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## Town election: Pierce to serve as mayor, STR fee passes

By Dorothy Elder  
Staff Writer



Pierce

The unofficial results of the Town of Pagosa Springs' regular election have been released, with voters electing a new mayor, voting in a new fee on short-term rentals and electing Pagosa Springs Town Council members.

Town electors chose Shari Pierce

to serve as the town's mayor for the next four years, with Pierce receiving 279 votes and write-in candidate Sara Cole receiving 40 votes.

For Pierce, the best thing about her run for mayor was going door-to-door talking to the residents of the town, she states in an email to The SUN, explaining it was refreshing to visit with residents and hear their thoughts about the community.

"Most of them just want simple things," Pierce wrote. "Their neighborhoods to be clean, pets to be

■ See Election A8

## County delays courthouse decision to accept revised bids

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

After multiple failed motions Tuesday, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted 2-1 to reopen bidding on the county courthouse building at 449 San Juan St. until Friday, April 8, at 5 p.m. to accept revised offers and then make a sale decision at its April 19 meeting.

Commissioners Warren Brown and Alvin Schaaf voted to reopen

bidding, while Commissioner Ronnie Maez voted against it.

At its work session Tuesday morning, the BoCC heard and discussed a financial report on the bids for purchasing the courthouse.

The report, created by Troy Bergberg of Northland Public Finance and requested by the BoCC at its March 1 meeting, provided an overview of the six offers and ranked them according to their value for the county, consid-

■ See Courthouse A5

## Judge rules Archuleta, La Plata counties may be held liable for detainee's suicide

By Michael Karlik  
Colorado Politics

A federal judge has refused to dismiss a wrongful death lawsuit against La Plata and Archuleta counties for the suicide of a 21-year-old man who hung himself in jail and remained undiscovered for more than two hours, despite being on suicide watch.

Saul Hernandez de la Torre was arrested in Archuleta County but housed in the La Plata County jail because of an agreement between the jurisdictions. It was in the jail that Hernandez de la Torre hung himself with a bedsheet on May 26, 2019.

Both counties asked U.S. District Court Judge Christine M. Arguello

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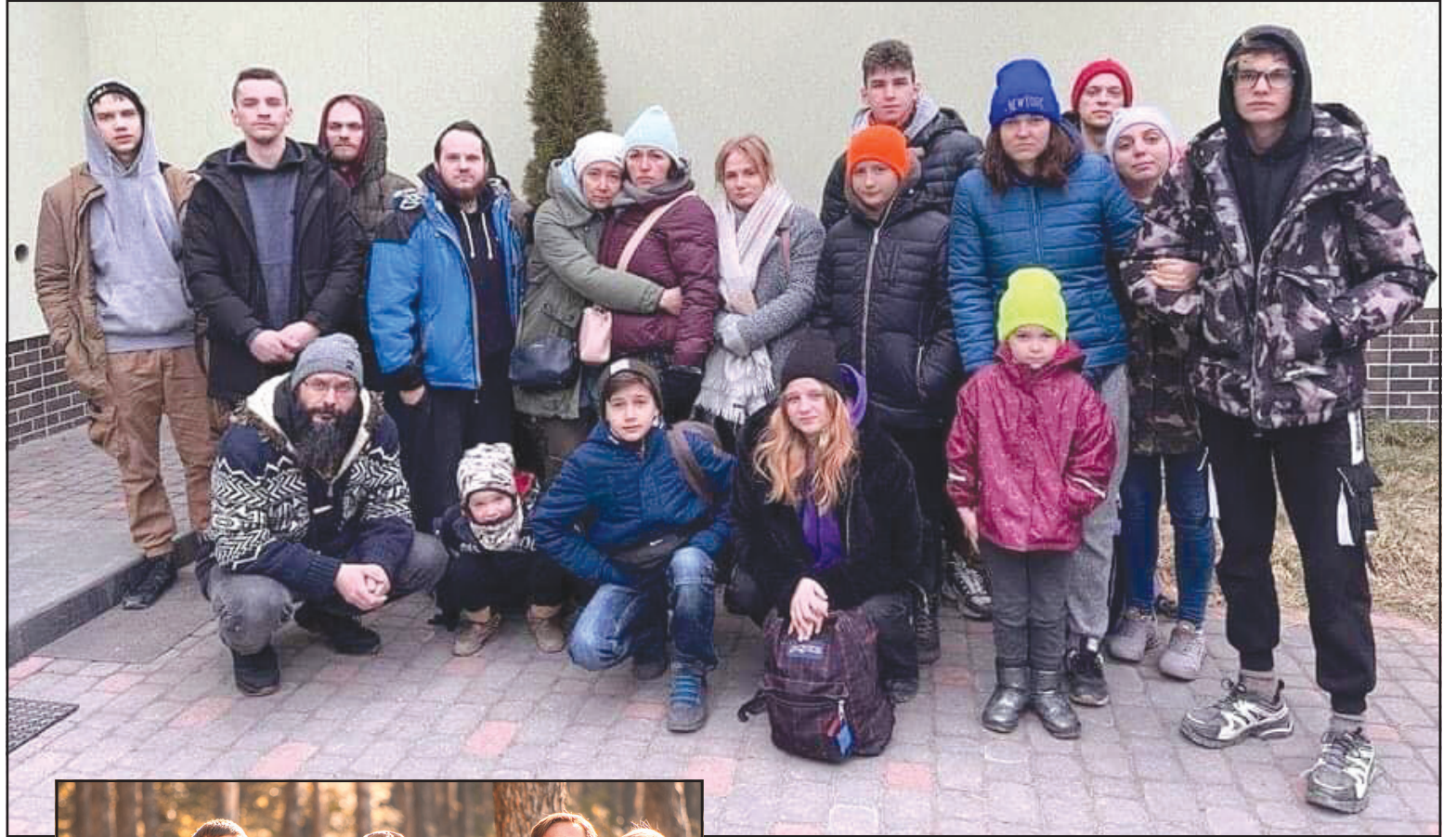


Photo courtesy Janna Ross

**Top:** A trio of Ukrainian families pose together before being split up for the foreseeable future. Because of the ongoing war in Ukraine, the women and children of the Safe Haven Transition Home left for the Czech Republic and the men stayed behind.

**Left:** Janna Ross and her family have resided in Ukraine since 2011, working with orphaned teens as they transition out of state-run homes. The First Love International team in Ukraine is, from left to right: Lena and her husband Vitalik, future foster parents of Evergreen Home; Anya and Bogdan, house parents of Safe Haven Transition Home; and Janna and Daniel Ross and son Oliver, 2.



# 'No one wants this war'

Pagosa graduate works to navigate new reality with war in Ukraine

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

"Every day is just a question of unknowns," said Janna Ross, a Pagosa Springs High School graduate who has resided in Kyiv, Ukraine, since 2011.

Normally, Janna, husband Daniel and 2-year-old son Oliver help run Safe Haven, a transition home in Kyiv for teens who are aging out of state-run orphanages. The home helps the teens learn basic life skills (in some cases even screwing in a light bulb) and navigate what's next in life, whether that's university, trade school or getting a job.

But now, they're helping those teens and their fellow workers navigate a war and provide aid to fellow Ukrainians. They're also helping the families and teens settle as refugees in the Czech Republic while settling there themselves.

### A calling

"As a kid in high school, maybe even earlier, and into college, I just always wanted to do something bigger, be a part of something bigger, give back," Janna said.

■ See Ukraine A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs Middle School students from Terri Lindstrom's sixth-grade newspaper elective pose for a photo after touring The SUN's offices and press facility Thursday, March 31.

## Ballots will be mailed soon for health district election

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Registered electors within the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) will begin receiving ballots for the district's upcoming election soon.

The USJHSD oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

In the May 3 election, which is being held via mail ballot, district electors will choose four directors to serve three-year terms.

Those running for the positions are current directors Kate Alfred and Jason Cox, and Carryn Dyer, Wil-

liam Hubbard, Barbara Parada and Martin Rose.

According to Heather Thomas, designated election official for the district, ballots will be mailed between April 11 and 18 to active registered electors.

Mail ballots will also be available at the office of the designated election official.

Ballots are due back by 7 p.m. on May 3.

There will be a ballot drop box located at the entrance to PSMC as a convenience, Thomas wrote in an email to The SUN.

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## OUR VIEW

# Arming themselves with laptops

It is not every day that you can sit down with journalists who are a world away from you and share stories. Especially when that world they are living in is a war zone.

SUN staff sat down to talk to our Ukrainian counterparts on April 29 via Zoom. We listened to journalists as they huddled in basements during air raids. They spoke to us of the air strikes being almost nonstop.

We were comfortably sipping our coffee in the warmth of our office while they were fighting for something greater than us all. It was evening in Ukraine.

Translators relayed messages as we spoke with representatives from different regions of Ukraine.

We will use only a single initial when referring to our counterparts in Ukraine in order to not compromise their safety.

The first journalist we heard from was no stranger to Russia's aggression.

"For him, it's for the second time to lose something from his city, because he's from Eastern Ukraine and in, back in 2014, he already saw the Russian aggression. ... He had to relocate to a safer place to continue journalist work," S. said in introduction.

"It is true ... the war started for me back then in 2014, eight years ago when the city of Slovyansk, where I have been living for quite a long time already, was occupied for the first time by the Russian forces and I could observe it with my own two eyes," V. said. "What we are observing now is this same situation but scaled up hundreds and thousands of times.

"What I can say is that the Russian army is using the same tricks they used eight years ago. They are shooting at civilians. There are rapes. There is occupation. They are basically killing us non-stop ... And the only way for our country, for our nation, to survive is to win and we are united as no time before. And we are all working towards this victory."

With Russia destroying the infrastructure and residential buildings in his city, V. shared that he believed he would never see his home again, or his office or his co-workers, as the Russians are killing civilians.

