

Kindness march



Pagosa Springs Elementary School students walk as part of the school's kindness march on Friday, March 6.

Utah homicide suspect to fight extradition

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The suspect in a triple homicide in Utah was arrested in Pagosa Springs early the morning of Thursday, March 5, during a multistate effort. Ivan W. Miller, 22, of Blakesburg, Iowa, was arrested on a weapons charge, a charge of aggravated motor vehicle theft and for Utah authorities. Miller appeared in Archuleta County Court on Friday afternoon

for advisement. Miller's Colorado attorney, public defender Scott Van Zandt, stated in court Friday his client will fight extradition to Utah, also emphasizing his client is innocent until proven guilty. Miller's next Archuleta County court dates are March 19 and 20. According to a March 7 article by the Salt Lake Tribune, Wayne County Attorney Michael Winn has stated he will seek the death penalty against ■ See Suspect A8

Intersection of Lewis Street and U.S. 160 closure moved to March 16

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The planned closure of the U.S. 160 and Lewis Street intersection was postponed from Wednesday, March 11, to Monday, March 16, due to emergency utility repairs. On Monday, March 10, the Colorado Department of Transportation

announced the change, citing the emergency utility repairs on the north side of the 3rd Street intersection with U.S. 160 as the reason for the change. The U.S. 160 and 3rd Street intersection is anticipated to be closed through Friday, March 13, according to the agency. Construction crews will now close ■ See Closure A8

January sales tax collections down 10.64 percent versus 2025

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

According to data released by Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton on March 9, sales tax collections in Archuleta County for January were reported to be down 10.64 percent compared to figures

from January 2025. Eaton's report notes that the 10.64 percent decrease translates to a total of \$149,587.01 less received this January compared to January 2025. For January, Eaton notes, the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County received a total of ■ See Tax A8

Commissioners to consider new building code on March 17

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) will consider the adoption of multiple building codes at its upcoming meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, at

1:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St. During a work session held by the BoCC on March 10, Building Official Randy Betts briefed the BoCC on those codes and what they mean for the community. ■ See Code A7

Town to mail ballots Monday for April 7 election

By Derek Kutzer
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs will be sending out ballots on Monday, March 16, for the town's April 7 election. Town residents will see two questions on their ballots. One question will ask voters if they

would like to amend language in the town's charter pertaining to maximum fines and jail sentences for town ordinance violations, keeping these sentences within state law limits. At a Feb. 3 town council meeting, Town Manager David Harris explained the ballot question as "charter language cleanup," which would ■ See Election A8

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OUR VIEW

Celebrating wins

It's no secret that we love to focus on the good we find amidst all of the negative in our community, state, nation and world.

There's plenty of bad, questionable and scary news coming at us left and right, and seeking out the positives helps us remember all the good there still is in the world. We'd like to take the time to celebrate just a few of the wins and the good that have come out over the last week.

First, we'd like to give a kudos to the law enforcement agencies across multiple states who worked together to relatively quickly apprehend the suspect in the killing of three women in Wayne County, Utah. The suspect was arrested in Pagosa Springs on Thursday, March 5.

If not for quick responses out of Utah, the numerous agencies working together across state lines throughout the night, and without the use of automated license plate readers, the suspect could not so easily have been tracked through several states.

Who knows what else could have happened had the suspect not been apprehended so quickly and had continued to flee.

We acknowledge that automated license plate readers, also commonly also known

as Flock cameras due to the brand Flock Safety, are highly controversial due to privacy and surveillance concerns, but, in this instance, they potentially saved lives and will allow multiple Utah families to see the process of justice begin in the case involving the murders of their loved ones.

Friday morning provided a wonderful contrast to the events of the day prior and numerous things going on in our world.

That morning, we watched the Pagosa Springs Elementary School's kindness march, and it was lovely.

In the days leading up to the march, students created wonderful and adorable posters about the importance of kindness, then took to the sidewalks near the school Friday morning to show them off and promote something our world desperately needs more of — kindness.

Hundreds of smiling kids marched with their positive signs. Parents and community members lined the sidewalk to cheer the kiddos on and thank them for spreading positivity. Cars honked in support.

Kudos to the school district for allowing the students to engage with the community in such a way.

It made our day, and was a great re-

minder that kindness and joy are infectious and refreshing. We hope you enjoy the photos on the front page and they help you to have a better day and remind you to spread kindness. You never know whose day you might make or the difference you can trigger with something so simple.

We'd also like to celebrate what we see as a win for public information and transparency in our state that took place Friday: The bill seeking to amend the Colorado Open Records Act by extending response deadlines and adding other questionable provisions died in committee. The Colorado Press Association Network called the win "significant," explaining, "This proposal was largely the same bill that Governor [Jared] Polis vetoed last year, but without the media exemption and commercial requester provision. We expected a difficult fight to defeat it, so failure in its first committee is the best possible outcome."

We appreciate those who spoke out against it and the lawmakers who thought of or listened to the concerns over what the changes could mean for transparency, the public's right to know and access to information in our state.

Randi Pierce

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 12, 1926

G.S. Hatcher this week entered into a contract with I.H. Jones for the drilling of a hot water well on the rear of the Hatcher Hdw. Co. property. Mr. Jones is now getting his equipment on the ground and expects to start drilling the first of the week. The natural hot water will be used to heat the Hatcher Hdw. Co. building, which is already equipped for same, but which has been getting its supply of artesian water from the Arlington hotel well.

Geo. Crouse recently purchased 120 acres of land from Harry Sharp a mile west of Pagosa Springs, and is now building a blacksmith shop and residence thereon. He and his family will occupy the property some time next month. It is located on the south side and adjoining the state highway.

The steel work on the new bridge across the Piedra river at Arboles is reported nearly completed. When finished the new structure will eliminate steep ascents and two sharp curves.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 16, 1951

The services offered by the Pagosa Springs SUN in its modern newspaper and commercial plant were considerable improved this past week with installation of a new casting box. The machine is known as a Hammond EasyKaster and is a very definite improvement over the old machine which had seen many years of service.

The new box will permit the casting of a full-page stereotype at one time and has modern heating and pouring devices. The melting pot on the machine will hold 400 pounds of metal at one time, permitting of much speedier operation.

This machine is used to make lead molds of pictures, drawings and illustrations which are used in the news and advertising columns of the SUN. With the addition of this new machine, the SUN is proud to state that its casting department boasts of equipment equal to that found in any news and job plant.

Mrs. Epifanio Trujillo, Mrs. Tobias Trujillo and Miss Dulcenea Trujillo gave a bridal shower honoring Miss Neoma Belarde on Sunday afternoon. Forty guests were present. Many lovely gifts were received. Delicious refreshments were served. Miss Belarde is one of the grade teachers in our school. The date set for the wedding is March 26.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 11, 1976

The construction work on the new building to house the local ambulances is proceeding rapidly and the building has taken shape. It will have a solar heating system in it, but it likely won't get a tryout until next fall.

Snow has kept piling up on Wolf Creek Pass and Ed Teem, official weather observer reports that he hasn't seen the snow depth gauge for some time. It has been buried under more than eight feet of snow.

However, early this week the snow settled down a great deal and the marker showed seven feet on March 8. Snow has been heavy to date in March, totaling 80 inches for the first eight days. This brings the season's fall to 390 inches and there are still several weeks to go before snow plows and snow shovels are put away up on Wolf Creek.

25 years ago

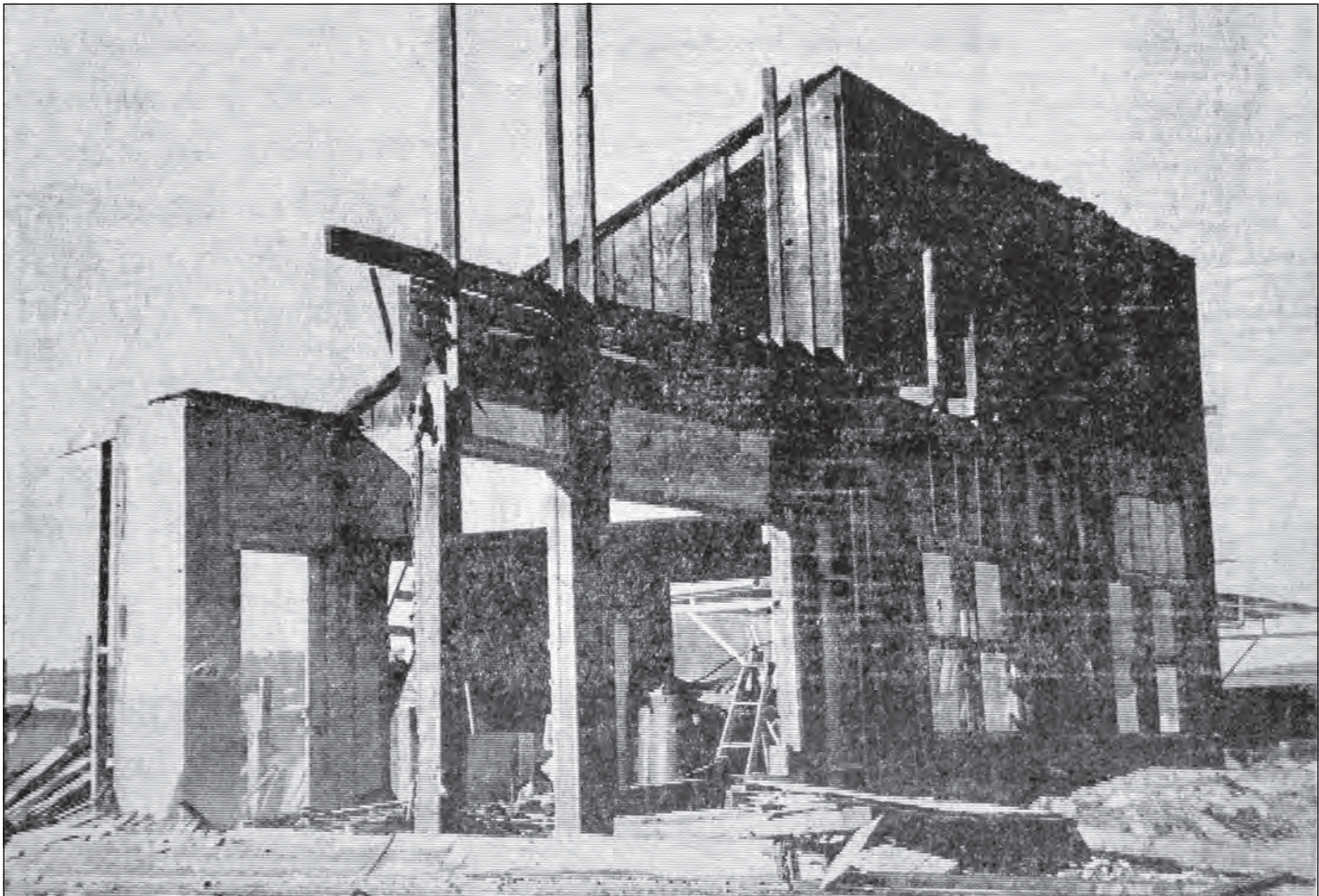
Taken from SUN files of
March 15, 2001

County Manager Dennis Hunt's move this past week to hire two of six applicants for two openings in the county building department fanned the flames of difference among the three county commissioners.

Commissioner Bill Downey agrees with Hunt's action, while commissioners Gene Crabtree and Alden Ecker disagree. Even though they disagree, Crabtree and Ecker are not making an issue of their disagreement. They are allowing the hiring process initiated by Hunt in this instance to follow its course.

Last month, Hunt resigned as county manager after accepting a similar position with Montrose County. In accordance with his contract with Archuleta County, Hunt gave 30-day notice of his intention of leave, and continues to serve until the 30 days is up March 23.

A difference of opinion concerning Hunt's duties during his last days count-down is a the root of the problem. Crabtree and Ecker say they want to be involved in the interviewing process for hiring key employees. Downey says he believes Hunt should continue with the hiring as long as he remains here. Hunt said, in the absence of other instructions, by making the decision he carried out his duties the same as in the past and according to his contract.



From the March 21, 1968, Pagosa SUN — LANDMARK — This building, probably one of the oldest in Pagosa Springs, is being torn down. Bill Lynn, owner of the property, plans to also tear down the building presently housing Lynn's Dairy Creme, and will build a new, modern drive-in on the combined location. The building has been variously occupied by several lawyers, cafes, second hand and appliance store, antique store, and part of it used for residence purposes. While being torn down newspapers dated 1901 were found in the walls so it is presumed that it has been built since that time. It was located just east of the court house on the river bank.

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Education



Photo courtesy Leo Baughman, Archuleta School District

Five Pagosa Springs students represented Pagosa in Western Slope Honor Choir's Treble Choir under the direction of Myriam Núñez Pertucé.

Local students shine at Western Slope Honor Choir Festival

By Katrina Thomas
Archuleta School District

Choral students from Pagosa Springs demonstrated their vocal talent and musicianship at the highly selective 2026 Western Slope Honor Choir Festival, held at Western Colorado University in Gunnison. The festival, which drew from 15 high schools of all sizes across the state, culminated in a spectacular performance after three days of intensive rehearsal.

Eight students in grades nine through 12 from the Pagosa area were selected to participate in the festival's two honor choirs — the Mixed Choir and the Treble Choir — following auditions held in the fall. Out of the 371 total applicants from around the state who auditioned, only 152 students were accepted into one of the festival's choirs.

The Valor Voices Choir from Pagosa Valor Academy was proudly represented by seven students:

- Mixed Choir: Samantha Abraham, Hudson Mazur and Connor Thomas.
 - Treble Choir: Grace Cram, Annaliese Hinger, Avonlea Thomas and Evie Welsh-Rhodes.
- Additionally, one student from Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS), Olive Fladwood, was selected for the Treble Choir.

Students had the privilege of working under two master clinicians.

The Mixed Choir was led by Dr. Z. Randall Stroope, an internationally renowned conductor and composer, who has conducted concerts in over 26 countries, including directing Vatican Mass 12 times and 41 concerts at Carnegie Hall, and has published more than 200 musical works. Under his direction, the Mixed Choir performed challenging compositions, including two powerful pieces by Stroope: the dramatic "Revelation" and "Hands," a work inspired by deaf and blind pianist Helen May Martin.

Notably, Connor Thomas was featured as a bass soloist in "Revelation" and Mazur as an American Sign Language performer in "Hands."

The Treble Choir was conducted by Myriam Núñez Pertucé.

Núñez is a professor in music education and director of the Arts



Photo courtesy Katrina Thomas, Archuleta School District

Connor Thomas (front, right) prepares for his featured solo during the Western Slope Honor Choir's Mixed Choir performance of "Revelation."

Education Choir at the University of Los Lagos in Puerto Montt, a city in southern Chile.

The Treble Choir was challenged to sing most of their concert repertoire a cappella (without accompaniment), including three pieces entirely in Spanish.

Leo Baughman, music director for PSHS, was proud to congratulate Fladwood for her performance at Western Slope Honor Choir, stating, "The three days of rehearsal culminated in an amazing performance."

"It was a great weekend, a first for several students, to have the opportunity to sing with other students from across the state and learn from masters," noted Kathleen Martinez, director of Valor Voices. "We are so thankful for the opportunity provided both by Pagosa Valor Academy and Western Colorado University."

"It was great to get to sing under an amazing conductor and composer," added Connor Thomas, senior Valor Voices member. "As an aspiring composer myself, it was a privilege to talk with Dr. Stroope individually about how he composes and makes money as a musician."

Baughman and Martinez were also featured in the festival's Director's Choir, which began the concert.



Photo courtesy Kathleen Martinez, Pagosa Valor Academy

Seven Valor Voices members were chosen for the Western Slope Honor Choir Festival. They were joined by one student from Pagosa Springs High School.

The Western Slope Choral Festival completed the performance season for Valor Voices. It will restart during the 2026-2027 school year.

The PSHS Concert Choir will have one more regional choral event on April 21 at the Intermountain League Choral Festival in Bayfield.

Its spring season will culminate at the Archuleta School District Combined Choral Concert on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the PSHS auditorium.

This concert will feature the PSHS Concert Choir, Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth- and seventh-grade choirs, and a fourth-grade honor ensemble.

Correction

Mazur and Connor Thomas participated in the Tenor-Bass Choir of the Colorado All State Choir Festival, not the Mixed Choir as was reported in last week's issue.

Obituary

Peggy June Cooper

June 26, 1936-Feb. 5, 2026

Peggy was born on June 26, 1936, in Park City, Utah, to Harold and Waldine Sorensen. She was the eldest of five children. She grew up in Talmadge, Utah, and graduated from Altamont High School in 1954.

She married Robert N. Cooper in June 1954 and moved to Loma, Colo., where they started their family. Peggy and Bob had five children: Janice, Donna, Robert, Margaret and Alan. The family later moved to Fruita, Colo., where they started a small farm. She began a career in nursing and worked at the Mesa County Hospital until moving to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 1970. Peggy worked for the Pagosa school district until she retired.

She will always be remembered for

her love of genealogy. She traveled the United States investigating cemeteries for graves of relatives. She and her sister, Elaine, even traveled to Europe in search of a distant forefather.

Peggy said she loved to garden and can for the winter months, but through the weeding, hoeing and canning, there were misunderstandings of the word "love." She loved the San Juan Mountains and her many, many friends there, and spoke of them to the end.

She moved to Sidney, Mont., in July 2023 to be near her son and daughter-in-law Kelly Childers. In Sidney, she met another world of friends. Everywhere Peggy went she talked to people and would ask their name and question them about their family and where they grew up — more of that genealogy quiz business.

She spent her last year at Sidney Extended Care, where she made many friends who will never be forgotten. She was well-loved and received excellent care to the end. She passed quietly on Feb. 5, 2026, after a short battle with cancer.

Peggy is preceded in death by her husband, Robert N. Cooper; son, Robert Brian; daughter, Donna Rae; parents, Harold and Waldine Sorensen; brother, Bill Sorensen; sister LaRae Fowler and brother-in-law Nolan Shumway. She is survived by sisters Elaine Shumway and Arda (Vaughn) Higbee; sister-in-law Karen Sorensen; brother-in-law Don Fowler; son Alan (Kelly); daughters Janice and Margaret; granddaughters Lauryn Cooper (Cole Quenzer), Alexa (Jake) Welch, Brooklyn (Connor) DeWine; Katie (Micah) Retzlaff; Bailey (Frank) Broadwater; Bobby Bliss; great grandchildren Oliver, Ivan, Maksim and Finnley Welch; Cooper DeWine; Noah, Jonah, Jeremiah and Judah Retzlaff; Finn and Luna Broadwater; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Peggy will be taken home to Pagosa Springs, Colo., to be buried next to her daughter, Donna, and husband, Robert, at the family plot.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on March 20 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pagosa Springs.



