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Top: Several of the adults with developmental disabilities in our community who have waited years for Aspen House construction celebrate at the May 1 groundbreaking ceremony. **Left:** Patty Brown and Carolyn Paschal, who began the Aspen House effort, speak at the groundbreaking.

More than a decade in the making: Aspen House breaks ground

A Safe Place in Pagosa Inc./Aspen House

Aspen House proudly celebrated a major milestone with a highly successful groundbreaking event attended by more than 150 enthusiastic community supporters.

The gathering marked the official start of construction on a long-awaited project more than a decade in the

making.

With shovels in hand, several of the adults with developmental disabilities in our community who have waited years for this moment to arrive took the first scoops of ceremonial dirt — symbolizing not only the beginning of construction, but the realization of a permanent, fully supportive home

■ See Decade A6

Ballots set for June primary election

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The ballots for the state's June 30 primary election have been certified, and county clerks can begin sending mail ballots to active voters on June 8.

Unaffiliated voters, as well as voters affiliated with the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, and Unity Parties of Colorado, will have the opportunity to vote in the June primary.

Coloradans who are registered to vote and are affiliated with the Colorado Democratic Party, Colorado Republican Party, Libertarian Party of Colorado or Unity Party of Colorado by June 8 will receive only the ballot of the party with which they are affiliated.

Unaffiliated voters will be sent a ballot for both the Democratic and Republican Party primary election.

They may also contact the County Clerk to request a Unity Party ballot. Unaffiliated voters may only vote one ballot.

According to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office, the Libertarian Party of Colorado has prohibited Unaffiliated voters from voting in the Party's Primary Election pursuant to C.R.S. 1-4-1304(1.5)(c).

What's on the ballots?

According to the county's notice for the primary election, the election will be for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following local offices: Archuleta County commissioner for District 3, Archuleta County clerk and recorder, Archuleta County treasurer, Archuleta County assessor, Archuleta County sheriff, Archuleta County surveyor and Archuleta

■ See Election A8

Town to assume responsibility for sewer service line replacement in some situations

By Derek Kutzner
Staff Writer

On May 5, the board of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation and General Improvement District (PSSGID), which also sits as the Pagosa Springs Town Council, suspended a current rule for service lines which previously made the property owner responsible for upgrade costs.

The policy change means that for the rest of 2026 the town will assume service line replacement costs in the town's right of way if it's part of the town's ongoing project to repair category 4 and 5 problems with the pipes.

Sanitation Projects Administrator Karl Johnson explained, "It's pretty much industry standard in the state of Colorado, which is the property owner owns the service line from the service tap all the way into their property, regardless of if it's on private property or within the public

right of way."

Johnson further explained that PSSGID changed its policy in 2021 to be in line with this state standard.

An agenda document on the matter states that "only one or two metro districts in the state" have a shared ownership approach, and that "both Durango and Bayfield have rules stating the property owner is responsible for the sewer service line."

However, Johnson explained that town staff has been having "the discussion" that, as the town goes through the system to fix its category 4 and 5 sewer pipe problems as part of a larger sewer system overhaul, maybe the town should "assume that cost" to get the service line to the "right of way line."

The cost to the PSSGID could be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$35,000 per tap depending on location, the document states.

Johnson noted the larger costs on

■ See Sewer A8

EMS declared essential service, local board hears EMS update

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On May 5, Gov. Jared Polis administratively signed House Bill 26-1238, which declares emergency medical services (EMS) are an essential service in the state and an integral part of the state's health care infrastructure.

The signing of the bill came on the heels of the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), hearing a report about PSMC EMS at its April

28 meeting.

That report was presented by Jason Webb — who serves as chief/director of PSMC EMS, hospital environmental services and community liaison — and focused on what PSMC EMS does, how funding for EMS works, a statewide funding gap for EMS, the status of EMS facilities and vehicles, and more.

Webb explained PSMC EMS provides 911 response services; interfacility transport; serves at community events; and helps at PSMC with things

■ See EMS A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Students in Pagosa Springs High School's Americana Project class play with the Mojo Birds at the class's Guest Artist Concert on April 29.

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OUR VIEW

‘More Good Days, Together’

May is the designated awareness month for a number of important topics, among them wildfire, women's health and mental health.

This week, we'd like to highlight Mental Health Month, which was founded by Mental Health America in 1949.

Mental health awareness is incredibly important, both for our own success and to help add to the things around us — our families, our communities, the places we call home.

We're particularly fond of this year's theme: "More Good Days, Together."

As the organization states, "This year's theme — More Good Days, Together — encourages us all to reflect on what a 'good' day looks like, both for ourselves, and for our communities. Together, we can use that insight to connect people to the right support at the right time, and shape advocacy, education, and community engagement to make more good days possible for all."

Good days can look different for everyone, and what a good day is can vary greatly depending on our season of life and numerous factors. Those are important things to remember as we interact with each other

each day. One person could be having the best day of their life, but another may be just trying to get through the day due to factors like loss, grief, heartbreak, financial stress or medical issues.

It's also important to remember focusing on mental health isn't a weakness. It's something we should all be doing to be stronger and healthier all the way around.

As Mental Heath America explains, "You cannot separate mental health from physical health. They are equally important and deeply connected. Things like sleep, stress, movement, nutrition, and existing health conditions all play a role in how we feel, both mentally and physically. Although many factors that affect our health are beyond our control, noticing what we can influence is important for our well-being. Whether it's finding ways to move that you enjoy, connecting with your community, or remembering to drink water — small wins matter."

And those small wins can turn into big wins as more folks focus on their health and having good days. And we can help that along through encouraging one another.

"Having more good days isn't a solo

mission," Mental Health America tells us (we absolutely agree). "Check in with friends, colleagues, and loved ones to see how they're feeling, and offer support and encouragement. Connection is protection, and you don't have to carry the weight of 'not-so-good' days alone. Even small moments of connection, whether in person or virtual, can reduce stress and anxiety, and remind us we're not the only ones feeling what we're feeling. When we look out for one another, more good days become possible for all of us."

When so much of the world seems fraught with tension, finding more ways to connect, finding the good, finding what we have in common and supporting each other is critical.

The Mental Health Month website, <https://mhanational.org/mental-health-month/>, features numerous resources to help us all have more good days.

And, as always, if you're in crisis or immediate need, call or text 988 or chat via 988lifeline.org. Free, confidential support is available 24/7. Your mental health matters. You matter.

Randi Pierce

LOOKING BACK



From the May 23, 1968, Pagosa SUN —
INTENT WATCHERS
— A young boy is held on his father's shoulders so that he may better see the aerial plant of fish at Echo Canyon Lake Sunday. Between 300 and 400 people were in attendance for the dedication and to watch fish planting.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 7, 1926

Over 400 of the R.P. Hott cattle passed through town this morning from Tiffany en route to the summer range on the Blanco.

This is annual spring cleaning-up and painting-up time, and many Pagosa business men and other residents are putting the theory into effective practice.

The Hersch Merc. Co. shipped in nine carloads of sleep Tuesday from their winter range at La Boca and are now on the lambing grounds at Sunetha. The remainder of the company sheep will arrive from the lower country next week.

A.A. Miller, who is in charge of the Wolf Creek Pass Highway work for the coming season, sent a man to the top of the pass yesterday on an inspection trip. He reports from five to eight feet of snow on the pass, which considering the dirt and rock slides at various places will delay opening the pass for auto travel until about May 28th.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 11, 1951

Mayor Ben. K. Lynch, who is superintending the improvement of the park, reported that much progress has been made and it appears likely at this time that benches, tables, fireplaces and rest rooms may be completed by the first of June. The improvements are going to be a big feature of the town park during the coming summer.

The town board agreed upon regulations for a two hour parking ordinance and Attorney Edward S. Frelenmuth was instructed to draw up the ordinance for presentation at the next meeting.

The ordinance will limit parking to two hours between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. except on Sundays and holidays on the Main street from Goodman's corner to the Morehart Garage, the area along the street from the Court House to the bridge, on the Back street from Goodman's corner to the Morehart garage, with the West side of this street being exempted from the ordinance.

The ordinance will also provide for fines for failure to observe the parking regulations. This action was taken by the board in order to stop the all-day parking in the business section by employees of the various business houses.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 6, 1976

Spring seems to have arrived, finally, and the county is starting to be one active place. If all the projects, construction, new businesses, buildings, and plans that are rumored or discussed are carried out this will be one of the most active summers ever. Indications are that it will be active, employment should be good, but the perpetual problem of the community is still with us.

This, of course, is the problem of housing. There simply isn't enough decent and adequate housing available. There is some very nice housing here and there, although not in large quantities. The problem is that most of it is just beyond the financial capability of those who need it.

Certainly the housing situation would be a very good aspect of the community to be investigated by a civic organization. Such a study might determine just what is available, and how more could be obtained. Ordinarily we are against studies and investigations but this might be a way to bring the problem out into the open and get some discussion started on the matter.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 10, 2001

Archuleta County's commissioners are being urged by Sheriff Tom Richards to launch a county fire district.

Richards' pitch for the fire district was made at a Tuesday workshop conducted by the commissioners. He was supported by Pagosa Fire Protection District Warren Grams and County Fire Marshal Karn Macht. Macht is also a deputy sheriff.

The creation of a county fire district is long overdue, Macht said. The fuel load in the county is critical and a major fire is only a lightning stroke away, he said.

When referring to the critical fuel load, Macht spoke about the proliferation of easily combustible trees, brush, grass and other undergrowth that would feed a fire. Adding to the problem is a growing number of homes being constructed in forested and brushy areas — areas with substantial fuel loads.

In Colorado, the county sheriff is responsible for fighting fires in unincorporated areas and in areas not protected by fire districts., Macht said. For years that task has been undertaken by individuals from the county road and bridge department who volunteer to fight fires.

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Earth Day

Dear Editor:

One of the reasons why Earth Day, now on its 56th go-round since the inception of the event in our country in 1970, observed here in our town this year on April 26th at the PLPOA Clubhouse where the event had to be relocated due to inclement (and very welcome and desperately needed) weather, has lasted and become important is because it is inherently impervious to partisan persuasion. We all drink from the same river, we all breathe the common air. It is a relief and something to look forward to each year a couple weeks after Easter, when, if nothing more, we can celebrate and bring consciousness to the elemental things that we all share and need to take responsibility for, the miracle of life on this incomprehensibly beautiful and complex planet with an 8,000 mile diameter and 24,000 mile elliptical circumference wobbling its way around the sun - swarming now with a marked overpopulation of a particularly rascally breed of varmint that each one of us each day has the privilege of squaring off with in the mirror.

More often than not the eyes that are seen there are ones that rather nervously want to look away. Every now and then, though, they are summoned from such shallow and unfortunate instincts to look back in a calm and promising way. Despite the reigning unconscious and pathetic prohibitions that relocate us all too often from who we really are and what we really need to be, proliferating unaccountably as commonplace, we have the opportunity to gather that moment sometimes as individuals and take it out, when we are brave enough, into what exists for us all as a common place.

Our Earth Day celebration in Pagosa Springs happened to share the date with the square on the calendar that marked 1,000 days until the end of the non-Earth-Day-observing Trump administration. That is one way to appreciate the date. Another is more empowering and liberating: to see the ways of opportunity and abundance as open and limitless to us every single day irregardless of whether our chances are tied to anchors to sink or hot-air balloons to lift and elevate. Every squirrel out there is rooting for us to get our act together, every dolphin, every leaf of grass, lonely bowhead whale, wild asparagus blade, millennia-old sequoia tree, newly-emerged tadpole, every nasturtium on a California hillside content and oblivious, every sea turtle out there wandering the glad-bag sea. The growing popularity and increasing attendance each year we see and share in at our annual Earth Day event is one of the most meaningful things taking place in our town. Getting away from those little anti-mirrors of our cellphones, or the big, gloomy and all-too-often resented and dreadful slabs of silver-backed glass in our houses, to places where reflection matters in a more dynamic and uplifting way, is an opportunity worth bringing to light. Each year. Every day.

Jonathan Dobson

‘Neutral’ position

Dear Editor:

Every time I think our current batch of County Commissioners can’t get worse, they seem to find a way to prove me wrong. I was shocked and incredibly disappointed, but not totally surprised, when I read in last week’s paper that our Commissioners voted unanimously to take a “neutral” position on Congressional legislation to allow Congress to reverse denials of disaster aid like Trump’s denial of aid for Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County in the aftermath of last October’s flood disaster. The first job of any County Commissioner is to stand up for their constituents and make their lives better. That includes helping them when they are impacted by natural disasters. Yet despite Commissioner Warren Brown’s acknowledgement that Archuleta County is “out” 13 million dollars because of Trump’s denial of the county’s disaster request, our Commissioners unanimously rejected a resolution in support of the Congressional legislation, opting instead for a neutral position. This is NOT standing up for

the Commissioners’ constituents. The legislation could keep us from being out 13 million dollars, but I guess the Commissioners don’t care.

A few points for the record. First, by any objective analysis, Archuleta County (and other Colorado counties impacted by the floods and by recent wildfires) clearly meet the criteria for federal disaster aid. Contrary to some claims, this is not just a matter of restoring the river for tourists and recreation. There was extensive damage to infrastructure, including water and sewer lines in Pagosa Springs and roads and bridges that Archuleta County residents use to get to and from their homes. Second, this was clearly a case of political revenge against Colorado for daring to oppose Trump administration policies. In the current administration, approval rates for disaster aid have run around 80 percent in Republican states and more like 20 percent in Democratic states. To be precise, 89 percent approved in states with a Republican governor and two Republican Senators, vs. 23 percent in states with a Democratic governor and two Democratic Senators. This is corrupt political patronage at its worst - something no president of either party has done before with disaster assistance. But then again, no past president of either party was a criminal convict found guilty of multiple felonies, so I suppose I should not be entirely surprised.

Because they put their MAGA politics ahead of the people they are supposed to represent, none of our current County Commissioners - Warren Brown, John Ransom, and Veronica Medina - are worthy of re-election. Nor is their (also MAGA) challenger Randy Betts, who proudly proclaimed that “of course” he voted for the president who denied our disaster aid for political reasons. Mayor Pierce and the Pagosa Sun know better than this, but not our Commissioners. Hopefully some independent candidate can be found to run against this sorry bunch, so we can have at least one person on the County Board who will stand up for the people of Archuleta County instead of the crook in the White House.

John Farley

What they do

Dear Editor:

Edward Abbey, noted author of the West died in 1989, leaving us with some guidance in understanding the Trump Administration. “There is no force more potent in the modern world than stupidity fueled by greed.” This explains the Administration in terms I can understand.

The administration’s Big Beautiful Bill has continued to harm rural America with funding cuts in health care and other rural services. The promise that every American would receive a tax break is, in my opinion, just spinning a tale to fool us into thinking that the Big Beautiful Bill was a good deal. Inflation, high gasoline prices and higher health insurance costs has erased the Administration’s promises and will still leave us in worse shape than before. The President’s plummeting poll numbers show that I’m not alone in understanding the reality of our current situation.

rent situation.

Now, I see articles that males between 18 and 26 will be automatically entered into the draft on December 31, 2026. Last year this part of the Big Beautiful Bill was not newsworthy. Trump’s Iranian war of choice focuses a spotlight on an unnecessary action that is very important to me. With three grandsons being automatically entered into the draft, less than two months after the midterm elections, Trump’s impulsive desire to eliminate a perceived threat and trapping Americans in another Middle East conflict, with no plans to end it, also places a fourth grandson in high school at risk.

In my opinion, I find that a transactional President with no understanding of war, economics, our health care system or our Constitution will not improve my family’s wellbeing. I fear that our ability to repair all the damage that has been inflicted on us will take years to overcome. The healing process cannot begin until all the Republicans who blindly support the President are removed from public office through the election process. A politician with a Trump endorsement is a big enough red flag for me to vote against them in the 2026 elections. It’s never what they say, but what they do.

Bill Fowler

Valid point

Dear Editor:

Ernie O’Toole has a valid point: when choosing which local candidates to vote for, even though many aspects of national politics differ from local priorities, we should consider the candidate’s character. While I don’t ask anyone whom they voted for, knowing which national political figures a local candidate supports, admires or emulates is relevant to local issues. This is painfully evident today, when some local elected officials are not sure whether they should support a bill introduced by Colorado State Senators and some of Colorado’s U.S. Representatives that could bring much needed disaster assistance to Colorado, including Archuleta County, without partisan interference. One of our local officials wants to wait to see what “the other side” might offer. We already know what “the other side” has offered. The “other side” has already denied FEMA relief for flooding that occurred here

■ See Letters A4



Photo courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation

South 2nd Street is again open.

U.S. 160 reconstruction information

Week of May 11-16

Work activity

- Major traffic impact: Crews continue excavation and utility work on the dogleg, near the corner with the former courthouse, on U.S. 160. Traffic is configured in a one-lane, alternating pattern (24 hours a day and seven days a week), and delays are expected. This operation is anticipated to wrap up this week. Work is weather dependent.
- Lewis Street: Utility work continues at the Lewis Street intersection with a focus on water and geothermal utilities. The crews will soon be connecting lines across U.S. 160 to the south intersection at Lewis Street.
- The intersection closure at Lewis Street and U.S. 160 remains in place. Please utilize 4th, 7th and 8th streets as an alternative to access businesses along Lewis Street. With the access closure, left-turn signals have been extended at the 4th Street intersection; look for the green left-turn arrow at the northwest corner of 4th and Pagosa Street (U.S. 160).
- Pedestrian crossings: With the new traffic shift there are several locations that no longer have pedestrian barriers where the sidewalks, curb and gutter have been completed. Please pay attention when traversing the roadway and use identified crossings.
- The Lewis Street access closure will be in place until late May/early June.
- Access to North 5th Street and businesses north of the intersection is available via 4th Street.
- Why will the Lewis Street intersection take several months to complete? Where Lewis Street intersects U.S. 160 is one of the most difficult intersections the project team is working on. The underground utility work includes demolition and replacement of the geothermal, water and sewer lines from the bottom up. The Lewis Street intersection will then be built back with new ADA-accessible curb and gutter and concrete paving.