"We believe in our army and our armed forces. We believe in our victory and we know that the time will come that we will start talking as a country, we will be talking about peace and we will be saying that we have won the biggest

evil on Earth: Russia."

"Do not call this a conflict, this is a war," we were told.

We heard from another city near Mariupol known as Zaporizhzhya. Wearing a shirt that read "You are Stronger," O. shared that they are in a place where they are not an occupied territory. "Thank God." They are receiving people who are escaping from the city Mariupol.

"We can observe the horror of the situation through their stories and through their eyes. ... Our newsroom has this problem that we are trying to cover the whole region, including the occupied territories. ... Russians cut off the Internet, cut off all the social networks and they also detained our colleagues ... It is very hard to cover what is going on there ...," she continued.

She spoke of the crimes Russia was committing and the threats journalists were receiving, saying, "We are receiving threats almost every day. They are coming from Russian email addresses, and they write that they know all of our personal information, and it's all been sent to Russian forces, and that we will be taken to court, according to Russian law, as terrorists. ...

"We do feel that it's very important to try to cover what's going on here and now, so we are trying to just keep working and ignore the threats."

Another journalist spoke of the injured who are flooding her city and how psychologically difficult it is to see the wounded children and soldiers.

A journalist from Kharkiv said that many of their journalists had to relocate. One of his co-workers was captured by the Russians and was able to escape and made her way to Finland.

"The main problem here is the shellings of the city of Kharkiv are quite chaotic ...," S. said. "When it is aviation or when it is rockets that are shelled from far away like heavy rockets, there is no way to predict where it is going to fall. It makes it difficult to ... cover things."

It was noted that many could not print their newspapers due to active combat and areas being occupied by Russia. They are relegated to only reporting online. These journalists are trying to evacuate their own families.

"We have lots of information about what's going on in the region. We keep in touch with the other hyper-local, small-town regional media and exchange information, but we do not publish even

10 percent of the information that we have because we do think about the security of our people. We are very afraid," she said about attracting the Russians to their location.

An editor from Odessa said their staff was still publishing three of their four print publications and running their online papers, too. Two of their staff members had joined the army as volunteers, three women had evacuated their children and the remaining 35 staff members were still working.

G. was in Lviv, where they were undergoing an air raid as he spoke. He should have been in the underground parking instead of Zooming with journalists.

"It's like a running joke, wherever I go, the air raids are coming massively," G. said. "So they say, maybe you should go to Moscow to the Red Square so the air raids will be concentrated there, finally."

These days they sit on balconies watching the warships at sea while shells fly overhead and they wonder where they will land. Will they be hit next?

"It feels like it's a terrible dream that's been lasting forever," he added.

G. said that they are observing the Russian army focusing on local government and journalists in the areas they occupy. One of his former classmates, who is the mayor in a neighboring city, was kidnapped.

"And we know that they do torture journalists and they do torture the representatives of local governments. ..." he said. "So, we do take our security seriously. ... We have no doubt that victory will be ours," he added.

Those who remain struggle to stay safe and change the names of their family and friends in their phones for fear that they may be detained by the Russians. They have to decide whether they should keep generators to help them report or send them on to other places with no power. They spoke of trauma, tragedy and destruction, including shelling and bombing of civilians.

We were struck by the perseverance of those journalists who have armed themselves with their cameras and laptops to document and expose the atrocities against the Ukrainians that are unfolding each day.

One journalist emailed after the meeting: "Thank you for keeping Ukraine in your heart - this means a lot for us all!"

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 7, 1922

Lee Crane, carrier of the mail from Debs to Pagosa Springs, is having more than his share of grief these days. He is compelled to make his trips by snow shoes, sled, horseback and the running gears of a wagon, consuming as much as three days for one way.

The work of setting up the C.W. Houser mill on Snowball creek is proceeding as fast as weather and snow conditions permit. Several of the buildings have been completed and all machinery is on ground. It is now believed that it will be ready for operation about May 15th.

Someone imagined that the bath house on the east side of the river was afire at one o'clock this afternoon and turned in the alarm. Damage — nil.

About 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon one of the large plate-glass windows in the north room of the Hatcher Hdw. Co. store building was cracked by some means unknown to any of the occupants at the time it happened. It was at first thought to have been caused by a rifle bullet, but it is now believed that a marble in the hands of a small boy did the trick.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 4, 1947

At least two new business buildings and four dwellings are in the process of construction here in Pagosa Springs this week and additional accommodations for vacations are under way.

L.D. Goodrich, proprietor of Goodrich Tailors, started work on his new Triangle Building next to the Boy's Market. The structure will be 40x50 feet and will be of block construction, an entirely modern building including living quarters in addition to the tailoring and cleaning plant.

Construction of an extension and entire new store front on Boy's Market was underway this week. Charles and Dick DeVore said the remodeling will give them about twice the amount of floor space the store now uses. The construction will be frame and will include display windows for the bakery goods and groceries.

Work continued on the modern tourist court being constructed by Harvey Catchpole as he installed wiring and plumbing.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 6, 1972

It was announced this week by Eaton International that construction had started on a \$1.45 million dollar motel complex at the Pagosa development. The motel-recreational complex is scheduled for completion by September 1. The first phase will have 56 rooms, four suites, a restaurant, gift shop, lounges, swimming pools, sauna baths, and other facilities. It is to be known as Pagosa Lodge and will be affiliated with the national chain of Friendship Inns.

Snowfall on Wolf Creek Pass during March was the lightest of record. April is normally a month of fair snowfall. Snow course readings show that the snowpack is now far below normal and that moisture will have to be heavy in April if there is to be an adequate supply of runoff water.

An entire town board was elected via the write-in route Tuesday of this week. There were no candidates on the ballot and the write-in slate elected has but one member who was serving on the board the past two years.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 10, 1997

A federal bankruptcy court recently passed a decision that will impact some Pagosa Lakes Property Owners. This decision is that the bankruptcy court has no jurisdiction over a request for relief and refund of the recreational amenity fee (FUSA fees) imposed by Fairfield Communities Inc. on some lots in Pagosa Lakes. These fees are meant to provide financial support for certain recreational amenities (including the golf course and tennis courts). The fees are unrelated to the Pagosa Lakes Recreation Center which is owned and operated by the PLPOA. Contingent on a number of legal options open to Fairfield, the bankruptcy court's decision could allow this class action suit to be heard by the Colorado District Court.

Pagosa Springs High School sophomore Corri Patterson will attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Colorado Leadership Seminar at Denver. The seminar will bring together Colorado students to interact with leaders in the business, government and educational communities.

## WHADDYA THINK?

Should the Dry Gulch property be turned into a state park?

Poll results (98 votes)

Yes. — 65 percent

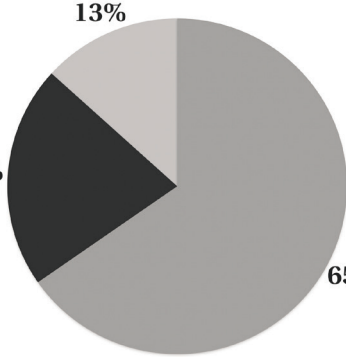
No. — 21 percent

I do not know. — 13 percent

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## Electric vehicles

Dear Editor:  
A few weeks ago I penned a letter regarding all electric vehicles (EV's) that claimed that 40 percent of America's electricity was produced by coal generated power stations. The following week Mr. Mike Schaefer corrected that claim by pointing out that only 19 percent of this nation's electricity is generated by coal. I appreciate the correction.

However, what Mr. Schaefer did not mention was that according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration is that not only is 19% of American electricity generated by coal, but an additional 40% of our electricity is powered by the fossil fuel natural gas. Thus a total of 59% of the power used by EV's comes from fossil fuels. Nearly 60% of the miles driven by these so-called "green" EV's are dependent on the fossil fuel industry.

Mr. Schaefer also claimed that EV batteries do not use rare earth minerals, but CBS news reports, "Neodymium is a vital component

of EV motor magnets. Two other rare earth minerals -- terbium and dysprosium are added to neodymium to allow it to remain magnetic at high temperatures." These rare earth minerals the nearly exclusive resources found in the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Schaefer also claimed that recharging times are a fraction of the eight hours I had claimed is inaccurate. Aside from the fact that it currently costs about \$2,000 - \$3,000 to install a level 2 charging station in your own garage, the reality is that the "ultra high speed charging stations" that can do the job in 15 minutes are nearly unavailable today. We live in a remote area of the United States. It is 100 miles to the closest Sam's Club and we are 160 miles from the closest Interstate Highway where charging stations are more likely to be available the years to come. Additionally, keep in mind that the driving range for EV's is for new batteries. Anyone who owns a cell phone knows that battery life deteriorates over time. Same is true for EV's. If you spend the money for an in-home charger you can save some money over the currently high cost of gasoline, but if you're on a road trip, you will pay through the nose to charge your EV.

The erroneous claim by Washington's environmental zealots is that it is not possible to produce clean energy from fossil fuels. The reality is that we can, and we have. Yet, the Biden regime seems intent on pushing the EV revolution on all of us despite the reality that those vehicles are still dependent in large measure on fossil fuels, rare earth minerals owned by China, and cobalt and nickel mines that are destroying not only the environment but the lives of the children forced to work in them.

So, if you want to drop between \$50,000 and \$70,000 on an EV, be my guest, but you will not save money and you will not save the environment.

Richard Bolland

## 'Town park or lot'

Dear Editor:  
Last Wed I was unable to attend the Town Planning Commission gathering regarding the proposed 28 unit apt bldg and Community Center for 8th Street and Apache.

This is the letter I gave them for my input and 11 years of observations:

In 2010 I moved into Casa de los Arcos and resided there for 7 years then moved to Socorro Senior Living and have been here four years. Over those years I have observed how that Town property has been used by our citizens.

