

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

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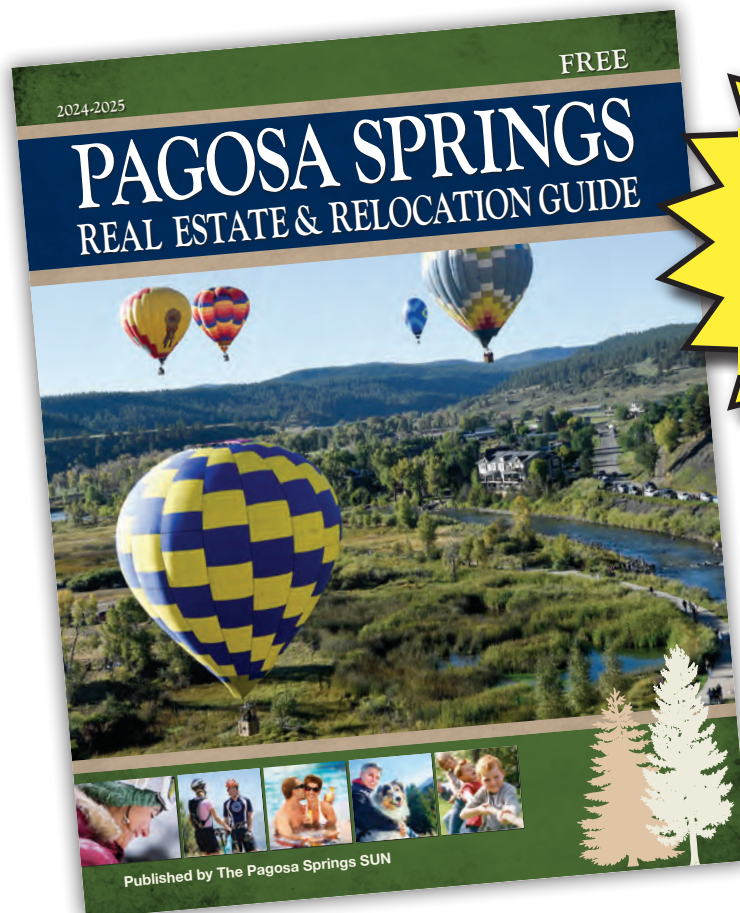
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# Leaving this place with dignity

By **Betty Slade**  
PREVIEW Columnist

I told my writer friend we need to finish strong. We can't quit writing. Someone needs our words to give them courage to fulfill their lives. We should be living our days for others, hone our craft and keep doing what we've been called to do. We will know when it's time to let go and move over for someone else.

I always purposed to be like Grandma Moses, who had paint under her fingernails as she painted her last watercolor on the day she died. I could see myself finishing strong, flying out on wings and meeting Jesus in the sky. What a day that will be.

After living this past year, pulled through a keyhole, I asked the Lord to please let me leave with a little dignity. Dignity? I went to Google. The definition says, "In simple terms, dignity is the quality of being worthy of respect and honor, often shown through a calm, serious, and controlled manner. It's about recognizing the inherent worth and value of every person."

When is it time to let go? This is a question we all face as we become older. People in the public's eye, for instance in government, who dye their hair purple, start singing and cursing and spewing out hate are no longer relevant. They have lost their dignity. They've lost their purpose and have stayed too long. And the problem is, no one has the heart to tell them. Would they listen? Probably not. They have too much to lose, they think.

How can people turn loose of where they are? They can't give up to someone else what they've worked for their whole lives. If they give away their place, they will have nothing to fill it. I wonder if that is why people stay too long and can't let go. They hang on to their pride and lose their dignity. Their pride won't let them quit and end up with nothing. Quite the opposite. I have found, the more I pour myself into others, the more I have to give.

People hang on because it's their lifeline. I understand. I have made wonderful and fulfilling friendships all over the country. Somehow the words I write have a certain ring and

## Artist's Lane

*People hang on because it's their lifeline. I understand. I have made wonderful and fulfilling friendships all over the country.*

resonate with them. They respond and give me a reason for my purpose of living. They make my life complete. I'm not ready to let go of these lifetime friends. I'm not ready to give up writing. But, please, have the heart to tell me when it's time. Hopefully I will listen.

I have learned as I have grown older that only the Lord can give us dignity. Everything else is self-serving and self-preservation.

I perused the book of Ecclesiastes and man's labor, which Solomon describes as "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." In the last chapter, he warns the youth to remember their Creator.

