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## Jackson Mountain Landscape Project: Gravel pit, trails halted

By Lorena Williams  
U.S. Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest Pagosa Ranger District recently completed the scoping phase of the Jackson Mountain Landscape Project. Numerous comments were received during this process, primarily relating to the proposed gravel pit and recreational trail system.

After a thorough review of public, agency and internal comments, the district has decided not to move forward with consideration of the gravel pit or trail system as part of the environmental analysis for the Jackson Mountain project.

"Concerns over the probable impacts of a trail system on an

important big game migration corridor have led me to conclude that we would be in error in proceeding with the analysis of the trail proposal as currently envisioned," said District Ranger Josh Peck. "Similarly, I believe that we, in conjunction with the county and other partners, need to take a more thorough and wholistic look at potential opportunities for gravel pit development throughout the county prior to further consideration of the Jackson Mountain pit to ensure that this site best meets the needs of the community and that the potential impacts of any site are manageable."

■ See Project A8

## PAWSD talks crossroads in wastewater treatment

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors discussed an upcoming crossroads in area wastewater treatment at its April 13 meeting.

Discussion began with chairman Jim Smith explaining that three members of the board met with state Sen. Cleave Simpson to discuss PAWSD's current situation with state-mandated upgrades of the Vista wastewater treatment plant.

Vice president Glenn Walsh explained that the meeting went well and that Simpson is knowledgeable about the regulatory issues and upgrades facing the district, especially because of his experience as general manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

"I came away with a very, very high opinion of Senator Simpson and maybe not the highest opinion that we're gonna get much from the state," Walsh said. "Maybe we can get

a meeting, a sit-down, something that is chaperoned by a fair party. That's probably the best we can aim for."

Walsh noted that perhaps PAWSD should follow up with state Rep. Barbara McLachlan and added, "This summer, we're just going to have a choice. I was not expecting to have to cut a \$2 million engineering check in August. I thought that we had more running room, and we don't. Once we cut a \$2 million check for the engineering, a lot of other possibilities for the community, for other ways to cooperate to develop maybe a more intelligent and cost-effective plant that actually solves environmental problems, provides a basis for actual growth, goes away."

Smith and District Engineer/Manager Justin Ramsey both stated they were impressed with Simpson but had low optimism that anything will happen.

Walsh stated that PAWSD needs

■ See Wastewater A8

## Commissioners appoint Wadley as interim coroner

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

In a special meeting on Thursday, April 13, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) named Steve Wadley the interim county coroner.

With a 2-1 vote, Wadley was appointed to the role effective April 17 for a period not to exceed 30 days.

Archuleta County's elected coroner, Brandon Bishop, announced via letter on April 10 that he would be leaving the role effective April 16 to become a school resource of-

ficer with the Pagosa Springs Police Department.

Bishop was appointed coroner in July of 2018 and was elected to the position that November.

At the April 13 special meeting, Archuleta County Manager Derek Woodman explained that the BoCC is responsible for appointing a coroner following Bishop's resignation.

He indicated the interim will serve until a permanent appointment is made for a coroner to complete Bishop's term, which ends in

■ See Coroner A8

## Top Ten



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Four members of Pagosa Springs High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter placed in the top 10 at the recent FBLA State Leadership Conference. From left, Jesse Beck placed third in Intro to Business Concepts, Jenna Jenkins nabbed a top-10 placement in Marketing Concepts, and Abigail and Olivia Nehring took first in Digital Animation. Beck, Abigail Nehring and Olivia Nehring earned the chance to compete at the national level in Atlanta, Ga. this summer.

## Body of missing local man recovered

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) announced Tuesday afternoon that a body was located in Lake Pagosa and positively identified as 22-year-old Jeremiah Enriquez Villarreal, who was reported missing days earlier.

According to an April 17 ACSO press release, on Sunday, April 16, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch received a report of a possible missing person, with law enforce-

■ See Missing A8



## Symphony

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Area students were treated to a preview of the San Juan Symphony Youth Orchestra's spring program on Friday, April 14. In addition to hearing music set for the group's spring concerts, the students learned about concert etiquette, instrument families and more.



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# Letters

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## Blood drive success

Dear Editor: Many thanks to the generous people in our community for making our recent blood drive a success.

On April 11, there were 62 units of life-supporting blood donated for patients in need.

During the Covid pandemic precautions, elective surgeries were postponed, and many regular donors did not give blood.

That combination now meeting pent-up demand for surgeries, as well as ongoing emergency needs from car wrecks, shootings, and other tragic circumstances, has caused a blood inventory shortage. Blood cannot be manufactured.

Blood can only be given to a needy person by a generous person.

Upcoming drives are scheduled for Tuesday, July 11 and Tuesday, October 17, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

We express our profound gratitude and appreciation to the congregation and leadership of Centerpoint Church for allowing use of their sanctuary for these events. Their support is warm and welcoming, the facility and parking are very suitable, and the location is perfect.

To schedule an appointment for the future drives, please go to vitalant.org. You may also call or text local volunteer coordinator Sharee Grazda at 970/946-2760 for an ap-

pointment or more information. Sharee Grazda

## Loma Linda procedures

Dear Editor:

I am thrilled that the Loma Linda Metropolitan District is publicizing the upcoming election, and explaining all the procedures.

The only reason I sent my letter to the editor of this newspaper last month was because I had asked the DEO, regarding the election, "Someone who does not see the physical bulletin board or subscribe to the local newspaper would not know about it?" The DEO's reply was succinct: "Correct."

I did not mean to suggest that funds might be sitting in an individual director's bank account. I wondered whether funds are in a checking account, a money market fund or other investment instrument. My point was that funds should not be accumulating from year to year. The District President's letter raises more questions: if the budget is balanced every year, how did such a large surplus accrue, and if the District relies on surplus funds whenever they need more money, how will they pay for road maintenance when that surplus is used up? The District does not post its financial statements.

An organization or government entity's budget ought to indicate their operating plan. Like all government entities, the Metro District is required to hold a public budget hearing before the budget is adopted. This happens in November of every year. At that time, residents and taxpayers may ask questions and have input into budget decisions. The board must then pass resolutions to adopt the budget, and to appropriate funds to the budget categories. Material and labor costs may fluctuate, and weather is always a variable; the amount of snow we received during the 22-23 winter was not uncommon.

I ought to ask my questions directly to the Metro District, since my concerns are only relevant to a small portion of this newspaper's readership, however the Board recently passed a resolution restricting public comment at Board meetings to three minutes at the end of the meeting, after all decisions have been made. Residents, property owners, taxpayers and voters are not permitted to ask questions or make comments or suggestions.

I have lived or owned property in Loma Linda since the Metro District was formed in 2000. I was the District Administrator from 2011 to 2015 and also served as the Designated Election Official. I am familiar with election and budget requirements and procedures. During those years, the Board's planning and budget process ensured gravel was applied to sections of main roads every year, and all roads in a rotation as needed. Road crown was maintained. Gravel was applied to the whole road, not in spots. Snow removal was budgeted every year. The District used to hold 10 to 20 percent of its budget in reserves, and worked with the contractor to develop a plan.

Perhaps a new board will allow more input from constituents. You must be registered to vote in Colorado, and own property or live in

the District, to vote in this election. Lisa Jensen

## Ski patrol shout out

Dear Editor:

Shout out to Wolf Creek Ski Patrol and other WC staff for finding my lost ski. After a great run down Step Bowl, I was coming down Jaybird when I turned sharply and stepped out of a ski. When I hiked back up a bit to retrieve it, it was not there (of course). After a while of searching, a snowboarder, Maddy, happened by who was taking a run while on break from her job on the mountain. She kindly helped me look for a bit but to no avail. At her suggestion, I called Ski Patrol and shortly Gina showed up to assist in the search. As I began to hike out, resigned and hoping to find it in spring, patroller Matt showed up and soon saw the ski peeking up out of the snow. Hallelujah. Thank you. All in a day's work I suppose, but these folks are invaluable.

David Laufer

## Coroner resignation

Dear Editor:

I just want to recognize Brandon Bishop for the job he has done while being our Coroner. This is not a job for just anyone. He handled this job seriously and with great respect. What an amazing young man he is. Thank you Brandon for being there for the families who have lost their loved ones. You always went above and beyond the job of being a coroner. Best wishes on your new adventure.

Christine Lucero

## Follow the code

Dear Editor:

Pagosa Springs has a Land Use Development Code (LUDC) that many community members tirelessly created with community input throughout its development. The purpose of the LUDC is to make building projects conform to certain standards so new developments blend into the urban fabric and contribute to the aesthetics of the community and avoid a hodgepodge of development. This is something the community should be proud of, endorse, and support.

Understandably, developers sometimes try to push the limits on what is allowed by this code. Mountain Enterprises is one such developer in their proposal for 232 Pagosa Street, the vacant lots between the Alley House and Pagosa Baking Company. The following are just some of the most egregious violations of the Land Use Development Code of this proposed project.

The LUDC specifies a 15' setback from the front property line on Pagosa Street. Certain minor encroachments into this setback, such as the small front porch on the Pagosa Baking Company, are allowed but, in general, the building itself must be held back 15'. The proposed project at 232 Pagosa Street violates this setback requirement in three different ways. In two instances, the building comes within approximately three feet of the property line with the restaurant deck and 'Speakeasy'. The third encroachment, eight feet from the property line, is for office space.

The LUDC addresses mass and scale of buildings. The proposed development dwarfs surrounding buildings as the gargantuan

proportions of the structure encompass over 31,000 visible square feet. The footprint of the new building overwhelms surrounding structures.

The LUDC requires buildings over 25,000 square feet to provide a minimum of 1,000 square feet of public open space. The proposed project has over 31,000 square feet above grade but does not meet open space requirements. The developer and the Pagosa Springs Planning Division have stated the above-grade parking did not have to be included in the square footage requirements, however, they have yet to provide an explanation of their rationale.

Allowing any of these blatant violations to come to fruition would certainly open a Pandora's box for the town. Future developments can simply point to this project to show precedent. Hopefully, the town planners and leaders will enforce the LUDC and not allow it to be violated and that any deviations from the LUDC be required to go through the variance process.

Robert and Sarah Nemeth

## 'Warning shot'

Dear Editor:

The Tommy Gun, invented by general John T. Thompson in 1918 before the end of WWI, was used extensively in many wars around the world even the Vietnam war. It has been modified often and used in the 1930's by the FBI, law enforcement officers, crime syndicates and mobsters during Pro-

■ See Letters A4



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# Town council awards contract to restore historic bridge with reduced scope of work

By Derek Kutzer  
Staff Writer

At its April 4 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council considered both the cost and the selection of a contractor for the restoration of the historic Rumbaugh Bridge, located on 1st Street near the San Juan History Museum.

The stone arched bridge is listed locally as a historic landmark and sits on town-owned property. The town completed the first phase of restoration in 2018, which concentrated on the reconstruction of a collapsing and "failing arch vault," according to an agenda brief on the topic.

Local construction company, Hart Custom Builders LLC completed the phase-one restoration, and the council considered the company to conduct the phase-two work as well.

According to Community Development Director James Dickhoff, the town received a grant of \$200,000 from the State Historic Fund in 2019 to complete phase two of the restoration of the bridge.

"The phase-two restoration was set to focus on the eastern face of the bridge ... the eastern retaining walls that have either collapsed or are about to collapse," Dickhoff said.

He also stated that phase two of

the project was originally estimated to cost about \$300,000 and that the town's "match" for the grant was expected to be \$100,000.

However, the agenda brief states, "due to staff capacity and availability of Engineering & Contractors during COVID," the town had to ask twice for an extension on the awarded grant.

**Dickhoff answered that the town has "already extended this grant twice, so they are pretty eager for us to complete it this year."**

Most recently, Dickhoff explained, the current bids for the project "came in extremely high" when compared to the original estimates for phase two of the project.

To complete the full scope of the project, it's now estimated to cost \$544,814, which would put the town \$267,291 over budget, according to the brief.

This growing cost prompted Dickhoff and the town's planning staff to seek alternative options that would reduce the scope of the

restoration project.

Dickhoff presented to the council three options to consider:

- Complete the full scope of the project.
- Complete a mid-range proposal, requiring the area to remain closed to the public until "a potential future phase could be pursued to complete the full original project scope," according to the brief.
- A further reduced scope of the project.

The third option would include "no trail prep ... they [Hart] are only gonna do the proposed micropile shock creek retainer wall," Dickhoff said.

It would also skip the restoration of the bridge's stone facade and cap stone, potentially delaying these projects to a future date, according to the brief.

This choice would reduce the cost to a total of \$314,271, which would put the town \$36,748.90 over budget, according to the brief.

Dickhoff noted that, with option three, the town could later consider a third phase to complete the full scope of the project.

"A potential future phase could be pursued to complete the retaining wall stone facade and cap stone, and then pursuing trail related items with another funding source," states the agenda brief.

Dickhoff explained that, "based

on current pricing," this potential future phase is estimated to cost "just under \$200,000," adding that "staff's recommendation is option 3," because it's more in line with the town's budget, will cost the town less "out-of-pocket," and the town could apply for a future grant to complete the project down the road.

"That shock creek retaining wall will be fine for a number of years," Dickhoff added.

When Mayor Shari Pierce asked if there are any other areas that the town could cut costs on the project, Dickhoff replied that option three is "about as bare-boned as we possibly could go."

Pierce followed by asking about the state grant money.

"If we don't use this money this year, does it roll over to next year?" she asked.

Dickhoff answered that the town has "already extended this grant twice, so they are pretty eager for us to complete it this year."

The council then entertained a motion to award the reduced scope of work, option three, to Hart Construction, which could require an additional \$36,748.90 from the town's Capital Fund reserves, if necessary, to complete the phase-two project.

The council unanimously approved the motion.

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## Letters

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hibition and the Great Depression. Though it has been surpassed by the AK47, AR15 and AR14, it was a major game changer.

All weapons of war, sawed off shotguns, and many other destructive weapons were severely restricted after the National Firearms Act enacted by Congress in June 1934. The restrictions were affected by things like registrations and tax. Then the tax was \$200.00. That would be about \$3,500.00 today. The permits are still only a pittance of \$200.00.

The bullets for an AR14 weapon of war is about 7/16" x 2" and will mutilate the crap out of any body part it strikes. And that preferred weapon of mass murderers can spray ammunition like nobody's business.

Since weapons of war were unrestricted in the 1990s, or so, mass shootings have steadily increased. America leads the world in more gun deaths than all other major countries combined. Gun deaths are now the #1 killer of our children.

