

The Town of Cedaredge will hold a municipal election on April 5. Residents will vote on five positions: the office of Mayor and four Trustees. The newly-elected Mayor and the Trustee candidate who receives the fourth highest vote count will each serve two years; the other three trustee candidates who garner the most votes will each serve four years.

The election is conducted by mail ballot. Register to vote, or verify you are registered, at [GoVoteColorado.gov](http://GoVoteColorado.gov) or call the Delta County Elections Office at 970-874-5903. Registered electors should begin to receive their mail ballots the week of March 14. Please note, you cannot turn in your ballot to Town Hall! Ballots must be mailed to the County Elections Office, or dropped in the official ballot box at Cedaredge Public Library.

### Mayoral Candidates

#### Patricia "Patti" Michael

Patti was first elected to serve as trustee in 2014 and in April of 2018 was elected to another 4-year term. In late 2021, she was seated to fulfill the mayor's position; she will serve in that capacity until April 2022.



Patti was born and raised in Sarasota, Florida. She and her husband Bob met and married in Tennessee, where they owned and operated BP Dental laboratory for 20 years. Patti was blessed with an instant family from Bob's previous marriage. They have a son together, Bryan, and Patti is called Nana by all of the 8 grandkids and soon to be a great-grand daughter.

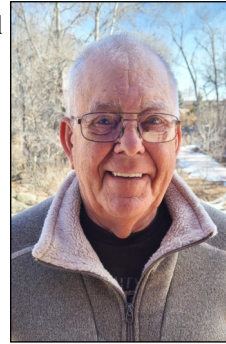
The Michaels then moved to New Jersey where Patti was a senior dental research technician for Dentsply International. Patti worked from taking small research batches in New Jersey to competition in their plant in Puerto Rico. The Michaels moved to Cedaredge over 13 years ago to semi-retire and purchased Mesa Liquors which they continue to own and operate. They have loved living here where they both love the outdoors.

She has served on the board of the Cedaredge Area

Chamber of Commerce and is very active with various community organizations, including the Surface Creek Area Lions Club, the Cedaredge ladies Golf Club and CAPOW. She also helps Bob with being a volunteer Rotarian and is also a member of the Rod and Gun Club.

#### Richard L. Udd

Richard Udd grew up at the family orchard a few miles west of Cedaredge. He excelled in math and had an inquiring mind about how things work. Engineering became his career choice. Prior to furthering his education and career, Richard ran the projectors at Cedaredge Mesa Movie Theater which is now the Grand Mesa Arts and Events Center (GMAEC). Richard is a founding member of the GMAEC and, coincidentally, runs the projector for movies and presentations at the Center.



Richard enrolled at California State Polytechnic College where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electronic Engineering. A Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of California at Santa Barbara followed. He worked for Raytheon Company in Santa Barbara for 33 years holding several upper-level management positions including Division Technical Director. After retirement, Richard gained experience in municipal government as a member of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Municipal Transit District where he served as Treasurer.

Richard returned to his Cedaredge roots in 2003 and immediately became involved in community service. He joined the Cedaredge Rotary Club and served as Treasurer and President and continues to serve as the Chairman of the Rotary Scholarship Committee. He is the founding Board Member and President of the Rotary Club of Cedaredge Foundation which funds the Community Christmas Dinner and scholarships for our high school graduates.

He became a Board Member of the Surface Creek Valley Historical Society (SCVHS) in 2005. He has served that organization as President and continues to

serve as Chairman of the Applefest Antique and Classic Car Show. Richard also serves as advisor to the SCVHS Board on infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements. Richard is a founding member of the Surface Creek Community Fund, which provides grant funding for community needs.

Richard was elected Town of Cedaredge Trustee in 2020 and has served the Town Council as Treasurer for the past two years. During this period, he was instrumental in creating an ordinance for control of mosquitos; elevating awareness of the limitations on Town's water supplies; identifying opportunities to improve water supplies; creating an alliance with the Grand Mesa Water Users Association to improve water monitoring systems on the Grand Mesa; resurrecting the Town Recreation Advisory Board.

Richard is currently the Delta County Municipalities Representative on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable, a quasi-governmental agency addressing projected future demands for the limited water resources of the State.

As Mayor, Richard pledges to govern with dedication, integrity, and transparency; aggressively seek grants to develop new water resources ; upgrade our Town infrastructure particularly streets, bridges, and sidewalks; improve water management systems to improve water use efficiency; improve and add recreational opportunities including expansion of the High-Country Park; Improve the business environment, encourage local business development, and job creation; review and update the Town Master Plan to ensure the Town is prepared to manage growth over the next 15 to 25 years while maintaining our small-town charm and values.