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Photo courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School
Pagosa Peak Open School sixth-graders Cameron, Tenzin and Simone won first place in Battle of the Books after working all year with Katy Corbett on preparing for the reading knowledge bowl.

Charter school middle schoolers take first place at regional Battle of the Books

Pagosa Peak Open School

Turning pages turned into an overtime finish this week as the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) middle school team claimed first place at the regional Battle of the Books competition in Durango.

After months of intensive reading and preparation, the PPOS “Middle of the Road Readers” outscored 10 teams from across Southwest Colorado to bring the championship trophy home to Pagosa Springs.

Battle of the Books is a rigorous academic “quiz bowl” where students must master the details of a 20-book list, ranging from historical fiction to contemporary classics.

“We are so proud of our middle school team, Middle of the Road

Readers,” Exceptional Student Services Director Katy Corbett said. “They collaborated together to read 20 books to prepare for the knowledge bowl-type rounds. Their hard work and dedication to the team was evident, as well as their good sportsmanship with the competing teams. Our readers have already asked to be signed up for next year’s team.”

The competition, held in Durango, tests students on “In Which Book” questions, requiring quick recall of titles, authors and plot points. For the PPOS team, the victory was particularly sweet after reaching the semifinals last year.

“It was a little nerve-racking at first, but then it was actually a fun and sort of peaceful experience,” said sixth-grader Cameron. “I loved

connecting with the students on my team, and I definitely want to do it next year. I know this helped me to grow in my reading ability.”

As a project-based learning school, PPOS emphasizes collaborative problem-solving — a skill that was on full display during the final rounds.

“We are incredibly proud of our students for representing our school and community in this competition,” said Emily Murphy, PPOS school director. “Seeing their hard work culminate in this win reinforces our student-led culture, and I’m happy to hear this will become a tradition at our school.”

For more information about PPOS, visit pagosapeakopenschool.org.

March 17 deadline for Rotary scholarships

By Meg Wempe

Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Attention, high school seniors: It is not too late to apply for a scholarship from Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs.

Scholarships are available to seniors from GOAL Academy, San Juan Mountain School, Pagosa Springs High School, home-schooled students and those who have earned or plan to earn their GED by spring.

Whether you’re heading to a four-year college, a university or a vocational school, there’s a scholarship opportunity for you.

The hard submission deadline is 4

p.m. on March 17, so be sure to get yours finished up and submitted.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on a range of criteria, including financial need, academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, personal interviews, letters of recommendation, a personal essay and the quality of their resume.

Applications can be picked up at Pagosa Springs High School, San Juan Mountain School and GOAL Academy, or requested via email at megwempe@hotmail.com. You can also download applications at pagosaprotary.org/stories/rotary-scholarship-applications-now-open.

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Completed applications can be submitted to your school or emailed to the same address with the subject line “Rotary Scholarship” to ensure proper handling.

Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs scholarships are funded through generous contributions from businesses, individual sponsors and community fundraising events, including our flagship fundraiser, the annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance.

We’re eager to review your applications and help support your educational journey. Don’t miss this opportunity — submit your application before the deadline.

Deadline approaching for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards applications

By Terri House

Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs

Time is running out for local high school students to apply for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), an all-expense-paid leadership experience sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs.

Applications are open to current 10th- and 11th-graders, with the deadline set for March 13 at 6 p.m.

RYLA in the Rockies is built around this year’s theme, “Light the Way,” focusing on leadership development, open communication, trust-building and service. The immersive program

encourages personal growth, leadership and citizenship through hands-on, experiential learning.

Students selected for the program will attend a professionally led, multi-day leadership retreat featuring outdoor and team-based activities such as orienteering, low-ropes courses and collaborative challenges. Participants explore ethical leadership and teamwork while strengthening communication and problem-solving skills.

The 2026 RYLA retreat will be held June 12-15 at the Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center in Divide, Colo. Transportation, lodging, meals and program costs are fully covered

through Rotary scholarships.

RYLA is designed for students who demonstrate leadership potential and are involved in school, sports, clubs or community organizations. Scholarship recipients will represent Pagosa Springs at the retreat, give a short presentation to the Pagosa Springs Noon Rotary Club after returning and volunteer at a Rotary-sponsored event.

Students interested in applying should submit their application before the March 13 deadline at <https://tinyurl.com/w7p63uz9>

More information about the program is available at rylaintherockies.org.

For more information, students may contact Elise Mariner at elise.mariner@gmail.com.

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs encourages motivated students to apply and take part in this transformative leadership opportunity.



Photo courtesy Katrina Thomas, Archuleta School District

Hudson Mazur (front, right) performs American Sign Language during the Western Slope Honor Choir’s Mixed Choir performance of “Hands.”

Celebrations

Miles Baker

Approximately 1,700 students were named to the Biola University Dean’s List in fall 2025, including Miles Baker, of Pagosa Springs, who is majoring in cinema and media arts. Biola students are placed on the dean’s list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

Daniel Cobden

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Museum Embankment Stabilization Nearing Completion

The Town’s Museum Embankment Stabilization project is wrapping up this week, helping protect nearby infrastructure and improve long-term stability along the corridor. Funding includes 75% from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through its Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, 12.5% from the Colorado Office of Emergency Management, and a \$15,000 grant from History Colorado. The Town is covering the remaining local match through local sales tax funding. Next up: debris removal near the Apache Street bridge beginning this month.



Sewer System Update: March

The wastewater system remains operational with temporary bypass pumping. Pump Stations #1 and #2 are stabilized, and crews continue reliability work daily. The Town is addressing electrical corrosion, ordering key parts, and moving forward with pump replacements to reduce repeat failures. Long-term improvements funded by voters through Ballot Issue 2A are moving into design and engineering work, including collection system repairs and a new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

April 7 Election: Two Ballot Questions

- Charter language cleanup on penalties for ordinance violations
- CW/CB flood recovery loan: up to \$3 million with no tax increase

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Next Town Council Meeting:

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.



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Archuleta School District adds three new elective courses for next school year

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) high school students will have three new elective course options next school year.

During its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 4, the Board of Education (BoE) unanimously approved an AP environmental studies course, a food science course, and a food products and processing course.

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Principal Sean O'Donnell presented the AP environmental studies course, explaining that the course will be available for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors to select as an elective.

"AP courses are definitely gaining a lot of popularity at the high school," O'Donnell said, "which I think is excellent news."

O'Donnell explained that AP courses can count toward college credits, but that it is not a guaranteed college credit.

Students would need to sign up and take an AP test outside of the regular course where they receive a score on a 1 through 5 scale, and would receive college credit based on that score depending on requirements from whichever college the student is planning to attend, he

explained. O'Donnell noted that although it is not a guaranteed college credit, "it could translate to college credit if you score high enough on your AP test."

He noted the course will be taught in person and that there is no prerequisite course required for students to enroll in the class.

He mentioned that all freshmen are required to take Integrated Science 1, but can select this AP course as an additional elective.

BoE member Tim Taylor asked about the difference in AP courses and concurrent enrollment courses, which also let students earn college credits.

O'Donnell explained that concurrent enrollment courses are monitored by the higher learning commission through the state and that teachers generally need to have a master's degree in that specific content field in order to teach a concurrent enrollment course.

He mentioned that AP courses do not require teachers to have a master's degree, but rather just need to go through training and have a syllabus approved.

"It will be more rigorous than a regular course," O'Donnell said.

Superintendent Rick Holt commented in support of AP classes.

"I'm in favor of as many AP classes

as we can muster," he said, explaining that he has found that the rigor of an AP course provides much higher consistency in the final assessment compared to concurrent enrollment courses.

He mentioned that concurrent enrollment end-of-unit assessments vary "wildly" regardless of where the course is taken, noting it can heavily depend on who taught the course.

"I would pick AP simply because it promises a much more rigorous delivery of curriculum," Holt said.

O'Donnell also noted that the AP test is optional, and that students would need to make a financial commitment and then take the test.

He also mentioned that the district has ways to help students who may not be able to cover the cost for the additional AP test.

PSHS agriculture teacher Garret Fong then presented the other two electives, which are Food Science A and B, and Food Products and Processing.

"So this is delving more into the food science aspect of agriculture," Fong said, explaining that the food science course is different from the school's culinary course by looking at the "scientific aspects" of adding certain ingredients, cooking at altitude and talking about food safety.

Fong also mentioned that "students will get ServSafe certified

within the first semester" if they take the class.

Fong then explained that the food products and processing course is an advanced course that needs Food Science A and B taken as prerequisites.

He explained that students will learn how to grow food and develop it into a product that can be brought to the market.

Fong noted that students will develop, test "and by the end they will present a food product."

Fong indicated that Food Science A and B can be taken by sophomores, juniors and seniors, once they've taken the Intro to Agriculture course.

Holt commented that "this is exactly the stuff we want to be spending money on" with adding to the school's career and technical education courses.

"We will find the funds," he added.

Master plan update

Also during the March 4 meeting, Holt provided a brief update on the district's Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant application.

"We successfully submitted our BEST grant on Monday," he said.

Holt indicated that the district "won't hear anything definitive until May," in regard to if the grant will be awarded.

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Safe2Tell reports rise 18 percent in February

Colorado Attorney General's Office

The Colorado Attorney General's Office recently released the February Safe2Tell monthly report, showing a nearly 18 percent increase in reports compared to January as students and community members continued using the anonymous reporting system to raise concerns about safety and well-being.

In February, Safe2Tell received 3,008 reports statewide, bringing the total number of reports for the 2025-2026 school year to 19,792.

Reports this month prompted responses from school officials, law enforcement and child welfare agencies, including investigations into threats of violence and reports of possible abuse.

"Safe2Tell continues to provide students, families and educators with a trusted way to speak up when something doesn't feel right," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. "When people report concerns early, whether related to bullying, mental health or safety threats, it allows schools, law enforcement and community partners to respond quickly and connect students with the support they need."

School safety was the most frequently reported concern in February, accounting for 18.8 percent of reports. Other top categories included bullying and harassment (15.5 percent), mental health concerns (14.9 percent) and substance use (9.5 percent).

Duplicate reports made up 15.9 percent of submissions, reflecting a

healthy reporting culture in which multiple individuals report the same concern to help ensure it is addressed. False reports remained historically low at 1.6 percent.

Examples from the February data highlight how Safe2Tell reports can lead to swift action.

In one report, a student expressed intent to sexually harm others. School staff investigated the situation, informed parents and implemented disciplinary action.

In another report, a student was believed to be experiencing abuse at home and had been kicked out of their house. A welfare check was conducted, and school staff spoke with the student. The Colorado Department of Human Services was notified, and the student was connected with counseling support.

"Safe2Tell is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week — even during school breaks like spring break," said Safe2Tell Director Stacey Scardino. "Anyone can submit a report anonymously to ensure concerns about student safety or well-being reach people who can quickly step in and help."

A full breakdown of this month's

data is available in the Safe2Tell February 2026 Monthly Report at coag.gov/app/uploads/2026/03/February-Report-2026.pdf.

Definitions for each reporting category can be found in the Safe2Tell Report Categorization Guide at safe2tell.org/app/uploads/2025/02/Monthly-Report-Categories-English-2025.pdf.

About Safe2Tell

Safe2Tell is Colorado's anonymous reporting system for concerns about the safety and well-being of students. Safe2Tell is not an emergency response unit or a mental health counseling provider.

Instead, it serves as an information pathway for distributing anonymous reports to local law enforcement and school officials, as required by state law.

How to submit a report

Reports can be submitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling (877) 542-SAFE (7233), visiting Safe2Tell.org, texting "S2TCO" to 738477 or using the Safe2Tell mobile app available in the Apple App Store and Google Play.



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

Construction crews continue utility work on 2nd Street with a plan to wrap up by the weekend. On Monday, March 16, the official 2026 construction season will begin and additional work crews will be on-site to complete operations at various locations throughout the work zone.

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Code

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Betts explained that the county is currently operating on 2015 international building codes, and that the state is mandating jurisdictions to adopt updated codes this year. That includes an international energy conservation code and the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC) for new buildings in high-risk wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas.

"They've also stated that we have to be within three code cycles of current code," Betts said, explaining that the county is currently compliant being on 2015 codes, but new 2027 codes will be released sometime this July or August.

"Once that happens we will no longer be compliant," he said.

Betts explained that he is proposing to adopt 2024 codes, noting that the 2024 energy code will provide more options for the community.

He indicated that he is proposing a total of 12 codes to be adopted "that will make us compliant for at least the next two code cycles" and the county won't even need to "start considering" this again until 2030.

Betts explained that he has been working in collaboration with other jurisdictions across the state that have already adopted new codes to figure out the "do's and don'ts."

Betts mentioned that the idea behind the CWRC is to reduce risk to people and properties located in WUI areas.

"This code must be adopted by April 1 this year," he said, explaining that enforcement of the code will begin July 1.

Betts then explained that the CWRC defines three zones of "defensible space" surrounding structures, which are zero to 5 feet from a structure, 5 to 30 feet from a structure and then 30 to 100 feet from a structure.

He noted that the first zone will be required to be a "zero-scaped" area with no vegetation, except for certain species approved by the Forest Service.

The second zone will require "social distancing," with trees and other vegetation required to be certain distances from each other.

Betts explained the third zone addresses bigger trees, and that the idea behind structural hardening requirements is to prevent the spread of fire from one home to another.

"Fences will be added into this," he said. "Now that is gonna be monitored as well."

Betts went on to explain that the county's Building and Planning departments will still be conducting site plan reviews, but looking for different criteria with the new codes.

He also explained that the state is allowing building officials "to make judgment calls," mentioning how trimming and removing too many of certain species, such as aspen trees, in one area may cause more environmental harm.

Once the CWRC is adopted by the county, Betts explained he will be responsible for interpreting and enforcing structural hardening as part of the building permit and review process.

He also mentioned that his department is incorporating new inspections into their current roles, indicating that he is not requesting any additional staff at this time.

He noted that the county will start performing inspections required for fencing, siding and roofing.

Betts explained that along with a certificate of occupancy and the energy certification that builders currently receive, a new CWRC certificate will also now need to be issued.

He also mentioned that the new code will not apply to additions on structures that are smaller than a 500-square-foot expansion, or to exterior remodels that are less than 25 percent of the total structure.

Projects that expand an existing building more than 500 square feet or replace 25 percent of the existing siding or roofing will need to have a new permit pulled, he explained.

Betts also clarified that interior projects will not be affected by the new code.

Routine maintenance on structure, like exterior paint, will not need a new permit, Betts added.

Betts also provided information on how parcels are classified, noting that the state provides a geographic information systems map that shows whether a parcel is in a class 1, 2 or 3 risk area, noting that the majority of the county falls in the class 2 and 3 categories.

He explained that Class 1 requirements deal with specific gutter, downspouts and venting designs, and that Class 2 consists of all the class 1 requirements, "and then basically the entire rest of the exterior of the structure."

Betts then explained what these new code requirements might mean in terms of costs for builders and buyers

in the community, noting that the "worst-case scenario" he expects is a 20 percent increase on the price per square foot of a home.

"I believe that's a lot on the high side," he said, indicating that he expects an increase closer to 5 to 10 percent for average homes.

He mentioned that "modest homes" could see an increase of \$70 to \$90 per square foot, while higher-end, custom homes may see an increase of \$120 or more per square foot.

In response to a question from Commissioner Veronica Medina, Betts explained that the state is mandating the CWRC code and energy code to be adopted by jurisdictions.

He mentioned that a "carbon-neutral" mandate will be coming down from the state, as well, which would require jurisdictions to go all electric, but that if the county adopts the 2024 energy code, it will not have to adopt the carbon-neutral code at this time.

"So, it's going to force us to eliminate any gas," Betts said of the carbon-neutral code, explaining that would mean new builds would have to be fully electric.

"I don't think that's a good option," he added.

In response to a question from Commissioner Warren Brown, Betts clarified that if the county does not adopt the 2024 energy code by April 1, which provides more options than just electric, then the carbon-neutral mandate will force the county to be 100 percent electric.

Betts also responded to another question from Medina, indicating that he has spoken with suppliers that provide products for the local community and has been assured that large amounts of compliant materials are available for builders.

"Everybody's being very proactive," he said.

Commissioner John Ranson asked if the adoption of the new codes might help with insurance issues that county residents have started to experience.

Betts noted that he can't speak for the insurance companies, but indicated that by the county adopting newer codes, and the CWRC, it will help with the "insurability of our residents."

Ranson commented that the potential of being forced to go all electric is "one of the worst things" he's ever seen, noting that would affect the already-existing issue of affordability in the

community.

Betts commented that other communities around the country have already been forced to go to an all-electric code, cautioning what that could mean when natural disasters happen and electricity is shut off for whatever reason.

"That's a horrible, horrible idea," Betts said in regard to going to an all-electric code.

In response to another question from Ranson, Betts explained that the "cut off" on getting permits under the existing code will be at the end of business day on June 30.

He explained that if a permit is issued before then, the structure can be built to the previous code's standards.

Betts also spoke about how the new codes may affect his department's ability to be able to perform inspections within 24 hours of plans being submitted.

"It's creating more inspections," he said, noting that he is not at this time planning to propose increasing any fees.

Brown provided some additional comments at the end of Betts' presentation, expressing frustration with the state forcing mandates on rural Colorado.

Brown mentioned that it seems to always be the rural part of the state that is trying to explain "that we're different."

"I'm just so sick of the government making sure that they can shut our power on and off no matter what we're doing if we don't comply that I just can't stand it. And while I'm certainly in support of safety and the health issues that come along, this is far too much. It will and already has cost us," Brown said.

Betts commented that he agrees "wholeheartedly" with Brown, and that he is doing all he can to mitigate the rising cost on the community.

Betts also explained that if the county simply says no to these mandates, then it will likely be at risk of losing other funding sources.

PFPD adopts CWRC

During its regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 3, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-02, adopting the Wildfire Resiliency Code.

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Colorado Tourism Office awards \$20,000 Tourism Management Grant to area tourism board

Colorado Tourism Office

Gov. Jared Polis and the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO), a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), are pleased to announce the 13 recipients of the 2026 Tourism Management Grant.

Organizations from across the state have been awarded grants for their innovative projects in the tourism sector, including Pagosa Springs.