Since the Columbine mass shooting we have seen mass murders in schools, malls, synagogues, music venues, 4th of July parades, and a Christian church school.

What have our political "leaders" done about it? The GOP has almost exclusively blocked any gun sense legislation or common sense laws. Such destruction has been encouraged by our 3rd district representative Lauren Boebert who loves to display her collection of war weapons in her political ads and family Christmas Cards.

I no longer take my Honey to our favorite restaurant for the best fish & chips in town, choosing to stay home rather than go to town for parades and other celebrations. I feel apprehensive to shop at our stores. This hurts our businesses.

We, here in America, are inflicted with some disease of insanity. What can we do about it?

We must vote. Don't vote because a party has your traditional title. Don't vote a certain way because your family voted that way. We are no longer in those times!

Vote your values of life for our fellow citizens, our children, our elderly, our family members, and our police officers who put themselves

in harm's way bravely protecting us. These are dangerous times, not normal. Step out of your traditions so others can live.

Do you think that "it" can't happen here? Come on. Let's look around us at our State, our Country, our daily news. We've had a "warning shot across our bow" just this last week. Don't wait until we are forced to grieve for our loved ones and our community of Pagosa Springs. It will tear the living daylight out of all our hearts.

Mitch Nielsen

### Loma Linda election

Dear Editor:

After receiving yet another communication from the Jensen/Trimarco household in Loma Linda this week, I felt compelled to share these facts with the owners of Loma Linda. Mr. Trimarco's postal letter that asks for my vote in the upcoming election continues with the false accusations shared in his spouse's March 23rd letter to the editor.

Of the many transgressions this household has set upon the Loma Linda neighborhood over the past 20+ years, several stand out to me.

1) Mr. William Trimarco, while swerving on the Loma Linda HOA Board, has on several known occasions, advised individuals that it is ok to disregard the Covenants, Codes and Restrictions (CC&R's). He did this on his own without Board approval or the public meetings required by law.

2) Mr. Trimarco's recent postal letter asking for my vote in the upcoming Loma Linda Metro District (LLMD) Board election contains false and misleading information. Mr. Trimarco wrote that he is concerned about "a huge amount of surplus funds being held". He further states these amounts "fluctuated between \$150,000 and \$225,000". If one checks the lomalandametrodistrict.org website you can find the May 10, 2017 official regular LLMD Board public meeting minutes. These minutes show that Mr. Trimarco was in fact a LLMD Board member and made the motion to "approve" the Treasurer's report where these same funds that Mr. Trimarco is now

so concerned about amounted to \$191,498.70.

3) In August of 2016 when Mr. Trimarco was on the LLMD Board he used his position, and without the support "or" knowledge of the other LLMD Board members, he filed a Criminal Incident Report with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office claiming that a neighbor/resident of Loma Linda took it upon himself to have the public roads graded. The minutes again found on the lomalandametrodistrict.org website will show that at the August 2016 Official Special Public Board meeting, that in fact the person accused by Mr. Trimarco was in fact not the person responsible for the road grading.

I agree with many other Loma Linda owners that our neighborhood deserves individuals that have a strong character and moral fiber to serve in an ethical and positive fashion towards all residents and owners. Mr. Trimarco lacks these qualities. That is why I am asking all registered voters to join me and support Brad Sumpter, Barbara Hanrahan and Bill Remein to fill the open LLMD Board positions at the upcoming election on May 2nd at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Rick Sautel

### Surprise yourself

Dear Editor:

Educated, how? Much ado about the issue of education today. Since the end of WWII, universities have become big business for "education", what with the G.I. Bill for returning veterans, the availability of student loans, and the such. For my generation, the emphasis on a college degree was more to benefit guys than gals as the general attitude was that they would eventually be supporting a family and the gals would take care of the home. So, what about girls like me?

On graduation from high school, I took an entry level job, worked hard, learned all I could and about a year later was moved up the ladder. When my sweetheart returned home from the war, we married at ages 19 and 20. Soon after, little ones began to arrive and I spent 12 years caring for them and providing guidance to establish our values at

their early age. Of course, they challenged me at times and it is amazing what I learned about life as I dealt with their challenges, always with love. They taught me a lot.

When all three were in school, I became a "working Mom". No college degree, only ambition. All of my jobs over the years were with academic institutions. I worked hard, asked questions, was loyal and over the years as my husband's profession moved us several times, I was able to gain a new job with another college or university, building on experience gained from my former position. During my final years of employment, I ended up with an Administrative position in a highly respected medical university from which I retired.

Common sense comes from "doing the work". It's true that some professions require advanced education, e.g., teachers, medical, engineering, etc., but most good jobs do not. Develop a "can do" attitude and take advantage of all opportunities to learn. You will surprise yourself.

Yes, you can. Patty Tillerson

### Library Affair

Dear Editor:

A great big thank you to Cindi Galabota, Jann Pitcher, Ming Steen, the Ruby Sisson Library Board, all the event planning committee and volunteers for an absolutely wonderful evening at The Library Affair Saturday night. It just couldn't have been better...spirited bidding, visiting old friends, meeting new ones, good food...the fun just kept lasting and lasting...and still so many memories. What a wonderful Spring Evening of renewal...we all just howled at the moon.

Jim White

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# Business

## Sales tax revenues down 2 percent in February

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for Archuleta County for February fell compared to February 2022, according to a report released by the Archuleta County Finance Director Chad Eaton. Sales tax revenues previously fell by 1.1 percent in January compared to the previous year. The report notes that the town and the county jointly received \$1,186,669 in sales tax revenue for the month of February, with \$597,840.19 going to the town and \$588,828.88 going to the county. February sales tax revenues are 3 percent, or \$37,616, lower than February 2022.

According to the report, the categories that are up in comparison to February 2022 include:

- Manufacturing at 2 percent, or \$805.
- Finance and Insurance at 49 percent, or \$214.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 262 percent, or \$16,430.
- Miscellaneous at 9 percent, or \$15,654.

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

- Construction at 11 percent, or \$3,150.
- Retail Trade at 1 percent, or \$7,589.
- Information at 5 percent, or

\$1,155.

- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 50 percent, or \$15,182.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 16 percent, or \$41,749.
- Other Services (except public administration) at 10 percent, or \$1,894.

The report notes that on the year to date comparison, sales tax revenues for January through February of 2023 are 2 percent, or \$55,160, lower than January through February 2022. According to the report, the categories that are up in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Finance and Insurance at 31 percent, or \$454.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 139 percent,

or \$19,379.

- Other Services (except public administration) at 4 percent, or \$1,270.
- Miscellaneous at 9 percent, or \$34,903.

The categories down in the year-to-date comparison include:

- Construction at 25 percent, or \$16,561.
- Manufacturing at 14 percent, or \$12,890.
- Retail Trade at 3 percent, or \$36,743.
- Information at 2 percent, or \$926.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 33 percent, or \$19,384.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 5 percent, or \$21,528.

## Main Street revitalization branding project steams ahead

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

Pickaxe Branding Project, which works around the nation doing main street revitalization projects, guided the Main Street Advisory Board through a branding exercise on April 13 and presented its project on April 14. The project was funded by the Department of Local Affairs and included Matt Ashby, vice president of Ayres Associates, and Ben Muldrow, partner of Arnett Muldrow. During the exercise, they noted Pagosa Springs' unique energy and came up with the brand "Pagosa STEAM."

"We played around with a lot of different terms," Muldrow said at the presentation. "We found one that really captures the energy we heard yesterday. We see this idea of taking this STEAM to picture the energy and capture that ability to harness your power and help it to move you forward."

In their presentation, they note that the theme was inspired by the "town's natural hot springs, the vigor of steam engines, and the transformative potential of a united community," and that "Pagosa STEAM is dedicated to revitalizing the downtown districts and fostering a vibrant atmosphere for residents and visitors alike."

The Main Street Program will use a new logo Pickaxe designed to put on posters for events or invitations. "For years we've created these 'Powered by Main Street' logos," Muldrow said. "There's a lot of growth and expandability that can be part of this."

They also discussed a hashtag

they could use to promote events on social media: #PSILoveYou. They noted that PSI could indicate the pressure steam is powered under and how they're utilizing that to move the STEAM project forward. Muldrow and Ashby especially created the new brand to showcase the collaboration and communication between the diverse communities of Pagosa Springs. "With STEAM you're bringing together multiple forces and leveraging them to create this energy," Ashby said. "You're not just one acting independently, you're bringing together those forces of nature."

Furthermore, the "S" in STEAM will mean "student," they explained, adding they hope to launch an initiative to get middle school students involved in the Main Street revitalization programs. "This is being able to help tell that story, how we're connecting the next generation in community building in Pagosa Springs," Muldrow said. Pickaxe gave the board a number of market resources and data to help enhance its STEAM goals such as that the average commute time to work (of people who live in town) of just 10.6 minutes. "You guys are a remarkably close community. ... You have a tight ecosystem. It creates a high level of loyalty, a high level of connectivity, just a really interesting relationship with your residents," Muldrow said, adding, "It is a community that can be experienced and you don't have to get in the car and drive to everything."

Muldrow also noted that Pagosa Springs has 2,306 people who commute to work in town, mostly from the west and from less than 10 miles

away, while 171 people both live and work in town. "That's what makes Pagosa Springs," Muldrow said. "It's not as much about those corporate limits as it is about those overarching markets."

Ashby and Muldrow also addressed the need for the town to create initiatives to lessen the stresses created by the ongoing construction in town. "All of you will be under pressure," Muldrow said. "You'll have to rise to the occasion and be creative on how you tackle this issue."

During their brainstorming session on April 13, the board, Muldrow and Ashby discussed various initiatives in each season to make people excited to be part of the Pagosa Springs community rather than frustrated by the construction. This included using traffic cones arranged in various designs, like a Christmas tree, or even hosting a Halloween event called "Children of the Cone," in which the town's children will be able to collect candy from community members dressed as zombies while stuck in stalled vehicles. This would go hand in hand with these "zombies" giving out information about town businesses and events. "It changes the narrative from being completely negative to being something that can be positive," Muldrow said. "Something to make people think, 'I'm excited to be a community member here.'"

Muldrow and Ashby shared more than 100 photos with the board to use for initiative promotion. "Capture images of the people participating, the faces, their names, the stories, making STEAM this

person-driven engine of telling the story that is Pagosa," Muldrow said. Muldrow also encouraged the board to get students involved in brand implementation via social media. "Believe it or not, students have become really, really good social media content creators," Muldrow said. He added he's worked with other towns throughout the United States whose social media content creation is run entirely by area students that were so successful they started offering their services to businesses in the community as well. The board expressed the idea that STEAM could stand for "STEM plus Art," opening up more opportunities for growth in the brand. Some board members were concerned that the hashtag "PSILoveYou" has been used by the Chamber of Commerce for years, so the board will need to clarify with the Chamber if it plans on using it in the future. Board members also expressed trepidation that the idea of steam as related to railroads would connote more with Durango or Chama, indicating they would like to associate steam more with the area's hot springs than steam engines and that people might be confused as to what the brand is about. In response, Ashby said, "You all have a certain opportunity to be a little edgy, and even if at first introduction it's not understood, hopefully the lack of complete understanding starts a question, and that question is then a springboard for a conversation." "I think you nailed it on all fronts," Main Street Program coordinator Kathleen McFadden said. "Not only did you capture important natural elements of Pagosa we can play on, but you really captured the essence of this board and this program and knocked it out of the park with that." "You're going to define this place," Ashby said. [monica@pagosahun.com](mailto:monica@pagosahun.com)

## Nonprofits, get ready for Rural Philanthropy Days

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Pagosa Springs Area  
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Every four years in a regional area in Colorado, the Community Resource Center hosts a major nonprofit event called Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD). Pagosa Springs was actually the host nine years ago. Created by Sue Anschutz-Rodgers 30 years ago to connect rural communities with major funders, RPD puts nonprofit agencies in front of some of the largest philanthropic organizations in the state. Whether you are looking to fund a specific program, general operating costs or a capital campaign, you should be at this event. This event is the Super Bowl of funding opportunities for nonprofit organizations. This article is just a warmup to alert nonprofit agencies — if you haven't heard about it already — of this great event. This year, RPD will be hosted in Durango from June 7-9. All five southwest counties are expected to make a strong showing. This event also showcases the communities, their needs and those of individual organizations. There will be several "homework" exercises for nonprofit organizations, community leaders and government

agencies to complete before the event date. Here are some activities that will be coming up. First off, make sure that your nonprofit organization will be sending a representative. Typically, the event is limited to how many people can attend from one organization. Registration for the event opened yesterday, April 19. You can go to the Community Resource Center website or visit <https://cramerica.org/programs/rural-engagement/regional-websites/southwest-2/>. If you feel that you cannot afford the registration fee, scholarships are available and you should apply. Oftentimes, it is smart to have a staff and board person attend. In this way, you can attend more training sessions and divide and conquer speaking with the funders as well as when networking at the event. On May 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a mini RPD preparatory class will be held for nonprofits. We will cover the why you should attend RPD, the how of attending and preparing for the event, and how you can get your organization in shape to meet the funders. We are working on an agenda and will get that information out soon. This is a brown-bag lunch, so please come prepared to learn, discuss and get some work done. We will work with

initiate RPD organizations as well as seasoned nonprofits. Quite a few nonprofits are in the process of or preparing to execute a capital campaign. We hope to rally these groups and provide a united campaign front for these needs in our community. Prior to the event, the RPD marketing subcommittee is working on a video that will highlight each of the five counties. In this video, community leaders and philanthropic businesses will be asked to produce a very short video. If you are asked to make this video, please help out by making a short clip. You can even just use your phone. You will tell the story of need and philanthropy from your perspective. All of these viewpoints are crucial to the service needs and philanthropic arena of our community. The requests will be coming soon, and we hope that you help us paint a great community picture both positive and that of our needs. Stay tuned for more information on this great event. Let's make a great showing as a community, individual organizations and in our cohesiveness. Mark your calendars to attend the training class on May 15 at the Ross Aragon Community Center. If you have any questions, contact Mary Jo at the Chamber at (970) 264-2360.

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# Community Development Corporation discusses broadband progress amid area-wide outage

By Monica Nigon  
Staff Writer

The topic of broadband Internet was on the agenda at April 12's Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) Board of Directors meeting, which was held during an area-wide telecommunications outage that included, among other services, much of the area's Internet.

The PSCDC discussed how the development of a redundant broadband system would prevent an outage such as that from happening again.

"With a \$2 million grant [from the Department of Local Affairs] this should not happen," Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke said.