"And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find acceptable words, and what was written was upright—words of truth."

He writes about the process of growing old in beautiful imagery. He warns the youth, "Before the difficult days to come, and the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them' ... In that day when the keepers of the house (hands) tremble, and the strong men (legs) bow down. When the grinders (teeth) cease because they are few, and those that look through the windows (eyes) grow dim...Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all" — Ecclesiastes 12 (NKJV).

Final brushstroke: Living in these last days has changed how I look at things. I thought I'd have a lot of gusto and my accomplishments would be my legacy. That isn't important any more. Giving the people I love respect, compassion and mercy should be my goal. I will be measured as to how I treat others and how I lift them up to complete their lives. This is man's all. This is called dignity.

Send your comment to [bettyslade.author@gmail.com](mailto:bettyslade.author@gmail.com).

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

## Thursday, April 17

**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.

**End of Life Education.** 1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Sam Conti, counselor, will speak about how to help and support people in the grief process.

**Community Spring and April Birthday Celebration.** 1:15-2:15 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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## Friday, April 18

**Indoor Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

**Good News Club.** 1:15-3:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A weekly club for kids in kindergarten through the fourth grade where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. For more information, email Frank and Connie Porter at ceflittl-kids@gmail.com.

**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. Read with Maple, a therapy dog who loves stories.

**Decorate Denim Day with Rise Above Violence.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Decorate denim jeans and talk about the history of Denim Day and how denim affects our environment today.

**Steam Engines.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Science fun for ages 6-10.

## Saturday, April 19

**Fly-fishing Basics.** 9 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Bible Church. Put on by Pagosa Bible Church. For more information, call (303) 828-6386.

**Earth Day.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Centennial Park. There will be an early mindfulness hour from 9-10 a.m. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., visitors can enjoy a variety of activities.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program to assist with the healing process, regardless of how long it is since your loved one passed. For more information, contact Marie Rasco at marierascoe67@gmail.com or Centerpoint Church at (970) 731-2205. You can also register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

**LEGO Play.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to free build. Contact the

library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**Pokémon Club.** 12:30-2:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Bring your cards to battle against others who love Pokemon too. No experi-

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**‘Pagosa Country.’** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A celebration of country music featuring 35 Pagosa Springs musicians. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$75 for couples and are available at [pagosatickets.com](https://pagosatickets.com). The event is a fundraiser for Pagosa Peak Open School.

## Monday, April 21

**Indoor Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven’t attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

**Brain Fitness and Mobility.** 10-10:45 a.m., Senior Center. For anyone 21 and older.

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

**High School Math Tutoring.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Math tutors are available for ages 14 and up. Registration is required.

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

**Archuleta School District Master Planning Advisory Committee.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library.

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

**DivorceCare/DivorceCare for Kids.** 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program that provides a safe environment for people who have gone through, are going through or are considering divorce and features experts on divorce and recovery topics. DivorceCare for Kids is for kids 5-12, with topics mirroring the adult sessions. For more information, email Jim Shook at [jshookup@gmail.com](mailto:jshookup@gmail.com) or the church at [admin@centerpointpagosa.com](mailto:admin@centerpointpagosa.com). You can register online at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

## Tuesday, April 22

**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.

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to

computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring your device charger. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library’s online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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**Men’s Fellowship.** 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

**Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Environmental Film Fundraiser.** 6-9 p.m., Liberty Theater. A live screening of the film “Common Ground” will follow the showing of “Pagosa My Name” by local filmmaker Darryl Saffer. Tickets are \$25 (free for children under 13) and will be available in advance or at the door. To learn more about the organization or secure tickets, visit [pagosagreen.org](http://pagosagreen.org).

## Wednesday, April 23

**Indoor Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross

Aragon Community Center.

**Introduction to Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Register on the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation page at <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog>.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It’s a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 1-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn the key differences between a will and a trust, how to protect your assets and the steps to create a lasting legacy for your family.

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

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

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

**12th Annual Push-Up Challenge Blitz.** 5:30 p.m., CrossFit Pagosa. Join Rise Above Violence for the 12th annual Push-Up Challenge. This in-person 20-minute push-up blitz is open to individuals or three-member teams. Set a goal, gather pledges and push for a purpose. All proceeds support local survivors of sexual violence. All fitness levels are welcome. Registration is \$25 (includes swag and prizes). To register and learn more, visit [www.riseaboveviolence.org/saam2025.html](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org/saam2025.html). Questions? Call or email Annie at (970) 264-1129, ext. 4 or [annie@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:annie@riseaboveviolence.org).