“Visitors who come to Colorado from across the nation and the world help drive local economies across the state. That is why investing in local organizations to boost tourism is

good for visitors, our economy and our future. I am excited to see how these investments can attract more visitors to communities across our beautiful state and improve visitor experience,” Polis said.

“Tourism Management Grants empower local leaders to improve the visitor experience across Colorado. By supporting these local efforts we can help strengthen Colorado’s tourism industry and economy while benefiting both residents and visitors,” said Eve Lieberman, executive director of OEDIT.

The Tourism Management Grant program supports projects that align with the CTO’s strategic pillars of

economic vitality, industry leadership and destination stewardship. By investing in infrastructure, education and outreach, the program seeks to cultivate a resilient, innovative tourism ecosystem across the state that reflects the diverse interests and values of Colorado’s communities.

“The Colorado Tourism Office is committed to supporting tourism priorities in communities across the state. These Tourism Management Grants provide resources that help expand local capacity and bring community-driven tourism projects to life. We’re thrilled to recognize this year’s recipients,” said CTO Director Timothy Wolfe.

A total of \$222,456 in Tourism Management Grant funding will be awarded to 13 organizations.

The initiatives recognized range from signage and navigation improvements to visitor engagement projects and strategic planning, all aimed at enriching the visitor experience while promoting responsible and respectful use of Colorado’s natural and cultural resources.

The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board will receive \$20,000 to implement a wayfinding and river access signage system that will support visitor navigation and responsible recreation along the San Juan River.

Suspect

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Miller.

Miller is also facing charges in Iowa.

From Utah to Colorado

According to the Utah Department of Public Safety, on March 4, the Wayne County Emergency Communications Center was notified by the husbands of a pair of hikers that they had discovered their wives deceased near a trailhead.

That evening, law enforcement confirmed the double homicide — an aunt and niece, Linda Dewey, 65, and Natalie Graves, 34 — and located a suspicious vehicle. The agency reported that the hikers’ vehicle, a Subaru Outback, was also identified as stolen.

The agency reported that officers traveled to the residence of the suspicious vehicle’s owner in Lyman, Utah, the same evening, where they discovered the third victim, Margaret Oldroyd, 86, deceased.

The agency noted there is no known evidence linking the hikers with Oldroyd.

That night, the agency reported, investigators utilized automated

license plate readers and real-time tracking to track the Subaru from southern Utah into Colorado.

“The vehicle was tracked through southern Utah into northern Arizona and eventually into Colorado,” according to the Utah agency.

At approximately 11:10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) and Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office were notified of a possible stolen vehicle related to three suspicious deaths occurring in Wayne County, Utah, according to a PSPD press release.

“A Pagosa Springs police officer found the vehicle within the city limits,” the PSPD press release explains. “The vehicle was then abandoned in Centennial Park in the downtown area. PSPD officers secured the vehicle. A manhunt for the suspect ensued with PSPD drones and assistance from La Plata County Sheriff’s deputies providing canines, Archuleta County Sheriff and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.”

At approximately 2:41 a.m., PSPD Assistant Chief Brooks Brown located a subject matching the suspect description, who was later identified as Miller.

On March 11, PSPD Chief William Rockensock explained Miller was found on U.S. 160 between 6th and 7th Streets.

“Upon a frisk of Miller, he was found in possession of a concealed handgun and large knife. Miller was arrested for possession of concealed weapons,” the PSPD press release states. “A subsequent interview linked Miller to the deaths in Utah.”

He was then transported to the Archuleta County detention center, with the Utah agency reporting he was taken into custody without incident.

The afternoon of March 5, the Utah agency reports, agents departed for Colorado to retrieve the vehicle and to serve an arrest warrant to Miller for the Utah homicides.

The Utah agency stated Miller was confirmed to have been driving his personal vehicle in Utah, with the department noting that, on Feb. 28, Miller’s personal vehicle was disabled in a collision with an elk in the Wayne County area.

This remains an active investigation, according to the PSPD press release. Authorities are urging anyone with information related to this

incident to contact the PSPD via dispatch at (970) 731-2160.

Utah connections

An affidavit in support of Miller’s arrest indicates that the Subaru was seen parked at the Phillips 66 gas station with a male standing next to the vehicle.

The vehicle then left the gas station and ultimately drove to the parking area of Centennial Park, where it was abandoned, it notes. Ammo firearm was observed in the vehicle.

The affidavit states, “The suspect was later contacted and arrested after admitting to coming to Colorado from Utah and stating he had killed someone.”

It adds the keys to the Subaru were located in the suspect’s pocket upon his arrest.

A separate affidavit indicates the suspect also had a firearm on his person upon arrest and reportedly stated he had a knife.

“It was later determined he also had a large kitchen knife in the holster with a lot of blood on it,” it states.

It notes Miller was identified by his driver’s license.

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Tax

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\$1,256,228.39 from the sales tax, with \$630,215.94 going to the county and \$626,015.45 going to the town.

Eaton notes that retail marijuana sales tax reports from the state had not been updated as of March 9, nor had aviation fuel reports.

Categories that were up in comparison to month-to-month comparison according to Eaton’s data

include:

- Information at 10.41 percent, or \$2,617.57.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 60.05 percent, or \$5,009.86.
- Accommodation and Food Services at .97 percent, or \$2,628.49.
- Other Services (except Public Administration) at 6.85 percent, or \$1,397.84.

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

- Construction at 31.92 percent, or \$7,670.56.
- Manufacturing at 19.85 percent, or \$11,838.42.
- Retail Trade at 9.72 percent, or \$71,403.72.
- Finance and Insurance at 4.52 percent, or \$77.24.

- Real Estate, Rental and Leasing at 29.81 percent, or \$8,150.96.
- Miscellaneous at 26.65 percent, or \$62,099.87.

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Election

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bring the town’s fines and sentences in line with the state’s.

A council-passed ordinance setting the ballot language states, “Recent amendments ... of the Colorado Revised Statutes have modified maximum fines and terms of imprisonment permissible in municipal court, and the Supreme Court of Colorado has found maximum sentences for certain non-felony offenses are a matter of mixed statewide and local concern, thus municipal penalties may not exceed the state caps for corresponding state offenses.”

The council found that these changes “are appropriate and necessary for the function and operation of the Town to provide for municipal court penalties that are consistent with the maximum fines and penalties permitted by state law,” the ordinance states.

If passed by town voters, the charter would be amended to delete language in “Section 6.6 - Penalties” that currently states, “a fine or single violation shall not exceed \$1000 and a jail sentence for a single violation shall not exceed one year.”

The language, if passed, would be replaced with, “Fines and jail sentences for violations shall not exceed the maximum fines and sentences by state or federal laws.”

At the Feb. 3 meeting, council member Madeline Bergon asked if the voters reject the change to the charter language.

“We will cross that bridge if we get there,” Harris replied.

The other ballot question will ask voters if they will give the town per-

mission to apply for a \$3 million loan, with no tax increase, to pay for the town’s flood recovery efforts in the wake of being denied Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding.

The loan would come from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB).

In February, Town Development Director James Dickhoff stated that while the town had secured state funding sources to help fill the gap, the town was still “about \$3 million short” of its estimated cost to make the river “safe” ahead of the summer recreation season.

The intent is not to “reconstruct the river corridor to what it was before the flooding,” Dickhoff explained, but to instead focus on “public safety” for those wanting to recreate in the river this spring and summer.

“We want to make sure it’s as safe as possible ... We are really focusing on public safety and bank stabilization,” he said.

The total project cost of river cleanup and restoration, following the October 2025 flood event, is estimated to be just shy of \$6 million, stated Harris in correspondence.

The CWCB loan would be a 30-year period and comes with a zero percent interest rate for the first three years, with about a 3.35 percent interest rate for the remaining 27 years of the loan period, an agenda document on the matter states.

This would amount to the town paying about \$170,000 a year once the interest kicks in during the 27-year period, Dickhoff explained.

The ballot language states that the

loan will be used “solely for costs of repairs and replacements associated with damages to the town’s public infrastructure caused by” the flood.

The language further states that the funds can be used for damages, “including but not limited to: roads, bridges, culverts, trails, San Juan River fisheries habitat improvement, San Juan River recreational improvements, [and] San Juan River channel sedimentation.”

It lists a repayment cost of up to \$4,605,297.95.

Also in this election cycle, four seats on the town council are up for election.

Three incumbents — Mayor Shari Pierce, Madeline Bergon and Gary Williams — are running unopposed since no challengers filed nomination petitions by the Jan. 26 deadline.

The council seat currently held by Matt DeGuise will not have a candidate in this election since DeGuise did not run and no one else filed to run for the seat by the deadline.

Harris explains that, at some point after the April 7 election, the council will need to appoint someone to that seat, but “no announcement of that process” has been made yet.

The April 7 election “shall be conducted as a mail ballot election in accordance with all relevant provisions of the Election Code,” states the ordinance setting the election.

It adds, “There shall be no election precinct or polling place. All mail ballots shall be returned to the Election Official’s office, located at the Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, Pagosa Springs, Colorado.”

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Closure

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Lewis Street at U.S. 160 on Monday, March 16, beginning at 9 a.m. to begin demolition to start work on the underground utilities, it notes.

Motorists are encouraged to use 4th Street as an alternative to Lewis Street.

The Lewis Street and U.S. 160 in-

tersection closure will be in place until late May/early June, according to the agency. Access to north 5th Street and businesses north of the intersection will be available via 4th Street.

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Sports

BASEBALL

Pirates open season with pair of wins

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team got off to a strong start with a 2-1 record in its opening weekend.

“I mean, all things considered, you know, going 2-1 with our only loss against a 4A school, I’m pretty pleased with this weekend,” said coach Jon Wells.

The Pirates traveled to Aztec High School in New Mexico for an opening-weekend tournament.

The first game was against Dolores on Thursday, March 5.

The Pirates won the game 11-7 behind a strong performance from Taylor Wells on the mound and at the plate.

The Pirates quickly got out to a 3-1 lead by the end of the first inning and the scoring continued from there. The Pirates put up four runs in the next four innings while holding the Bears scoreless.

The Pirates tacked on four more runs in the top of the sixth to take an 11-1 lead. The Bears scored six in their final frame, but it wasn’t enough, and the Pirates got the job done.

“The fact that they can scratch and claw their way to one, two, three runs per inning over the course of the game is fantastic,” said Jon Wells. “And they did just that. They scored in six out of the seven innings, so [it was] a great offensive game for us.”

Taylor Wells led the offense, going 3-for-4 with four RBIs in the contest. He ended the game with two doubles and a triple.

Kaeden Iguchi also had a multihit game, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a double.

Noah Bellina went 1-for-3, Angelo Medina went 1-for-2, Jonathan

Moncada went 1-for-4, Dylan Dempster went 1-for-4, Angel Ramirez went 1-for-1, Zach Pouyer went 1-for-3 and Sebastian Gonzalez went 1-for-2.

Moncada, Dempster and Ramirez each had an RBI. Pouyer and Gonzalez worked two walks each. Gonzalez, Taylor Wells, Medina and Ramirez all stole at least one base.

Pouyer started the game on the mound, but after just three at-bats he came out of the game due to some arm discomfort. Taylor Wells pitched in relief of Pouyer and threw three scoreless innings in which he gave up one hit, walked three and struck out six.

“I told them from the very start, getting that first win kind of sets the tone for the season,” said the coach. “I mean, it’s something we can build on, and I was really proud of them.”

The Pirates next game was supposed to be against the Aztec varsity team on Friday, March 6, but because a team dropped out of the tournament, at the last moment the Pirates played the Aztec junior varsity team instead.

It didn’t matter to the Pirates; they came out of the game with their second straight win to open the season, beating Aztec 10-9.

Despite the win, the Pirates played a much different game than the game before. They were held to just three runs through the first six innings.

Heading into the ninth, Aztec was up 9-3, but the Pirates put up a seven-spot in the seventh and final inning to go up one run.

Pouyer came in in the bottom of the seventh and closed the door for the Pirates. He allowed no hits, no runs and struck out two.

“They stayed positive, and that kind of drove us to the win,” said Jon Wells. “Some big plays there in the top of the seventh to take the lead, and then Zach, who’s my player of the

game for the Aztec game, came in and closed it out and pitched a bottom of the seventh to get the win.”

Dempster and Pouyer each had multihit games. Dempster went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and Pouyer went 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Taylor Wells went 1-for-4 with an RBI. Bellina went 1-for-1, drawing a walk and getting hit by a pitch his other two times at the plate. Aaron Sowle went 1-for-2 with two RBIs and a walk, and Moncada went 1-for-4.

Iguchi started for the Pirates on Friday, giving up five hits and six runs (zero earned) in four innings. Moncada provided middle relief before Pouyer closed the game, giving up four hits and three runs (one earned) in two innings.

Errors have been an early issue for the Pirates, noted the coach. Through two games the Pirates committed 10 errors.

The final game of the weekend was on Saturday, March 7, against 4A Kirtland Central.

The Pirates lost the game 13-1 in what the coach called a learning experience.

“We’ve got a 23-game season — there’s going to be ups and downs. And, collectively for the weekend, we played some really great baseball,” said Jon Wells. “More than anything, this game showed us what we got to work on, which is great.”

Pouyer and Bellina recorded the Pirates’ only two hits.

Bellina’s RBI double in the fourth scored Moncada, who reached via a walk — the Pirates’ only run of the game.

Taylor Wells gave up nine hits and nine runs (seven earned) in his four innings of work as the starter. Dempster gave up four runs (zero earned) on two hits in his one inning in relief.

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates fall out of state contention with narrow Sweet 16 loss at Sterling

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates’ basketball season came to an unfortunate end after Sterling hit two free throws to knock the Lady Pirates out of the playoffs on Saturday, March 7.

“Every girl left everything they had on that floor and that is the exact way you would want to end a season, but of course coming out with the win,” wrote coach Sarah Osborn in an email to The SUN. “But at the same time, I think there was also a lot of pride in how they competed.”

Pagosa Springs came into the tournament as a 12 seed after going 10-3 in their final 13 regular season games.

They drew into the Sterling regional with a matchup against Skyview in the first round.

The Lady Pirates handled Skyview 37-15 on Friday, March 6.

The girls came in focused and executed, notes Osborn.

Addie Hittle led the team in scoring with eight points, Kaila Limebrook had seven, Amber Snarr added six, Lexi Campbell and Charity Domingo each had five points, Ximena Garcia added four of her own, and Liana Vega rounded out the scoring with two points.

Hittle led the team with 14 rebounds, Vega had 10, Snarr had seven, Garcia had five, Limebrook and Campbell each had four, Domingo and Bella Adkisson each had two, and Dawson Iverson had one.

As a team, the Lady Pirates had 49 total rebounds, nine assists, 14 steals and 15 turnovers.

Osborn notes she was especially pleased with the way the Lady Pirates rebounded in the contest. The girls only gave up one offensive rebound in the entire game.

“Everyone contributed in some way, and I think the team really fed off each other’s energy,” wrote Osborn. “It was a complete team effort and a great way to start the postseason.”

The win over Skyview set up a Sweet 16 matchup with the regional hosts, Sterling, the following day.

No. 5 Sterling beat No. 28 Rifle 63-39 on Friday.

The coach notes the Lady Pirates came into the game confident and excited after the win over Skyview had given them some momentum heading into the big matchup.

The Lady Pirates fell behind 9-5 after the first quarter and, after a 9-8 second quarter, they were down five points heading into halftime.

The Lady Pirates came out of halftime and outscored the Tigers 12-11 in the third quarter to cut the deficit to four.

In the final eight minutes of the game, the Lady Pirates fought back to tie the game with under a minute left, but the Tigers hit two free throws

in the final minute to win the game 37-35 and knock Pagosa Springs out of the postseason.

Limebrook led the team in scoring with 17 points. Domingo added eight, Hittle had four, Vega had three, Garcia scored two points and Snarr scored one point.

Snarr led the team with nine rebounds, Limebrook had six, Garcia had five, Hittle had four, Domingo had three, Campbell had two and Vega finished with one.

As a team, the Lady Pirates grabbed 30 total rebounds, had nine assists, 10 steals and 15 turnovers.

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WRESTLING



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Several Pirate wrestlers recently received postseason honors for their work over the winter season. From left are Jimmy Elledge (all-conference first team), Hudson Mazur (all-conference honorable mention), Colton Lucero (all-state second team and all-conference first team), Laykyn Baxstrom (all-state second team and all-conference first team), Kyley Matyniak (all-conference first team), Madisen Stretton (all-conference first team) and Bella Jackson (all-conference first team).

TRACK

Pirate teams take third, fifth at Durango Dust Off

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School track and field teams kicked off the 2026 season on Saturday, March 7, when they competed in the Durango Dust Off.

The boys placed third and the girls placed fifth at the event.

Coach Connie O'Donnell noted that the meet was very long because the other coaches took advantage of the unlimited entries per event, but that, despite the length, the meet gave the Pirates a great opportunity to continue to get better and prepare.

"The weather was great and, of course, not typical of early March," wrote O'Donnell in an email to the SUN. "The nice weather has also allowed us to prepare better for our first meet since we have actually been on a track."

Nina Wood finished 10th in the girls' 100-meter dash with a time of 14.25 seconds. Molly Washburn finished 11th with a time of 14.30 seconds. Avery Book finished 17th with a time of 14.66 seconds. Abigail Foss finished 24th with a time of 15.29 seconds. Brynn Looper finished 27th with a time of 15.34 seconds. Annaliese Hinger finished 30th with a time of 15.48 seconds. Nevaeh Evans finished 34th with a time of 15.88 seconds. Hannah Stretton finished 35th with a time of 15.88 seconds. Katie Baker finished 38th with a time of 16.20 seconds. Veda Deitemeyer finished 39th with a time of 16.25 seconds. Kylie Coleman finished 40th with a time of 16.38 seconds. Italia Pereyra finished 47th with a time of 18.67 seconds.

Wood finished sixth in the girls' 200-meter dash with a time of 28.65 seconds. Washburn finished 13th with a time of 30.30 seconds. Foss finished 15th with a time of 30.77 seconds. Bentley Briscoe finished 25th with a time of 32.14 seconds. Stretton finished 31st with a time of 33.62 seconds. Quinn Howard finished 34th with a time of 33.97 seconds. Hinger finished 35th with a time of 34.03 seconds. Baker finished 37th with a time of 34.28 seconds. Coleman finished 38th with a time of 34.52 seconds. Pereyra finished 46th with a time of 41.82 seconds.