The board also discussed a new lease for a carrier neutral location (CNL, a data center that facilitates connections between multiple telecommunications carriers) building that would make it unnecessary to house the generator and infrastructure at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, where it was before.

Lashbrooke explained this would be a 30-year lease with two five-year extensions at \$170 per year and a 3 percent increase per year. The building would be up-town on La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) property.

A motion to accept the proposed lease was unanimously approved.

"This is a very important piece to redundancy to have a permanent home for our CNL building and not have to move it anywhere in our lifetime," Lashbrooke said, adding, "We have worked on this contract with La Plata Electric; we will maintain the building, and take

care of it as the CDC and broadband management office."

The CNL building will be 12 by 26 feet and 10 feet tall, according to a representative from LPEA who added the building will be secure and "the nerve center of broadband for all of Archuleta County."

The board members noted how much progress has been made in regard to infrastructure.

They added that Cloman Park has all of the fibers strung and announced that the next step is to bore off to North Pagosa Boulevard to meet the LPEA line, which in turn loops back to Hot Springs Boulevard, to Town Hall and on to main street.

The four-way DOLA grant, which would connect the telecommunication lines between La Plata County, Archuleta County, LPEA and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, is underway. Lashbrooke noted that a memorandum of understanding is close to being achieved for an indefeasible rights of use, which guarantees a customer to use the infrastructure for a specified number of years, for that particular line.

They noted that LPEA has been integral in implementing the infrastructure for the four-way grant, particularly with the poles coming down Colo. 151, which is where the four-way line will come.

"La Plata Electric has shown up as an amazing partner," Lashbrooke said. "They are willing to invest a large sum of money, upwards of a million dollars, to replace poles that need to be replaced so the whole project works."

She explained the board will have a final draft of the intergov-

ernmental agreement at the May 4 meeting.

They must spend the grant by May 31, she noted, and plan to send out a request for proposal for work to be done immediately and will prepay contractors and put the grant in a holding account. When the work is completed, that money can be released.

They also discussed a national telecommunications grant for \$66 million for broadband for the region which includes 10 municipalities, five counties and two tribes.

"We're still in the running," Lashbrooke said. "If we get the grant it would be a game changer for the region. We'd be connected all the way to Cortez and up to Wolf Creek."

Lashbrooke also outlined that the PSCDC is working with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), which is going to resurface U.S. 160 from U.S. 84 to 1st Street in Pagosa Springs, with CDOT hoping to put its own conduit in.

Lashbrooke explained the PSCDC hopes to utilize this conduit as well; otherwise, it would cost six times the amount to do it on its own.

The PSCDC was forced to negotiate with CDOT after the price was estimated at \$123,000 when it was originally quoted at \$41,000, Lashbrooke indicated.

"We have to put this fiber in while they have to road open or it will never happen," she said. "We have negotiated for three weeks and brought the price down to \$66,000."

The PSCDC modified its plan and took out a handhold station

and will not go across the highway, she said. They'll wait until the foot-bridge is built and run the fiber on the bottom of the footbridge.

"We've done everything we can to get that as low as we can," Lashbrooke said.

The conversation then pivoted to housing and workforce development.

"We haven't heard if we got the application for \$33,000 through the Office of Economic Development and International Trade [OEDIT]," Lashbrooke said. "The project was to build out a workforce development tool, whether that be a software or a look at best practices, and how do we build out something that helps us to grow the workforce and get them a job?"

Lashbrooke noted the workforce housing project is moving quickly and they met with the Department of Housing (DOH), which is an organization housed under DOLA, regarding the Transformational Affordable Housing grant.

Unfortunately, she noted, that grant is on hold because they were inundated with applications when it first opened. The application will reopen in May.

She added they will instead apply for a grant through the DOH that will provide pay-down assistance for housing and the PSCDC will work closely with Habitat for Humanity to help people prequalify for mortgages.

Lashbrooke added the PSCDC wants to reach out to main industry partners in the area to inquire

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## 2023 LPEA director election canceled in three of four districts, Pitcher to serve District 1

By Hillary Knox  
La Plata Electric Association

Due to unopposed candidates in three of four voting districts, the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2023 LPEA director election in Districts 1, 2 and 3. The District 4 election will still be conducted, and all LPEA member ballots will include a proposed bylaw amendment.

In accordance with LPEA bylaws, one seat in each of LPEA's four districts comes up for election annually. If there is only one nominee for a position on the board for a district, the board may cancel the election for that district and, by resolution, declare the sole nominee elected to the board.

As no challenger applications were received, new candidate Nicole Pitcher (District 1 — Archuleta County) will fill the seat vacated by retiring director Bob Lynch, and incumbents John Lee Jr. (District 2 — south and west La Plata County) and Rachel Landis (District 3 — city of Durango) will be re-elected as director of their districts as of June 8. Two new candidates, John Purser and David Luschen, will vie for the open seat vacated by retiring director Sue McWilliams in District 4 (north and east La Plata County).

Members in all districts will receive an LPEA ballot in the mail in early May. Members in District 4 will need to vote on their director candidate and a proposed bylaw amendment. Members in

all other districts will vote just on the amendment. The proposed amendment would update the bylaws to align with state law, better reflect current member preferences around communication and allow the LPEA Board of Directors to add electronic ballots as another voting option in future LPEA elections in conformity with state law.

Ballots and voting instructions will hit member mailboxes in early May and must be received by June 7 at 4 p.m. (or delivered in person to the LPEA annual meeting) to be counted. Election results will be announced at LPEA's 2023 annual meeting at LPEA headquarters in Bodo Park — or via Zoom — at 5 p.m. on June 8. For more details, visit [lpea.coop/annual-meeting](http://lpea.coop/annual-meeting).

## Next phase beginning for U.S. 160 Wolf Creek Pass fiber optic project

By Colorado Department of Transportation

The U.S. 160 fiber optic installation project between Pagosa Springs and the west side of Wolf Creek Pass will resume work at the beginning of May.

To date, 59,471 linear feet of conduit, manholes and pull boxes have been placed between the ski area and Treasure Falls. The project runs for almost 30 miles from mile points 144 to 174.

The project is expected to be completed by November 2023, weather dependent. Work activity set for this construction season includes the installation of additional conduits, manholes and pull boxes from Treasure Falls to Pagosa Springs. The fiber optic line will be installed into the conduit along the entire corridor. Foundations, signs and various information technology services will be installed and

placed into the service.

The fiber optic cable will connect with existing fiber that was installed in 2017 along a 16-mile stretch of the U.S. 160 mountain corridor from the Wolf Creek Pass east tunnel to the community of South Fork. The project will also include the installation of new and upgraded dynamic signs that will provide additional safety and warning messages to all Wolf Creek Pass travelers regarding road and weather conditions, lowered speeds and the west-side hairpin turn.

### Traffic impacts

Beginning in May, motorists will encounter road work on U.S. 160 north of Pagosa Springs to Treasure Falls. Traffic impacts will include:

- Daytime work hours range from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Vehicles may be reduced to a

single-lane, alternating traffic intermittently in either direction, throughout the duration of the project. These lane closures, guided by flaggers, may have up to 15-minute delays.

- The speed limit will be reduced to 40 mph through the work zone.
- Traffic fines in the construction zone will be doubled.
- Spools of fiber optic cable conduit staged on U.S. 160 north of Pagosa Springs.

### Project information

For additional information about this project:

- Call the project information line at (970) 363-5100.
- Email the project team at [us160fiberinstallwolfcreekpass@cdot.gov](mailto:us160fiberinstallwolfcreekpass@cdot.gov).
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# SkillsUSA students shine in Pueblo competition

By Kris Salisbury  
Build Pagosa

Six talented career and technical education (CTE) students from Pagosa Springs High School competed recently at the SkillsUSA competition held in Pueblo, Colo. These students qualified for state by achieving first, second or third place at the regional competition held in Durango in February.

The competitions included welding, carpentry, diesel mechanic technician and T-shirt design.

Skills USA is a national organization whose mission is to "improve the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA framework skills that include personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics."

This is the fifth year that advisor and vocational teacher Torry Hessman has taken students of the Pagosa Springs SkillsUSA Chapter to the state competition. Three years students have qualified to attend the national SkillsUSA competition and were sponsored by Build Pagosa as part of the Sledz on Rez fundraising event.

The students really brought an incredible effort to the state competition.

Hessman said, "All of these students are deeply involved in the CTE program, taking multiple classes to improve their job-ready skills. These students participate in the summer work program with local employers and I am very proud of their efforts in the competition. By the time of their graduation,



Photo courtesy Build Pagosa

Six Pagosa Springs High School SkillsUSA recently competed in the competition in Pueblo. Pictured students, left to right, front row: Brodie Norton (carpentry), Ethan Chavez-Skok (carpentry), Halle Munyon (welding), Tor Hessman (advisor) and Jolon DeJesus (regional competitor cabinet making). Back row: Trent Connor (diesel mechanic technician), Sofia Talamante (diesel mechanic technician) and Shayda Valdez (T-shirt design).

they will be highly skilled and readily employable."

The school district's CTE program offers classes that teach students skills that prepare them for jobs in health care, automotive, construction, culinary arts, hospitality, agriculture, welding, outdoor recreation, business and more.

Build Pagosa continues to support these programs and is working toward the construction of a regional workforce center to expand these classroom to career programs. The fifth annual Build Pagosa Auction will be held on May 12 at the Ross Aragon Community Center and features

garden sheds, wilderness first aid kits and bird houses built by the students plus several other locally donated auction items that help support the CTE high school program.

For more information about the auction, visit BuildPagosa.org or email director@buildpagosa.org.

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about area median income levels they must meet for people to move here and afford somewhere to live.

"We want to make sure we're attracting the workforce we need to house here," Lashbrooke said, "and helping employers to retain employees and bring new employees here."

Lashbrooke reported that the PSCDC is keeping a close eye on Proposition 123, which was passed by voters last November. This ensures 40 percent of the money in this fund goes to the DOH, while the remaining 60 percent goes to OEDIT.

"The Department of Housing will work on home ownership and homelessness," Lashbrooke said, adding, "OEDIT will be working with municipalities for land banking. They can work with land trusts and private developers and nonprofits."

She added Proposition 123 opens up great opportunities for public/private partnerships.

Economic Development Project manager Heather Otter of the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado joined the meeting via Zoom and gave updates, which, again focused

predominantly on broadband.

Region 9 is a "Colorado non-profit community economic development corporation that promotes and coordinates economic development efforts throughout Southwest Colorado," according to its website.

It serves the counties of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan, as well as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

Otter noted that Region 9 is waiting for the \$66 million National Telecommunications and Information Administration grant, the largest grant the organization has ever applied for.

"If we win, which we're pretty sure we will, it would mean a lot of great work for the region," Otter said.

She added the grant is slated to focus on the middle-mile infrastructure, which is the last fiber optic infrastructure needed to enable redundant Internet connectivity throughout the region.

Next, the corporation addressed a summer career exploration work program that it will implement with Pagosa Springs High School.

In this program, students will receive a list of career fields and rank them in order of interest. They

are then matched with local organizations or companies that fit their interests. The positions range from construction to fly-fishing.

"We've already had 27 industry partners say they want to participate and given us a number of students they want to hire," Administrative Manager and Main Street Program Coordinator Kathleen McFadden said. "There are 50 positions available in 25 areas of interest."

Lashbrooke added that the medical center was awarded an education grant, so any student who wants to go into health care out of this internship can be paid out of medical center funding so that the corporation can use money that's not health care-related, and thus get the greatest impacts out of both of their funding. Part of the medical center's grant will pay for equipment to create an educational facility.

Additionally, the PSCDC representatives noted that Pueblo Community College will be adding a six-week certified nursing assistant course as part of a workforce development grant. The class will start in mid-April.

Lashbrooke also explained the PSCDC is also partnering with Build Pagosa on a \$3 million grant

for Opportunity Now, a statewide grant program that is "designed to help communities across Colorado create and expand innovative workforce and talent development initiatives," according to the Colorado.gov website.

The PSCDC was notified that it was being moved to the planning phase of the grant and will be able to apply for a maximum of \$50,000 to start, she said.

It was notified by a Colorado state senator's office that the congressional spending application is open, and the PSCDC has submitted an application, she added.

"The senator's representatives toured the CTE [career and technical education] building and were impressed with it, and left that meeting feeling very encouraged," Lashbrooke said.

This grant would give \$1 million to help expand upon the CTE building.

Lashbrooke also noted the PSCDC's annual meeting is on May 10 at the Tennyson Building Event Center. Instead of a guest speaker as they've done in years past, they decided to do a presentation on broadband given the pertinence and timeliness of the broadband implementation.

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# Sports

## Soccer



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Lady Pirate Elizabeth Currier pursues the ball en route to a goal during the teams' 7-6 overtime victory against Ignacio at home on April 18. Currier scored four goals during the match and was named player of the game for the Lady Pirates.

## Lady Pirates pick up wins against Lake County, Ignacio

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team notched its first two wins over the last week, defeating the Lake County Panthers 10-0 in Buena Vista on April 13 before recording a 7-6 overtime victory against the Ignacio Bobcats at their first home game of the season on April 18.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason highlighted that Pagosa had only 10 players, short of the typical 11 players on the field, for the Lake County game and that he had told the team, "This is all we got, this is all we need" prior to the game.

He added that the team "didn't make any mistakes" in the game, with accurate passing, coordinated team movement and effective play.

The coach commented that Kiera Davis was the Pirates' goalkeeper for the game, although she had never started in the position before, and that she made "four good saves" and was named player of the game "just because she

stepped up and took control." Kurt-Mason added that Pirate Elizabeth Currier was "on fire," scoring her first goal before the second minute of the game off an assist from Hailey Sams.

The Pirates' next goal came 15 minutes into the game when Lauren Monterroso scored, assisted by Currier, on a shot from 18 yards out that hit the upper right corner of the net and went by the goalkeeper, according to Kurt-Mason.

Currier scored again approximately a minute later, Kurt-Mason stated, taking the ball from 40 yards out into the goal.

In the first half, Sams also scored two goals at 15 minutes and 20 minutes into the game, according to Kurt-Mason, with one goal assisted by Currier and one by Monterroso.

He explained Sams scored another goal 30 minutes into the game, scoring on a 35-yard run in which she beat three defenders and the Panthers' goalkeeper.

In the 37th minute, Monterroso assisted Currier on her third goal,

Kurt-Mason stated.

"That was a kick she made over the head of the keeper and it hit the bar, and Liz followed her shot and just knocked it in with her chest," he added.

At minute 39, Currier scored again, catching the ball while a Lake County defender was clearing it and shooting it into the back of the net, according to Kurt-Mason.