## Thursday, April 24

**Ruby’s Writers Guild.** 9-11 a.m., Sis-

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**Seminar: Environmental Health with Dr. Terry Root.** 12:30-2 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The topic will be "Climate Change: Our Power, Our Planet."

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**Online Author Talk: Gregg Hurwitz.** 5 p.m., virtual. "The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure and Suspense" with Gregg Hurwitz. For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

**Curtains Up Pagosa 'Matilda' Auditions.** 5:30-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School band room. Candidates will present a 30- to 60-second monologue and 30- to 60-second song. All community members are invited.

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## Friday, April 25

**Indoor Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

**Craftapalooza.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson library. Join for a variety of crafts for all ages and abilities.

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## Saturday, April 26

**Be Prepared for an Emergency.** 9 a.m., CSU Extension, 344 U.S. 84. CSU Extension Director Cindi Galabota and Archuleta County Public Health Outreach Specialist will teach a workshop covering best practices for preparing for and recovering from an emergency.

**Fly-fishing Basics.** 9 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Bible Church. Put on by Pagosa Bible Church. For more information, call (303) 828-6386.

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Church at (970) 731-2205. You can also register and learn more at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball.** 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs vs. Centauri doubleheader.

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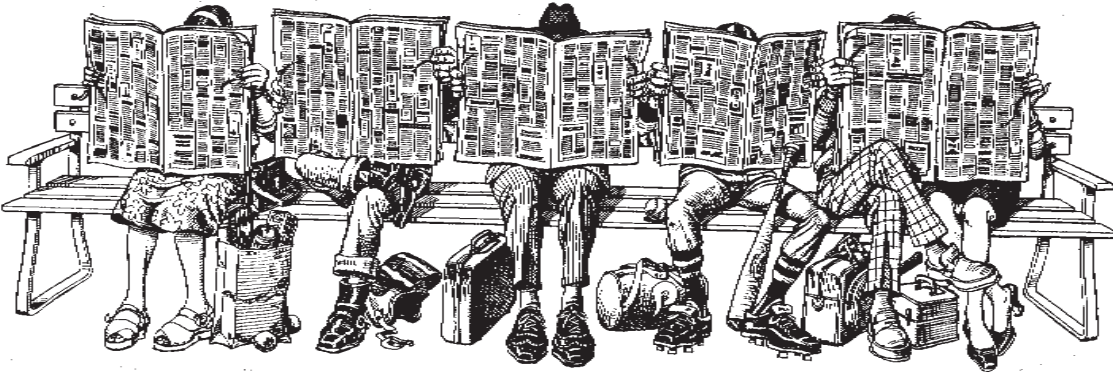
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**Knitters Circle.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join new or experienced knitters to get help with your project, or sit and knit.

## Monday, April 28

**Indoor Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

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

**Women's Fellowship Book Study.** 9:30-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

**Pi Beta Phi San Juan Alumnae Club Luncheon.** Noon, Victor's Sushi. Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the alumnae club and honor Founders' Day and the club's Golden Arrows, women who have been a member of the sorority for 50 years or more. RSVP to Carole Howard.

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

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

**DivorceCare/DivorceCare for Kids.** 6-7:30 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A 13-week program that provides a safe environment for people who have gone through, are going through or are considering divorce and features experts on divorce and recovery topics. DivorceCare for Kids is for kids 5-12, with topics mirroring the adult sessions. For more information, email Jim Shook at [jshookup@gmail.com](mailto:jshookup@gmail.com) or the church at [admin@centerpointpagosa.com](mailto:admin@centerpointpagosa.com). You can register online at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

## Tuesday, April 29

**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.

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the

latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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

**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.

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

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

**Men's Fellowship.** 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

## Wednesday, April 23

**Indoor Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

**Introduction to Pickleball.** 8:30-11 a.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Register on the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation page at <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog>.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 1-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn the key differences between a will and a trust, how to protect your assets and the steps to create a lasting legacy for your family.

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

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

**12th Annual Push-Up Challenge Blitz.** 5:30 p.m., CrossFit Pagosa. Join Rise Above Violence for the 12th annual Push-Up Challenge. This in-person 20-minute push-up blitz is open to individuals or three-member teams. Set a goal, gather pledges and push for a purpose. All proceeds support local survivors of

sexual violence. All fitness levels are welcome. Registration is \$25 (includes swag and prizes). To register and learn more, visit [www.riseaboveviolence.org/saam2025.html](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org/saam2025.html). Questions? Call or email Annie at (970) 264-1129, ext. 4 or [annie@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:annie@riseaboveviolence.org).