It is publically used as an extension of South Park with the playground, ice skating, basketball, pickleball, volleyball and family gatherings. That vacant area is used constantly with folks playing baseball, soccer, frisbee and frisbee with dogs running. Seeds of Learning uses that area to let the children

run and play games. That is used constantly by citizens of Pagosa.

Turning that into 28 more apartment units would keep seniors downtown and together but would make that area very congested.

To include a Community Building is commendable---sounds good but please rethink that. I know our local Senior Center needs to relocate to have more room and to pay less rent. However, I do not think this is where it needs to be. Our Community Center has evolved from being reasonable for the community to use to too expensive and now is a 501-C3 non-profit. It is all about money and not the best use and interests for our citizens. So, you now need a new Community Center.??

That property doesn't bring in money to the Town as it is but it is truly used as a great extension of South Park.

Please reconsider the use of that property and find another location for this project.

I am curious if it was to be a HUD property or Volunteers of America (which costs residents much more than HUD). I question it being under the Archuleta Housing Authority or Commission. Just saying... Who really benefits from this project? Certainly not those that use that park or lot.

Thank you for having a neighborhood Open House.

Nancy Ford

## God

Dear Editor:

I do hope that the authors of the letter regarding the need for "Godly Christians" in the government of the United States will take a serious look at their own letter...when the founding fathers used the words "endowed by their Creator..." they specifically left out a descriptor of which "creator" was being referenced.. could be Allah, could be Adonai, could be Thor...they specifically left out any reference to Christianity. That these good folk earnestly believe that the their Bible and their Christianity were the basis of, or the backdrop for, United States documents, is simply misguided, we are not now and never have been a "Christian"

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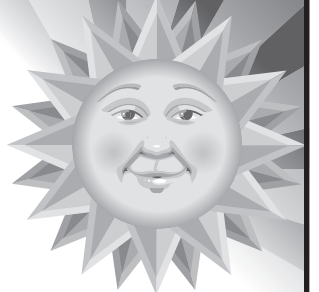
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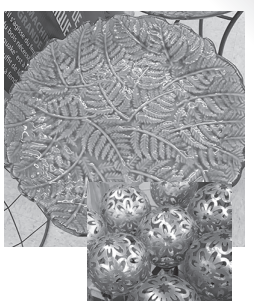
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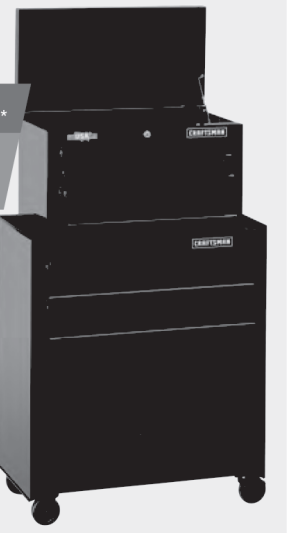


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# Water project ranking sessions and open house today

By Mandy Eskelson  
Upper San Juan Watershed  
Enhancement Partnership

As the Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP) is wrapping up Phase 3 of its Integrated Water Management Plan, we hope to see all of you tonight at the WEP's public workshop (Thursday, April 7) at the Archuleta County/Colorado State University (CSU) Extension Building (344 U.S. 84).

We will collectively rank the projects/actions for the upper San Juan, Blanco and Navajo Rivers that WEP has compiled from your feedback and watershed assessments results. Thank you for those who submitted suggestions to the last project list draft. We have added your details or new projects, which

can be found on WEP's website at [www.mountainstudies.org/san-juan/smp](http://www.mountainstudies.org/san-juan/smp).

Why should you come to WEP's April 7 workshop?

- You are the local experts. Share your knowledge, opinions and refreshments with us.
- With low COVID-19 community levels in Archuleta County, we finally get the chance for an in-person event to talk all things water. (Masks will not be required.)
- Prioritized projects from this ranking process will be part of your local water plan for resilient river systems and our community's ability to rely on these water resources with potentially warmer and drier conditions for the region.
- WEP wants the water plan and project list to be turned into on-

the-ground improvements, not just another plan on a shelf collecting dust. Prioritized projects from this list inform regional and state plans of your local priorities, making projects more competitive for funding and primed for implementation in the near and long-term future.

### Schedule

With assistance from WEP's partners, Seth Mason (Lotic Hydrological) and Cynthia Purcell (San Juan Conservation District), WEP will host four one-hour workshop sessions:

- The four sessions will ask you to rank projects and actions within the following areas of concern (see times for each session below).
- The public is welcome to join

one or several sessions to help with this ranking process. Choose whatever area you are most interested in, have related knowledge to help with ranking or attend to learn what projects have been proposed.

The four areas of concern and need are:

- Wildfire and Forest Health, Drinking Water (from 4 to 5 p.m.).
- Agriculture (from 5 to 6 p.m.).
- Wildlife and Biodiversity (from 6 to 7 p.m.).
- Angling and Whitewater Boating (from 7 to 8 p.m.).

If you are unable to attend sessions, there will be an open house of resources within the CSU building where you can review information and rank projects on your own time all day Thursday, April 7.

# Letters

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nation. And as much as they would like it to be otherwise... the nation may be a "nation under God"... but not necessarily the god of their choosing.

Cathlynn Groh  
Santa Fe, N.M.

## County Road 500 maintenance

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to read in the March 24th edition of the Pagosa Sun that the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and the Southern Ute Tribal Council met to discuss potential risks and repairs on County Road 500. They talked about washouts and erosion on the road. As heavily traveled as this road is, ongoing maintenance throughout the year is critical not only for the health and safety of the county road residents and people driving the road but for fire trucks to be able to access fires higher up in the mountains. The article mentioned the fire concerns.

I wanted to point out that on Tuesday, March 29 there was a heavy rain storm down on CR 500 that turned the road into heavy mud in areas. I have family that live on CR500 to the east of the Caracas Bridge that crosses the San Juan. That day they were returning from Durango and had to drive up the hill. It would have been impossible to get up the hill without their 4 wheel drive because it was a dan-

gerous muddy mess. I know that in the past people have traveled that far after heavy storms only to turn back because they could not safely get up the hill.

The solution is to maintain the road throughout the year and put down gravel. There is very little gravel left from when the roads were maintained by graveling which seems to have been years ago. Now the emphasis seems to be on keeping the dust down so it gets sprayed but no gravel is added. I would like to strongly encourage the BoCC and the Southern Ute Tribal Council to seriously consider this in their plans.

Renee Hernandez  
Bellevue, Neb.

## ACRP and the 'big lie'

Dear Editor:

I am deeply disappointed that the Archuleta County Republican Party (ACRP) appears to have embraced the folly of the "Big Lie," the false allegation that the 2020 election was stolen, despite NO evidence that significant election fraud occurred at the Federal, State, or county level. I say this because on the homepage of the party's website, the following appears:

DEMAND ELECTION INTEGRITY.  
Require Photo ID  
Get rid of any machines involved in the process, including tabulators.  
End mass mail-in voting.

Voters must request a mail-in or an absentee ballot.

This demand is an insult to the thousands of election officials who toil faithfully to make our elections fair and honest, including here in Archuleta County. Many of these democracy heroes are Republicans, as the county party knows.

The ACRP wants everyone to vote on a paper ballot which would then be tabulated by humans. This proposal is opposed by most County Clerks of both parties, as it would slow the process dramatically, cost much more, and make it less accurate. I saw an interview with the Republican Clerk in conservative El Paso County, Chuck Boerman, appearing in the Colorado Springs Independent. He cited a study conducted by two universities in 2012 that found that hand counting ballots resulted in a 2% error rate. He says that scanners are virtually error-free. His county's scanners were tested against the national standard of one misread ballot in 500,000 scanned. There was actually not a single misread. That, plus the fact that scanners are carefully secured and the whole process of vote tabulation is overseen by election judges of both parties makes hand tabulation a charade.

How about mail voting, which includes dropping off ballots at a drop box? Legislation establishing all mail voting passed in 2012. The legislation acknowledged that 70% of Coloradoans were already casting mail ballots. The law was developed with input from local

election officials of both parties, so received widespread support. The key to security in the system is ballot signature matching software, the same software used by banks to process billions of checks. Signature matching is supervised by election judges who are free to challenge any ballot. Ballot dropoff boxes require 24-hour surveillance. And voters can still cast ballots in person at the county election office, although only a tiny percentage do.

Mail in balloting has increase voter turnout from 51% in 2010 to 78% in 2020, which seems like what democracy is all about. Since 2012, both Democrats and Republicans have been elected, including Cory Gardner, who won a close upset race against incumbent Senator Mark Udall in 2014. Three other Republicans also won statewide races that year. At the same time, the cost of elections has plunged over 50%. So, mail balloting appears like a win-win, unless your party feels that it can't win elections if more voters turn out.

And where is the evidence of fraud? I ask all voters to look at the facts and reject solutions in search of a problem.

John Porco

# Obituary

## Richard Mark Tulley

Richard Mark Tulley, 61, of Pagosa Springs, passed away on March 25 at home with his family.

Mark was born July 12, 1960, to Jacqueline and Richard Tulley in Indianapolis, Ind. He is survived by his loving wife, Valerie Ann Tulley, whom he married on July 6, 1985. He is also survived by daughter Erin Rain (Chris), Superior, Colo., and son Richard Reid Tulley (Michael), Fairplay, Colo. He is also survived by his sisters, Cathy Tulley (Lino), Aurora, Colo., Beth Caldwell (David), Crawfordsville, Ind. He was preceded in death by his sister, Cynthia Ferguson.