"We were up eight to nothing in the first and the girls were jazzed about the whole thing," he said. "We had great defense. The girls were moving up and back together, and we had some really cool set plays that we'd been working on."

In the second half, Kurt-Mason stated, Monterroso scored two more goals, one assisted by Vida Maes 19 minutes into the second half.

Monterroso's and the game's final goal occurred approximately 22 minutes into the second half, the coach noted, with Monterroso making a "good" shot from approximately 18 yards out that went over the Lake County goalkeeper's

hands.

This goal ended the game due to the mercy rule.

Kurt-Mason concluded that the Lady Pirates played "an awesome match" against Lake County.

The April 18 match against Ignacio opened with the Bobcats scoring their first goal less than two minutes into the game, which Kurt-Mason explained was scored when the ball deflected off a Pirate defender and went in as "basically an own goal."

"It was just an odd roller," he added.

The Bobcats scored again four minutes into the game from 30 yards out, a goal which the coach noted was similar to the first with the ball hitting a bump and colliding with a Pirate player before going in.

Monterroso scored at just past six minutes into the game, bringing the score to 2-1.

The Bobcats scored again on a corner kick at 14 minutes, which Kurt-Mason explained bounced

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# TRACK



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Elio Groves clears the bar during the high jump at last weekend's Del Norte Tiger Invitational. Groves took first in the event and set a personal record.



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Kylie Ketchum flies during the long jump at the Del Norte Tiger Invitational on April 15. Ketchum placed sixth in the event with a distance of 14 feet, 9.5 inches.

## Pirates take first, third at Del Norte meet

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field teams were slated to take part in two meets over the last week, the Del Norte Tiger Invitational and the Bayfield Invitational, but Mother Nature changed those plans.

The Pirate teams left Saturday's Del Norte Tiger Invitational early due to weather conditions.

"I think the best way to describe the weather in Del Norte on Saturday is miserable," coach Connie O'Donnell wrote in an email to The SUN. "It was so cold and windy. We were really just in the middle of a dust storm all day. We decided to leave the meet a little early just because we knew that our remaining jumps wouldn't count and I didn't want our kids breathing in dust. Even though we ran some good times, our sprints, hurdles and long jumps didn't count for qualifying because of too much wind. I'm hoping that we can run and jump like we did in Del Norte, but without the wind this week."

Despite the weather, the Pirate team took third overall, while the Lady Pirates took first.

The Pirates finished third out of 22 teams, landing behind Centauri and Bayfield in the standings.

In the 100-meter dash, Colton Lucero took ninth with a time of 11.86 seconds, Kameron Winkler took 10th with a time of 11.96 seconds, Harley Armijo logged a time of 12.18 seconds to finish 14th and Gavin Carter ran it in 12.29 seconds to finish 16th.

In the 200-meter dash, Armijo finished sixth in 25.14 seconds, Nathaniel Kinsley took seventh in

25.21 seconds, Winkler finished eighth with a time of 25.22 seconds and Gavin Lindahl finished 11th with a time of 25.74 seconds.

In the 400-meter dash, Jacob Miller placed ninth with a time of 1:00.37, Jeremiah Jones finished 17th in 1:01.71, Miles Baker took 22nd in 1:02.95 and Carter finished 23rd with a time of 1:03.36.

Jesse Beck placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:26.44, with O'Donnell noting he took six seconds off his time. Elias Sanchez finished 23rd with a time of 2:47.27 and Kyle Marotta finished 25th in 2:48.78.

Andrew Bowles took first place in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:17.54. Beck followed in fourth with a time of 5:29.00. Marotta finished 18th in 6:19.91. Connor Thomas finished 20th in 6:34.92.

O'Donnell notes Bowles "decided to try" the 300-meter hurdles and, "in his first hurdle race, he ended up placing."

Bowles placed fifth with a time of 51.01 seconds.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Armijo, Lindahl, Lucero and Winkler finished second with a time of 46.72 seconds.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Winkler, Nasralla, Lucero and Kinsley finished third in 1:38.87.

Pagosa's team of Sanchez, Tucker Haines, Thomas and Levi Hinger took ninth in the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 11:19.00.

In addition to Bowles, O'Donnell also highlights another athlete who took part in a new event with strong results.

"Jonny Nasralla high jumped for the first time, cleared 5'11" and won the meet. He is tied for 15th in the state with that jump," she

wrote.

Jones took sixth with a height of 5 feet, 3 inches.

Nasralla took third in the triple jump with a distance of 36-04.00. Miller followed in eighth with a distance of 34-05.00. Baker took ninth with a distance of 33-11.00.

Aidan Vega finished 36th in the discus with a throw of 60-06.00 and 39th in the shot put with a throw of 24-01.50.

The Lady Pirates took first out of 22 teams at the meet.

Rylie Carr placed first in the 100 with a time of 13 seconds. Anna-belle Parker finished third in 13.45 seconds. Aspen Pitcher took 12th with a time of 14.14 seconds. Alexis Campbell finished 17th in 14.42 seconds.

Campbell finished third in the 200, logging a time of 29.25 seconds. Kylie Ketchum placed seventh with a time of 30.42 seconds. Abigail Packer finished 13th in 30.92 seconds. Evelyn Rose finished 28th in 32.43 seconds.

Sienna Rose and Annie O'Donnell took the top two places in the 400, respectively, with Sienna Rose finishing in 1:04.83 and Annie O'Donnell finishing in 1:05.88. Emma Gantt finished 21st with a time of 1:16.72.

Honestye Sweet finished 12th in the 800 with a time of 3:01.27.

Sweet finished 10th in the 1,600 with a time of 6:54.25, and Marie Smith finished 14th with a time of 8:06.95.

Chantelle Caldwell took second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.16 seconds. Elissa Mars finished fifth in 18.24 seconds. Ketchum finished 10th with a time of 20.23 seconds.

"Chantelle Caldwell improved

her time in the 100 hurdles," the coach wrote. "Again, it won't count for qualifying, but she is really improving her race. If she can run the time again without wind, she will be in the top 10 in the state."

Mars finished third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 56.47 seconds.

The team of Parker, Caldwell, Sienna Rose and Carr took first in the 4x100 with a time of 52.15 seconds.

"Our girls 4x100 improved their time. Now, both the 4x1 and the 4x2 are ranked 6th in the state," Connie O'Donnell wrote, adding she'll probably start rotating other runners in those relays and letting some of the relay members focus on other events for a while.

The team of Sienna Rose, Caldwell, Parker and Reece Peterson finished first in the 4x200 with a time of 1:52.68.

The team of Lexi Campbell, Parker, Pitcher and Packer finished fifth in the 800-meter sprint medley with a time of 2:14.35.

The 4x800 team of Lucy Taylor, Hadley Phillips, Aspen Salazar and Smith finished fifth in 14:53.82.

The Lady Pirates swept the top three finishes in the high jump with Elio Groves placing first and Jordan Lindstrom took second, with both jumping 4-09.00. Caldwell took third with a jump of 4-07.00. Annie O'Donnell finished sixth with a height of 4-05.00.

The coach wrote that Groves recorded a "massive" personal record by clearing the jump and winning the meet.

Lindstrom placed fourth in the long jump with a distance of 14-11.00. Ketchum finished sixth with

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# The Library Affair


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The Library Affair took over the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts Saturday evening to raise funds for the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation's campaign to renovate and expand the library. Book-themed tablescapes were up for grabs through silent and live auctions as well as a raffle, and awards were handed out for the table receiving the most votes online prior to the event and for the table that raised the most money.



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# Earth Day 2023

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# Earth Day celebration to be held Saturday

By **Pauline Benetti**  
Southwest Organization for Sustainability

Earth Day 2023 in Pagosa Springs will take place along the Riverwalk in Centennial Park, between the two foot bridges with an entrance at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) site, this Saturday, April 22.

The day is dedicated in memory of Puja Parsons and Phyl Daleske, both planet warriors, each one in her own unique way.

Perhaps Parsons' most public contribution to sustainability lies in her role of bringing growing domes to the world — those iconic geodesic structures so shaped to promote vegetative growth year-round even in our cold clime. On a personal level, her appreciation of the Earth's natural beauty emanated through many personal expressions, and the home she maintained celebrated sustainability.

Daleske was active in her appreciation of Earth's blessings. Many years ago, she was part of the impetus for the formation of the San Juan Outdoor Club, and being active with the club took her out hiking and skiing, which she loved, and working for the preservation of the outdoors. Back home, she was active with the Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS) and the activities it promoted — Earth Day and the Pagosa Farmers Market. Her favorite T-shirt read, "Live Simply that others may Simply Live."

Anyone wonder why we celebrate Earth Day? It is amazing given the gravity of the consequences that we need to be reminded, but we do. Business as usual is too easily and comfortably slipped into. There is no Planet B, at least, not in the short run and not without a lot of science. And in the meantime, life on Planet

A is becoming increasingly problematic. Thus, we celebrate Earth Day as a yearly (at least) reminder that change is critical both in our individual and collective acts.

This year will be the 53rd celebration of Earth Day since its beginning in 1970 with a demonstration by 20 million Americans that resulted in the passing of legislation in the following years. The Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, Endangered Species Acts and the National Environmental Education Act all came out of this effort.

Today, ironically, much of this is in danger of revocation and the argument over the human causes of a warming climate has created great division. In 1990, Earth Day went global, with 200 million people in 141 countries participating. Today, more than 1 billion people from 192 countries participate, including a fresh and angry generation of young people who demand progress and use digital and social media to press for change. The need has never been greater especially in our own country, once the world leader in protecting the planet's natural resources. Visit [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) for more details.

Now about the programming for our Earth Day. This day's theme is "\*\*\* GROW \*\* Soil — Gardens — Peace — Community." The day will begin with an opening community sound bath meditation at 9:45 a.m. offered by a wellness instructor and will close with an homage to our planet. There will be Americana music emanating from the GGP amphitheater by the New Fangled in the morning with an open mic starting shortly after 1 p.m. to which an invitation goes out right now to all the hidden talent in our community.

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# Earth Day recycling event announced

By Naomi Lindquester  
Flowstone Education

Local nonprofit Flowstone Education announced it will be collecting sneakers in any condition as part of a fundraising campaign for its educational programming.

In the United States, at least 200 million pairs of shoes and sneakers end up in landfills each year, taking 30 to 40 years to decompose while emitting harmful chemicals into the soil and air.

“When more than 600 million people worldwide don’t even own a pair of shoes, we felt like this was the right fundraiser for us — everyone benefits,” said Flowstone Director Naomi Lindquester.

All reusable sneakers from the sneaker drive fundraiser program will be recirculated to secondhand markets so people can access qual-

ity, pre-owned footwear at affordable prices. All heavily used and damaged footwear is recycled to reuse materials or to convert waste into new energy.

Flowstone will also be collecting old phones, tablets and smart watches for recycling. Discarded electronic devices emit toxic substances into the air and ground water during incineration, while the cadmium from a single cellphone is capable of polluting 158,200 gallons of water.

“We hope to raise awareness about the impact of just throwing things away, as much as we hope to raise funds,” Lindquester noted.

In addition to collecting sneakers and cellphones, a drawing will be held for prizes from local merchants. Bring your recyclable items to the Pagosa Springs Walmart from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22.

## Earth

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Show up with your instrument, whether it be voice or guitar, etc.

At 11 a.m., catch the Pagosa Wetland Partners’ tour of the wetlands. At noon, a community tea ceremony is planned in which all are invited to a warm cup of tea and a community-supporting experience. Given April’s weather, this may be the most appreciated experience of the day. Tea will be followed by a pottery-making lesson with a tea cup as the expected outcome for use in subsequent tea ceremonies.

At noon, the Kid’s Chalk Art Contest will begin. Registration is at the SOS booth, where chalk supplies will be available or kids can bring their own. There will be prizes all around.

Meanwhile, scattered throughout the day will be myriad displays by local organizations, each doing its own thing toward a better future, also a chalk art contest for the kids, tomato starts and dried herbal giveaways, yoga practice, making seed balls in the Native Plant Garden, an electric vehicle for examination and more.

Add to the above attractions the coming together of an amazing number of organizations and individuals in a show of solidarity and support for the tremendous task before us. Come see how these Earth Day participants each in their own way participate in the solution: Archuleta Democrats, Archuleta County Master Gardeners, Audubon Rockies, Daughters of the American Revolution, electric vehicles, the GGP, Habitat for Humanity, Healthy Archuleta, Heart

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Once again, we extend a warm invite to any nonprofit organization, agency, organization, business, etc. that believes it has a stake in the outcome to participate in our celebration of planet Earth, our home. Participate with a booth or table and a giveaway of some type appropriate to the celebration. Contact us at [sospagosa@hotmail.com](mailto:sospagosa@hotmail.com) or call (970) 264-5232.

In closing, dwell for a moment on this piece composed upon viewing the Earth from space: “From the moon, Earth is so small and so fragile, and such a precious little spot in that universe, that you can block it out with your thumb. Then you realize that on that spot, that little blue and white thing, is everything that means anything to you — all of history and music and poetry and art and death and birth and love, tears, joy, games, all of it right there on that little spot that you can cover with your thumb. And you realize from that perspective that you’ve changed forever, that there is something new there, that the relationship is no longer what it was.” — Apollo 9 astronaut Rusty Schweickart, 1963.



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Photo courtesy Healthy Archuleta

Healthy Archuleta's Youth Community Leadership and Learning Circle meets. The group prepared a scavenger hunt activity to Saturday's Earth Day celebration.

## Vista Lake Community Garden plant starter sale a success

Healthy Archuleta

The seeds sprouted. They grew and grew over the last few weeks. The Vista Lake Community Garden Community Leadership and Learning Circle (CLLC) came together on several evenings with support from the Healthy Archuleta growing team member and transplanted the seedlings.

At last count, there were over 400 red cups giving new homes to the seedlings waiting to be planted in garden beds around the community. As we anticipate warmer

temps, some of the seedlings will have to remain indoors to continue their growth journey. However, it will not be long.

On Sunday, April 16, the CLLC members arranged the seed starters on tables. There were tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, dill, cilantro, kale, cauliflower, broccoli, beets and spinach — quite an array of cool-crop vegetables to behold by local gardeners. This event brought in more than 40 people browsing over the plants and picking out what they wanted to purchase. One boy about the age of 8 chose broccoli,

cilantro and kale for his first attempt at gardening.