### Trustees Candidates

#### Catherine R. Brown

**Personal Summary:**  
Cathy is originally from Binghamton, New York. After collage she settled in California where she met and married her husband Dave. Together they have a son,



daughter and three grandchildren. Cathy was fortunate to pick a career that offered 10 month per year active employment service that allowed for summer travel that resulted in spending a lot of time enjoying the Grand Mesa and Cedaredge. When it came time to retire, the charming town of Cedaredge is where Cathy's heart is. She is an active member of Grand Mesa Southern Baptist Church and is Secretary of the Cedaredge Rod and Gun Club.

**Professional Summary:** Cathy began her career working part time for Palm Springs Unified School District in the Nutrition Service Department, and advanced her career to a management position. Cathy retired after 25 years of service.

**Political Summary:** Cathy joined the Board of Trustees in 2018 and says "it has been a valuable education and a pleasure to serve our community". She has decided to run for second term because she believes we need a balanced governing board that represents all aspects of our constituents." She wants to continue to represent the whole community and be a voice for the hard-working families of Cedaredge.

Cathy is a fiscal conservative. She believes in balanced budgets, funding essential services and amenities with minimal taxation, adhering to approved budgets and not transferring budgeted funds to other continuing deficits. Cathy is a social conservative. She believes it is the responsibility of all citizens to be involved in creating and maintaining a clean, safe, healthy and moral community environment for today and future generations. Cathy's Pledge: "I pledge to the best of my abilities, to represent the best interest of the whole community of Cedaredge; to listen and evaluate all sides of an issue; to engage respectfully to town administrators, fellow board members, town employees, and citizens of Cedaredge community; and to support and defend The Constitution of the United States."



**Michael "Mick" Murray**

Michael "Mick" Murray was born, raised and worked in Southern California before relo-

cating to Monument, Colorado in 2006. He and his wife, Vickie, discovered Cedaredge while on a long 4th of July road trip exploring Colorado's Western Slope. They purchased their Cedaredge home that same weekend and have been living here since 2017. Mick and Vickie have a blended family consisting of a son, who resides in Cedaredge, two daughters, one in Colorado Springs and one in Tennessee, and three grandchildren. His grandson is a senior at Cedaredge High School and a member of the wrestling team - Go Bruins! Mick earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History at Sacramento State University while serving on active duty in the US Air Force. He majored in modern U.S., British and Soviet Union history. After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the US Air Force, he worked as an insurance agent and a working owner/partner in a chain of retail video stores in California.

Mick subsequently earned a certificate in paralegal studies from UC, Irvine. During his 30-year paralegal career, he has specialized in commercial landlord/tenant matters and commercial real estate development, as well as acquisition and management. He has also performed as a litigation manager in the residential mortgage servicing industry. Throughout his paralegal career, he has gained experience working and coordinating with municipal, county, and state regulatory agencies. In 2012 during a break in his employment, Mick took a contract position with CitizenLink, the political action arm of Focus on the Family, where he solicited, managed, and coordinated volunteers for Focus on the Family's 2012 get out the vote campaign. Mick's interest in municipal government began after attending the Monument, Colorado Police Department's Citizens Academy. He enjoys activities with his family and friends and exploring the outdoors with his wife and two dogs in their truck and travel trailer. He believes he has found the jewel of Colorado's Western Slope – Cedaredge!

**Alan "Al" Brown**

On April 1, 2001 Alan "Al" Brown retired from Zeneca Resins, a member of the Imperial Chemical Industries Specialty Chemical group. ICI was com-

pleting the sale of ZR to the Dutch company DSM. As Director of Supply Chain Management and Information Technology, Al played a key role in providing diligence to the DSM legal team. Al also retired from his position as Vice President of Logistics for Image Polymers, a joint venture between ZR and Mitsui of Japan. He joined ZR in 1967 as Supervisor of Quality Assurance Lab operations. In 1971, having been promoted to production engineering, he was invited to enter the ICI Executive Training Program. He experienced and managed many of company's operations discipline over the next decade, and was promoted to Director and VP in 1992.

Al could not resist retiring on April Fool's Day!