An avid fisherman, expert skier and skillful outdoorsman, he taught and encouraged countless others to enjoy the adventurous activities he loved. He led Boy



Scout Troop 152 in Farmington, N.M., for many years, where he inspired young men to gain confidence through their achievements. Mark served as a territory sales manager for Cameron Ashley Building Products.

Mark will be dearly missed by his family, friends and all who had the pleasure of experiencing his infectious energy and ever-positive outlook on life. A dedicated family man, he cherished his grandchildren, Bennett and Meredith Rain, who brought him endless joy. He enjoyed being with his neighbors and extended family, many nearby in Denver. Some of his best memories were spent with his friends who became family, The Poker Group, who will continue to celebrate his legacy through their laughter and adventures.

In remembrance of Mark, charitable donations can be made in his memory to the Boy Scouts of America Great Southwest Council. Donations can be made by check to "Great Southwest Council," and mailed to 5841 Office Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, or online at: <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/412/appeal/3442>.

## In Memoriam

### Eliza Lucero

For all the times that we forgot to "thank you," For all the special little things you did, For all the words that sometimes went unspoken, We need to say "we love you, Mom ... we miss you mom." We love you for the way you always stopped and listened, And for your kind support throughout the years, For teaching us the meaning of compassion, And sharing in our triumphs and our tears. And if at times we may have seemed ungrateful, We want to say, "we truly hope in our hearts," that nothing you have done has been forgotten, and day by day you just mean more and more to us.

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

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# Courthouse

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ering both sale prices and requests, such as fee waivers.

The report compared the offers with the assumption the county would occupy the courthouse for three years after sale, though some offers included provisions for the county to remain for longer.

In response to a question from Brown, Bernberg explained his report did not consider financing costs on the building, so a net present value calculation, which converts the value of money being paid over time in the future into a value in the present, was not needed.

However, he added that he had performed a net present value calculation on the lease-purchase financing the county currently owes on the building, which he indicated could be paid off immediately for \$875,651 or the county could place money in an escrow account which could be invested in interest-bearing securities issued by the U.S. government.

These investments would allow the county to pay off its \$875,651 debt while only spending \$764,000 in initial funds, Bernberg indicated.

Maez then raised concerns about the clarifications listed in Bernberg's report, which indicated areas of ambiguity in the various bids.

Maez suggested that the county should clarify these issues before moving forward and highlighted his concerns that the county lacks a "solid" plan for moving forward with constructing a new building.

Bernberg responded by stating that he would be willing to provide this service and by highlighting that he believed Ronnie Urbanczyk's bid provided five years of occupying the courthouse rent free and that this offered the county a high degree of flexibility in moving forward.

Maez then commented that even five years might be too little time and that he was interested in seeking arrangements that would give the county more than five years of occupancy.

Brown commented that he came at this issue with a "slightly different perspective" than Maez and highlighted that the county process for selling the courthouse and developing a new building had lasted two years so far.

He explained that he believed the county had a plan to move forward with constructing a new building and that the county would learn more about the offers and potential occupancy provisions in the process of selecting a bid and moving into negotiations.

"Frankly, I don't think that we're going to keep our bidders interested if we continue to kick this down the road," Brown said.

He also highlighted that both selling the current building and building a new one were likely to become more expensive with time.

He concluded, "And, I think that ... out of that position ... we owe it to folks who have taken the time and the energy to offer up these proposals, because this ... something they're put a lot of thought and work into and I think that we take this, we take it under advisement, which we have, and then we make a decision and we move forward down the road."

Bernberg commented, "I personally think, at this point, you have enough information to make ... a decision, at least who to proceed to

the next step."

He agreed with Brown that the negotiations would help define specific terms of the bids.

He added that he felt that the only "real" items that were not included in his analysis were the costs of waiving the fees for dumping material from the building, which, according to his report was requested by Hart and potentially Urbanczyk, although Bernberg's report mentioned that this would require clarification.

Maez commented, "I'm not opposed to selling the building, but I want to know the brass tacks. I don't care what they put in there, but what I do care about is what we're responsible for. ... That's what I want the bottom line on."

He stated that the county could "accept one of these and then enter negotiations and that can still fall through too, the negotiations."

Schaaf commented that the county has a plan for developing a new building and that he is concerned about maintaining the interests of the bidders.

Bernberg praised Urbanczyk's bid, stating that it "rises to the top" due to its flexibility and added that the bid showed "some real creativity and thinking outside the box that, at least in my mind, can strategically align with the county and its future growth."

Bob Hart, who was present at the work session and also submitted a bid, then spoke to the commissioners about concerns he possessed surrounding the financial analysis and bidding process.

In this statement, he referenced a letter he had sent to the commissioners on April 3 outlining his concerns.

Hart objected to the report's statement that Urbanczyk's offer provided the most flexibility in terms of the county's options for staying in the courthouse, highlighting that his offers both offered five years of free occupancy of the courthouse, the same as Urbanczyk's, and included provisions allowing the county to stay in the courthouse and pay rent after the five years ended, which Urbanczyk's bid did not.

He also objected to the three-year time period the report had considered the bid values under, stating that the slow speed of building made it unlikely that the county would be able to move in three years, and suggested that the report had misrepresented the pricing on his second bid option.

Bernberg responded that he had interpreted a use of the word "or" in Hart's offer to indicate a separation of terms and that Hart's second option did not include a pricing scheme offered in his first option.

Hart then raised a concern about Urbanczyk's offer, which had been submitted by the 5 p.m. Feb. 22 deadline the BoCC had set for final and best offers at its Feb. 15 meeting.

However, Urbanczyk's offer had been withdrawn at 9 p.m. on Feb. 22, according to Executive Assistant Mary Helminski, and had been reinstated later that week, according to County Manager Derek Woodman.

Hart alleged that Urbanczyk's bid had been modified or replaced by a new bid between this call for final offers and the April 5 meeting.

Jamie Scholl, who was also present at the meeting and submitted a bid with David Loeser and David Blumhardt, elaborated on these con-

cerns, explaining that the document which modified Urbanczyk's bid was not dated, making it unclear when the modification had been made, and, in his opinion, had increased Urbanczyk's cash payment amount from \$250,000 to \$450,000, placing him ahead of other bidders.

Scholl, speaking for Scholl/Loeser/Blumhardt, and Hart both requested that this change to the bid be removed from consideration since it was potentially made after the deadline for final bids set by the BoCC, and that the offer be reverted to Urbanczyk's Jan. 19 offer, which included a \$250,000 cash payment.

Brown responded that the bidding process was not set up as a sealed bid process, although he believed it should have been due to the inequities that the county process had created favoring later bidders who had the opportunity to review and respond to earlier bids.

"But, I think this is also where we are in this and I see my responsibility as what's best for the county because that's my obligation," he said.

At the BoCC meeting later that afternoon, Hart reiterated his concern that the financial analysis, which he highlighted was paid for by the Archuleta County taxpayers, was inaccurate and stated that the potential revision by Urbanczyk after the bid deadline was "just wrong, plain wrong."

Hart also mentioned that he had spoken with Bernberg, who Hart said had agreed that there were inaccuracies in his analysis and had indicated that he would correct his report.

Scholl requested the county "level the playing field" and move forward with making the decision "properly."

"I know that there's thought that there's no plan. Well, I can tell you, if you never start, you never finish. And that's for sure. I don't like kicking the can down the road," Brown said, speaking of the disservices done when governments do not make decisions in a timely manner. "They don't because they're often the hard decisions to make and, frankly, they don't want to take the flak for making decisions. And so we put it off until we can just slip it in and nobody notices. And that's irresponsible governing, in my opinion."

Brown then commented that he wanted the financial analysis to ensure the county makes the best decision it can and that he felt that it was crucial to ensure the prospective buyer is able to close on the property quickly to prevent further delays in the sale process.

He also highlighted that he feels it is important to consider remodeling versus demolishing the building, as demolition would both change the town's character and require additional landfill space.

Schaaf then commented that Bernberg had "done exactly what was requested by the county" and stated, "I don't like seein' people's capabilities, their work, attacked at somethin' like this when he did what he was asked, exactly what was asked and he did the best he could."

Hart then commented, "I'm not sure how you can sit there and say that Troy did what he was asked to do when his report said that [Urbanczyk's offer] was the best, most flexible offer to the county."

Schaaf responded, "Sir, I didn't tell you whether he was correct or not; I said he did what was asked of him

and he did it in a short amount of time. I did not say he was correct."

Hart added, "I don't believe that ... a professional presenting a report that has inaccurate ... information should be accepted by the county and the taxpayers."

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver then suggested that the county could table the decision until the next BoCC meeting on April 19 and give all current bidders until April 8 to submit a revised bid.

Brown responded, "My thought is, I don't like pushing this off. I don't like it. But, I can also see the points that are being made. And if we're going to continue this for two weeks, in two weeks, I don't care what the arguments are, I am going to make a suggestion on decision ... and we're going to move down the road."

Maez commented, "I don't agree with Commissioner Brown on this. You know what we need, we need the most we can get. That's what we need. We've gotta build another building."

Maez then suggested that another round of bidding should be opened to all offers, not just the current bidders before concluding, "I'd rather see this go through with a plan for the replacement of the building we're about to sell, but I do agree we need to start someplace."

Brown then suggested that, to preserve fairness and show respect for the current bidders, the next round of bidding should only be open to the current bidders.

Schaaf then entertained motions. Brown moved to accept Urbanczyk's offer, which was not seconded and died.

Maez then offered a motion to not sell the courthouse at this point in time. This motion was also not seconded and died.

Schaaf then offered the motion to reject all bids and give the opportunity for all current bidders to submit revised bids by 5 p.m. on April 8. This motion was seconded by Brown and passed 2-1.

In a later interview, Woodman explained that he had received Urbanczyk's revised offer on March 8 and that the apparent revision was merely a clarification of terms Urbanczyk had mentioned verbally in his Jan. 18 presentation of the offer to the BoCC.