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**Ballots will be mailed in mid-April. If re-elected, I promise to protect your family budget... and our water future.**

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# Tips to foster positive attitudes in kids

Special to The PREVIEW

Great parents provide children with tools to help them grow and develop into successful adults. These tools often include healthy meals on the table, opportunities to hang out and socialize with friends, a good education, a feeling of safety and security, and much more.

Yet some parents may overlook another key resource that could lead to a happier and more successful life: positivity.

According to Informed Families/The Florida Family Partnership, a positive attitude is an important attribute for children to develop and maintain.

A positive mindset can help kids feel more confident and capable. A positive attitude also may assist kids when they're faced with adversity and stressful situations. Some people are naturally glass-half-full types, while others may need a little reassurance to embrace a positive attitude. A positive attitude is marked by optimism, enthusiasm and a sense of possibility.

A child does not need to brim with positivity all of the time. Sadness,

shame and guilt can help individuals process difficult times and show they are human.

Pressure to think positively all of the time and be constantly cheerful can turn happiness into a burden, according to Danish psychologist and researcher Svend Brinkmann. Rather, parents can teach kids to accept all emotions and process them in healthy ways while encouraging positive thinking.

Here are some ideas for get started:

- Help others. Helping others through volunteerism can help children learn to associate doing positive things with feeling good about oneself. It is hard for children to be in a bad mood when they see the smiles on the faces of people on the receiving end of their compassion and support.
- Be a good role model. Children learn many behaviors from watching and listening to their parents. Children who see Mom and Dad bouncing back from setbacks and exhibiting a willingness to give things another try are more likely to do the same.
- Brainstorm other options. Chil-

dren tend to see things in black and white. The adults in their lives can help them see ways around obstacles rather than just throwing in the towel. One option is to set small goals that are achievable so they can celebrate small successes rather than aiming entirely for the end goal.

- Surround oneself with positive messaging. Listening to music, reading books or watching movies with positive messages can reinforce positive affirmations and thoughts. It's easier to maintain a positive attitude when that's all you know.
  - Practice affirmations as a family. Life throws challenges at everyone, but some supportive words along the way can make all the difference. Big Life Journal, which offers tools for parents, teachers and counselors to help kids grow up confident, says affirmations like "I am enough" or "I am kind" can change attitudes. And everyone should remember failing is not always a negative. Failure can be the first step toward learning an important lesson.
- Fostering a positive mindset in children may take a little time, but it can be achieved and ultimately pay numerous dividends.

# Creating a quiet room

Special to The PREVIEW

Home, for most people, is a sanctuary that offers comfort, familiarity and a place to gather with family and friends.

Although home can be a welcoming place, with so many people in the average household humming along from day to day, it may not always be the most serene setting.

From teenagers playing video games to video meetings in a home office to dogs barking at the postal worker doing daily rounds, there are plenty of potentially distracting sounds in and around a home. Lawn care workers with their mowers and blowers also may contribute to ambient noise. A dedicated quiet room can be beneficial for anyone, and most especially for people who experience sensory issues.

## What is a quiet room?

A quiet room is a space where a person can enjoy peace and quiet in a distraction-free environment.

According to designer Rachel Cannon, "a quiet room is a sanctuary from the stimulation and overwhelm that we encounter every day."

A quiet room may go by various names, including a mindfulness room or cozy cove, but the common goal is to remove as many sensory distractions as possible so that an individual can disconnect from the outside world and reap some calming benefits.

According to School Specialty LLC, an education resource provider, schools are now providing quiet rooms

for over-stimulated students, and homeowners can take similar cues to create these relaxing retreats at home.

## How to create a quiet room

The first step in establishing a quiet room is to identify a location that is far away from the main action of the household. A bedroom, basement, nook in the garage or even an attic can be a good spot for a quiet room.

Soundproofing the space can make it even more inviting. Sounds will bounce off of walls and floors, but acoustic panels can help muffle noises. If acoustic panels are not in the design plan, thicker draperies, wallpaper, carpeting and wall art can help counteract echoes and noise infiltration. Soft furniture also can absorb sound.

Small rooms work better as quiet spaces, as such areas can feel more cozy. Less is needed to decorate the space if it is on the smaller side. Bring in warm, soft lighting and soft decor. A sound machine playing favorite ocean or natural sounds also can mask outside noises even more.