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County moving forward with contractor for comprehensive plan update

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Planning Commission discussed updates and next steps with the county's comprehensive plan update project during its regular meeting held on Thursday, April 23.

Director of Development Eva Kruse explained that the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a contract with HR Green during its regular meeting held on April 7.

She explained that the contract is for \$140,000 for the comprehensive plan update, and that the county has received grants from the state "for a big portion of that."

Kruse noted that the grants are providing \$87,500 in funds for the project, leaving the county to cover the remaining \$57,500.

During the April 7 meeting, County Manager Longinos Gonzalez explained that the county had received three bids on the requests for proposals for the comprehensive plan update.

After brief discussion on the matter, Commissioner John Ranson moved to approve the contract with HR Green.

Commissioner Veronica Medina commented, "I agree that this is definitely something that we need to do; I'm definitely supportive of that," but also stated, "I think that we could do it better for less."

Ranson's motion passed by a 2-1 split vote, with him and commissioner Warren Brown voting in favor, and Medina voting against the motion.

During the April 23 planning commission meeting, Kruse mentioned that "we're prepared to move forward," and that staff is planning to hold an initial meeting with the consultant.

She explained that the "public engagement piece" of the comprehensive plan is something the county is prioritizing and "less on [the] existing conditions" aspect due to the county recently completing a housing needs assessment.

Kruse noted that HR Green has consultants "who have already done a lot of the work here in Archuleta County with housing and the existing

conditions."

She mentioned that with public engagement being a "big portion" of the comprehensive plan update, the county is planning to hold forums similar to the recent commissioner-hosted forums to receive feedback from the public.

Kruse also explained that the planning commission will be heavily involved in the plan update.

"All of that will come through you," she said.

She also explained that the plan includes four main elements: existing conditions, water supply, strategic growth and public engagement.

"Water supply is one of the big elements, as well," Kruse said, noting that as each portion is worked through a graphic and information page will be developed on the county's website for constituents to view.

Kruse also mentioned that a stakeholder engagement list has been started to include people who are actively engaged in projects with the county.

"It'll be good. It's exciting," she added, mentioning the county will be

working on the plan update through the end of this year, and it will provide specific deliverables for the county to use.

"All in all, when we are said and done, we'll have a comprehensive plan that will be a guiding document that we will be referring to" and using to develop things like land use regulations, "not something that will sit on a shelf," she said.

Kruse indicated that things such as where future commercial development, housing and ranches will be, "all of that will be up for debate."

Planning commission chair Matt Nobles mentioned that it is the planning commission's role to have the comprehensive plan update created and to approve it before the BoCC.

Kruse confirmed that the plan update will be adopted through a public hearing process with the planning commission.

She also indicated that planning commission meetings will be an appropriate forum for constituents to come with questions and share concerns in regard to the plan update. clayton@pagosasun.com

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Eduvigen Rivera Gurule

Dolores Eduvigen Rivera Gurule, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, prima, godmother, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2026, at home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., at the age of 93.



Dolores was born on April 7, 1933, in Monero, N.M., to Juan Teodoro Rivera and Margarita Carrillo. She was the third child in her family and grew up surrounded by her siblings: Ike (Dora), Pilar (Fred Martinez), Fabiola, Juanita (Gary Baldwin), Raymond, Teddy and Sandra. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Dora Rivera.

On Nov. 14, 1952, Dolores married the love of her life, John Torivio Gurule. Together, they built a strong and loving family and were blessed with eight children: George (Margie), Mona, Cleo, Tessie, John (Vanessa), Margaret (Steve Gallegos), Gerard

(Amy) and Anita (Omar Balderrama). Dolores' greatest joy was her family. She was a proud grandmother to 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren and extended family who will cherish her memory.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings; her husband, John; her daughter Cleo; and two granddaughters, Jeri and Baby Mary.

A rosary will be recited prior to the funeral service on Saturday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The funeral service will follow, with interment at Hilltop Cemetery. A meal and gathering will be offered at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church immediately following interment.

Dolores will be remembered for her strength, kindness and unwavering love for her family. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Carolyn Y. Rugar

Carolyn Y. Rugar passed away April 30, 2026, at home.

Wife, mother, grandmother, sister,

aunt, cousin, neighbor and friend. Born in Tulsa, Okla. Aug. 28, 1947. Carolyn graduated from the University of Virginia, earning a degree in history. An avid reader, Carolyn read nonfiction and even read cookbooks for fun. She was a gourmet cook and hosted an international cooking group when we lived in Yuma, Ariz., which grew to a group of about 50 participants.

Carolyn and Lawrence (husband) met in Coronado, Calif., where Lawrence, a U.S. Army Ranger, was training with his Ranger Battalion (2nd/75th) and U.S. Navy elite personnel.

Both Carolyn and Lawrence believed in taking great care with major decisions, so, naturally, after three weeks they were married and remained so for 45 years. Raising son Tim was a constant and lasting joy to both of them, and he grew to be a terrific man, husband to Laura and father to our three grandchildren, Finlay, Lachlan and Vivienne.

Carolyn's life was a blessing to all



who had the pleasure and privilege of knowing her. As a family member and as a friend she was fiercely loyal and giving. Her conversations with her friends and relatives revolved around their needs and not about herself. Her smile was infectious and her laughter lightened a room and many lives. She will be surely missed by many.

Interment will be at the Cortez, Colo., cemetery to join a multitude of the Moore family extended family who passed before her.

Services

Chelsea Hill

A memorial for Chelsea Hill will be held Saturday, May 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Yamaguchi Park Pavilion in downtown Pagosa Springs. All friends are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Pray for perfect weather.



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last fall. The U.S. President has repeatedly said he would deny funding for various federal programs to states that did not overwhelmingly vote for him.

The current federal administration's Department of Government Efficiency cut 1,753 land management positions last year (Durango Herald, 1 May 2026). While we face ongoing and perhaps worsening threats from wildfire as a result of prolonged drought (and yes, potentially more flooding due to increasingly severe weather), we have fewer and fewer resources and experienced personnel to help us prepare and deal with these perils.

Colorado lost 26 percent of the public lands workforce from the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies last year. Our local Natural Resources Conservation Service, which serves Archuleta and La Plata counties, went from eleven employees to just two (one in Pagosa Springs and one in Durango). There are no longer enough people in the office to help locals with irrigation, rangeland and forestry on private lands. The US Forest Service has lost some of our most experienced forestry and natural resource specialists, with cuts ongoing and uncertainty for people who have dedicated their careers and lives to working for forest health, watersheds and wildlife. These are people who live here, have homes and families, and enjoy hiking, fishing, skiing and hunting on our local public lands

just as we do. Many of them were fired or took early retirement in lieu of being fired later. Our local offices have been scrambling to maintain services for us, while it seems the federal administration cares only about the real estate those offices sit upon. There is no mystery as to why this is happening, nor do we need to wait to see what "the other side" may offer.

Lisa Jensen

Disloyalty

Dear Editor:

I write reluctantly to draw attention to related events that occurred last Saturday. One was our own local No Kings adherents exercising their 1st Amendment right "...of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." The other was a fellow No Kings adherent from California whose Trump Derangement had been allowed to develop into full blown murderous functional lunacy. This character, Cole Allen, was an otherwise normal appearing and functioning citizen until, after traveling all the way from California to Washington, D.C., attempted to kill in furtherance of his twisted beliefs.

When I see my fellow citizens with their little demonstration on Saturdays while I am on my way to the high school athletic fields to watch grandkids, I remind myself that I spent a good part of my life in uniform, having sworn (and signed that blank check payable in life and limb) to protect our Constitutional rights and am gratified by seeing them exercised. However,

allowing some of those demonstrators to fly and display our flag upside down insults we veterans who defended that flag, mocks those young active duty members of our armed forces who are presently and heroically engaged in military operations on behalf of our country, and, as a national event, lends aid and comfort to enemies of the United States. I did not sign that blank check to defend disloyalty. I caution the sincere demonstrators that condoning such extremism detracts from the grievance they are trying to redress and produces results such as we saw with Mr. Allen.

Roy D. Vega

Open conversation

Dear Editor:

My partner, Ernie O'Toole, recently wrote a couple of letters to the editor. After that, I received an email at my personal address from someone I barely know who didn't like what he had to say.

Instead of writing his own letter to the paper, he chose to send me a very hostile message, saying what he thought of Ernie and what he thought of The Pagosa Sun for publishing those letters. He wrote:

"Between you and your old man, why are you sending out liberal gibberish? I had to cancel the Pagosa Sun because your [expletive] boyfriend insists on voicing his ridiculous opinions every week. I know 50

people from the ski club that would subscribe to the Sun if they stopped printing his [expletive]."

That isn't a productive way to handle disagreement. If he feels strongly, why not say it publicly where others can respond?

One of the things I appreciate about The Pagosa Sun is that it publishes a range of opinions. That's how people stay informed and engaged. Choosing not to participate in that, while complaining privately, misses the point.

We don't all have to agree, but we should at least be willing to have the conversation out in the open. If you have something to say, say it where the community can hear it.

Joan Ward

Editor's note: As The SUN has stated many times previously, we welcome all viewpoints and invite community members to add to the discourse.



Obituaries

Obituaries up to 500 words are printed free in The Pagosa Springs SUN and can be submitted to:

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Students in Pagosa Springs High School’s Americana Project open the class’s April 29 Guest Artist Concert. Students played a number of covers and original songs ahead of welcoming the Mojo Birds to the stage.

Decade

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where they can live full, meaningful lives while remaining close to family, friends, and the community they know and love.

This milestone would not have been possible without the extraordinary support of the community, generous donors and a remarkable commitment from local building partners.

Leading the effort is Tim Brown, Aspen House’s general contractor, who came out of retirement to donate his time and expertise to the project.

In addition, he has rallied his subcontractors to contribute both time and materials — an incredible act of generosity that has saved Aspen House more than \$1,240,000.

Adding to the significance of the day, Mitch Martin, of one of Aspen House’s dedicated building partners, operated the excavator and performed the official first dig, marking the true beginning of construction.

Aspen House was born more than 10 years ago when two mothers of sons with developmental disabilities imagined something better for their children and others like them.

“What started as a dream has now become a reality because of this incredible community,” said Pattie Copenhaver, executive director of Aspen House, “This groundbreaking is more than just the start of a building — it’s our community’s commitment to a future where individuals with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to thrive in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.”

Construction is now underway, with continued opportunities for community members to support the project and help bring Aspen House fully to life.

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Please visit the Aspen House website at www.aspenhousepagosa.org to learn more and donate to help meet final construction costs.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Copenhaver at (970) 398-1636 or executivedirector@aspenhousepagosa.org, or visit www.aspenhousepagosa.org.

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Colorado awards \$11 million for opioid treatment and recovery in most competitive funding round to date

Colorado Attorney General's Office

The Colorado Opioid Abatement Council has awarded \$11 million to 24 organizations and local governments in its most competitive infrastructure funding round to date, expanding opioid treatment, recovery and prevention services across the state.

The funding comes from more than \$912 million in opioid settlement dollars secured by the Colorado Attorney General's Office from manufacturers and distributors for their role in the opioid epidemic. These awards are part of the 10 percent of Colorado's opioid settlement funds dedicated to infrastructure, under a joint agreement between the state and local governments that ensures all funds are used to address the crisis.

"This round made clear just how urgent the need remains," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. "Demand for funding far exceeded the available dollars, and the strength of the applications we received, underscores the extraordinary work happening across Colorado."

This fourth round of infrastructure funding drew 54 eligible applications requesting \$39.9 million, highlighting growing demand for services statewide, with requests exceeding available funding by nearly four to one.

The selected projects span 15 of Colorado's 19 opioid regions, serving 44 counties, with several statewide initiatives reaching all 64 counties.

Once finalized, total infrastructure investments will reach \$20.4 million.

The funding addresses infrastructure needs and supports both new facilities and expanded services, including treatment, recovery support, prevention, harm reduction and services for people involved in the justice system.

A majority of projects serve rural and underserved communities, expanding access to care in areas where services are limited or unavailable. Many also reduce barriers to treatment and recovery through services such as transportation, housing and child care.

The following organizations received awards.

Supporting recovery and housing

- Southeast Colorado Opioid Regional Council — Building Bridges Recovery Project (\$446,025): Expands peer recovery coaching, support groups and outreach, working with Advocates for Recovery Colorado to better serve justice-involved individuals in rural communities.
- Northwest Colorado Opioid Response Council — recovery and prevention infrastructure (\$509,434.16):

Expands peer recovery services and strengthens recovery housing options, helping individuals access stable housing, employment and long-term support.

- Region 4 Opioid Council — Hope for Homes (\$300,000): In partnership with Hope House serving Northeastern Colorado and Omni Institute, expands recovery housing by acquiring property to provide stable, supportive living and connections to services for people in recovery.

- Southeast Colorado Opioid Regional Council — Fort Lyon Life Safety and Wellness (\$402,850): Upgrades critical infrastructure and safety needs at a rural recovery housing community and expands space for peer-led programming, partnering with the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless to improve stability and reduce relapse risk.

Expanding treatment access and support

- University of Colorado Denver — PRISM pediatric addiction care expansion (\$551,865.56): Expands addiction care for youth and families, working with Children's Hospital Colorado to provide early intervention and stronger connections to ongoing treatment.

- Mesa County Regional Opioid Abatement Council — Orchard Mesa facility (\$499,637): Completes a behavioral health facility in collaboration with the Counseling and Education Center, launching treatment services including counseling, peer support and connections to higher levels of care.

- Region 15 Opioid Abatement Council — behavioral health infrastructure hub (\$431,972): Establishes a permanent rural facility offering outpatient treatment, medication-assisted treatment and peer support, in partnership with Park County Counseling, to improve access and continuity of care.

- Colorado Behavioral Health Administration — crisis system modernization (\$712,500): Upgrades withdrawal management sites into comprehensive crisis centers, partnering with Signal Behavioral Health Network and Rocky Mountain Health Plans to medically manage substance use withdrawal and provide medications for opioid use disorder.

- Region 18 Opioid Settlement Governance Council — San Luis Valley Illuminating Childcare (\$312,819.10): Expands mobile child care for parents in treatment, reducing barriers to care and helping families stay engaged, in collaboration with the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center.

- Southeast Colorado Opioid Regional Council — Medication Treatment Unit, La Junta (\$665,620):

Establishes a medication-assisted treatment site in a rural community without existing services, working with Crossroads Turning Points to expand access to counseling, medications and ongoing care for in Southeast Colorado.

- Denver Opioid Abatement Council — Denver CARES expansion (\$375,000): Modernizes and expands a regional treatment facility in partnership with Denver Health and Hospital Authority to meet requirements for crisis services, residential treatment and medication access.

Prevention and youth-focused services

- City of Alamosa — Early Childhood Learning Center (\$750,000): Builds a family-centered hub with early childhood care, prevention and support services, working with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley to strengthen family-focused substance use prevention.

- City of Rifle — youth behavioral health and recovery initiative (\$698,400): Renovates a community facility in partnership with YouthZone to expand prevention, early intervention and recovery services for youth, families and justice-involved individuals.

- University of Colorado Boulder — prevention and early intervention expansion (\$276,401): Expands evidence-based prevention and early intervention for college students through peer education, family engagement and community partnerships that promote risk reduction.

- Colorado Department of Early Childhood — family-centered infrastructure (\$637,959.36): In partnership with Illuminate Colorado and the Family Resource Center Association, expands statewide support for families affected by substance use, including provider training, child care access and peer support for parents in recovery.

- Colorado State University Health Network — substance misuse treatment and recovery programs (\$183,499.50): Builds a recovery support system for college students, including peer support and stronger connections to treatment and community care.

Harm reduction and public health services

- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment — hepatitis C treatment expansion (\$375,000): Expands hepatitis C testing and treatment for people who use drugs, partnering with the Public Health Institute at Denver Health, Boulder County AIDS Project and the Harm Reduction Action Center to integrate care into syringe access and treatment programs.

- Southeast Colorado Opioid Regional Council — substance use disorder program expansion (\$218,814.75): Expands a rural program providing peer support, harm reduction, overdose prevention outreach, transportation and jail-based services, working with Otero County Health Department to connect people to care.

Crisis response and justice system partnerships

- Southwest Colorado Regional Opioid Council — Pretrial Services and Treatment Access (\$671,848.13): Creates a coordinated pretrial program that connects justice-involved individuals to treatment, working with The Pathways Project and Porch Light Health to provide medication-assisted treatment early in the legal process.

- Chaffee County — co-response program expansion (\$561,919.44): Expands a rural co-responder program by adding a second team of law enforcement and behavioral health professionals to respond to substance use-related crises.

- Northwest Colorado Opioid Response Council — crisis and treatment access infrastructure (\$500,000): In partnership with Memorial Hospital (Memorial Regional Health), Grand County Emergency Medical Services and the Rural Alliance Addressing Substance Use Disorder-Colorado, expands transportation and emergency response services, including peer and clinician-led crisis transport and response to help people access care faster.

Statewide systems and capacity building

- University of Colorado Anschutz — statewide data and learning system (\$313,198): Develops a public dashboard to track opioid settlement spending, program activity and outcomes, improving transparency and coordination statewide.