Urbanczyk verbally stated everything included in the letter in public meetings, Woodman stated, explaining that the increase in the offer was Urbanczyk was "where he said he would cover all the costs from the architect, the engineer ... which was [Reynolds Ash + Associates (RAA)] ... It was all of those additional costs ... that he said verbally he would cover."

The document from Urbanczyk, which Woodman provided, described the changes made as a "clarification and update" of the prior offer. This update included a cash payment for the courthouse of \$350,000, up from \$250,000, and a reimbursement to RAA for up to \$100,000 for its architectural work on both the old courthouse and on the county's planned new building.

Woodman explained that this increase in the cash payment was from a combination of two other \$50,000 bonuses that Urbanczyk verbally proposed.

He also added that this clarification had been submitted of Urbanczyk's own volition and was not a response to requests from the county.

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# Outdoors



## Prescribed burn to be conducted

By Scott Owen  
Forest Service

The Columbine Ranger District is planning to burn approximately 1,500 acres this spring in the Beaver Meadows and the First Notch areas of the San Juan National Forest to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and to improve forest health.

The area is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Bayfield. Operations may begin as soon as early April, depending on weather conditions and availability of fire personnel and other resources.

Ignitions will occur over several

consecutive days. Operations may take several weeks to complete and will be conducted by Forest Service personnel and partner agencies. Ground and aerial ignition sources will be used to meet resource objectives.

The burn unit is part of the larger Vallecito-Piedra prescribed burn project aimed at reducing hazardous ground fuels, reducing the risk of unplanned catastrophic wildfire, restoring ponderosa pine ecosystems and improving wildlife habitat. More information on the San Juan National Forest prescribed fire program can be found

on Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6288/>.

Daytime smoke is expected to travel to the north/northeast and will be lofted high into the sky. Nighttime smoke is expected to travel downslope into the Beaver Creek drainage, the Piedra River and south to the Pine River just north of Ignacio. Smoke will be heavier in the mornings following burning operations. Smoke should lift and clear out by mid-day. Smoke will be visible from Bayfield, Pagosa Springs and the U.S. 160 corridor. Learn how smoke from prescribed fire may affect your health by vis-

iting the Colorado Department of Public Health website: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

The forests in southwest Colorado are part of a fire-adapted ecosystem, which historically experienced frequent, low-intensity fires on a large scale. Prescribed fire replicates that fire regime under controlled conditions. Prescribed fires will only be ignited when all weather, fuels, smoke and safety requirements are met.

For more information, please contact the Columbine Ranger District at (970) 884-2512.

## Chimney Rock needs you: Join us in new era

By Nadia Werby  
Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

After managing the seasonal operations at Chimney Rock National Monument (CRNM) for the past 18 years, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is embarking on a new era.

As the Forest Service assumes responsibility for daily operations, we will focus our efforts on our specific mission: presenting excellent interpretive programs that engage guests with the ancient history and culture of this fascinating archaeological site. In anticipation of this change, we are addressing several crucial areas of operation, to ensure that CRIA will continue to be a viable nonprofit organization into the future.

Safe, secure and reliable Inter-

net at the CRNM gift shop is the most pressing technology issue. We are installing a satellite system to serve our sales and communication needs and are exploring options for using software to streamline administrative duties. A CRIA app to further serve visitors is being considered.

The next major lunar standstill is approaching in its 18.6-year cycle, and our MLS planning committee is working hard. The best dates for viewing will be in the fall months starting in 2023. We are working closely with the Forest Service to provide the best viewing options. Stay tuned for more exciting information about this amazing event.

With the loss of the daily tour income upon which CRIA has relied for the past 18 years, finan-

cial security is a central issue. We are working aggressively to diversify our income stream through grants, a membership/donor program, a signature Chimney Rock fundraising event and an endowment program. We are already expanding our special programs, daily activities and the new CRNM gift shop offerings, and are seeking a grant writer to assist in widening our grant opportunities.

We began last year to reach out to our local Pagosa community to increase local interest in CRNM and CRIA. We will continue to develop relationships with businesses, school districts and other local organizations, and increase visibility through the press, social media and tourism outlets.

All these steps toward the fu-

ture depend on attracting and retaining volunteers. Our annual open house event is this coming Saturday, April 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Tennyson Event Center. This is your opportunity to meet some of our long-time volunteers and learn why they love working with CRIA. There are many different ways in which you can contribute to CRIA's work and different levels of commitment. We hope you'll join us on Saturday.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at CRNM in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information, see the CRIA website at [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (970) 731-7133.

### WRITERS ON THE RANGE

## Unusual coalition unites for clean energy

By Matt Witt  
SUN Columnist

Communities in the rural West can stand up to giant outside gas companies, if they work together despite their differences. That's how the Jordan Cove gas pipeline project was finally killed in Oregon by a coalition of conservative ranchers and farmers, climate activists, indigenous tribal leaders, anglers and coastal residents.

The victory occurred last December, when a Canadian energy company called Pembina announced it would halt plans to build a 230-mile pipeline through rural southwestern Oregon, crossing more than 400 streams and rivers along the way. The pipeline was to carry fracked gas from the Rockies to a huge terminal proposed for the coastal town of Coos Bay, where it would be loaded onto ships bound for Asia.

When the Jordan Cove export project was first announced some 15 years ago, the odds of stopping it appeared slim. Supporters included the state's governor and its two U.S. senators — all Democrats — plus most of the Republican political establishment.

But community organizers in Coos Bay and beyond didn't give up.

"The last thing we needed was another giant fossil-fuel project and another major fire hazard just to profit an outside corporation," recalled Allie Rosenbluth, campaigns director of Rogue Climate, a grassroots group in southern Oregon.

Rogue Climate contacted hundreds of landowners whose property would be affected while also working with local environmental groups like Rogue Riverkeeper.

They quickly found that many ranchers were angry about threats from the company. If landowners didn't let the pipeline cross their land in return for a onetime payment, they were told, the power of eminent domain would be invoked to impose it on them anyway. Congress granted this power to gas pipelines in 1947.

Over a seven-year period, an unlikely coalition grew in strength, turning out thousands of residents to public hearings and spurring more than 50,000 people to submit written comments to regulatory agencies. A delegation representing all parts of the coalition even held a sit-in in the governor's office.

Seven rural landowners from across the political spectrum also published a column in the state's largest newspaper, the Oregonian. It was blunt: "We are sick and tired

of the pie-in-the-sky speculation by these for-profit corporations. We can't build, we can't plan, and we can't sell if we choose because of the threat of eminent domain."

Don Gentry, chair of the Klamath Tribes, protested that the pipeline would "strip shade from streams and pollute them with sediment, harming fish central to the Klamath's traditions and way of life."

Bill McCaffree, a lifelong Republican and longtime president of the local electrical workers union in Coos Bay, also publicly disagreed with construction union leaders who wanted the short-term work for their members.

"Everyone who works in the building and construction trades wants to build things that benefit communities and don't cause harm," McCaffree said. "Since I was a kid, there have been jobs here in Coos County from fishing, clamming and oyster farming. What would happen to those jobs when the bay is disturbed by construction and operation of this export terminal?"

A better strategy for creating good, stable jobs, McCaffree said, would be investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy development. That sector is "creating jobs at a rate 12 times faster than the rest of the U.S. economy."

In the wake of this broad and vocal resistance, state agencies finally announced that the pipeline and terminal failed to qualify for necessary permits. That led Pembina to tell federal regulators it was dropping the project.

The coalition didn't stop with its victory. Members convinced the Oregon Legislature last year to pass bills to transition the state to 100 percent clean energy by 2040, provide \$50 million for community-based resilience and renewable energy projects outside of Portland, and appropriate \$10 million for energy-efficient home repairs for low-income households. The Legislature also banned any new natural gas power plants in Oregon.

"Most of us who live in small towns and rural areas all want the same things," said Rogue Climate's Hannah Sohl. "Good jobs, a healthy climate, communities that work for everyone. We can accomplish a lot when we talk to each other and organize."

Matt Witt is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, [writersontherange.org](http://writersontherange.org), a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about Western issues. He is a writer and photographer in Talent, Ore. Views expressed do not necessarily represent those of *The SUN*.

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# Business

## McFadden to fill dual roles for CDC, town

By Emily Lashbrooke  
Pagosa Springs Community  
Development Corporation

Join us in welcoming Kathleen McFadden, our newest team member at the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC).

As administrative manager, McFadden will serve a dual role providing communication and organizational support for the CDC, as well as coordinating the Main Street America program for Pagosa Springs.

Main Street America is a national program that helps to promote preservation-based economic development and community revitalization across the country. McFadden will work with downtown businesses, property owners, partner organizations and resources to move the Pagosa Springs community from an affiliate member of



Kathleen McFadden

the Main Street America program to a fully designated member.

McFadden brings more than 20 years of experience, leadership and technical proficiency to this new

role. She earned a bachelor of arts in English with a specialization in technical writing from Texas A&M University and began her career as a technical writer. Her work history, which can be summarized as “she who wears all hats,” includes a successful tenure in marketing and business development for high tech companies including EDS, IBM and Cybersource, in addition to program development, implementation and training for different small businesses. In 2019, McFadden became a Colorado licensed real estate broker and transitioned from a part-time to a full-time resident of Pagosa Springs.

“Throughout my work life, I have had the good fortune to pursue areas about which I am passionate; now I feel privileged to live in a town which evokes that

same level of enthusiasm,” said McFadden. “I’m passionate about helping people and I’m passionate about Pagosa. This new position offers an exciting opportunity for me to utilize my unique combination of skills to help shape Pagosa’s progress, growth and sustainability while maintaining its natural beauty and Colorado mountain-town charm.”