Establish rules that govern how the quiet space is to be used. When someone is inside the area, they should not be disturbed. If possible, use the quiet room during naturally quiet times of the day. Keep the room stocked with books, journals, crafting items or whatever it is you need to unwind and relax.

Quiet rooms can be special retreats homeowners use to escape the hustle and bustle of a household.



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# Ways to stretch your retirement savings

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Cost-of-living has garnered significant attention in recent years and was one of the key issues surrounding the 2024 presidential election in the United States.

That extra attention is warranted, as a recent Bankrate analysis of data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that consumer prices were 23 percent more expensive in February 2025 than they were in the same month in 2020.

Rising consumer prices have been a cause for concern among people from all walks of life, but retirees might be among the most vulnerable to such increases. Lacking a desire to return to the workforce or opportunities lucrative enough to make such a transition worthwhile, retirees may be looking for ways to stretch their retirement savings.

The following three strategies may help seniors do just that:

1. Seek the help of a financial planner. Some seniors may see working with a financial planner as another expense at a time when they're trying to cut costs, but such professionals can provide a notable return on investment. Financial planners can help seniors currently navigating complex financial waters without a compass direct their resources toward low-risk vehicles that can grow wealth with the goal of ensuring a rising cost-of-living does not drain existing savings and leave seniors destitute. Even incremental growth can help combat inflation, and financial planners can identify options that promote growth while limiting risk.

2. Take up gardening. People from all walks of life have lamented rising

grocery bills in recent years, but seniors are not helpless against rising food prices. The Economic Research Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates food prices will increase by 2.2 percent in 2025. Retirees are uniquely positioned to combat those increases, as many have the time and space to grow their own foods at a fraction of the cost of buying the same items at the store. Though gardening requires an investment of time (to learn the trade) and money (tools and a landscape adjustment, if necessary), it's possible to recoup such initial costs rather quickly. A 2021 report on the website Greenhouse Today estimated that a single tomato plant, which in 2025 typically can be purchased for less than \$10, can yield 20 to 30 pounds of tomatoes, producing somewhere between 20 and 90 tomatoes (size of the tomatoes will affect total yield). Grocery shoppers know that one pound of store-bought tomatoes is likely to cost around \$5, give or take a dollar or two. In this example, seniors can save a substantial amount of money by growing their own food at home. Seniors can even join gardening groups where each member grows a particular food and then yields are shared among the group, leading to even more savings over time.

3. Request generic medications. The cost of medication is not fixed and is often vulnerable to changes in governmental policies. However, it's fair to note that many seniors spend thousands of dollars per year on medication. Seniors can request generic alternatives to brand-name medications. The health care experts at Humana estimate generic drugs cost 80 to 85 percent less on average than brand-name drugs. That's a

considerable cost savings, and that advantage could prove even more significant if policy changes increase out-of-pocket medical costs for seniors in the coming years.

These three strategies can help seniors manage their money and protect their retirement savings in an era marked by a rising cost-of-living and an unpredictable economy.

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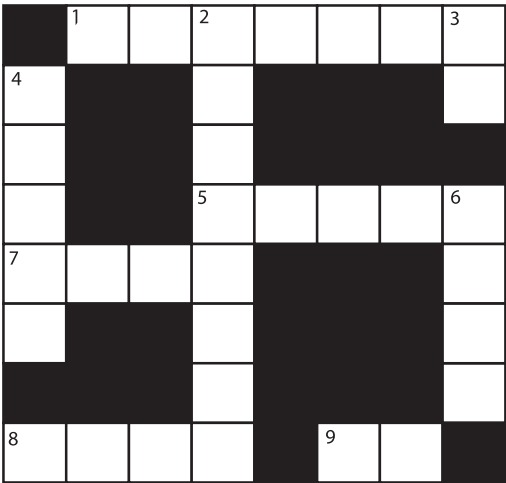
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- ACROSS

1. Where flowers grow

5. Where lawns meet the road

7. A way to leave

8. Green grass

9. Not “down”
- DOWN

2. A response to

3. The lower of the Dakotas (abbr.)

4. Cuts grass

6. Dirt
- Answers:

1. Gardens 2. SD 3. Reaction 4. Down 5. Curbs 6. Mower 7. Exit 8. Lawn 9. Up

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Deadline to apply for Low-income Energy Assistance Program is April 30

By John Rosa  
Colorado Department of Human Services

Eligible Coloradans still have time to get help to pay a portion of their home heating bills.