Clara Kurz finished eighth in the girls' 400-meter dash with a time of 1:10.54. Book finished 10th with a time of 1:10.89. Foss finished 13th with a time of 1:15.25. Hinger finished 14th with a time of 1:16.91.

Kurz finished 10th in the girls' 800-meter run with a time of 3:04.20.

DUST2 announces 2026 programming

By Janine Emmets
DUST2

As spring sets in, DUST2 is gearing up for its 2026 programming. Both the Middle School Summer Camp and the Fall Cycling Team have become very popular over the years. Make sure to sign up quickly. Spots are limited for the summer camps.

The Middle School Summer Camp will be June 8-12 and July 13-17 this year. Programming runs from 8 a.m. to noon each day. Kids will focus on different skills, as well as ride the fun trails we have here in Pagosa Springs. Summer camp is open to kids going

She was the only Lady Pirate to complete.

Madison Stretton finished seventh in the girls' 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:07.00. Lily DeClark finished eighth with a time of 6:15.63. Mila Miller finished 16th with a time of 7:19.08.

Madison Stretton finished fifth in the girls' 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:04.81. DeClark finished sixth with a time of 14:00.68.

"Madison Stretton showed us just how hard she worked all year in cross country and wrestling," wrote O'Donnell. "Her first track events of the year were much faster than even her best times last year. It's fun to have a starting point for the season that is so much ahead of last year. You can really see the potential for growth with her."

No Lady Pirates competed in the girls' 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles or relays.

Deitemeyer placed fifth in the girls' high jump with a height of 4 feet, 8 inches.

Wood placed third in the girls' long jump with a jump of 14-8. Book finished fifth with a jump of 14-1.75. Baker finished 11th with a jump of 12-3.25. Howard finished 12th with a jump of 12-3. Looper finished 13th with a jump of 11-5.5. Evans finished 14th with a jump of 10-9.75.

"Nina Wood was a nice surprise as a freshman in the 100, 200 and long jump," wrote O'Donnell. "She has the potential to be a great competitor who contributes to our team."

Madison Stretton placed third in the girls' triple jump with a distance of 29-7.25.

Makaela Denton placed sixth in the girls' discus with a distance of 68-9. Charlie Barraza-Haymaker placed 17th with a result of 47-3. Paisley Lister placed 22nd with a distance of 36-1.5.

Lister placed eighth in the girls' shot put with a throw of 22-6.5. Denton placed 13th with a distance of 18-6.5. Barraza-Haymaker placed 18th with a distance of 15-1.5.

Eight boys competed in the 100 on the boys' side. Garrett Mote placed 18th with a time of 12.46 seconds. Xavier Sanchez placed 23rd with a time of 12.64 seconds. Jerry Su placed 29th with a time of 12.79 seconds. Milo Deitemeyer placed 30th with a time of 12.85 seconds. Cash O'Neal placed 31st with a time of 12.93 seconds. Evan Duncan placed 39th with a time of 13.12 seconds. Daniel Kinsley placed 49th with a time of 13.78 seconds. Truman Vasek placed 51st with a time of 13.87 seconds.

Sanchez was the fastest Pirate in

into fifth through eighth grade in the fall of 2026.

The Fall Cycling Team starts July 27 and is open to kids going into sixth through 12th grade in the fall of 2026. Students in high school will have the opportunity to race with the Colorado High School Cycling League if they choose to. Middle school students focus more on skills and adventure riding.

Registration for both summer camp and fall team opens on March 15. Registration links will be posted on Facebook, Instagram, the Town of Pagosa Springs website and the DUST2 website: www.dust2pagosa.org/teams.

the boys' 200, placing 16th with a time of 25.80 seconds. Gage Sams placed 25th with a time of 26.58 seconds. Mote placed 27th with a time of 26.77 seconds. Jaycub Carter placed 30th with a time of 27.01 seconds. Trevor Faber placed 41st with a time of 27.63 seconds. Kinsley placed 45th with a time of 28.52 seconds. Eathon Dang placed 48th with a time of 28.92 seconds. Zyan Souza placed 52nd with a time of 30.29 seconds.

Elijah Julian finished 12th in the boys' 400 with a time of 1:00.92. Faber finished 16th with a time of 1:02.90. Xander Forster finished 25th with a time of 1:08.10. Tyrell Anderson finished 28th with a time of 1:17.23.

Rylan Ash finished third in the boys' 800 with a time of 2:10.99. Julian finished ninth with a time of 2:25.10. Forster finished 26th with a time of 3:06.32.

Ash finished third in the boys' 1,600 with a time of 4:48.66. Weston Sweet finished 10th with a time of 5:19.08. Eli Nehring finished 18th with a time of 5:56.48. Kieran Kurz finished 19th with a time of 5:57.02.

"Rylan Ash was a standout runner for the team," wrote O'Donnell. "He was able to run with some of Durango's top runners and be one of only two freshmen that placed in the 1600 and the only freshman to place in the 800."

Sweet finished sixth in the boys' 3,200 with a time of 11:57.88. Nehring finished ninth with a time of 13:04.63.

Souza placed eighth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 22.39 seconds.

Carter finished third in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 49.98 seconds. Souza finished fourth with a time of 52.82 seconds. Dang finished sixth with a time of 1:01.26.

"I'm really proud of Zyan Souza for taking on the 110 hurdles," wrote O'Donnell. "The 110's are really high and we don't get many freshmen who are willing to try. He was one of only two freshmen in the event"

No Pirates were entered into any of the relays.

Sams won the boys' high jump with a jump of 5-11. Milo Deitemeyer placed fourth with a jump of 5-8. Vasek finished eighth with a jump of 5-4.

Adult volleyball clinic to be held at Ross Aragon Community Center

By Matt Zaborowski
Town of Pagosa Springs

An adult volleyball clinic for ages 18 and older will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 4-25 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The clinic will be coached by Allison Hart and is open to players of all skill levels who want to improve their volleyball fundamentals, practice game play, and stay active in a fun, supportive environment.

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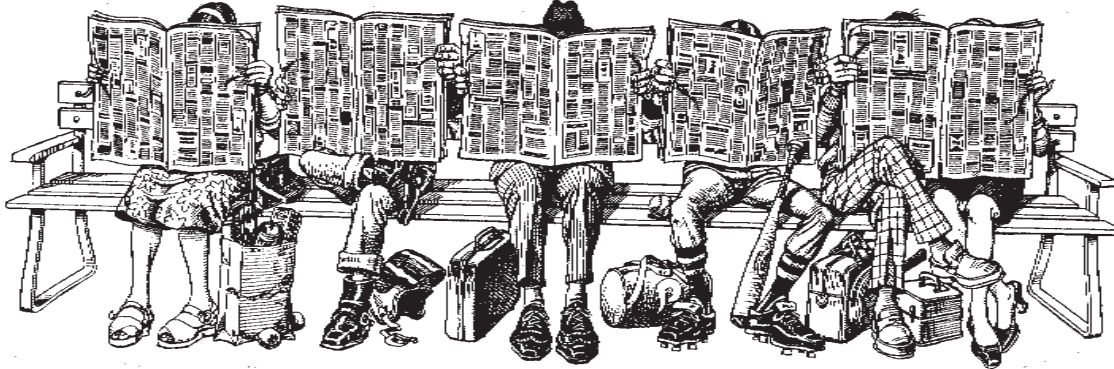
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Soccer

Lady Pirates looking to build off success with experience

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team is returning an experienced lineup this year with the hope of building off of last year's success.

"We're definitely going to lean on returning players to start, players that have that experience," said coach Trevor Gian. "We're hoping to build off of that, you know, continue to build the program that we're looking for, and I feel like that's going to be pretty good this year."

This year's team has 26 players right now, some of whom will see some time on junior varsity to gain experience, Gian explained.

Of the 26 players, six are seniors and nine are juniors.

With the start of the season just around the corner, the experienced players will be thrust into starting roles. Gian noted that there are still opportunities for newcomers to gain playing time, and he is still trying to figure out what his starting lineup will look like down the stretch.

The Lady Pirates will travel to Ignacio today, Thursday, March 12, for their first game of the season at 4 p.m..

Their first home game will be on Saturday, March 14, when Buena Vista comes to town for an 11 a.m. matchup at Golden Peaks Stadium.

Ahead of opening weekend, the girls are working on a myriad of skills and larger concepts.

Gian specifically noted that the Lady Pirates will be working on trying to slow the game down a bit, maintaining formation both on offense and defense, stringing passes together, being aggressive on and off the ball, and being selfish at times.

The laundry list of skills and concepts that girls are working on will shrink as the season progresses, emphasized Gian.

The Lady Pirates are coming into the season with a great team mentality, noted Gian.

"The vibe of the team has been huge, has been very impressive to me, very positive, very supportive, embracing each other," Gian said. "And, to me, that's a huge one to start out, especially with players at differ-

ent levels. Coming in and building that positive culture has been great."

On the field, Gian has been impressed with the aggressiveness of the team and the growth mindset they've all shown.

Gian also discussed the transition into spring sports, noting the Lady Pirates have only been able to practice for two weeks so far this season.

Therefore, the two games coming up this weekend will be a good litmus test and provide a jumping-off point for the team as they get deeper into the season, he noted.

"We're looking forward to the season," Gian said. "It seems like a great group of kids here and definitely excited to get on the field. Come out and support us on Saturday for a home game."

Schedule

The following schedule was accurate as of press time, but is subject to change.

After this weekend, the Lady Pirates will have a game at Del Norte on March 30 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will then travel to

Telluride for a game on April 2 at 4 p.m.

The Lady Pirates will then play two home games in a row next.

First, they'll host Montezuma-Cortez on April 4 at 11 a.m. Then they'll host Alamosa on April 9 at 4 p.m.

The next three games will be on the road.

On April 11, the Lady Pirates will travel to Lake County for a game at 1 p.m., then they'll head to Bayfield on April 14 for a game at 4 p.m. and, finally, they'll travel to Cortez on April 18 for a game at 11 a.m.

They'll host Ignacio on April 23 at 4:30 p.m.

The following day, they'll be back on the road for a game against Alamosa at 4 p.m.

On April 28, the Lady Pirates will have a home game against Bayfield starting at 4 p.m.

Then the team will then host Del Norte on April 30 at 4 p.m.

They'll close out the regular season with a game at Fruita Monument on May 1 at 3 p.m.

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Basketball

Pirates draw season to a close against Eaton

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team played its final game of the season on Friday, March 7, losing to Eaton 70-46 in the state playoffs.

Despite the loss, first-year head coach Brandon Forster suggested he is excited about the progress the team made throughout the year and noted that the team made steps on its way to their goal of a state championship.

"Overall, it was a good season," he said. "I think it was a step in the right direction, but we have to keep working."

The Pirates traveled to Eaton for a game against the No. 7 Reds on Friday, March 6, after receiving the 26 seed in the tournament.

Forster's keys to the game were to defend the paint, take care of the basketball and to get out in transition,

and indicated he felt the boys executed these well in the first quarter.

The Pirates were up 10-7 after the first eight minutes, but the Reds took over the rest of the game.

Eaton scored 23 points in the second quarter to take the lead and never gave it back to the Pirates.

Despite the final score, Forster explained he felt like the game was never truly out of hand and he was proud of the way the boys fought the entire four quarters.

The Pirates defended the paint well and got out in transition, noted Forster, but a myriad of missed shots close to the rim in transition is what hurt them the most.

"Tough game, tough loss," said Forster. "I thought Eaton was really good. [They] had some big guys, and they knocked down shots when they needed to."

Stats for the game were not available

by press time Wednesday.

After the game, the Pirates definitely felt the disappointment and sadness of losing and the season ending, but they were appreciative as well of how fun the season was, noted Forster.

The team ended the season with an 11-12 overall record and 8-4 league mark.

Going into the season, Forster's goal was to start to build a program as a first-year head coach. He noted he felt that he was able to build that foundation this year, especially with the help of his seniors.

Creede Dozier, Jerry Dean, Ty Richey, Jayton Ross, Jeremiah Jones and Bode Hubbard all played their final game in a Pirates uniform against Eaton.

"You know, for me, this season, year one, I'm taking over a program," Forster said. "Couldn't ask for a better group of seniors to lead that out."

Now Forster will look to Duke Ketchum and Koen Pitcher to step up next year and fill the shoes of these seniors, he indicated. Ketchum slotted himself into the starting lineup midway through this season and Pitcher will look to be the Pirates new man down low.

Forster stated he is also excited about the rising junior class, a lot of which got valuable varsity minutes this year, and their potential to be impactful next year.

This year was the first step, stated Forster.

Next year will be year two of Forster at the helm and, now that the foundation is built, the team will continue to build to its goal of winning a state championship, noted Forster.

"The goal is to win it all," he said. "It doesn't happen overnight."



Photos courtesy Joel Hernandez

The Colorado Crush wrestling club, pictured alongside families and supporters, recently attended the Peak to Peak state tournament in Denver. According to coach Joel Hernandez, it was a really good season for the club, who ended up with three state placers: Sammy Haynie took fifth place, Kanon Crowther earned sixth place and Humberto Valezuela garnered fourth place.

Basketball

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"Both teams were making plays and going back and forth," wrote Osborn. "In the end we had some good looks but just couldn't get a couple of shots and free throws to fall, and they were able to convert on a few key plays late."

Osborn emphasizes that, despite the loss, Limebrook, Campbell, Snarr, Garcia, Hittle, Domingo and Vega all played their best games of the season.

"As a coach you can't ask for a better team or game where each girl rose to the occasion and played their best basketball at the end of the season when everything is on the line," wrote Osborn.

There was obvious disappointment after the game, notes Osborn, but the girls took pride in the way

they competed.

The Lady Pirates ended the season with a 14-10 overall record and 9-3 league mark.

The loss was the last time seniors Domingo, Campbell, Limebrook and Snarr put on a Lady Pirate uniform. Osborn emphasizes that those four seniors mean a great deal both to her personally and to the program. They are the first group of seniors who played all four years under Osborn and were instrumental in building the culture and the program itself.

Each day they brought leadership, experience and great examples of what it means to work hard each day to the team at every practice and every game, notes Osborn.

"Their impact goes far beyond just their play on the court," she wrote.

"I could never replace these seniors one-for-one or any of the seniors I have had in my program."

Despite their departure, Osborn is excited for the opportunity that it creates for new players to step up and fill their shoes. This year a ton of young players got the chance to play valuable varsity minutes and now it will be their turn to become leaders and contributors, notes Osborn.

"I can not express how proud I am of every girl that got to come and compete and how those that stepped on the floor in that final game put their full heart into every play and every possession," wrote Osborn. "They are what make this all worth it because of who they are and how hard they play."

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The Blotter

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

Feb. 10 — Assault in the third degree, criminal mischief under \$300 private, domestic violence, View Drive.

Feb. 10 — Crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-neglect, agency assist, Alpine Drive.

Feb. 10 — Violation of protection order, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 10 — Death investigation, Pinon Causeway.

Feb. 11 — Fraud by check-other method, Buena Vista Place.

Feb. 11 — Information only, Dichoso Street.

Feb. 11 — Driver’s license-driving without, failed to display valid registration, driving under the influence of alcohol, alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, U.S. 160.

Feb. 12 — Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, lane usage violation, driving under the influence of drugs (all other), alcohol-open container/drink in vehicle, Talisman Drive.

Feb. 13 — Information only, Park Avenue.

Feb. 13 — Failure to appear, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 13 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

Feb. 14 — Crimes against at-risk adult/elderly>70-criminal exploitation, County Road 542.

Feb. 14 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Feb. 17 — Death investigation, Prospect Boulevard.

Feb. 17 — Second-degree assault-aggravated-nonfamily-strangulation, false imprisonment, domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Trujillo/Southern Ute 169 Road.

Feb. 18 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

Feb. 18 — Warrant arrest, Eight Mile Mesa Road.

Feb. 18 — First-degree criminal trespass, information only, Eight Mile Mesa Road.

Feb. 19 — Information only, U.S. 84.

Feb. 19 — Information only, East U.S. 160.

Feb. 20 — Criminal mischief \$5,000 to \$20,000 private, Eagle’s Loft Circle.

Feb. 20 — Lane usage violation, driving under the influence of alcohol, West U.S. 160.

Feb. 23 — Parking on roadway, Crooked Road.

Feb. 25 — Violation of protection order-criminal, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 25 — Domestic violence-information only, Cactus Drive.

Feb. 25 — Driving under restraint, information only, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 26 — Agency assist, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 26 — Failure to register as a sex offender, Harman Park Drive.

Feb. 26 — Crimes against at-risk adult/elderly>70-theft under \$500, Park Avenue.

Feb. 26 — Warrant arrest, Pines Club Place.

Feb. 26 — Information only, Pines Club Place.

Feb. 26 — Obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, vehicular eluding-with no injuries to another person, driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, stop sign-fail to stop, U.S. 160.

Feb. 27 — Information only, Fawn Gulch Road.

Feb. 27 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, agency assist, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 27 — Information only, Bas-tille Drive.

March 1 — Assault in the third degree, disorderly conduct-fighting in public, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Gala Place.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Feb. 2 — Lost/found property, Lewis Street.

Feb. 2 — Trespass warning, Talisman Drive.

Feb. 4 — Assault, Eaton Drive.

Feb. 6 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 6 — Theft M, East Pagosa Street.

Feb. 7 — Criminal trespass, U.S.

84.

Feb. 8 — Careless driving, Aspen Village Drive.

Feb. 8 — Theft M, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Feb. 8 — Trespass warning, San Juan Street.

Feb. 9 — Lost/found property, Talisman Drive.

Feb. 10 — Failed to notify police of accident, East Pagosa Street.

Feb. 11 — Information only, South 8th Street.

Feb. 11 — Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive/Hot Springs Boulevard.

Feb. 12 — Left scene without providing information after striking unattended vehicle or property, Lewis Street.

Feb. 12 — Suspicious activity, U.S. 160.

Feb. 12 — Trespass, Talisman Drive.

Feb. 14 — Criminal trespass, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Feb. 15 — Criminal attempt to commit class one misdemeanor, first-degree criminal trespass, South Pagosa Boulevard/Pines Drive.

Feb. 15 — Trespass warning, Talisman Drive.

Feb. 16 — Trespass, East Pagosa Street.

Feb. 21 — Reckless driver, U.S. 160.

Feb. 21 — Traffic stop, Navajo Trail Drive.

Feb. 22 — Theft-\$5,000 to \$20,000, Lewis Street.

