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Numerous students from the Pagosa Springs Dance Academy took the stage at Pagosa Springs High School over the course of two performances Saturday, May 3, for the program’s annual recital, showing off the dance students’ hard work, skills and award-winning dances. The recital featured the theme “On the Silver Screen.”



# Voluntary drought restrictions in place

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) customers are now under voluntary drought restrictions, signaling developing drought conditions in the area. PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey announced the voluntary restrictions via press release on Monday evening, May 5. The press release explains that the PAWSD Board of Directors approved

the 2018 Drought Management Plan on May 17, 2018, with that plan setting trigger points for voluntary drought procedures and four mandatory drought restriction stages from low through severe. The trigger points for the voluntary drought restrictions, according to the press release, are any one of the following:  
1. A curtailment order on Four Mile Creek prior to May 1.  
2. A maximum snow water equivalent  
■ See Drought A8

# PAWSD election results to be announced

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Preliminary results of Tuesday’s Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District election are expected by the close of business on Thursday, May 8. Results will be posted to www.PagosaSUN.com when received and will appear in the May 15 issue of The SUN. Five candidates, including two current board members, ran for three open seats. The two current board member candidates include Alex Boehmer

and Gene Tautges, with the other candidates being Bruce Jones Jr., Carl Young and Christa Chagra. According to PAWSD Programs Manager Renee Lewis, PAWSD was slated to overnight ballots to Public Alliance LLC for counting, with preliminary results expected by the close of business on May 8. Public Alliance LLC is the designated election official PAWSD contracted for the election. The successful candidates will join fellow board members Bill Hudson and Glenn Walsh.  
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# Commissioners move toward stakeholder process for admin building

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Tuesday, May 6, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) took two steps toward building a new administration building. The BoCC unanimously approved a resolution allowing the county to complete the purchase for property on Cornerstone Drive for purpose of building a new county administration building, and took a step forward in

holding a stakeholder process to help inform the planning for that building. The BoCC voted to approve a purchase and sale agreement with Pagosa Partners I Inc. for the purchase of the property at 2901 Cornerstone Drive on March 18, but County Manager Jack Harper indicated the resolution up for consideration was requested by the title company. He added the seller also had to do one. According to the resolution approved  
■ See Building A8


# Town hires communications agency for proposed sales tax increase

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

On April 15, the Pagosa Springs Town Council authorized Slate Communications, a Colorado-based public relations agency, to provide communications services related to the town’s funding needs for its sewer system and related improvements. The town is exploring a ballot issue that would ask town voters to increase the sales tax (in town only) to create a new revenue stream to pay

for critical infrastructure repairs and upgrades to the town’s aging wastewater system. Town Manager David Harris explained that the search for a communications agency was spurred by the need to “tell the story of our sewer system,” adding that town staff chose Slate “because they know us,” referring to past work the agency has done for the town. “Every community, every decision, every service has a story behind  
■ See Tax A8

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## OUR VIEW

### We need to be resilient

It feels like we've had quite a few conversations lately about a number of different topics (construction, economy, wildfire, drought and more) that have a common thread — the need for our community to be resilient, and the need to support one another as a community.

Many are stepping up to explore our downtown area to show their support to help our local businesses stay strong through the ongoing road reconstruction, shoulder season for tourism and economic uncertainties, and we hope more will soon realize we have some pretty awesome things available all over town. In addition to frequenting our favorite establishments, we'll also be setting out soon to shop for some birthday gifts, and we're excited to see what's new in our local stores since we were there last.

We also need to be resilient because of where we live.

Many are drawn to the area's beauty, but we have to keep in mind that beauty comes with risks and we need to be ready year-round to respond quickly to conditions, whether that be a heavy winter storm that has knocked out power or dry lightning that leads to a wildfire.

Despite this week's wonderful rain and snow, we live in a fire-prone environment, and we need to be ready for fire, just like in the winter we need to be ready for snow.

Coincidentally thousands in Pagosa Country also experienced a power outage

this week due to what La Plata Electric Association reported to be caused by a "wildlife encounter."

According to the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), just under half of all Coloradans live in the wildland-urban interface and are at risk of wildfire.

The good thing is, we can all take steps to be more prepared for the expected, making us more resilient as a community and putting us in a position where we can hopefully help others who are not able to be as resilient.

May is Wildfire Awareness Month, as proclaimed by Colorado's governor, and the CSFS notes via a press release, "It is imperative that Coloradans who live in and around natural vegetation and are most at risk of wildfire take actions to prepare for wildfire."

As we reported last week, fire potential for our area is forecast to be above normal.

The CSFS and local fire and fire mitigation officials encourage the following actions to prevent wildfire risk:

Regularly clear leaves, pine needles and other debris from your deck, roof and gutters.

Rake and remove pine needles and leaves 5 feet from your home.

Store firewood at least 30 feet from your home, preferably uphill, and never on or under your deck.

Move items under your deck or porch to a storage area.

Prune branches hanging over your roof

and within 10 feet of your chimney.

Remove flammable material within 6 vertical inches of your home's siding.

Mow grasses to 4 inches or less within 30 feet of your home.

Clear brush, shrubs and other plants within 10 feet of propane tanks and gas meters.

Screen attic, roof, eaves and foundation vents and wall-in areas below decks and stilt foundations with 1/8-inch metal mesh.

The CSFS, and local officials, also encourage being ready to evacuate in the event of a fire, with the CSFS offering the following tips:

Make an evacuation plan for people and pets.

Prepare a go-bag and disaster supplies kit.

Sign up for emergency notifications from your local office of emergency management.

Ensure home address signs are visible from the street.

Identify at least two ways out of your neighborhood and a safe place for you to go.

Practice evacuating your home with your family and pets.

Create a family emergency communication plan.

Together, we can be resilient and build a stronger community in this beautiful place.

Randi Pierce

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 8, 1925

**The Archuleta County Boosters Club** held its first annual meeting at the court house Tuesday evening for the election of a board of directors, which will have complete control of the administration of the affairs of the organization under the constitution and by-laws adopted recently.

The board of directors will soon hold a meeting, at which time plans will be completed for the publication of an advertising folder, devoted exclusively to the tourist and investment attractions of Archuleta county and adjacent territory, all property illustrated and containing maps indicating all points of interest, the main highways and mileage distances. Preparations will be rushed for the first edition, consisting of 10,000 copies, which should bring wonderful results for the coming tourist season.

**John P. Lynn, late purchaser of the Springs property**, arrived yesterday by auto from his home at Pawhuska, Okla., to make a personal inspection of his holding with a view to probably temporarily making sufficient repairs to maintain the hotel and bath houses during the current season.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 5, 1950

**A statement in the nature of a warning** to all water users in the San Juan Basin was issued this week by E.D. Peters, the court-appointed Referee. He cautions farmers, stockmen and others, whose claims for water have not previously been adjudicated by the Courts, that they must file claims and support such claims by testimony before the proceedings are closed this coming fall. Failure to take such steps, Peters warns, may result in the loss of the use of water by those who are now enjoying it.

**Word was received** here this week from MGM studios that the picture "Vengeance Valley," which had been scheduled to be filmed here, will not be made in this locality.

The reason given by location officials was the inability of the company to get its equipment here in time to use local cattle before they were turned out on the forest for the summer. The movie was originally scheduled to be filmed here starting May 15.

The location officials were high in their praise of the scenery here and the cooperation of local residents.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 8, 1975

**Officials of the San Juan Lumber Co.** say that recent plans call for the whistle to be blown for the start of the mill some time next week. The stormy weather has delayed the opening beyond what had originally been anticipated. Higher lumber prices are encouraging to all mill operators.

**Snow continues to pile up** on Wolf Creek Pass with the total Tuesday morning 781 inches for the winter. More snow has fallen since that time and an 800 inch snowfall for this winter now seems to be a definite possibility.

**A recommended building permit system**, plus some building regulations, has been proposed by the County Commissioners. The proposal was made after a recommendation was submitted by the Upper San Juan Regional Planning Commission.

One of the main reasons for the proposal is various requirements of newly enacted land use legislation. This legislation provides that all building in a flood plain must be regulated or no flood insurance can be obtained. Unless such flood insurance is obtainable no builder, or owner, is able to borrow money from normal lending sources.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 4, 2000

**Two wildland fires on Tuesday** served as a reminder of the hazards of exceedingly dry conditions in the area.

According to Chief Warren Grams of the Pagosa Fire Protection District, crews responded to two blazes on Tuesday, at opposite ends of the fire district.

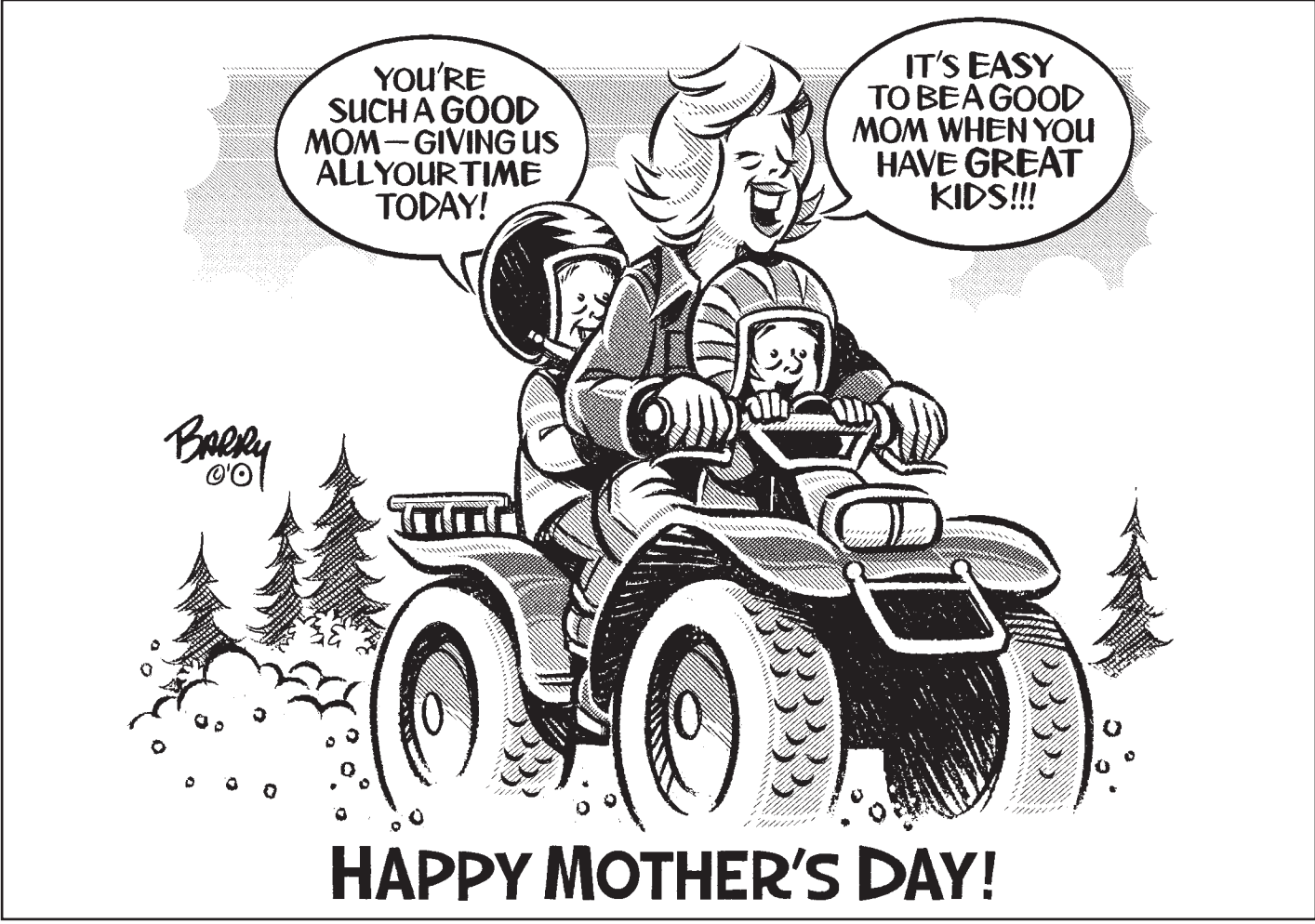
"I'm repeating myself," said the fire chief, "but I've got to warn people again and again not to undertake controlled burns in the afternoon, and that you must have a burn permit for a controlled burn within fire district boundaries. Conditions are starting to get very dry."

Grams said a fire ban is not likely to be imposed in the immediate future. "I don't think we'll see a fire ban within three or four weeks," said Grams, "depending on whether we get any significant moisture. The Archuleta County sheriff is in charge of all wildland fires in the county and, if necessary, he and I will collaborate on a recommendation to the Archuleta County commissioners that a ban be imposed."



From the May 9, 1968, Pagosa SUN — SEEDLING PLANTING — Cub Scouts planted seedlings at Eight Mile Mesa last week. This photo shows Del Gibbs, Den Four, planting a tree. The Webelos, under the direction of Jim Gregg, planted 500 trees in the project.

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## Weather data

Date	High	Low	Precipitation			
			Moisture	Type	Depth	
4/29	58	26	0.00	NA	0.00	
4/30	62	24	0.00	NA	0.00	
5/1	59	28	0.00	NA	0.00	
5/2	66	26	0.02	NA	NA	
5/3	67	29	0.00	NA	0.00	
5/4	63	31	0.00	NA	0.00	
5/5	50	32	0.35	NA	NA	





# Letters

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## LPEA election

Dear Editor:

Please vote for the following candidates for the La Plata Electric Board.

District 1 – Dusty Mars  
District 2 – Brad Blake  
District 3 – Dave Peters  
District 4 – Lyle McKnight

The incumbent board members are selling out the LPEA membership by spending \$200,000 plus to exit our electricity provider, Tri-State. This will, no doubt, raise the cost of electricity to all of us. There is absolutely no good reason for doing so! We have been told that the exit from Tri-State is a done deal. Not so! At the Farm Bureau meeting we were told by the CEO of Tri-State that the last day to get out of the exit of Tri-State is April 1, 2026. We need new and fresh leadership on the LPEA Board. Please vote for the above slate. Thank you!

J. Paul Brown  
Ignacio, Colo.

## Stop the theft

Dear Editor:

Colorado requires taxes to be approved by the people before being collected. Taxation is supposed to be a payment for services rendered. All taxes are theft if you can't opt out.

The local radio station enjoys re-playing the sound bite by a former mayor and chief of police, welcoming visitors to a refreshingly authentic small mountain town.

Pagosa Springs hasn't been a small mountain town since it went from a single traffic light to seven traffic lights. When the single traffic light went away truly affordable housing did too. For 20 years or more, less than half of the properties in town have been owned by the people living in them. There are many factors that have led to a so-called housing crisis. Greed and the desire to turn a home into a cash flow investment being the number one reasons. There is no housing crisis. We have a financial crisis created by the Federal Reserve Bank and their debt-based money system. Liberal folks support and promote taxing our water to pay the PAWS tap fees for developers to build more apartments. PAWS is currently holding a special election for new board members. Did PAWS hold a special election to start charging an affordable work force housing tax/fee to everyone's water bill? That is a resounding NO.

Liberal city folks love what they find in Pagosa and shortly after relocating work tirelessly to turn it into what they left behind. Here is an example. A couple of PAWS board members worked to defeat a tax funded development in town. Then they joined the PAWS board and created a tax funded development scheme of their own to promote affordable work force housing. These liberal interlopers on the PAWS board, will defend this funding scheme as a fee, not a tax. It is an added cost to everyone's water bill that has nothing to do with providing water. I was never asked if I wanted to fund workforce housing. Work force housing is a term straight out of the Communist manifesto. You can't fix stupid. We were paying for a new sewer plant for about three years when an interloper came up with the idea to pump our sewage uphill defying gravity and common sense. Now we have a sewer bill that continues to rise with no end in sight. Liberal interlopers always seem to think they have the answer and want others to fund their schemes. This is not 1950's post WWII. Never ending development is not sustainable.

You can't fix our broken financial system; it has to be gotten rid of. You can't create affordable housing or new home owners by building more apartments in which the rent continually rises. Hopefully the new PAWS board volunteers will stop the work force affordable housing tax/fee insanity. It is unconstitutional and has already been doubled in less than a year.

As a long time PAWS customer stop the theft.

Greg Giehlf

## I'm afraid too

Dear Editor:

Mrs. Ranson, I'm afraid too!

This letter is in response to the recent article, Rep. Jeff Hurd meets

with protesters, commissioners, Volume 117, No. 30, April 24, 2025.

Commissioner John Ranson expressed his irritation and disgust at the planned presence of protesters at a work session attended by Rep. Jeff Hurd. He also shared the fear his wife experiences about coming into town. While he didn't explain the basis of her fear, in the context of the discussion I assumed her fear is of the protesters.

I want to assure Mrs. Ranson that the protests I participated in have been peaceful. In fact, we have been incredibly careful to follow the law of staying on the sidewalks and not blocking traffic. Our only "weapons" are signs, chants, and the American flag. During the recent BoCC meeting with Rep. Hurd, protesters remained silent as the meeting did not permit public comment. Both Rep. Hurd and Commissioner Ranson recognized this peaceful behavior.

I regret that Mrs. Ranson is afraid of her neighbors participating in free speech. While I may be angry, I have no ill will or intent to harm anyone, regardless of their political opinion.

I'd like Mrs. Ranson to know that I'm afraid too!

I fear the angry white men who flip me off during a protest. I fear that someone might drive onto the sidewalk out of anger due to our protest.

I fear the potential withhold of due process from individuals in this country, following the precedent set by the deportation of Kilmer Abrego Garcia.

I fear that my voting rights could be eroded by Trump administration policies based on inaccurate claims of voter fraud.

I fear a loss of voice, rights, and opportunity as a woman due to a rollback of protections against discrimination.

I fear a loss of the right to make choices for myself and my health.

I fear a loss of home and safety due to budget and staffing cuts to forest management in the midst of wildfire risk.

I fear a continued decline in community health due to irresponsible cuts to health care budgets, research, and preventative medicine.

I have other fears I could describe, but I've used up my share of print space and the attention of readers.

Madam Editor, thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion. May we all consider the consequences of our actions both in protest and in remaining silent.

Respectfully,

Melissa Lawson

## Support for Holly Metzler

Dear Editor:

Nicole Pitcher is a member of the LPEA Board of Directors representing District 1-Archuleta County. Under LPEA Policy 122, she is writing in her individual capacity and as an LPEA member. She is not speaking on behalf of the full board.

Vote for Holly Metzler — A Proven Leader for Our Cooperative

I encourage my fellow members of LPEA to cast their vote for Holly Metzler. Holly has been a thoughtful, forward-thinking voice on the Board,

## Letters

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consistently making tough, well-informed decisions that prioritize both current needs and the long-term health of our cooperative.

Her leadership goes beyond just her vote—she brings balance, collaboration, and a deep sense of service to the table. Holly is dedicated to supporting the outstanding employees of LPEA and always keeps the interests of members at the forefront. As a life-long member of our community, she understands the challenges many of us face, and she remains firmly committed to building a brighter, more sustainable future for us all.

Holly Metzler doesn't just talk about change—she works for it, with integrity and vision. A vote for Holly is a vote for responsible leadership and a stronger LPEA.

Nicole Pitcher

## U.S. 160 reconstruction

Dear Editor:

Now that the pavement and very thin base material has been removed, the problems with surface pavement breakup is obvious. The original pavement was placed on the "in situ" (native) material, in other words, no attempt at any kind of base structure drainage was made. In many cases, especially in dry areas, this might be acceptable. However, because of the topography of the hill side, we have ground water "perched". I mentioned this in a letter to CDOT, and the reply was, "we will deal with ground water, when and if we run into it". The problem with this, is that perched water is mostly transient, but while there can do a lot of damage to the pavement... as we have certainly seen over the years. We also know, that although the in situ material is granular, it is composed of unsorted fines that become a barrier to water transport; cause; surface tension. (this is why your coffee grounds don't drain overnight)

The in situ material CAN be utilized, but would need to have the boulders and river stones separated and crushed, the fines washed out, and the remainder sorted by size. This might be a good time to crush and use the wasted concrete slabs at the old spring area, CDOT has a spec for this. However, if the decision is made to pour the new concrete pavement directly on the in situ material, I would highly recommend that it not

■ See Letters A4

# U.S. 160 reconstruction information

May 7-17

### Complex work

The complexity of the utility infrastructure currently under U.S. 160 necessitates continued potholing (small, drilled holes to locate utilities). This work can be slow and meticulous in an effort to not disrupt the current utility network. Once an area is potholed, the survey team follows to map the locations. As a result of this work, the Town of Pagosa Springs will have an accurate plan (these are called as-builts) for future utility repairs.

### Work activity

- On Thursday, May 8, the team will be collaborating with the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District to add an insertion valve to the water line at 1st Street. Valve insertion is the method of installing a permanent valve on an existing main line without interrupting water service to that pipe. Alternating single-lane traffic and the potential for intermittent full stops under flagger control will be in place. Delays up to 15 minutes should be expected.

- Underground water utility work has been rescheduled for next week in the 100-200 block of Pagosa Street. The first week will consist primarily of boring the current service lines under the south-side travel lanes. In order to decrease the chances of rupturing an existing water main on the south side, traffic will be alternating one lane under flagger control. Delays should be expected. Work will continue into the second week of May and will include utility connections.

- Businesses that may experience water service outages on the south side will be contacted by the project team to discuss the scheduled work.

- 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.

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/commercial\\_operators/operations\\_over\\_people](http://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/operations_over_people).

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be reinforced, just make it thicker, Reason, it will be possible to crush and reuse it in the future when it breaks up...and it will.

CDOT and the Feds may be picking up the Tab, but we have to live with the headaches.

Richard Riethmiller

## Learning from the past

Dear Editor:

A letter[https://pagosadailypost.com/2025/04/22/letter-our-president-has-made-worse-mistakes-than-mr-duncan/] from Delilah Morris was recently featured in The Pagosa Daily Post. In it, she argued that Winston Churchill never said, “Those who don’t know history are destined to repeat it,” or anything similar.

I have to disagree with her on that. While she included a couple of links she seems to back her up, Morris appears to have missed some important information. For example, both the International Churchill Society[https://winstonchurchill.org/resources/in-the-media/churchill-in-the-news/folger-library-churchills-shakespeare/] and TeachersCollegesj[https://teacher-scollegesj.org/who-first-said-those-who-do-not-learn-from-history-are-doomed-to-repeat-it/] note that in a 1948 speech to the House of Commons, Churchill said, “Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it.”

You can find a slightly different wording on Virginia Tech’s College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences website, where an article[https://liberalarts.vt.edu/magazine/2017/history-repeating.html] quotes him as saying, “Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” There’s even a source that (probably incorrectly) [https://fixquotes.com/quotes/those-who-dont-know-history-are-destined-to-19212.htm] attributes “Those who don’t know history are destined to repeat it” to Edmund Burke.

What’s absolutely certain is that George Santayana, in his 1905 book The Life of Reason, or The Phases of Human Progress, wrote, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” But whether Churchill said anything similar remains a subject of debate among historians.

I’m no historian myself, and I’m not trying to be one. Since this discussion is still ongoing, it’s probably best not to jump to conclusions based solely on claims from either side.

While researching, I came across a quote that really stuck with me: “Do not be fobbed off with mere personal success or acceptance. You will make all kinds of mistakes.” Although it’s not as famous, Churchill wrote this in his book My Early Life. It remains relevant today—no one gets everything right all the time, and we’re all bound to make mistakes now and then.

It doesn’t make sense to dismiss everything someone says just because they’re wrong about one thing.