Together, McFadden and Executive Director Emily Lashbrooke will work on behalf of the CDC and the town to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Pagosa Springs by creating jobs, encouraging new capital investment and creating a business-friendly community, all while working with existing businesses to help maximize profitability and sustainability.

To reach McFadden, email Kat@pagosaspringscdc.org.

## Can you use Colorado driver’s license services in Archuleta County?

By Jamie Jones  
Archuleta County

Archuleta County Commissioner Warren Brown has been working with the Colorado Department of Revenue to bring the DMV-2GO program to town and save you the expense and time needed to get these services in another county.

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DMV2GO does not offer driver testing.

This program has been tentatively scheduled to begin in Archuleta County toward the end of May.

In an effort to help determine the number of staff needed to provide this mobile program, the county is asking those in need of these services to call (970) 264-8300 or email AdminP@archuletacounty.org and let them know if you plan on using DMV2GO services in May. Or, you can answer the poll here: <http://archuletacounty.org/Polls.aspx?PollID=34>.

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The premiere episode of “Building Roots,” featuring Pagosa Springs’ Ben and Cristi Dozier, is set to air on HGTV on Sunday, April 10, at 9 p.m. ET/PT. The series features the couple as they build, design and renovate properties in and around Pagosa Springs.

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# Sports

## SOCCER

### Lady Pirates fall to Manitou Springs

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate Soccer team lost its game on Saturday, April 2, against the Manitou Springs Mustangs by a score of 10-0.

"We were chasing the ball most of the game," coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason said, explaining the team struggled in transitioning between offense and defense.

The Pirates were "hesitant to get on defense," he added. "That little bit of hesitation can bite you bad."

Kurt-Mason explained the Pirates were defending like they were on offense, in that they were unable to mark their opponent on the goal side, meaning being between the opposing attacker and the goal.

He added that the Pirates were never able to slow down the Mustangs' attack.

Kurt-Mason mentioned that Pirate goalkeeper Trista Tully "did an incredible job," making 13 saves in the first half.

Tully made a total of 15 saves on the day.

The Mustangs scored eight goals in the first half and two goals in the second half.

The Pirates weren't able to log any attempts on goal.

"We couldn't get our offense going," Kurt-Mason added.

#### Upcoming games

The Pirates now have a 1-1 record as the team prepares for its first league matchup against the Bayfield Wolverines tomorrow, Friday, April 8, at 4 p.m. in Bayfield.

The Wolverines are entering the match with an overall record of 1-2,



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate keeper Trista Tully deflects a Manitou Springs shot Saturday while other Lady Pirates stand ready to help. Tully made 15 saves in the game, including 13 in the first half.

including a 9-0 loss against Manitou Springs.

This Saturday, April 9, the Pirates will host the Lake County Panthers, with kickoff scheduled for 11 a.m.

The Pirates will then host their second league game, against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, on Tuesday, April 12, at 4 p.m.

Kurt-Mason mentioned the Pirates will need to focus on defending properly in these next few games, along with transitioning quicker between offense and defense.

He added that conditioning will be important as well.

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A message from Michael Caponnetto, founder of Stop The Rocks and candidate for Archuleta County Commissioner District 3.

Thanks to all the people who joined with the community in stopping the mine on Piedra Road and to those who signed my petition to place me in the Primary for the county commissioner's job. After speaking with several community leaders, I have decided to put my efforts behind Veronica Medina for Archuleta County Commissioner District 3 to insure a solid opposition to the current regime.

Veronica has strong community bonds as a resident for the last 8 years with family roots going back as far as 25 years. She is the president of Archuleta County Republican Women, Secretary for Archuleta County Republican Central Committee, Chairwoman for House District #59, Secretary for Colorado Federal Republican Women as well as on the Board for Archuleta Housing. Veronica lives the life of an involved community member attending Board of County Commissioners meetings for more than 3 years. A master's degree in business and Director of Human Resources for 15 years and eventually becoming a real estate professional here in Archuleta County. Veronica has a skill set and value system no other commissioner has had in the past. She will always evaluate and choose the most qualified candidates to work alongside her. No more friends and family.

Veronica Medina stands for structured growth which our community desperately needs as well as holding our elected officials to a higher standard, accountable to the community, a clear voice for the people and logical well thought out plans for County infra-structure.

Veronica Medina has the experience of leadership and the guts to fight for our community. That's why I'm backing Veronica Medina for Archuleta County Commissioner for District 3. Please join Veronica in taking back our community with a vote for her in the June primary.

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# TRACK



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Chantelle Caldwell races to a first-place relay finish last week. The Pirates gave a strong performance in relays at both the Mancos and Bayfield meets with six first-place finishes between the two meets.



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Vicinio Carranza races in the 4x200-meter relay last week. Carranza also participated in the long jump and triple jump in meets held in Mancos and Bayfield.



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Annie O'Donnell lands a jump. The Pirates improved their performance in jumping events at the recent meets compared to the first meet of the season.

## Pirates take first, second in back-to-back meets

By Josh Pike  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field team placed first and second in back-to-back meets on April 1 and 2 in Mancos and Bayfield, respectively.

### Blue Jay Invitational

Coach Connie O'Donnell commented that the 12-team Mancos Blue Jay Invitational was "good." "We ran really well, we had some good throws and jumps," she said, adding, "For a few people it was their first track meet of the year, just because a lot of them missed the other one. And, the weather was pretty decent, so that helped. It was a little bit windy and a little chilly, but it was pretty good."

The girls' relay team of Chantelle Caldwell, Reece Peterson, Rylie Carr and Sienna Rose placed first in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 52.88 seconds. The 4x200 girls' relay team of Caldwell, Peterson, Carr and Rose also placed first with

a time of 2 minutes, 2.79 seconds.

The girls' 4x400 relay team of Annie O'Donnell, Lexie Valdez, Hadley Phillips and Anna Jones placed first with a time of 4:56.02, and the 4x800 relay team, consisting of Nell Taylor, Lucy Taylor, Kyla Coiner and Marie Smith placed third with a time of 13:00.24.

The boys' 4x100 relay team, composed of Kameron Winkler, Tommy Barker, Samuel Kinsley and Gavin Lindahl, placed third with a time of 47.91, while the 4x200 relay team, composed of Vicinio Carranza, Winkler, Barker and Kinsley, placed second with a time of 1:39.03.

Connie O'Donnell highlighted that all of the relays improved their times.

The team also performed strongly in sprinting events, with Valdez placing third in the girls' 100-meter dash with a time of 14.18, Carr placing second in the girls' 200-meter dash with a time of 29.49 and Jacob Miller placing first in the boys' 200-meter dash with a time of 26.16.

Additionally, Caldwell placed second in the girls' 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.72, Breck Wilson placed second in the boys' 110-meter hurdles with a time of 18.35 and Barker placed first in the boys' 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.13.

Connie O'Donnell also mentioned that jumps had improved since the previous meet, with Caldwell placing fifth in girls' high jump with a height of 4 feet, 4 inches. Annie O'Donnell placed second in the girls' triple jump with a distance of 29-0.2, and Carranza placed second in triple jump with a distance of 37-0.

The coach highlighted the performance of Wilson, who placed seventh in boys' long jump with a distance of 17-3, saying it was "absolutely the first time he's ever long jumped. ... For a first time ever ... that's really good. And so, he obviously has a lot of room for improvement just by working out and practicing."

Connie O'Donnell also highlighted the performance of Wil Aucoin in the boys' discus event, where he placed first with a distance of 115-5.

Overall, the Pirates placed first

in the Mancos Blue Jay Invitational, with a boys' score of 89.5 and a girls' score of 119.5.

### Pine River Invitational

"We did really well," the coach said of the Pine River Invitational in Bayfield the following day. "We were tired. It was a long day in Mancos and so to turn around and do it again — and I knew that was what was going to happen — they were really tired, but we still had some improvement in some things. ... But, what was nice about the meet is that ... there were only eight teams and so it went really fast, which was good for us because I don't know if we could have handled another long day."

The relay teams continued their strong performance in Bayfield, with first-place finishes in the girls' 4x100 relay (the team of Caldwell, Peterson, Carr and Rose logged a time of 54.61), girls' 4x200 relay (the team of Caldwell, Peterson, Carr and Rose finished in 1:52.26) and the girls' 800-meter sprint medley (the team consisting of Valdez, Kaley Keyes, Peterson and Carr logged a time of 2:10.90).

The boys' 4x200 relay team of Carranza, Winkler, Barker and Kinsley finished second with a time of 1:38.86 and the boys' 4x100 relay team of Winkler, Barker, Kinsley and Lindahl took third with a time of 47.09.

Connie O'Donnell highlighted Carr's performance in the girls' 100 meter dash, where she placed first with a time of 13.62 despite not having a previous time and thus not being placed in the first heat with the majority of the other runners.

Carr also placed fourth in the girls' 400-meter dash with a time of 1:09.07 and Kinsley placed second in the boys' 100-meter dash with a time of 11.98.

The team also had a strong performance in jumping events at the meet, where all four Pirates in the girls' high jump placed in the top eight, with Jordan Lindstrom second with a height of 4-10, Annie O'Donnell fifth with a height of 4-6, Caldwell sixth with a height of 4-2.

Lindstrom finished first in the girls' triple jump with a distance

of 30-3.75 while Annie O'Donnell finished third with a distance of 26-4.5.

Connie O'Donnell also highlighted the performance of freshman Jaxton Schiel, who placed fourth in the boys' high jump with a height of 5-4. She commented that was the greatest height she's ever seen a freshman athlete jump in that event.

Additionally, Isabella Shortridge placed fifth in girls' discus at the meet with a distance of 72-9, and Aucoin placed fourth in boys' discus with a distance of 116-6 and fifth in shot put with a distance of 38-4.5.