In addition to the plant sale, the Vista Lake Garden was open for the community to tour. Some folks even took advantage of the seeds found in the free seed library. Overall, it was a successful event. The leftover plants will be planted in the community garden in May to support local food distribution. The CLLC members enjoyed chatting with all the community gardeners.

For more information on up-  
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# Sovereign Commons to host Trash Fest community event in Aspen Springs

By Lauren Hawksworth  
Sovereign Commons

Sovereign Commons is thrilled to announce its upcoming community event, Trash Fest, which will take place at Ute Drive Park in Aspen Springs on Saturday, May 6,

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event aims to bring together the Aspen Springs community to promote stewardship and sustainability in the neighborhood.

One of the main features of the event is a community and road cleanup initiative. Archuleta County is generously providing a dumpster at Ute Drive Park on

May 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for residents to dispose of cleanup trash or outdoor property trash free of charge.

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## Garden

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coming events, check out the Vista Lake Community Garden and the Healthy Archuleta Facebook pages.

### Healthy Archuleta hosts attorneys

Healthy Archuleta recognized a need in the community for legal counsel and, through its connections and networks, was able to host two lawyers visiting from Denver and, even further, to help our community.

They provided brief consultations, pro bono, to help answer the questions that community members needed answers to. Our community welcomed the lawyers as they recognized the great opportunity that we provided for them all without needing to travel a great distance to get answers.

There was such high interest that the community filled our allotted spots within a matter of a couple of days. Close to 20 families were grateful to be seen over the course of two days.

The next visit for the lawyers will have plenty of outreach and we will welcome the community to visit with any questions.

### Earth Day celebration

Visit us at our booth, learn about our work, meet our team members and find out how you can get involved.

This Saturday, April 22, we will be at Centennial Park sharing information about our work and engaging the community in an Earth Day scavenger hunt activity prepared by our Youth CLLC. Our Spanish language team will also be there to connect and share culture and heritage with the community. Please join us between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the scavenger hunt. Healthy Archuleta is committed to advancing a sustainable, health promoting, and community-based food system.

For more information on Healthy Archuleta, please email us at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) and check out our website at <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org>.



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The Friends of Thingamajig Theatre will have its 10th season anniversary this year. The Friends operate in support of professional theater in the community.

## Friends of Thingamajig Theatre to celebrate 10th season anniversary

By Simon Fuger  
Friends of Thingamajig Theatre

This year will mark the 10th season anniversary of the formation of the Friends of Thingamajig Theatre housed in the Pagosa Springs Cen-

ter for the Arts.

The Friends operate in support of professional theater in our community by galvanizing community involvement through social events and provide an opportunity for a deeper understanding of the the-

ater process.

The recent pandemic has left many theater companies' stages dark and unable to survive. We are fortunate that our own Thingamajig Theatre Company, despite being ■ See Theatre on next page

# Obb for Spring Break!

We will be closing April 16 for a short break. See you Wednesday, May 3!



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# New Thought moves weekly service to Saturday

By **Shayla McClure**  
New Thought Center for Inspirational Living

The Sunday service has moved to Saturday and will not be scheduled due to our Saturday ceremony and drumming at 6 p.m. on April 22 at the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living.

## Upcoming events

SpiritHeart Band practice is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join SpiritHeart band. Please text Bruce at (970) 507-0739 for band information.

April 22: Earth Day celebration and drumming circle, noon to 4 p.m. We will build a community medicine wheel to honor Earth Mother. There will be live music. Tickets are \$10. Sponsored by the Good Vibe Tribe. Contact (970) 510-0309 for more information.

Sunday, April 30: Ignite Your Life group meeting with Dr. Elaine Harding.

May 13, 6 p.m.: Quintangled game night with co-creator Julie Loar. Free for children and adults alike. Reserve your spot now. Limited seating. Text/call (970) 510-0309.

The John and Sue Love benefit barbecue date and time is to be announced.

John and Sue Love donations can be dropped off at our New Thought Center; slide it between the glass doors or mail to: The New Thought Center, P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Make checks out to John Love. Thank you.

## About us

The New Thought Center is a 501(c)(3) and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We welcome local talents to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

New Thought events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor

of Pagosa Lodge (elevator available). Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing [pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com](mailto:pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com); mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 510-0309. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Center for Inspirational Living).

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# Theatre

■ continued from previous page closed for 18 months, was able to make it through. So, now it is time to once more celebrate live professional theater in our community and what better way to do it than join the Friends of the Theatre.

We will have a full slate of activities this year that will give members the opportunity to get closer to the theater experience. This will include the welcome party for the actors and crew, and Tech Tuesdays, where the Friends provide a dinner for the cast and support personnel as they bring all the elements of the play together for the first time.

There will be a picnic day, the grand farewell party and possibly another special social event. There is also the popular "Behind the Scenes" presentation where vari-

ous aspects of theater are explored. All of these events are exclusive for members of the Friends organization.

Membership is \$35 per year and you can purchase your membership online by going to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts website ([www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org)) and clicking on the tab "Become a Friend of the Theater." This will also provide more information on the Friends organization. If you wish to pay by check, you can send your check to Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Make the check payable to Thingamajig Theatre and mark "Friends Membership" on the check.

We look forward to seeing you at the theater for the exciting summer season.



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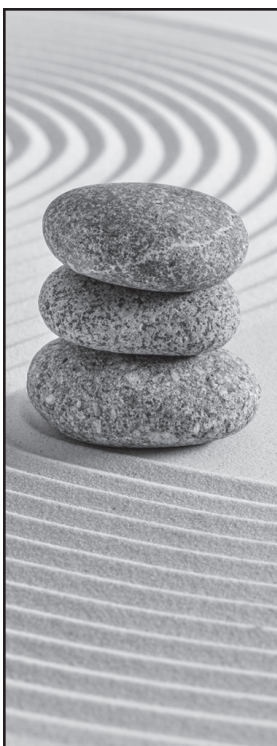
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# Kentucky Derby event planned for May 6

By Rose Chavez  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Senior Center welcomes the community to our first annual Kentucky Derby event at the Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive, on May 6 from 3 to 6 p.m.

This event is a fundraiser for Archuleta Seniors Inc. (ASI).

Dress and wear your derby hats and dance to the music of Tim Sullivan. Enjoy appetizers and desserts. We will offer a cash bar with wine, beer and mint juleps.

We will be live streaming the Kentucky Derby. You can also bid on fabulous silent auction items to help Pagosa seniors.

For more information about the event, contact the Pagosa Senior Center at (970) 264-2167.

## Share lunch and dine in

Join us at the Silver Fox's Den, aka the Community Cafe, in person for daily hot/cold meals Mondays through Thursdays at the Ross Aragon Community Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pickup is available all week including Fridays.

Our dining hall is open to all ages and welcomes you all with kindness and warmth. We provide hot/cold meals for anyone in the community interested in a nutritious and delicious meal. For those 60 or older, we request a suggested donation of \$10, but no one will be turned away.

There is a \$10 charge for guests under the age of 60. Meals include a main course, side dish, fruit/dessert, garden salad and beverage. Some popular menu items include: Frito chili pie, pork tenderloin with harvest chutney, Singaporean pork ribs, vegetarian lasagna and Hawaiian shrimp with coconut rice, and always a beautiful green salad. Many of our items are locally sourced and organic.

Our chef works with a team of

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local food professionals to hand prepare your meal for dine-in service in our cozy dining room (with an amazing view of the San Juans) or for takeout (via our convenient drive-through). Our menu changes daily.

To reserve your meal for the day, please make your reservation via text or phone call (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. weekdays.

We provide a welcoming gathering space that serves as a community hub where nutritious food and other resources/supports are available to help older adults and their caretakers stay independent, active, engaged in our community and living in their homes. Weekly educational and social activities include our healthy aging and yoga therapy class, Mahjong and more.

Check out our Senior discount card for local discounts and perks at <http://www.psseniors.org/discount-club.html>.

## Senior Conversations moves to a new time

Join us Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. for a series of Senior Conversations

with local Bill Salmansohn. He will lead the group through mindfulness exercises and discussion of various topics pertaining to aging in Archuleta County. Explore and discover for yourself answers to your questions and concerns. The meeting will be held at the Senior Center in the dining hall. Snacks will be provided.

## Free seasonal art class

The next free art class at the Senior Center will be Tuesday, April 25, at 1:15 p.m. No reservations are required, but space and supplies are limited, so be sure to be there by 1:15 p.m. The class will last approximately an hour and a half.

Not really art, but certainly creative, this craft class will explore how you can transform a simple washcloth into the cutest little spring bunny. No art skill is required for this class, just a desire to have fun and learn how to use your hands and your skill into shaping a little bunny from a washcloth.

All materials will be provided including the washcloth, trimmings, scissors and glue. This is suitable for the grandkids provided they are over 8 years old, and friends are always welcome to join us. Our teacher will be Denise Fisk, who is a retired elementary art teacher from Iowa.

Come and enjoy the camera-

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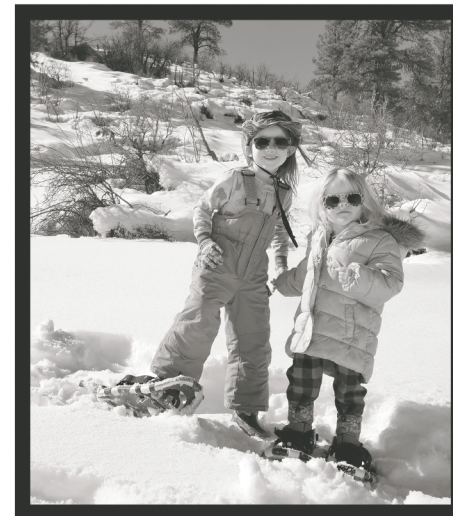
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derie and take home something so cute your friends will be jealous.

## Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club

The Pagosa Springs Scrapbooking Club holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center.

This creative tradition has been happening since 2005, started by Melissa Bailey, and was continued by Kathy Ruth through the years. The group met in the Senior Center dining room until 2020, took a break due to COVID and then resumed meetings in the Community Center.

They are truly excited to be meeting in the Senior Center dining area again.

They will meet each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to be creative, share ideas, connect with friends, learn new 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. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive notifications each month of the upcoming meeting along with handy tips and tricks for scrapbooking, please send your request to [copenhaver-creative@gmail.com](mailto:copenhaver-creative@gmail.com).

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## Mobile food pantry service

The Senior Center would like to remind the community about our mobile food pantry services we provide in partnership with Archuleta County MET to seniors age 60 and older throughout most areas of Archuleta County.

In order to participate in this program, community members must visit with Barbara Noriega at the Senior Center, located in the


Community Center, to fill out an application to qualify for the mobile pantry service.

The application, called the dining assessment form, is also available on our website at the

bottom of the Community Cafe page: <http://www.psseniors.org/community-cafeacute.html>. For more information, contact us at (970) 264-2167.



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## ■ continued from previous page Mahjong

Mahjong is a 19th century Chinese tile-based game that is commonly played with four players. Each player receives 13 tiles with a goal to make matching sets and pairs (like poker). To win, a player must form four sets and one pair. Come to the Senior Center to learn or play every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

## Medicare call by appointment

For anyone who needs help enrolling and navigating Medicare plans, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging helps with parts A, B and D. They can also help you with fraud concerns and troubleshooting any billing issues you may be having. This service is available by appointment only. Please call the Medicare line at (970) 264-0501, ext 4.

## Bridge

The longest-played bridge game in Archuleta County takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. We have eliminated Monday bridge due to lack of consistent participation and will be replacing it with different programming.

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

## Spiritual Experiences group plans Earth Day booth

By Laurah Brock Young  
Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs

Would you like to learn more about Eckankar?

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Eckankar, through the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, will be hosting a booth at the Earth Day celebration in Centennial Park and the Riverwalk on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We would love to meet you. We will be giving out free "Eck Wisdom" books on topics such as past lives, dreams and soul travel, and our booth will have a wisdom wheel that you can spin for a playful way to receive spiritual insights.

Earth Day brings together participants with conscious, holistic and ecological perspectives to "Invest in the Earth."

We hope to see you there.

and foot or interested in learning, please join us most Thursdays at 1:15 at the Senior Center.

This card game involves four rounds of playing until the final round is reached — some two to three hours later. Plan to stay and meet some new friends or catch up with those you have missed over the last couple of years.

No experience is necessary, so come willing to learn.

## Engaging pictures

Engaging pictures are needed from seniors and their families who live, work and play their best lives in Archuleta County. We are looking for pictures that convey people's active lifestyles, families, culture and more. We would like to use these pictures in our grant applications, on social media and on our website. Please email all pictures to [rosa@psseniors.org](mailto:rosa@psseniors.org) or feel free to drop them off.

## Admin volunteers needed

The Community Cafe at the Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with our front desk pickup meals and in the office in administrative tasks. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

## Board vacancies

The ASI Board of Directors has multiple vacant positions open.

The terms are three years with an option to renew for an additional term. Potential candidates should be at least 21 years of age or older and must have a passion for adult and aging services.

## Community Cafe menu

Thursday, April 20 — Crispy cod with tartar sauce, wilted spinach,

fruit salad, cinnamon coffee cake and milk.

Friday, April 21 — Beef meatloaf with roasted herb potatoes, garden salad, fruit, bread pudding and milk.

Monday, April 24 — Teriyaki beef and peppers on coconut rice, snow peas, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday April 25 — New Orleans corn and sausage clique with dinner roll, cooked greens, garden salad, fruit, Mississippi mud pie and milk.

Wednesday, April 26 — Tempeh chile, cornbread and honey, garden salad, fruit, custard tarts and milk.

Thursday, April 27 — Pork tenderloin with orange glaze, Romanesco broccoli, carrots, garden salad, fruit, banana brunch cake and milk.

Friday, April 28 — Chicken marsala, baked potato, peas and onions, garden salad, fruit, cookies and milk.

## Grab-N-Go meals

Grab-N-Go meal reservations and cancellations are required. Please call or text by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you want to pick up a meal. A suggested donation of \$10 helps to sustain our program. No one will be turned away for their inability to donate. For ages 59 and younger, the cost is \$10 also. Please call or text us at (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation.

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# Roads in our hearts

On Monday mornings, I bring a five-minute spiritual challenge to the writers in our Wolf Creek Christian Writers' Network. This prompt is designed to motivate and inspire. I challenge them to value their voice and their sacred story, the story the Lord has given them and only they can write.

Their voices are important and need to be heard. But, some are stuck. Only they know what holds them back, fear of exposure or fear of not being good enough. I am familiar with some of their excuses — no time to write, poor education, no one cares what I think or I don't have anything of value to write. I've dealt with those destructive voices in my past, even believed them. But I have found a road that took me out of my own way so I can write.