Interestingly, Morris’s own example of a Chinese scholar illustrates

this well. When that scholar spoke out for free speech[https://previewmiaoshu.lxiezuo.com/aa/745d6e3e-556e-6489-680c-67e372491b71], most people agreed.

But when he called for lifting bans[https://previewmiaoshu.lxiezuo.com/aa/9043a5c5-da33-a864-d61a-3d730dc0ab0d] on first-cousin marriage—and even sibling marriage—you can bet fewer people were on board.

Scott Rodriguez  
Denver, Colo.

## Consequences of minor violations

Dear Editor:

Have you ever had a ticket for speeding? For sliding through a STOP sign? A charge dismissed by a court? If you had any of these experiences and you are a foreign student with a valid visa to study in the US, you may expect to be arrested and sent home.

A search of records of over one million foreign students flagged about 6400 (0.6%) that had encounters with the law. Most were for minor infractions, some of which were dismissed in court. Steps are underway to terminate visas for these students and deport them. Cancelling, as well as simply threatening cancellation, of student visas will have an immediate and direct effect on our university system, which has been the envy of much of the world for nearly a century.

There are currently over a million foreign students in the US. They come here because a degree from a US university is valued over most other universities. Many foreign students pay tuition that helps to support our universities.

The high international esteem of our universities helped us to attract many of the brightest students in the world. No country has benefited as much as the US from the “Brain Drain.” We are so lucky!

Some foreign students return to their home countries where they become ambassadors for the US. All of my foreign PhD students stayed in the US where they hold important positions in the pharmaceutical industry.

Foreign graduate students in science and engineering are sought after by our large state universities because these students are essential to university education and research missions. Graduate students in science and engineering, both domestic and foreign, usually receive a stipend and tuition waiver. These financial incentives are a reward for their contributions to the university missions.

Foreign students account for 50-75% of all science and engineering graduate students. Why do our universities admit so many foreign graduate students? My wife and I mentored 20 PhD students in chemistry. Only four were domestic students. The other 16 were foreign. Although we preferred to have more domestic students, they simply were not available. Studying science and engineering is much like farm work. Few Americans want this kind of work.

Graduate students in large universities are essential to their education mission. A typical large university enrolls 1000-2000 students in general chemistry. Graduate students teach

small lab and problem-solving classes. Fewer graduate students will likely lead to limiting enrollment in general chemistry, which will likely extend the time required to obtain an undergraduate degree.

That is, it may take 5-6 years to complete a bachelor’s degree simply because enrollment in key science classes has been limited due to the unavailability of graduate teaching assistants.

Cancelling only a few student visas for minor offenses has shattered our image as the preferred venue for a university education. If it continues, it will limit enrollment in science and engineering classes and it will reduce our competitiveness in innovation, research and invention.

David Smith

## Trump interview

Dear Editor:

I’m probably not the only person who finds watching a TV interview with our president too cringe inducing to sit through. I fear that even people who still claim to support him cannot stand to watch and will remain unaware of just how bad it really is. As a public service to all who have checked out because it’s too horrible, let’s touch on some of the highlights from Sunday’s Meet the Press presidential interview.

Our president states he doesn’t know if he must uphold the Constitution. He did take an oath to do that — twice — but, whatever. He also doesn’t know if everyone living here deserves due process, because he’s not a lawyer (perhaps check out the Constitution?). He’s leaving that up to Pam Bondi, our esteemed Attorney General who recently bragged (read: brown-nosed) that, because of President Trump, 75% of the US population were prevented from dying of fentanyl overdoses in the first 100 days of his presidency. Amazing! (She did no bragging about due process)

Our president is still blaming Joe Biden — the bad parts of the economy are Joe’s fault and good parts are the Trump economy. He neglected to elaborate on the latter. He went on to assure us that kids don’t need so many Christmas presents — they can do with 3 dolls instead of 30 and 5 pencils instead of 250. Ivanka must have had a lot of dolls and pencils for him to come up with these numbers, but really — if Bernie or AOC had said something like this we would be hearing: Marxist! Communist! Unrestrained capitalism and infinite economic growth requires not just consumption but overconsumption.

When asked if there would be tariff relief for small businesses he got testy, asking “why to do always mention that?” and stated they would make a fortune because of the tariffs. Speaking of fortunes, our president plans a North Korean style military parade for his (and the Army’s) birthday. The Army will suck up the \$45 million bill, which “could potentially impact funds used for training” (NBC news). He also plans a \$100 million renovation to the White House for a big beautiful ballroom, financed by donations (read: bribes). Is this bloat? Where is

DOGE on this?

Regarding bribes, and moving on from the interview, our president has introduced a fourth crypto coin. The earlier meme coin, \$Trump, regained value when the top 220 buyers were offered a White House dinner and tour. No one knows who the buyers are, which is the apparent attraction of crypto. This is presidential graft right in our faces — but who really understands crypto? Criminals, that’s who.

And for all his talk about bringing investment to America, he is investing in (big beautiful) Trump properties in Dubai and Jeddah. Also Mumbai — actually 19 foreign countries. Never mind the hypocrisy, is this even ethical? But let’s be real, ethics has never been one of our president’s strong suits. (PS. He thinks he’d make a good pope).

Lee Stophor

## Slow down

Dear Editor:

We need traffic calming in our neighborhood and all around Pagosa Springs. Locals are constantly complaining and posting on social media about others who drive dangerously and are speeding, even taking pictures and trying to turn them in to the sheriff. We have had some horrific fatal accidents in the last few months. I drove by several on the 160.

We live in a nice, small neighborhood in uptown by the lakes. Holiday Avenue, our 1-mile-long road, starts up by Piedra and crosses Park Avenue.

At some point, the county made Holiday Avenue a “throughway.” That means it is a shortcut to the lakes area from downtown and can be used by all vehicles, including county, state, and private business construction vehicles, such as concrete trucks, front loaders and other tractors, dump trucks, and lumber delivery. The list goes on and on. We also have locals and visitors who use our roadway continuously. We had no idea when we bought this home that we would experience traffic to this extent. We have no sidewalks or trails, and there are families with children. Residents try to walk their dogs. It can be dangerous. We have posted slowdown signs all along the road to little effect.

The speed limit is 25 mph. The speed limit on Piedra is 35 mph. The speed limit on Park Avenue is 25 mph in our area and goes up to 30 mph at some point. Almost all drivers speed past the limit. We have been trying for four years and have asked the county many times to find a way to provide traffic calming in our area. We have given them many ideas, such as painting SLOW DOWN on the road, installing speed bumps, and other ideas. I am sure we are not the only ones. We feel that until drivers are held accountable for their speeding, it will not stop.

There is little thought given by the drivers on the road to the impact speeding and loud noise have on our lovely little neighborhood. We are asking that, no matter where you live, please be more aware of the impact your driving has on the neighborhoods in Pagosa Springs and the surrounding areas. Please slow down!

Carl and Laurah Young

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## Firewood permits available for San Juan National Forest

U.S. Forest Service

Firewood permits are now available for purchase through a new online e-permit system or in person at U.S. Forest Service offices and with

local vendors.

Permits may be purchased by computer or mobile device at any time, eliminating travel to your local Forest Service office.

Permits purchased online must be

printed on paper and carried to the field to be valid.

Each permit costs \$20 and allows firewood cutters to gather 2.5 cords of dead and downed firewood from the San Juan National Forest for personal use prior to Dec. 31. Each household may purchase additional tags for up to 10 cords of firewood per year.

A cord is the amount of tightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet high by 4 feet wide by 8 feet long.

Firewood cutters are required to have their chain saw equipped with an approved spark arrester when cutting wood and it is recommended they carry an ax or shovel.

Additional information on wood cutting regulations can be found at



## Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership thanks the community for attending our Earth Day Showing of the

film “Common Ground,” our generous local sponsors, those who donated door prizes, the volunteers who supplied our bake sale. This fundraiser will support the maintenance effort required by our three domes. Visit pagosagreen.com.

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# Business

## Parking, opportunities available to support downtown businesses

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

With the U.S. 160 construction project in full swing, the community will be hearing me sound like a scratched record repeating the same information or message.

And it may not be a message everyone wants to hear.

We need to try harder to support our downtown businesses. I was disappointed to hear, yet again, from a resident that “there wasn’t parking, so I just said forget it.” I will beg to differ with this resident.

Unfortunately for the businesses, it is not a busy time of year. Therefore, there is parking downtown and the traffic flow is no where near bad. I would challenge you to try harder.

However, perhaps many people do

not know where there is parking so you can shop or eat downtown. Let’s review the parking. The overlook “one-way” parking is open for two-hour parking. Lewis Street is open for two-hour parking. There is parking at Town Park, with three lots available. There is parking in Mary Fisher Park. There is parking in Bell Tower Park. Those are all pretty close locations to just walk up to the highway and shop or eat.

OK, yes, you do have to walk farther than if you were to park on the highway. OK, yes, there are only two access points at either end of the 400 block of Pagosa. OK, yes, you do have to expend a little more effort in order to support our downtown businesses. As you move east of town, many of those businesses have parking, so there is no extra effort required on your part. What can you do to commit to coming downtown and supporting our

businesses? Can you commit to eating downtown once a week or even once a month? Can you ease off on the Amazon purchasing and select a unique gift from one of our downtown stores?

The businesses will be gearing up for summer and the expected tourists that will continue to shop and wander downtown. However, now that it is a slower time of year; now is your opportunity to support our downtown merchants.

Reconsider where you are shopping. We have Mother’s Day, graduation, May anniversaries and birthdays coming up. Purchase a gift certificate or gift for these events.

There are lots of opportunities for you, your business, your book club, your organization, your walking group, your study group — your anything — to make a little extra effort to help support our neighbors

and friends. Please consider and be thoughtful where you are spending your hard-earned dollars. These hard-earned dollars will go a lot further if you spend them in Pagosa and, right now, if you spend them somewhere downtown.

As a reminder, there will also be the monthly Cone Zone meeting for downtown businesses and anyone interested in the reconstruction project on Monday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. This month the meeting will be held at Mountain Pizza and Taproom at 175 Pagosa St.

We will be discussing the project, of course, as well as trying to finalize some of the incentive programs that we would like to unveil in the next month. We need the input from the business community, so please respond to the Chamber/Main Street survey and get ready to work on some shopping incentive programs.

## Archuleta County receives ‘A’ for air quality

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County was named one of the cleanest counties in the nation in terms of ozone air pollution in the American Lung Association’s “State of the Air” 2025 report.

The 26th annual nationwide “State of the Air” report was released on April 23 and is available at [lung.org/sota](https://lung.org/sota).

The report grades exposure to unhealthy levels of ground-level ozone air pollution (also known as smog), and year-round and short-term spikes in particle pollution (also known as soot) over a three-year period. The report looks at the latest quality-assured air quality data from 2021-2023.

“Families across the U.S. are dealing with the health impacts of air pollution every day, and extreme heat

and wildfires are making it worse. Air pollution is causing kids to have asthma attacks, making people who work outdoors sick, and leading to low birth weight in babies. This year’s report shows the dramatic impact that air pollution has on a growing number of people,” said Harold Wimmer, president and CEO of the American Lung Association, via a press release on the report.

According to the report, nearly half of the people living in the U.S. breathe unhealthy levels of air pollution.

In total, the report finds that 156 million people (46 percent), 25 million more than last year’s report, are living in areas that received an “F” grade for either ozone or particle pollution. Extreme heat and wildfires contributed to worse air quality for millions of people across the U.S.

A press release on the report notes

that both ozone and particle pollution can cause premature death and other serious health effects such as asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes, preterm births and impaired cognitive functioning later in life. Particle pollution can also cause lung cancer.

The press release notes, “Extreme heat and wildfires contributed to the increase in ozone levels for many parts of the country, most notably in central states from Minnesota to Texas.”

### Archuleta County results

Archuleta County received an “A” in the report, with no high ozone days recorded between 2021 and 2023.

It is one of two counties in Colorado to earn the designation, alongside Mesa County.

Within Colorado, 23 out of 64 counties could be graded for at least one measure of air quality, according

## National Historic Preservation Month: Preserving our past, shaping our future

Pagosa Springs Main Street Heritage and Culture Committee

Each May, communities across the country celebrate National Historic Preservation Month, a time to recognize and reflect on the places, stories and traditions that shape our shared history.

Here in Pagosa Springs, our history is more than a collection of old buildings or black-and-white photos; it’s a living, breathing part of who we are. From the geothermal waters that gave our town its name to the stories woven into our historic downtown, the past continues to inform the present and guide our future.

As the Heritage and Culture Committee of the Pagosa Springs Main Street Program, we believe that historic preservation isn’t about freezing time; it’s about honoring the character and culture of our town while making thoughtful decisions about how we

grow.

In a place like Pagosa Springs, where the landscape and architecture blend seamlessly with the stories of those who came before us, preservation helps protect our identity. It ensures that the essence of our community — the quirks, the craftsmanship, the stories passed down through generations — continues to enrich the lives of both residents and visitors.

We’re proud to support projects that elevate our shared history, like the historic downtown audio walking tour, local storytelling initiatives and cultural celebrations. We also align our work with national and statewide efforts like America 250 and Colorado 150, which commemorate important milestones in our nation’s and state’s histories.

Why does this matter? Because places with preserved character draw people in. They create pride for locals and curiosity for visitors. They connect young people to the stories of their

grandparents and help ensure that progress doesn’t come at the cost of erasing what makes our town special.

One of the most meaningful ways we’re preserving our heritage is through our Oral History Project. This initiative captures the firsthand stories of Pagosa Springs residents, especially our elders, whose memories bring our community’s history to life. We invite you to get involved, whether by volunteering to be interviewed, serving as an interviewer, or helping behind the scenes with transcription, coordination or outreach. No experience is necessary — just a passion for local history and a willingness to listen or share.

If you’d like to participate in any way, email Main Street Coordinator Kathleen McFadden at [Kat@PagosaSpringsCDC.org](mailto:Kat@PagosaSpringsCDC.org) or call (970) 264-3023.

When we preserve our past together, we create a more vibrant and meaningful future for Pagosa Springs.

in our approach to strengthen local communities,” said Maria De Cambra, DOLA’s executive director. “This map is a perfect example of this vision coming to fruition to add a new level of transparency to a subject that is often confusing to many Coloradans.”

“The Colorado Property Tax map puts the tremendous power of geographic information systems [GIS] directly in the hands of Coloradans,” added state Chief Information Officer David Edinger. “We are thankful for the joint partnership between the

Governor’s Office, DOLA and our GIS Coordination and Development Program within OIT to solve real-world problems through innovative geospatial cloud technology.”

The Colorado Property Tax Map can be viewed from any device and does not require an account. Visit <https://dpt.colorado.gov/property-tax-map> for more information and to access the map.

A Property Tax Map Help Guide is available at <https://gis.colorado.gov/proptaxmap/?page=Help>.

## State launches Colorado Property Tax Map as source to understand taxing jurisdictions, property tax rates

By Shelby Wieman  
State of Colorado

On Tuesday, May 6, Gov. Jared Polis, the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and the Governor’s Office of Information Technology (OIT) launched a new pilot Colorado Property Tax Map to offer Coloradans a centralized, accessible and reliable source to estimate property taxes and view statewide taxing jurisdictions and boundaries.

This first-of-its-kind map aggregates data provided to the state by local governments and displays historical taxing, parcel and levy information in a way that has never been done, adding context and clarity to an often-confusing subject.

“In Colorado, we have made it one of our top priorities to decrease property taxes for all Coloradans. I am excited to launch the Colorado Property Tax Map tool to take the stress out of taxes by offering a user-friendly map to remove the guesswork for Coloradans,” said Polis.

The map is a great resource for last year’s property tax information. It gives property owners and other interested parties a good picture of value, taxing jurisdictions that collect taxes against their property and what mill levies were in the last year.

“DOLA’s vision is to work collaboratively across agencies to be innovative

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## Pints, Pools, and Paddles 2025

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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.

Combo tickets for all-day soaking and beer tasting are \$99, or you can join the tasting-only event for \$49. Local residents within a 60-mile radius can enjoy a \$39 tasting ticket and add a soaking pass for just \$27 with a valid ID.

Spend the day relaxing in the geothermal pools while watching the exciting Pagosa Paddle Whitewater Races on the San Juan River, just steps from the resort. These races, featuring raft teams, kayakers, and stand-up paddleboarders, are a cherished local tradition. The day wraps up with a lively downriver parade full of costumes and good cheer.

From 3 to 6 p.m., sample craft beers from 28 breweries across Colorado, New Mexico, and beyond. Connect with fellow beer lovers and help crown the winner of the Favorite Brewery Award. Past champions Big Beaver Brewing from Loveland and La Cumbre Brewing from Albuquerque may return to defend their titles, but new contenders could take the top spot.

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Pints, Pools, and Paddles is more than craft beer and soaking. It’s a celebration of our river, our town, and the people who care for both. Proceeds from this event support Friends of the Upper San Juan River, a local nonprofit dedicated to protecting the San Juan River and community parks through education, recreation, and environmental stewardship.

Their work includes hosting community races and whitewater competitions that raise funds for vital projects, like securing public river access south of town and allowing boaters to continue enjoying the beautiful Mesa Canyon stretch.

The Springs Resort is proud to contribute the proceeds from this event to help continue their efforts. When you join us, you’re not just having fun — you’re giving back to the heart of Pagosa Springs.

Whether you’ve lived here for years or are visiting for the first time, this festival is a chance to soak, sip, cheer, and connect with the community. Tickets sell quickly and prices increase as the event approaches. Don’t wait to reserve your spot.

Visit [pagosahotsprings.com](https://pagosahotsprings.com) for tickets and full event details.



# Town council approves special liquor permit for summer ‘sip-and-shop’ events downtown

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

On May 6, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a liquor permit request for the businesses along the north side of the 400 block of U.S. 160 to host “sip-and-shop” events in that section of downtown during this year’s summer months.

Dallas Weaver, owner of Foot Prints shoe store at 456 Pagosa St., first brought the idea, intended to boost business in this section of downtown during the Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT’s) reconstruction project, to the council at an April meeting.

At that meeting, Weaver explained that he was working with other businesses located in that section of downtown on store participation, times and dates for the events.

He suggested that the construction barrier along the sidewalk on the north side of the 400 block, between Goodman’s Department Store and Memory Lane Antique Store, could act as the area where alcohol is allowed, with signage at either end prohibiting alcohol beyond that point.

Development Director James Dickhoff noted that the construction barrier in this section would not be there next construction season, when CDOT moves its work zone to the

south side of the street, so this summer would be a unique opportunity for events in this section of sidewalk while the construction barrier is still there.

Dickhoff explained that “next year, of course, the drive lane will be right on that curb, and there won’t be pedestrian barriers on that side anymore,” which could be a “hazard” to hold events on that sidewalk next summer.

Weaver explained he would like to hold the first event on June 25, from 4 to 7 p.m., and then continue on the last Wednesday of the month in July, August and maybe September.

A special event liquor permit would need to be obtained for this type of event, with the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce offering to apply for the June 25 date as the nonprofit holding the special event permit.

Town Clerk April Hessman said that the Chamber “has graciously agreed to at least use one of their special event liquor permits” for the first sip-and-shop event.

She explained that the event planners would need to find “other non-profits to sponsor” the July and August events, “because you do have to have that” nonprofit sponsor.

The request before the council was not only to approve the special permit, but to also waive the special event permit fee of \$100 per event.

Pagosa Bar, San Juan Eatery, The Overlook and Caldwell’s Bar at the Liberty Theater all hold current liquor licenses within the 400 block, and will have signage indicating no alcohol brought into or out of those businesses will be allowed during the events.

Hessman explained that Police Chief Bill Rockensock told her that he “didn’t have any problems with” allowing the events, but wanted to see how the first event in June goes and that they will adjust enforcement accordingly for future events.

Mayor Shari Pierce wanted to make sure that the event planners coordinate with CDOT about when the sidewalk along the 400 block would be under construction.

“I think we need to make that part of our motion” for approval, “that they reach out to CDOT and coordinate that,” she said.

Council member Leonard Martinez said, “Any initiatives that come from the community, the business community, during this time, I want to acknowledge that they are doing whatever they can, and I’d like to support them ... we gotta give them every opportunity.”

Council member Gary Williams added that he’d like to “approve it for the entire two-year construction period,” so that “they don’t have to

keep coming back to the council.”

Hessman reminded Williams that the barrier would not be there during next year’s construction season and that is why “they want to try this out” this year.

“I fully support trying this out,” at least through the summer months, council member Madeline Bergon said.

She also expressed she wanted to make sure that “we support other businesses in the same way, as the construction moves about and the barricades move about, whether it’s other businesses on the south side or a different block that wants to band together.”

She noted, “I don’t think this should be limited to just this section, and if other people come forward in a similar situation, then we can also work with them.”

Pierce clarified that “this particular item” before the council for a decision only pertained to the 400 block and that other events would need to come back before the council.

A motion was made to approve a special event liquor license on the north side of the 400 block, waive the \$100 fee and for the event planners to coordinate with CDOT on sidewalk closures through September.

The council passed the motion unanimously.

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## Archuleta County Women’s Wellness Connection cancer screening clinic set for May 15

By Ashley Springer  
Archuleta County

The Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) is excited to announce upcoming opportunities for breast and cervical cancer screenings through the Women’s Wellness Connection (WWC) program.

The WWC aims to increase early detection of these cancers, which significantly improves treatment

outcomes and survival rates.

The WWC offers crucial services, including assistance from dedicated clinical nurses. These nurses help guide individuals through the process of receiving the appropriate tests, such as mammograms, Pap tests, and HPV tests, as well as any necessary follow-up care.

“When cancer is caught early, it’s easiest to treat and defeat,” emphasized ACPHD Executive Director

Ashley Wilson. “In fact, nearly all women can survive breast and cervical cancer when it’s found early.”

The next clinic day providing these vital services is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, and the following for June 19. Please note limited appointments are available each month.

Eligible individuals can receive these screenings for free or at little cost. To learn more about the WWC program, eligibility criteria and to

schedule an appointment for the May 15 or June 19 clinics, please call the ACPHD at (970) 264-2409.

Additional information about the WWC can also be found on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/wwc>.

Don’t delay in taking this important step for your health. Contact the ACPHD today to secure your appointment.

## Archuleta County Republican Women to meet May 14

By Karen Griggs  
Archuleta County Republican Women

Join us on Wednesday, May 14, for the Archuleta County Republican

Women’s meeting.

The guest speaker will be Bernadette “Bernie” Lake, an Army Reserve veteran. For 12 years she was an active humanitarian in India working against

human trafficking and running an orphanage. Her first workout session after breast cancer surgery turned viral with 8.4 million views on X because she wore a red “Make America Healthy

Again” hat.

There will be social time and time to order lunch from a special menu at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is from noon to 1 p.m. at Victor’s Sushi, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.



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# Water districts talk ranch management

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) boards of directors discussed the management of the Running Iron Ranch and the results of a March 24 joint work session at their recent meetings.

On April 10, the PAWSD board discussed the ranch, with then-chairman Jim Smith providing a recap of the March joint session.

Smith explained that the group looked at the situation at the ranch and agreed that they would not water at the ranch this year.

He added that, from information he gathered, it appeared that there would be no cattle run this year on the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) property adjacent to the ranch, making fence repairs less urgent.

However, he explained that the group agreed that fencing off certain areas of the ranch to ensure cattle do not damage the irrigation ditches would be valuable.

Smith stated that the weeds on the property need to be sprayed, which he stated would cost about \$4,000 overall.

He added that, if weed spraying was to occur, the district needed to notify Archuleta County Weed and Pest Director Ethan Proud so that he could schedule a time to spray the property.