The team placed second behind Durango in the Pine River Invitational in Bayfield, with the girls' team scoring 140 compared to

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## Memorial weekend golf tournament to support area veterans

By Ted Eckerson  
Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County

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This is the premier golf event annually in Pagosa Springs, with 100 percent of the profits going to support veterans in southwest Colorado and other worthy causes.

Last year's event sold out two weeks prior to the event. We expect the same this year, so get your teams together. Singles and doubles are also invited to attend. Any donations are appreciated.

This year's event will utilize all 27 holes. The tournament will feature many opportunities to win prizes featuring a \$1,000 for any hole in one on all par 3s, free lunch at the turn, free concert after play is completed featuring the band formerly known as the Retro Cats and the famous potluck dessert bar. Non-players are welcome to come to the opening ceremonies, featuring a flyover by the San Juan Flyers. The American Legion will present colors at 9 a.m. to honor all who have passed. We anticipate a very special starter this year. Come one come all.

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# BASEBALL

## Pirates ready to dive into league play, have first home game

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

"I feel like we're right there. We're on the brink of turning the corner," coach Nathan Morales said of the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team.

The Pirates dropped three of four games to 2A teams over the last week, with three of those games coming as part of the Buena Vista Tournament and the fourth coming against Monte Vista.

But, the coach noted, the Pirate pitchers pitched well enough to win in each of the games.

The Pirates dropped their first tournament game on Friday 16-1 to the undefeated Rye Thunderbolts.

Pagosa's run came in the bottom of the first inning, when Rye's pitcher walked Braylon Cotts while the bases were full of Pirates.

The Thunderbolts' runs came over five innings: five in the second, one in the third, three in the fourth, one in the fifth and six in the sixth.

Pagosa's run came on two hits and two walks. The Pirates struck out four times.

Kaison Clifford and Triston Iguchi recorded the hits for the Pirates, with Clifford also scoring the team's run. Cotts notched an RBI on the play.

Pagosa left four runners on base and committed nine errors.

Clifford, Hunter Pouyer and Aaron Aucoin took the mound in the game, combining to allow 16 runs (five earned) on 13 hits and five walks while striking out eight.

"Just too many errors," Morales said about the game, adding, "When we don't take care of the ball and, you know, take the outs that they give us, baseball's pretty hard."

Teams like the good ones the Pirates have played are going to find ways to score, Morales indicated, and the Pirates need to take advantage of the outs they're given — something he noted they did better in the following two games.

"I thought we took care of the ball and played really well," he said. "I know we only won one of the two, but, you know, we had one inning where we kind of let things get away with us ... and that's just kind of been our Achilles heel right now ... When we put ourselves in a hole early on, it's hard to get back out of it. But, I'm real proud of the way the kids have fought to keep working to come back no matter what the score is."

Later that afternoon, the Pirates defeated the Calhan Bulldogs 16-2.

Calhan put a run on the scoreboard in the top of the first, which Pagosa countered in the bottom of the inning.

The Pirates brought around nine runs in the third inning, followed by another six in the fourth.

The Bulldogs' second run came in the top of the fourth.

The Pirates' 16 runs came around on 17 hits and three walks. Pagosa batters struck out three times and the team left four runners on base.

A trio of Pirates had three hits each in the game: Pouyer, Clifford and Iguchi.

Pouyer's effort also included two RBIs and four runs scored. Clifford, who hit a double in the game, had two RBIs and two runs scored. Iguchi, who hit a triple, tallied three RBIs and a run scored.

Carson Young-Martinez had two hits (including a double), two RBIs and a run scored.

Cotts had two hits and an RBI in the game, and Chris Young-Martinez had two hits, two RBIs and two runs scored.

Quintin Blankenship had a hit and a run scored, and Fabian Quezada had a hit, an RBI and two runs scored.

Seth Aucoin scored twice in the game, and Rhead Kay scored one run.

Pagosa had 18 stolen bases in the game.

Cotts pitched a complete game, allowing two runs on one hit while walking two and striking out eight.

Pagosa committed one error in the game.

The following afternoon, the Pirates took on the Buena Vista Demons — the tournament host.

Pagosa took a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but the Demons brought around five runs in the bottom of the second and another in the fourth.

The Pirates picked up another run in the sixth, but were unable to defeat their hosts.

Pagosa had five hits in the game: two by Clifford (a triple and a double) and one each from Iguchi (a double), Cotts (a double) and Chris Young-Martinez.

Clifford also had an RBI and two runs scored, and Iguchi logged an RBI. Carson Young-Martinez also scored a run in the game.

Pagosa reached on a walk once in the game and had three stolen bases. The Pirates left three runners stranded and struck out seven times.

Kay pitched a complete game for the Pirates, allowing six runs on five hits and three walks while striking out four.

In another change to the sched-

ule, Pagosa's Pirates headed to Monte Vista Tuesday for a matchup with the 2A Monte Vista Pirates, but returned home with a 9-5 loss.

Morales noted the game in Monte Vista was another where the Pirates had one inning get away from them.

Monte Vista scored two in the first and two in the second, giving the hosting Pirates a 4-0 lead before Pagosa scored two in the third.

Pagosa made it a one-run game with a run in the top of the fourth, but Monte put up four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Pagosa picked up a run in the fifth and another in the sixth before giving up a ninth run to Monte Vista in the bottom of the sixth.

Pagosa had seven hits in the game, walked six times and struck out six times.

Iguchi had two hits on the day, as well as an RBI and a run scored.

Logging one hit each were Carson Young-Martinez, Kay, Clifford (a double), Cotts (a double) and Pouyer (a triple).

Kay and Clifford also each had an RBI and a run scored.

Cotts and Jaden Tuggle-Reed each logged an RBI, and Pouyer and Chris Young-Martinez each scored a run.

Pagosa had five stolen bases on the day. Pagosa left eight runners stranded and made two fielding errors in the game.

Clifford and Kay took the mound for Pagosa, combining to allow nine runs (three earned) on 10 hits and four walks while striking out five.

### Up next

This weekend, the 3-7 Pirates will head to La Jara to open league play against the Centauri Falcons, who are 6-3 on the season.

The league doubleheader is set to begin at 11 a.m.

Then, at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Pagosa will host the Monte Vista Pirates, who are 5-4 on the season.

"We're kind of at the point of the season ... where it's time," Morales said. "We're starting league play, and I think the kids are ready for our next few games with league and we'll get to play to play Monte again next Tuesday at home. We finally get a home game, so that's going to be exciting."

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## Track

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Durango's 202.2 and the boys' team scoring 86 compared to Durango's 262.2.

Next week, the team will travel to the Abel Velasquez Invitational in Ignacio on April 9. Connie O'Donnell commented that the event will allow the team to enter more athletes in events than prior tournaments, thus including a larger portion of the Pirate team in competition.

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## Celebration

Photo courtesy Terry SchAAF

Morgan SchAAF, a Pagosa Springs graduate and one of the 2015 girls' basketball state champions, was awarded the 2022 Bill Rupp Award on March 27 at the annual Colorado Board Four Award Ceremony in Greeley, Colo. This award is given to the most promising new basketball official in the Greeley area with five or fewer years of experience. The criteria to win this award is an official who has an excellent attitude toward the game, demonstrated a high level of professionalism, a willingness to assist others and has the desire and potential to become an excellent official. SchAAF's love for basketball started at a very young age. After graduating from Pagosa Springs High School in 2015, SchAAF played for Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo. She then decided to continue her education in Greeley, Colo., at the University of Northern Colorado, where she still resides. SchAAF began officiating basketball games two years ago, and her dedication and hard work has been awarded.



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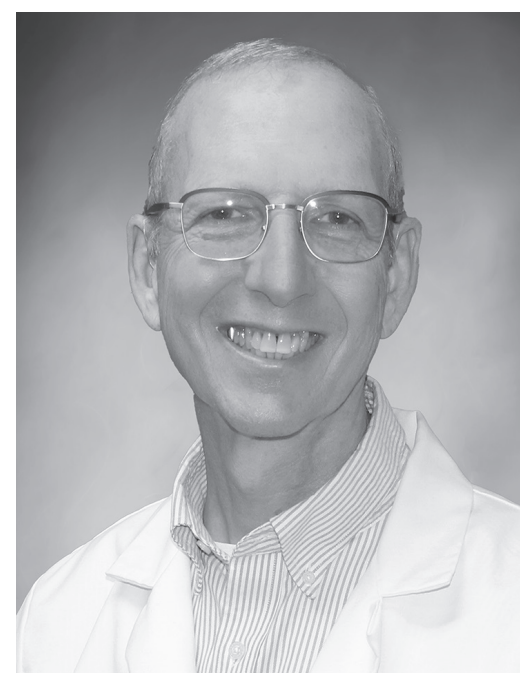
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## National Vietnam War Veteran's Day observance held

By Richard Walker  
Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans

On March 29, which is National Vietnam War Veteran's Day, the Archuleta County Veterans for Veterans held a commemorative event honoring all Vietnam-era veterans. The observance was held at the Tennyson Event Center and there were approximately 80 veterans, friends and family in attendance.

Mayor Don Volger read the town's proclamation regarding the holiday, county commissioner Warren Brown read the county's proclamation and Naomi Dobbs, southwest Colorado regional di-

rector for Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, read a letter of support for our endeavor from the congresswoman.

Other notable portions of the Vietnam Veterans Day event included a flag-folding ceremony by the American Legion Honor Guard. While the Honor Guard commenced the folding of the flag into the tri-cornered shape typically presented to a loved one at a veterans memorial ceremony or burial, another Legionnaire explained the meaning and significance of each fold.

We also had Andre Redstone and his wife and family honor us with

song and prayers in their Native American dialect. Charlotte Jones, Veterans for Veterans board member and spouse of a Vietnam vet, explained our missing man table and then she rang a bell as veterans service officer and American Legion Post 108 Commander Raymond Taylor read the list of Archuleta County veterans who passed away over the last 12 months.