Feb. 23 — Parking at curb or edge of roadway, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol-after three or more convictions, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Feb. 23 — Obscene conduct, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 26 — Driving under the influence of alcohol, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 26 — Truancy, South 8th Street.

Feb. 26 — Following too closely, U.S. 160.

Feb. 26 — Driving under restraint-alcohol/drug related, Cornerstone Drive.

Feb. 27 — Alcohol-under 21-pos-sess/consumption, driving under the influence of alcohol, careless driving, failure to display proof of insurance, Eagle Drive.

Feb. 28 — Theft-\$2,000 to \$5,000, impersonating a peace officer, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 28 — Criminal mischief \$1,000 to \$5,000 private, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 2 — Criminal mischief, Eagle Drive.

March 2 — Warrant arrest, East Pagosa Street.

March 4 — Rabies vaccination required, South 8th Street.

March 4 — Shoplifting/departs or attempts to depart without payment, East Pagosa Street.

March 5 — Unlawfully carry a concealed knife, unlawfully carry a concealed firearm, motor vehicle theft, Colo. 151.

March 6 — Assault in the third degree, domestic violence, obstructing peace officer/police animal/fireman, Talisman Drive.

March 6 — Agency assist, West U.S. 160.

March 6 — Unsafe backing, Talisman Drive.

March 6 — Trespass warning, Pagosa Street.

March 7 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 7 — Stalking-emotional distress, North 8th Street.

March 8 — Theft/intends to deprive person, Pagosa Street.

March 8 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 9 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

March 9 — Traffic stop, South 10th Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

Feb. 9 — Heidy Renteria, failed to oncoming traffic when making a left turn, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

Feb. 9 — Juvenile, failed to yield on right turn after stop at red light, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

Feb. 9 — Darin Leonhardt, failed to yield when entering roadway, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

Feb. 9 — Juvenile, assault, six months probation, 60 hours community service, fine and costs — \$135.

Feb. 10 — Ashley Engel, owner operated vehicle without insurance,

four points off, fine and costs — \$285.

Feb. 10 — Jaime Naranjo, assault, three months probation, fine and costs — \$335.

Feb. 10 — Paula Jewell, shoplifting and criminal trespass, six months probation, fine and costs — \$185.

Feb. 10 — Michael Yerton, assault, three months probation, fine and costs — \$335.

Feb. 23 — Fabienne Van Cappel, speeding 10-19 mph over PFL in construction zone, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$197.

March 2 — Kyle Bell, failed to yield when entering roadway, three points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$116.

March 2 — Juvenile, following too closely, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$146.

March 2 — Marilynn Bunch, failure to drive in a single lane, three points off, fine and surcharge — \$111.

March 2 — Sharon Roman, careless driving, four points off, fine, surcharge and costs — \$202.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Anthony D. Edwards

Feb. 4 — Paul J. Smith, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$139.50.

Feb. 4 — Glenn Maurice Gerard, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

Feb. 4 — William C. Gittings, unsafe or defective vehicle, no insurance-driver, fines and costs — \$815.50.

Feb. 4 — Ricardo L. Quiles, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Feb. 4 — Jesus E. Ponce, commercial vehicle safety violation, fines and costs — \$138.50.

Feb. 5 — Joseph Herrera, burning without a permit, fines and costs — \$434.

Feb. 9 — Michael George, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$126.50.

Feb. 11 — Weston Dana Clark, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

Feb. 12 — Osbaldo Lopez Lopez, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Feb. 12 — Chad Joseph Clark, violation p/o-criminal, 12 months unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$319.50.

Feb. 12 — Chad Joseph Clark, driving while ability impaired, 180 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12 months alcohol evaluation and supervision, fines and costs — \$596.50.

Feb. 12 — Daniel L. Childes, driving ability impaired-with prior convictions, 425 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,540.50.

Feb. 12 — Leslie Kron, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Feb. 13 — Donaven Snow, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.

Feb. 13 — Kevin M. Webb, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$126.50.

Feb. 13 — Matthew J. Sherrill, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$127.50.

Feb. 13 — Casey Dawn Hash, speeding 5-9 over, fines and costs — \$125.

Feb. 13 — Jasper K. Colcord, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$198.50.

Feb. 13 — Johnathan Zouzounis, driving too slowly/impeding traffic, fines and costs — \$85.

Feb. 13 — Joshua K. Wells, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$314.50.

Feb. 13 — Nichole B. Thompson, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

Feb. 13 — Lather Villanuava Santarina, speeding 10-19 over, fines — \$225.

Feb. 13 — Calvin Reed, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$161.50.

Feb. 13 — Shawn Osborn, driving under restraint, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$277.50.

Feb. 13 — Maryn E. Murdock, speeding 10-19 over, fines and costs — \$225.

Feb. 13 — Ruben Martinez, turning improperly, fines and costs — \$139.

Feb. 13 — Ernesto Hernandez Rios, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

Feb. 13 — Hayden Gonzalez, failed

to stop at stop sign, fines and costs — \$139.

Feb. 13 — Pedro Esquivel, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

Feb. 13 — Nicola R. Vigil, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$233.50.

Feb. 18 — Richard R. Cost, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$210.50.

Feb. 18 — William R. Chalice James, fail to yield right of way/stop sign, fines and costs — \$119.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Feb. 13 — Vincent Michael McPeak, stalking-threat/repeated communication, two years probation, fines and costs — \$1,701.50.



**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2026-001**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 8, 2026, 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) Craig Waller
Original Beneficiary(ies)Security Service Federal Credit Union

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Security Service Federal Credit Union

Date of Deed of Trust December 02, 2019
County of Recording Archuleta

Recording Date of Deed of Trust December 05, 2019
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 21907315

Original Principal Amount \$336,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$294,271.21

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

LOT 583 IN TWINCREEK VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78739

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THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 05/07/2026, at the Archuleta County Treasurer’s Office at 305 Village Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys’ fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue 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;

DATE: 01/08/2026
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado

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: Steven Bellanti #48306

McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Colorado Springs, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # CO-25-1031352-JH

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

Published March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (285193)

FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS HEARING ON MARCH 17, 2026

Laura Ochoa of Cues and Brews has requested a GENERAL VARIANCE regarding ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS, IN PAGOSA VILLAGE SERVICE COMMERCIAL, Lot 18 at 68 Bastille Dr, Pagosa Springs, CO (PL-VAR-26-004). The property is zoned COMMERCIAL.

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 planning@archuletacounty.gov prior to 1:45 public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of Adjustments on March 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs and via Zoom Link. Public comment will be taken at the meeting in person only.

Published February 26, and March 12, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (290677)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Daniel Joseph Francis, Deceased
Case Number 2026 PR 00001

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 on or before 07/01/2026, or the claims may be forever barred.

William J. Francis
89 Marden Rd.
Wilton, NH 03086

Published February 26, March 5 and 12, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (290678)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Kenneth Ray Ball
Case Number 2026 PR 30007

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta, County, Colorado on or before July 6, 2026, or the claims may be forever barred.

Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law
190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Published March 5, 12, and 19, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (291571)

PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATION FILING REMINDER

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTACT:
Sherri Boyce - Hinsdale County Assessor

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 970-944-2225 ext. 140
The Hinsdale County Assessor reminds all persons owning, possessing, or controlling taxable personal property that the deadline for filing a Personal Property Declaration Schedule is April 15. All persons who own, possess, or control taxable personal property with a total actual value greater than \$56,000 per owner, per county, are required to report the personal property to the county assessor. Failure to declare your personal property each year by the deadline will result in the assessor valuing your property using the "best information available" and attaching a penalty to your tax bill. If you did not receive a declaration schedule, please contact the county assessor at 970-944-2225 ext. 140

All personal property with a total actual value in excess of \$56,000 (per owner, per county) is taxable unless specifically exempt by law.

Taxable personal property includes:
• All residential household furnishings used to produce income

• Equipment, furniture, and machinery used by commercial, industrial, and natural resource operations

• Property used in an agribusiness that does not qualify as agricultural pursuant to § 39-1-102(1.6)(a), C.R.S.

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Equipment that is licensed as a motor vehicle (SMM plate or Z-Tab) is not reported on the Personal Property Declaration Schedule. If you have questions about the Personal Property Declaration Schedule, please contact the assessor’s office at 970-944-2225 ext. 1
Published March 12, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (292911)

The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for “Conditional Use Permit” for the Regional Workforce Center located at 800A South 8 th Street. The applicant is proposing the development of a career center to prepare and educate high schoolers on the trades. This proposal is a joint effort with Build Pagosa, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, The Town of Pagosa Springs, and the Archuleta School District to better prepare our youth entering the workforce. The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5:30 pm to consider

the Conditional Use Permit Application, in person at 551 Hot Springs Blvd and available for remote attendance via the Zoom meeting platform. Public comments will be made in person and over Zoom. To access the meeting agendas and staff reports, click the round **Minutes and Agendas** tab located along the bottom of the photo on the Town’s website home page at pagosaprices.co.gov. You may also view the application at mypagosa.org/proposed-development-projects. We encourage interested parties to contact the Planning Division prior to the public hearing dates, with any questions via phone at **970-585-8636** or email at ktunnel@pagosaprices.co.gov. Written comments received 7 days prior to the meeting or public hearing will be forwarded to the Design Review Board for their consideration. Public comments will be accepted at the public hearing.
Published March 12, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (292658)

ARCHULETA COUNTY 2025 Annual Salary Report		
County employees are paid every two weeks (not monthly). This report shows amounts paid out within the year of 2025. Fringe benefits, including, but not limited to, medical insurance, FICA, medical care, and retirement plans are on average 27% of wages paid.		
Position		
4-H COORD	\$59,027.95	EMG COMM DISPATCHER \$1,014.93
ACCOUNTANT	\$68,516.21	EMG COMM DISPATCHER \$11,783.43
ACCT CLERK III	\$52,116.96	EMG COMM DISPATCHER \$69,058.92
ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$5,316.72	EMG COMM DISPATCHER \$45,422.26
ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$2,055.40	EMG COMM DISPATCHER \$79,661.66
ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$33,516.48	EMG COMM DISPATCHER-PT \$17,338.03
ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$56,884.95	EMG OPS DIR \$13,659.41
ADMIN ASSISTANT	\$61,154.77	EMG OPS DIR \$88,704.74
ADMIN ASSISTANT II	\$63,830.02	ENGINEERING TECH \$55,793.16
AIRPORT MAINT TECH III	\$60,892.69	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPC \$57,543.18
AIRPORT MGR	\$87,659.55	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I \$39,113.96
AL SEVEN & PRE TRIAL COORD	\$83,634.95	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I \$6,700.10
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$67,904.26	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II \$47,644.98
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$42,792.49	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II \$57,070.12
APPRaiser I	\$69,608.80	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II \$56,657.04
APPRaiser I	\$57,430.24	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II \$50,380.99
APPRaiser I	\$17,749.98	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II \$59,589.61
APPRaiser I	\$23,737.03	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II \$63,625.55
APPRaiser II	\$56,318.26	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II \$52,766.56
ARBOLIS TRANS STATION FILL IN	\$26,063.83	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II \$64,306.08
ASSISTANT GENERALIST	\$11,583.31	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II \$51,307.41
ASSESSOR	\$81,465.02	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III \$66,407.14
ASSISTANT CNTY ATTORNEY	\$69,928.06	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III \$70,090.99
BLDG INSPECTOR	\$60,240.23	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III \$66,532.82
BLDG MAINT MGR	\$76,772.71	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III \$61,013.34
BLDG PERMIT TECH I	\$40,411.15	EVIDENCE TECH \$55,649.10
BLDG PERMIT TECH II	\$57,210.76	FACILITIES MAINT TECH \$63,340.60
BUS DRIVE FT	\$9,572.73	FACILITIES MAINT TECH \$51,294.17
BUS DRIVER	\$2,416.65	FAIR COORD \$47,888.97
BUS DRIVER	\$10,599.12	FAIR LABORER \$305.00
BUS DRIVER	\$29,632.86	FAIR LABORER \$740.00
BUS DRIVER	\$18,585.33	FAMILY ADVOCATE \$1,072.50
BUS DRIVER	\$14,102.59	FAMILY ADVOCATE \$50,724.69
BUS DRIVER	\$9,873.98	FAMILY SUPPORT SPC \$19,623.36
BUS DRIVER	\$8,192.40	FAMILY SUPPORT SPC \$10,514.48
BUS DRIVER FT	\$48,007.11	FINANCE DIR \$122,183.39
BUSINESS OFFICE CLERK	\$41,810.87	FLEET MGR \$78,666.50
CASEWORKER I	\$52,155.78	FLEET SUPPORT FOREMAN \$60,996.80
CASEWORKER I	\$27,756.96	GIS ANALYST \$61,549.33
CASEWORKER I	\$44,190.89	GIS ANALYST \$68,307.93
CASEWORKER I	\$46,729.14	HR ASSISTANT \$53,021.96
CASEWORKER I	\$27,284.74	HR ANALYST \$62,259.80
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Outdoors

Colorado Parks and Wildlife continuing public engagement for new Firearms Safety Program

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is continuing its statewide public engagement efforts to inform Coloradans about the new Firearms Safety Program.

Signed into law on April 10, 2025, Senate Bill 25-003 requires individuals to apply for an eligibility card through their sheriff's office and complete a firearms safety course before purchasing or transferring certain specified semiautomatic firearms after the law takes effect.

CPW is responsible for implementing the program, including developing course standards, maintaining eligibility records, and coordinating with county sheriffs, certified course instructors and licensed firearms dealers.

CPW has launched a dedicated webpage outlining legally required program requirements and timelines, and is hosting a series of public and stakeholder meetings across the state through May.

At these meetings, CPW staff will share information and address questions, and attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback.

"We now have additional meeting dates and locations confirmed, and we look forward to continuing conversations with communities and stakeholders across Colorado," said CPW Assistant Chief of Law Enforcement Jim Hawkins. "These meetings provide an opportunity to share information about how the Firearms Safety Program will work and to hear

directly from Coloradans as we move toward implementation.

A southwest public meeting will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on May 4 at the La Plata County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 2500 Main Ave. in Durango.

In addition, CPW will host targeted stakeholder meetings with county sheriffs, federal firearms licensed dealers and firearms safety instructors.

A full schedule is available on CPW's website.

About the Firearms Safety Program

Starting Aug. 1, individuals seeking to purchase or transfer a specified semiautomatic firearm must successfully complete an in-person firearms safety course within five years before the transaction.

Aspecified semiautomatic firearm is defined as:

- A semiautomatic rifle or shotgun with a detachable magazine, or
- A gas-operated semiautomatic handgun with a detachable magazine.

The law does not affect individuals who already own a specified semiautomatic firearm, nor does it prohibit the use of these firearms in any way.

The requirement applies only to future purchases or transfers after the effective date.

As outlined in SB25-003, the Department of Revenue, which permits firearms dealers in Colorado, will provide and maintain the list of specified semiautomatic firearms. This list will be linked from CPW's website.

Most semiautomatic hunting shotguns and several other firearm types are exempt under the statute.

Individuals who have completed a CPW-certified hunter education course will be eligible for a shorter, four-hour basic course. Those without hunter education must complete a 12-hour extended course. All courses must be completed in person and will include a final exam requiring a minimum score of 90 percent.

CPW will not teach the courses, but will provide standardized course content to county-verified firearms instructors statewide.

How to learn more

Members of the public can learn more about SB25-003, firearms safety course requirements and upcoming meetings by visiting cpw.state.co.us/specified-semiautomatic-firearms.

Questions about the Firearms Safety Program may be directed to dnr_cpw_firearmsafety@state.co.us.

Questions about public and stakeholder meetings may be directed to dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us.

About SB25-003

SB25-003 establishes firearms safety training requirements for the purchase or transfer of specified semiautomatic firearms in Colorado beginning Aug. 1.

CPW is required by statute to implement and administer the program and to report annually to the Colorado General Assembly on program costs and resource needs.



Photo courtesy Bob Endres

The Weminuche Audubon Society and the American Dipper Project in Durango have announced a new research project aimed at better understanding the influences on breeding success of the American dipper. Local volunteers are being recruited to assist with fieldwork, including monitoring several known nest sites throughout the Pagosa Springs area.

Area American dipper research project seeking volunteers

By Bob Endres

Weminuche Audubon Society

The Weminuche Audubon Society and the American Dipper Project in Durango have announced an ambitious new research project aimed at better understanding the influences on breeding success of the American dipper, a charismatic mountain songbird known for its habit of diving into icy streams in search of food.

Set to launch this spring, the study will examine how mountain stream macroinvertebrates — a primary food source for dippers — along with air temperature, water temperature and water turbidity affect nesting outcomes in southwest Colorado.

Researchers hope the findings will

shed light on how changing environmental conditions may be affecting local dipper populations in the Animas and upper San Juan River watersheds.

Macroinvertebrates and American dippers are excellent indicators of stream health. By looking closely at the relationships between aquatic insect life, stream conditions and breeding success, we can gain valuable insight into the overall health of our mountain ecosystems.

Pagosa Springs volunteers are being recruited to assist with fieldwork, including monitoring several known nest sites throughout the Pagosa Springs region. Participants will help collect data on stream conditions and observe nesting activity during the

breeding season.

Those interested are invited to attend an informational meeting at 1 p.m. on March 28 at the Community United Methodist Church, where teams will be formed and project details outlined.

A riverside workshop is also planned in April to learn how to collect and analyze macroinvertebrates.

This project will also be discussed at the monthly Weminuche Audubon Society meeting at 6 p.m. on April 15.

Organizers say no prior scientific or birding experience is required — just a willingness to observe carefully and contribute to community based conservation research. Binoculars are a beneficial tool to have available. Come join us if you can.

Weminuche Audubon Society March meeting to feature member photo share

By Jean Zirnhelt

Weminuche Audubon Society

At our March meeting, members of the Weminuche Audubon chapter will share nature photos and the stories behind them.

Yes, we look for birds and sometimes even list them, but at heart we are naturalists fascinated by the biodiversity of all life and the beauty that surrounds us.

In addition to sharing images that celebrate the environment right outside our doors, we expect to hear from members who have traveled near and far and share in their adventures.

As spring approaches, we are getting excited about our upcoming community science surveys that get

us outside and paying attention. We invite you to join us in documenting bird species in the national forest, American dippers nesting in our rivers, and the aquatic macroinvertebrates that rely on healthy rivers and streams.

You don't need to be an expert to participate in these projects that advance scientific knowledge and increase your own.

Our April meeting will focus on these volunteer opportunities and you can direct questions to us at weminuche.audubon@gmail.com.