The board expressed agreement for setting a date to have weeds sprayed, potentially in June.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh pointed out that the property has not been sprayed for several years.

Smith noted that the previous tenants were supposed to spray for weeds as part of their lease to run cattle on the property, but that this had not occurred.

"A lot didn't happen," Walsh said.

PAWSD District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey commented that this decision would have to be coordinated with the SJWCD.

Walsh replied that the PAWSD board could make a recommendation and, if the SJWCD agrees, it could move forward.

Otherwise, they could hold a meeting to discuss the issue, Walsh added.

Smith added that the group discussed letting water go down to ranches lower down on the Park Ditch system since irrigation would not happen at the Running Iron Ranch this year.

Walsh expressed support for this approach.

PAWSD board member Bill Hudson, who was at the joint work session along with Smith, commented that the group agreed at the meeting that fixing the fence is important, but that, with the information Smith found, it likely did not need to be done this year.

Smith commented that fence repairs were not in the budget and that the costs could be up to \$16,000, with a cost of \$5,000 per mile for materials and \$2 per foot for installation.

Ramsey asked how the district wants to approach tearing down a residence on the property that has been attracting squatters.

In response to a question from Smith, Ramsey explained that Andy Weber offered to tear down the building for \$30,000.

Hudson asked how widely the need to hire a company to tear down the house was advertised.

Ramsey replied it was not advertised at all.

Walsh commented that the task should be put out to bid, since it is fairly straightforward.

PAWSD board member Alex Boehmer proposed that the district could offer the house to the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) for it to burn down.

Ramsey explained that PAWSD did this and that the opportunity was turned down.

Walsh commented that it might be done for a price, adding, "I understand that, you would think, in a spirit

of cooperation, it might be done for zero but if the best bid we can get is \$21,000 and the fire department says ... we can do it for ..."

Ramsey noted that the work would involve more than burning the building, including moving the burned material to the dump and filling in the hole left behind.

He added that the PFPD appeared unwilling to do the burn at all in previous meetings, regardless of price.

Walsh noted that the district would likely have material available at the ranch for filling in the house site.

Smith concluded his summary by commenting that the work session was a "good meeting."

PAWSD board member Gene Taugtes noted that bidding for the demolition would also require SJWCD approval.

At the SJWCD meeting on April 14, SJWCD president Candace Jones updated the board on the events of the PAWSD meeting and issues with managing the ranch.

Jones commented that the district needs to understand if there will be any consequences for not irrigating at the ranch this year or any documentation the district would need to complete.


She stated that she does not believe that the district was "opposed in principle" to letting downstream users use water from the ranch, but that the district needs to understand any implications this would have in the future.

SJWCD board member and former Colorado State University Extension agent Bill Nobles pointed out that there would likely be very little water in the ditch this summer due to poor snow levels this winter.

He added that letting others use the water for one year would not threaten the district's water right.

SJWCD legal counsel Jeffrey Kane commented that temporary non-use would not cause abandonment of the right.

Nobles expressed support for allowing others to use the water.




## Hill Top Cemetery Spring Clean-Up

May 19 – June 2, 2025

The spring cemetery clean-up is scheduled for May 19th through June 2nd. Town staff will be at the cemetery raking pine needles, removing broken, spent, and faded decorations from plots, mowing, and weed-trimming.

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The Pagosa Springs Middle School soccer team returned home from the May 3 San Juan Basin League tournament as the league champion after defeating Bayfield (after tying Bayfield twice in the regular season) and Durango (after tying and losing to Durango in the regular season). The team ended the regular season with a 1-1-5 record in what was reported to be an extremely competitive league. The team is now three-time league champions.

## Town's cemetery spring cleanup set for May 19 to June 2

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Other cemetery maintenance includes:

- Removal of T-posts, wood laths, rebar and other marking devices.
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# Drought

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lency (SWE) less than 75 percent of median.

3. Reservoir levels with the addition of diversion flow less than 90 percent.

The press release explains a curtailment order on Four Mile Creek received was on April 30, with the district then implementing voluntary drought restrictions as of May 5.

The voluntary water reduction stage is intended to give the community advanced notice of developing drought conditions and to begin to foster water conservation and voluntary water use reduction with a reduction goal of 10 percent, according to the press release.

It adds the voluntary stage does not trigger the drought surcharge or tier rate multipliers.

PAWSD will implement Level 1 mandatory drought restrictions in the event the reservoir levels drop below 70 percent, it notes.

# Tax

■ **Continued from front**

it. We help you tell it,” states a presentation by Slate at the meeting.

Kristen Knoll, representing Slate, explained that she has worked on similar ballot initiatives in other Colorado communities with “similar communications needs.”

Knoll mentioned a ballot measure to raise the sales tax in the town of Severance to pay for street repairs in that community.

Slate provided the services of messaging, explainer videos, social media strategy, yard signs, direct mail information, website updates and graphics, and other services, but the voters ultimately rejected the measure, she added.

“I see a very similar type of communication needed in Pagosa Springs that we implemented in the town of Severance in November of this last year,” she said.

She then explained more about that project.

“They were looking to go out and ask the community for a 1 percent sales and use tax to fund their road and infrastructure projects,” she said, adding while that measure “failed, it was a good conversation with that community to get them to understand the needs of the community.”

At previous meetings, the council members suggested that part of the messaging strategy would be to portray the sales tax increase as a means to freeze, or even lower, its rates on wastewater customers and portray the sales tax increase in a positive light.

However, Knoll mentioned that in the town of Severance, a similar strategy was tried, but that the voters preferred to have more fees on their bills, “as opposed to the sales and use tax.”

She added, “I just wanted to share that I have some similar experience throughout Colorado with these types of [ballot] initiatives.”

She continued, “I think what’s really important is getting out in front of the community on a regular basis and

The Drought Management Plan can be found at <https://www.pawsd.org/water-service/water-conservation/>.

**Voluntary water conservation tips**

The PAWSD website lists the following water conservation tips:

- “Water grass/landscapes early in the morning or late in the evening to prevent water lost to evaporation.”
- “Water deeply and less frequently to encourage healthy root growth.”
- “Consider installing drip irrigation for landscapes.”
- “Use a broom or rake to clean hard surfaces instead of water.”
- “Ensure your washing machine and dishwasher are full to capacity before running the load.”

**Drought and precipitation**

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, as of May 1, 100 percent of Archuleta County continues to be in

severe drought, with 10.64 percent of the county — the eastern edge — in extreme drought.

Following that date, Pagosa County received moisture over the course of several days, with areas in Archuleta County reporting from 1.11 inches to 2.07 inches of precipitation between Sunday, May 4, and Wednesday, May 11, according to the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS).

CoCoRaHS data shows that a site 1.6 miles south southwest of Pagosa Springs received 1.11 inches of precipitation, which included 0.8 inches of snow.

A site in southeast Archuleta County reported 2.07 inches of precipitation over that time, including 5 inches of snow.

**Streamflow and snowpack**

As of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 7, the San Juan River at Pagosa Springs was flowing at a rate of 411 cubic

feet per second (cfs), it’s lowest point since before the week’s precipitation, according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey.

The data shows that the median flow for that time is 1,020 cfs, with a minimum flow of 192 cfs coming in 2002 and a maximum of 2,650 cfs taking place in 1985.

According to SNOTEL data provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River Basins were at 32 percent of median snowpack as of May 7.

That data shows that the Wolf Creek summit had 11.6 inches of SWE Wednesday, which compared to the May 7 median of 33.9 inches, and is at 34 percent of median.

The nearby Upper San Juan SNOTEL site reported 2.0 inches of SWE on May 7, which compares to a May 7 median of 21.5 inches. The site is at 9 percent of median.

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# Building

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proved Tuesday, following the previous purchase and sales agreement — which includes a purchase price of \$2,525,480 — the county paid \$10,000 in earnest money, with the remainder due at closing on May 9.

“By this Resolution, the Board reaffirms its previous actions described herein and authorizes the purchase of real property having an address of 2901 Cornerstone Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO for the amount of \$2,525,480.00 from Pagosa Partners I, Inc. pursuant to the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated February 10, 2025, and authorizes the Chair of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners to execute all necessary documents to complete said purchase,” the resolution states.

In approving the resolution Tuesday, the county’s interim contract attorney, Lance Ingalls, requested that the formal authorization for the purchase of the property be made subject to the condition that the county attorney review the closing documents, which Commissioner Warren Brown then included in his motion.

Following the vote to formally authorize the purchase of the property, the board considered whether or not to put out a request for proposals (RFP) soliciting a community stakeholder facilitator.

County Manager Jack Harper explained the county previously heard a presentation from a firm, Sagebrush Consulting, about assisting the county through its public process of moving forward with the administra-

tion building.

But, he added, per the county’s procurement policy, he would need to solicit three separate bids, so he was seeking approval or not to put out an RFP for someone to assist in the process.

In response to a question from Brown, Harper noted no one else has expressed interest.

Commissioner Veronica Medina explained that Sagebrush sent it’s proposal unsolicited.

“We didn’t ask for it,” she said. “They sent it forward because they thought it would be something that they would help the county with to move the ... county administration building [for].”

Brown asked if the commissioners had to make the decision then or if they could wait to consider it and put it out an RFP at a later time if the board chose to.

Harper indicated it’s up to the board and the board could wait.

Commissioner John Ranson explained he “could go either way.”

Medina expressed that she would like to put the RFP out.

“We collectively have told our constituents that we were gonna have participation with the public and that we would get their input before we broke ground, before we really push this any further. And to stick by what we said to our constituents, I think it would be a great option to have a facilitator be a part of that so they could help us weed through all of the comments and suggestions from the public,” she said. “As we saw from the first meeting we had, there

was a lot coming at us, and I think that we definitely were not prepared with getting back to them or even having more answers for them, so, in my humble opinion, I think doing an RFP just to see what comes back to us, it wouldn’t hurt to get that information.”

Medina also clarified the firm was told it could resubmit its proposal under the RFP.

The board ultimately voted 3-0 to put the RFP out.

Harper explains in an email to The SUN that it will take roughly 30 days to undergo the RFP process and make a selection.

“Part of what the RFP will be looking for from the consultant selected will be their proposed timeline for the stakeholder process,” Harper wrote.

Harper also explains the county will be going out “shortly” for a request for qualifications for architecture and engineering, explaining that while the architects and engineers will be brought on separately, they will be given the results of the stakeholder process.

Harper explained at the BoCC’s May 6 work session that about 80 employees will be located at the new administration building once it’s built.

It was also noted during conversation on the matter that while the county doesn’t own the plans that were previously floated for an administration building, there may be some opportunity to use some of the previous space planning.

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# Education

## Rotary Club announces scholarship recipients

By Kim Moore  
Pagosa Springs Rotary Club

The Pagosa Springs Noon Rotary Club is proud to announce that it is awarding a total of \$20,000 to three very deserving Pagosa Springs High School students — Hailey Sams, Bella Gutierrez and Peyton Jackson.

Sams plans to attend the University of Colorado (CU) Boulder to obtain her bachelor's degree in political science.

Gutierrez is planning to attend CU Boulder to obtain a bachelor's of science and nursing to become a midwife.

Jackson is planning to obtain a general welding degree at San Juan College in Farmington, N.M.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club also congratulates the entire class of 2025 and wishes each and everyone of the students success in their future endeavors.

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and sponsorships. They have made our local scholarships possible again this year.

## Pagosa Springs Middle School teams in top spots in math league

By Wynnona Buchner and Hazel West  
Pagosa Springs Middle School

*Editor's note: The following was written by Wynnona Buchner and Hazel West, two participants in the FERMI sixth-grade elective. Pagosa Springs Middle School's Terri Lindstrom reported the Pagosa Springs Hexagonal Hamilton Halves — Buchner and West — are tied for first place in the Wall Math League, the Monkey Mathematicians — Ariaeh Archuleta and Lily Vega — are in second, and the Pink Pentagons — Kiara Patel, Merick Halterman and Brooke Anderson — are tied for third.*

The Pagosa Springs Middle School FERMI teams are on a roll. After taking most spots in the leaderboard, we are set to destroy all rival teams.

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Upon interview with some of the FERMI contestants, they said:

"I really liked FERMI. It was fun to make models and learn about the countries that the challenge was based off of." — Vega.

"I think I did really well, but I had some challenges that came with solutions." — Ana Romero Gallegos, Math Girlies.

"I really liked FERMI, it was a great experience to expand on academic culture." — Halterman.

"I think I did really well and it was a great opportunity to use creative skills." — Anderson.

"I really liked Fermi. It challenged my creative skills, but it was fun to think out of the box" — Patel.

"It was awesome." — Tyson Seweol, The Little Fermlets.



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Middle School

The Hexagonal Hamilton Halves — Wynnona Buchner and Hazel West — are one of Pagosa Springs Middle School's sixth-grade FERMI math teams.



Photo courtesy Clifton Lee

The Pagosa Springs Middle School track and field team returned home from the May 3 San Juan Basin League tournament with the league title, capping of a successful season for the team. The school reports the program saw a record-breaking 70 student athletes participate, and the Pirates earned multiple meet victories, set "countless" personal records and had multiple student athletes — Raleigh Iverson, Janner Grigsby, Rylan Ash, Bentely Briscoe, Ahrianna Martinez, Abigail Foss, Clara Kurz, Eathon Kinkead, Chatwin Pickering and Elijah Julian — contribute to the school's record book. The boys' team won the league title, with the girls' team finishing second in the league.



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# Outdoors

## Global Big Day, Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated May 10

By Jean Zirnheld

Weminuche Audubon Society

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Global Big Day brings together people who care about birds and contribute to the effort to understand how bird populations are faring worldwide. Every year the number of participants increases. Last year, a new world record was set when more than 63,000 people entered checklists of the birds they saw on Global Big Day.

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Also occurring on Saturday, May 10, is World Migratory Bird Day. The goal of this global effort is to raise the awareness of migratory birds and the need for international cooperation

to conserve them. Migratory birds rely on good habitat at their winter homes, along the paths of their spring and fall journeys, and in their summer breeding areas to survive. They may travel through several countries each year.

The theme of this year's Migratory Bird Day is "Shared Spaces."

The day is dedicated to creating bird-friendly cities and communities. Urban development and other human activities pose survival challenges to birds and other wildlife who share the earth with us.

In addition to urging area officials and developers to utilize bird-friend-

ly practices in new planning, there are simple actions that you can take to protect birds. Among them are treating glass to prevent bird strikes, planting native plants in your home space, keeping cats indoors, providing clean water, eliminating pesticide use and keeping skies dark at night.

Migratory birds like western tanagers, black-headed grosbeaks, broad-tailed and black-throated hummingbirds, chipping sparrows, green-tailed towhees, Virginia's warblers and others are arriving now to spend the summer in our area. You can take action to ensure that they find a refuge in your shared space.

## San Juan Water Conservancy District to debut 'In Between Water and Fire' film

San Juan Water Conservancy District

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) will host a free public educational event, "This Is Your Watershed: Upper San Juan River," on Tuesday, May 20. The location is the Pagosa Lodge, 3505 West U.S. 160. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Three short films will be featured, written and produced by local filmmaker Christi Bode. Each film was created with input from the SJWCD and funded by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and SJWCD.

The first two films are "The Value of Snow" and "The Waterways that Connect Us." Both were released in 2024 and can be viewed on the SJWCD website, [www.sjwcd.org](http://www.sjwcd.org).

"In Between Water and Fire" is the title of the third film. The creators have always planned that it would describe threats to our Upper San Juan River Basin. It will be seen for the first time on May 20. Bode has a talent for including a great deal of factual information in each short film. "In Between Water and Fire" will prove that point.

Guests will enjoy a cash bar with beer, wine and soft drinks. Proceeds will offset expenses of the free event. Volunteer supporters of the SJWCD

will host a table loaded with hors d'oeuvres, a selection of various savory and sweet finger foods.

According to local hydrologist and high school teacher Josh Kurz, "a catastrophic wildfire within a watershed can cause threats to occur in domino fashion, mainly because floods often follow wildfires."

Kurz adds, "Severe drought sets the stage for catastrophic wildfires. When vast areas of vegetation are destroyed, runoff increases because precipitation is no longer intercepted by leaves and needles, and water-absorbing and soil-holding root systems are killed."

Local professionals will discuss the intersection of our water supply and threats to our water security on May 20. Some water experts will host exhibit tables. Other professionals will discuss our water security after the films from the stage.

Invited panelists include Josh Peck, U.S. Forest Service, Pagosa District; Bill Trimarco, Wildfire Adapted Partnership; and Alex Handloff, San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

Archuleta County Sheriff Mike Le Roux will likely be on hand to discuss our local wildfire preparedness and answer audience questions.



Photo courtesy Christi Bode

**Local expertise prevented the Mill Creek Fire from damaging the community's water in 2024. Meet some of those expert professionals at "This Is Your Watershed," a film premier event on May 20. The San Juan Water Conservancy District is hosting the free educational gathering at Pagosa Lodge beginning at 5:30 pm. Go to [www.sjwcd.org](http://www.sjwcd.org) for more information.**

The job of the SJWCD is to pay attention to all water uses in the Upper San Juan Watershed and to put our relationships with water into the context of the legislated Colorado Water Plan. The stated mission of SJWCD is to be an active leader in all issues affecting the water resources of the

Upper San Juan River Basin.

"This Is Your Watershed" is the completion of a long-standing goal to acquaint the public with how the SJWCD serves the community and environment. There is no charge for the educational event. For more information, visit [www.sjwcd.org](http://www.sjwcd.org).

## Residents encouraged to lessen light pollution during bird migration

By Dena Laterza and Diane Cirkse

Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers/  
Weminuche Audubon Society

Artificial light is a side effect of industrial civilization. However, unlike other forms of pollution, it can be easily reversed. The solution can be as easy as turning off lights when they are not necessary and using directed light fixtures and more appropriate bulbs.

Downtown Pagosa Springs and along the San Juan River, as well as the Pagosa Lakes area, are important riparian zones providing a habitat for many species of plants and animals. Wildlife use riparian vegetation more than any other vegetation type.

Billions of birds migrate across the U.S. annually, making the preservation of these habitats extremely

important. Colorado is a travel corridor for many migrating birds, which happens every spring and fall.

Did you know most birds migrate at night when it's cooler and calmer? Free of daytime thermals, the atmosphere is more stable, making it easier to maintain a steady course. Migration season runs from the beginning of March to mid-June, with May being a particularly busy month for birds.

In the fall, they migrate starting in August through mid-November.

Scientists at BirdCast apply weather radar to gather information on the numbers, flight directions, speeds and altitudes of birds, which has given us a better understanding of migratory bird movement.

This May, let's all welcome back the waterfowl, shore birds, songbirds, woodpeckers and raptors, including swallows, swifts, hummingbirds,

finches and warblers.

In the global effort to reduce light pollution, the term dark sky describes a sky that isn't lit by skyglow or light pollution.

Migratory birds must contend with light pollution and can become disoriented, confused and exhausted. Businesses and homeowners can help protect migrating birds by turning off all nonessential nighttime lighting. Turning off lights dramatically reduces hazards from attraction to and disorientation by light, allowing birds to safely proceed with their migratory journeys.

Learn more about the Lights Out Program at [www.audubon.org/our-work/cities-and-towns/lights-out](http://www.audubon.org/our-work/cities-and-towns/lights-out).

Limiting light pollution is a community-wide effort. Each of us can make a difference by making inexpensive, simple changes to outdoor lighting as defined by DarkSky In-

ternational, the globally recognized authority on light pollution.

We urge the use of dark sky-friendly fixtures that are downward-facing and fully shielded with bulbs that are only as bright as are needed for the task and are warm in color. Outdoor home lighting need not be more than 450 lumens and a correlated color temperature of 2,700K.

Installing motion sensors and timers so that lights are only on when needed is an excellent option. Help us keep Pagosa a dark destination for wildlife, as well as the residents and tourists who actively participate in studying and protecting them.

We thank you, and so do the birds.



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## Public tool for tracking forest management and wildfire mitigation launched

Colorado State Forest Service

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and the Colorado Forest Restoration Institute (CFRI), both part of Colorado State University, have compiled data and designed a new dashboard to make information about forest management available to the public.

The Colorado Forest Tracker will inform strategies for improving forest health and reducing wildfire risk, and policymakers can use it to help guide funding decisions to best meet state needs.

The tracker is a new central database and reporting system that records completed forest management activities throughout Colorado. This new tool is the first of its kind in Colorado, delivering comprehensive information about forest management accomplishments to policymakers, foresters, land managers, firefighters, researchers and all Coloradans in one location.

"The Colorado Forest Tracker is a key tool to inform Coloradans where vital investments have been made to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health on all land ownerships in Colorado," said Dan Gibbs, executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. "This unique resource gives state and federal land managers as well as local forest collaboratives and municipalities a broad view of the completed forest health and wildfire reduction projects from a

large landscape to a local community scale. They can then ensure we have the right resources going to the right projects to protect life, property and critical infrastructure."

The Colorado Forest Tracker includes data across federal, state, local and private lands. Access to this data across different land ownership types on one map is a new opportunity that can improve strategic planning.

"Seeing what activities have been completed will help practitioners make better use of funds by strategically planning future activities that capitalize on the work that's already been accomplished," said Amanda West Fordham, associate director of science and data at the CSFS. "It also provides an invaluable tool to wildland firefighting as incident management teams seek historical fuel treatment data for active wildfire management."

Tracked activities include management techniques that alter forest vegetation, such as cutting trees and bushes, prescribed fire and reforestation. This provides a transparent picture of where and how Coloradans are working to maintain and improve forest ecosystems for ecological, economic and social benefits while also supporting wildfire risk reduction goals.

Data available in this initial release of the Colorado Forest Tracker spans 2000-2023.

Highlights include:

- More than 25,000 different forest

management activities across 1.1 million acres.

- Forestry activities recorded in 51 of Colorado's 64 counties.
- 538,428 total acres of prescribed fire activities in Colorado.
- Tree planting on more than 45,000 acres to accelerate reforestation.

The CSFS and CFRI scientists compiled the data from publicly available databases as well as voluntary submissions from land managers across Colorado. Land managers are strongly encouraged to submit data and add to the value of the open-access resource.

"Forest management data is decentralized and not collected in the same way across agencies or land ownerships. This has made it really challenging to learn what's working best or what investments in our forests are making a difference across the state," said Brett Wolk, associate director of the CFRI. "Putting all the forest management activities apples to apples on one map has been a missing puzzle piece. I hope the tracker opens doors to better understand what's working to help keep the forests we all love and depend on for clean air, water and quality of life resilient into the future."

Explore the Colorado Forest Tracker, hosted on the Colorado State Forest Service Data and Tools webpage, at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/7eac80a824a64d77864e3e0948f4f1e/page/Landing-Page/>.

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# Sports



## Soccer



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**Lady Pirate Hailey Sams fires off a shot against the Del Norte Tigers on Thursday, May 1. The shot found the back of the net and was one of two goals by Sams on the day.**

## Lady Pirates advance to playoffs

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team will take on the state's top 3A team today, Thursday, May 8, in the opening round of the state playoffs.

The Lady Pirates advanced to the playoffs as the No. 32 team after defeating 2A Del Norte 5-0 on May 1 and falling to 5A Fruita Monument 10-0 on May 2.

"That was awesome to see on Sunday," coach Trevor Gian said of the team making the playoffs.

Helping the Lady Pirates make the state bracket was the 5-0 win over the Del Norte Tigers on May 1.

Gian explained the team anticipated being able to work on some things during the game, such as finding space on the field and time on the ball, as well as moving seniors around to different positions on the field for the team's senior night.