That road is Jesus. He says He's the way. He's not only saying "I am the road," but "I am the direction," "I have gone the distance," and "I will go the distance for you."

There's a hurting world that needs our words. Writers are gifted with words to change and influence the world around them. Their paths take them through dark valleys of tears where others only find pain, but they dig deep to find a pleasant pool.

Writers experience their own pain deep in their core. Only they know what it takes to bring them out of darkness. Usually, it takes years of prayer and seeking answers in order to extract pleasant pools from their soul's deep, dark valleys.

It takes courage to be vulnerable and let strangers know your hurt, your angst and your inability to cope. And it takes more courage to write it down, to put pen to paper, let the ink flow and let others read about you.

I read this Psalm to the group knowing someone needed to hear

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



*Writers are gifted with words to change and influence the world around them.*

this. "... Within their hearts are the highways of holiness. Even when their paths wind through the dark valley of tears, they dig deep to find a pleasant pool where others find only pain. He gives to them a brook of blessing filled from the rain of an outpouring." — Psalm 84:5-7 (TPT).

The scripture literally reads in Hebrew, there are "roads in our hearts to bring us into the presence of God." Those roads could be forgiveness, love or understanding for those who have committed injury to us or who we have caused injury to. That road in our hearts is designed to lead us out of the slump, or trauma, and back to a loving God.

The Holy Spirit refreshes us in

those hard moments, to turn those putrefied places into something beautiful. It's a mystery. God has chosen us to write.

"We are a visible display of the infinite, limitless riches of God's grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Jesus Christ." — Ephesians 2:7 (TPT).

I pressed upon the writers to understand the value of that dark valley of tears. When we deal with our pain before God and dig deep, we find a pleasant pool in that low ground of our lives where others only find pain. It is there we make a difference in another person's life.

Final brushstroke: As writers, we have been given much; we've been in the presence of God. We've traveled the "road of holiness," and, yes, the path of darkness and have experienced victory. How can we not to let the ink flow from our pens and give someone else a word of healing, encouragement or comfort?

Send your comment to [betty-slade@centurytel.net](mailto:betty-slade@centurytel.net).

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# What students learned in math class 2023

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Over the years, I have found that one of the students' greatest criticisms of any math class is their claim that they didn't learn anything. Therefore, sometimes as part of their final, I have the students list 10 things that they have learned.

These items can be anything at all in relation to the class. They are allowed to write their list ahead of time and bring it to the final if they want. Most observations are quite normal, but some make for interesting reading. It has been a while since I have shared any, so I thought I'd do so here.

1. I learned that night jobs + early morning classes = failure.

2. I learned that studying for a test actually helps you do better.

3. I learned that when I feel good about a test I probably did bad.

4. I learned that 9 a.m. is too early for class.

5. I learned that following what a professor does on the board and being able to do it at home are two very, very different things.

6. I learned that it is enjoyable to think and talk about math when I understand it. If I'm not enjoying talking about it, I don't understand it.

7. Professor Howard's cow is so cute. And she is gentle, even with a million students milking her.

8. That hard work pays off over time, but laziness pays off now, if you want to have fun. But in the end you only get out of something what you put in.

9. I learned that I am way too shy. I had one of the prettiest girls sitting next to me for a while at the beginning of the semester, and even though she flirted with me, I still never asked her on a date. How pitiful. I have worked on it since. I'm not going to let that happen again.

10. I learned that being able to take a 3-by-5 card to the testing center doesn't mean you don't have to study.

11. That some people have big

egos and get huffy when you sit in their normal seat.

12. I learned that historically a lot of mathematicians went insane. Tells you something, doesn't it?

13. I learned that you shouldn't take a weightlifting class before a math class or you won't be able to think for half of the class.

14. I learned that if you are taking a test and you don't seem to be able to do a problem, sometimes if you attempt it, then what your teacher wrote will come out from the deep recesses of your brain to the end of your pen.

15. I learned too late, at the end of the semester, that I was actually supposed to take a different class.

16. I learned that cramming two chapters into one week results in minimal comprehension.

17. Believing you can do something is not a substitute for learning to do it.

18. When writing teachers emails, always use proper English. Don't act like he's your buddy. (Professor Howard sends them back and with corrections to help you learn English. Who would have guessed that from a math teacher?)

19. A calculator is only as smart as the person who uses it.

20. The last week of the semester I learned that Professor Howard had provided us the answers to our homework preparation quizzes so we could check our answers.

21. I think I figured out how I can tell when Professor Howard's wife is out of town. What he wears doesn't match.

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

## Thursday, April 20

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until food runs out, Community United Methodist Church. Note: until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving southwest steak salad, tortilla and dessert to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat, and other staples are available for those in need.

**Tech Time.** 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. We are happy to help you resolve your basic technology questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices. We can also provide in-depth assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Game Master Playground.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. Are you a game master with an idea you want to try? Do you want to try your hand at being a game master? Sign up to run a one-shot game. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**English as a Second Language.** 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. "A Curious View of Northwest Coast Native American Art" with Bill Hudson.

**PALS Adult Education.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult

Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

## Friday, April 21

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Y is for Yoga Storytime.** 10-10:30 a.m. Sisson Library. For ages 1-5. Let's stretch while we practice early literacy skills.

**Kids Create.** 2-3 p.m. For ages 6-11. Sisson Library. A mixed-media art class based on a picture book. Story and projects change monthly.

**Powerhouse: Windworks.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For students in grades K-5. Enjoy weekly hands-on STEAM projects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Soccer.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa.

**Pagosa Bible Church: Film Night Series.** 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive (behind Wells Fargo). Attend one night or all as each night is a separate film. A Christian growth film will be shown followed by group discussion. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Each film will deal with how modern science substantiates the Bible. Call (303) 828-6386 for more information.

**San Juan Stargazers Deep Sky Viewing Night.** Meadows East location. For more information and directions, call (720) 626-9304.

## Saturday, April 22

**Earth Day.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn ways you can "Invest in Our Planet" at our Earth Day display and pick up your Earth Day

take-and-make kit.

**Earth Day Celebration.** 9:45 a.m., Centennial Park, Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site. Events throughout the day will include meditation, Americana music, an open mic, community tea ceremony, pottery-making session, kids' chalk art contest, tomato starts, dried herbal giveaway, yoga practice and more. See related article for more information. Hosted by the Southwest Organization for Sustainability.

**Drug Takeback Day.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Archuleta County Courthouse, 449 San Juan St. Items which cannot be accepted for take back programs include needles and sharps, mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters or illicit drugs. Visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) for additional information.

**Earth Day Recycling Event.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Walmart. Local nonprofit Flowstone Education will be collecting sneakers in any condition as part of a fundraising campaign

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**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Center-

point Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A grief support group. You may start at any time. For more information, call the church at (970) 731-2205 or Marie Rascoe at (970) 946-9379 (leave a message).

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson

Library. For kids 6 years old and up. Bring your own or use our LEGOs to build. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball.** 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri doubleheader.

**Learn to Knit.** 1-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn to knit for ages 8 and up. Supplies provided.

## Monday, April 24

**Medicare Mondays.** For anyone

■ **See Calendar on next page**

## Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the greater yellowlegs.

This is one of the shorebirds expected to be migrating over our heads at night and resting here now during the day on its long journey north. You can discover how many birds cross Archuleta County every night, along with other migration information, on the Birdcast website.

Light pollution is a deadly problem for birds migrating at night who are attracted to and confused by bright lights. Collisions with buildings lit up at night kill millions of birds each year. Especially during peak spring and fall migration periods, we are urged to go "lights out" at night. Birdcast is one of the tools used by cities to predict when this simple action is most important.

The greater yellowlegs starts its spring journey earlier than other shorebirds, on its way to breed in areas of northern Canada and southern Alaska after wintering along southern coasts and states and into Mexico. The boggy, buggy conditions of their nesting habitats have made their breeding biology largely unstudied.

Like other sandpipers, greater yellowlegs feed in mudflats, wetlands and wet meadows, seeking aquatic invertebrates, small frogs and fish. Using a high-stepping gait, it walks forward, swinging its head back and forth with its sensitive bill tip underwater. On its long legs, this sandpiper often wades in deeper water than others, darts ahead to catch minnows and sometimes swims.

Known as the telltale, tattler or yelper for its piercing alarm calls which alert all the waterfowl in the marsh to potential danger, this wary bird flushes easily.

Even seen from a distance its yellow legs and feet stand out. In breeding plumage, its upper parts are mottled in brown, gray and white. Its long bill is dark and slightly upturned. Unless the two are seen together when size differences are apparent, as they are in this photo, greater yellowlegs are difficult to distinguish from lesser yellowlegs. Good places to look for these birds here are the shallow ponds along the Riverwalk, Vista pond, Pinon Lake and the shallow ponds along Piedra Road.

For information on events, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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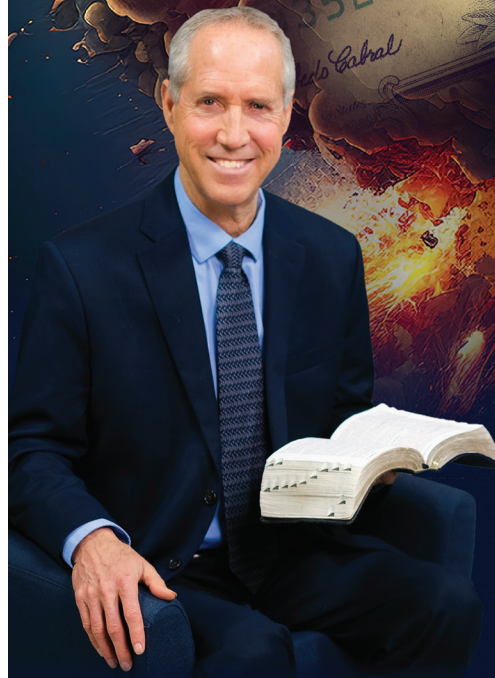
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**Line Dancing.** 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. If you have not attended before, call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

**Beginner Computer Class.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn practical skills to operate a personal computer, create and send emails, and make new documents and folders. This class will be a total of eight hours. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Medicare 101 Class.** 1:30-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about Medicare coverage and how to sign up.

**Children's Spanish Class.** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A children's Spanish class for ages 6-11. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Tuesday, April 25**

**Pagosa Springs Stitches.** 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. Open to all.

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail 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. We welcome your participation in fundraisers to benefit fellow vets. You served once, join us in continuing that service. Contact (970) 880-8387 for more details.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Basic questions related to computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. Bring all your device chargers. We provide assistance with accessing any of the library's online resources. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs).** 11:30 a.m., Two Chicks and A Hippie. Bring a sweatshirt since we may be outside (or upstairs). All adult women are welcome. Bring your recyclable plastic as we discussed last month for a future bench at the Veterans Park. Put it in the WHIPS-marked pickup truck. The cost is \$15. Please RSVP to (970) 946 1895.

**Pagosa Duplicate Bridge.** 12:30 p.m., PLPOA clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Duplicate players new and experienced are welcome. We are now members of the Durango Bridge Club and play ACBL-sanctioned games with computer-dealt hands for maximum review options. Please email names of playing pair to pagosaduplicate@gmail.com or call (970) 946-6454 for more information.

**Seasonal Art Class.** 1:15 p.m., Pagosa Senior Center. This class will explore how you can transform a washcloth into a spring bunny. All materials will be provided. No reservations are required, but space and supplies are limited. The class will last approximately an hour and a half.

**Pickleball.** 1:30-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball.** 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Durango.

**Children's Book Talk.** 3:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For ages 6-11. Need new ideas of what to read next? Learn about the library's newest children's and juvenile books and discover similar reads. There will be book giveaways.

**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Free for teens and young adults. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org to join.

**English as a Second Language.** 4-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Your library offers English as a second language classes. These classes are free. Call (970) 264-2209 or email for more information. Beginning students are encouraged to attend from 4-5 p.m., intermediate and advanced students from 5-7 p.m.

**PALS Adult Education.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Austen heroine
- 5 Egypt's southern neighbor
- 10 Allergic reaction
- 14 Take on cargo
- 15 Preserved, in a way
- 16 "Blondie" boy
- 17 Campus digs
- 18 Constraint
- 20 Gussed roughly
- 22 Feudal lord
- 23 Do museum work
- 24 Foot ailment
- 25 Water source
- 26 Prehistoric period
- 30 Surveillance technique
- 34 Part of EGBDF
- 35 Like some drinks
- 36 Manicurist's concern
- 37 Wild plum
- 38 Auction unit
- 39 Sharpies, e.g.
- 41 Official class member
- 43 Buck's partner
- 44 Blue flower
- 45 Keyboard instrument
- 49 Military attack
- 51 "I stand \_\_\_\_\_"
- 53 Canadian province
- 55 Full house, e.g.
- 56 "The Virginian" author Wister
- 57 Musical eightsome
- 58 Word ending a threat
- 59 Soap units
- 60 Gaggle member
- 61 Crystal ball user

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- 3 Trading places
- 4 Came clean
- 5 Rooftop energy sources
- 6 Stand together
- 7 FDR's coin
- 8 Battery fluid
- 9 Take-home pay
- 10 Hit the hay
- 11 Able to be transferred
- 12 Polluted fog
- 13 Improve, as skills
- 19 Word with tag or string
- 21 Castle enclosure
- 24 Thoughtful
- 26 Vindictiveness
- 27 Pinball error
- 28 Hired muscle
- 29 Hurricane centers
- 30 Bit of cunning
- 31 Screen symbol
- 32 Golden or Labrador
- 33 Drained of color

- 37 Campaign addresses
- 39 Pesky insects
- 40 Flag holder
- 42 Some are vital
- 45 Has a bawl
- 46 Past its prime
- 47 Lacking slack

- 48 Snake with venom
- 49 Pretentious one
- 50 Corn Belt state
- 51 First name in fragrance
- 52 "Beetle Bailey" pooch
- 54 Lowly worker

**Answers to Previous Crossword:**

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## Wednesday, April 26

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Beginner lessons, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Loaner paddles are available.

**Elementary Tutoring.** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Build essential skills in core subjects. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Family Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Denim Day Walk.** Noon, bell tower, intersection of Lewis Street and U.S. 160. Denim Day is an outward show of support for victims in our community. Wear teal, the color of awareness, to show support all month long. Come out and join us to show support for victims in our community. This is a worldwide awareness event. Learn more at <https://nationaltoday.com/denim-day/>.

**Beginner Computer Class.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn practical skills to operate a personal computer, create and send emails, and make new documents and folders. This class will be a total of eight hours.

Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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**Thyroid Health Community Event.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free event. Call Dr. Grace Slavin at (970) 376-7779 for more details.

## Thursday, April 27

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until food runs out, Community United Methodist Church. Note: until further notice, takeout will be available across the street from the Parish Hall at the Methodist Church. Serving grilled bratwurst, chips and fruit to go. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat, and other staples are available for those in need.

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**Knowledge Bowl.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson

Library. For those in middle school. Test your trivia skills in a wide range of subjects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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**Lifelong Learning Lecture Series.** 5:30-8 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. "What's the buzzzz about bees?" With Jen Doane.

**Online Author Talks: William Kent Krueger.** 6 p.m. We will gather virtually with William Kent Krueger, author of "Ordinary Grace." Listen live or recorded. Go to <https://pagosalibrary.org/upcoming/> to learn more.

## Friday, April 28

**Powerhouse: Racing Robots.** 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For students in grades K-5. Enjoy weekly hands-on STEAM projects. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pickleball.** 8-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available.

**Chimney Rock Interpretive Association: New Volunteer Training Session.** 9 a.m.-noon, Tennyson Event Center. We will explain more about CRIA and our volunteer program. If you cannot attend this event, you can still volunteer by calling the CRIA office at (970) 731-

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7133, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**An Evening With Climate and Weather Experts: How One Snowflake Affects Climate.** 6-9 p.m., CSU Extension Exhibit Hall, 344 U.S. 84. Come hear from weather and climate experts on weather and drought outlooks, how predictions are made, the CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain and Hail Study) weather program, and much more. For more information, email [robin.young@colostate.edu](mailto:robin.young@colostate.edu) or call (970) 264-5931.

**Pagosa Bible Church: Film Night Series.** 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive (behind Wells Fargo). Attend one night or all as each night is a separate film. A Christian growth film will be shown followed by group discussion. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Each film will deal with how modern science substantiates the Bible. Call (303) 828-6386 for more information.

**Saturday, April 29**

**365 Health Fair.** 7-11 a.m., Ignacio High School, 315 Ignacio St. Residents in Ignacio, Bayfield, Pagosa, Durango and surrounding areas will be able to receive access to free and affordable preventive health screenings. Walk-ins are welcome, but signing up online is encouraged to expedite the process. That can be done at: <https://365health.org/healthfair-locations/>. Hosted by the Bayfield Lions Club and Mt. Allison Grange.

**tion: New Volunteer Training Session.** 9 a.m.-noon, Chimney Rock National Monument. We will explain more about CRIA and our volunteer program. If you cannot attend this event, you can still volunteer by calling the CRIA office at (970) 731-7133, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A grief support group. You may start at any time. For more information, call the church at (970) 731-2205 or Marie Rascoe at (970) 946-9379 (leave a message).

**Special Event: Children's Day.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Discover the joy of

reading at this open house event celebrating children and books. Enjoy crafts, live music, a scavenger hunt and more.

**Brews for Rescues Beer Festival.** 1-5 p.m. Yamaguchi Park, 684 S. 5th St. Tickets are \$30. Unlimited beer tasting. Over 40 beers, fun dog show, food trucks and music. See [brewsforrescues2023.eventbrite.com](https://brewsforrescues2023.eventbrite.com).

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Girls' Soccer.** 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

**Monday, May 1**

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## 365 Health Fair set for April 29 in Ignacio

Special to The PREVIEW

The Bayfield Lions Club and Mt. Allison Grange are again teaming up to host the 365 Health Fair (formerly the 9Health Fair) at Ignacio High School on April 29.

Residents in Ignacio, Bayfield, Pagosa, Durango and surrounding areas will be able to receive

access to free and affordable preventive health screenings and resources on Saturday, April 29, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Ignacio High School, 315 Ignacio St.

Walk-ins are welcome, but signing up online is encouraged to expedite the process. That can be done at: <https://365health.org/healthfair-locations/>.

## Medicaid & CHP+ Recipients

Changes are coming as the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency comes to an end.

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# Salute to library volunteers during National Volunteer Week

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

Author Sherry Anderson once said, "Volunteers don't get paid — not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

Everyone on your library staff agrees.

Our volunteers are everyday heroes who make a lasting impact on the service we provide you, your family and friends at your library. In fact, in 2022 our volunteers contributed 1,575 hours valued at \$49,628, a huge amount of money, especially for a small library like ours.

National Volunteer Week is April 16-22 this year, and Meg Wempe, library director, and her team want to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to all of our volunteers. They help with so many important tasks including shelving, program prep, garden maintenance and more, and we are grateful for their skills and energy.

Please know that we appreciate you tremendously.

As William James said, "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

## Library early closure

Your library will close at 5 p.m. next Monday, April 24, and on the fourth Monday of each month for a staff meeting.

## Lifelong Learning tonight

Our new free spring Lifelong Learning lectures from 6 to 7:15

## Library News

April 22, when you can learn ways to invest in our planet at our Earth Day display and pick up your Earth Day make-and-take kit.

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p.m. in April and May are underway now.

Tonight, Thursday, April 20, Bill Hudson will discuss Northwest Coast Native American art.

April 27 will showcase Jen Doane talking about the amazing honeybees and other native Colorado bees.

## Yoga storytime tomorrow

Children ages 1-5 are invited to Y is for Yoga Storytime tomorrow, Friday, April 21, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. when we'll stretch while practicing early literary skills.

## Books and art tomorrow

Kids Create is a mixed-media art class based on a picture book tomorrow, Friday, April 21, from 2 to 3 p.m. for ages 6-11.

## Powerhouse fun tomorrow

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will enjoy hands-on STEAM projects tomorrow, Friday, April 21, from 3 to 4 p.m. at this weekly program.

## Earth Day Saturday

Join us to celebrate Earth Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday,



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## What Seventh-day Adventists Believe...

#13 of 28: UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST: "The church is one body with many members, called from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. In Christ we are a new creation; distinctions of race, culture, learnings, and nationality, and differences between high and low, rich and poor, male and female, must not be divisive among us. We are all equal in Christ, who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship with Him and with one another; We are to serve and be served without partiality or reservation. Through the revelation of Jesus Christ in the Scriptures we share the same faith and hope, and reach out in one witness to all. This unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), who has adopted us as His Children."

*"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"*

Revelation 7:9, 10. NKJV

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**LEGO Club on Saturday**

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations on Saturday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. Bring your own LEGOs or use ours.

**Learn to knit Saturday**

Ages 8 and up are invited to learn to knit on Saturday, April 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. Supplies will be provided.

**New beginner computer class**

Join us from 1 to 2 p.m. for a new free beginner computer class Mondays and Wednesdays aimed at adults who want to learn practical skills related to PC use, emails, and creating new documents and folders. Registration is required.

**Children's Spanish class Monday**

Join us Monday, April 24, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for a free Spanish class for kids aged 6 to 11 to help youngsters learn and improve their Spanish.

**Medicare intro on Monday**

Learn about Medicare coverage and how to sign up on Monday, April 24, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**Find new books kids will like**

On Tuesday, April 25, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. children ages 6-11 can learn about the library's newest children's and juvenile books. We'll have a drawing for free books.

**Dungeons and Dragons**

Next Tuesday, April 25, from 4 to 5:30, join our Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. Registration is required because space is limited. Contact Josie@pagosalibrary.org.

**Online author talks**

There will be one more talk this month in our free online virtual series featuring New York Times bestselling authors. You will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Thursday, April 27, at 6 p.m. will showcase William Kent Krueger, author of "Ordinary Grace."

**Knowledge Bowl**

Our free middle school Knowledge Bowl takes place next Thursday, April 27, from 4 to 5 p.m. for tweens and teens in grades four through eight, or ages 11-14. Participants form teams of up to six people to compete against each other by answering questions that cover a range of topics from math to spelling to pop culture.

**Poetry challenge**

A new all-ages writing challenge was posted April 10 on the library's Facebook page. In honor of Poetry Month, we're asking you to write a short poem.

**Homework and tutoring help**

Free homework assistance and elementary tutoring are available for students in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. A registration packet for parents and guardians is available by emailing the library or coming in.

**Family storytime**

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

**ESL classes**

Free in-person evening classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays with 4 to 5 p.m. reserved for beginners and 5 to 7 p.m. for both intermediate and advanced students. Please help us spread the word about these classes to others in our community who would be interested, and contact us by phone or email if you have any questions.

**PALS/GED adult education**

Join Mark for his free PALS sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to help with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

**Tech Time**

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Judy will help you with basic questions relating to computers, smartphones and tablets and also provide as-

sistance in accessing any of the library's online resources. No appointment is needed for these drop-in sessions.

**Downloadable books**

CloudLibrary has a wide variety of downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. To access this free digital collection, download the cloudLibrary app, answer a few simple questions, select AspenCat Union Catalog for the name of your library, then enter your library card number and four-digit PIN. Library staff are happy to help you set up your device if you need assistance.

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"In a House of Lies" by Ian Rankin features Scottish former detective John Rebus. "Hands Down" by Felix Francis is a Dick Francis mystery. "Never Never" by Colleen Hoover and Tarryn Fisher tells of a teen couple whose memories of their friendship and love have vanished. "The Angel Maker" by Alex North focuses on a woman after violence changed the fate of her family.

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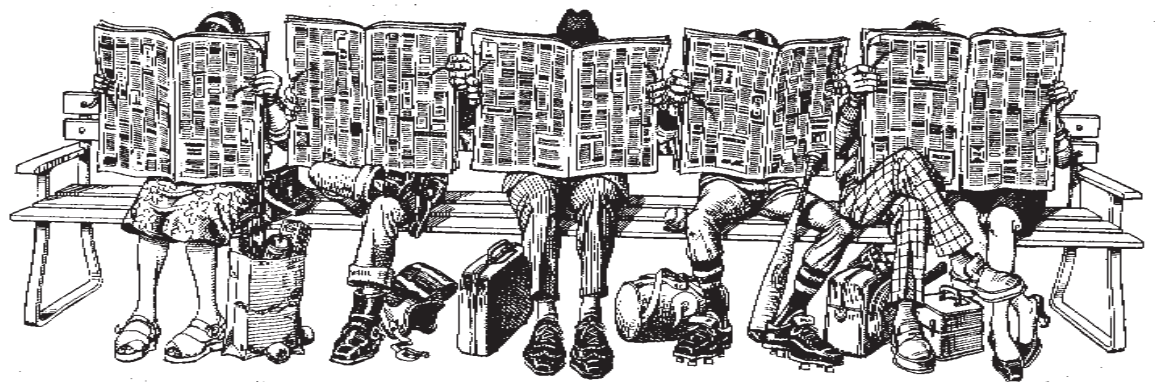
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### Other novels

“The Last Chairlift,” set in Aspen and New England, is John Irving’s first novel in seven years and, he says, his last long novel. “The Marriage Portrait” by Maggie O’Farrell, set in Renaissance Italy, features the third daughter of the wealthy banking head and arts patron Grand Duke de’Medici. “Stella Maris” by Pulitzer Prize winner Cormac McCarthy, set in a psychiatric facility, is the second in the author’s two-volume Passenger series.

“Wade in the Water” by Nyani Nkrumah tells of an 11-year-old mistreated Black girl living in Mississippi who meets a white researcher from Princeton. “Vintage Contemporaries” by Dan Koiss focuses on the life-altering friendship of three women in New York City. “The Battle of Jedha” is the full script by George Mann of the Star Wars story.

### Nonfiction

“Parables from Nature, with Notes on the Natural History” by Margaret Gatty contains culturally important works in the public domain. “Gnar Country” by Steven

Kotler chronicles the author’s experiments to push his 53-year-old body to its limit. “A Fever in the Heartland” by Pulitzer Prize winner Timothy Agan tells of a seemingly powerless woman who brought the Klu Klux Klan to its knees.

### Academy Award DVDs

“The Whale” won best actor for Brendan Fraser, “Women Talking” won best adapted screenplay and “Puss in Boots: The Last Wish” was nominated for best animated feature at the 2023 Academy Awards. “Frida” won five Academy Awards in 2003, including best actress for Salma Hayek. The mostly silent film “The Artist” won five Academy Awards, including best picture, in 2012.

### Other DVDs

“Devotion” is the true story of two elite U.S. Navy fighter pilots in the Korean War. “5000 Blankets” is inspired by a true story of a woman and her son helping the homeless. “The Chosen” is season one. “Luther” is the complete BBC series. “Resident Alien” is season two.

### Donations

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**BEST JOBS IN PAGOSA!** Pagosa Springs Golf Club is accepting applications for all staff positions: Retail Pro Shop \$14-\$14.50/ hour, Restaurant/ Bar \$10.63/ hour + tips, Golf Carts \$13.65/ hour + tips, Groundskeeping \$14-\$16/ hour DOE, and Housekeeping \$15/ hour. Full-time or Seasonal Irrigation Tech, \$18-\$24/ hour DOE. We are seeking fun & outgoing, reliable, and responsible applicants with excellent customer service skills for our 2023 team. Full- and part-time positions available. Training available for all positions. Apply in person at 1 Pines Club Place.

**FULL-TIME DRIVER NEEDED.** Must have Class B CDL with hazmat endorsement as well as current health card, be able to pass random drug and alcohol screenings, willing to work some overtime, altering weekends and on call shifts during the winter months. Basic computer skills are preferred. Call (970)264-5823 for an application or pick one up in person at 1040 E. Hwy. 160.

**GENERAL LABORER,** general labor, construction and ranch work. Please call (970)264-5000.

**ROOF LABORER NEEDED** with some construction experience. Will train. \$20-\$25/ hour to start. (970)749-0830.

**BANK OF COLORADO** is seeking to hire a Teller/ New Accounts. Performs regular teller duties, answering phones to assist customers with balances and transfers, and opening various types of accounts. Bank of Colorado offers PTO, health vision and dental insurance, and a 401K plan. Must be willing to work rotating Saturdays and have a flexible schedule to either open or close. To apply visit [www.bankofcolorado.com/careers](http://www.bankofcolorado.com/careers).

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** 214 Pagosa Street. Seeks night dishwashers. Must be 16 y/o. Must be able to work weekends and holidays. \$16 to start with raise after 45 days. See Anthony or Garrett after 1 p.m.

**PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND THE GREEN HOUSE** are looking for friendly and enthusiastic people who are eager to share their knowledge and help customers navigate the wide world of cannabis. **Primary responsibilities:** Greeting and checking in customers. Advising customers on the best product for their needs and preferences. Processing payments through a point-of-sale system and cash handling. Ensuring product security and compliance. Maintaining store appearance and organization. **Required qualifications:** Outstanding customer service and communication skills; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; reliable and professional; full-time availability and ability to work nights and weekends. Must be 21 years of age. A Marijuana Enforcement Division badge is required to start work. Previous retail, food service, and/or cannabis industry experience is preferred but not required. We provide an extensive training program on product knowledge and compliance requirements, with opportunities for continuing education. Benefits include paid sick leave, sales bonuses, and employee discounts. We are growing company with opportunities for advancement and involvement in outreach events. Please e-mail your resume to [employment@jandjinc.net](mailto:employment@jandjinc.net).

**IF YOU WANT TO BE ON GOD'S PAYROLL,** get your marching orders and provisions at 965 Cloud Cap Avenue.

**NORTH PAGOSA MARATHON** is hiring a full-time cashier and a full-time deli cook. Deli hours are Monday thru Friday, 5a.m.-1p.m. Please come apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

## HELP WANTED



**Imagine** having a job that offers flexibility, variety every day and as a bonus YOU make new friends!

**Happy Trails Ladies Boutique is looking forward to adding to their TEAM!**

Drop off resume Mon-Sat 11-5  
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- We are looking for reliable, motivated additions to our team to work in our fast-paced environment!
- Apply in person. Applications available on [www.terrysace.com](http://www.terrysace.com)

**Terry's ACE**  
525 Navajo Trail Dr.

**PART-TIME GROUNDS KEEPER/ MAINTENANCE POSITION** — Healing Waters Resort & Spa. Some evening and weekend hours may apply. We have a great team in place, just want to add one more to our crew. Looking for someone who is handy with tools - or has the willingness to learn; who doesn't mind sweeping, raking, and shoveling; and who is self-motivated. If this is you, we'd love to talk! Download an application at [www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/](http://www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/) or stop by 317 Hot Springs Blvd. Employees and immediate family soak for FREE! Apply today!

**BARTENDERS AND SERVERS NEEDED** at The Buck Stops Here Market and Eatery. Competitive pay. Full- and part-time positions available. Please apply within at 19 Navajo Trail Dr. Pagosa Springs, CO.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ FRONT DESK** needed for diverse office. Must be MS Office proficient with strong business writing and communication skills, able to multi task, organized, and detailed. Tech savvy a plus. Please send resume to [frontdesk@pagosaland-company.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosaland-company.com).

**CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LOOKING** for a self-motivated person for a part-time delivery/ job site cleanup position. Clean driving record, heavy lifting, experience hauling trailers and equipment a must and construction experience preferred. Please email info@fullertonworks.com or call (970)403-5119.

**HOMETOWN INSURANCE IS LOOKING** for a pleasant and friendly individual to fill a part-time receptionist position. Prior experience is desired but not required. This person will undertake all front desk clerical duties and must be very detail oriented. Phone skills are a must. Our ideal candidate will have a friendly and warm personality while being professional, responsible and motivated. A customer-oriented approach is essential. There is potential for the position to become full-time as well as the opportunity to become an agent with income growth potential. Please send resumes with references to [info@hippsilc.com](mailto:info@hippsilc.com).

**REPORTER** — The Pagosa Springs SUN seeks a general assignment reporter who can do it all. If you can write strong news stories and compelling features, take solid photographs and are comfortable using digital tools, then you might be a good fit for our newsroom. A passion for community journalism, inspired storytelling and public service is essential for a successful candidate. Self-motivation and excellent time-management skills are a must. You must be proficient under pressure and consistent at meeting deadlines. Common topics in a week would include meeting coverage, coverage and photos from significant community events, school sports and more. The position is up to 30 hours per week and would rarely involve overtime, though night and weekend working hours are common. However, the position offers some day-to-day flexibility in work hours. Email resume with cover letter to [helpwanted@pagosasun.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosasun.com).

**THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS** is seeking to hire a **Facilities & Fleet Supervisor** in our Public Works Department. The individual selected for this position performs a variety of supervisory and administrative duties related to planning, organizing, and coordinating the maintenance of town facilities and the fleet management needs for the Town. Facilities management includes overseeing daily building and facilities maintenance, construction, and renovation in compliance with approved budget, plans and building codes. Fleet management includes overseeing the Town's passenger vehicle fleet, some equipment and town assets to ensure safe and efficient operations. This is a full-time position with benefits. Evening and weekend shifts may be required. For more information on the position and to apply, go to the Town's website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) and select Employment.

**SAN JUAN SIDE BY SIDES** is looking for part-time help this summer. Help customers hook up trailers and explain how to drive on 4X4 trails. Starting at \$18 an hour. Apply in person at 635 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO.



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**HELP WANTED**

**Terry's Colorado Home Supply and Ace Hardware** is accepting applications for an **accounting clerk.**

Full time, 8 to 5, Monday-Friday

Job duties include all Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable; accounting background is desirable. Proficient computer skills and excellent people skills are a must. The ideal candidate is detail oriented, dependable, and eager to learn. Starting at \$22 per hour, DOE. Full-time benefits package included. Apply in person Monday-Friday. Applications on [www.terrysace.com](http://www.terrysace.com)



**CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES**

Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a customer service oriented individual for telephone and counter sales. Knowledge of building materials is a plus. Responsibilities include:

- Answering inbound phone calls
- Customer service
- Stocking
- Data Entry

This is a full time position, which offers Profit Sharing, 401(k), medical/dental, vision and immediate Paid Time Off.

For more information, please call: (970) 731-4111 or apply in person at 2435 Eagle Dr.

**CONSTRUCTION LABORER, PART TIME,** choose your hours. Call (970)398-9136.

**CARPENTER(S) - TWO CARPENTRY POSITIONS.** Background with finish carpentry, light framing, drywall and painting. Email resume to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com), (970)264-5000.

**ARCHULETA COUNTY DEPARTMENT** of Human Services has the following openings: Family Advocate and Case Workers. Please visit [www.archuletacounty.org](http://www.archuletacounty.org) for more information.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE PARK** is looking for a new team member to fill the position of zoo keeper/ cashier. Responsibilities include feeding the wildlife animals, cleaning their enclosures, giving the daily feeding tour to guests, as well as working in the gift shop & art gallery. Come by the wildlife park and pick up an application between the hours of noon and 4p.m. or email a resume and cover letter to [rockymount.wildlifepark@gmail.com](mailto:rockymount.wildlifepark@gmail.com).

**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - SKID STEER** and mechanized mulcher, multiple years of experience. Email resume to [frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com](mailto:frontdesk@pagosalandcompany.com), (970)264-5000.

**3R RANCH HIRING ONE** full- or part-time position. Ranch and landscape maintenance. Must have own reliable transportation and valid driver's license. 40 hours a week available. (970)264-5160.

**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE.** 214 Pagosa Street. Seeks line cooks 4 nights a week. Must be able to work weekends and holidays. \$18 to start. See Anthony or Garrett after 1p.m.

**HELP WANTED**

## ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE

This is a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) position.

*Are you the right person? Are you willing to ...*

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- ... creativity?

Position offers salary (\$14/hour) plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

Submit your resume to [helpwanted@pagosasun.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosasun.com) or drop off at 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls.



**VIP COMPANIES IS SEEKING** a front desk person to answer phones, greet customers for walk in product sales, schedule service calls, process accounts receivable and other administrative duties. Must be comfortable talking on the phone and face to face when dealing with customers. M-F, 9a.m.-5p.m. \$17-\$20/hour, bonus, PTO. (818)963-0836.

**HELP WANTED IN REPAIRING** a 20+ year old pinball machine and classic video arcade game. Please call Justin (214)315-6452.

**ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICIANS' HELPERS.** Master one of the highest paying and most in-demand trades in America. 25 year old company is expanding. Leave message at (970)946-4181.

**EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** needed and a CDL is a plus. We offer paid holidays, vacation time and retirement plan. Please call Tim Brown Construction LLC at (970)731-7071.

**ARCHULETA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** has the following openings: Patrol Deputy, Detention Deputy, Records Technician, and Investigator. Please visit [www.archuletacounty.org](http://www.archuletacounty.org) for more information.

**THE PAGOSA SPRINGS COMMUNITY** Development Corporation seeks a full-time Administrative Manager/ Main Street Coordinator to provide organizational support for PSCDC and manage the Pagosa Springs Main Street Program. The ideal candidate has strong organizational and project management skills, excellent written and verbal communication, demonstrated analytical and problem-solving skills, and proficiency in marketing, public relations, and relevant technology platforms including social media. For full job description and contact details, visit [www.pagosaspringscdc.org](http://www.pagosaspringscdc.org). Applications accepted until 4/24/23.

**HELP WANTED**

**COLORADO DREAM HOMES** is looking for a full-time (40 hour week) painter inside-outside position. Pay based on experience. Payroll position benefits: vacation, paid time off, bonuses. Also can apply as an Independent Subcontractor. Please call (970)731-3071 or email [coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com](mailto:coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com) and submit resume or questions.

**MUST LOVE DOGS & CATS!** The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs Animal Shelter is in search of a Kennel Attendant. This position is a key member of our team with responsibilities including, but not limited to, maintaining kennels so they are clean and sanitary, ensure appropriate feeding, identify sick or injured animals; work cohesively with supervisor, co-workers, other departments and volunteers; assist the public in a professional manner. Must adhere to shelter procedures to maintain animal health and safety. Experience working directly with animals is preferred, but we will train the right candidate. Willingness to work outside in all types of weather. Reliable transportation in ALL weather conditions. Available to work holidays and weekends. Full time and part-time available. Apply in person at the Humane Society Animal Shelter, 465 Cloman Blvd.

**ENTRY LEVEL FOOD PREPARATION** and packaging for the Pagosa Springs Senior Center community cafe. Join our positive professional team in a commercial kitchen dedicated to serving the seniors in our community. Hours 7a.m. to 3p.m., part time with weekends off, supporting a healthy work life balance. Competitive pay and daily meal provided. Potential for advancement through in-house training. Call (970)264-2167 or stop by to pick up an application.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED** for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. \$20 per hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to [mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com](mailto:mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com).

**HELP WANTED**



## Paid Health Care\*

Growing Spaces is gearing up for the spring season and we are looking for hard-working individuals who want to join our team. Strong work ethic, attention to detail, positive attitude, team-players.

## Now Hiring!

**Installation Crew and Supervisors:** New installation and maintenance of our Growing Dome Greenhouse kits. Experience on ladders, hand tools and light construction. Travel required on some jobs with great compensation. Seasonal position from April through November, perfect for Wolf Creek employees! \$22+ based on exp.

**Sales:** Promote the Growing Dome and guide customers through their journey towards year-round gardening. Experience with customer service and computer programs preferred. \$20+ based on exp.

**Gardener:** Full-time, year round position to maintain our greenhouses and landscaping. \$18+ based on exp.

*\*Full-time sales and gardening positions include paid health benefits, 401(k) match and paid time off.*

Go to [www.growingspaces.com/employment](http://www.growingspaces.com/employment) to print an application, or send resume to [employment@growingspaces.com](mailto:employment@growingspaces.com), or mail to PO Box 5518, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

**PART-TIME POSITION FOR CHOIR DIRECTOR** at traditional church. Previous experience and musical training required. Send resume to: Community United Methodist Church, PO Box 300, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or pick up application at 434 Lewis St. Applications can be emailed to [secretary@cumcps.org](mailto:secretary@cumcps.org).

**PAGOSA LIQUOR IS HIRING** a full-time cashier. Please come and apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**HYGIENIST \$55/ HOUR:** Could you make \$80,000+ a year? Ask about \$10,000 full-time first year bonus. Part time also available. The team at Pagosa Smiles is blessed to have family oriented hours with weekends and holidays off, great pay, 401K & bonuses in a beautiful facility. Colorado dental hygiene license required E-mail resume to [PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com](mailto:PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com).

**PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH-** Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy has an opening for a Physical Therapy Tech. We are looking for a dependable, energetic multitasker who will enjoy helping people recover from surgeries, injuries, accidents and other health issues to join our team. No prior experience necessary. We offer competitive pay and benefits including paid holidays, paid sick leave, 401k plan, and a profit-sharing program. Please submit resume to [RockyMountainPT@yahoo.com](mailto:RockyMountainPT@yahoo.com).

**READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** for our community? Build Pagosa, an innovative non-profit addressing workforce education, seeks a part-time office manager. Competitive pay and flexible schedule. Email [director@buildpagosa.org](mailto:director@buildpagosa.org) with your resume and letter of interest. Together, we build Pagosa's future!

**TIM BROWN CUSTOM HOMES** is looking for a few high quality, detail oriented craftsmen to help in the framing, interior finishing and painting of our custom homes. We have been building homes in Pagosa Springs for 23 years. Work year around with us and enjoy top pay, paid holidays, paid vacation and a retirement plan. Please call (970)731-7071 or stop by the office at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B16.

**SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY HELP WANTED ADS** — [tinyurl.com/d64deel9](http://tinyurl.com/d64deel9). The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**JONES MECHANICAL. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED** but will train right person. Excellent opportunity to learn the HVAC trade. (970)731-3046.

**SEEDS OF LEARNING** is accepting applications for a preschool teacher aide. It is a full-time Monday through Friday position. Send resume to Michelle at [seedsoflearning@growingseeds.org](mailto:seedsoflearning@growingseeds.org) or call (970)264-5513.



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OFFICE SPACE IN THE HISTORIC Metropolitan Hotel. Mountain views, new flooring. 275 SF. \$470 per month with a one-year lease plus a deposit. Utilities included. Fiber optic broadband is available for an extra fee. Call Jacque at (970)946-7636.

ALL real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin, or an intention, to make such preference, limitation or discrimination."  
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**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

LENDING OPPORTUNITY- SECURED. Party seeks \$75,000- paid 8% interest only, 2 year term, Secured by 5 acres in Meadows 4. LTV Under 50%. Scott (970)731-4421, propertytrust@frontier.net.

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1 ACRE WITH WATER TAP in Arboles. Beautiful views. \$55,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

PERFECT GETAWAY PROPERTY. 55 acres between Arboles and Ignacio. \$250,000. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties a call (970)903-2817.

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RIVER FRONT PROPERTY, 1.45 acres, electricity across the street. \$289,900. Give Deb Archuleta at Archuleta Properties LLC a call (970)903-2817.

FSBO- 1.40 ACRES IN ARBOLES, CO, Navajo Dam Lake view, water tap at property, electric close. \$75K, will consider 25% down and up to 5 years financing with 2% interest. kvelle2000@yahoo.com.

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