The public is invited to join us at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street on Wednesday, March 18.

We will meet at 6 p.m. to socialize

with appetizers and snacks before the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Please enter through the side door off the parking lot or let us know to open the main door for handicap entrance. In appreciation for our meeting space, we welcome donations of nonperishable food for the church food bank.

For those unable to attend in person, a link to join the meeting on Zoom will be posted on our website, www.weminucheaudubon.org prior to the meeting.

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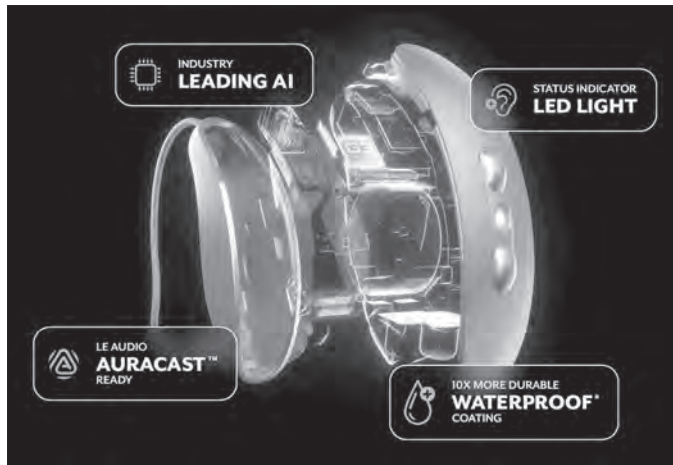


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St Patrick's Day Festival

Saturday, March 14 • 11 a.m. • St. Patrick's Episcopal Church



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Saturday's St. Patrick's Day Festival to feature parade

By Anthony Aldwell
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Join the St. Patrick's Day Festival this Saturday, March 14, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for not only the "world's shortest parade," but family fun, free chili dogs and a chance for children to ride on the float with St. Patrick.

While it may be billed as the world's shortest parade as it

traverses St. Patrick's parking lot, it's actually not the world's smallest parade, as it comprises several Pagosa Springs' organizations.
Leading the parade will be a color guard, followed by our Magnificent and Marvelous Majorettes, our merry band of St. Patrick's bagpipers, and the Pagosa Line Dancers.
The centerpiece of the parade will be St. Patrick's float, accompanied by any children who wish to celebrate the day by
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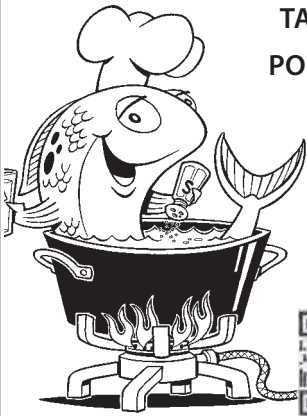
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The project budget is up to \$20,000, and the submission deadline for Round 1 is April 2, at 5:00 PM (MT). To apply, visit <https://mypagosa.org/2026-call-for-artists>

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Growers and Producers Forum to cover 'Gardening Basics for Vegetable and Fruit Production'

Healthy Archuleta

Community members interested in gardening and local food production are invited to attend the next Growers and Producers Forum on Thursday, March 12, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

This session will focus on "Gardening Basics for Vegetable and Fruit Production," with practical guidance for starting or improving a garden in Archuleta County's high-country climate.

Topics will include selecting and preparing a garden site, building healthy soil, choosing between in-ground gardens and raised beds, composting, irrigation and fertilizing, protecting plants from wildlife and weather, and deciding what to plant and when throughout the growing season.

The forum will also explore strategies such as container gardening; companion planting; harvesting and storage; and growing perennial fruits, herbs and vegetables.

Whether you are new to garden-

Parade

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riding on this shamrock-decorated float.

The Shriner's Tin Lizzie cars will return to the parade this year, followed by Pagosa Springs Medical Center's EMS Team, a siren-bellowing Pagosa Fire Protection District Engine, as well as a massive trash truck.

Want to walk in the parade? Bring your leashed dogs as the parade will conclude with owners and their canine friends bouncing and barking to the melodious bagpipes. In fact, dog treats will be available in return for a donation of choice, all of which will support St. Patrick's Food Pantry.

The festival will also include chili dogs, chips and hot chocolate for all attendees; several local vendor booths, including the Humane Society with its friendly animals; and, of course, Irish coffee and beer for sale. Any profits will be returned to St. Patrick's community-focused ministries.

This lively event will take place in the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church parking lot at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Our neighbors, the Pope John Paul II Catholic Church and the Pagosa Springs Medical Center, have graciously opened their adjacent parking lots to parade attendees, but please do not park in the lot adjacent to the emergency entrance at the medical center. Handicapped parking will be available in St. Patrick's main lot.

Regardless of the weather, the parade will step off at 11:15 a.m. Saturday and the chili dogs will be ready for all immediately thereafter.

So, cloak yourself in your best emerald outfits to join the celebration. And, don't be late: The world's shortest parade is a fun-but-fleeting Pagosa moment.

ing or have years of experience, the Growers and Producers Forum offers an opportunity to learn practical techniques, share experiences and connect with others working to strengthen local food production in Archuleta County.

To join the conversation, please send Healthy Archuleta an email at fsfearchuleta@gmail.com to confirm your participation.

Additionally, registration is now open for the 2026 Archuleta Food

Summit on April 18 at Pagosa Springs High School.

The summit will bring together residents, growers, organizations and partners to explore ways to strengthen the county's food system and improve nutrition security, including an interactive simulation of the Archuleta Community Food Hub and Food Hall.

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Actors Karisa Bruin (Maude) and Dennis Elkins (Lionel) in “Bakersfield Mist” at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

‘Bakersfield Mist’ entering final weekend at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Tim Moore
Thingamajig Theatre Company

Pagosa Springs audiences have been turning out in strong numbers for “Bakersfield Mist,” and this weekend marks the final chance to see the show before it closes.

Thingamajig Theatre Company will present the last two performances Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Even if you don’t usually go to plays, “Bakersfield Mist” is the kind of show that draws people in quickly. With just two actors on stage and a story full of humor, tension and heart, it feels more like watching a fascinating conversation unfold than a traditional “theater piece.”

Written by Stephen Sachs, the play tells the story of Maude, an unemployed bartender living in a Bakersfield trailer park who believes she

may have stumbled upon a priceless Jackson Pollock painting at a thrift store. When a New York art expert arrives to evaluate the painting, the two find themselves locked in a battle of opinions, personalities and life experiences.

What begins as a simple question — “Is the painting real or not?” — quickly turns into a lively and sometimes hilarious debate about art, class and what something is truly worth.

The show features Karisa Bruin as Maude and Dennis Elkins as Lionel, whose performances have been praised by audiences throughout the run for their humor, energy and emotional depth.

With only two performances remaining, this weekend truly is the last opportunity to experience the show in Pagosa Springs.

Tickets are available by calling (970) 731-SHOW (7469) or by visiting PagosaCenter.org.

Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers announces binoculars star parties

By Dena Laterza
Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers

The Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers will host free, educational public events at which you can use your binoculars to see large deep-sky objects.

Two nights during spring break weeks are scheduled during the moonless nights — March 13 and 20. Let’s hope for clear skies.

Bring a pair of binoculars (they don’t have to be high magnification) and meet near the pickleball courts in Yamaguchi Park at 8:15 p.m.

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As spring break winds down, you may notice gaps in your booking calendar. Those quiet weeks between guests are opportunities for your property to become a lifeline for someone rebuilding and healing.

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grow, especially in Pagosa Springs, where affordable housing is scarce.

Your home could be the bridge between surviving and thriving. Even a few vacant weeks can become a refuge and a place for someone to catch their breath, plan their future and rediscover hope.

When survivors find a secure place to stay their future can change. They can heal, find work and begin to rebuild. Safe housing transforms lives.

As one survivor shared, "This program is priceless. If I had stayed in my previous situation, I wouldn't have been able to process things and take the next steps in my life. It has allowed me to focus on my safety and start planning for a more positive future."

Will you join us?

To learn more about becoming a Safehome provider and how we can work with your rental schedule, contact Kristen Bair, housing advocate, at kristen@riseaboveviolence.org or (970) 264-1129, ext. 7. You can also visit www.riseaboveviolence.org.

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End of Life Education to hear about emergency medical response March 19

By Joan Mieritz
End of Life Education

End of Life Education is beginning a new series of programs that should be very exciting and educational.

The first program will be presented on March 19 beginning at 1p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. with the large convenient parking lot and side door into the meeting room.

In 2024, End of Life Education had a guest speaker, Connie Cook, an EMT (emergency medical technician), who gave a most memorable talk about emergency medical response. It was unbelievably impressive.

The emergency medical response team recently added a new staff member, Andrew Spangler, who is focusing almost solely on education.

He will be speaking to the public at two of our meetings, on March 19 and April 16.

His comments will be for senior citizens, but he will also be including material for the general public sharing how they want to expand their emergency education program for everyone. That is why everyone is invited to attend.

Knowledge about an emergency medical program can only be beneficial to everyone. I enjoy being part of something new that is just being developed.

We will all be working together to

create the best program possible. Even if you just have questions or want better explanations, you need to join us.

Another new speaker at End of Life Education from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. on April 30 will be Brad Hunt, our Archuleta County coroner.

State laws have changed and the coroner must be more involved following every death.

It might turn out to be the most important thing you do on that day.

These may be three emotionally challenging programs. I feel that with caring and sensitive people working together, we can handle almost anything.

If you come, please step up and be prepared for a challenge. You may get to practice asking for help.

We have several medical doctors and several counselors who have been part of End of Life Education in the past. Plus, there are other amazingly caring people at our meetings. You may need to monitor yourself, communicate openly and be 100 percent honest.

I don't think anyone told you that life is easy and the end may be most challenging.

I hope to see you there for a great learning experience and something that you will find to be most helpful. We almost always find that we are more capable and stronger than we ever thought we were. We will be learning a great deal at each of these programs.

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Archuleta Rural Health Network discusses access, equity and workforce

Healthy Archuleta

On Feb. 25, leaders from the Archuleta Rural Health Network gathered with a shared purpose: ensuring that residents of Archuleta County, especially those who are uninsured or underinsured, or who are navigating Medicaid eligibility, have meaningful access to care.

Representatives from Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Axis Health System, the Archuleta County Public Health Department and Healthy Archuleta came together to reaffirm two guiding priorities for 2026: improving cultural responsiveness in health care delivery and strengthening advocacy, education and navigation supports to increase access to preventive care.

The conversation highlighted

Correction

The SUN inadvertently stated the Pagosa Community Initiative's Second Chance Prom will be on May 17 in a headline in last week's issue of The PREVIEW.

The event is May 16, as stated in the article.

The SUN regrets the error.

both progress and pressure.

Across the system, partners shared encouraging steps forward in bilingual capacity and culturally responsive care. New bilingual providers have joined the community, interpretation services are being strengthened and a newly secured health equity grant will support improvements in clinic practices. Organizations are also refining how they ask about social factors related to health outcomes and ensuring that materials and workflows are accessible to all residents.

Workforce development emerged as a central theme. Community health workers (CHWs) continue to play a vital role in helping patients navigate insurance, appointments and follow-up care. Currently, there are three credentialed CHWs in Archuleta County, two of whom received training support through Healthy Archuleta's efforts to expand Community Health Worker credentialing in Archuleta County. Monthly gatherings of navigators and care coordinators are further strengthening collaboration and shared problem-solving across agencies.

At the same time, leaders spoke candidly about the growing instability in insurance.

Providers are seeing an increase in self-pay patients as Medicaid coverage shifts and some families lose marketplace subsidies. Seasonal employment patterns and rising private insurance premiums are creating difficult gaps for middle-income households that do not qualify for sliding-scale programs yet struggle to afford coverage. These trends raise concerns about delayed preventive care and long-term health impacts in a rural system already operating under tight margins.

Throughout the meeting, one theme remained clear: Collaboration is essential. In a rural community, no single organization can solve these challenges alone.

By aligning around shared goals, strengthening workforce pipelines and listening closely to community feedback, the Archuleta Rural Health Network continues working to reduce barriers to care and ensure residents have access to the services they need.

The network will carry this work forward throughout 2026 with a continued commitment to access, equity and the long-term sustainability of rural health care in Archuleta County.

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Sunday Night Unplugged to feature Durango artist Beau Smith on Sunday, March 15

By Anthony Aldwell
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is pleased to host the next rendition of Sunday Night Unplugged this Sunday, March 15, at 5 p.m., which will feature Durango musical artist Beau Smith in a performance open to all. Smith is a longtime Presbyterian pastor and current spiritual director, as well as a talented musician who composes 60 percent of his personal repertoire. He is well-known in Southwest Colorado as the lead voice of his band, The Rev, and his music has been described as "an infectious blend of soulful vocals and folk-rock storytelling." He can be seen and heard entertaining at many local venues in Du-

rango, as well as occasional appearances here in Pagosa Springs. The Rev recently played at the Fort Lewis College radio station's biggest fundraiser of the year, the KDUR Cover Night, featuring songs by the band Wilco. When not playing his original pieces, he particularly enjoys covering songs by Bob Dylan and Van Morrison. For this edition of Sunday Night Unplugged, Smith will play a mixture of hymns, classic folk songs and his original pieces, accompanying them with his acoustic guitar. Members of our community, as well as visitors to Pagosa, are very welcome to attend this hour-long event at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located just south of the hospital, at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., during which we will share the gift of music and reflection with Smith.



Photo courtesy Beau Smith
Beau Smith will be the featured artist at Sunday Night Unplugged at 5 p.m. Sunday at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces upcoming events

By Shayla McClure
SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

On Sunday, March 21, at 11:11 a.m., the SpiritFire Inspiration Living Center will hold "The Blessing of Your FireHorse Empowerment and Spring Equinox Celebration" with Shayla Azriel at Xanadu. There will also be a blessing and drumming circle. A \$10 donation will be collected. **Upcoming activities** Save the date for the following activity at the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center:

- April 11: Vietnam Veterans Give-

back Day. For more information and to reserve your space, contact (970) 510- 0309. **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." Our mission is to create a world that works for everyone through self empowerment and awareness of the creator's divinity. We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center events are held at Xanadu private retreat. Obtain information by joining us, emailing pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com or texting/calling (970) 510-0309.

Network

■ continued from previous page work entered a formal planning phase during 2024-2025 with support from HRSA funding, bringing partners together to assess needs, define shared priorities and build a coordinated framework for rural health collaboration. The network was formally established in June 2025 and continues to serve as a cross-sector table dedicated to strengthening access, reducing barriers and improving health outcomes across Archuleta County. To learn more about the efforts of the Archuleta Rural Health Network, please visit www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-rural-health-network.html.

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to hold ‘Rooted in Solidarity’ service

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

“Rooted in Solidarity” is the title for this Sunday’s worship service at Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship, March 15, at 10:30 a.m.

As a UU fellowship, we are part of an association of more than 1,000 congregations in the U.S. We are inspired to share this offering from the Side With Love interfaith advocacy campaign as part of our justice-focused programing.

Join us this Sunday for a UU inclusive worship service designed for any concerned citizens needing a space to respond to the moments of crisis and collective grief in these unsettling times.

This service will offer a liturgy of stories, readings, songs and shared reflections that help communities ground themselves in our history of showing up in times of need, and help generate the spiritual strength needed to act with clarity and courage right now.

This worship tells stories from our Unitarian, Universalist and UU history: stories of how ordinary people

responded and showed up in very different ways to side with love, and show up with justice.

There is no sermon; this service is told through a host of readers and responses led by a worship leader. We are grateful to Dave Pettus and Susan Kuhns for providing music for this inspired service, “Rooted in Solidarity.”

For more information about other offerings, we encourage a look at our website, PagosaUU.org. The UU space is used as a Community Hub for the Pagosa community, and offers space for a variety of opportunities for spiritual growth and connection.

The Tara Meditation Group is held most Sundays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Email the fellowship to be added to the list and receive information and notices about this meditation practice. Qigong practice is held at 1 p.m. on Monday afternoons, and all are welcome.

The Wise and Wakeful Circle, hosted by Elaine Harding and Sam Johnson, meets the second and fourth Saturdays at 10 a.m. The next gatherings will be March 14 and 28.

The Pagosa UU Fellowship is located in the Greenbriar Plaza, Unit B-15, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., on the north side facing Pagosa Peak. We celebrate diversity and foster a spiritual home for those wishing to “Make Friends, Grow in Spirit and Do Good.”

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Community United Methodist Church to hold prayer vigil for peace and healing

By Ken Daniell

Community United Methodist Church

The Community United Methodist Church invites the community to gather for a prayer vigil for peace and healing on Sunday, March 15, at 4 p.m. at the church, located at 434 Lewis St.

This vigil will be a time for quiet reflection, prayer, meditation and community as we seek peace and healing in a time marked by division, violence and uncertainty both in our country and around the world.

Participants will have space to pause, light candles, sit in silence and reflect together on the ways we can care for one another and work

toward a more just and compassionate world.

All are welcome. The Community United Methodist Church is an inclusive and affirming congregation, and people of every background, identity and belief are invited to participate. Whether you identify as religious, spiritual, both or neither, you are welcome to come and share in this moment of reflection and hope.

In a world that often feels loud and fractured, this vigil offers a different space — one for reflection, courage and healing.

For more information, contact the Community United Methodist Church.

Museum Embankment Stabilization Nearing Completion

The Town’s Museum Embankment Stabilization project is wrapping up this week, helping protect nearby infrastructure and improve long-term stability along the corridor. Funding includes 75% from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through its Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, 12.5% from the Colorado Office of Emergency Management, and a \$15,000 grant from History Colorado. The Town is covering the remaining local match through local sales tax funding. Next up: debris removal near the Apache Street bridge beginning this month.



Sewer System Update: March

The wastewater system remains operational with temporary bypass pumping. Pump Stations #1 and #2 are stabilized, and crews continue reliability work daily. The Town is addressing electrical corrosion, ordering key parts, and moving forward with pump replacements to reduce repeat failures. Long-term improvements funded by voters through Ballot Issue 2A are moving into design and engineering work, including collection system repairs and a new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

April 7 Election: Two Ballot Questions

- Charter language cleanup on penalties for ordinance violations
- CWCB flood recovery loan: up to \$3 million with no tax increase

LEARN MORE: Learn more: pagosasprings.co.gov/2026ballot

Call for Artists: Centennial Park Public Art

Proposals due April 2, 2026: mypagosa.org/2026-call-for-artists

K.I.D.S. Summer Camp Registration Opens April 1

K.I.D.S. Camp returns with nine weeks of games, outdoor fun, creative activities, and themed challenges for kids ages 5–12. Registration opens April 1 at 8 a.m.: pagosasprings.co.gov/parksrecreation

Next Town Council Meeting:

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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Getting the most from the Libby app

By Barbara Brattin
PREVIEW Columnist

We’ve been delighted with our community’s response to the addition of Overdrive’s ebooks and audiobooks, known affectionately as Libby. As a fan of audiobooks and a frequent traveler, I take full advantage of both Libby and CloudLibrary to read and listen on the go.