He added the game was "good at times" and "a bit of a fight at other times" because Del Norte was "extremely physical and came out with a lot of physicality."

The game was 2-0 at halftime, which Gian noted "wasn't exactly what we were looking for," noting the team had some missed opportunities, plenty of missed shots and could have put itself in a position to really dictate the game.

"We got there in the second half," he said. "Things sort of opened up a little bit. Again, we were able to make sure we got some players some time in different positions."

The coach noted he has a lot of respect for Del Norte.

"They came out and fought and made some of those decisions ... a little different," he said. "It was a good game."

The Lady Pirates picked up three goals in the second half.

He noted that had the Lady Pirates been able to put away some of its quality shots, the game would have looked completely different.

Hailey Sams scored two of the team's goals, with one each coming from Elizabeth Currier, Katelyn Fricke and Adison Johnson.

Sams also picked up an assist, as did Johnson. Caroline Simon also contributed with an assist.

The following day, the Lady Pirates lost to the Fruita Monument Wildcats, with Gian noting after the fact that the game was likely a "great precursor" for the team's playoff game.

Gian noted the Wildcats were very good, moved the ball well, had good movement off the ball, and had crisp passes and good shots.

The coach noted the expectation was that they would be a good team.

"And they didn't disappoint," he said. "They were a well-coached, organized team ... Their play through the middle was just phenomenal."

Gian explained the Lady Pirates have been working on eliminating space on the outsides and "gettin' behind us from the outside wings."

"Even with doing that, which I think we did a great job on it, they just found so much success through the middle, just really quality passes, quality touches and then some ... just really amazing shots, too," Gian said.

Gian noted it was tough going up against a team like that.

"I'm proud of how we stuck with it, how we fought through it," he said.

He added the Lady Pirates also had some opportunities and were able to try to slow some things down by making adjustments.

The Wildcats spread their goals evenly between the halves, scoring five in the first and five in the second.

Gian added he's "really proud of our team, how we responded facing probably one of the top-quality opponents we've faced this year. ... They were ready to play."

Lady Pirate keeper Keira Davis is credited with 18 saves in the matchup.

Thursday, the team will take on No. 1 Colorado Academy at 4 p.m. on May 8 in Denver.

The Mustangs are 12-1-2 on the season.

"Definitely a tough draw there, but to get the opportunity is just gonna be fun," the coach said.

Gian indicated he doesn't know much about the private Denver school.

"I just imagine they're gonna be a well-rounded team, quality players all around the field, so we're just gonna kind of keep it light, try to have some fun," he said, adding the team will talk about how it can settle in defensively to slow the game down and how it might be able to find "some success on the field."

He also noted the team would talk about what it saw against Fruita Monument and anticipate something very similar.

"We've got nothing to lose, so we'll leave it all out there," Gian said.

Also advancing from the Inter-mountain League, No. 8 Alamosa will host No. 25 Holy Family, and No. 14 Montezuma-Cortez will host No. 19 Roaring Fork.

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**Lady Pirate Morgan Galloway looks to halt Del Norte's progress and send the ball upfield during the team's 5-0 win over the Tigers on May 1.**



### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week Hailey Sams Soccer



**Favorite subject:** Government  
**Comments from coach Dyan Rice:** "Hailey Sams is an absolute joy to have on the soccer team! As varsity captain, she leads the team on the field predominantly as a mid-fielder but is tied for the most goals and most goal assists on the team! She gives her every practice and game; she pushes her teammates by example and with an encouraging

shout. Not only does Hailey excel in soccer and cross country, but she also works multiple jobs, holds leadership roles in multiple clubs, carries a 4.0, including multiple AP classes, and does it all with grace and humility. Hailey stands out in sports, academics, and character; I am excited to nominate Hailey Sams as Triple Impact Athlete."



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TRACK



Terry Alley Invitational

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Pagosa Springs High School hosted its annual home meet, the Terry Alley Invitational, under sunny skies on Saturday, May 3. The Pirates welcomed seven teams to town for the small meet.





## TRACK

### Pirates look to add to state qualifications at final regular-season meet

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field team hosted the eight-team Terry Alley Invitational on Saturday, May 3, with the team logging a number of personal records (PRs) and some breaking their own school records.

Now, the team is focusing on its last regular-season meet in Pueblo and qualifying for the state meet.

"I felt like we really lucked out on the weather on Saturday for our home meet," coach Connie O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN. "Our meet was much smaller than usual because many local teams chose to travel to lower elevations to compete since we are so close to the end of the season. For the most part, we were our own competition in many events."

Rylie Carr took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.89 seconds. She was followed by Sienna Rose, who ran a time of 12.94 seconds to take second. Molly Washburn earned fifth with a time of 13.81 seconds. Amber Snarr took ninth in 14.44 seconds. Charity Domingo finished 11th in 14.63 seconds, with Nevaeh Evans following in 12th in 14.95 seconds and Darria Fiorenza in 13th in 15.24 seconds. Italia Pereyra finished 21st with a time of 17.52 seconds.

Carr also took first in the 200-meter dash, running a time of 27.03 seconds. Lexi Campbell finished third in 27.82 seconds. Washburn took sixth with a time of 28.77 seconds, and Snarr finished 14th with a time of 30.62 seconds. Evans finished 17th in 31.78 seconds. Fiorenza earned 19th with a time of 32.49 seconds. Pereyra finished 26th with a time of 37.83 seconds. Jennifer Gutierrez notched 27th in 42.53 seconds.

"Rylie Carr ran a season PR in both the 100 and 200," the coach highlights. "She is now in the top 18 for the 100."

Rose earned first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 0.97 seconds.

"Sienna Rose had a season PR in the 100 and was within a tenth of a second of her 400 season PR," O'Donnell wrote. "She is still ranked in the top 18 in the event."

Honestye Sweet finished third in the

800-meter run with a time of 2:46.84. Madisen Stretton followed in fourth with a time of 3:02.86. Domingo took fifth with a time of 3:06.32.

Sweet earned second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:16.26, and Stretton took fourth in 6:29.41.

O'Donnell highlights, "Honestye Sweet broke 3 minutes in the 800 with a PR of 2:46. She also ran a PR in the 1600. Her goal in Pueblo is to break 6 minutes."

Eden Connor took second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.26 seconds and third in the 300-meter hurdles in 57.11 seconds.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Rose, Washburn, Campbell and Carr took first with a time of 51.26 seconds.

"The girls 4x100 significantly improved their time and we are looking forward to both of our sprint relays and the competition in Pueblo," O'Donnell explains.

The relay team of Snarr, Fiorenza, Domingo and Evans finished fourth in the 4x100 in 57.34 seconds.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Rose, Washburn, Campbell and Carr notched first with a time of 1:51.82.

Carr took first in the high jump with a height of 4 feet, 4 inches, with Dawson Iverson taking second with the same height.

Evans finished sixth in the long jump with a jump of 12-1.

Campbell won the triple jump with a distance of 32-3.5. Stretton took sixth with a result of 27-7, and Iverson finished eighth with a distance of 24-6.5.

Abigail Nehring took first in the discus with a distance of 133-8. Malorie Morton followed in second with a throw of 112-2. Liana Vega finished third with a throw of 92-7. Makaela Denton finished seventh with a distance of 68-5.

Nehring also claimed first in the shot put with a throw of 34-6. Morton finished fourth with a distance of 26-6.5. Vega took seventh with a distance of 25-4.25, and Denton took 10th with a throw of 19-4.5.

A dozen Pirates ran in the 100 on the boys' side, with Colton Lucero taking first with a time of 10.75 seconds. Tommy Nigro took second in 11.70 seconds, Alex Pacheco finished third in 11.82 seconds, Jonathan Baker finished fifth in 11.83 seconds, Jaxten Schiel finished

sixth in 11.86 seconds, Gavin Carter followed in seventh in 11.87 seconds, Jeremiah Dean finished 10th in 12.08 seconds, Cash O'Neal finished 16th in 12.43 seconds, Jerry Su took 17th in 12.51 seconds, Vincent Fish notched 20th in 12.77 seconds, Jonathan Rodriguez finished 26th in 13.30 seconds and Connor Kirkham finished 29th in 13.99 seconds.

"Colton Lucero was able to PR in the 100 and improve his school record time," O'Donnell wrote. "It was special to be able to do that on our home track with his teammates as his main competition. Tommy Nigro, Alex Pacheco, Jonny Baker, Jaxten Schiel and Gavin Carter all got PR's in the 100 right behind Colton."

Ten Pirates ran the 200, with Lucero again taking first, this time after running a time of 22.44 seconds. Baker followed in second in 23.87 seconds, Carter took third in 24.54 seconds, Gage Sams finished fifth in 25.65 seconds, Trevor Faber took eighth in 25.87 seconds, Su finished 12th in 26.56 seconds, O'Neal finished 14th in 26.74 seconds, Rodriguez finished 18th in 27.61 seconds, Sebastian Cobra notched 19th in 27.99 seconds, and Evan Duncan finished 20th in 28.08 seconds.

"Jonny Baker is coming on strong in the 100 and 200 with PRs in both," the coach highlights. "He is officially our 2nd fastest 200 runner behind Colton."

Nigro won the 400 with a time of 55.59 seconds. Dean ran a time of 56.03 to finish second, and Faber notched fourth with a time of 59.09 seconds. Duncan finished seventh in 1:02.81, with Merrick Tudor following in eighth with a time of 1:03.79. Cobra finished 10th with a time of 1:04.10.

Weston Sweet finished third in the 800 with a time of 2:29.50, with Tudor following in fourth in 2:31.79.

Weston Sweet also took third in the 1,600, running a time of 5:30.07. Eli Nehring followed in fourth in 5:32.76.

Eli Nehring won the 3,200 with a time of 12:24.93.

Jeremiah Jones took first in the 110-meter hurdles with a run of 17.13 seconds. Tristan Frame finished sixth in 20.28 seconds.

Jones also took first in the 300 hurdles with a time of 44.94 seconds. Xavier Haynie finished fourth with a time of 46.73 seconds. Frame followed

in fifth with a time of 49.20 seconds.

The 4x100 relay team of Lucero, Nigro, Pacheco and Creede Dozier took first in 44.01 seconds, and the team also took first in the 4x200 relay, running a time of 1:34.66.

Dozier won all three jumping events on the day.

Dozier won the high jump with a height of 6-2. Jones followed in second at 6-0. Sams finished sixth with a height of 5-8. Milo Deitemeyer finished ninth with a jump of 5-4.

Dozier took first in the long jump with a jump of 20-8. Lucero followed in second with a distance of 20-1. Schiel finished third with a jump of 20-0.5. Dean finished fourth with a result of 18-8. Haynie finished seventh with a jump of 17-9. Baker took ninth with a distance of 17-5. Fish finished in 11th with a jump of 17-4.5. Kirkham finished 18th with a jump of 15-1.5.

Dozier took first in the triple jump with a result of 39-5.75. Shield took second with a distance of 38-9.5. Jones followed in third with a distance of 38-3.5. Jacob Castaneda finished sixth with a distance of 35-7. Fish finished eighth with a jump of 33-8.75. Frame notched ninth with a distance of 33-5.75. Deitemeyer finished 10th with a distance of 31-11.5.

Aidan Vega took the top spot in the discus with a throw of 112-1, with Emile Schneider taking second with a distance of 109-11. Lincoln Butler finished eighth with a throw of 89-4. James Beaudry finished 12th with a throw of 74-4. Davian Coss and Jesus Serratos tied for 14th with a distance of 70-1. Quintin Cheykaychi finished 17th with a throw of 69-3.

Schneider finished fourth in the shot put with a throw of 34-8. Aidan Vega finished ninth with a throw of 32-5.75. Coss followed in 10th with a distance of 31-8. With a throw of 30-11.5, Butler took 12th. Serratos finished 20th with a throw of 27-11. Cheykaychi notched 20th with a result of 26-10.

On Friday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m., the Pirates will take part in the 49-team Friday Night Lights meet hosted by Pueblo West — their last regular-season meet of the year.

O'Donnell indicates the team has several goals for the meet, with hopes of qualifying more athletes in more events ■ See Track A15

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## BASEBALL

# Pirates split with Bayfield, hope to schedule more games

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

“Right now, it’s a waiting game,” Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball coach Ben Garcia said.

The team, ranked 29th in Colorado 3A baseball as of Wednesday morning with a 9-9 record, currently has no more regular-season games scheduled prior to the end of the regular season and the seeding of the 32-team playoff bracket, though Garcia expressed that he’s hoping that will change.

The team split the home double-header with the Bayfield Wolverines on May 3, dropping the first game 6-5 and winning the second 12-2.

“I thought we did really well ... from a combination of games,” Garcia said, adding he was pleased that the Pirates didn’t give up after the first game. “We had some mental mistakes.”

Garcia explained that mistakes with base running and fielding cost the team during the game, as did walks late in the game.

“We created, again, our own mis-cues and ... lack of opportunities by, again, putting traffic on the bases,” he said, adding, “Things like that happen, but I was pleased with us comin’ back.”

The Wolverines scored twice in the top of the first, then holding that 2-0 lead until the Pirates scored in the bottom of the third.

The Wolverines tacked on another run in the top of the fifth to move to a 3-1 lead, but the Pirates tied the game with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Bayfield brought around three runs in the top of the seventh.

The Pirates were able to bring around two runs in the bottom of the inning, but were unable to complete the walk-off win.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

**Pirate Sebastian Gonzalez hits an RBI single against the Bayfield Wolverines on Saturday, May 3. Gonzalez had two hits, a walk, reached on an error and reached on a fielder’s choice during the day’s doubleheader, picking up four RBIs and scoring a run.**

“We had runners in scoring position, had the winning run on base and just ... didn’t, unfortunately, come through as we needed to,” Garcia said.

The coach noted the Pirates had a number of opportunities throughout the game that contribute to the outcome of the game.

“It’s not that last play that happens, by far,” he said, adding a lot of the situations have been nemeses for the Pirates all year and caused them to extend innings and find themselves in jams. “I think they’re a very good ball club, but we have tendencies to make mistakes and they usually cost us. Somewhere

along the line, they cost us.”

The Pirates picked up their five runs on six hits, five walks, hit batsmen and six Bayfield errors.

Sebastian Gonzalez logged two hits, reached on a fielder’s choice and picked up three RBIs.

Chris Young-Martinez also had two hits, which he complemented with a stolen base.

Cooper Ralston notched a hit, reached on an error and had one RBI.

Kyler Henderson had the other Pirate hit in the game.

While not logging hits, the Pirates had several other base runners in the

game.

Taylor Wells reached on a error and scored a run. Ty Richie drew a walk and reached on an error. Zach Pouyer drew a walk and reached on errors twice, scoring two runs. Charles Washburn walked once, and Sean Ryan walked three times and scored a run.

Ralston threw a complete game for the Pirates, allowing six runs (two of which were earned) on five hits and five walks while striking out nine over seven innings.

“He pitched well enough to win, there’s no doubt,” Garcia said.

■ See Baseball A15

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Plaintiff

v. Defendants  
**Deborah L Downing, et al.**  
**Case No.: 2025CV30008**  
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**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**NO. 2025-002**  
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On March 5, 2025, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s): Diana Ramsey Original Beneficiary(ies): Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association Date of Deed of Trust: July 31, 2006 County of Recording: Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 31, 2006 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.): 20607279 Original Principal Amount: \$34,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$10,980.02 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

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By: Elsa P. White, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Shay L Denning #36736  
Hall Estill Attorneys At Law 100 North Broadway, Suite 2900, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-8865 (405) 263-4277  
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**Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.**  
Plaintiff  
v. Defendants  
**LARRY WAYNE CONNALLY, CARISSA DAWN CONNALLY**  
**Case No.: 2025CV30016**  
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**Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.**  
Plaintiff  
v. Defendants  
**Joy Nichole Goodie, et al.**  
**Case No.: 2025CV30010**  
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**Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.**  
Plaintiff  
v. Defendants  
**James R Vines, et al.**  
**Case No.: 2025CV30009**  
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**Peregrine Property Owners Association, Inc.**  
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**James M Kaufmann, et al.**  
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**Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.**  
Plaintiff  
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**James E Sawyer, et al.**  
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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, 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, the Lender may bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Mortgage at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.**  
**A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**  
**THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER 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:  
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, 81147.

**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  
**Exhibit A**  
**Peregrine Townhouses Phase II**  
Property Owners: **KIMBERLY J MCCORMICK and MARGEE L SCHROER**

Building Number: 9 and 10  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7817 - 7820  
UDI Points: 317,000 / 35,486,000  
Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Internal Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
**Matter: Amount**  
**Principal Amount Due: \$4,022.66**  
**Accrued Interest: \$1,722.90**  
**Late Fees: \$85.00**  
**Costs: \$570.50**  
**Attorney's Fees: \$1000.00**  
**Total: \$7,401.06**  
Published April 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN* (261346)

**FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS HEARING ON MAY 20, 2025**  
VALARIE GROVES, has requested a GENERAL VARIANCE regarding SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, in Rio Blanco Valley Replat 1 Subdivision Lot 1 Sec: 32 Twn: 34 Rng 1W, at 258 Rainbow Road, Pagosa Springs, CO (PL-VAR-25-036). The property is zoned AGRICULTURAL ESTATES (AE). Comments regarding this case may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to oodell@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on May 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, via Zoom Link. Public comment will be taken at the meeting in person only.  
Published April 24 and May 8, 2025 *The Pagosa Springs SUN* (262896)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION**  
**PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of **FRANK GEORGE SALERNO, aka FRANK G. SALERNO, aka FRANK SALERNO**, Deceased.  
Archuleta County Case Number: 2025\_PB\_30002. All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado, 109 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 on or before August 30, 2025, or the claims may be forever barred. Amos L. Soignier, Esq., Soignier Law Firm, LLC, 2855 Main Ave., Suite B101, Durango, CO 81301. Published May 1, 8 and 15, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN* (263170)

Notice to Creditors. Estate of Donald Gene Masterson, Deceased, Case Number 2025PR030017. All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado, 109 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 on or before September 1, 2025, or the claims may be forever barred. Contact attorney Dagna S. Van Der Jagt, 200 S. Wilcox St., #206 Castle Rock, CO 80104, dagna@vdjlaw.com, (920) 214-8501. Published May 1, 8 and 15, 2025 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN* (263380)

**Order Amending Order After Replevin**  
After further reflection and review of the certified mail receipt, the Court to ensure proper service, modifies its order of March 31, 2025, and sets a new replevin hearing on June 18, 2025, at 11:00 AM. The plaintiff's counsel shall ensure that notice of this case and the show cause hearing is published in Archuleta County for a period of 5 weeks and also serves the defendant by certified mail, return receipt requested. Service by both methods shall be attempted at least 14 days prior to June 18, 2025, and the return receipt and affidavit shall filed with the Court prior to June 18, 2025. The plaintiff and his counsel may appear via Webex at the June 18, 2025, hearing.  
Issue Date: 4/1/2025  
JEFFREY RAYMOND WILSON  
District Court Judge  
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# Baseball

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Pagosa committed three errors in the matchup. The second half of the double-header went in favor of the Pirates.

“The second game, again, we came back and didn’t keep our heads down. We continued to hit the ball and we played great defense. ... Charles and Taylor had some absolutely great plays. Zach played amazing in center field. So, defensively, that’s the kind of game we’re capable [of],” Garcia said, adding the team was able to pair the defensive play with hitting and taking advantage of Bayfield’s mistakes. “If you continue the inning, good things’ll happen, and we proved that in the second game.”

The game, he added, “showed our true ability.”

Bayfield scored one in the top of the first, but the Pirates countered with three in the bottom of the first, two in the second, one in the third and another in the fourth to build a 7-1 lead before Bayfield’s second run came around in the fifth.

The Pirates then tacked on another two runs in the fifth and three in the sixth to secure the 12-2 victory.

The Pirates’ 12 runs came around on 11 hits, eight walks, one hit batter and six Bayfield errors.

Pouyer led the Pirates with three hits in the game. He also drew a walk, scored three runs, notched an RBI and stole a base.

Wells had two hits, a walk, an RBI and a stolen base. Ralston had two hits and a run scored. Washburn had two hits, a walk, two runs scored and an RBI.

Henderson had a hit, two walks, reached on an error, scored three runs and notched an RBI. Young-Martinez had a hit, reached on an error, scored a run, had two RBIs and stole three bases.

Gonzalez, who walked and reached on an error, also had an RBI and scored a run. Kaeden Iguchi also scored a run, Ryan reached on an error, and Medina drew a walk.

Young-Martinez pitched five innings for the Pirates, with Wells pitching one. The pair combined to allow two runs, one of which was earned, on four hits and a walk while striking out two.

“Chris ... has pitched really well the last three games,” Garcia highlighted. “He has command, he throws hard, he keeps batters off-balance, and the defense can play behind him. Chris is a very formidable pitcher at this level, he really is. He’s one of the best, there’s no doubt it my mind.”

He added that having the Pirates’ pitching come into better focus at the end of the regular season is a big plus.

The Pirates committed one error in the matchup.

Tuesday’s doubleheader against the 2A Ignacio Bobcats was canceled due to inclement weather.

Garcia explained the school knew it would run into issues with weather, but was unable to reschedule the game for a different time.

“We needed those games,” Garcia said.

Garcia explained they’re now working to find another school that may have also had cancellations and need to get a game in.

He noted May 13 is the final day regular-season games can be scheduled.

“Now the key is to keep ‘em motivated with the possibility or the potential to play postseason,” the coach said. “If we don’t play, and that’s the hard part is, not playing since last Saturday, you have two weeks before you possibly would play again, and that’s difficult.”

He added he hopes to get a game in in the next week to continue the team’s momentum, but otherwise it’s a waiting game to see if they’ll be able to play or move up in the rankings based on the play of other teams, such as Bayfield, Centauri and Alamosa.

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# Track

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for state and fine-tuning ahead of the season’s final competition.

“We are really trying to work on details like running form and hand-offs,” she explains. “The weather this week makes it a bit tough for details, but we are going to just accept it and do the best we can since we can’t control the weather. Also, when we train in this weather and then it snows/rains at the state meet, then we will be better prepared.”

O’Donnell notes the Pueblo meet will be a chance for Carr to qualify for state in the 200, and adds Campbell will be focusing on getting back into the 33s in triple jump.

She also highlights that Abigail Nehring will be throwing against the girl who is ranked second in the state in discus.

“I believe that Abi will thrive on this competition in Pueblo,” she wrote.

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field  
Pagosa Springs, Colorado  
Parking Lot and Access Road for PSO  
AIP Project No. 3-08-0066-028-2025

Project Re-Bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, for improvements to the Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, AIP Project No. 3-08-0066-028-2025 will be received by Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field, Attn: Airport Manager, FBO Conference Room, 61 Aviation Court, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, until Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (local time). Bids to be mailed shall be addressed to the attention of the Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field, Attn: Airport Manager, FBO Conference Room, 61 Aviation Court, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147, and will be clearly marked "Sealed Bids: Parking Lot and Access Road for PSO. DO NOT OPEN". At the time listed above, the received sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately in the aforementioned location that they were received.

The bidding documents are available at <https://woolpert.com/bid> and/or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) - Reference Quest Number 9555670. To be considered a plan holder for bids, register with QuestCDN.com for a free Regular membership and download the bidding documents in digital form at a cost of \$22. Downloading the documents and becoming a plan holder is recommended as plan holder’s receive automatic notice of addenda, other bid updates. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [Support@QuestCDN.com](mailto:Support@QuestCDN.com) for assistance in membership registration or downloading digital bidding documents. Interested parties may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder.