- Region 4 Opioid Abatement Council — statewide evaluation infrastructure (\$302,700): In partnership with Omni Institute and University of Colorado Anschutz, builds a shared evaluation framework and provides technical support to help regions track progress and improve decision-making.

- University of Colorado Anschutz — grant-writing assistance program (\$302,537): Provides free grant-writing support to help local governments and nonprofits secure additional funding for opioid response efforts.

All awards are pending acceptance of funding terms.

These investments strengthen Colorado's coordinated statewide response to the opioid crisis while highlighting the ongoing need for expanded services across Colorado.

They also complement the Resilient Colorado funding opportunity from the Colorado Attorney General's Office, which drew a record number of applications and will be announced this summer.



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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any elector of the Town of Pagosa Springs interested in serving on the Town Council may submit a completed application, found on the town website, with the Administrative Assistant, Traci Bishop, at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd or PO Box 1859 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, on or before May 13, 2026.

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Victims of auto theft encouraged to file for victim's assistance

Colorado State Patrol

The Colorado State Patrol wants to encourage victims of auto theft, whose vehicle was stolen after April 24, 2024, to apply for victim's assistance via the online application.

While the program is an ongoing initiative, this fiscal year's grant funding is coming to a close.

To maximize services while supporting the communities we serve, we want to encourage any auto theft victims to become involved with this program.

This victim's assistance initiative has been an ongoing initiative of the Colorado State Patrol's Victim Services Unit — an initiative that

goes above and beyond the already incredible job of a victim advocate.

Victims of auto theft are often shocked at the aftereffects of a recovered stolen vehicle. In many recovery incidents, the victim may owe a tow yard for tow and impound fees, and are often faced with vehicle repairs or at the very least expensive insurance deductibles.

This program aims to reduce this fiscal impact to the victims by offering:

- Alternative transportation methods.
- Storage and tow fees.
- Vehicle cleaning.
- Reimbursement of limited repairs.

- Possible other assistance
To qualify for this assistance, victims must have the following documentation, valid at the time of the theft:

- Colorado driver's license.
- Valid vehicle registration.
- Insurance declaration page.
- A copy of the police report.
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Election

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County coroner.

Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta notes in an email to The SUN there is no candidate for surveyor at this time, but the current surveyor, Ron Sutcliffe, will appear on the general election ballot as a write-in candidate.

The ballots will also feature a number of state-level and federal-level positions.

Ballots for the Libertarian Party of Colorado and the Unity Party of Colorado's primaries will contain only one contest each, according to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office and Archuleta.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado has nominated two candidates for secretary of state; the Unity Party of Colorado has nominated two candidates for governor.

The official primary election candidate list from the Colorado Secretary of State's Office is available at www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/vote/primaryCandidates.html.

Democratic primary election ballot

There are no Democratic candidates for county-level offices on the ballot.

For U.S. Senate, a statewide race,

the ballot will include Julie Gonzales and John Hickenlooper.

For U.S. House of Representatives for District 3, the ballot will include Alex Kelloff and Dwayne L. Romero.

For governor, a statewide race, the ballot will include Phil Weiser and Michael Bennet.

For secretary of state, a statewide race, the ballot will include Amanda Gonzalez and Jessie Danielson.

For state treasurer, a statewide race, the ballot will include Jeff Bridges.

For attorney general, a statewide race, the ballot will include Jena Griswold, David Seligman, Michael Dougherty and Hetal Doshi.

For State Board of Education for District 3, Barb Clementi will appear on the ballot.

For State House of Representatives for District 59, Katie Stewart will appear on the ballot.

Republican primary election ballot

For Archuleta County Commissioner for District 3, Veronica Medina and Randy Betts will appear on the ballot.

For Archuleta County clerk and recorder, Archuleta will appear.

For Archuleta County treasurer, the ballot will include Elsa P. White.

For Archuleta County assessor, Johanna Tully-Elliott will appear.

For Archuleta County sheriff, the ballot will include Mike Le Roux.

For Archuleta County coroner, Brad Hunt will appear.

For U.S. Senate, a statewide race, the ballot will include Mark Baisley.

For U.S. House of Representatives for District 3, the ballot will include Ron Hanks and Jeff Hurd.

For governor, a statewide race, the ballot will include Scott Bottoms, Victor Marx, Barb Kirkmeyer, Kelvin "K-Man" Wimberly.

For secretary of state, a statewide race, the ballot will include James Wiley.

For state treasurer, a statewide race, the ballot will include Kevin Grantham.

For attorney general, a statewide race, the ballot will include Michael J. Allen and David Willson.

For State Board of Education for District 3, Sherri M. Wright will appear on the ballot.

For State House of Representatives for District 59, Naomi Riess will appear on the ballot.

Libertarian Party of Colorado

For secretary of state, a statewide race, the ballot will include Sean Vadney and Alex Astley.

Unity Party of Colorado

For governor, a statewide race, the ballot will include Paul Noel Fiorino and Jeff Peckman.

Voter information

Archuleta notes voters can make sure their registration is up to date by visiting the Archuleta County Elections Office at 305 Village Drive, which is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., or online at www.govotecolorado.gov.

Eligible Coloradans can register to vote and update their voter registration at GoVoteColorado.gov through June 22 in order to receive a ballot in the mail. After June 22, Coloradans can still register and vote in person at a voting center until 7 p.m. on Election Day.

"For this year's elections, we have partnered with the Town of Pagosa Springs to have our second Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) at the Ross Aragon Community Center," Archuleta wrote.

That polling center will be open on election day only, she notes. There will not be a VPSC at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association location this year since the election's office is now uptown.

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the scale come with having to rip up and replace concrete or asphalt sections when replacing service lines.

"It's not as expensive in dirt alleyways," he said, adding that he wanted to ask the board what it wants to do on this issue.

The board was given three options for a decision: leave the policy as it stands, with the property owner being responsible for service line replacement costs; change the policy, making the town responsible for the costs in category 5 situations; or change the policy, creating a shared responsibility between the town and property owners for the costs.

Board member Leonard Martinez stated that he is in favor of changing the policy to make the town responsible in some way, saying that "these kinds of costs are impossible for some of our residents."

Board president Shari Pierce

agreed, saying that it would be difficult to force property owners to replace the service lines, because "a lot of people can't afford that."

She added that she would like to add Category 4 problems with the sewer lines, rather than just Category 5s, as part of the town taking responsibility for the service line replacement.

Board member Mat deGraaf stated, "This is a unique place where we can inject some humanity into government" with the town helping people fix and replace these service lines in category 4 and 5 situations.

"Our goal is to repair the category 4s and 5s to repair the system for the overall well-being of the community and the system, and this is a place where we could accomplish that and do so with compassion and understanding ,and I'd like to move forward with that," he said.

Board member Brooks Lindner

added that he understood why a property owner would want to replace the service lines, but asked if they have to under the current rules.

Johnson responded, "If it's a clay line and it's functioning, no, they don't have to."

Lindner stated that he still agreed with his colleagues about the town stepping in to take responsibility for the lines.

Pierce added that since the town is undergoing the category 4 and 5 pipe replacement project this year, the town should step up and take responsibility for the service line replacement while crews are in there, and then they could address the issue again in 2027.

Johnson clarified that the town would only be responsible for the service line to the property line and that if the owner wanted to replace lines within their property, "to tie into our new lines, then that would

be on them."

Commenting on the voter-approved 1 percent sales tax increase to fund sewer system infrastructure improvements, Martinez noted "how unique it is what we got, and the part that is unique and really forward thinking is how rare it is to have this without a sunset."

He added, "If we don't address our category 4 and 5 problems, we don't have a functional system."

He noted that he'd like to use "a very small portion" of the new sales tax increase to help with this.

Pierce stated that she wanted the board to go with the option to take full responsibility for the lines in category 4 and 5 situations for the remainder of 2026, "and then between now and then we look into other options."

This was put forward as a motion and was approved unanimously by the board.

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EMS

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like emergency response, Emergency Department backup resources and as a backup plan when medical flights are grounded.

He added that EMS was a core service when the district formed in 1981 and provides service over 1,800 square miles, spanning Archuleta County and parts of Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

While EMS has an obligation to respond to 100 percent of calls, Webb explained, approximately 50 percent are billable, and PSMC collects on about half of those.

Right now, he told the board, EMS is only able to bill when it transports a patient.

He explained that the EMS service line operated at a loss of \$2,225,661.60 in 2025 because expenses outweigh revenue.

He noted that, to make up the shortfall, EMS relies on grants for capital, the current mill levy of 3.884 that helps support all of PSMC's services and PSMC's overall bottom line or reserve funds.

He indicated PSMC EMS is in line with the state in terms of the funding gap.

"We're pretty much on par with everyone around the state," he said, noting there's an estimated 40 percent funding gap for all EMS service providers in Colorado and PSMC is at about 37 percent.

But, he indicated to the board, it is expensive to be ready every hour of every day.

He added they are expected to be quick and competent in their responses.

Webb then discussed PSMCEMS's buildings, including its newest facility, the San Juan building, in downtown Pagosa Springs.

The San Juan building, Webb told the board, has improved response

times by 10 to 15 minutes for some areas.

He added that location will allow lives to be saved over and over again and saves EMS vehicles from having to go into the oncoming lane on Put Hill during responses.

It was noted later in the meeting during reports that the Colorado Department of Local Affairs recently awarded \$100,000 for renovations at the recently acquired facility, with plans still being prepared for work to make the building a facility that can house EMS personnel 24/7.

The organization's uptown building is located on the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) campus.

Webb explained there are 10 years left on the land lease for that facility and that the building needs "significant maintenance" and doesn't have an adequate generator.

In later conversation on the matter, Webb noted he'd had discussions about the lease with the PFPD's previous chief, but not the current one.

Webb further explained PSMC EMS currently has five ambulances, but, ideally, it would have six ambulances and a second quick-response vehicle.

He explained ambulances should be replaced at 200,000 to 250,000 miles, need four-wheel-drive capability and come with a two-year build time.

He noted new ambulances costs in excess of \$300,000, but remounting the box portion is 50 to 60 percent the cost of a new build. He noted PSMC has three ambulances that are remount capable and two that are not.

Funding, he told the board, is not as available as in years past.

He indicated the mileage on the five ambulances ranges from 25,000 on its 2023 ambulance to 208,000 on a 2012 ambulance.

In terms of staffing, Webb explained PSMC has three full-time crews and a lieutenant, with additional staff scheduled as needed; administrative staff, which includes the chief, deputy chief, assistant chief

and the medical director (an Emergency Department doctor).

He noted there's an estimated 35 percent shortage in the EMS workforce in Colorado and, to help combat that, PSMC did a 2026 wage increase for EMS staff.

He noted that EMS staff must be highly trained due to it being an autonomous role that includes clinical decision making, is stressful in nature and requires continuous training.

He added there's a minimum of six months of training after someone is hired.

Webb then discussed state licensure and data requirements, including that all charts must be completed and submitted with 48 hours, with a potential of up to 585 data points reported, and that that work is not able to be performed in PSMC's electronic health record system.

Webb then discussed pending legislation, including HB26-1238.

Webb highlighted that the bill would open additional funding from the state, which would include county-level dispersal and the transfer of funds for governor-declared disasters.

For more on HB26-1238, visit <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/HB26-1238>.

Webb also highlighted HB26-1069, which would, among other provisions, require Medicaid to pay for treatment provided at a scene without ambulance transport.

As of Wednesday morning, May 6, that bill was still under consideration.

For more on HB26-1069, visit <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/HB26-1069>.

Webb noted that there are unknowns with pending legislation, including whether or not they will be approved and if funding will be available.

Following Webb's report, board member Matt Mees asked if EMS will be changing its staffing when the San Juan building renovation is complete, with Webb explaining staffing is looked at with each year's budget.

He further indicated they will also be looking at things like the upcoming airport project, which will mean five months without medical flights and more ambulance transports.

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Correction

In an article published in the April 30 edition of The SUN, the time for a community meeting focused on the county lodging tax was wrong. Incorrect information was submitted to The SUN.

The meeting will take place on June 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Pagosa Springs High School.

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Outdoors

Chimney Rock National Monument to open for season May 15

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Chimney Rock National Monument will open for the 2026 season on May 15, welcoming visitors back to one of the most culturally rich and scenic destinations in the American Southwest.

Perched high above the Piedra River Valley, Chimney Rock offers a unique opportunity to explore the history, heritage and astronomy of the ancestral Puebloan people.

The 2026 season promises a full lineup of guided tours, educational programs, special events and interpretive experiences designed to engage visitors of all ages.

Guests are encouraged to take part in a variety of guided walking tours, including the popular family-friendly programs along the Mesa Village Trail, as well as more in-depth ex-

plorations of the Great House Pueblo. Each experience offers insight into the daily life, architecture and celestial knowledge of the ancient inhabitants who once called this sacred landscape home.

The 2026 Lecture Series will kick off on May 19 with a presentation by David Bouquet titled “Southwestern Native Rock Art.”

This engaging talk will explore the diverse forms and meanings of rock art throughout the region, featuring stunning imagery and insights into preservation efforts across the Southwest.

Visitors will also want to mark their calendars for Life at Chimney Rock, taking place June 6 and 7 — a free two-day immersive event that brings the past to life. This interactive festival features hands-on demonstrations including pottery, weaving,

flint knapping, atlatl throwing and more. It’s a unique opportunity for families and visitors to experience ancestral Puebloan lifeways through engaging, educational activities.

“The opening of each season is an exciting time for us,” said a representative of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA). “We look forward to welcoming visitors from near and far to connect with this incredible place through stories, learning and shared experiences.”

CRIA proudly supports programming, preservation and educational outreach at the monument. Proceeds from tours, programs and donations help sustain these efforts and ensure that Chimney Rock National Monument remains accessible for future generations.

Whether you are a first-time visitor or returning to experience something

new, the 2026 season at Chimney Rock National Monument offers meaningful opportunities to explore, learn and connect.

For more information on tours, programs and event schedules, or to plan your visit, please go to www.ChimneyRockCo.org. Reservations are required for many of the tours.

CRIA and the San Juan National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, are working in partnership to preserve and develop educational opportunities about the significant archaeological, cultural, geological and biological resources at Chimney Rock National Monument.

CRIA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit volunteer association and receives no funding from the U.S. government. For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call (970) 731-7133.

Lecture series to feature David Bouquet speaking on ‘Southwestern Native Rock Art’

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

Join local geology and archaeology enthusiast David Bouquet for a free public lecture titled “Southwestern Native Rock Art” on Tuesday, May 19, in the Community United Methodist Church’s fellowship hall, located at 434 Lewis St.

The doors will open at 5:45 p.m., and the lecture will begin promptly at 6 p.m.

This engaging presentation will introduce attendees to the various types of rock art, showcasing some of the oldest known examples from around the globe.

Bouquet will then guide the audience through a visual journey of Puebloan rock art sites across the American Southwest, with a map

highlighting their presence in monuments, national and state parks, and lands managed by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The lecture will also delve into the important work of the Northwest New Mexico Site Steward Program, which helps protect culturally significant locations that lack formal preservation. Attendees will be treated to stunning photographic examples of rock art panels from prominent sites including Hovenweep National Monument, Bears Ears National Monument, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Chaco Culture National Historic Park and Mesa Verde National Park.

Bouquet will also reflect on the irreplaceable Puebloan and Navajo rock art lost during the creation of Navajo Lake in 1962. The presenta-

tion will conclude with a discussion of potential rock art at Chimney Rock National Monument.

A short Q-and-A session will follow the approximately one-hour lecture.

Bouquet has volunteered at Chimney Rock National Monument for the past five years. He holds degrees in geology from Louisiana State University and the University of Kansas, with a focus on sedimentary rocks. His passion for the connection between geology and archaeology has driven him to explore numerous Puebloan petroglyph sites throughout the Four Corners region.

This event is free and open to the public. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn more about the fascinating history etched into the stone landscapes

of the Southwest.

The lecture is free to attend; however, donations are welcome. Additionally, canned goods for the church’s food pantry are greatly appreciated.

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association’s (CRIA’s) free Lecture Series offers the opportunity each year for the public and CRIA volunteers to enjoy a speaker whose topic typically relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

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Governor, Colorado Parks and Wildlife celebrate 50th anniversary of successful river otter reintroduction

State of Colorado

Gov. Jared Polis recently brought attention to the 2026 anniversary Coloradans may not yet know about.

2026 is the 250th anniversary or semiquincentennial of the United States and the 150th anniversary, or sesquicentennial, of the State of Colorado; however, Coloradans may not know that 2026 is also the 50th anniversary of the successful reintroduction of river otters in Colorado.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reintroduced river otters between 1976 and 1991.

“Did you know that 2026 marks the 50th Anniversary of the successful reintroduction of river otters? While the nation’s semiquincentennial and Colorado’s sesquicentennial may take the splashy headlines, we are also celebrating an important anniversary for Colorado’s river otters. These slippery, but playful, creatures play an important role in strengthening the health

of our rivers, and we have seen river otter populations successfully spread across the Western Slope ahead of this milestone anniversary of their reintroduction. This year the 250/150/50 celebrations include all of us and Colorado’s river otters,” said Polis.

“River otters had been eliminated from Colorado by about 1910. CPW reintroduced 120 otters between 1976 and 1991. Surveys occurring between 2003 and 2017 along with our staff’s field observations suggest that otters are now at least fairly well distributed on the west slope of Colorado,” said CPW Director Laura Clellan. “Our survey efforts this year, in addition to public sightings submitted through iNaturalist, will help CPW understand where we have otters now and if there are areas where they could further expand.”

Between 1976 and 1991, Colorado reintroduced the species, releasing over 100 otters sourced from healthy populations in other states.