CloudLibrary continues to impress me with the quality of their narrators. It isn’t unusual for me to enjoy a book read to me in CloudLibrary that I just couldn’t get started with in print. To me, the narrator makes or breaks an audiobook.

Libby has special features that invite readers to engage beyond reading or listening, including its own Book Lounge podcast and some advanced readers advisory features that help you choose the next great read.

This month the 2026 Libby Awards were announced, a list of books chosen by over by 1,600 librarians and library staff from across the U.S. and Canada, that represent the best books of the year, as selected by librarians. Not interested in electronic books, you say? Why not try these titles in print?

Book of the Year: Adult Fiction

“Atmosphere” by Taylor Jenkins Reid.
“Buckeye” by Patrick Ryan.

Book of the Year: Adult Nonfiction

“A Flower Traveled in My Blood” by Haley Cohen Gilliland.
“A Marriage at Sea” by Sophie Elmhirst.

Book of the Year: Young Adult Fiction

“Sisters in the Wind” by Angeline Boulley.
“Sunrise on the Reaping” by Suzanne Collins.

Audiobook of the Year

“Katabasis” by R. F. Kuang.
“My Friends” by Fredrik Backman.

Debut Author of the Year

“Alchemised” by SenLinYu.
“The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans.

Best Book Club Book

“Bog Queen” by Anna North.
“Wreck” by Catherine Newman.

Best Comic/Graphic Novel

Absolute Wonder Woman: Volume 1 by Kelly Thompson, Hayden Sherman, et al.

Best Cookbook

Yes, Libby includes cookbooks.
“Baking Across America” by B. Dylan Hollis.
“Turtle Island” by Sean Sherman with Kate Nelson and Kristin Donnelly.

Best Fantasy

“Alchemised” by SenLinYu.

Library News

“Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil” by V.E. Schwab.

Best Historical Fiction

“Isola” by Allegra Goodman.
“The Antidote” by Karen Russell.
“The Land in Winter” by Andrew Miller.

Best Memoir and Autobiography

“One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This” by Omar El Akkad.
“Raising Hare: A Memoir” by Chloe Dalton.

Best Personal Improvement

“Shift: Managing Your Emotions—So They Don’t Manage You” by Ethan Kross.
“We Can Do Hard Things: Answers to Life’s 20 Questions” by Glennon Doyle, Abby Wambach and Amanda Doyle.

Best Mystery

“Murder Takes a Vacation” by Laura Lippman.
“The Librarians” by Sherry Thomas.

Best Romance

“It Had to Be Him” by Adib Khorram.
“These Summer Storms” by Sarah MacLean.

Best Romantasy (romantic fantasy)

“Onyx Storm” by Rebecca Yarros.
“The Knight and The Moth” by Rachel Gillig.

Best Science Fiction

Death of the Author by Nnedi Okorafor.
What We Can Know by Ian McEwan.

Best Horror

“The Bewitching” by Silvia Moreno-Garcia.
“The Buffalo Hunter Hunter” by Stephen Graham Jones.

Best Thriller

“Julie Chan Is Dead” by Liann Zhang.
“The Ghostwriter” by Julie Clark.

Best Picture Book

Yes, there’s a whole section for kids on Libby.
“Cranky, Crabby Crow (Saves the World)” by Corey R. Tabor.
“Don’t Trust Fish” by Neil Sharpson, illustrated by Dan Santat.

Best Middle Grade Book

“All the Blues in the Sky” by Renée Watson.
“Scarlet Morning, Book 1” by ND

Stevenson.

Reader’s Choice

For the first time, the top five most checked out books in the Libby app were voted on by patrons from all around the world and narrowed down to two front-runners.

“Great Big Beautiful Life” by Emily Henry.
“Onyx Storm” by Rebecca Yarros.

Construction update

Do you love the blue east wing? What a transformation.
You’ll see more exterior activity as winter transitions to spring. You’ll get a sneak peek in late June.

The entire building should be ready sometime in August, and our grand opening is tentatively set for Labor Day weekend.

Follow us on Facebook for periodic pictures of progress. We’re still in need of funding. Please help us reach the summit.

Collecting for local food banks

If you have an extra can or two of food you can share, or some dried food in sturdy packaging, please bring it to the library. Our local agencies will pick up and distribute the food to where it’s needed.

Tax forms and booklets available

Pick up Colorado tax forms and booklets, as well as federal 1040 and 1040A forms and instructions.
Tax help is still available by appointment. Contact Kathy at (970) 553-9150 or kathy.taxhelp@gmail.com to make an appointment.

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Library

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As we gear up for the grand opening of our new library space, we're taking a break from regular GED hours. If you are working toward your general education degree or a high school equivalency exam, or if you could use a tutoring session to help you with your educational goals, give the library a call at (970) 264-2209 and we'll connect you with our instructor.

Activities calendars

Pick up monthly calendars at the library or check the website, <https://www.pagosalibrary.org/events-calendar>, so you don't miss any of the free programs, events and activities available to you and your family.

Online author talks

Our free online author talks with New York Times bestselling authors continue in March with new authors.

On March 12 at 5 p.m., join for "Book Portals and Journeys of Literary Magic" with Kate Quinn, New York Times bestselling author of "The Alice Network" and "The Rose Code."

On March 24 at noon will be "America's Failed Response to the Opioid Crisis" with author Shoshana Walter and special guest host Barbara Kingsolver.

Watch live on Zoom or via a recording later this month.

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

Conversational Spanish

Our popular Conversational Spanish group continues on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This is a great opportunity to practice your Spanish in a free, friendly group setting. No minimum skill level is needed.

Ruby's Book Club

Ruby's Book Club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles.

Our April title, "The Mostly True Story of Tanner and Louise" by Colleen Oakley, is a novel about an unlikely friendship between 21-year-old college dropout Tanner and 84-year-old Louise, who go on a cross-country road trip after Louise's past as a jewel thief catches up with her.

Anyone is welcome to attend the book club.

During construction, it takes place at the new Harman Park Transit Center, 83 Harman Park Drive, next to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

Family storytime

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join a free educational hour of reading, singing and free play to build early literacy skills.

Elementary school tutoring

Free after-school tutoring for first

through third grades takes place on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration is required because of limited space, so call your library now at (970) 264-2209 to enroll your child.

This invaluable tutoring involves one-on-one and small-group help for math, literacy, writing and spelling.

Note that because of construction at the library these sessions will take place at the elementary school.

Writers Guild

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

During construction the group will meet at the Pagosa Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Enter through the left side of the building.

Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Taylor helps with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets, and also provides assistance in accessing the library's online resources. No appointment is needed, but please bring your device's charger and passwords with you.

English as a second language classes

Free in-person classes happen on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays, from 4 to 6 p.m. for students of all levels at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Please help us pass the word about these classes.

New books collections brimming with interesting titles

For a full list of new titles and to reserve your copy, go to www.pagosalibrary.org and choose New Items under the Quicklinks menu.

New nonfiction

- "Four Corners Voices: Stories, Poetry, Essays, winner of the Colorado Book Award (2 vol.)."

- "All About Allergies: Everything You Need to Know about Asthma, Food Allergies, Hay Fever, and More" by Zachary Rubin, M.D.

- "A World Appears: A Journey into Consciousness" by Michael Pollan.

- "The Score: How to Stop Playing Somebody Else's Game" by C. Thi Nguyen.

New fiction

- "Cleopatra" tells her own story in an epic novel by Saara El-Arifi.

- Brad Meltzer is back with "The Escape Artist," a thriller about a woman's body that mysteriously falls from the sky after leaving a military base in Alaska.

- "The Devil's Bible" by Steve Berry. Former Justice Department operative Cotton Malone is called to Sweden when the younger sister of King Wilhelm is kidnapped.

- "A Good Animal" by Sara Mauer,

described as an unforgettable novel that captures the ache of first love.

New nonfiction in large print

- "Race Against Terror: Chasing an Al Qaeda Killer at the Dawn of the Forever War" by Jake Tapper.

- "Polar War: Submarines, Spies, and the Struggle for Power in a Melting Arctic" by Kenneth Rosen.



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Easter Season Services

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

Friday, March 13

Stations of the Cross. 5 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive.
Stations of the Cross. 6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Stations of the Cross. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 18

Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St. With rosary.

Friday, March 20

Stations of the Cross. 5 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive.
Stations of the Cross. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 25

Stations of the Cross. 4 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St. With rosary.

Friday, March 27

Stations of the Cross. 5 p.m., Trinity Anglican Church, 246 Harman Park Drive.
Stations of the Cross. 6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Stations of the Cross. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Procession and Worship. 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Palm Sunday Church Service. 9 a.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1879 Majestic Drive.
Holy Week for Children. 9:15 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Palm Sunday Procession and Wor-

ship with Choral Music. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Thursday, April 2

Soup and Bread Supper. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Maundy Thursday Worship with the Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar. 6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Holy Thursday Mass. 7 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Friday, April 3

Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday. Noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Good Friday Pilgrimage. 2 p.m., starting location to be announced.
Stations of the Cross. 3 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Stations of the Cross. 4:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Good Friday Service. 5:30 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Saturday, April 4

Blessing of the Easter Baskets. Noon, Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Easter Vigil. 8 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Sunday, April 5

Eucharist with Instrumental Music and Flowering of the Cross. 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt. 9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Easter Sunday Mass. 9 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Eucharist with Choral Music and Flowering of the Cross. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
Easter Sunday Mass. 11:15 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 455 Lewis St.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Highlands miss
5 Mosey along
10 Take for a ride
14 Bart's teacher
15 Asia's _____ Peninsula
16 Kind of wolf
17 Midday hour
18 Not up to snuff
20 Desert mount
22 Like a new candle
23 Part of a flower
24 Text, for instance
26 Indian royal
28 Aniston rom-com, "Rumor _____ It...."
29 Luxurious resort
32 Bahamas island group

- 35 Bedtime drink
37 Comparable (to)
38 Figure of speech
40 Painter Magritte
41 Infatuated
43 Like old-time gasoline
45 Thanksgiving side
46 Aquatic shocker
47 Twosome
48 Mediocre
51 Anatomical cul-de-sac
55 Red Square figure
57 Posh city dwelling
59 Indiana city on the Ohio
61 Fingerboard ridge
62 DeSoto's "Emergency!" partner
63 Hubby's mom, for one
64 80s flick, "St. Elmo's _____"
65 Small bills
66 Pharaoh's land

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67 Bratty talk

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2 Really love
3 Rapping Dogg
4 Country within Italy
5 Encircled by
6 Bahrain's capital
7 Play loudly
8 Nobility title
9 Storm center
10 Hurled through the air
11 Joined
12 Virus prefix
13 It often has dashes
19 Put down
21 Get-up-and-go
25 In a wise way
27 Act nervous
30 Glazier's item
31 Made like
32 Pampered one?
33 Swedish furniture giant
34 Run poorly

- 35 Doze (off)
36 Compromises
39 Telling, as a story
42 Low double digits
44 Apiece
47 Turkey's wattle
49 Swings for Tarzan
50 "Holy smokes!"

- 52 Vatican tribunal
53 _____ manual
54 Distributes, with "out"
55 Toy with theme parks
56 Peters who played Dahmer
58 Pond denizen
60 Fight (for)

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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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 Canada goose.

Perhaps we don't intend to invite this grassland-adapted bird into our living spaces when we manicure our grass lawns, parks and golf courses, but this is exactly what we do. In spring and summer, Canada geese feed on grasses and sedges on land and sometimes dabble for aquatic plants. Mowed expanses provide a preferred habitat with the wide open views they need to spot predators, and all the better if its waterfront property. Who can blame them for taking it as a welcome sign?

During much of the year Canada geese live in large flocks where many are related. The white cheek patch contrasting with a black head and neck and brown body are marks of the Canada goose. Sexes are identical, but the male is noticeably larger than his mate.

Most do not breed before their fourth year. Pairs mate for life and stay together year-round. As spring approaches, pairs break off from the flock and begin seeking out a spot near water to build a simple ground nest. Defense of a nesting territory can be a noisy affair involving threat displays with hissing, honking and splashing in the water, and may get physical if the intruder doesn't back off.

Only the female incubates the eggs while the male stands guard nearby. Cute, yellow hatchlings leave the nest after one or two days, already able to walk, swim, feed and dive. At this stage, the family group is never far from the protection of a getaway on water, and young often remain close to the parents for the first year.

Adults gradually replace the worn feathers of the head and neck with fresh ones, but in late summer they drop many wing feathers at once. This shortens the molt period, but leaves them flightless for three to five weeks. During this time they are quiet and mainly on the water.

Canada geese migrating in V formations to and from northern breeding grounds were once considered a symbol of wilderness. While thousands still continue these north and south journeys each year, urban lawns and farming practices which make waste grain more available in fall and winter have eliminated the need to migrate for many Canada geese.

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, March 12

Ruby’s Writers Guild. 8:45-10:45 a.m., Senior Center. Ruby’s Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

Tai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Taylor will answer basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc., and provide assistance with accessing any of the library’s online resources. Bring your device charger and passwords.

Healthy Archuleta Growers and Producers Forum. 4-5:30, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The topic will be how to start a vegetable garden.

English as a Second Language. 4-6 p.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information.

Online Author Talk. 5 p.m., virtual. “Book Portals and Journeys of Literary Magic” with Kate Quinn, author of “The Alice Network” and “The Rose Code.” Go to the library’s website, www.pagosalibrary.org, to watch nationally renowned authors giving hour-long presentations live via Zoom or view the recording later.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Soulful and folk-rock music with acoustic guitar by Beau Smith. Open to all community members and visitors.

Friday, March 13

Good News Club. 1:15-3:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A weekly club for kids in kindergarten through the fourth grade where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. To register, visit <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1006150>.

Pagosa Springs Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry. 4:30-6:30 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Both dine-in and drive-through dining will be available. The cost of the meal is \$15 and is a fundraiser for the Pagosa Springs Knights of Columbus.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents ‘Bakersfield Mist.’ 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers Binoculars Star Party. 8:15 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Bring a pair of binoculars and dress warmly to view deep-sky objects. Meet near the pickleball courts.

Saturday, March 14

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. Register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

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.

St. Patrick’s Day Festival. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. “The World’s Shortest Saint Patrick’s Day Parade” will step off at 11:15 a.m.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls’ Soccer. 4 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa Springs vs. Buena Vista.

Knitters Circle. 1-3 p.m., Natural Grocers back room, 775 San Juan St. Any type and experience level of needleworker is welcome.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents ‘Bakersfield Mist.’ 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. For tickets and more information, visit pagosacenter.org or call (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Sunday, March 15

Prayer Vigil for Peace and Healing. 4 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. A time for quiet reflection, prayer, meditation and community.

‘Rebuilding Liberty’ Class. 4-6 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Offered to start celebrating America’s 250th birthday. For more details, contact (970) 883-2363.

Monday, March 16

Women’s Fellowship. 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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Tween Baddie Buddies Book Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join to adventure into the world of books. For ages 11-14. Snacks will be provided.

Men's Fellowship. 6 p.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 18

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A weekly club for 3- to 5-year-olds where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more.

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

Therapy Dog Visit. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For all ages. Take a moment to visit with certified therapy dog Mia.

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

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

Center.

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Elementary Tutoring. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, 141 S. 10th St. For grades 1-3. Elementary school children are tutored in reading and math. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information. A Sisson Library program.

Junior Youth Challenge. 3:30-4:45 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School music room. A weekly club for kids in fifth and sixth grade where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. To register, visit <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1006150>.

Pagosa Springs High School Booster Club. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School.

Weminuche Audubon Society. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Meet at 6 p.m. to socialize before the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.weminucheaudubon.org for a Zoom link.

Conflict De-escalation in Protest Spaces. 6:30 p.m., virtual. A free 60-minute course with actionable skills to identify potential conflict before it escalates. Register at <https://righttobe.org/events/conflict-de-escalation-in-protest-spaces-20/>. Hosted by Proponents of Immigrant Rights in Archuleta County.

Thursday, March 19

Ruby's Writers Guild. 8:45-10:45 a.m., Senior Center. Ruby's Writers Guild welcomes writers who are looking for opportunities, support and camaraderie with other writers. Members provide support, resources and guidance for each other.

End of Life Education. 1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Tai Chi Chih. 1:30-2:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Taylor will answer basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc., and provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Bring your device charger and passwords.

Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball. 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa Springs vs. Dolores.

English as a Second Language. 4-6 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information.

Friday, March 20

Good News Club. 1:15-3:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. A weekly club for kids in kindergarten through the fourth grade

where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, object lessons, games and more. To register, visit <https://cef-colorado-431831.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1006150>.

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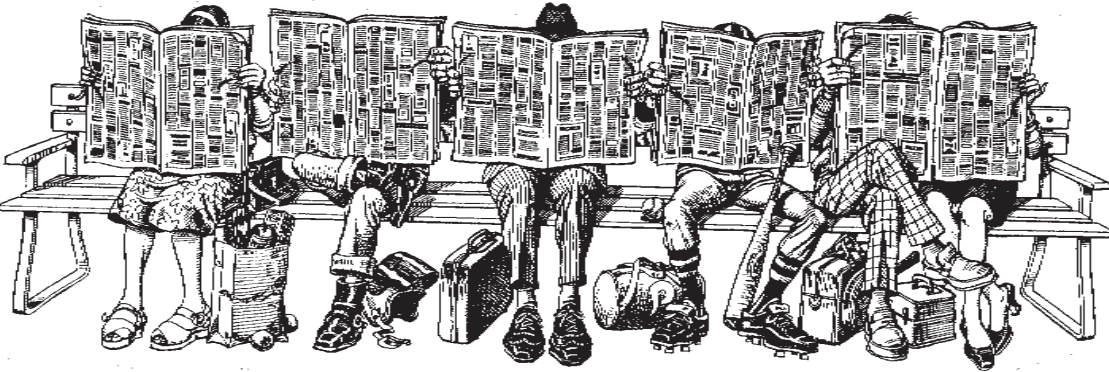
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lumbus Lenten Fish Fry. 4:30-6:30 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. Both dine-in and drive-through dining will be available. The cost of the meal is \$15 and is a fundraiser for the Pagosa Springs Knights of Columbus.