In order to submit a responsive bid as a Prime Contractor and to receive all necessary addendum(s) for this project, you must be on the Planholder’s List. It is the planholder’s responsibility to review the site for addendums and changes before submitting their proposal. This includes review for environmental changes. Environmental changes during construction could take up to three months for approval. For additional information, please contact us via email at [bid.info@woolpert.com](mailto:bid.info@woolpert.com).

The work involved will include the following:  
Schedule I - Parking Lot and Access Road for PSO

The approximate quantities of major bid items involved in the proposed work are:

P-152a	Unclassified Excavation	2,300	CY
P-152c	Subgrade Preparation (6”)	3,750	SY
D-754a	4’ Wide Concrete Pan	270	LF
D-754b	Concrete Curb and Gutters	300	LF
CDOT-403	Hot Mix Asphalt (4”)	880	Ton

**Pre-Bid Conference.** Not applicable.

**Bid Conditions.** All bidders shall make arrangements with the Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field to examine the site to become familiar with all site conditions prior to submitting their bid.

The bidder is required to provide all information as required within the Contract Documents. The bidder is required to bid on all items of every schedule or as otherwise detailed in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids may be held by Sponsor for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

No Bidder may withdraw its bid after the bid has been opened. The Archuleta County reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding and to reject any and all bids.

All questions regarding the bid are to be directed to Mark Lovato, 720 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite 1200-S, Glendale, CO 80246, Mark.Lovato@Woolpert.com by Monday, May 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. local time.

**Bid Bond.** Guarantee will be required with each bid as a certified check on a solvent bank or a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) % of the total amount of the bid, made payable to the Archuleta County.

**Performance & Payment Bond.** The successful bidder will be required to furnish separate performance and payment bonds each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price.

**FEDERAL LANGUAGE REQUIRED FOR SOLICITATIONS:**

**FAA BUY AMERICAN PREFERENCE:**

The Contractor certifies that its bid/offer is in compliance with 49 USC § 50101, BABA and other related Made in America Laws, U.S. statutes, guidance, and FAA policies, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless all iron, steel and manufactured goods used in AIP funded projects are produced in the United States, unless the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a waiver for the product; the product is listed as an Excepted Article, Material Or Supply in Federal Acquisition Regulation subpart 25.108; or is included in the FAA Nationwide Buy American Waivers Issued list.

The bidder or offeror must complete and submit the certification of compliance with FAA’s Buy American Preference, BABA and Made in America laws included herein with their bid or offer. The Airport Sponsor/Owner will reject as nonresponsive any bid or offer that does not include a completed certification of compliance with FAA’s Buy American Preference and BABA.

The bidder or offeror certifies that all constructions materials, defined to mean an article, material, or supply other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives that are or consist primarily of: non-ferrous metals; plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables); glass (including optic glass); lumber; or drywall used in the project are manufactured in the U.S.

**TITLE VI SOLICITATION NOTICE:**

The Archuleta County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

**TRADE RESTRICTION CERTIFICATION:**

By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror –

- is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR);
- has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and
- has not entered into any subcontract for any product to be used on the Federal project that is produced in a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR.

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC § 1001.

The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Owner if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the

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Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR § 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to an Offeror or subcontractor:

- who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR; or
- whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such USTR list; or
- who incorporates in the public works project any product of a foreign country on such USTR list.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

The Offeror agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in all lower tier subcontracts. The Contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a firm from a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by USTR, unless the Offeror has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Contractor or subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may direct through the Owner cancellation of the contract or subcontract for default at no cost to the Owner or the FAA.

**FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE):**

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, et seq, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers.

The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division.

**NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION to ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

- The Offeror’s or Bidder’s attention is called to the “Equal Opportunity Clause” and the “Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications” set forth herein.
- The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor’s aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Timetables

Goals for minority participation for each trade: 10.2  
Goals for female participation in each trade: 6.9%

These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor’s construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and non-federally involved construction.

The Contractor’s compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor’s goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

- The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

- As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the “covered area” is Colorado, Archuleta, Pagosa Springs.

**PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS:**

Contractor and subcontractors agree to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247. In the performance of this contract and to the extent practicable, the Contractor and subcontractors are to use products containing the highest percentage of recovered materials for items designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under 40 CFR Part 247.

**DBE PARTICIPATION:**

The requirements of 49 CFR part 26 apply to this contract. It is the policy of the Archuleta County to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Archuleta County encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership.

**Information Submitted as a matter of bidder responsiveness:**

The Sponsor’s award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR § 26.53.

As a condition of responsiveness, the Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information with its proposal on the forms provided herein:

- The names and addresses of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms that will participate in the contract;
- A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform;
- The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm listed under (1);
- Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed under (1) to meet the Sponsor’s project goal;
- Written confirmation from each listed DBE firm that it is participating in the contract in the kind and amount of work provided in the prime contractor’s commitment; and
- If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project DBE goal, evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR part 26. The documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted to the bidder when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract.

**OTHER FEDERAL PROVISIONS:**

Award of contract is also subject to the following Federal Provisions:

- Lobbying Federal Employees
- Davis Bacon
- Debarment and Suspension
- Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 USC § 8101-8106, as amended)
- Other Federal Provisions included in Part A of the Special Provisions

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# NEW PUBLIC NOTICE/ LEGAL ADVERTISING DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Deadlines are moved up for holiday weeks. Please check for an ad in the paper for specific dates and times.





SUN photo/Randi Pierce

**Rise Above Violence Executive Director Carmen Lewis addresses participants at the April 30 Denim Day Walk on the last day of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The day, which began after the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction because the justices felt that, since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. After hearing from Lewis, the group walked around the downtown in support of victims and survivors of sexual assault.**



Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
April 21 — Vehicular eluding, passing on left improperly, speeding 10-19 over limit, reckless driving, U.S. 84.

April 23 — Assault in the third degree, reckless endangerment, child abuse-previous conviction, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Hunter Court/Park Avenue.

April 23 — Information only, South 8th Street.

April 23 — Domestic violence, information only, Down and Out Road.

April 23 — Failed to display valid registration, no insurance-driver, Beucler Lane.

April 23 — Driver's license-driving without, failed to display valid registration, no insurance-driver, West U.S. 160.

April 24 — Possession of a controlled substance-Schedule III, IV or V, violation of protection order-criminal, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 24 — Agency assist, Navajo Trail Drive.

April 24 — No insurance-owner, U.S. 160.

April 24 — Trespass warning, Oak Drive.

April 24 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks DV, Down and Out Road.

April 24 — Cruelty to animals-neglect/mistreatment, Hills Circle.

April 25 — Fraud by check-other method, County Road 359.

April 26 — First-degree assault-aggravated-weapon, Beaver Meadows Road.

April 26 — Criminal attempt to commit class four felony, enticement of a child-human trafficking, Rosewood Court/Oakwood Drive.

April 26 — Information only, Harman Park Drive.

April 26 — Reckless endangerment, child abuse knowingly or recklessly, driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, reckless driving, U.S. 84.

April 29 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

April 29 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI per se, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, careless driving, stop sign-fail to stop, Harman Park Drive/County Road 600.

April 30 — Information only, County Road 326.

April 30 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

April 30 — Driving after revocation prohibited (HTO), registration-fictitious plate, no insurance-owner, child restraint not used, Colo. 151.

April 30 — Warrant arrest, no location listed.

April 30 — Warrant arrest, County Road 335.

April 30 — Second-degree assault, false imprisonment-force, domestic violence, violation of protection order-criminal, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Bienvenido Circle/Canyon Circle/Holiday Lane/U.S. 160/Pagosa Boulevard.

April 30 — Harassment-follows in public place, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, U.S. 84/County Road 335.

May 1 — Warrant arrest, Holiday Lane.

May 1 — Violating conditions of burn permit, Flicker Lane.

May 1 — Reckless driving, U.S. 160.

May 1 — Vicious dog without injury, Terry Robinson Road.

May 2 — Warrant arrest, Harman Park Drive.

May 2 — Information only, U.S. 160.

May 2 — Agency assist, no location listed.

May 3 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

May 3 — Warrant arrest, Navajo Trail Drive.

**Pagosa Springs Police Department**

April 21 — Lost/found property, Country Center Drive.

April 21 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

April 21 — Lost/found property, U.S. 84.

April 22 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 22 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Aspen Village Drive.

April 22 — Registration-fictitious plate, improper pass-sign/markers, Great West Avenue/U.S. 160.

April 23 — Warrant arrest, North 5th Street.

April 24 — Report pending, Great West Avenue.

April 24 — Theft/intending to deprive, Bienvenido Circle.

April 24 — Violation of protection order-criminal, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 25 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, trespass warning, Aspen Road.

April 26 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

April 26 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-family-weapon, criminal mischief under \$300 private, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, South 6th Street.

April 26 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks DV, Country Center Drive.

April 27 — Trespassing, South 9th Street.

April 27 — Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately, Pagosa Street.

April 28 — Information only, Great West Avenue.

April 28 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 28 — Follow-up, Aspen Village Drive.

April 28 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Aspen Village Drive.

April 29 — Possession of drug paraphernalia or marijuana accessories-under age of 21, shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, criminal mischief, Country Center Drive/San Juan Street/South 8th Street.

April 29 — Missing person, Eagle Drive.

April 29 — Domestic violence, Lewis Street.

April 30 — Assault, Rock Road.

April 30 — Forgery of money, stamps securities, East Pagosa Street.

April 30 — Criminal mischief, North 5th Street.

April 30 — Assault, Bienvenido Circle.

May 1 — Follow-up, no location listed.

May 1 — Agency assist, East Pagosa Street.

May 2 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 2 — Theft/intending to deprive, Aspen Village Drive.

May 2 — Nuisance/animal running at large, U.S. 84.

May 2 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, Aspen Village Drive.

May 3 — Information only, Talisman Drive.

May 3 — Cruelty to animals-neglect/mistreatment, South 8th Street.

May 3 — Driver's license-driving without, no insurance-driver, fail to yield right of way/left turn, U.S. 160.

May 4 — Second-degree assault, assault in the third degree, false imprisonment, domestic violence, violation of protection order-criminal, West U.S. 160.

May 4 — Civil matter, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 4 — Registration-fictitious plate, seat belt not used, stop sign-fail to stop, West U.S. 160, Village Drive.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:**

**Judge Anthony D. Edwards**

April 14 — Kehila Arras, speeding

10-19 mph over PFL, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$197.

April 14 — Gwendolyn Robers, speeding 20-24 mph over PFL, six points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$278.

April 14 — Andrew Butler, failed to drive in a single lane (weaving), three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

April 14 — Breck Wilson, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

April 14 — Michael Nelson, reckless driving, eight points off, fine and costs — \$185.

April 15 — Luis Villalobos, permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on licensed premises during prohibited hours, fine and costs — \$135.

April 15 — Teresa Burk, parked on a designated snow route, fine — \$50.

April 15 — Jared Smith, marijuana prohibited, fine and costs — \$185.

April 15 — Jennifer Collins, possession of drug paraphernalia over 21, 10 days incarceration.

April 15 — William Schoonover,

shoplifting, 20 days incarceration.

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

April 11 — Michael T. Nelson, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$314.50.

April 16 — Anthony Danay, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

April 16 — Dyrll Schweitzer, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

April 16 — Shayla Renay Gaskill, driving under the influence, 130 days jail (120 days suspended imposition), 10 days electronic surveillance, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$1,320.50.

April 16 — Dylan Mathew Marez, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$192.

April 16 — Chad King, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

April 16 — Amber Dawn Hurt, obstructing a peace officer, 40 hours community service, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,128.50.

April 16 — Keith Odom, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.

April 23 — Zlatko Lazarov, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

April 23 — River J. Anderson, speeding 5-9 over limit, seat belt not used, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$280.50.

April 23 — Joan Martin, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

April 23 — Dominique Adrian Lucero, obstructing a peace officer, one day jail, fines and costs — \$463.50.

April 23 — Brandon L. Dombrowski, speeding 10-19 over limit, driving after revocation prohibited (HTO), 48 hours community service, 90 days jail suspended imposition, fines and costs — \$404.50.

May 5 — Stephen A. Koch, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$190.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay**

April 16 — Amber Dawn Hurt, theft-less than \$300, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$873.

April 17 — Benjamin Taylor Edens, burning without a permit, fines and costs — \$135.

April 23 — Robert S. Kendrick, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 180 days jail, fines and costs — \$286.50.

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

April 22 — Dylan Brent Sanchez, vehicular eluding, six months Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$428.50.

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# A Night to Remember: Masquerade

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# Our Savior Lutheran School to host A Night to Remember: Masquerade

Our Savior Lutheran School

On Saturday, May 17, at 5 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran School will be hosting its annual spring fundraiser, A Night to Remember: Masquerade. Join us for an evening of elegance and fun while supporting the students at Our Savior Lutheran School.

The evening promises to be an absolute delight with a catered dinner, an open bar serving a variety of beer and wine, a silent auction with a wide array of items to bid on, and a live auction hosted by professional auctioneer Jake Montroy.

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Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the silent auction will be open for immediate bidding. The silent auction will close when dinner is served at 6 p.m. Following dinner, the live auction will begin. The night will conclude with a DJ and dancing.

To purchase tickets and to see the items up for auction, go to [oslcpagosa.org](http://oslcpagosa.org) or [auctria.events/ANighttoRemem-](http://auctria.events/ANighttoRemem-ber)

ber . You can also call Our Savior Lutheran Church at (970) 731-4668 or stop by the church and school office at 56 Meadows Drive to buy your tickets in person. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$320 for a table of eight.

Our Savior Lutheran School is a classical Lutheran preschool and school offering classes from preschool through eighth grade. Our Savior Lutheran School's aim is to instill a love for and desire toward what is true, good and beautiful in every student. Students at Our Savior Lutheran School are treated as human beings with a soul, created in the image of God as opposed to just another cog in the machine. Using God's word, classic literature, logic and Latin, students are taught to think rightly, speak well and admire God's creation.

Our Savior Lutheran School receives no federal or state funding and is reliant upon tuition and private donations. As such, events such as A Night to Remember are essential in helping Our Savior Lutheran School reach its goals while keeping costs low for families.

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

**Monday**  
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**Tuesday**  
**The Springs Resort lodge atrium:** Dustin Burley, 5 p.m.

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# TARA Community Center announces Saturday events

By Susan Halkin  
TARA Community Center

Come and visit the TARA Community Center in Arboles this Saturday, May 10, and enjoy some of the activities offered.

The TARA Food Pantry will be holding a plant sale fundraiser. Vegetables, herbs, perennials, flowers, houseplants, seeds, bulbs, compost and containers are some of what you will be able to choose from.

The TARA Thrift Store will be holding a bag sale and a furniture closeout sale. Fill a bag for \$3 and find some bargains. Proceeds benefit the TARA Community Center.

The TARA Library is open for all to choose from hundreds of books and many DVDs. It is a lending

## Healthy Archuleta to host Saturday food drive

Healthy Archuleta

Are you wanting to support your local community and neighbors but don't have the time or energy?

We're making it easy by hosting a food drive at City Market on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's an easy action to take that has a lasting impact in our community.

According to the Healthy Archuleta's 2024 Community Survey, 35 percent of residents in Archuleta County were worried that they might not always be able to afford enough food to feed themselves and their families in the next year.

Participating in the food drive helps to provide some of these needed food items to our neighbors. Donated items are collected by Healthy Archuleta and shared with all the seven food pantries in Archuleta County through the food distribution center.

On Saturday, May 10, please stop by the Healthy Archuleta table outside City Market, pick up a shopping list and fill a bag to support our neighbors accessing food through the food pantries this spring.

If you are not able to come by the food drive, Healthy Archuleta has a donation bin located inside the UPS store in the City Market plaza. Nonperishable items can be donated during the UPS Store's open hours.

To learn more about the food drive, including the list of requested items, please visit our website at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/food-drive.html>.

To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, please visit our website at [www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org](http://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org) or send us an email at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com).

## Arboles News

library. Choose books or DVDs, enjoy them and return them when you can. When young people come to the library, our librarian will read them a story of their choice. There is always a puzzle happening at the

puzzle table.

Visit the Historical Corner also. Look at the relics and treasures of the area in the showcases. There are also many interesting postings on the wall for all to enjoy. There is a historical video offered to explain the interesting history of the area.

One of the pantry volunteers will be making taco soup to share on this special day. All activities will be held at the TARA Community Center at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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A sword-billed hummingbird in flight in Ecuador’s Mindo Cloud Forest. Charlie Tyrrell will present on the forest at the May 14 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club.

# Photography club to hear about Ecuador’s Mindo Cloud Forest

By Andy Butler

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14, at 6 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church located at 434 Lewis St.

Club meetings are open to the public. Feel free to arrive anytime after 6 p.m. to socialize; the program will commence at 6:30 p.m. Please use the side door near the parking lot to enter.

This month’s program will feature club member Charlie Tyrrell, who will deliver a captivating presentation titled “Ecuador’s Cloud Forest.”

During his presentation, Tyrrell will showcase and discuss photographs from a birding expedition he embarked on to the Mindo Cloud Forest in Ecuador. Renowned for its vibrant hummingbirds and other exotic species, the Mindo Cloud Forest is a true gem of the Andes Mountains.

The Mindo Cloud Forest is often enveloped in a perpetual mist and clouds, which provide consistent moisture to the landscape. Widely recognized as a biodiversity hot spot, this area boasts more than 550 species of birds, many of which are not only visually striking, but also exhibit unique behaviors.

The Mindo Cloud Forest Foundation, a prominent conservation organization, recognizes the significance of “tourism-focused birdwatching” in fostering conservation and sustainable economic growth for local communities. By preserving this life-sustaining habitat, tourism can be economically attractive, contributing to the well-being of the region.

Tyrrell, a retired engineer with a passion for wildlife and land-

scape photography, settled in Pagosa Springs in 2022. Despite considering himself an amateur, his remarkable photographs showcase his skill.

This meeting will be hybrid, with Zoom as an alternative. The Zoom link will be emailed to members. Those who wish to attend remotely can request the link via email to [abutler@mac.com](mailto:abutler@mac.com).

## Membership

Are you seeking ways to enhance your photography skills? Joining the Pagosa Springs Photography Club is an excellent opportunity to learn how to maximize the potential of your camera.

The Pagosa Springs Photography

Club welcomes everyone who enjoys capturing and appreciating beautiful photographs.

Our club meetings and outings provide valuable insights into composition, light and technique from experienced photographers. Regardless of the type of camera you use, we can assist you in optimizing your gear. Membership benefits include educational programs, image sharing and discussion, photo outings, and contests to foster mutual improvement in photography.

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# End of Life Education group to hear about near-death experiences

By Joan Mieritz  
End of Life Education

Pagosa's own Dr. Pamela Kircher, M.D., will facilitate a discussion of near-death experiences at our next End of Life Education program at 1 p.m. on May 15.

End of Life Education meets the third Thursday of the month at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis Street. Use the convenient parking lot with the side entrance into the kitchen and fellowship hall (the main doors into the church will remain locked).

The program will begin at 1 p.m. with time for visiting, coffee, tea and treats, if people bring something to share. It was decided that the official program should end around 2:30 to 3 p.m., but people can remain in the fellowship hall for socializing, discussions, support, etc. until 4 p.m.

Our programs are free, but people attending can bring canned food for the church pantry or make a cash donation in appreciation for using the room. Attendance varies for each program, so feel welcome to come anytime and bring friends.

Kircher will facilitate our next meeting on Thursday, May 15. She is a retired family practice and hospice doctor. Her childhood near-death experience influenced her choices and values throughout her life.

Her book, "Love is the Link: A Hospice Doctor Shares Her Experience of Near-Death and Dying," tells her own experiences as well as some of the experiences of her patients and

their families. Our open discussion will give us a chance to share our own near-death and related experiences.

We will decide toward the end of our discussion on May 15 if we will continue with more sharing on June 19. Such a topic as near-death experiences certainly warrants more time, but we will wait for the decision of the participants.

This June or July, End of Life Education will be completing the presentations for 2025 by helping people fill out the paperwork for the end of life that is given in the booklet "Your Right to Make Healthcare Decisions."

Federal law requires that you must be given information on advance directives at the time you are admitted by any hospital, nursing home, HMO, hospice, home health care or personal care program that receives federal funds (Medicare). We have used this booklet as part of our program so people can get a heads up on the paperwork rather than waiting until a more stressful time. There is also a form to fill out about resuscitation that is important to have completed and left on your refrigerator. There will be an article in the SUN newspaper announcing the date and time to complete these important forms.



## 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.

Combo tickets for all-day soaking and beer tasting are \$99, or you can join the tasting-only event for \$49. Local residents within a 60-mile radius can enjoy a \$39 tasting ticket and add a soaking pass for just \$27 with a valid ID.

Spend the day relaxing in the geothermal pools while watching the exciting Pagosa Paddle Whitewater Races on the San Juan River, just steps from the resort. These races, featuring raft teams, kayakers, and stand-up paddleboarders, are a cherished local tradition. The day wraps up with a lively downriver parade full of costumes and good cheer.

From 3 to 6 p.m., sample craft beers from 28 breweries across Colorado, New Mexico, and beyond. Connect with fellow beer lovers and help crown the winner of the Favorite Brewery Award. Past champions Big Beaver Brewing from Loveland and La Cumbre Brewing from Albuquerque may return to defend their titles, but new contenders could take the top spot.

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Pints, Pools, and Paddles is more than craft beer and soaking. It's a celebration of our river, our town, and the people who care for both. Proceeds from this event support Friends of the Upper San Juan River, a local nonprofit dedicated to protecting the San Juan River and community parks through education, recreation, and environmental stewardship.

Their work includes hosting community races and whitewater competitions that raise funds for vital projects, like securing public river access south of town and allowing boaters to continue enjoying the beautiful Mesa Canyon stretch.

The Springs Resort is proud to contribute the proceeds from this event to help continue their efforts. When you join us, you're not just having fun — you're giving back to the heart of Pagosa Springs.

Whether you've lived here for years or are visiting for the first time, this festival is a chance to soak, sip, cheer, and connect with the community. Tickets sell quickly and prices increase as the event approaches. Don't wait to reserve your spot.

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The Archuleta County Republican Women (ACRW) reported they had a great time celebrating and meeting with the public at the recent Earth Day Celebration. At its table, ACRW members provided applications for the ACRW and flyers highlighting the Republican platform, as well as free Constitution booklets and patriotic pens. The group also had balloons and candy for the kids. Pictured, left to right, are Commissioner Veronica Medina, Linda Wolcott and Michele Turney.

# Save the date for June Festival of the Arts

By Vickie Thompson  
Pagosa Springs Arts Council

The Pagosa Springs Art Council (PSAC) is pleased to present the second annual Festival of the Arts event. The event will once again be held at the Tennyson Sculpture Garden at 475 Lewis St. It'll run June 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Browse the artwork of more than 35 unique and distinct local and regional artists, including wall art (oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors and mixed media), mosaic, jewelry, ceramics and pottery, photography, graphic art, fiber art, glass, floral, woodwork, paper mache, a local author and book, and more. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk to artists, view their work

and purchase new artwork for your home or as gifts. In addition to the unique artwork, there will also be a food truck, snow cones, beverages by Pagosa Mountain Rotary and live music both days (including Tim Sullivan, Dylan Bishop, Dave Mensch, Happy Campers, Bob Hemenger and Bluegrass Cadillac). PSAC is also sponsoring an art film festival on June 8 free of charge. There will be plenty of parking at the Bell Tower Park lot, Two Old Crows Gallery lot and along Lewis Street. The Festival of Arts is sponsored by the PSAC, a 501(c) organization whose mission is to promote the arts in Pagosa Springs, and it benefits local businesses and artists. Please save the date; we'd love to have your support.