Scientists at the Colorado Division

of Wildlife (now CPW) selected five locations with high-quality otter habitat as release sites: Cheeseman Reservoir, the Gunnison River, the Piedra River, the stretch of the upper Colorado River that runs through Rocky Mountain National Park and the Dolores River.

Colorado is among 21 states that have or are making efforts to reintroduce and foster river otter populations. Colorado’s river otter populations are doing so well, state efforts are now dedicated to monitoring them.

CPW efforts this year will give the state a better understanding of otter populations statewide.

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Wildfire Adapted Partnership offers outdoor cleanup tips to safeguard against wildfire

By Bill Trimarco
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

Spring has been a little different around here for the last couple of years. The historic, slowly melting snowpack feeding our rivers is but a memory of the past as we watch the cliffs and peaks around us turn brown. In early April, the snow water equivalent was about 13 percent of its 20-year average in our area. Long-term forecasts are not very promising for much moisture. The probability of significant wildfires this year is increasing. Wildfire is a potential threat to almost every home in our county. Ignoring that fact will never make it go away. Understanding what the threat is can help us prepare for it. Most of our forests have not seen a significant wildfire for more than 100 years. That is a lot of time for unchecked growth of potential fuel. Without fire to thin the trees and underbrush, that excessive growth is

dense and reaches from the ground to the tree crowns, feeding the huge fires that have become the norm across the west. Wildfires in the western U.S. have been 2.6 times bigger of late than they were in 1980. A lot of our residents here feel very safe because their homes are nowhere near the forest. Unfortunately, that may not make a difference. Eighty-five percent or more of the homes lost to wildfire are never directly touched by the flames. No, you did not misread that. Most of the structure loss is caused by the blizzard of embers that blow ahead of the fire, starting spot fires outside of the area that is burning. Those embers can travel over a mile. All it takes is one ember landing on some kindling and you have a new fire start. Usually, you will see thousands of embers swirling ahead of the fire. If those embers enter your house or find some kindling on or near your house, there is a good chance that

your house will catch fire, too. Spring is cleanup time for a lot of us. This is a great time to take steps to safeguard your house, also. Some basic steps can make a big difference:

- Clean the leaves and pine needles off of the roof.
- Clean the eavestroughs.
- Make sure all attic and soffit vents have one-eighth-inch metal screening.
- Chimneys need spark arrestors (They keep birds out of your woodstove, too).
- Repair any holes or gaps in the siding.
- Crawl space vents need one-eighth-inch metal screening.
- Rake up leaves and needles within 10 feet of the structure.
- Remove all combustibles on, under or near wooden decks.
- Install metal screening under the deck to keep duff and critters out.
- Maintain decks and stairs. Dried-out wood is more flammable than

oil-stained or painted wood.

- Use noncombustible fencing within 5 feet of the house.
- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet away from structures.
- Remove any combustible plants within 5 feet of the house.
- Within 30 feet of the house, mow grasses to a 4-inch height or less.
- Ornamental junipers and spruce are highly flammable.

Those are some good spring wildfire cleanup tips. If you want to learn what else you can do to protect your property from wildfire, Wildfire Adapted Partnership has plenty of information and may be able to offer you a partial reimbursement on vegetation removal. At wildfireadapted.org you can sign up for helpful e-news, a free site assessment (the first step in the reimbursement process) and learn about the popular chipper rental rebate program. If you have any questions, call (970) 385-8909.

Wildfire officials urge Coloradans to live wildfire ready

Colorado State Forest Service

Gov. Jared Polis proclaimed May as Wildfire Awareness Month in Colorado to encourage residents to be ready for fire and prevent human-caused wildfires. Wildfire is a part of nature in Colorado, but factors such as drought, high winds and warmer temperatures increase wildfire risk. Additionally, more people are moving into wildfire-prone areas; just under half of all Coloradans live in the wildland-urban interface and are at risk of wildfire. It is imperative that Coloradans who live in and around natural vegetation and are most at risk of wildfire take actions to prepare for wildfire. On April 30, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) released the 2026 Wildfire Preparedness Plan.

Colorado is entering the 2026 wildfire season with significant drought, low snowpack and higher temperatures. As a modest green-up develops in spring, officials with DFPC predict normal fire potential in May. However, June and July will likely experience above-normal fire potential across the Front Range and the Western Slope due to drought conditions and increasing heat stressing fuels. Additionally, the possibility of high wind events in eastern Colorado are concerning. Even in an average fire season, thousands of wildfires have the potential to blow up and become destructive under the right conditions. **Practical actions to reduce wildfire risk** During Wildfire Awareness Month, local, state and federal agen-

cies, and nongovernmental organizations involved with wildfire safety and prevention will participate in the Live Wildfire Ready campaign. We know wildfire mitigation works, and Coloradans can take simple, practical, relatively low-cost actions to prepare their homes and property for wildfire. **Insurance information** Reviewing your homeowners and auto insurance policies is one of the most important steps you can take prior to a wildfire happening. Check and see what's covered and what isn't in your policy. Important aspects of your policy to consider include additional living expenses, replacement versus actual cash value and when your insurance kicks in during an evacuation. Contact your insurance agent or insurance company for explanations

if something is not clear. You can review the Post-Disaster Claims Guide at <https://bit.ly/4un853f> to help find answers about how to navigate insurance claims. You can also contact Colorado's Division of Insurance (DOI) with any questions about insurance, your policy, how things work, how to file a claim or how to contact your insurance company or insurance agent. Contact the DOI Consumer Services team at (303) 894-7490, Insurance@state.co.us or doi.colorado.gov. Visit the Division of Insurance's Are You Disaster Ready? website for more insurance information.

Firewood permits available for San Juan National Forest

U.S. Forest Service

Firewood permits are now available for purchase through a new online e-permit system or in person at U.S. Forest Service (USFS) offices and with local vendors. Permits may be purchased by computer or mobile device at any time. Permits purchased online and in store must be printed on paper and carried to the field to be valid. Permits are no longer required to be attached to the firewood load. Online permits cost \$2 per cord and are sold locally at vendors and USFS offices for \$4 per cord. A per-

mit allows firewood cutters to gather dead and downed firewood from the San Juan National Forest for personal use prior to Dec. 31. A maximum of 10 cords can be purchased per year per household for personal use. A cord is the amount of tightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet high by 4 feet wide by 8 feet long. Firewood cutters are required to have their chain saw equipped with an approved spark arrester when cutting wood, and it is recommended they carry an ax or shovel. Visit www.fs.usda.gov/r02/sanjuan/permits/fuelwood for additional information on wood cutting regulations.

Permits are available for purchase at any of these vendors:

- Online: \$2 per cord with \$20 minimum purchase.
- Participating vendors: \$4 per cord with \$10 minimum purchase
- USFS office locations: \$4 per cord with minimum \$20 purchase.

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife to implement out-of-state vehicle license plate daily parks pass

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

The Parks and Wildlife Commission (PWC) recently approved a parks pass specifically for vehicles with out-of-state license plates for \$15 per day. This fee went into effect on May 1. A similar fee structure is used on other Colorado Parks and Wildlife products and is in line with other states. Vehicles with Colorado license plates can still purchase the annual

Keep Colorado Wild pass with their vehicle registration for \$29 per year, or purchase a daily park pass for \$10 per day. At Chatfield, Elkhead Reservoir, Golden Gate Canyon, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach, State Forest, and Steamboat Lake state parks, there is an additional \$2 fee for both resident and out-of-state plates. Learn more at cpw.state.co.us/parks-passes.

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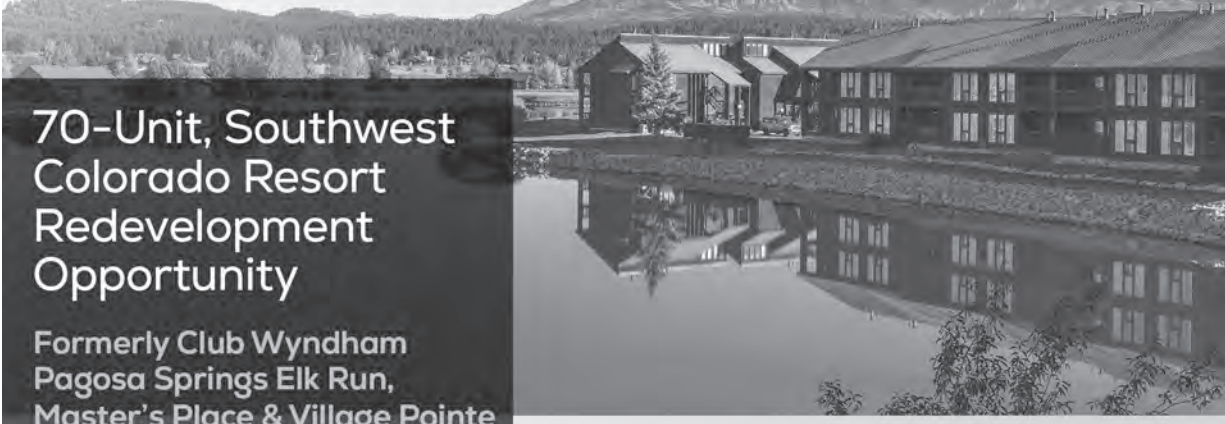
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Celebrate birds Saturday with Global Big Day and Migratory Bird Day

By Jean Zirnheld
Weminuche Audubon Society

Two spring events that celebrate birds occur this week on Saturday, May 9, and you can participate. Global Big Day brings together people who care about birds and contribute to the effort to understand how bird populations are faring worldwide. Every year the number of participants increases. You can be a part of birding's biggest team when you report the birds you observe on this day. In this time of turmoil, the love of

birds can unite people worldwide. Adding to this important dataset is easy. Simply list the bird species and numbers of each that you see in any location and enter your data on ebird.org. You may count for as little as 10 minutes anytime between midnight and midnight on May 9 to participate. Count birds at your home or submit a list from your favorite location to watch birds. If you are new to ebird, visit ebird.org to learn how to set up an account. Also occurring on Saturday, May 9, is World Migratory Bird Day. The

goal of this global effort is to raise the awareness of migratory birds and the need for international cooperation to conserve them. Migratory birds rely on good habitat at their winter homes, along the paths of their spring and fall journeys, and in their summer breeding areas to survive. They may travel through several countries each year. Aligning with Global Big Day, this year's Migratory Bird Day theme is "Every Bird Counts-Your Observations Matter." This focus highlights the important

role that citizen science observations play in identifying conservation priorities and informing strategies and actions to aid migratory bird populations. Your local Audubon chapter conducts a spring bird survey which documents how populations are faring in areas of our local forest. Descriptions of this Forest Bird Monitoring survey can be found under the projects tab on our website, weminucheaudubon.org. Teams are forming now for this season's survey, which begins in May. We invite you to join us in this rewarding and fun citizen science project.

Timber harvesting and log hauling continues on Pagosa Ranger District

U.S. Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District anticipates timber harvesting and log hauling along several National Forest System roads through the end of the year. Vegetation-management work on the district aims to achieve various resource objectives, including, but not limited to, fuels reduction, wildlife habitat improvement, and forest health and regeneration. This work is being performed by a local and regional workforce that

helps support economies. While no closures are in place, forest visitors should take safety precautions and drive slowly around heavy machinery and log trucks. Not all areas or roads will have activity occurring during all periods of the summer. For the remainder of the calendar year, the Pagosa Ranger District anticipates timber harvesting and log hauling along and adjacent to the following National Forest System roads (NFSR):

- Buckles Lake Road (NFSR 663).
- Piedra Road (NFSR 631).

- Kenney Flats Road (NFSR 006).
- Trail Ridge Road (NFSR 639 and NFSR 631).
- Blanco Basin Road (CR326) and the Blanco River Trailhead parking area (NFSR 657.C).
- Turkey Springs/Brockover Roads (NFSRs 629 and 919).
- West Fork Road (NFSR 648).

Logging operations will also be active intermittently along and adjacent to some segments of National Forest System trails: 303, 304, 306, 307, 319 and 321. These trails will remain open for public use during

active operations. Please exercise caution if you plan to visit any of the above areas. For more information on vegetation management activities across the Pagosa Ranger District, please contact Forest Service Representative Josh Merrill-Exton at joshua.merrill-exton@usda.gov. For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874 or visit the forest website.



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A group of volunteers from the Archuleta County Democratic Party meets with Pagosa Springs Medical Center's Rhonda Webb on May 1 to deliver a stack of fleece lap blankets the group had crafted.

Volunteers donate blankets to medical center

By Lee Stopher
Archuleta County Democratic Party

Patients at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) may be feeling cozier soon thanks to the efforts of the Archuleta County Democratic Party (ACDP).

On May 1, a group of volunteers met with Rhonda Webb, PSMC CEO and chief medical officer, to deliver a stack of fleece lap blankets the group had crafted. Volunteers gathered on a Sunday morning in April to create the blankets, which are made by stacking two

coordinating pieces of fleece, cutting fringes, and then tying them in knots. "We're focused not just on politics, but on serving our community," said Shawna Seed, chair of the ACDP. "We hope these blankets will provide a little colorful comfort to PSMC patients."

Archuleta County Republican Women to meet May 13

By Michelle Turney
Archuleta County Republican Women

The Archuleta County Republican Women (ACRW) will have their May

meeting at Boss Hogg's Restaurant on May 13 from noon to 1 pm. The speaker will be Eric Davidson speaking on "Where Socialism Works" — a look at governmental

formats in countries such as Sweden. All Republicans are welcome to attend.

Charter school board names new member

By Clayton Chaney
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, the Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors unanimously appointed Elle Highcamp as the board's newest member. During the meeting, PPOS board president Jesse White explained that

Highcamp's term will begin in May and will be for three years. White also explained that the board's vice president has stepped down. In an email to The SUN, PPOS Director Emily Murphy confirmed that there is still one open seat on the board. clayton@pagosasun.com





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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160

David G. Mandy Investment Trust, Plaintiff
v.
National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; Elsa White, in her capacity as Treasurer of Archuleta County; and all unknown person who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.

Case Number: 2025CV30073 Division 3

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 259 and 260, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED

FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
Dated: April 27, 2026
Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun
First Publication: _____
Last Publication: _____
s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
Publication: The Pagosa Springs Sun
[Publication dates]
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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160

David G. Mandy Investment Trust, Plaintiff
v.
National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; Elsa White, in her capacity as Treasurer of Archuleta County; and all unknown person who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.

Case Number: 2025CV30075 Division 3

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the

service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 201 and 202, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
Dated: April 27, 2026
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s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160

David G. Mandy Investment Trust, Plaintiff
v.
National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; Elsa White, in her capacity as Treasurer of Archuleta County; and all unknown person who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.

Case Number: 2025CV30074 Division 3

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 244 and 245, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.
Dated: April 27, 2026
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Last Publication: _____
s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
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District Court, Archuleta County, Colorado
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 970-264-8160

David G. Mandy Investment Trust, Plaintiff v.

National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC, a delinquent Colorado limited liability company; April Bergman, in her capacity as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County, Colorado; Elsa White, in her capacity as Treasurer of Archuleta County; and all unknown person who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants.

Case Number: 2025CV30071 Division 3

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
(1) National Recreational Properties of Pagosa Springs, LLC;
(2) All Unknown Person Who May Claim Any Interest in the Subject Matter of this Action
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title of the parties, along with other relief, related in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, to wit: LOTS 205 and 206, CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO ON JUNE 4, 1973 AT RECEPTION NO. 77868.

Dated: April 27, 2026
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s/ Jeffrey B. Cullers
Attorney for Plaintiff
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
RADO
Court Address: 109 Harman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel.: 970.264.8160
Plaintiff:

Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc. v.
Defendants:
Charles H Miel, et al.
Case No.:2026CV30008
Attorney for Plaintiff:
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Email: ir@ecrfegal.com

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S) : DOLORES FAY MATZAT, MIA G JACKSON, WILLIAM T REYNOLDS, EVELYN F REYNOLDS, JAMES E CHATFIELD, THELMA E CHATFIELD, M. MARGARET MCMAINS, HOWARD MCMAINS, CARLA C HALL, MORRIS H RYAN, ANNA L RYAN, MICHAEL D POINTS, EDIE F POINTS, VALERIE MAE HALL, EDWIN LEROY BROWN, SYLVIA T WEBB, DONNA PALMER, MARY MARGARET CROW, CHARLES D RALLS, MARTHA L WEG, VANESSA SHERREE ALVAREZ, JOHN L SUMMERS, MILTON D BRACY, MARY PAULINE BRACY, PATRICK MARK CLOPTON, AMY RUTH CLOPTON, VICTORIA JENSEN, STANFORD L JENSEN, JOE A GOMEZ, LOUANN GOMEZ, MARIA CARROLL, JAMES CARROLL.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an *in rem* action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Teal Landing Condominiums for failure to pay assessments to Teal Landing Vacation Owners Association, Inc.
Published in the *Pagosa Springs Sun*
First Publication: April 23, 2026
Last Publication: May 21, 2026
s/ Christopher B. Conley
Christopher B. Conley
Published April 23, 30 and May 7, 14, 21, 2026 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (298663)

DISTRICT COURT, Archuleta County, STATE OF COLORADO
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2025CV030032 DIVISION NO. 3
INITIAL COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFFS' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM

Plaintiff, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v.
Defendants, ANGELA N. GERASOPOULUS et al
Regarding: Condominium Unit 26F, in Condominium Building No. 28, Supplement No. 1 to the Pinon Condominiums, according to the Condominium Map filed for record May 29, 1981, at Reception No. 104685, and as defined and described in Condominium Declaration for Pinon Condominiums recorded March 30, 1981, in Book 178 Page 830, and Supplemental Condominium Declaration No. 1 recorded May 29, 1981 in Book 186, Page 457, and Amended Declaration recorded January 20, 1984, in Book 207, Page 180. LESS AND EXCEPT that portion of the common area known as Valley View Road, as shown on the Replat of Supplement No 1 Pinon Condominiums Map filed January 7, 1982, at Reception No. 106953, all in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado
Also known as: 40 Valley View Dr, #3150, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 9 a.m., on the 24th day of June 2026, at 85 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8430. At which sale, the above-described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THEIR HIGHEST BID AT TIME OF SALE.
Further, for the purpose of paying off, during default or redemption, as provided by statute, intent must be directed to or conducted at the above address of the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Department of Archuleta County, Colorado.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

First Publication: 4/30/2026
Last Publication: 5/22/2026
Published In: Pagosa Sun

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CURE AND RIGHT TO REDEEM

RE: Sheriff's Sale of Real Property pursuant to Order and Decree of Foreclosure and C.R.S. 38-38, 101 et seq.