Pagosa Sidewalk Astronomers Binoculars Star Party. 8:15 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Bring a pair of binoculars and dress warmly to view deep-sky objects. Meet near the pickleball courts.

Saturday, March 21

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. Register and learn more at www.griefshare.org.

Interpretive Hike: Snow Science and Social. 10 a.m.-noon, Lobo Trail winter parking lot. Learn about forest ecology, watersheds, climate change and the future of snowpack in the San Juans win the San Juan Mountains Association. Snowshoes, bonfire and hot drinks provided. Leashed dogs welcome. The hike is free, but registration is required at sjma.org/events.

LEGO Play. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-11 years old. Bring your own or use the library's LEGOs to free build. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

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Archuleta County Democratic Club. 11:30 a.m., Uncle's Bar and Social Club, 56 Talisman Drive #8C.

Online Author Talk. Noon, virtual. "America's Failed Response to the Opioid Crisis" with author Shoshana Walter and special guest host Barbara Kingslover. Go to the library's website, www.pago-salibrary.org, to watch nationally renowned authors giving hour-long presentations live via Zoom or view the recording later.

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

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

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

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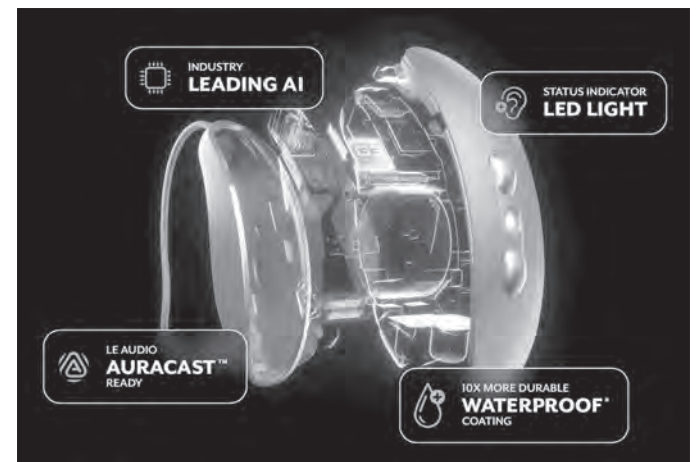
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World Sleep Day to be observed March 14

By **Ricardo Martinez**
PREVIEW Columnist

Observed each March, World Sleep Day is an international awareness campaign organized by the World Sleep Society to highlight the importance of healthy sleep.

For seniors, quality rest is far more than a luxury — it is essential to physical health, emotional well-being and cognitive function.

As we age, natural changes in sleep patterns can make it harder to fall or stay asleep. However, consistently getting seven to eight hours of restful sleep can help strengthen the immune system, improve memory, support heart health and reduce the risk of falls caused by fatigue or poor concentration.

A good night's sleep also plays a vital role in maintaining mood and mental clarity.

Seniors who sleep well are more likely to feel energized, socially engaged and better equipped to manage stress.

Simple habits such as keeping a consistent bedtime, limiting caffeine late in the day, creating a dark and quiet sleep environment, and staying physically active can make a meaningful difference.

On World Sleep Day, families and caregivers are encouraged to talk openly about sleep challenges and support older loved ones in building healthy routines that promote restorative rest and overall wellness.

Senior Conversations

The very popular Senior Conversations with local Bill Salmansohn takes place on Mondays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. at the Pagosa Senior Center.

Salmonsohn brings to the 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 in the Archuleta community, fostering sharing and friendships.

Snacks will be provided.

Afterward, hosted by Robin Williams, stay for 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.

Stretching and mobility weekly class

Community members are invited to attend free weekly classes every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., in the back of the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The stretching and mobility classes for adults age 55 or better are designed to help build balance in the

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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.

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 play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge

The game of bridge is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is a four-player card game with partners sitting opposite each other around a table. It is a trick-taking card game using a standard 52-card deck. Come alone or bring a partner.

Hand and foot card game

Whether you are new to hand and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds, with the final round reached sometime between two and three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

Emotional freedom

On the second Thursday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., join the "Tappers," who practice a self-regulation technique to relieve symptoms of anxiety, depression, insomnia and more.

Everything you need to get started is included in this fun, engaging, supportive class taught by Judith Newman, LPC.

Mindful drawing

Mindful drawing is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Join our friendly instructor, Roberta Strickland.

Classes are every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center.

This activity is open to all ages. Help us create an intergenerational

community. For those under 18 and/or with disabilities, you are welcome to join us, but we kindly ask you to please bring an adult chaperone with you.

Mexican train dominoes

Mexican train dominoes meets on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Ruby's Writers Guild

The Ruby's Writers Guild meets on Thursdays from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. The Guild is an informal group that meets to support writers of all genres and experiences. It supports writers through friendly critique, resources, discussion, and literary and cultural activities. Bring your secret idea drafts or completed manuscripts. Come join the group.

Tai chi chih

Tai chi classes are on Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.

Tai chi chih is not a martial art, but rather a tool for self-healing. Softness, flow and effortlessness are the guiding principles in this meditative practice. The 19 movements and one pose are designed to stimulate, circulate and balance the vital energy that is inherent in all of us.

Bingo

Join us for bingo on Fridays, March 13 and 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Participation is free, and all we ask is you bring yourself and a friend for an hour of joyful fellowship. We will provide prizes for all winners, and snacks will also be provided.

No RSVP is required; just show up.

All ages are welcome, but we ask those 18 and younger to come with an adult chaperone. Seats are first come, first served.

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 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.

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Share lunch Monday through Friday

Join local elders, their friends, family and community at the Community Cafe, also known as the Silver Fox's Den, in person for delicious meals Mondays through Fridays at the Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Grab 'N' Go pickup via our convenient portico is also available all week.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call to (970) 264-2167 by 8:45 a.m. weekdays. Please say whether it is dine-in or Grab 'N' Go.

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.

Community Cafe menu

Call or text (970) 264-2167 before 8:45 a.m. Please note that occasionally the menu must be changed on short notice.

Thursday, March 12 — Chicken potpie, butternut squash, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, March 13 — Sliced ham

with cherry sauce, scalloped potatoes, dinner roll, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, March 16 — Bow tie pasta with artichokes, sundried tomatoes and mushrooms; garden salad; fruit; and milk.

Tuesday, March 17 — Irish beef stew with soda bread, garden salad, fruit and Bailey's chocolate coffee cake.

Wednesday, March 18 — Jerk chicken, Caribbean beans, tropical fruit parfait, garden salad and milk.

Thursday, March 19 — Salmon with creamy herb sauce, broccoli, quinoa rice pilaf, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, March 20 — Cobb salad with chicken, avocado, bacon, blue cheese, tomato and egg; broccoli cheddar soup; and ciabatta bread.

Meals on Wheels

We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents. The meals are delivered by our wonderful volunteers. Call or text us at (970) 264-2167 for how to sign up for the program.

Text reservations

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services

Seniors over the age of 60 can be verified to receive services through discounted paratransit services, free bus rides and pick up at your home to bring you to the Senior Center for lunch. To become eligible, there is a form to complete.

Older adults needing a ride to a local food pantry can contact the Mountain Express Transit (MET) to schedule a ride with its paratransit service.

Call the Archuleta County MET at (970) 264-2250 for information.

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In trouble with my words

By **Betty Slade**
PREVIEW Columnist

I was facing a rewrite. My editor printed a report by a beta reader from AutoCrit. This report was not from a feel-good, fun-and-games alpha reader, but a critical reader who reported serious findings, while giving an in-depth summary of my book.

What does an AI robot know about writing? Apparently, more than I do. Wow. I love my more than 80,000 words; I thought they were wonderful. The report says I didn't create the word picture I thought I had. My words were lacking and in trouble. Whether spoken or written, we are responsible for our words.

I thought I was nearly finished and ready to publish. The book had been through many edits by some of the best readers and editors. It was just a matter of tweaking a few words. Wrong. I looked at 32 reasons why my book wasn't ready. It meant major overhaul.

I had put two years into this study on Song of Solomon. It was too important to me to settle for just an OK, setting-on-the-shelf finish. A three-star rating wasn't good. I wanted a classic read that would stand the test of time. I wanted five stars. It was going to take work to accomplish this feat.

The beta reader noted that some of the interpretive passages didn't raise the stakes, introduce new evidence or deepen the character's spiritual growth.

How do you grow a spiritual character and raise the stakes? How do you measure faith or love? Can you measure the wind? It just happens. It's like a young teenage boy. One day you look, and his pants are 4 inches too short. That's when you know he has grown.

When the wind blows, we can't see the wind, but we can see the leaves shaking on the tree. Well, the wind blew when I received that beta report. It caused broken windows, pulled up trees by the roots and brought down some high electrical lines. I could settle with an OK book or face some serious work.

I studied the scriptures once again to understand the growth of the little Shulamite, how she escalated as a character, how her emotions deepened and moved the story along. Her journey is an allegory that comes alongside the maturing of a Christian who is called the bride of Christ. How do we grow spiritually? We measure our spiritual pants and find that we have outgrown them. It's time to do something about them, get a new pair.

How do I make my words right? The same way I must deal with the broken glass when the storms come. I admit that something isn't right and needs to be fixed. Sometimes it is putting down our pride and listening

Artist's Lane

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to others. If it means a rewrite, I have to do it. Every edit or critique makes my writing better. That's how I grow as a writer.

When I look back to where I've been, there are certain landmarks of places, events and choices where I grew in character. Usually they were hard places I faced. A place where my comfort was disrupted. Where I had to give in to the situation and trust the Lord to see me through.

In my memory, I think back to that first landmark in a little church in Las Cruces, N.M., where I was touched by the Lord. He came to my vineyard, just as King Solomon came to the Shulamite's vineyard. I came alive to his touch. I had never been touched with such love before. I would never be the same. The Shulamite would never be the same either.

I was asked to believe in King Jesus. The Shulamite was asked to

come away with King Solomon. She hid behind her wall and refused him. She was too busy tending her vineyard, and also fearful of going to a new place.

This is a picture of when we as Christians are asked to follow Jesus, and we are too busy tending to our lives without Him. In time and repentance, we surrender in faith and follow Him. We start to grow as a new believer. Our emotions change inside, and we act differently.

It's the same way we grow as writers. When we are presented with better ideas, we must tend to our words. We are known by our words, by what we say and write; it is our choice.

When we get busy and fix the broken windows, we show good faith in what the Lord has asked us to do. We face the rewrite, each word on the page is weighed. Does it fit, does it move the story, does it build the character?

Final brushstroke: I ask myself: How important are my words? Are they worthy of all the work that it will require to finalize this book? They are worth the honesty that one might face when growing as a writer.

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Notable events in colonial America in 1776

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The year the United States came to be was an interesting time to be alive, particularly for those living in colonial America. The American Revolutionary War began in 1776, and much of the year was marked by events stemming from that conflict.

Following are some of the more notable events to take place during a year that has come to symbolize so much to generations of Americans.

- Thomas Paine publishes his 47-page pamphlet "Common Sense" in Philadelphia on Jan. 10. Initially published anonymously, the pamphlet is considered a watershed moment in American history, as Paine's easily digestible writing style appealed to the masses, helping promote his arguments that encouraged common people to fight for an egalitarian government.

- The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge takes place near Wilmington, N.C., on Feb. 27. The battle is sparked when loyalists, after storming across a bridge over Moore's Creek, attack a group of men they believe to be rebels. Though the engagement was brief, two loyalist leaders are killed, another is captured

and the force is scattered. The failed attempt later complicated efforts to recruit loyalists in the area to fight.

- The Fifth Virginia Convention is held in Williamsburg between May 6 and July 5. The meeting of the Patriot legislature of Virginia ultimately leads to the declaration of Virginia as an independent state and the production of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which asserts the state's right to reform or abolish any form of government it deems inadequate.

- An uptick incidents of violence between Native Americans and settlers in Kentucky was a ripple effect of the American Revolutionary War, and that increase in aggression was behind the capture of Jemima Boone and the Callaway girls on July 14. Days later, Daniel Boone led a successful attempt to rescue his daughter and Elizabeth and Frances Callaway, who were the children of Col. Richard Callaway, one of the first white settlers in Kentucky. A fictionalized version of the incident was included in James Fennimore Cooper's novel "The Last of the Mohicans."

- The Great Fire of New York destroys as much as 25 percent of all buildings in New York City as it burns

through areas in lower Manhattan on Sept. 20 and 21. The fire broke out shortly after British forces began occupying the city. While each side accused the other of arson in the aftermath of the fire, historians dispute such assertions, noting the fire likely started with burning rooftop debris before windy conditions spread the conflagration to surrounding buildings.

The many ways donated blood and plasma is utilized

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There's no shortage of ways for people to give back to their communities. Volunteering, coaching kids' sports teams and participating in charitable fundraisers and food drives are just some of the many ways to strengthen a community. Donating blood is another way to give back and save lives.

The National Institutes of Health notes that blood and plasma donations are crucial for a wide range of reasons.

In fact, recognition of the many ways blood and plasma donations are used might compel more people to make this simple and selfless act a bigger part of their efforts to give back to their communities:

- Blood donations are utilized during surgery. The American Red Cross notes donated blood is often used during surgery, including heart surgeries, organ transplants and operations performed after emergencies. Red cells carry oxygen throughout the body, and the Red Cross notes these are frequently given to trauma and surgery patients.

- Blood donations help cancer patients. The Red Cross notes that platelets are tiny cells in the blood that help to form clots and stop bleeding. Certain types of cancer and cancer treatments prevent patients from forming their own platelets, making platelet donation vital for such individuals' survival. Platelet donation differs from more routine blood donation, and the Red Cross estimates the process typically takes roughly three hours from start to

finish. However, some platelet donations yield enough platelets for two to three patients, making this well worth the investment of time.

- Blood donations help people with sickle cell disease. The Red Cross notes that patients with sickle cell disease may require multiple blood transfusions every year, and the blood used during such procedures needs to be very closely matched to the recipient's blood type to avoid complications. Sickle cell disproportionately affects people who are Black or African American, and the most compatible matches tend to be people of the same ethnicity, making blood donated by members of the Black community particularly useful and necessary to help individuals with sickle cell disease.

- Plasma donations are pivotal for burn victims. Burn victims typically lose considerable amounts of blood, and the plasma donation experts at Plasmasource.org note that severe burns commonly cause fluid to leak from blood vessels into other tissues. When diminished fluid volume within blood vessels is not addressed, a host of negative outcomes, including shock and potential organ failure, can occur. Such patients typically require plasma donations to replenish fluid volume and avoid further complications from severe burns.

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How green is your plate?

When it comes to lunch, dinner and/or supper, how likely are you to have green items in your plate?

Considering the power of greens, it may be time to intentionally add green items to our plates at every meal.

The excerpt below provides a great starting point. "Greens are the No. 1 food you can eat regularly to help improve your health," says Jill Nussinow, MS, RD, a culinary educator in Northern California and the author of *The Veggie Queen*. That's because leafy vegetables are brimming with fiber along with vitamins, minerals, and plant-based substances that may help protect you from heart disease, diabetes, and perhaps even cancer. Even so, Americans are not eating as many vegetables each day as dietary experts recommend. To encourage you to put more leafy vegetables on your plate, WebMD asked Nussinow to rank the country's most widely-eaten greens from most nutritious to least.

Kale: This nutrition powerhouse "offers everything you want in a leafy green," says Nussinow, who gave it her first-place ranking. It's an excellent source of vitamins A, C, and K, has a good amount of calcium for a vegetable, and also supplies folate and potassium. Kale's ruffle-edged leaves may range in color from cream to purple to black depending on the variety. Before cooking with kale, collards, turnips, and chard, Nussinow recommends swishing the greens in a water-filled sink, draining the sink, then repeating this rinse until the leaves are dirt-free. Her favorite cooking method for these four greens is to rub the leaves in olive oil or tahini (sesame paste) and cook them for five minutes with garlic, olive oil, and broth.

Collards: Used in Southern-style cooking, collard greens are similar in nutrition to kale. But they have a heartier and chewier texture and a stronger cabbage-like taste. "Collards are an under-appreciated vegetable and most people don't know about them," suggests Nussinow. She says they're also popular with the raw food movement because the wide leaves are used as a wrapper instead of tortillas or bread. Down South, collards are typically slow cooked with either a ham hock or smoked turkey leg. A half cup has 25 calories.

Source: "Leafy Greens -- Ranked and Rated." By Cari Nierenberg. <http://www.webmd.com>

Bonus Tip: Visit <http://www.AmazingFacts.org> for spiritual refreshment every week!

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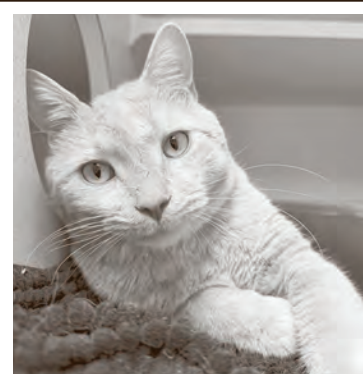
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SEVEN STATES HAVE BANNED CHEMTRAILS. One is Florida, penalty is 20 years in prison and \$100,000 fine. Wow, 25 other states officially moved to ban “stop” chemtrails atmospheric geoengineering. Colorado is not one of them. We are looking for volunteers to help us end chemtrails. A good website is Wigington for more info. Contrails disappear in 5-7 minutes, chemtrails stay forever and that is what you see in the sky. Please help. Call (970)264-2592.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY SHELTER animals need you. Do you dream of a career working with animals who need you? The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs has an opening for a full-time Animal Care Specialist. Must love to work with animals AND people, spend time outdoors in all kinds of weather, and get a lot of exercise throughout the day. Previous dog and cat handling experience is a plus. A positive attitude is a must. PTO, additional sick time, and great shelter and thrift store discounts as benefits. Hourly rate \$16.50 - 17.00 DOE. Apply for the Animal Care Specialist role online <https://pagosahumane.org/> or stop in the Shelter and complete an application. Come join our team caring for the homeless pets of Pagosa Springs.

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KNICK KNACK YARD SALE. 15 Night Hawk Court. Friday and Saturday 10a.m., Sunday 1p.m.

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COMMERCIAL

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