# Local young artists to be celebrated in district-wide art show

By Julie Ogier  
Archuleta School District

The creativity and talent of local students will be on full display at the upcoming Archuleta School District-Wide Art Show, opening next week at Pagosa Springs High School. The annual event features a vibrant collection of artwork from elementary, middle and high school students across the district. This year's exhibit showcases a curated selection of pieces created throughout the 2024-2025 school year. Visitors can expect to see a wide range of media, including drawings,

paintings, sculpture, digital art and mixed-media projects that reflect the diverse interests and perspectives of students at every grade level. The show is a celebration of the students' growth, imagination and hard work. It's a unique opportunity to see how a student's creativity evolves through their elementary, middle and high school years. The event will be Tuesday, May 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. It is open to the public, and admission is free. Light refreshments will be served. Families, friends and community members are encouraged to attend and support the young artists.

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# Home shouldn't hurt: Rise Above Violence seeking transitional housing providers

By Kristen Bair  
Rise Above Violence

"Home is where the heart is," they say.

"There's no place like home," says Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz."

When you think of home, what do you imagine? Most of us picture a warm, safe place, filled with people who care for us. But for victims of domestic violence, "home" doesn't bring comfort. It brings fear. Because sometimes, home hurts — and it shouldn't.

For 1 in 4 families who experience domestic violence, home becomes a place of pain and danger. It's no wonder domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness for women and their children (AllAgainstAbuse.org). Imagine facing an impossible choice: stay and endure abuse or leave and face homelessness.

I believe people want to help, they just don't always know how.

Transitional housing is one answer.

## A word from a SafeHome provider

"We've hosted Rise Above Violence for about three years now. It has allowed us to experience a new kind of community — sharing an open and unused space with someone during a deeply vulnerable moment. We feel grateful to offer a place of peace and privacy that we weren't even using, and to witness healing unfold in that space? Incredible.

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"Very little is required of us beyond providing a safe and private space where someone can rest, recover, and begin again."

## What transitional housing actually does

Transitional housing isn't permanent. It's temporary (up to 21 days), safe housing that gives survivors the time and space they need to get back on their feet.

It's not a shelter. But it is a bridge from crisis to stability — and a chance at a new beginning.

On average, transitional housing reduces the risk of returning to an abuser by more than 50 percent, according to TCDV. It allows survivors to find work, enroll kids in school, connect with services and, most importantly, breathe.

It doesn't just change lives. It saves them. At Rise Above Violence, we don't just help survivors find safe shelter, we walk alongside them through their journey. We connect clients to long-term resources, financial support and housing to help them rebuild so that one day, they no longer need us, but they always know we're here if they do.

## A word from a survivor

"I'm a domestic abuse survivor. Today, my children and I are safe, thriving, and finally happy.

"I tried for years to escape my situation. I just wanted a better life for my kids. If Rise hadn't found us transitional housing, I don't believe we'd be living the life we have now.

"So many women want to leave. They want safety. They want peace for their children. But they have no family. No support. No place to go.

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Members of the Pi Beta Phi San Juan Alumnae Club gathered April 28 at Victor’s Sushi restaurant. Standing, left to right, are Kelly Maestas, Lisa Scott and Melissa McDonald; seated, left to right, are Paula Tennant, Mary Bailly and Carole Howard. The event took place on the sorority’s Founders’ Day, so they toasted the 12 farsighted women who launched the organization on that day in 1867 at Monmouth College in Illinois at a time when only five universities admitted women. The ladies also celebrated the 25th anniversary of their alumnae club’s founding in Pagosa Springs in 2000 and toasted the local members who are Golden Arrows, women who have been members for 50 years or more. Bailly, a former Pagosa resident, traveled here from Cheyenne, Wyo., to be present at the event.

# Rise

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The students of the Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School will present their “final exam” concert at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, at the Tennyson Sculpture Park and Gardens. Bring a blanket, chairs and food/drink and support these fine young musicians. It will be moved to the high school auditorium if it rains.

# Pagosa Pride Festival planned for June 21

By Pauline Benetti  
Pagosa Pride

The Pagosa Pride Planning Team announces the date of the first annual Pagosa Pride Festival, June 21; the location, Town Park; and the time, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This second event follows last year’s first festival, which was a great success and drew about 200 folks; this year is projected to be bigger and better.

The event this year will include an Indigenous land acknowledgment, jams by DJ Wise Man, an inspirational keynote speech by homegrown local Kat Martinez, drag trivia, community art, food trucks, a kids’ corner, face painting, hair tinsel, a photo booth, nonprofit resources, craft vendors and much more. Thoughtful

moments will be interspersed with lots of just plain fun.

The Pagosa Pride Festival celebrates diversity in our community by creating an inclusive space, and opportunities to foster advocacy for equity and social justice for people of all colors, gender identities and sexual orientations to feel safe and welcome in Pagosa Country.

These words of Ruth Bader Ginsburg capture the concept: “We will all profit from a more diverse, inclusive society, understanding, accommodating, even celebrating our differences, while pulling together for the common good” and “...pulling together for the common good” always a basic practice of a democracy, is now more than ever, a survival practice.

Interfaith support for this first an-

nual Pagosa Pride Festival includes the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Community United Methodist Church and St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church.

The planning team invites our community to participate in the celebration in any one of several different ways: as a sponsor, a vendor or a local business or nonprofit and, of course, as an attendee, all roles that expand the network of support for our 2SLGBTQIA+BIPOC community.

For more information, see the Pagosa Pride Facebook page or email [pagosapride@gmail.com](mailto:pagosapride@gmail.com).



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The Town welcomes all groups or individuals who wish to help with the spring clean-up efforts. Place your cemetery trash and debris at the nearest roadside ditch for pickup. Trash bags are available at the Town’s Maintenance Facility at 550 Pirate Drive.

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# Healthy Archuleta’s Spring gardening classes and hydroponic farming continuing

Healthy Archuleta

For the third year in a row now, the Healthy Archuleta-sponsored Seed to Supper Gardening Education classes have begun in Pagosa Springs, being offered to those in the community wanting to learn how to grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Seed to Supper garden education program, developed by Oregon State University and adapted to our region, in partnership with Healthy Archuleta, is dedicated to teaching about growing fresh food.

Healthy Archuleta supports local food production by holding yearly gardening classes, sponsoring and supporting local community gardens, and engaging our youth in the future of local food production.

The first two of five consecutive classes took place at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) community garden beds, where the students worked directly on the beds, learning about soil health, structure and amending the beds with composted materials provided by the PLPOA.

These vegetable beds, which are maintained and managed by the Vista Lake Community Garden Committee, a subcommittee of the PLPOA Board of Directors, will begin growing fresh produce over the next several months and then donate the harvested vegetables to local food pantries by way of Healthy Archuleta’s food distribution center.

The Seed to Supper classes continue this month, the third class to be held at the newest part of the Vista Lake Community Garden community beds, near Vista Lake, where PLPOA residents can access raised garden beds to grow vegetables for their families. This community garden was established in 2022 with the help and sponsorship of Healthy Archuleta.

The remaining two weeks of the Seed to Supper classes will be held downtown at the Pagosa Springs Community Garden and will focus on transplanting, direct sowing, garden maintenance, pests, weeds, fertilizing, etc. and, finally, end-of-season harvesting, how to cook what has been grown, preserving the harvest and putting beds away for winter.

These classes have become an important part of Healthy Archuleta’s involvement with the Pagosa Springs community. Over the last few years, local expert gardeners and farmers have offered their time and expertise as class instructors to help educate about growing in Archuleta County.

Additionally, these classes have also been offered in English and Spanish to support our community in their gardening efforts.

## Hydroponic farming

Last month, Healthy Archuleta

harvested 35 two-ounce bags of hydroponically grown Italian basil. These were then distributed to our local food pantries.

How was this done? In April 2023, Healthy Archuleta began growing fresh lettuce greens in a vertical hydroponic grow tower that is housed locally indoors. Since then, this hydroponic grow tower has grown more than 1,100 heads of lettuce, with all donated to local food pantries. Additionally, three more towers have been purchased and are now fully operational.

Having access to several of these hydroponic towers is providing enough produce to harvest on a biweekly basis. Soon, there will be a harvest of loose-leaf green lettuce. There is also a quantity of Italian basil and onion chives that will be ready for harvest soon.

As it becomes warmer, it will eventually become too warm to grow lettuce, even indoors. However, instead of shutting down the towers over the summer, Healthy Archuleta is attempting to grow some warm-season crops, such as cherry tomatoes and sweet peppers. This hopefully will happen with the benefit of appropriate plant food, enough grow lighting and some air circulation. Within a few months, if successful, there will be some tomatoes and peppers to be harvested. This growth will be able to continue well into the fall season, when all other outdoor gardening has ceased.

In between these plantings, there will be fresh greens such as chard, kale and beet greens grown in the towers to supplement donations for the community.

It is vital that fresh fruits and vegetables be accessible to everyone in our community. Healthy Archuleta seeks to continue supporting the local food pantries by offering fresh produce through its hydroponic growing system, and also by sponsoring educational opportunities to empower local gardeners to grow their own fresh food to share with their families and friends.

To learn more about the efforts of Healthy Archuleta, please visit our website at [www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org](http://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org) or send us an email at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com).

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Kind of blocker
- 5 Like the Sahara
- 9 Rolex rival
- 14 Hollywood's Ken or Lena
- 15 Playing with a full deck
- 16 Plant root
- 17 Draws a bead on
- 18 Wavering
- 20 Cheap ship accommodations
- 22 Youth's inn
- 23 Inventor Nikola
- 24 Gas guzzler
- 26 Enduring
- 28 Large vases
- 32 Longtime CBS News host Charles
- 34 Of the stars
- 36 Holiday guests, often
- 37 Petal-plucker's word
- 39 Nada
- 40 Langley group
- 41 Ordering option
- 44 Mouth-watering
- 46 Texter's "seize the day"
- 47 Key element (var.)
- 49 "Streetcar" cry
- 51 Laundry pairs
- 54 "Dust in the Wind" group
- 57 Jolie of film
- 59 Juice drink brand
- 61 Guinness and others
- 62 Hit heavily
- 63 Culture medium
- 64 Herbal brews
- 65 Studly guys
- 66 Nevada city
- 67 Whirlpool-like current

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- 2 Cream of the crop
- 3 Striking clock, e.g.
- 4 San \_\_\_\_\_, California
- 5 Qatar's continent
- 6 Yogi's nemesis
- 7 Hits the tab key, say
- 8 Wallace of "E.T."
- 9 Hunter of myth
- 10 Spa staffer
- 11 Make revisions to
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ and take
- 13 Figure skating jump
- 19 Immature
- 21 Quimby of kid-lit
- 25 Profit
- 27 Like argon or radon
- 29 Made peace
- 30 Hair removal brand
- 31 Kill, as a dragon
- 32 Rubber-stamp

- 33 Farm building
- 35 Run out
- 38 IM sign-off
- 42 Russian horseman
- 43 Swell
- 45 Break, as a rule
- 48 Biblical promised land
- 50 Army vehicles

- 52 Work with dough
- 53 Fresh
- 54 Former N.Y.C. mayor
- 55 Civil rights org.
- 56 Sign-making substance
- 58 Greek sandwich
- 60 Golfer's goal

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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# Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County receives generous donation

By Leah Ballard  
Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County has received a generous donation of riverfront property on South 5th Street from Sam Cassidy, former lieutenant governor and state senator.

In a recent interview, Cassidy shared his belief in the importance of giving, stating, “There is a place in everyone’s spirit where we have a place for giving; we just need to nurture it.”

Cassidy has a history of community involvement and generosity.

Originally from Louisiana, he relocated to Oklahoma in the 1970s to pursue his undergraduate degree. During his law school days, he and his friends often drove through the night on Fridays to ski for the weekend, returning just in time for Monday classes.

Cassidy’s eldest daughter, Rachael, shared that her father “always wanted to do good things for the people around him — the people in his community.”

After completing his education, Cassidy moved to Pagosa Springs in 1983 to raise his family.

Cassidy’s dedication to his community extended to public service. In addition to elected office, he was a professor at the University of Denver, Daniels College of Business, the first chair of the Department of Business Ethics and Legal Studies, the president and CEO of the Colorado Association of Commerce and



Photo courtesy Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County

**Sam Cassidy.**

Industry, and the president of the Economic Development Council of Colorado.

Throughout his career, he witnessed the rapid changes in Pagosa Springs, noting the increasing cost of living and the loss of neighborhood diversity. Today, Cassidy and his wife live outside Denver and spend their time painting and working with stained glass.

Last fall, they reached out to Habitat Archuleta to donate the South 5th Street parcel, which was designated for a multiunit dwelling.

Cassidy’s donation is timely as the organization faces the challenge of moving forward in light of new federal funding limitations in rural development.

Reach out to Habitat Archuleta

staff and volunteers to find out how you can get involved on the job site, support events or continue the impact of Cassidy’s donation. Call (970) 264-6960 or email [volunteer@habitatarchuleta.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatarchuleta.org) today.

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## INVEST TIME IN OTHERS AND GET BETTER MENTAL HEALTH

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Researchers now are documenting not only the physical but mental benefits of altruism as seen in this research abstract below.

This study investigated whether altruistic social interest behaviors such as engaging in helping others were associated with better physical and mental health in a stratified random sample of 2016 members of the Presbyterian Church throughout the United States.

**METHODS:** Mailed questionnaires evaluated giving and receiving help, prayer activities, positive and negative religious coping, and self-reported physical and mental health.

**RESULTS:** Multivariate regression analysis revealed no association between giving or receiving help and physical functioning, although the sample was highly skewed toward high physical functioning. Both helping others and receiving help were significant predictors of mental health, after adjusting for age, gender, stressful life events, income, general health, positive and negative religious coping, and asking God for healing ( $R^2 = .27$ ).

Giving help was a more important predictor of better reported mental health than receiving help, and feeling overwhelmed by others’ demands was an independent predictor of worse mental health in the adjusted model. Significant predictors of giving help included endorsing more prayer activities, higher satisfaction with prayer life, engaging in positive religious coping, age, female gender, and being a church elder. Frequency of prayer and negative religious coping were not related to giving help.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Helping others is associated with higher levels of mental health, above and beyond the benefits of receiving help and other known psychospiritual, stress, and demographic factors.

Source: “Altruistic social interest behaviors are associated with better mental health.” By C.E. Schwartz. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/14508020>

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## SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure  
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

The SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center Sunday service at 11 a.m. on May 11 will be “Embracing Your Divine Journey with Intuitive Mind, Body, Spirit” with Shayla Azriel.

### Upcoming events

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

- May 7, 14 and 21, 6 p.m.: Tarot classes. Sign up by calling (970) 264-7474.

- May 12, 6 p.m.: Full Moon Drumming Circle with Azriel. The cost is a \$10 donation.

- May 23, 6 p.m.: Southwest Cowgirl Burlesque Dance Playshop with Sassafra. Come celebrate with healthy refreshments, giveaways and more.

- May 30, 7 p.m.: Illuminations.
- June 7: Sacred Water Medicine Wheel Blessing Ceremony with Maggie Red Eagle and Shayla White Eagle.
- June 10: Healing 101 Class with

Azriel. A six-week series on energy work, spirit work, blessings and more. Call (970) 510-0309 for more information.

### About us

The SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is a 501(c)(3). We are an all-inclusive community honoring all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine. We are the “Good Vibe Tribe” who practices Science of Mind principles of positive thinking.

The vision of SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center is to empower each participating member to become their “best self.”

We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Obtain information by joining us; emailing [pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com](mailto:pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com); mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309.



# Holy Communion and the early church

By Fr. Nicholas. E. Ziegenhagen  
PREVIEW Columnist

Q. What did the early church do on Sunday?

A. Historically, every Sunday Christians came together for a very specific kind of worship. They didn't just come together to pray or to sing hymns, or to listen to a sermon. They didn't come together to read their New Testaments — they didn't yet have them — though they read the Old Testament. Certain important letters which became what we call the New Testament were sometimes read aloud to them when they gathered, like the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, or to the Corinthians, or Galatians, etc.

But what they really came together for was what Christians for centuries have called the Holy Communion. In Scripture this event is sometimes called "the breaking of bread," such as in Acts 20:7, which says, "Now on the first day of the week [Sunday], when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them ..." So, from the very beginning of the Church of the New Testament, Christians came together on the first day of the week to break bread. In other words, they came together on Sundays to receive Holy Communion.

Many churches, Trinity Anglican Church included, continue the his-

## A Matter of Faith

toric practice of partaking of Holy Communion every Sunday. We do so in continuity with the apostles and with the testimony of the ancient Christian church. For example, all the way back in A.D. 155, the early Christian leader, Justin Martyr, explained Christian worship to the Roman emperor, saying, "On the day we call the day of the sun [Sunday], all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read ... Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the one who presides over the brethren in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings ... And this food is called among us [the Eucharist]," which in Greek means thanksgiving. [St. Justin Martyr, Apology 1, 65-67.] "The Eucharist" is another historic name for the millennia-old service of Holy Communion.

It was the universal testimony of the early church that all baptized Christians come together on the first day of the week to give thanks to God

through Jesus Christ and to celebrate the Holy Communion.

Come continue the tradition with us at Trinity Anglican every Sunday at 10 a.m.

I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Christian faith. Send your questions or comments to [pagosapriest@gmail.com](mailto:pagosapriest@gmail.com). Christ be with you.

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# Unitarian Universalists to hold guided meditation practice

By De Anna Hoyle  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Each Sunday a guided meditation practice is offered, beginning at 9 a.m. This Sunday also includes a dharma talk ending at 10:15 a.m. by Dan Dempster, a certified meditation teacher.

This practice is open to all those interested in deepening their practice or just starting out with a meditation practice. You are encouraged to email [info@PagosaUU.org](mailto:info@PagosaUU.org) to be added to the email list for announcements or changes.

Join us in person at our services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship is held on the first and third Sundays of the

month, with the second and forth Sundays being the Sharing Circle and Action Sunday, respectively.

We are located at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing the Pagosa Peak. We offer Zoom streaming of our service, and a link to join online can be found at [PagosaUU.org](http://PagosaUU.org), where you will find our current newsletter with information on all our programs.

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# Mark your calendars for two major events this month

**By Carole Howard**  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

May brings two very special events to your library that will be of interest to you and your family:

Starting May 27 through June 6, we will be hosting the first-in-the-world virtual reality exhibition with five unique films featuring Holocaust survivors walking us through their hometowns, memories and concentration camp experiences as they share their stories of survival.

“The Journey Back” applies cutting-edge technology to engage visitors with the survivors’ incredibly important stories. We are privileged to share it with you, thanks to a generous loan from the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

The films will begin daily on May 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Then, the afternoon of May 30 brings you the Summer Reading Kickoff Party from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Book lovers of all ages will enjoy food, crafts and fun at this annual event that marks the start of the many highly popular Summer Reading activities that result in prizes for all ages.

Watch for more details with dates and times in future “Library News” columns.

## Lifelong Learning Lectures

Your library’s free Spring Lifelong Learning Lectures take 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.

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.

## Online author talks

Our highly popular free online author talks with New York Times bestselling authors continue in May with two more talks for you to watch live on Zoom or via a recording later.

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

On May 14 at 5 p.m. we’ll interact with Liann Zhang, author of “Julie Chang is Dead,” on writing a brilliant, dark and diabolical thriller.

May 21 at noon will feature Rachelle Bergstein on “The Genius of Judy,” exploring how Judy Blume



rewrote childhood for all of us.

## Friday Flix tomorrow

Enjoy a PG movie chosen by participants plus free popcorn Friday, May 9, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

## Bilingual storytime Saturday

Join beloved retired high school Spanish teacher Mable Martinez Barber Saturday, May 10, from 10 to 11 a.m. for Hora de Cuentos, a bilingual storytime. Children will enjoy a story and singing in both English and Spanish as well as a craft and free play together, all aimed at building early literacy skills.

## Adult knitting and needlework

Join new and experienced knitters Saturday, May 10, for our free Knitters Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. It is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who would like to knit together or get some help if you are stuck on your project. Any type of needleworker is welcome.

## 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 Mondays 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.

## High school math tutoring

Free high school math tutoring for ages 14 and up takes place Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Preregistration is required.

## Ruby’s Book Club

Ruby’s Book Club will meet from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, to discuss “Enrique’s Journey” by Sonia Nazario. Copies are available at your library.

This free adult book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles. Anyone is welcome to attend.

## Legal clinic

This month’s free legal clinic is by appointment Wednesday, May 14, from 2 to 3:40 p.m. Come to the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer civil attorney.

To schedule an appointment, phone (970) 264-2209. When you call, let us know if you need a trans-

lator. Registration opens the first of the month and is required as space is limited.

## Family storytime

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early literacy skills.

## Elementary tutoring

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## 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 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.

## 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.

## Tech Time schedule change

Free in-person slots are available from 2 to 4 p.m. only on Thursdays beginning this month.

Judy helps you with basic questions relating to computers, smart-phones 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.

Note: There will be no Tech Time May 29.

## 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.

## 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

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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.

## Pope Francis memoir

"Hope" is the autobiography by Pope Francis that was intended to appear only after his death. Written over six years, with photos, it is the first autobiography ever written by a pope.

## DVDs

"Every Little Thing" tells of the lives of injured hummingbirds in Los Angeles. "Heroes of the Bible" is a five-movie collection including "Samson," "The Book of Esther," "The Book of Daniel," "Apostle Peter and the Last Supper" and "The Book of Ruth." "Piece by Piece" is a LEGO-animated film about the life of Pharrell Williams. "The Chosen" is season three. "Living" tells of a U.K. civil servant struggling to maintain order while bogged down by paperwork. "Practicing Mindfulness" is a Great Courses lecture collection on meditation. "Rediscovering the Age of Dinosaurs" features a dinosaur paleontologist.

## Mysteries and thrillers

"Goddess Complex" by Sanjena Sathian examines millennial adulthood in this psychological thriller. "Silent as the Grave" by Rhys Bowen and Clare Broyles is a Molly Murphy mystery. "Strangers in Time" by David Baldacci is set in World War II London. "Gifted and Talented" by Olivie Blake is a fantasy featuring three telepathic siblings after their father's death. "The Maid's Secret" by Nita Prose begins with the loss of a priceless treasure. "Stone Yard Devotional" by Charlotte Wood follows a burnt-out woman who retreats to a convent.

"Havoc" by Christopher Bollen is a psychological thriller set in a luxury hotel on the Nile. "Murder at the Gulls Nest" by Jess Kidd is the first in a new 1950s Seaside mystery series. "The Perfect Divorce" by Jeneva Rose features a high-powered attorney. "Overkill" by J.A. Jance is an Ali Reynolds mystery. "Nowhere" by Allison Gunn is set in a small fundamentalist town. "What He Left Behind" by Benjamin Bradley is a Det. Grace Bingham mystery.

## Other novels

"Sandwich" by Catherine Newman brings unusual events to a family's annual Cape Cod vacation. "Tilt" by Emma Pattee follows a pregnant woman after the long-predicted massive Pacific Northwest earthquake. "Blood Test" by Charles Baxter is a comedic novel about a divorced midwestern dad. "Flesh" by David Szalay features a teen living in Hungary. "I See You've Called In Sick" by John Kenney is about a very unhappy obituary writer.

"Summer Light on Nantucket" by Nancy Thayer is about rekindled relationships. "Audition" by Katie Kitamura begins when two people meet for lunch in a New York restaurant. "The Shining Mountains" by Alix Christie is set in the Rocky Mountain west. "The Quiet Librarian" by Allen Eskens renews a secret from worn-torn Bosnia.