This is to advise you that a Sheriff sale proceeding has been commenced through the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to a Court Order and Decree dated January 9, 2026, and C.R.S. 38-38-101 et seq., by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on July 22, 2024 at Rec. No. 22402989, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Restrictions Pagosa, recorded on June 24, 1970 at Reception No. 73297 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The Declaration and notices, as recorded, establish a lien for the benefit of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, **WHICH LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.**

You may have an interest in the real property being affected, or have certain rights or suffer certain liabilities or loss of your interest in the subject property as a result of said foreclosure. You may have the right to redeem the real property or you may have the right to cure a default under the instrument being foreclosed. Any Notice of Intent to Cure must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. **A notice of intent to cure filed pursuant to section 38-38-104 shall be filed with the officer**

at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the first scheduled sale date or any date to which the sale is continued.

If the sale is continued to a later date, the deadline to file a notice of intent to cure by those parties entitled to cure may also be extended.
A notice of intent to redeem filed pursuant to sections 38-38-302 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight (8) business days after the sale.

In this regard, you may desire and are advised to consult with your own private attorney.
IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFBP), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
Colorado Attorney General
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Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov
Further you are advised that the parties liable thereon, the owner of the property described above, or those with an interest in the subject property, may take appropriate and timely action under Colorado statutes, certain sections of which are attached hereto.
In order to be entitled to take advantage of any rights provided for under Colorado law, you must strictly comply and adhere to the provisions of the law. Further, you

are advised that the attached Colorado statutes merely set forth the applicable portions of Colorado statutory law relating to curative and redemption rights, therefore, you should read and review all the applicable statutes, and laws in order to determine the requisite procedures and provisions which control your rights in the subject property.
DATED in Colorado this 6th day of March 2026.

Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Mike LeRoux
Sheriff Mike LeRoux

ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF:
ORTEN CAVANAUGH HOLMES & HUNT, LLC
1445 Market Street, Suite 350
Denver, CO 80202
Statutes attached: §§38-37-108, 38-38-103, 38-38-104, 38-38-301, 38-38-304, 38-38-305, 38-38-305.5 and 38-38-306, C.R.S., as amended.
Published April 30, May 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (299936)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION FOR TREASURER'S DEED
2026-05-07
R015797

To all current occupants, owners, parties of interest, and to all others listed on the mailing list on file at the Treasurer's Office:
You are hereby notified that on March 25, 2026, the Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado, sold a tax lien on the following property at public sale to DEBRA W CORKISH ("COP HOLDER"):
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision: ASPEN SPRINGS SUB 6 Lot: 78 AS 6 Sec: 16 Twn: 34U Rng: 3W

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 163 ALLISON PLACE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO, 81147
A Certificate of purchase was issued to the COP HOLDER for unpaid property taxes for the year 2021-2024.

The property was assessed in the name of JAMES PARKER ("PROPERTY OWNER").
On March 25, 2026, DEBRA W CORKISH ("LAWFUL HOLDER"), a public certificate holder, filed an Application for a Public Auction of a Certificate of Option for Treasurer's Deed (COO), under C.R.S. 39-11.5-101.
NOTICE: The property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at 10 am on Wednesday, September 2, 2026. The sale will include the real estate and all interests held by the Lawful Holder, along with applicable fees, costs, and legal charges.
First Publication: 4/30/2026
Last Publication: 5/14/2026
Published in: PAGOSA SPRINGS SLIN
You may track the Public Auction date on the Treasurer's website:
The property may be redeemed at any time before the actual public auction.
Dated: March 31, 2026
/s/ELSA P. WHITE
ELSA P. WHITE, TREASURER of Archuleta County, Colorado
Published April 30, May 7, and 14, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (296623)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ARCHULETA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to C.R.S. 25-10-104, that the Archuleta County Board of Health will hold a public hearing on May 28, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, to consider the following: REVISIONS TO THE ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM REGULATIONS FOR THE ARCHULETA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
The proposed Revision to the On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Regulations are available for review at the County Development Services Department at 1122 Highway 84, Pagosa Springs, CO during regul-

lar business hours. They can also be viewed online at https://www.archuletacounty.gov/county-government/development-services/water-quality-department.
Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Board of Health, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said public

hearing.
Dated: April 29, 2026
/s/ Jessica Green, Water Quality Manager
Published May 7, 2026, in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. (300934)

PUBLIC NOTICES: YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The notices you see on this page include important information from local governmental bodies and attorneys that may be of interest to you. These notices can include information about public hearings, property assessments and changes in assessment, assumed names, name changes, claims notices, public meeting dates and financial statements.

Legal advertising Deadline: Friday noon*

Bring your legal advertisement or public notice to our offices at 457 Lewis Street, or email to legal@pagosasun.com

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

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2026 CONTRIBUTION	\$ 885,401.00
WORKERS COMP DUES	\$ 260,156.00
EMPL MDT BENEFITS	\$ 207,425.67
JOHN DEERE 772	\$ 79,392.07
ARCH CNTY GRANT FUNDS	\$ 70,000.00
CONSV TRUST PREP/GRAVEL WORK	\$ 50,000.00
ANNUNTS/STATION FEES	\$ 39,000.00
RDS REPAIR/ENG SVCS/CONSTRUCT	\$ 35,762.79
4B CONSTRUCT/GEN ENG & ENV MONITORING	\$ 28,838.87
CNTY CLEANING SVCS	\$ 22,950.00
PAG TRAILS RDS	\$ 21,576.18
AGENCY SUPPORT/GRANT	\$ 20,790.00
DUES	\$ 19,011.00
INMATE MENTAL HEALTH SVCS/	
CONTRACT SVCS	\$ 18,251.71
ANN RNWLS	\$ 17,534.27
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PROSSIONAL SVCS Q4 2025	\$ 16,850.00
DHS CONTRACT SVCS/COMMISS FUNDED APP	\$ 16,406.12
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PUB HEALTH COALITION MGT PROJ KICKOFF	\$ 9,214.00
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Sports



TRACK



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Pirate athletes take to the track and field during their annual home meet, the Terry Alley Invitational. The meet featured primarily Pirate athletes competing under sunny skies, with many setting personal records.

Pirates host Terry Alley Invitational

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field team hosted the Terry Alley Invitational on Saturday, May 2, and now head into the final week of the regular season.

“The meet was very small and Pagosa had probably 80% of the entries in the meet,” wrote coach Connie O’Donnell in an email to The SUN. “The weather was perfect and we were able to get some much needed personal records.”

The team also honored the seniors and their parents at the meet.

One of the biggest highlights of the meet was the 1,600-meter race, noted assistant coach Tim Taylor.

“It was a banner day for racers in the 1600 meter run, as almost all Pagosa runners recorded a personal best time,” wrote Taylor in an email.

On the girls’ side, Abigail Foss won the girls’ 100-meter dash with a time of 13.86 seconds. Molly Washburn placed third with a time of 14.07 seconds, Ahrianna Martinez placed fourth with a time of 14.38 seconds, Amber Snarr placed fifth with a time of 14.62 seconds, Katie Baker placed sixth with a time of 14.63 seconds, Bentley Briscoe placed eighth with a time of 14.91, Darria Fiorenza placed ninth with a time of 14.98 seconds, Hannah Stretton placed 11th with a time of 15.25 seconds, Nevaeh Evans placed 14th with a time of 15.35 seconds, Quinn Howard placed 17th with a time of 15.75 seconds, Mikaila Anderson placed 20th with a time of 16.30 seconds, Italia Pereyra placed 21st with a time of 17.21 seconds, and Samantha Abraham placed 22nd with a time of 18.68 seconds.

Nina Wood won the girls’ 200-meter dash with a time of 27.36 seconds, Lexi Campbell placed second with a time of 27.78 second, Foss placed fourth with a time of 28.52 seconds, Washburn placed fifth with a time of 28.80 seconds, Martinez placed sixth with a time of 29.35 seconds, Snarr placed seventh with a time of 29.96 seconds, Fiorenza placed 10th with a time of 31.49 seconds, Veda Deitemeyer placed 11th with a time of 31.76 seconds, Briscoe placed 12th with a time of 31.90 seconds, Evans placed 14th with a time of 32.25 seconds, Howard placed 15th with a time of 32.80 seconds, Anderson placed 17th with a time of 33.90 seconds, and Abraham placed 19th with a time of

39.16 seconds.

Corinna Galabota won the girls’ 400-meter dash with a time of one minute, 6.97 seconds, and Avery Book placed third with a time of 1:08.46.

Lily DeClark won the girls’ 800-meter run with a time of 2:39.37 and Dawson Iverson placed third with a time of 3:40.60.

DeClark won the girls’ 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:52.09, Madi Stretton placed second with a time of 5:54.64, Lucia Rivera placed third with a time of 6:21.83, and Clara Kurz placed fourth with a time of 6:30.09.

Madi Stretton won the girls’ 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:39.07 and Rivera placed second with a time of 13:54.50.

Annaliese Hinger placed second in the girls’ 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.97 seconds.

Hinger placed second in the girls’ 300-meter hurdles with a time of 59.05 seconds.

Pagosa Springs had four relay teams compete in the girls’ 4x100-meter relay.

A team won with a time of 52.21 seconds, a team placed second with a time of 55.03 seconds, a team placed third with a time of 57.24 seconds and a team placed fourth with a time of 1:00.58.

The Pagosa Springs girls’ 4x200-meter relay team placed second with a time of 2:02.38.

The Pagosa Springs girls’ 4x400-meter relay team placed first with a time of 4:54.50.

Deitemeyer placed third in the girls’ high jump with a jump of 4 feet, 4 inches. Iverson placed fourth with a jump of 4-2.

Wood placed first in the girls’ long jump with a jump of 15-3, Book placed second with a jump of 14-11, Baker placed fifth with a jump of 13-9, Brynn Looper placed ninth with a jump of 12-4.5, and Howard and Hannah Stretton each placed 10th with jumps of 12-3.5.

Campbell placed first in the girls’ triple jump with a jump of 33-11, Galabota placed fourth with a jump of 27-11, and Iverson placed sixth with a jump of 24-1.

Malorie Morton placed first in the girls’ discus with a throw of 111-11, Liana Vega placed second with a throw of 103-5, Makaela Denton placed third with a throw of 83-1, Paisley Lister placed eighth with a throw of 64-9, Charlie Barraza-Haymaker placed 11th with a throw

of 59-4, and Raleigh Iverson placed 15th with a throw of 48-9.

Vega won the girls’ shot put with a throw of 32-2.75, Lister placed fifth with a throw of 23-4, Raleigh Iverson placed seventh with a throw of 22-5.75, Denton placed 11th with a throw of 20-6.5, and Barraza-Haymaker placed 12th with a throw of 18-11.5.

On the boys’ side, Colton Lucero won the boys’ 100 with a time of 11.33 seconds, Johnny Baker placed second with a time of 11.86 seconds, Hudson Mazur placed third with a time of 11.98 seconds, Jammer Grigsby placed fourth with a time of 12.04 seconds, Truman Vasek placed fifth with a time of 12.07 seconds, Alex Pacheco placed sixth with a time of 12.09 seconds, Xavier Sanchez placed seventh with a time of 12.36 seconds, Jerry Su placed eighth with a time of 12.50 seconds, Cash O’Neal placed 10th with a time of 12.55 seconds, Jaycub Carter placed 13th with a time of 12.92 seconds, Eathon Dang placed 14th with a time of 13.49 seconds, Connor Kirkham placed 15th with a time of 13.86 seconds, and Javier Tinoco placed 16th with a time of 14.14 seconds.

Lucero won the boys’ 200 as well with a time of 22.93 seconds, Grigsby placed second with a time of 24.32 seconds, Sanchez placed third with a time of 25.23 seconds, Gage Sams placed fourth with a time of 25.56 seconds, Koen Pitcher placed fifth with a time of 25.63 seconds, Su placed sixth with a time of 26.50 seconds, Desmond Murphy placed seventh with a time of 26.57 seconds, Dang placed ninth with a time of 27.61 seconds, Zyan Souza placed 10th with a time of 27.99 seconds, O’Neal placed 11th with a time of 28.07 seconds, and Tinoco placed 12th with a time of 30.59 seconds.

Connor Thomas won the boys’ 400-meter dash with a time of 56.78 seconds, Chatwin Pickering placed second with a time of 58.88 seconds, Elijah Julian placed third with a time of 59.83 seconds, and Murphy placed fourth with a time of 1:01.73.

Rylan Ash won the boys’ 800 with a time of 2:09.23 and Eli Nehring placed fifth with a time of 2:45.28.

Ash won the boys’ 1,600 with a time of 4:41.15, Julian placed second with a time of 5:03.53, Thomas placed third with a time of 5:04.64, ■ See Track A14

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BASEBALL

Pirates clinch playoff spot, end regular season with wins

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team clinched a spot in this year's 3A state playoffs after closing the regular season out with three straight wins.

The Pirates played three double-headers over the last week of the regular season. They started with three straight losses, but finished with three straight wins and now sit at 13-10 as they await their playoff opponent.

The Pirates started their final week with a doubleheader in Durango on Wednesday, April 29.

Coach Jon Wells explained he knew that both games were going to be tough, with Durango being a top-five team in 4A.

The Demons showed their prowess, winning game one 18-3 and game two 10-0.

Still, Wells noted he's proud of the way his team competed.

"Really proud of the boys," he said. "I mean, they did put in some really hard effort, and there were stretches where we were competitive."

In the first game, the Pirates finished with one hit and committed three errors.

The Demons scored nine in the first, three in the second and six in the third. The Pirates scored three in the second, and the game was over after they failed to score in the fourth.

Kasen Limebrook was the only Pirate to record a hit. Limebrook, Hudson Davis and Dylan Dempster scored the three runs.

Noah Bellina, Taylor Wells and Davis combined to give up 18 runs (15 earned) on 16 hits in three innings of work. They walked a combined five batters and struck out two.

In the second game, the Pirates finished with three hits and committed six errors.

The Demons scored eight in the first, one in the second, one in the third and held the Pirates scoreless. The game ended after the Pirates went scoreless in the fifth.

Zach Pouyer, Bellina and Jonathan Moncada each finished with a hit in the game.

Pirates Braylon Landry and Moncada combined to give up 10 runs (seven earned) on three hits, walking six and striking out one.

"We saw better pitching than we've seen, we saw better hitting than we've seen [and] we saw better defense than we've seen," said Jon Wells. "When you face that kind of stuff, you get better. So, it was a good experience."

The Pirates turned their attention to their rivals, Bayfield, after the Du-

rango doubleheader. On Saturday, May 2, the team headed to Bayfield to square off in two straight games.

Game one saw some controversy as the umpires made a decision to take a run away from the Pirates, overturning an appeal made by Jon Wells.

The Pirates ended up losing 5-4 to the Wolverines.

"It was our best hitting doubleheader of the season. Again, we played defense well, we pitched well, so just really proud of the boys, and it finishes that season on a real high note, you know, heading into the playoffs."

Coach Jon Wells

The Pirates jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the game, but the Wolverines responded with two runs of their own. Neither team scored over the next three innings. Then the Pirates added another run, tying the game up, in the fifth. The Wolverines answered by scoring three in the bottom of the fifth to retake the lead.

A scoreless sixth for both teams forced the Pirates to try and come back down while down to their final three outs. They scored two, but it wasn't enough and they lost 5-4.

Dempster and Aaron Sowle each had a multihit game. They each had two hits, and Sowle had three RBIs. Taylor Wells had a hit and three runs, Bellina had a hit, Pouyer had a hit and a run, and Limebrook and Moncada each had a hit.

Taylor Wells started on the mound for the Pirates. He gave up four runs (three earned) on three hits in four innings of work. He also walked seven and struck out seven. Pouyer came in relief and gave up a run while walking five batters in two innings.

"It was frustrating because we lose by one run in part because of an umpire overruling to make a call incorrect, taking that one run away from us," said Jon Wells. "It really honestly lit a fire in the boys. They got upset with it. They got really determined to take it to Bayfield in the second game, and that's exactly what they did."

The Pirates won the second game 16-4 to split the doubleheader.

The Pirates finished with 12 hits in the game and no errors.

The Pirates scored seven runs in the first inning, then put up back-to-back four spots in the third and fourth innings to take a 15-4 lead. They scored one more run in the fifth and won via the run rule.

Four Pirates had a multihit game. Pouyer had three hits, three runs and five RBIs. Davis went 2-for-3 with two runs and an RBI. Limebrook had two hits, two runs and an RBI. Dempster had two hits, three runs and an RBI.

Taylor Wells had a hit, a run and an RBI. Sebastian Gonzalez had a hit, a run and an RBI. Moncada had a hit, two runs and two RBIs.