During the summer of 2001, while preparing to move to Cedaredge, Al coordinated tournament operations for Passaconaway Country Club in Litchfield, New Hampshire. In the summer of 2002, he worked the counter at Cedaredge Golf Club and became familiar with the operations and budgeting at the request of the Golf Manager. Coincidentally, Al's wife, Alice began an 18 year term working the golf course counter and over the years authoring and training new employees in the use of the Golf Management software. During the winter of 2007-08, the Golf Pro resigned, leaving a void as the golf course spring opening was imminent. Alice unlocked the doors and began running the golf course, and she asked Al to help set up scheduled tournaments including a girls high school tournament. As part of the course operations, Al needed to understand the budget and ops expectations from the Town Administrator. He got an inside look at the workings of the golf course. At one point the Administrator asked Al what he wanted for helping run the golf course in the absence of a Pro. Al replied, "The golf course has never had an asset reserve fund established since it was built, please begin a reserve fund." He participated in the interview process for the hiring of a new pro, and Master Golf Professional Larry Murphy was hired. Nine years later, as Lar-



ry left us, he shared a P&L statement that included only the operations of the golf and course maintenance budgets. The P&L showed a nine year run of break even finances.

During this time period, Al participated in the Deer Creek Owners Association, serving as President for a few years.

Based on experiences, Al said he believes he can contribute sound management practices based on core values to the Board of Trustees, the Administrator and the Town.

### **Richard “Dick” Cartin**

Richard “Dick” Cartin came to retire in Cedaredge six years ago and has since poured himself into serving this town he has grown to love. While never running for office as a politician, he is passionate about being a force for good in the Cedaredge community. He is an integral part of the “Adopt-A-Highway” program, delivers meals to seniors in need, and serves as a chair on the Cedaredge Planning & Zoning Commission board. Dick’s background is as an educator for over 30 years; his heart for service shines through his accomplishments. Dick was recognized by News Center 4/Rocky Mountain News as a “Teacher Who Makes a Difference” and he received the Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce “Outstanding Educator Award.” In the years after retiring, Dick continued working with students developing and implementing alternative education programs. He and four other teachers started the first Alternative Education program in the state of Colorado which provided “at risk” students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma, along with vocational skills that helped them to become productive citizens within their community.

Dick served in the US Navy for four years. He enrolled in Purdue University and earned his B.A. degree in Political Science. He completed his Teaching Certificate at Denver University in 1971 and also received



his Master’s Degree in Psycho-Social Health from Denver University.

Dick enjoys the beauty and variety of outdoor activities on the Grand Mesa including cross country skiing, hiking, fishing and camping. He also enjoys cooking, reading and of course being involved in the Cedaredge community.

### **Timothy P. Hawbaker**

Timothy “Tim” Hawbaker moved to Cedaredge 2016 along with his wife Christin Hawbaker and their three children: Ezra age 17, Elliyah age 15, and Judah, age 10. Tim and Christin are the owners of Millennium Wellness which is a Medicare-approved medical clinic that offers acupuncture, massage therapy, and natural healthcare to seniors, veterans, and residents of our community.



Tim is a Family Nurse Practitioner and a Licensed Acupuncturist. He worked for three years at Delta County Memorial Hospital (Delta Health) before joining his wife full time at Millennium Wellness in 2020.

Tim is an active member of the Cedaredge community. He has served on the Cedaredge Economic Development Advisory Committee, as well as on the board of the Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce. Tim and Christin are members and supporters of the Grand Mesa Arts Center. They are also members of New Hope Evangelical Free Church of Cedaredge.

Tim enjoys many of the outdoor activities that Cedaredge and the Grand Mesa have to offer, including snowboarding, cross-country skiing, golfing, hiking, and fishing. Tim also volunteers as a coach for his son’s youth soccer team.

Tim hopes to serve the community as a Cedaredge Town Council Trustee in order to ensure that Cedaredge implements smart growth strategies to maintain its small-town charm.

### **Tracy Gist**

Tracy is married to Bob Gist, and has an adult son, Michael. She is a Colorado native and a lifelong resident of Cedaredge, where she graduated in 1990.

After graduating, she spent several years waitressing and cooking in various local restaurants. The past 16 years were spent in managing the bakery and deli departments at Cedaredge Food Town, which she enjoyed very much, but it was time for a change. For the past two years she has been employed by the Delta County School District managing the Cedaredge Middle School cafeteria. She enjoys serving the young people of our community breakfast and lunch on a daily basis.

On her off time, Tracy and her husband enjoy camping, four-wheeling, playing horseshoes, cornhole, shooting pool and throwing darts.

Living in Cedaredge, Tracy has seen a lot of changes, so good and some not as good. As a Trustee, she said she would like to continue to see the good for all the community. Tracy is a down to earth person, honest, loyal and hardworking. She would like to your voice for your community!