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

So far this heating season, nearly 80,000 Coloradans statewide have received an average benefit of \$355 from LEAP.

By making a onetime payment directly to the utility company on behalf of each eligible household, LEAP helps Coloradans pay a portion of winter home heating costs so they have more money to spend on other essentials like food, medicine

and rent.

“The choice between heating or eating is real for too many in our communities,” said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. “LEAP-eligible families can get up to \$1,000 in energy assistance depending on the type of heating fuel, household income and other factors. We encourage anyone who thinks they may be eligible for LEAP to apply by the April 30 deadline.”

LEAP recipients may also be eligible to receive furnace repair and replacement in heat-related emergencies and weatherization services pending the results of a home energy audit.

To qualify, Coloradans must have an income up to 60 percent of the state median income, which

is a household income of less than \$78,060 a year for a family of four.

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

To apply for LEAP, visit the Colorado Department of Human Services website at cdhs.colorado.com/LEAP. Online applications are processed through the Colorado PEAK system. You can also call the HEAT HELP line at (866) HEAT-HELP [1 (866) 432-8435] to receive an application via mail or email, or you can visit your county human services office to pick up or drop off an application.

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**EVOLVE GROUP ANNOUNCES** introductory meeting. Friday, April 18, 4:45p.m. to 5:45p.m. at Ruby M. Sisson Library. This group is organized to discuss human ecology and climate change at the global and local level for education, inspiration, and connection for individual action. For more information or questions please contact Jennifer-Rose at (970)507-1760.

**PAGOSA AA:** M-W-F 5:30p.m. Mens' meeting Tuesday 5:30p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at noon. 315 N. 2nd St., County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). Zoom Sunday 10a.m. Zoom Thursday noon women only; ID 858 319 763, password 754 234. Call Kathi (970)946-1482 or Central Office (888)333-9649.

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Members of the Pagosa Springs Catholic Community led an April craft for the residents at Bee Hive Homes on Saturday, April 12.

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Pushing up for survivors

By Phoebe Schroeder  
Rise Above Violence

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and, this year, our community is coming together to uplift survivors — both in spirit and in strength.

On April 23, Rise Above Violence is hosting its annual Push-Up Challenge, a powerful event where participants push their limits to honor the resilience of survivors and raise awareness about the fight to end sexual violence.

This week’s SAAM theme, “Uplifting Voices of Survivors,” is at the heart of why we take on this challenge.

Sexual violence thrives in silence, and by standing together — by showing up, speaking out and, yes, dropping for push-ups — we remind survivors that they are seen, believed and supported.

## Law enforcement and emergency response: leading the charge

Each year, our local law enforcement officers (LEOs) and emergency response teams in Pagosa Springs set the bar high, not just in the number of push-ups they crank out, but in their commitment to supporting survivors.

Their participation in this event is just one way they demonstrate their dedication to fighting sexual violence. More importantly, every day, they serve as key partners in ensuring that survivors have access to justice, safety and support.

“We know that when a survivor comes forward, the response they receive can make all the difference,” said Kaylie Jackson, director of advocacy at Rise Above Violence. “That’s why coordinated community response is so important. This chal-

lenge is not just for awareness, but as a reflection of the real work different agencies do year-round.”

## Expanding survivor support

Beyond law enforcement and first responders, our community continues to grow its support systems. One of the newest additions is the Forensic Nurse Examiner Program at the local health department, which provides critical medical care and forensic exams for survivors.

This program ensures that survivors have access to compassionate, trauma-informed care right here in Pagosa Springs, reducing the need for long-distance travel in times of crisis.

## Join us in the challenge

We invite everyone — athletes, community members, businesses and organizations — to take part in the Push-Up Challenge. Whether you do one push-up or 100, every effort counts. It’s not about strength alone — it’s about solidarity. Every rep is a reminder that we are in this fight together and that no survivor walks alone.

Come show your support on April 23 at 5:30 p.m. The 20-minute Push-Up Challenge Blitz is hosted at Cross-Fit Pagosa at 81 Greenbriar Drive.

You can register in advance online or in person for this fun-raiser event.

Let’s push up for survivors, lift our voices and continue building a community where safety, justice and healing are possible for all.

For more details on the event or how to get involved, visit [www.riseaboveviolence.org/push-up-challenge](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org/push-up-challenge) or contact Annie at [annie@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:annie@riseaboveviolence.org). Together we rise.

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