On the mound, Kaeden Iguchi threw a complete game, giving up four earned runs on six hits over five innings. He walked five batters and struck out two.

"We were just determined to really make it known that we were the better team there, and I think we did so," said Jon Wells.

The Pirates ended their regular season with a doubleheader in Ignacio on Tuesday, May 5.

After the win over Bayfield, the team was in a good playoff position, but they wanted to solidify their spot in the postseason in their final two games, noted Jon Wells.

He told them to finish the season by putting an exclamation point on it. They did just that, winning both games by a combined score of 30-10.

The Pirates won the first game 15-4 in six innings, finishing with 15 hits and committing three errors.

The Pirates jumped out to an early 6-3 lead after the first inning and kept their foot on the gas pedal. They scored four in the fifth and three in the sixth while only allowing one more run after the first.

Five Pirates had a multihit game. Dempster had three hits, two runs and an RBI. Taylor Wells had two hits and two runs. Bellina had two hits, three runs and an RBI. Sowle had two hits, a run and an RBI. Moncada had two hits, two runs and two RBIs.

Pouyer added a hit, a run and an RBI. Gonzalez added a hit, a run and two RBIs. Limebrook had a hit, a run and two RBIs. Davis had a hit and a run.

Taylor Wells threw a complete game as well, giving up four runs (two earned) on two hits in six innings. He struck out seven and walked four.

The Pirates closed out the season with a 15-6 win in the second game. The boys finished with 20 hits and committed three errors.

The Pirates found themselves down three after the first, but scored 11 unanswered runs over the next four innings. They added three in the

sixth and one more in the seventh while giving up two in the sixth and one in the seventh to win 15-6.

Seven Pirates had multiple hits in the game. Taylor Wells finished with four hits and two runs in the game. Davis had three hits, a run and two RBIs. Limebrook had three hits, two runs and two RBIs. Bellina had two hits, three runs and an RBI. Gonzalez had two hits and two runs. Dempster had two hits, two runs and two RBIs. Sowle had two hits and three RBIs.

Pouyer added a hit as well as an RBI. Landry scored a run, and Moncada had an RBI.

Iguchi gave up five runs (four earned) on eight hits in six innings. In relief, Bellina gave up a run on one hit in one inning.

"It was our best hitting doubleheader of the season," said Jon Wells. "Again, we played defense well, we pitched well, so just really proud of the boys, and it finishes that season on a real high note, you know, heading into the playoffs."

As of Wednesday, May 6, the Pirates are currently ranked No. 21 in 3A and comfortably in the playoffs. The regular season ends for all teams on May 12, so the Pirates now have a bit of a break before playoffs start.

"We did not make [the] playoffs last year, and so playoffs really were the goal," said Jon Wells. "We've got about a week and a half to see where we play, but the boys are feeling really good and really proud of themselves for what they accomplished."

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Track

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Kieran Kurz placed fifth with a time of 5:23.40, Isaac Hanto placed sixth with a time of 5:40.21, and Nehring placed seventh with a time of 6:15.34.

Jeremiah Jones won the boys' 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.39 seconds, Carter placed fifth with a time of 19.18 seconds, Vincent Fish placed sixth with a time of 19.84 seconds, Jaiden Jones placed seventh with a time of 19.86 seconds, and Souza placed eighth with a time of 20.11 seconds.

Jeremiah Jones won the boys' 300 hurdles with a time of 43.56 seconds, Carter placed third with a time of 47.91 seconds, Souza placed fourth with a time of 50.46 seconds, and Dang placed fifth with a time of 51.96.

One Pagosa Springs boys' 4x100 team placed first with a time of 44.53 seconds and the other placed third with a time of 47.65 seconds.

One Pagosa Springs boys' 4x200 team placed first with a time of

1:35.28 and the other placed second with a time of 1:40.55.

Jeremiah Jones won the boys' high jump with a jump of 6-2, Sams placed third with a jump of 6-0, Pitcher placed sixth with a jump of 5-8, Vasek placed seventh with a jump of 5-8, and Milo Deitemeyer placed eighth with a jump of 5-6.

Jeremiah Dean won the boys' long jump with a jump of 19-0.5, Mazur placed second with a jump of 18-4.5, Fish placed third with a jump of 18-2.5, Pickering placed fifth with a jump of 17-1, Pacheco placed sixth with a jump of 16-9, Sanchez placed seventh with a jump of 16-6, and Jaiden Jones placed ninth with a jump of 16-3.

Jeremiah Jones placed first in the boys' triple jump with a jump of 40-6.25, Milo Deitemeyer placed second with a jump of 38-5.75, Pickering placed fourth with a jump of 34-8.5, and Kirkham placed fifth with a jump of 32-8.25.

Emile Schneider won the boys' discus with a throw of 134-8, Aidan

Vega placed second with a throw of 121-11, Lincoln Butler placed eighth with a throw of 85-0, Quintin Cheykaychi placed 10th with a throw of 78-9, and James Beaudry placed 11th with a throw of 74-0.

Schneider placed second in the boys' shot put with a throw of 40-10, Aidan Vega placed third with a throw of 37-8.5, Butler placed sixth with a throw of 34-8.5, Cheykaychi placed 10th with a throw of 29-9, and Beaudry placed 13th with a throw of 26-1.

The Pirates are bringing about 20 athletes to the Friday Night Lights meet in Pueblo on Friday, May 8, as O'Donnell and her assistants give some athletes one last chance to qualify for states.

"I would say that while we are hoping for a few more individual qualifiers, we are focused on relays," wrote O'Donnell. "Our handoffs need to be seamless in order to get the times we need to qualify."

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Soccer

Lady Pirates cap off season with 1-1-1 week

By Jack Sellner
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team finished up its season last week, going 1-1-1 to finish the season with a 6-7-1 overall record.

The Lady Pirates began their final week of the season with a big match-up at home versus rival Bayfield. Despite beating the Wolverines 6-1 earlier this season, the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

The Lady Pirates were ranked No. 32 after the tie and held the final play-off spot with two games remaining.

The first game was at home against Del Norte on Thursday, April 30, and the second game was at Fruita Monument, facing off against a 5A playoff team, on Friday, May 1.

Coach Trevor Gian explained he knew the girls needed to finish the season strong if they wanted to make the playoffs and continue to play soccer this season.

Thursday's game against Del Norte was the final home game of the regular season and senior night for the Lady Pirates.

The girls handled their emotions great and attacked the game, noted Gian, and the Lady Pirates won the game 4-1.

"Couldn't ask for a better senior night game," he said. "And the win, obviously, was something we were looking for."

The girls were up 2-1 at halftime, but were able to flip the script in the second half and came out in dominant fashion on their way to a 4-1 win, Gian emphasized.

Senior Terriana Cage and junior Ximena Garcia each had two goals for the Lady Pirates in the game. Garcia also added an assist.

After the win over Del Norte, the Lady Pirates headed to Fruita for their final game of the regular season. The Fruita Monument Wildcats held a 4-5-2 record heading into the game and were ranked in the top 40 in 5A.

Gian explained he knew the game would be tough, and it was made even tougher as the girls had a shortened warmup due to being late to the game.

The girls lost the game 10-0, but gained not only the respect of their coaches, but the respect of their opponents, Gian noted after the game.

"You can coach some tactics, things like that," he said, "but you can't really coach heart, and that's what I'd take out of that one, at the end of the day. Backs against the wall, and they showed heart the entire way."

When it was all said and done, the Lady Pirates finished ranked No. 34 in 3A, two spots off the playoffs.

Still, Gian noted he appreciates that his team was in a position to even fight for a playoff spot down the stretch.

His goal for the team was for them to never quit on the season, and they never did, he indicated.

"We just wanted to give ourselves a shot at playoffs, show people who



Lady Pirate Izzy Ratcliff moves the ball through a pair of Del Norte Tigers during the Lady Pirates' final home game on Thursday, April 30. The team won 4-1.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

the Pirates are and what kind of program we have here in Pagosa," he said. "When they see the Pagosa Pirates on the schedule, they know what they're going up against."

Gian also emphasized that the success that this year's team had wouldn't have been possible without the leadership and experience of its seniors.

Heidy Renteria, Kaylee Hensle, Xyra Belarmino, Natalia Monterroso, Katelyn Fricke and Cage all played their final game in a Lady Pirate uniform on Friday.

"They have [had an] amazing impact on the team on and off the field," Gian said. "So, yeah, it'll be tough losing them."

Despite losing such an important class of seniors, Gian is confident that the younger girls will step up next year.

He emphasized that this group of juniors will continue to build off the foundation of the girls that came before them.

"This junior class, they'll be prepared for it," he said. "Getting to learn from those seniors and see it will give them the insights to continue embracing the legacy of being a Pirate soccer player and setting the tone for the younger players that they're going to inherit."

Gian also emphasized that assistant coach Dyan Rice's impact on the team often goes unnoticed and this year's success wouldn't have been possible without her.

"I'm just proud of the team, proud of the girls, and really, really happy with what we saw this season," Gian said.

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Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association announces winners of Cloman Park archery shoot

Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association

The Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association hosted its second archery competitive shoot on Sunday, March 3, at Cloman Park.

Approximately 60 archers attended the event on a perfect day of sun and fun in Pagosa Springs where 3-D animal targets were placed along a winding trail for archers to test their skills. The targets were placed at various distances ranging from 20 feet to 80 yards.

Archers were required to range or guess the distances as part of animal hunt. Targets were arranged in various configurations, some hiding in grass or behind trees, and others were standing, sitting and laying on the ground.

Classifications for the shoot were divided into eight groups for all to enjoy. The list of winners is as follows:

- Men's Open: First place Owen Phone Jr., Dulce, N.M.
 - Women's Open: First place Barbara Ellis, Pagosa Springs.
 - Men's Bowhunter: First place David Archuleta, Blanco, N.M.
 - Women's Bowhunter: First place Melanie John, Chinle, Ariz.
 - Men's Traditional: First place Tadd Quiller, Pagosa Springs.
 - Women's Traditional: First place Sydney Quiller, Pagosa Springs.
 - Youth: First-place tie between Christopher Manwell, Dulce, N.M., and Deegan Hoffschneider, Pagosa Springs.
 - Cubs: First place Cole S.
- At the end of the event some archers elected to try their skill at

shooting a metal bear target with the center cut out. If they managed to hit the center, their arrow was saved. If they hit anywhere else on the bear, their arrow was shattered by the steel. The winner was awarded \$100 cash.

The Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association would like to thank Wes Lavery, Jody Ellis and the many other volunteers who took time to set up the targets for the competition and later take them down. The volunteers for this event worked hand in hand to make it a safe, friendly and successful archery competition.

If you would like to join our organization, go to wolfcreekgunandbow.org. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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Blood drive set for May 13

By David Hamilton
Special to The PREVIEW

As a young adult I remember hearing the news of a close friend who was involved in a tragic car wreck. Thankfully, he survived the crash; however, the hospital reached out to our small community asking for blood donations. Realizing the need and the potential of helping to save his life, we willingly gave blood.

Since that first time, I have always made it a point to give blood and help save the lives of others.

The local phlebotomists report that the blood drawn in the middle of the week in Pagosa Springs is typically used within three days in hospitals throughout the Four Corners. Every two seconds someone needs a transfusion because of a traumatic injury, hemorrhaging or an ongoing medical condition.

Please take time from your busy schedule to provide a blood donation at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1879 Majestic Drive, on Wednesday, May 13, from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

Please contact local volunteer David Hamilton by call or text to (970) 799-4056 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

You may also go directly to vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL.

Vets4Vets announces May events

By Sam Goulds
Vets4Vets

The Vets4Vets organization is dedicated to providing support and, often, financial aid to Colorado veterans. We have proudly supported our veterans for 15 years with financial aid or rides to medical appointments. Most of our members are veterans, and many are children or spouses of men and who served our country in its time of need.

May is a particularly important time for all of our veterans.

On May 19, volunteers will gather at Hilltop Cemetery to place American flags on the graves of all veterans.

This is a very moving time for many of us.

Our annual golf tournament at Rio Grande Golf Club near South Fork will take place on May 23. This fundraising event allows us to add to our coffers the money needed to continue supporting our veterans. Many local merchants contribute gifts to give out to the golfers for lowest score or other achievements. Many of our volunteers will be there to help with all that is needed to make this a fun, successful event.

May 25 is the most important day for our veterans. This day is set aside to honor the many who gave the most

in protecting our freedom. There will be a ceremony at Hilltop Cemetery where we will assemble around the flag pole at 9:45 a.m. This event will kick off with a flyover by the San Juan Squadron at 10 a.m., followed by a rifle volley and bugle call to "Taps."

Our work is never over. On May 26 at 11:30 a.m., volunteers will gather at Hilltop Cemetery to collect the flags from the graves.

If any of you are driving along Vista Boulevard at 9 a.m. on May 9, you will see Vets4Vets volunteers out for the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. We are proud to keep Pagosa Springs clean and beautiful.

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San Juan Stargazers to continue focus on recent discoveries at May 7 meeting

By Joan Mieritz
San Juan Stargazers

Everyone is invited to learn about the James Webb Space Telescope discoveries with the San Juan Star-

Application process open for Fourth of July parade

Archuleta County

Archuleta County has opened the application process for the 2026 Independence Day Parade.

We welcome local businesses, nonprofits and community groups to join the celebration.

Apply online at archuletacounty.gov to secure your spot in the lineup.

End of Life Education to spend time on Colorado end-of-life laws

By Joan Mieritz
End of Life Education

On Wednesday, May 13, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street, we will spend important time on Colorado laws that aid a person at the end of life to shorten the time of possible pain by personally taking a "home-delivered" "cocktail".

The process needs to be doctor-monitored and must follow our state laws precisely.

The doctors who are able to help with the process are very busy and do not feel they have the time to meet with us personally. I am greatly disappointed, but can only respect their decision. I feel that the only thing I can do is get copies of the law and

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gazers.

They will be the main program topic for the San Juan Stargazers monthly meetings, except when we have guest speakers. Tom Hanchet, from Apollo mission control will be speaking in June.

The next meeting of the San Juan Stargazers will be at the Community United Methodist Church at

434 Lewis St. There is a parking lot and side door into the kitchen. The main front doors to the sanctuary are locked.

The meeting will be on Thursday, May 7, and will begin at 6 p.m. with our social hour for visiting and snacks. At 7 p.m., our program will begin.

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“Leaping Cougar” by Chris Roebuck. At the May 13 Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting, Roebuck will present “Photographing Motion: Creating Impressionistic or Abstract Images.”

Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting to focus on creating impressionistic or abstract images

By Andy Butler
Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will meet on May 13 in the fellowship hall of the Community United Methodist Church, located at 434 Lewis St.

Feel free to arrive anytime after 6 p.m. to socialize; the program begins at 6:30 p.m. Club meetings are open to the public.

This month’s presentation will be by Chris Roebuck on “Photographing Motion: Creating Impressionistic or Abstract Images.”

Roebuck will discuss seven different approaches to photographing motion, as diverse as using fast shutter speeds to freeze motion to long exposures coupled with intentional camera motion to create abstract and impressionistic

images.

Try out some of these techniques to add variety and interest to your photos. This promises to be a presentation unlike any other you have seen.

Roebuck is a member of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club and is a student of digital photography. He has traveled widely through the western U.S. and around the world photographing nature’s wonders.

Following the presentation, we will have our monthly image-share session. Club members may bring up to five recent images to share and discuss with the group.

This meeting will also be available on Zoom. Club members will receive the Zoom link via email, and if you’re not on the list, you can request it by emailing abutler@mac.com.

May Virtual Shutter Challenge

Each month, the Photography Club holds a Virtual Shutter Challenge.

Share and discuss photos on the current topic on the club’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Pagosa-PhotoClub. You do not have to be a club member to participate.

The challenge for May is “Environmental Portraits.”

An environmental portrait tells a story before the subject speaks. It shows a person in a place that matters to them. Balance subject and

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meet with interested individuals to go over the requirements. I will do the best I can to answer questions.

If the meeting is not well-attended because of the short notice, we will set another time in the beginning of June.

We have so much that we need to learn. On Thursday, May 21, we will have a speaker we’ve had in the past because new information is being developed in the area of natural funerals.

It will be at 1 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

Last year, Karis Meskimen presented the new ideas of green burials, natural burials, human composting and water cremation. Many of the newest ideas were started in other states and then are first presented in Denver and/or suburbs.

Meskimen did a great job of shar-

ing new methods of handling bodies that are much better for the environment. She has new information to share with us. I know that when she spoke last year many people were interested in learning more.

We hope to see you at these events for an important learning experience and something that you will find to be most helpful.

We almost always realize 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 and will become, better stronger and more complete people.

Our most recent talk by an assistant coroner, Danny Gonzalas, was one of the best we’ve had.

He indicated he feels that there is so much on this topic that needs better education.

We will start End of Life programs with his help at the end of September.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any elector of the Town of Pagosa Springs interested in serving on the Town Council may submit a completed application, found on the town website, with the Administrative Assistant, Traci Bishop, at Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd or PO Box 1859 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, on or before May 13, 2026.

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Attendees take advantage of the photo booth at the 2025 Denim and Diamonds Second Chance Prom. This year's event, themed "A Night in Hollywood," is set for May 16.

'A Night in Hollywood': Second Chance Prom to benefit Pagosa Community Initiative

By Carrie Blue-White
Pagosa Community Initiative

Pagosa Springs residents are invited to either relive prom magic or experience it for the first time at the Pagosa Community Initiative's (PCI) fourth annual Second Chance Prom on May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center (451 Hot Springs Blvd.).

This premier fundraiser transforms the venue into a dazzling Hollywood scene, open to all community members 21 and older, blending dance-floor fun with support for Archuleta County's vital family resource center.