## Books on CD

"The Perfect Divorce" by Jeneva Rose is a thriller. "When She Was Gone" by Sara Foster is a psychological thriller. "Into the Gray Zone" by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan thriller. "Earthbreaker" by Hannah Kaner is the third and final book in the Fallen Gods fantasy series. "Shadow of the Solstice" by Anne Hillerman is a Leaphorn, Chee and Manuelito Navajo Nation mystery.

"Overkill" by J.A. Jance is an Ali Reynolds mystery. "The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits" by Jennifer Weiner features two pop music sensations. "Rhino: The Rise of a Warrior" by Nicholas Sansbury Smith is a Hell Divers sci-fi adventure. "Fight or Flight" by Fern Michaels features a recluse author. "Beneath the Surface" by Emily McIntyre is a survivor romance in the Sugarlake series.

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# The power of belief — a new era

By **Betty Slade**  
PREVIEW Columnist

The “American Idol” stage turned into a sanctuary and songs of faith were sung by contestants. Brandon Lake, a worship leader; CeCe Winans, a Christian entertainer; and Jelly Roll, a broken man who has been transformed by Jesus, were featured. Carrie Underwood closed the program with “How Great Thou Art” and the audience rose to their feet.

This was the first occasion on prime time that “American Idol” used worship as its theme. The show also received a lot of controversy from this bold move. Why? Was it too outrageous? After all, it aired on Easter. Shouts of “He has risen” were heard around the world. A worship theme would seem appropriate for the Easter weekend.

Maybe people aren’t accustomed to Christians speaking out about their faith. It’s OK in the walls of the organized church on Sunday morning just as long as they stay in their lane. That evening, believers took another lane. They stepped over the line, and I believe their boldness shocked everyone.

We who watched at home on television, also experienced the power of belief. We tasted the wine of the Spirit, and God’s presence was made known. Was this a sign to reveal Jesus’ glory and usher in a new era?

Believers expressed an outpouring of their faith and talked about “American Idol.” Pastors reported that hundreds of people attended their churches and many professed their faith. Darkness was exposed, and the stark light shone too brightly for some.

The Lord brought to my mind the account of the wedding in Cana, which began His ministry. In John

## Artist’s Lane

2:1-11, we see Jesus’ first miracle. His words to the servants changed the course of history. Vats of water turned into pitchers of wine. His glory was revealed.

Jesus said to His mother, “... it will change nothing for you, but it will change everything for me! My hour of unveiling my power has not yet come.” Then He came to the servers and told them, “Fill the pots with water, right up to the very brim ... Now fill your pitchers and take them to the master of ceremonies ... This was a sign revealing his glory, and his disciples believed in him.” — John 2:4, 8, 11 (TPT).

It was the first miracle to reveal Jesus’ glory. The servants knew where the wine came from. Jesus’ power was unveiled to them. They tasted heaven. They experienced Jesus. The others only tasted what they thought was unusual for a traditional practice and praised another person, the bridegroom, and marveled that he had saved the best wine for last.

The miracle at Cana was a revelation of being transformed from death to resurrection, water to wine. It was a sign set in heaven for the day Jesus would climb that hill to His death and experience resurrected life. The scoffers lashed out. The believers shouted, “Jesus has risen.”

There were skeptics who watched “American Idol,” but there were also hungry hearts ready to hear songs of faith, who tasted the Spirit of the wine and experienced Jesus’ power

unveiled.

We see spiritual awakenings and revivals breaking out in our culture among the younger generation. In this hostile society, young people seem to be more open to the message of the Gospel and not afraid to express their faith. A global movement is happening where God is drawing people back to Himself.

Final brushstroke: God meets us where we are. People are desperate for answers. Change is happening. Possibly “American Idol” pushed the envelope, opened some doors and let in some light. It might be Jesus’ hour to unveil His power and show His time has come.

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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## PAGOSA SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL PROM

Photos courtesy Pagosa Springs High School

Scene ... taking part in the tradition of prom. Pagosa Springs High School students put on some of their finest attire for the annual spring event.





# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## MIDNIGHT IN THE MOUNTAINS

Photos courtesy Aubrie Limebrook

Scene ... extending the fun at the Midnight in the Mountains after-prom event on April 26. About 108 students extended the fun with a variety of games and activities at the event, with several taking home prizes to help prepare them for their future endeavors.





# Coloring fun

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## Missed open enrollment? You may qualify for a special enrollment period

By Ashley Springer  
Archuleta County

Life happens, and sometimes important deadlines can slip by. If you found yourself missing the recent health insurance open enrollment period, the Archuleta County Public Health Department (ACPHD) wants you to know that securing quality health coverage may still be within your reach.

While open enrollment is the primary gateway to a healthier future, sometimes significant life changes occur. That's where qualifying life events come in, offering you a special opportunity to enroll in a health insurance plan through a special enrollment period. This is your chance to access the peace of mind and security that comes with comprehensive health coverage.

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# Celebrating Older Americans Month: flip the script on aging

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

Celebrated every May, Older Americans Month (OAM) is led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL).

Established in 1963, OAM is a time to recognize older Americans' contributions, highlight aging trends and reaffirm commitments to serving the older adults in our communities.

This year's theme, "Flip the Script on Aging," focuses on the importance of combating ageism to transform how society perceives, talks about and approaches aging by challenging stereotypes and highlighting the benefits of healthy aging.

"Ageism affects how we see older adults and how they see themselves," said Rosa Chavez, Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) executive director. "A positive perspective on aging allows individuals to engage fully in their workplaces and communities."

The ASI executive director and board of directors were joined by local older adults last Tuesday in conjunction with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners to declare May 2025 Older Americans Month in Archuleta County.

Archuleta County's growing population of older adults enriches our community with strength, wisdom and diverse life experiences, and Archuleta County is committed to honoring their contributions, exploring opportunities for them to stay active and engaged, and highlighting the opportunities for purpose, exploration and connection that come with aging.

ASI's "Age Friendly Archuleta Initiative" and the Colorado Commission on Aging in alignment with the 2025 OAM theme are dedicated to empowering aging and encouraging older adults to prepare and plan for the future while actively participating in the present.

What can individuals do to combat ageism?

- Celebrate the contributions of people of all ages in the workplace and community.
- Avoid ageist statements when talking about growing older.
- Promote fact-based messages about older adults' abilities and value to communities.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to take time during this month and beyond to acknowledge and recognize older adults as vital parts of our community. For more information, please contact ASI via [www.psseniors.org](http://www.psseniors.org) or call (970) 264-2167 to learn more about our programs, services and volunteer opportunities.

## Rock painting May 8

Join local artist Becky Crowe this Thursday, May 8, at 1:15 p.m. for a

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free rock art session. We have gathered a variety of rocks of different sizes for your painting pleasure.

Stop by the dining hall and either bring your own rock or select from our collection. We will provide the paint and rocks, and you bring your own inspiration to create a colorful rock to place in your garden or to use as a paperweight.

This activity is free and open to all ages.

## Self-Sufficiency Food Series and produce box program

ASI, in partnership with TerraWalk Farms and Nourish Colorado, is launching its second season of the Self-Sufficiency Food Series and Produce Box Program for low-income seniors (ages 55+) in Archuleta County.

Through this Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) initiative, eligible participants will receive bi-weekly boxes of fresh, local, organic produce from June to mid-October 2025.

Eligibility requirements: must be a current or new ASI client (Meals on Wheels, congregate, pick-up/Grab-N-Go meals); a resident of low-income senior housing (e.g., Casa De Los Arcos, Rose Mountain Homes). Others may apply by contacting the ASI executive director for case-by-case consideration.

Perks: biweekly produce boxes, newsletters with recipes and farm stories, optional farm visits and work opportunities, and free access to the Self-Sufficiency Food Series, held monthly from May to October.

On May 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, you can learn about the CSA produce program and how to start and grow a garden that thrives at elevation.

## Self-Sufficiency Food Series schedule

May 17: Gardening at Elevation with Chris Fredericks.

June 21: Compost and soil with Brian Wattie/Wes Davies.

July 19: Kitchen skills with Ana Smith.

Aug. 16: Seasonal menu design with Rue Graham.

Sept. 20: Heritage/cultural foods with Rose Chavez.

Oct. 18: Food preservation with Kendall McAllister/Cindi Galabota.

To apply, call (970) 264-2167 or visit 451 Hot Springs Blvd. The first 40 qualified applicants will be accepted.

## Monthly caregiver support group

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.

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.

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: 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 Ross Aragon 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.

## T'ai chi chih

The Senior Center is offering t'ai chi chih with accredited instructor Patti Popovich each Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Senior Center dining hall located in the back of the Community Center.

The class is intended to support older adults who want to discover purpose and fulfillment in this transitional phase of life.

Tai chi is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this practice.

All classes are free for older adults (age 55 and better) and class will last approximately 1 hour. No special clothing or equipment is required.

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 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

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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 [copenhavercreative@gmail.com](mailto:copenhavercreative@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 10 to 11 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 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, May 8 — Baked salmon with herb cream sauce, rice pilaf, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, May 9 — Korean beef over rice, sugar snap peas, garden salad, fruit, brownies and milk.

Monday, May 12 — Beef meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and pearl onions, garden salad, fruit, ginger snaps, and milk.

Tuesday, May 13 — Chicken salad on croissant, broccoli salad, garden salad, fruit, stained glass Jello pie and milk.

Wednesday, May 14 — Beef spaghetti, squash casserole, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, May 15 — Stuffed giant Portobello mushroom, hummus and pita chips, garden salad, fruit, and Milk.

Friday, May 16 — Garlic ginger sticky pork, rice, broccoli and cauliflower, garden salad, fruit, carrot cake, and milk.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Dine-in and Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$6 helps to sustain our program. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10.50. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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## Mobile food pantry service

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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

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. By appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 2.

## 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

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open. The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

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# 100 years ago this month: historical events from May 1925

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The month of May has been home to many historical events over the years.

Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in May 1925:

- "Pink's War" comes to an end on May 1. The campaign was a British aerial bombardment against the Mahsud tribe in British India's Punjab Province. The campaign began on March 9.

- King Alexander of Yugoslavia signs a decree to have his brother, Prince George, interned as mentally incompetent on May 2. Prince George remained confined in an asylum for nearly two decades until his release was ordered by German occupying forces during World War II. Perhaps thanks to his internment, Prince George was the lone member of the royal family to avoid being exiled and named an enemy of the state upon conclusion of the war.

- James Naismith becomes a United States citizen on May 4. The 64-year-old Naismith, who invented the sport of basketball, was born in Canada, but had lived in the U.S. for 35 years before becoming an American citizen.

- Biology teacher John Scopes is arrested in Tennessee on May 5. Scopes is arrested teaching evolution, which was illegal in Tennessee. Scopes's arrest led to one of the most notable trials in American history.

- Two students and a teacher are killed during the Wilno school

massacre in Poland on May 6. Two eighth-grade students, one of whom was carrying a hand grenade and a pistol, instigated the massacre by attacking teachers.

- New York Yankees manager Miller Huggins benches Everett Scott on May 6, thus ending the player's record of 1,307 consecutive games played, a streak that began in 1916.

- African American river worker Tom Lee saves 32 passengers who had been aboard the steamboat M.E. Norman on May 8. The steamboat capsized and sank on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing 23 passengers and crew.

- The Brooklyn Bridge reopens to vehicle traffic for the first time in almost three years on May 12. The bridge was closed in July 1922 due to problems with two suspension cables.

- American Martha Wise is convicted of murder on May 12. Wise poisoned 17 members of her family, killing three. Wise is sentenced to life in prison, where she ultimately died in 1971.

- Editorials in Japanese news media decry American plans to strengthen the naval base at Pearl Harbor on May 15. Some Japanese suggest the decision to strengthen the base is a harbinger of future American aggression toward Japan.

- Casey Stengel plays in his final Major League Baseball game on May 19, ending a 14-year playing career.

- Malcolm Little is born in Omaha,

Neb., on May 19. Little would grow up and become a central figure in the American civil rights movement, by which time he was known as Malcolm X.

- Visitors from states along the United States and Canada border flock to Ontario on May 21 after legal 4.4 beer goes on sale in the province.

- The crew of the N25 seaplane, part of the Amundsen Polar Expedition led by explorer Roald Amundsen, is forced to touch down on ice on May 22. An accompanying plane, the N24, witnesses the landing and touches down as well. The explorers were attempting to be the first to fly to the North Pole, but spend weeks after touching down trying to chisel a runway out of the ice.

- Chicago mobster Angelo "Bloody Angelo" Genna is shot numerous times during a high-speed car chase on May 26. The North Side Gang is behind the attack, and Genna ultimately dies from his wounds.

- The Los Angeles police announce on May 30 they had foiled a kidnapping plot that targeted Hollywood stars Mary Pickford, Pola Negri and Buster Keaton.

- Peter DePaolo wins the 1925 Indianapolis 500 on May 30. DePaolo becomes the first driver to complete the course in fewer than five hours.

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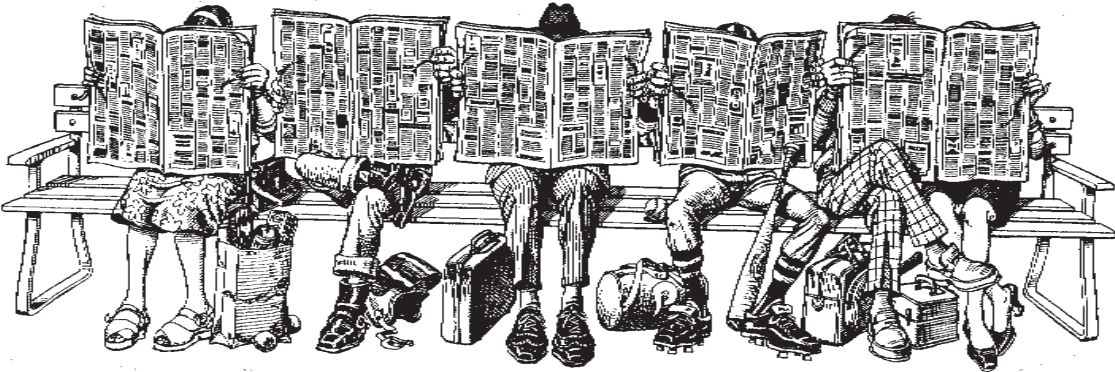
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# Plant profile: locoweed and milkvetch

By Mark Giampietro and Cindi Galabota

PREVIEW Columnists

Milkvetch is the common name for plants in the Astragalus genus of plants, which is part of the larger Fabaceae family, or the legume family.

In an area where livestock grazing is a foundational element to the way of life for many, these deadly beauties pose a real threat. These eye-catching, predominantly native plants can contain a neurotoxin called swainsonine. However, there are many species of milkvetch, and not all of them contain swainsonine, so proper identification is key to knowing if you have a toxic plant on your land or not. The ones containing swainsonine are commonly referred to as locoweed.

Grazing on these plants can cause locoism, "loco" being the Spanish word for crazy, an apt term that refers to the neurological effects caused by consuming swainsonine.

The symptoms of locoism include depression, circling, lack of coordination, staggering gait and unpredictable, unusual behavior. The toxin can also cause infertility, weight loss, growth disruption, heart failure, reproduction failure and potentially contribute to birth defects. Animals that eat locoweed become addicted to it, creating a vicious cycle of symptoms and consumption.

Removing the animals from the infested area can help them recover, but the damage can be permanent, and there are no known effective treatments.

Other species of milkvetch do not contain swainsonine, but instead can accumulate toxic levels of the mineral selenium. There are two types of selenium poisoning: acute and chronic. Acute poisoning happens when animals ingest high levels of selenium in a short period of time. Characteristic symptoms in cattle, horses and swine consist of abnormal posture, unsteady gait, diarrhea, abdominal pain, increased respiration and pulse, prostration, and death.

Chronic poisoning due to long-term consumption manifests as an alkali disease, known as the "blind staggers." Animals with the blind staggers show signs of decreased vitality, emaciation, rough hair coat, loss of hair, overgrown hooves, decreased eyesight and lameness. As the disease progresses to its terminal stages, the animal loses eyesight entirely, respiration becomes labored, and they experience paralysis of tongue and the swallowing process. Death soon follows.

Removing the animals from the area they are grazing locoweed and feeding them a low-selenium, high-quality diet can help ease symptoms; however, like locoism, there is no known totally effective cure for the blind staggers.

The economic toll of locoism can be severe. According to New Mexico

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State University, it is estimated that locoism causes an annual loss of \$300 million in the western United States.

They are the most widespread group of poisonous plants across the West, and with more than 300 unique species, identification can be tricky at best. If you suspect that you may have locoweed on your land, contact the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department, the Colorado State University (CSU) Extension Office or the San Juan Conservation District to get a positive identification.

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## Thursday, May 8

**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.

**Art: Rock Painting.** 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.

**T'ai Chi Chih.** 2:30-3:30 p.m., Senior Center. Free for those 55 and better.

**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.

**Seminar: Spiritual Health with the Rev. Debra Huffman.** 6-7:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The Rev. Debra Huffman will speak on "Nurture Your Spirit: Your Journey to Enhancing Spiritual Wellness."

## Friday, May 9

**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.

**Friday Flix.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Participants will choose from a selection of PG-rated movies.

## Saturday, May 10

**Supermom 5K.** 8 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Check-in begins at 8 a.m., with festivities kicked off shortly after. Participants can choose from a 5K run, a mile walk or the Kids Fun Run. Proceeds go to Aspire Medical Services and Education. For more information or to sign up, visit [aspirepagosa.org/supermom5k](http://aspirepagosa.org/supermom5k) or call Aspire at (970) 264-5963.

**Fly-fishing Basics.** 9 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Bible Church. Put on by Pagosa Bible Church. For more information, call (303) 828-6386.

**TARA Food Pantry Plant Sale.** 9

a.m.-1 p.m., TARA Food Pantry, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles. A variety of plants and more will be for sale to support the food pantry.

**Hora de Cuentos Bilingual Story-time.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for an educational hour of reading and singing in Spanish, free play and building early literacy skills.

**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](mailto:marierascoe67@gmail.com) or Centerpoint Church at (970) 731-2205. You can also register and learn more at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**Healthy Archuleta Food Drive.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., City Market.

**Pagosa Springs Scrapbook and Crafters Club.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Senior Center dining room. Bring your creative and scrapbooking projects and share time with other crafters. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

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

## Monday, May 12

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

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

**Brain Fitness and Mobility.** 10-10:45 a.m., Senior Center. For anyone 21 and older.

**Women's Fellowship Book Study.** 9:30-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church.

**Archuleta County Democratic Club.** 11:30 a.m., Coyote Moon. Veronica Medina will speak about the county's strategic plan.

**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.

**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

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

**Tuesday, May 13**

**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.

**Stretching and Mobility Class.** 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. A stretching and mobility class for those ages 55 and up.

**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.

**Ruby's Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join to discuss "Enrique's Journey" by Sonia Nazario.

**Archuleta School District-Wide Art Show.** 4-5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. The exhibit will showcase a curated selection of pieces created throughout the 2024-2025 school year by elementary, middle and high school students across the district.

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**Men's Fellowship.** 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms.

**Wednesday, May 14**

**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.

**Emotional Freedom Technique.** 10-11 a.m., Senior Center.

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** 11:30 a.m., Victor's Sushi, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. The guest speaker will be Bernadette "Bernie Lake, an Army Reserve veteran. There will be social time and time to order lunch from a special menu at 11:20 a.m. The meeting is from noon to 1 p.m.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 1-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about Senior Planet from AARP with Dayton Romero.

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

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

**Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via Zoom at the library. Registration required. Registration opens on the first day of each month. Space is limited. Call (970) 264-2209 or email [ruby@pagosalibrary.com](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.com).

**Vitalant Blood Drive.** 3-7 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1879 Majestic Drive. Contact local blood drive coordinator David Hamilton at (970) 799-4056 for more information or to schedule an appointment. You may also go to [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) or call (877) 258-4825. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

**Elementary Tutoring.** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. For those in grades 1-3. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Online Author Talk: Liann Zhang.** 5 p.m., virtual. "Julie Chan is Dead" with Liann Zhang. For details and to register, go to <https://libraryc.org/pagosalibrary/upcoming>.

**Pagosa Springs Photography Club.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis Street. Arrive anytime after 6 p.m. to socialize; the program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Charlie Tyrrell will present on "Ecuador's Cloud Forest."

**Order of the Eastern Star Peace and Harmony Chapter #158.** 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 277 Lewis St. Call Donna at (970) 946-8201 for more information.



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**HUMAN ECOLOGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE** Education Group, Evolve, to meet Wednesday, May 14th from 4:45p.m. to 5:45p.m. at Ruby M. Sisson Library, exploring Climate Change myths. Evolve serves to provide information, inspiration and connection for healthy global ecology through media education. No charge, public. Wednesday, May 21, 4:45p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Library, documentary, "Return of the Wolf." Why here? Why now? Friday, May 23, 4:45p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Library, topic: "The Conservative Environmentalist," Benji Becker, and film, "Beasts of Our Time: Climate Change and Grizzly Bears."

**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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We're looking for Outstanding Employees to join our team!



**Archuleta School District**  
strives to achieve  
*"Success for Every Student —  
Every Class — Every Day."*

Currently accepting applications for the following positions:

**Service Technician**  
Full-time position with a starting salary of \$41,946-\$47,818 for a 250-day work schedule.

**Elementary, Middle, & High School Teachers 2025-26 SY**  
Full-time positions with a starting salary \$51,645-\$67,469 for 175 days paid over a 12-month period.

**MS & HS Coaching Positions 2025-26 SY**  
Part-time positions based on salary schedule range from \$3,411 up to \$3,750 paid at the end of the season.

Benefits for all FULL-TIME positions include (but are not limited to) PERA State Retirement, Life Insurance, optional Health and Dental Insurance and paid Discretionary Days.

**You belong on the Archuleta School District Team!**

For more details and to apply for these positions click on "Job Postings" on the following web-site: [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com)  
EOE





## Front Office Star Wanted!

Pagosa Peak Family Dentistry, a fun, community-driven practice, seeks a coachable team member with customer service or administrative experience (no dental experience needed). Job would include smiling and greeting patients, coordinating appointments and insurance as we grow our administrative team.

Enjoy competitive pay, health insurance, retirement benefits, and a tight-knit crew while enhancing community health. Email your resume to [hello@pagosapeakfamilydentistry.com](mailto:hello@pagosapeakfamilydentistry.com)! Please include your favorite ice cream flavor!

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.** Front office administrative assistant or chair side procedural assistant positions available for immediate hire. Will train if necessary for these valuable positions. Flexible hours, full time or part time available. Great pay with room for advancement. Please send your resume today to [pdimplants@yahoo.com](mailto:pdimplants@yahoo.com).

**CDL DRIVER.** Ponderosa Lumber is hiring a CDL Driver. This is a full-time position. Duties include deliveries, loading /unloading trucks, and helping customers. Requires the ability to drive a stick shift and have a Class B endorsement. We offer paid time off, medical, dental, vision, prescription, 401(k) and Profit Sharing. Please apply at Ponderosa Lumber 2435 Eagle Dr. (970)731-4111.



# We Are Hiring!

## Elementary Teachers

We are hiring elementary school teachers for the 2025-26 school year. If designing curriculum and engaging students in Project-based Learning excites you, don't hesitate to apply.