PCI provides essential services like free after-school programming, mental health support, free and fee-based summer camp programs, parent education, and emergency funds to bolster local families.

"Prom is more than a night of

celebration," noted PCI board chair Carrie Blue-White. "Our \$45,000 goal funds these critical resources for youth and families."

Highlight the evening by voting for a prom queen and king from five charming local couples: Kevin and Sunshine Blue, Kim and Allen Domingo, Kevin and Julia Wood, Carli and Adam Luhrs, and Kari and Scott Burkett.

Votes, tickets and silent auction registration are at www.givebutter.com/PCIProm2026 — no attendance is required to vote or bid on exciting and locally provided items.

The silent auction will be live and open for bidding Monday, May 11.

Grab tickets or donate at www.givebutter.com/PCIProm2026 or www.pagosacommunityinitiative.org.

Reach Executive Director Rebecca Tenpenny at director@pagosacommunityinitiative.org or (970) 585-6461 for details.

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setting so neither overpowers. Seek honest light, quiet gestures and details that hint to us who they are.

To participate, share up to three images on the theme by commenting on the post on this topic on our Facebook page.

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Healthy Archuleta growing wellness and mental health in Archuleta County through gardening

Healthy Archuleta

On a cool spring evening in Pagosa Springs, a small group of neighbors gathers around a raised garden bed. Some are experienced growers, their hands already familiar with the rhythm of the soil. Others are there for the first time, unsure of where to begin, but curious.

A packet of seeds is passed around. Someone asks when to plant. Another shares what worked last year. There's laughter, a few quiet moments and the steady, simple work of preparing the ground. It doesn't look like a mental health program. But, in many ways, it is.

As May marks Mental Health Awareness Month, conversations often focus on access to care, therapy, and crisis response — critical pieces of a larger system.

Yet, in rural communities like Archuleta County, where distance, cost and workforce shortages can make access to services challenging, support for mental health

often shows up in different, quieter ways. Sometimes, it looks like a garden.

Following a successful biennial food summit that brought the community together around food, health and resilience, Healthy Archuleta is shifting from conversation to practice, creating opportunities to support well-being in everyday life.

One of those is the return of the Seed to Supper program, also known as Siembra La Cena: Grow It • Harvest It • Cook It.

Beginning on May 6, each week, participants come together not just to learn how to grow food in a high-altitude mountain environment, but to spend time with one another. They share stories. They ask questions.

They learn by doing.

Healthy Archuleta invites community members of all experience levels to join the Seed to Supper program this May. Whether you're new to gardening or returning to it, there is space to learn, connect and grow together.

Learn more and sign up at www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/garden-education1.html.

In Archuleta County, the work of building health continues, rooted in community, growing through connection and sustained by the simple act of showing up.

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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to hold Going Deeper Sharing Circle

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) meets monthly for the Going Deeper Sharing Circle on the second Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

We gather to reflect and share as we practice deep listening. All are invited to join in, as this is an open, safe circle of deepening your own life's journey and spiritual growth.

This week we will have a shortened gathering and invite you to come for a brief connection and meditation continuing our lament for the earth.

De Anna Hoyle, community engagement coordinator, will be present for anyone wishing to start the

day in quiet contemplation.

As a sponsor of Pagosa Pride, we partner with groups beyond Pagosa Springs. Some of the PUUF folks will join the Four Corner Alliance for Diversity's Big Queer BBQ on Sunday, May 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. held at Rotary Park in Durango. Perhaps we'll see you there.

We are a welcoming congregation, meaning we actively practice intentional LGBTQ+ welcoming ministry. Check out more at uua.org/lgbtq.

And if you like to plan ahead, next Sunday, on May 17, we will hear "A Unitarian Universalist Odyssey Through Hell," which will be offered by guest minister the Rev. Michael Brown from Santa Fe, N.M.

Visit our website, PagosaUU.org.

org, where you will find information about upcoming services and programs.

We offer space for ongoing programs and events at the UU Community Hub, such as the Tara Meditation Group held Sundays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Qigong practice on Monday afternoons. The Wise and Wakeful Circle, hosted by Elaine Harding and Sam Johnson, meets the second Saturday, May 9 this month.

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."

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center announces events

By Shayla McClure

SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center

On May 10 at 11 a.m., the SpiritFire Inspirational Living Center will have a Mother's Day potluck and celebration Sunday service at Xanadu with Shayla Azriel.

For more information, contact (970) 510-0309.

Upcoming event

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

- May 17, 11 a.m.: Vietnam Veterans Giveback Day. Service with refreshments after. Veterans, sign up for your free treatments by contacting (970) 510-0309.

The center also offers educational

classes and workshops.

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 pagosa-communitynewthought@gmail.com or texting/calling (970) 510-0309.

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Library expands children’s programming

By Barbara Brattin
PREVIEW Columnist

We’ve hired an additional children’s librarian, and that means we have a whole lot more fun in store for our young visitors.

New programs in May include a storytime just for babies, Preschool Pasta Art and Super Mario Bingo. Old favorites like Wednesday storytimes for all ages with Miss Sherry and Saturday LEGO Play continue, but get an enhancement with added movement and themed LEGO challenges.

After-school tutoring at the elementary school continues weekly on Wednesdays, and our therapy dog visits happen twice in May. Join Miss Sherry and Miss Saira as they delight and entertain you.

Here’s the full schedule:

- Baby Storytime (ages 0-2): You and your baby are invited to join us for a morning of stories, songs and giggles. Stay and play after storytime, connecting with fellow caregivers. Fridays, May 8 and 22, from 10 to 11 a.m.

- Family Storytime (all ages): Join us for an educational hour of reading, singing and free play, building early literacy skills together. Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

- LEGO Play (ages 6-11): Bring your own or use our LEGOs to free build. Each session will have a guided theme. Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to noon.

- Preschool Pasta Art (ages 3-5): Make necklaces out of uncooked pasta. Tuesday, May 12, from 4 to 5 p.m.

- Super Mario Bingo (grades 1-5): Play bingo with the characters from the newest Super Mario movie. Winners will receive a prize and every participant will receive a small reward. Thursday, May 21, from 4 to 5 p.m.

- Therapy dog visits (all ages): After storytime, take a moment to visit with certified therapy dog Mia. It’s a great way to de-stress, boost your mood and relax. Wednesdays, May 20 and 27, from 11 a.m. to noon.

- After-school tutoring in reading and math takes place every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Elementary School. (There will be no tutoring on May 27).

Pick up a schedule at the library’s front desk or find it online at www.pagosalibrary.org/events-calendar. We hope to see you at the library.

Thank you, Susan McAdams

When we lost our beloved friend and library cataloger Jeanne Hanson, we experienced a big backlog of new books to add to our catalog. In stepped Susan McAdams, retired library employee and cataloger, to save the day.

Susan caught us up in a matter of weeks, meaning our community got its new books faster. Thank you, Susan, for your tremendous help.

Library News

Library by the numbers

- 127: The number of tutor volunteer hours this school year.
- 1,723: The number of electronic books downloaded from Libby and Cloud Library in March.
- 16,984: The number of people with a Ruby Sisson Library card.
- 19,564: The number of physical items checked out the first three months of 2026.

Construction update

We have a fiber optic internet connection waiting for us on the other side of the alley that we are going to connect for an even faster library internet experience. To mitigate any road damage, we will bore a fiber optic pathway underneath the alleyway to run the cable across.

Washable rubber flooring in pretty colors will go into the children’s room in May to cushion toddler falls and reduce the traveling noise of happy children. Once all the flooring is installed in the addition, we’ll be able to add our new service desk and set up the children’s room. How fun.

June marks a big transition as we switch from the old side to the new side. We’ll transfer service to the new section while the old section gets a facelift.

In late August, the two portions will be combined into one big, beautiful building. Our grand opening is tentatively set for Labor Day weekend.

Follow us on Facebook for periodic pictures of progress.

Get ready for Summer Reading

It won’t be long till we kick off Summer Reading 2026. This year’s theme is “READ WILD!” and features books filled with action and adventure, plus lots of fun field trips and activities for all ages.

Collecting for local food banks

Are you heading out for the summer? Are you moving away? 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 where it’s needed.

English as a second language switches to citizenship classes

Join our test prep classes for the U.S. citizenship test on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church on South Pagosa Boulevard.

Colorado Parks Passes for checkout

The weather is perfect to get outside. Colorado state parks require a paid pass to enter, but you can borrow one from the library for a few days at no cost to you.

Passes come with a backpack filled with nature guides, binoculars and fun activities. Reserve yours today.

Meet us out in the community

Now that we have much less space for our operations and no meeting rooms during construction, several of our regular activities and special events are happening in other locations.

Please check the listings in this column and on your library’s website, pagosalibrary.org, for location changes throughout the construction. If no other location is mentioned, the activity will stay at your library.

Activities calendars

Pick up monthly calendars at the library or check the website, www.pagosalibrary.org/events-calendar.

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Online author talks

Join us live or catch the presentation later. Reserve your spot at libraryc.org/pagosalibrary.

On Thursday, May 7, at 5 p.m., join for an exciting conversation, "On Courage, Turmoil, and the Transformative Power of Love," with Marjan Kamali, bestselling author of "The Lion Women of Tehran."

On Thursday, May 14, at noon, join in conversation with Ruchika Sikri and Dr. Patrick Porter to chat about their book, "Brain Fitness Blueprint," in which they present a 30-day action plan to supercharge your brain and achieve peak performance.

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.

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.

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 "Search the Catalog" at the top of the screen.

Don't forget, if there is a waiting list for the book, it may be available now as an e-book or e-audiobook on CloudLibrary or Libby.

New and notable nonfiction

- "Boom: The True Story of the Wickedest Town in Texas," is the true story of lawless Borger, Texas, and the Texas ranger sent to tame it.

- "Pope Leo XIV: The Biography" is by Rome correspondent Elise Ann Allen.

- "Last Branch Standing: A Potentially Surprising, Occasionally Witty Journey Inside Today's Supreme Court" is by Advisory Opinions podcaster Sarah Isgur.

College prep

- "How to Write a Winning Scholarship Essay," and "Accepted! 50 Successful College Admission Essays" are from experts Gen and Kelly Tanabe.

For your health

- "How to Meditate Without Even Trying" is by Peter Russell, with a foreword by Eckhart Tolle.

- "Confronting Chronic Pain: A Guide to Relief" is from Johns Hopkins Press.

New fiction from bestselling authors

- Michael Crichton passed away in 2008, but left behind a newly released manuscript of "A Murder in Hollywood," written under his pseudonym John Lange and featuring the brilliant investigator Harvey Jason.

- Viola Davis and James Patterson teamed up to write "Judge Stone," full of courtroom drama and strong characters wrapped up in a moral dilemma.

- U.K. author Anthony Horowitz (Magpie Murders) is back with "A Deadly Episode," which solves the murder of fictional movie star David Caine.

Debut novels worth a look

- "I am Agatha" by Nancy Foley is described as "a beautiful love story and meditation on grief, memory, and art."

- "Upward Bound" from autistic, nonspeaking author Woody Brown is set in a dreary day care for adults with disabilities and is filled with unforgettable characters who have a thing or two to teach us.

New literary fiction

- "Small Boat" from French philosopher Vincent Delecroix, short-listed for the International Booker Prize, is a fictional account of the French radio operator responsible for the deaths of a boatful of desperate migrants.

- "Transcription," a novel from poet Ben Lerner, is "an exploration of fathers and sons, male friendship and rivalry."

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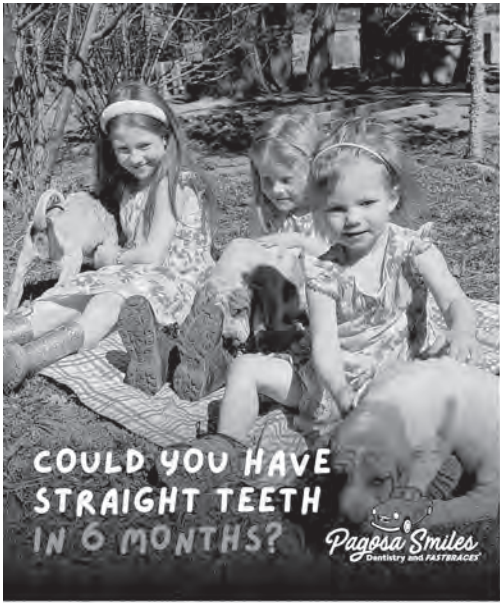
Students enjoy Midnight in the Mountains After Prom 2026. Organizers report the event was “another huge success,” with approximately 135 students attending. The event featured pool, canvas making, DJs and a casino, among other things. In addition, \$6,000 in prizes were handed out and seniors won more than \$9,000 in the cash booth.

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Plant profile: knapweeds

By Ethan Proud and
Cindi Galabota
PREVIEW Columnists

Knapweeds are noxious weeds in Colorado which belong to the Carduoideae clade, also known as thistles and allies.

This grouping of the aster family classifies knapweeds, burdock, artichokes, cornflowers and other plants into a broader category of sharing genetic and phenotypic traits with the thistle family.

When looking at the blooms of spotted or Russian knapweed, it's easy to confuse them with those of Canada thistle.

Knapweeds, like thistle, lack gray florets, which give other members of the daisy (aster) family their classic and recognizable look. Russian knapweed exhibits an erect growth habit and creeping root system similar to Canada thistle, but has blue-green shoots and lacks the spines.

Spotted and diffuse knapweed have a spherical growth pattern and are biennial to short-lived perennials.

Reference back to the thistle article, and the management options are the same-Canada thistle and Russian knapweed can be managed in the same style, while spotted/diffuse knapweed and musk thistle are analogous in terms of management.

However, all three knapweed species that occur in Archuleta County can be managed with biocontrols.

Russian knapweed is managed by two galling agents, a midge and a stingless wasp. The midges cause the blooms to gall and therefore do not produce seed, and the wasp lays its eggs in the stems and branches,

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causing stunted growth. Both of these agents have been released across the county and nearly all Russian knapweed populations exhibit symptoms of damage.

Spotted and diffuse knapweed can be managed with a guild of herbivores including seedhead-feeding weevils and root-boring weevils. These agents have been released by private landowners in the county, though the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Department would like to find more suitable release locations.

Russian knapweed is primarily found on the western end of the county with major populations in the Arboles area, while spotted and diffuse knapweed populations are spreading along the U.S. 84 corridor.

When recreating in areas with knapweeds, utilize PlayCleanGo ethics and wipe any mud or plant parts off your shoes and clothes to prevent spreading these species further.

Knapweeds are toxic to horses and when grazed heavily enough they cause "chewing disease," where the animal no longer has the motor function to graze and it will starve to death. Typically, knapweeds are not selected as forage, so unless a pasture is heavily infested, animals will avoid it.

Other knapweeds that are on the Colorado Noxious Weed list include yellow starthistle, meadow knap-

weed and squarrose knapweed. Yellow starthistle has been detected in Montezuma, La Plata and Rio Grande counties. Meadow knapweed has been reported in Rio Grande, Ouray and Dolores counties. Squarrose knapweed has not been reported in

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Thankful for God’s intervention

By Diane Cooney
Special to The PREVIEW

Looking back on my life, I experienced many circumstances where God intervened. If He had not been there looking out for my welfare, things could have proved to be disastrous on more than one occasion.

My husband’s occupation, as well as his hobby, often put me in close proximity to big, dangerous animals on our adventures.

Thank you, Lord, for intervening and keeping me safe from what might have been a horrendous experience.

We flew to Alaska so my photographer husband could record the bears frequenting the local dump near Petersburg. That didn’t take long because a phenomenal number of bears scrounged for “goodies” the day we arrived. My husband seemed pleasantly surprised by the results.

Later, we visited a friend who worked for the Division of Wildlife there. Charlie suggested we go for a boat ride to see the nearby LeConte glacier. This glacier spanned 21 miles

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by 1 mile wide. We headed out in Charlie’s boat and were privileged to see a spectacular “calving” take place right in front of us. It rarely happens, so we felt very fortunate to witness the event.

The huge chunk of ice hit the water. The boat rocked violently from side to side as the waves reached us. Seconds later, when the ice berg surfaced, once again we felt the second wave action as the boat was tossed about.

We passed many icebergs as we headed back to the dock. That’s when my husband decided that a picture of me sitting or standing on the iceberg would make a very unique photo. “Honey, let’s get you on that iceberg so I can get a picture.”

I sucked in a deep breath and thought, “You’ve got to be kidding.”

Charlie, our captain, attempted to get the boat close enough to the iceberg so that I could somehow step onto it. As we came closer, a giant gust of wind whirled across the boat. It pushed us into the ice and snapped part of the boat’s safety railing. We all looked at each other and decided photographing me on the iceberg wasn’t such a good idea after all.

We pulled away, feeling bad about Charlie’s damaged railing. Seconds later a wild disturbance in the water drew our attention. The beautiful blue iceberg upended itself as it flipped over. If I had been on the iceberg, I would have plunged into the freezing water and more than likely been pulled under from the suction as the iceberg did its thing.

Thank you, Lord, for sending a powerful gust of wind at that precise moment. It made us all realize what we attempted to do was not wise.

Charlie used an ice pick to retrieve some ice for our drinks that evening. Ten-thousand-year-old ice promised to be a novelty that may be a once-in-

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Colorado yet, but is present in Utah. When you are recreating or working outside, keep an eye out for these potential new invaders.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

Be Prepared for an Emergency workshop

Don’t miss the “Be Prepared for an Emergency” workshop May 9 at 9 a.m. at the CSU Extension building at 344 U.S. 84.

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To learn more and to register, visit <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/pagosa-springs-co/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTQyNjMyMzY=> or email Cindi Galabota at cindi.galabota@colostate.edu.

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100 years ago this month: historical events from May 1926

Special to The PREVIEW

The month of May has been home to many historical events over the years.

Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in May 1926:

- The Ford Motor Company becomes the first major American company to introduce a 40-hour workweek and the two-day weekend on May 1. The reduction from 48 to 40 hours comes with no reduction in pay.
- English documentary producer and naturalist Sir David Attenborough is born in London on May 8.
- Explorers Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett take off from Spitsbergen, Norway, in a monoplane on May 9. The men return nearly 16 hours later, claiming to have successfully completed a flight over the North Pole. However, a diary entry of Byrd's discovered in 1996 suggests the plane turned back 150 miles short of the North Pole due to an oil leak.
- On May 10, France becomes the first nation to ratify the 1925 Geneva Protocol. The protocol bans the use of poison gases and biological weapons in war.
- The New York Rangers, the Chi-

cago Blackhawks and the Detroit Cougars are admitted to the National Hockey League on May 15.

- Italian-born anarchist Severino Di Giovanni leads a group that bombs the United States Embassy in Argentina on May 16. The bombing is in response to the convictions of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, who were found guilty of murdering a guard and paymaster during an armed robbery of the Morill Shoe Company in Massachusetts in 1920.
- United States President Calvin Coolidge signs an act authorizing the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on May 22.
- Ukrainian nationalist leader and former president of Ukraine Symon Petliura is assassinated on a Paris street on May 25. The assassin, Jewish anarchist poet Sholom Schwartzbard, who had lost his family in pogroms of Jews that occurred in the Ukrainian National Republic in 1919, held Petliura responsible for the anti-Semitic violence in Ukraine.
- Miles Dewey Davis III is born in Alton, Ill., on May 26. Davis would become one of the most influential and acclaimed musicians of the 20th century.

• The opening ceremonies of the Sesquicentennial Exposition are held in Philadelphia on May 31. The exposition is a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence.



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Faith

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Psalm 121: 2-3 states, "My help comes from the Lord, who made Heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps

you will not slumber."
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‘ON BROADWAY’

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Scene ... Dancers from Pagosa Springs Dance Academy perform at their “On Broadway” recitals on May 2. There were two unique shows featuring 107 students ages 3-43 performing 53 dances centered around a Broadway theme.





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Bird of the Week



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This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the American avocet.

Avocets and stilts are elegant shorebirds grouped together in the Recurvirostridae family of birds. Both are long-legged waders with slender bills and long necks. They inhabit shallow waters, both those fresh and those extremely saline, preferring waters without fish that would compete for their food of aquatic invertebrates.

Differing feeding styles that are the result of physical differences allow stilts and avocets to occupy different niches within the same wetland habitat. With straighter bills, stilts typically pluck food items one at a time from the surface. Avocets sweep their upturned bills side to side in the water or along the surface of mud, feeding in a method known as scything. With its bill slightly open and sensitive at the tip, the avocet locates prey by touch. A female’s bill is slightly more curved than the male’s, allowing even the sexes to forage at different depths in the water column.

The name avocet is derived from the Italian word for graceful bird. The American avocet has a white body with a black patch on its back, black and white wings, and bluish legs. In spring breeding plumage, its head and neck are rusty colored, and white patches around the eyes give it a startled look. When avocets pass through on their way south in fall, these rusty colors will have turned grayish white.

In the dry parts of western and midwestern areas of the United States and southwestern Canada, American avocets nest in loose colonies in areas with little or no vegetation near wetlands. Both parents participate in building the ground nest, incubating eggs and caring for young. In these arid environments, they rely on the presence of ephemeral wetlands, many of which have significantly declined in size, suffer from selenium and methylmercury contamination, or have disappeared completely.

After breeding, American avocets may migrate as far south as Mexico or west from inland areas to winter on the coast. World Migratory Bird Day, celebrated on the second Saturday of May, strives to bring attention to the urgent need for migratory bird conservation across the globe.

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 "Excuse me..."
- 5 And others, for short
- 9 Title of courtesy
- 14 Roberts of romance
- 15 Road ____
- 16 Disney's first Latina princess
- 17 Billy's barnyard mate
- 19 Fielders' needs
- 20 Stadium
- 21 Anger
- 23 Sad comment
- 25 Track divisions
- 26 Hoover, informally
- 29 Call from a coach
- 31 Water source
- 34 Line on a weather map
- 36 Add comments to
- 38 Peppy
- 39 Really, really want
- 41 Irving Bacheller novel, "____ Holden"
- 42 Awfully dull
- 44 Typeface type
- 46 Hotshot pilot
- 47 Hare ____ (religious sect)
- 49 U-turn from WSW
- 50 Arthur Murray moves
- 52 Malaria symptom
- 54 Authoritarian leader
- 57 They may have twists
- 61 Be a bad winner
- 62 Member of a Biblical people
- 64 Jousting weapon
- 65 Lena of "Nine Perfect Strangers"

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- 66 Tesla CEO Musk
- 67 Rear-____: collision
- 68 Like a snoop
- 69 Big Apple force

DOWN

- 1 Faris or Kendrick
- 2 Icy coating
- 3 Sea eagle
- 4 Food from the sky
- 5 Energy unit
- 6 Chinese philosophy
- 7 Biology lab supply
- 8 Not to mention
- 9 Keepsake
- 10 Like some skirts
- 11 Loathsome
- 12 Tiny colonists
- 13 Catholic service
- 18 WWII conference site
- 22 Insulting
- 24 Army branch, once

- 26 Scenic outlook
- 27 Jellied garnish
- 28 Exchange letters
- 30 Windchime spot, often
- 32 Dined at home
- 33 British coins
- 35 "Gotta run!"
- 37 Sri Lanka export
- 40 Something left out
- 43 Bitty biter, slangily
- 45 Brownish-gray

- 48 Trump's 2024 opponent
- 51 Small amount
- 53 Burstyn or Barkin
- 54 Give the eye
- 55 Scaled diagram
- 56 Norse capital
- 58 Way too suave
- 59 Sporty car roof
- 60 Outlook command
- 63 "____ takers?"

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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San Juan Stargazers. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Social time will begin at 6 p.m., followed by an educational presentation at 7 p.m.

Archuleta School District Combined Band Concert. 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The concert will feature the Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pagosa Springs High School bands.

Friday, May 8

Baby Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join for stories, songs and giggles. Stay and play after storytime. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

Girls, Grit and Grime Bicycle Clinic. 2:30-5:30 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. A free clinic for girls hosted by DUST2. Sign up at www.dust2pagosa.org/girlsonbikes. Call coach Dawn at (909) 855-7140 with any questions.

Archuleta School District Combined Choral Concert. 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The concert will feature the Pagosa Springs High School Concert Choir, the Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth- and seventh-grade choirs, and a fourth-grade honor ensemble.

Saturday, May 9

Be Prepared for an Emergency Workshop. 9 a.m., CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. Learn how to prepare for emergencies and protect your land.

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.

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

Monday, May 11

Women's Fellowship. 9-11 a.m., Pope John Paul II Catholic Church classrooms, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Line Dancing. 9:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners meet at 9:30 a.m. and the advance group meets at 10:15 a.m. If you haven't attended before, please call Beverly at (970) 264-2064 for more information.

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

American Sign Language Class. 4-5 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church,

209 Harman Park Drive. Learn and practice ASL skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level is required. Drop-ins are welcome.

Conversational Spanish. 4-5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Practice your

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Spanish conversation skills in a group setting. No minimum skill level required. A Sisson Library program.

Tuesday, May 12

Coffee and Kiddos Playgroup. 10-11 a.m., Aspire Medical Services and Education, 602 S. 8th St. For those with kids ages birth to 3 years old.

Pagosa Springs Stitchers. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Bring your current stitching project and a snack/drink if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of other stitchers. All are welcome.

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. 10 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Veterans and family members are invited to share experiences with vets of all ages. Find out about the latest in vets benefits, vets news and community-focused events. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

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

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

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Archuleta County Transit Center, 83 Harman Park Drive. Join to discuss a historical Colorado biography by Salida author Tracy Beach.

Citizenship Class. 2-4 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. This Sisson Library program helps immigrants and people preparing for citizenship with classes, training materials, tutoring, informational resources and ways to connect to the community.

Preschool Pasta Art. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Children ages 3-5 can make necklaces out of uncooked pasta with the help of librarian Saira and their caregivers.

Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Community Discussion. 5-7 p.m., CSU Extension building. Kim J. McDonald, WUI professional

development educator, will speak.

Wednesday, May 13

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join 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.

End of Life Education. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon-1 p.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

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

Mexican Train Dominoes. 1:15 p.m., Senior Center.

Mindful Drawing. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center.

Blood Drive. 1:30-6 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1879 Majestic Drive. Contact local volunteer David Hamilton by call or text to (970) 799-4056 for more information or to schedule an appointment. You may also go directly to vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL.

Legal Clinic. 2-3:40 p.m., Sisson Library. Meet with a volunteer civil attorney via 20-minute phone appointments. Registration opens May 1 and space is limited. Registration is required. Call (970) 264-2209.

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.

Community Conversations. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The first in a series of community conversations to explore decisions Archuleta County voters could face in the coming months, including building a new

school, funding the hospital, and raising more money to maintain roads and other county services.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Order of the Eastern Star Peace and Harmony Chapter #158. 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 277 Lewis St. Call Donna at (970) 946-8201 for more information.

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Tween Paint Your Own Flower Pot. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join for a relaxing afternoon of painting a terra-cotta flower pot to take home and keep. For ages 11-14.

Friday, May 15

Great House Tour. 10:30 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This family-friendly tour goes to the top of the mesa ridge for a 360-degree panoramic view of the landscape and a close-up of the two pinnacles with stops along the way to learn about ancient Puebloan structures. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Learn to Can Dandelion Jelly. 5:30 p.m., CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. Learn up-to-date canning recommendations, food safety preservation practices, high-altitude adjustments and more. The cost is \$25 per person for one jar of jelly. Call (970) 264-5931 to register.

Saturday, May 16

Chimney Rock Through the Ages Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores both the natural and cultural history of the area through geologic time and incorporates the anthropology and archaeology of the Puebloan people. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777.

Birding at Chimney Rock Tour. 8 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour is presented in partnership with the local chapter of the Audubon Society and affords a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about birds that are native to the area. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. For more

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Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. 10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The program will be the inauguration of officers, and a light lunch will be provided. For more information, call Sherryl Ege, (970) 507-0646.

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.

Pagosa Community Initiative's Second Chance Prom. 7 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Tickets are available at <https://givebutter.com/c/PCIProm2026> or www.pagosacommunityinitiative.org.

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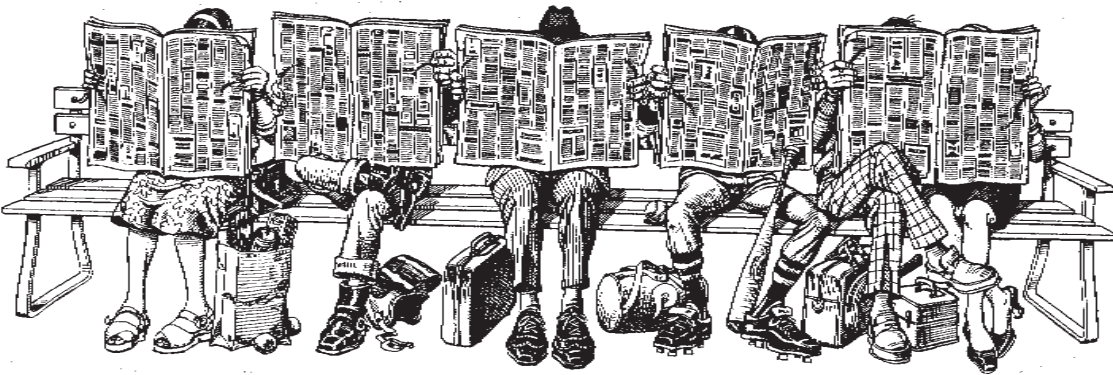
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Mother's Day: a time to celebrate, remember and connect

By Ricardo Martinez
PREVIEW Columnist

Mother's Day is a time to honor the women who have shaped our lives and, for seniors, it carries a particularly deep and meaningful significance.

Many older adults reflect on decades of motherhood, remembering the joys and challenges of raising children, nurturing families and building traditions that continue today.

It is also a time when seniors are celebrated as matriarchs, grandmothers and great-grandmothers, whose wisdom, resilience and love remain the foundation of their families.

For some, the day brings cherished visits, phone calls and handwritten notes that serve as powerful reminders that their role as a mother never truly ends.

At the same time, Mother's Day can be emotional for seniors who may be separated from loved ones or remembering those who have passed.

This makes community connection especially important. Senior centers and local organizations often help fill that gap by hosting gatherings, meals and activities that allow older adults to celebrate together and feel valued. By recognizing and including seniors on Mother's Day, we not only honor their lifelong contributions, but also ensure they continue to feel appreciated, connected and loved within the community.

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI) wishes all moms a joyful and very special Mother's Day filled with love, appreciation and cherished moments.

Holiday closure

ASI will be closed May 25 for Memorial Day. No meals or services will be provided that day.

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 Archuleta Senior Center.

Senior News

Please note that ASI will be closed May 25. Senior Conversations will be held on Friday, May 29, that week.

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 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

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American mahjong

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the British Journal of Sports Medicine.

They followed a group of 1002 healthy adults aged from 18 to 85 years, over a 12 week period during the US autumn and winter seasons in 2008. At the beginning of the study, the subjects were examined, and questioned on their diet and lifestyle, including how much exercise they did and how fit they perceived themselves to be. Then, every day over 12 weeks, each participant reported any symptom of respiratory illness they experienced (such as sneezes, coughs, fever or other symptoms) and its severity, according to a standardized scale called the Wisconsin Upper Respiratory Symptom Survey.

Over the 12 weeks, the subjects reported experiencing symptoms of an upper respiratory tract illness (URTI) on average for 13 days in the winter and 8 days in the autumn. But those who were fit and exercised frequently were much less likely to develop a cold, and when they did, it was much less severe.

Those in the top quarter for fitness levels (who did five or more days of exercise a week) experienced 43 % fewer days with URTI symptoms than those in the lowest 25 % of fitness levels (who did one day or less of exercise). And when they did get cold symptoms, the symptoms were less severe. URTI symptoms were 32% less severe in the top 25% of exercisers compared to the bottom 25%.

Source: "Study proves exercise boosts immune system." By Peter Lavelle. <http://www.abc.net.au>

Bonus Tip: Visit <http://www.AmazingFacts.org> for spiritual refreshment every week!

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Bring your card and come to play or watch and learn from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Senior Center.

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 from 1:30 to 3 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

Starting in May, tai chi classes will

be held at Yamaguchi Park from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

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, May 8 and May 22, 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.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your request to copenhavercreative@gmail.com and you will receive notification each month of the upcoming meeting, along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking and more.

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 deli-

cious 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, May 7 — Mushroom and sage lasagna, butternut squash, garlic bread, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday, May 8 — Fish sandwich with tartar sauce, coleslaw, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Monday, May 11 — Thai chicken with peanut sauce, sugar snap peas, brown rice, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, May 12 — Baked cod

with mustard sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, dinner roll, spinach apple salad, cottage cheese and milk.

Wednesday, May 13 — Hawaiian pork with pineapple and peppers, sauteed zucchini, garden salad, fruit, and milk.

Thursday, May 14 — Beef spaghetti, garlic bread, broccoli, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, May 15 — Greek chicken pita, tzatziki sauce, red onion, toma-

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Mountain Express Transit senior paratransit 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.

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Call the Archuleta County MET at (970) 264-2250 for information.

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Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has positions open. Terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term.

Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

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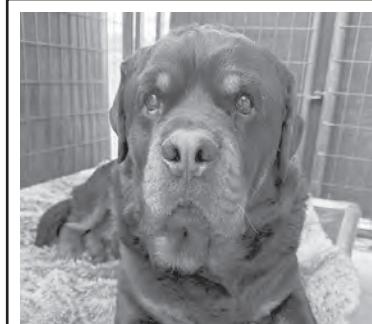
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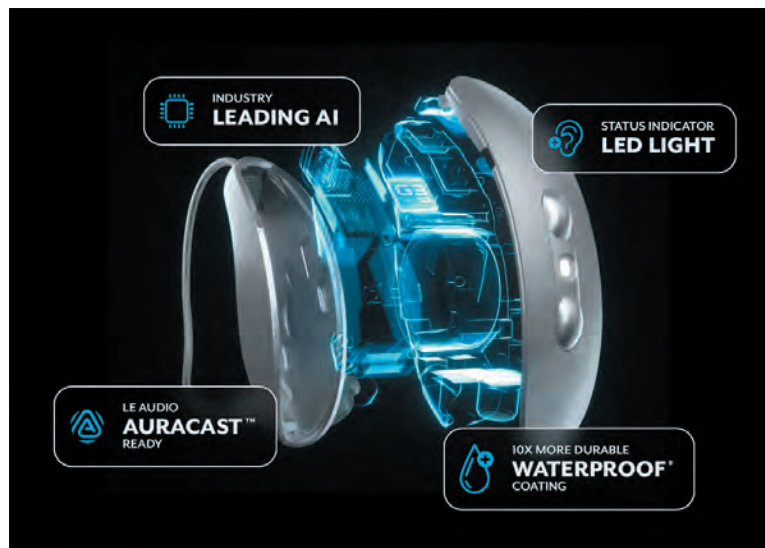
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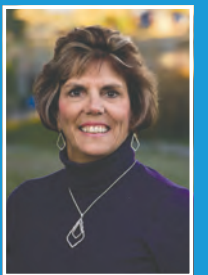


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