**Apply now!**

Send your resume to: [emurphy@ppos.co](mailto:emurphy@ppos.co)

[www.pagosapeakopenschool.org](http://www.pagosapeakopenschool.org)

**CITY HALL CAFE** now accepting applications for servers and line cooks. Apply within.

**COLORADO DREAM HOMES** is expanding our crew! We are seeking multiple crew assist positions (framing /siding /finish carpentry). Starting rate is \$20+ an hour depending on experience. Paid holidays, accrued PTO and annual bonuses. Please send resumes to [coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com](mailto:coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com) or swing by our office at 2283 Eagle Drive to hand deliver or fill out an application.

**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST THRIFT STORE**—Now Hiring. Now hiring for two part-time positions in Pagosa Springs. Co-Manager: Helps run daily operations, works with volunteers, manages inventory. Sales Floor Assistant: Provides customer service, runs register, restocks, keeps store tidy. Make a difference at this nonprofit, church-supported store. Apply: Rev. Ken Daniell— [pastor@cumcps.org](mailto:pastor@cumcps.org).

**CONSTRUCTION CARPENTER AND LABORER** needed. No skills required for laborer. (970)946-0720.

**CONSTRUCTION LABOR** and metal working help needed. Good driving record a plus but not necessary. Pay based on construction experience. Full-time or part-time. (970)585-1021.

**DEDICATED CLEANERS** Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. \$20/ hour possibly more for special projects. Text Pagosa Sparkles, (970)946-6446.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT — WILL TRAIN** San Juan Dental. We are looking for a great dental hygienist 2-4 days per week. We are looking for a permanent addition to join our fun work family. **We are not a corporate dental practice.** We are a growing private practice with a fantastic reputation for our quality care and exceptional friendliness. Our patients enjoy their time with us and especially with our team. We are a boutique practice with a close-knit work family. Our reputation in the community is stellar. **Our Core Values are behind everything we do, including hiring. We are committed to:** Care, Commitment, Communication and Compassion. Pay rate will be determined based on experience. Starting at \$24/h more with experience in dentistry. **Benefits may include** • Paid time off • Holiday pay • Health benefits • Uniform Allowances • Dental benefits for you and your immediate family. Weekly hours are CONSISTENT. (M-Th 7:45am-4pm with an hour lunch break. **Requirements for employment include:** · Remarkable friendliness and personality · Knowledge of oral health and ability to educate in a kind manner · Team-based attitude, willingness to cooperate and pitch in · Competent in digital charts, typing, and navigating computer software · Taking health histories and medical records · Making people laugh! **Please email resume to [drsmith@pagosa.dentist](mailto:drsmith@pagosa.dentist) or stop by 308 Pagosa St.**

**DONATION RECEIVING ASSOCIATE.** Job responsibilities will include accepting and sorting donations at the Thrift Store, at our temporary donation intake location uptown, and driving and loading arranged donation pick ups. This is a physical, mostly outdoor role. Positive attitude, and good customer service skills are a must. Experience driving a box truck type vehicle, a clean driving record, and the ability to lift 50-60lbs correctly and safely are also required. 24- 32 hours a week \$16.00 -\$18.00 per hour DOE and on availability. Please email resume to [hsjobs@pagosahumane.org](mailto:hsjobs@pagosahumane.org), complete an application on our website <https://pagosahumane.org>, or stop by 279 Pagosa St. 10- 4 Tuesday-Sunday.



(970) 264-2100

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## We are Growing! Now Hiring: Digital Marketing Consultant

Are you passionate about driving results through innovative marketing strategies? Do you thrive on helping businesses grow their online presence? Join our team as a **Digital Marketing Consultant** and make an impact!

### What You'll Do:

Develop, implement, and optimize digital marketing campaigns across multiple platforms-Search Engine Marketing, SEO, Facebook, Video and much more. Plus, have a competitive advantage by including our own Pagosa Springs SUN digital and print audience. Bring cost-effective, website development opportunities to local businesses to help build long-term, win-win partnerships. Analyze campaign performance and generate actionable insights to maximize ROI. Collaborate with clients to understand their business goals and create tailored marketing strategies. Stay ahead of industry trends and identify new opportunities for growth.

### What We're Looking For:

2+ years of experience in digital marketing, preferably in a consultancy or agency role.  
Proven expertise selling digital advertising solutions.  
Strong analytical skills with proficiency in tools like Google Analytics, Ads Manager, and SEMrush.  
Exceptional communication skills and a client-first mindset.  
A passion for creativity, strategy, and measurable results.

### Why Join Us?

Competitive salary + performance-based incentives.  
Access to professional development and growth opportunities.  
Be part of a collaborative, innovative, and supportive team.

*O'Rourke Media Group is a family-owned, diversified media company that was formed in 2018. Originally just a holding company that owned a few newspapers, O'Rourke Media Group (OMG) has established itself as an industry-leading, digital media company comprising a cutting edge digital agency and an impressive group of award-winning, hyper-local print newspapers and niche magazines. OMG now operates in eight states, 36 markets with over 50 publications and hyper-local websites. In Pagosa Springs, we publish The SUN, Preview and a number of niche publications.*

**Ready to take the next step in your career?**

Send your resume and a brief cover letter to  
CEO Jim O'Rourke at [jorourke@orourkemediagroup.com](mailto:jorourke@orourkemediagroup.com).

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**MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING** customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer accrued vacation/personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

We are looking for reliable,  
motivated additions to our team!



Full-time and Seasonal  
**MULTIPLE POSITIONS  
MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS**

Starting at \$17 per  
hour, dependent on  
experience.

Benefits include  
discounts, paid time off,  
profit sharing and more!

Weekends and  
holidays required.

Apply in person.  
Applications available  
on [www.terrysace.com](http://www.terrysace.com)



**Terry's ACE**  
525 Navajo Trail Dr.

## CONTRACTOR SALES

**Ponderosa Lumber** is seeking a customer service oriented individual to assist contractors with purchasing building materials. Knowledge of building materials is necessary.

*Responsibilities include:*

- Providing excellent customer service
- Completing required paperwork
- Providing product information
- Data Entry

*Please apply in person at*

**Ponderosa Lumber**

2435 Eagle Drive or call (970) 731-4111

**ELI STEPHENS LANDSCAPING LLC.** is looking to hire. We are looking for someone willing to learn. Pay will be based off of experience. Looking for labor and equipment operators. Call Eli (970)946-0268.

**ELITE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL**, a division of Bruin Waste Management, LLC is a rapidly growing organization with services expanding the Western Slope of Colorado. We currently have a **Class B CDL Driver Trash/Recycle Route Driver** position open. The starting rate for this position is \$24 /hour and includes a sign-on bonus of \$500 payable after 6 months of accident-free employment. We offer a competitive benefits package including a matching 401k Plan with opportunities to earn safety bonuses. Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug test. We are committed to first-class service, where safety and people are our top priority! Applications can be picked up at 250 Industrial Circle in Pagosa Springs, Colorado or call our office at (970)731-2012 or email [ctanner@elite-recycling.com](mailto:ctanner@elite-recycling.com) to request one.

**EMPLOYMENT AT SILVER DOLLAR LIQUOR.** Must be 21. Full-time or part-time. Nights and weekends. (970)264-2749.

**NEWSPAPER REPORTER** — We are searching for a talented reporter to fill a full-time position in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Our journalists are driven to find stories that matter to our community and are dedicated to fairness, accuracy, and ethics. The successful candidate for this position is someone who knows how to cover hard news but also loves to write about people and their passions. They know that a good interview is often a good conversation and know when to ask the tough questions, but also when to listen. The ideal candidate has exceptional writing skills and is willing to put in the extra effort and research to deliver an engaging story. Preferred qualifications for this position include: Degree or diploma in journalism, or a related field; At least 1-3 years of experience as a reporter with experience covering hard news and feature stories or experience at a college newspaper; The ability to meet tight deadlines and report the news as it happens; Superior language, writing and editing skills; Strong photography skills; Able to work a variety of schedules, including evenings, nights and weekends; Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills; Ability to work in a fast-paced environment; A valid driver's license and a reliable vehicle; Willingness to live in or near Pagosa Springs, Colorado. If this sounds like the perfect position for you, we would love to hear from you! To apply, please send your resume, letter of interest and relevant samples of your work to Chad Richardson, Vice President of News, [crichardson@orourkemediagroup.com](mailto:crichardson@orourkemediagroup.com). Company Benefits: We offer competitive compensation plans and employees are eligible for medical, dental, vision, life insurance benefits, paid time off and our 401 (k) savings plan. This is an excellent opportunity for career development and growth within the company O'Rourke Media Group is a fast-growing company that owns and operates hyper-local, community newspapers, websites, niche publications and a full-service digital agency. We are family-owned and mission-driven to save newspapers and local media companies by investing in the people, resources and technology needed to thrive for many years to come. We believe that every community can benefit from a well-run, properly resourced, local newspaper and website. Our News teams produce hyper-local, high interest local news and accurate and trustworthy reporting. Our Sales and Digital Fulfillment teams bring omnichannel advertising solutions to local businesses in the communities we serve. O'Rourke Media Group now operates in nine states and 38 markets with 51 publications and hyper-local websites. We started from ground zero in December 2018, totally bootstrapped, confident and with an entrepreneurial mindset.

**GENERAL LABORER NEEDED** Full time. Assorted Duties. Please send resume or work history to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com). Phone (970)264-5000.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** for CDL Driver / Equipment Operator. Experience with forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Please send your resume to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com).

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** at Pagosa Springs Golf Club and Square Top BBQ: Server/Bartender \$11.79- \$15/ hour +Tips, Grounds and Irrigation Crew DOE \$16- \$20/ hour, Golf Carts \$16/ hour +Tips, Housekeeping \$18/ hour. Seeking honest, outgoing, reliable and responsible applicants with excellent customer service skills for our team. Full- or Part-time positions available. Training available for all positions. Apply in person at 1 Pines Club Place.

**JAND J ENTERPRISES** is looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. We offer paid sick leave, product sampling, employee discounts, sales bonuses and comprehensive on-site training! Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. E-mail your resume to [employment@jandjinc.net](mailto:employment@jandjinc.net) or check us out on [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com).

**LANDSCAPE LABORERS WANTED.** Must have own transportation. Call for an application. Good pay for good help. (970)946-2277.

**SEEDS OF LEARNING EARLY CARE** and Education Center (SOL), an NAEYC accredited childcare center, is accepting applications for their Executive Director position in Pagosa Springs, CO serving children ages 2 1/2- 5 years. The Executive Director is responsible for providing management, leadership, and integrity in the operations of SOL. The Executive Director will manage all aspects of the program including ECE legal/fiscal components, staff management, educational programming, professional development, operations/facilities management, stakeholder relations, fundraising, and will serve as a model for family support through family-centered practices. The Executive Director in collaboration with the Board of Directors, will implement forward thinking policies and procedures that are consistent with the program vision, philosophy, mission, goals of growth and best practices in Early Childhood Education. The ED will have a commitment to continuous quality improvement with input from all stakeholders including families and staff. The ED will be an effective communicator both orally and in writing and will be able to effectively utilize current computer technology in their work. Must be knowledgeable in the field of budget management, and grant writing knowledge is preferred. A full job description is available at [growingseeds.org](http://growingseeds.org). Must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood (or like degree), preferably a Colorado Director Qualified Certificate with experience as an ECE preschool teacher and some supervisory/management experience. This is a 40-hour a week year-round position with a starting salary between \$65,000 - \$70,000, depending upon qualifications. Please email resume or reach out to Lisa Peters at [lisa@peterspagosa.com](mailto:lisa@peterspagosa.com) by May 23 for more information.

**LINE COOK AND PREP COOK** needed at Two Chicks and A Hippie. Apply at 135 Country Center Drive.

**MALT SHOPPE NOW HIRING.** Apply in person between 9a.m. and 2p.m.

**NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON** is hiring a full-time cashier nights and weekends. Competitive wages. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.



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# CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Pagosa Springs SUN is recruiting for a dynamic, versatile customer service representative. This position is required to work at our office at 457 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Hours 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Job Responsibilities

**Account Management:** Support the Advertising Department with account management activity that’s associated with customers running ads in The SUN, PREVIEW, special publications and on our digital platforms. **Administrative:** Handle postal paperwork, insertion order processing and payment processing for advertising and subscriptions. **Service:** Provide personable, friendly customer service answering phones and interacting in person with customers that visit the office. **Communication:** Serve as a point of contact for internal and external communications. Answer phones, respond to emails and direct inquiries to the appropriate team members. **Project assistance:** Assist with special projects and initiatives as needed.

Requirements

3-5 years of experience working in an office. Excellent attention to detail and accuracy in data entry. Strong organizational and time management skills to meet payroll deadlines. Excellent communication skills on the phone and through all communication channels. High level of proficiency in MS Excel and other Microsoft Office applications.

Compensation Range/Benefits

\$17-\$20/hour depending on experience level. Eligible for medical, dental and vision benefits on the 1st of the month after 30 days of employment. Eligible to enroll in the company’s 401 (k) retirement savings on the 1st of the month after 90 days. The company matches 50% of your contribution up to 2.5% of total compensation. 16 days of PTO plus 4-5 paid holidays. Opportunity for advancement and career growth within the company.

About the Company

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Send your email or letter of interest directly to  
CEO Jim O’Rourke at [jorourke@orourkemediagroup.com](mailto:jorourke@orourkemediagroup.com)

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an O’Rourke Media Group company

**PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING** a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**PINE VALLEY RENTAL**, busy equipment rental yard is seeking a reliable, self starting shop/yard person. Must have experience in mechanics, diesels, hydraulics, electrical work, and be knowledgeable of heavy equipment plus small engines. CDL is a plus but not required. Must have own transportation. Full time, Monday -Friday 8-5. Please call (970)731-4410 Or Email [ppine000@century-tel.net](mailto:ppine000@century-tel.net). 391 Bastille Drive.

**SEEKING PART-TIME HELP.** For landscaping, experience helpful. Must have valid drivers license and transportation. Contact Eric. (970)946-2061.

**WAREHOUSE PERSON.** Detail oriented FT, Monday- Friday. Must be able to lift 50+ lbs. Must be over 21 for forklift. Non smoker. Drop resume off at The Tile Store, 204 Bastille Dr.

**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

**OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS IN 2025!** Four year-old profitable Side-by-Side rental business with extremely high reviews on Google. 1 to 8 Polaris Rzrs, LLC, website, reservation site, customer list, insured, bonded, licensed, maintenance and safety gear included. Better location than any of our competition. Operates May- Nov. Call or text Ryan (970)946-2409.

**SMALL CRANE BUSINESS FOR SALE.** National Crane truck, business, client list, and all attachments come with business. Inquire at (970)903-2381.

## FOR SALE

**BASSMASTER BOAT**, trolling motor and battery, \$600. John, (970)946-0293.

**DO YOU BURN FIREWOOD?** Guarantee yourself dry seasoned wood this winter and get stocked up now! Get a HUGE dump truck load split and delivered for \$550. Pine /Fir mix. Contact FIRE&ICE (970)582-0006.

**DRY FIREWOOD- PINE.** Pick up \$255 a cord. Delivery available. Call for prices. Bayfield. Gabe (970)403-2784.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE.** Pine and aspen. Cut about 16” long, split. Delivered by longbed truckload. Call (970)946-4450.

**NEW 20’ CONTAINERS FOR SALE** or rent. We deliver to homes or businesses. Pagosa Springs Storage (970)731-0007.

**OUTDOOR VEHICLE STORAGE SPACES** available. 16’, 20’, 25’, plus indoor 12’x20’. Winter specials starting at \$60. Pagosa Springs Storage. Gated with security cameras. (970)749-1500.

**SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS.** We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. (970)731-PAWN (7296).

**TOOLS TOOLS TOOLS!** We are leaving and they aren’t coming. Entire contents of wood shop for sale. Drill press, band saw, wood lathe, planers, circular saws, sanders, hand tools, wrenches, sockets, and a whole bunch more. Call or text (970)946-9475.

**USED ENGLISH SADDLE;** 17 inch. Australian saddle, almost new; 17 inch. Nita (970)317-8332.

## LIVESTOCK

**LOOKING FOR A RIDING HORSE.** A gelding or mare that needs a home to be a buddy for my 15 year old gelding. Please call (970)946-2629 or email [jodyunger61@gmail.com](mailto:jodyunger61@gmail.com).

## PETS

**ADOPT FROM THE** Humane Society. Stop by or call (970)731-4771. You’ll be amazed at what we have to offer, [www.PagosaHumane.org](http://www.PagosaHumane.org).

**DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM.** Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa. Call (970)264-9111.



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**2012 Forest River Pop-Up camper**  
Dry inside, even in rain and snow. Heated. Sleeps 4-6, queen, full and twin beds. Three burner stove and outdoor gas grill. Indoor toilet and shower. Refrigerator. Good battery and back up system. Full propane bottle. Winterized.  
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**2011 22’ SUN TRACKER PONTOON** with trailer, seats 12, 115HP Mercury, great condition. (970)946-6705.

**2018 POLARIS RANGER XP 900.** Includes: 72” poly blade with winch, Harvester 28” tires, Amplify 14” black wheels, poly roof and windshield. \$14K. Call (970)582-0161.

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**BLUEGRASS MUSICIANS** interested in joining an intermediate/ advanced level regular bluegrass jam, contact Melinda at [malutz@centurytel.net](mailto:malutz@centurytel.net).

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**LOOKING FOR SOMEONE** with a fenced yard that would be willing to provide daycare for my German Shepherd. Call or text Randy, (970)946-0094.

## AUTOS

**2005 MAZDA RX8.** Immaculate one owner, always housed in garage. 163,914 miles, new engine at 96k, new transmission at 135k, new clutch at 155k. 245X40 ZR18 custom wheels. 97y speed rated tires. (970)761-1173, [carlwilles@gmail.com](mailto:carlwilles@gmail.com). \$6000.

**2007 TOYOTA RAV4 LIMITED.** 116K, great condition, garaged, auto, front wheel drive, leather, moon roof, original owner. \$6,100. (970)507-0226.

**GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL!** 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

**SELLING A 2006 JEEP** Grand Cherokee Overland. 5.7L Hemi. Trail rated 4X4. 135,000 miles. \$6,000. Call Rick, (760)835-2350.

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**ATTENTION TREASURE HUNTERS!** Estate Sales By Elizabeth, LLC is unfortunately having to postpone the BIG sale. Mother Nature is dishing up a terrible weekend for a sale and the mud prediction will be more than we can handle. Sale will be held on Friday May 16, Saturday 17 AND Sunday 18. Check out my Facebook page for previews of the goods, text with any questions (719)291-2318, and look for the PINK balloons. (Promise they will be out the night before!)

**BARGAIN HUNTERS PARADISE.** Everything must go. Furniture, clothing, computer stuff, TVs, file cabinets, microwave, art work and more. 39 Lighthouse Drive. Saturday, May 10, 9a.m.- 1p.m.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**PLPOA FLEA MARKET SALE** Saturday, 8 to 1, 230 Port Avenue. Multiple vendors with many treasures seeking new homes.

**PLPOA SPRING MULTI-FAMILY** flea market/ yard sale. Saturday, May 10th, 8a.m. to 1p.m. 230 Port Ave, PLPOA Clubhouse inside and outside. NO EARLY CALLERS.

**YARD SALE** at 325 Oakwood Circle. Friday, 10-2, and Saturday, 8-1.

## COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

**260 SF OFFICE** at the Metro Hotel downtown on Main Street. \$469 monthly, utilities included. Jacque (970)946-7636.

**4 OFFICE SPACES.** Freshly remodeled, \$400-\$525. Well suited for spa services, 140-270 sq. ft. Beautiful spacious restrooms. (970)946-3232.

**COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS FOR LEASE.** 1501 W. Hwy 160 #1 and #2. (970)398-5290.

**DOWNTOWN OFFICE** Upstairs with skylight. Month-to-month, \$325/ month including utilities, internet and shared kitchen. No smokers. No pets. (970)946-2728.

**FLEXIBLE COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL SPACE** on the western side of Pagosa Springs. 2 spaces available. One is 1,000 sf and one is 2,000 sf with 2 14’ Overhead garage doors. Both units come with bathrooms. Will be delivered as a shell space ready to be customized with credits for Tenant Improvements. Tenants in compound include building trades, UPS, light manufacturing, and artists. Available May 1st. \$1/sf per month. [raswheeler@gmail.com](mailto:raswheeler@gmail.com).

**LIGHT INDUSTRIAL SPACE/ STORAGE.** Cloman Park. New Build. 2700 square feet, Opportunity Zoned. (720)470-2653.

**NICE OFFICE IN PROMINENT** Main Street location. 262 Pagosa St. #100. 900 sq. ft. Private bathroom and kitchenette. (970)946-9780.

**PAGOSA VALLEY PROPERTIES:** Offering “Aspen Plaza ProSuites” These are Professional Office Suites available for Long Term rental from 135 SF to 205 SF, priced from \$465-\$669/ month. Also, Large Conference/ Event Room Available. Call (970)889-2022 for more information.



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ON CALL 24 HR 7 DAYS



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**STORAGE SPACES AVAILABLE** 100, 150, and 200 sq ft. Contact Sunrise Property Management today at (970)731-4344 to check availability.

**THREE UNITS IN UPTOWN** 419, 364, and 1477 sq. ft. Available now. \$900 - \$2400. Utilities included. Call Gina (970)880-0910 for more info.

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## RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

**1, 2 AND 3 BEDROOMS.** Call (720)869-8877. Hickory Ridge Apartments.

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# 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 marbled godwit.

Peak spring bird migration in the West occurs during the last weeks of April and the first week of May. Millions of birds are tracked by radar flying across the night skies during this period. One of them is this large shorebird which migrates through the western half of the United States from winter homes on coastal shorelines and estuaries to northern breeding grounds.

In breeding plumage, these long-legged sandpipers are barred above and below in brown, white and cinnamon colors. Their very long bills are slightly upturned, orange at the base and black at the end. They will probe in water up to 5 inches deep, often with heads submerged.

Marbled godwits nest at only three known locations, two of which are located in far northern tundra areas. Most of the population heads toward wetlands in the shortgrass prairies of south central Canada and the north central United States. Both sexes often return to the same area and breed with the same mate each year.

Migrating birds use different strategies to reach their final destinations. Some are said to "jump," making nonstop flights of thousands of miles before taking a break. Some "skip" in medium-distance flight segments of around a thousand miles at a time. Others, like the marbled godwit, "hop," flying several shorter segments of a few hundred miles at a time.

For all of these long-distance migrants, finding reliable safe places to rest and feed before moving on is critical to their survival. Especially in the drought-stricken west, these wetland places have become harder for shorebirds to find.

In order to determine how shorebirds are faring in the west and how water resources can be better managed for them, Point Blue Conservation Science and National Audubon have partnered to conduct the Intermountain West Shorebird Survey. These surveys targeting shorebird species are being conducted during spring and fall migrations over a span of five years ending in 2026. Through their participation, members of our local Audubon chapter who join refuge staff in counting shorebirds on the Monte Vista and Alamosa National Wildlife Refuges play a part in the conservation of these magnificent birds.

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



# Blood drive planned for May 14

By David Hamilton  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

As the busy summer months are upon us, Vitalant is planning to increase its much-needed blood supply. There is always a need — and sometimes a critical one — for blood donors in Southwest Colorado.

Join other caring and generous friends and neighbors at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1879 Majestic Drive, on Wednesday, May 14, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Please contact local blood drive coordinator David Hamilton by call or text to (970) 799-4056 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

You may also go directly to vitalant.org or call (877) 258-4825.


As always, walk-ins will be welcome at this blood drive, but the donation time might take a bit longer as appointments are given priority.

If you have any questions regarding your Vitalant donor profile or your ability to donate due to medical or health issues, please contact (877) 258-4825.

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