There were songs, prayers and laughter as well as tears and bitter remembrances during the hour-long event. We honored all veterans but focused on those from the Vietnam War era and presented "Welcome Home" lapel pins and

certificates to a dozen Vietnam vets who had not been so honored previously. Special thanks to Kenneth Jones, Veterans for Veterans member and Vietnam combat vet, who prepared the wonderful pulled pork for our luncheon.

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Volunteers from several organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Vets for Vets and others gather to collect veterans wreaths laid at the December 2021 Wreaths Across America. Volunteers worked together to gather, disassemble and recycle the nearly 400 wreaths on Thursday, March 31. Plans have begun for the annual Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Day to be held Dec. 17. If you would like to learn more about Wreaths Across America or become a sponsoring group, please contact the location coordinator, Linda Hobbs, at (713) 304-3028.

## New pickleball courts slated to begin construction

Pagosa Pickleball Club

The sport of pickleball has been around since the 1960s, but its popularity has grown exponentially over the last two decades.

For the last 10 years, an annually increasing number of people have been playing pickleball year-round on three courts in the Ross Aragon Community Center. Beginning in 2014, four pickleball courts were established at South Pagosa Park on a concrete surface in significant disrepair which have been heavily used during the warmer months with numbers significantly exceeding the available space.

The number of players in the Pagosa area has grown to the point that, about four years ago, local residents established the Pagosa Pickleball Club as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which currently consists of more than 250 active members. A significant number of players from other states and even foreign countries also stop over for days, weeks or even months to play pickleball in Pagosa Springs during the warmer months, with many people picking areas to vacation based on the availability of quality pickleball facilities.

Pickleball provides healthy lifestyle opportunities for all ages and is in great demand, especially for second-home and retirement populations. The sport's user base is gradually expanding toward younger players, thanks to programs in physical education classes in elementary, middle and high schools, and is currently being taught in Pagosa Springs middle and high schools.

Cooperative efforts to attain



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The Pagosa Pickleball Club presents its contribution toward the building of eight new pickleball courts to the Town of Pagosa Springs. Pictured, left to right, are Ronnie Maez, county commissioner; Darren Lewis, town parks and recreation director; and club officers: president Steve Chaney, vice president Al Pfister and secretary/treasurer John Costa.

funding and a location to construct new courts dedicated to pickleball were initiated four to five years ago. In late 2021, those efforts finally came to fruition through a partnership between the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and the Pagosa Pickleball Club. The town agreed to provide a location for eight new courts within the newly acquired Yamaguchi South

property. The town and Archuleta County each agreed to provide \$100,000. The Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board agreed to provide \$150,000. And the Pagosa Pickleball Club raised \$100,000 from its members to contribute toward the project for a total of \$450,000.

Bids for construction of eight new dedicated pickleball courts were solicited in February. One bid was received from Renner

Sport Courts for \$362,230, which was within the proposed budget and allowed for the use of remaining funds for needs such as site preparation, shade shelters and seating. The bid was approved by the Pagosa Springs Town Council and awarded in late March. Construction is slated to begin in June or July and be completed within 2.5 to 3 months.

The addition of well-built, dedicated courts will not only fill a rapidly growing recreational need for county residents, but will also provide a venue for tournaments and an attraction to multiday tourism, providing an economic benefit to the community by attracting out-of-town visitors and holding them longer in RV parks, motels, short-term rentals, restaurants and other businesses.

## Community vaccine clinics scheduled through April 30; second booster shot available to eligible populations

By Megan Graham  
San Juan Basin Public Health

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced updated guidance on COVID-19 booster shots, recommending additional vaccine boosters for eligible individuals. Vaccine providers in Colorado are authorized to administer the additional doses now.

Under the new guidance, adults aged 50 and over and immunocompromised individuals ages 12 and over are eligible for a second COVID-19 booster at least four months following their last booster shot. Only Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are authorized for second

booster doses and either option can be used, regardless of whether an individual received Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson and Johnson for their initial doses.

These additional shots are widely available, including at community clinics in La Plata and Archuleta counties currently scheduled through April 30, as well as through other providers such as pharmacies and physicians. For a complete list of clinics and providers and the latest guidance, please visit the SJBPH website, <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>, or contact our office at (970) 247-5702.

COVID-19 vaccines are effective in protecting individuals from severe illness, hospitalization and

death from the virus. Because immunity can diminish over time, additional booster shots increase protection against COVID-19. The CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older receive at least two doses of the vaccine. Individuals ages 12 and older should receive at least three doses. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and free. No insurance or ID is required to receive the vaccine.

For COVID-19 data, vaccine clinics, testing information, and information about quarantine and isolation guidance, please visit the SJBPH website: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>.

## Pagosa Catholic Community Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 14, Mass 7:00 p.m. at JP II  
Good Friday, April 15, JP II to Prayer Garden 3:30 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross, JP II Prayer Garden, 4:00 p.m.  
Good Friday Liturgy 5:00 p.m. at JP II  
Holy Saturday, April 16, Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. at JP II  
Easter Sunday, April 17, Easter Mass 9:00 a.m. at JP II



Services: 8:15 & 11:00 AM, April 17  
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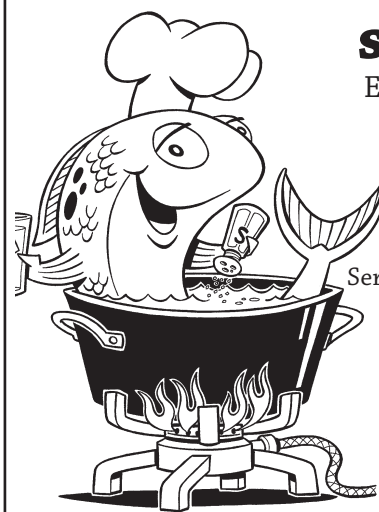
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# Education

## Pagosa charter school invites board member applications

By Bill Hudson  
Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) has announced a vacancy on its board of directors and invites applications from the Pagosa community to fulfill a two-year term.

PPOS is an intentionally small and intimate tuition-free public charter school in Pagosa Springs. PPOS is chartered through Archuleta School District and governed by an independent, volunteer board of directors. Current enrollment is approximately 120 students in grades K-8, but the school district recently approved a plan to expand the enrollment.

rollment.

PPOS was started by a small group of local parents dedicated to bringing educational choice to our small mountain community. These parents visited multiple innovative schools across Colorado and New Mexico, and attended workshops and conferences to learn the process of starting a school. They researched alternative forms of education and decided that a school focused on project-based learning (PBL) would be the best educational model for their students.

The experience of thousands of teachers across all grade levels and subject areas, backed by research,

confirms that PBL is an effective and enjoyable way to learn and develop deeper learning competencies required for success in college, career and civic life. PBL is not merely a tool for learning academic skills; it also strengthens a child's ability to successfully collaborate, and to persevere in the face of challenges.

Place-based education (PBE) is another component to the educational model of PPOS. PBE immerses students in local heritage, cultures, landscapes, opportunities and experiences, using these as a foundation for the study of language arts, mathematics, social studies, visual arts, agriculture, science and other subjects.

To incorporate project- and place-based model into the school, the founding parents decided on a year-round school schedule to allow children to experience all of the various outdoor activities beloved to Pagosans.

The board currently consists of six members: Ursala Hudson, Julie Simmons, Gary Hedgecock, Elly Osmera, Bill Hudson and Michelle Carpenter.

Community members are invited to visit the school's website, <https://pagosapeakopenschool.org>, to learn more about the school's goals and philosophy.



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

The Destination Imagination Tricky Tricksters members are Jacob Tracy, Wells Witting, Savannah Graves, Maheyla Witting and Jaxon Sherman.



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

The Dragon Bunnies members are Sabastian Lujan-Parra, Ana Romero Gallegos and Tyler Julian.

## Three Destination Imagination teams compete at state tournament

By Becky Thompson  
Destination Imagination

Three Pagosa Springs teams competed at the Destination Imagination tournament on the Auraria campus in Denver on April 2. Two other teams chose to turn in videos at a

later date for appraisal.

The teams that traveled to Denver were two elementary teams, Dragon Bunnies and Tricky Tricksters coached by Julie Ashbaugh and Jill Witting, and one secondary team, Bombulum Draconis coached by Kristin and Jesse Morehouse. The

two teams who will submit videos are The Great Escape and Smooth Speedy Smarties, also coached by Kristin Morehouse.

The Dragon Bunnies competed in the scientific challenge. They had to create a micro-world, discover a mysterious object and do research on microscopes.

The Tricky Tricksters competed in the fine arts category. This team had to have a "trickster" attempting to overcome a tricky situation. They also had to have a costume that transformed by a technical method.

The third team that was at the senior level and a returning team, Bombulum Draconis, is sadly in its last year, with one graduating. They chose to compete in the improv challenge this year. This challenge explored festivals and told a story in two acts, only using boxes for props. The highlight of the awards presentation for Pagosa was David and Ruth Ann Morehouse receiving a Compass award. This award was given out for the first time this year to any DI participants who have navigated through all six types of challenges through the years.

This dynamic duo has not only participated in every challenge, they have also volunteered for the teen leadership team, giving back to the organization that gave so much to them.

This year, the DI Teen Leadership Team planned and staffed the opening celebration for everyone attending the tournament. They also put together four escape rooms that were challenging and fun for the hundreds of DI kids during the state tournament. Seeing David and Ruth Ann transition from participants to participant-volunteers has been impressive the last couple of years.

Destination Imagination is a creativity competition that rewards creativity, cleverness, execution, teamwork and problem-solving. Teams of up to seven students select one of the six challenges in the fall, work on them through fall, winter and early spring, and then compete

against other teams of similar age in their geographic region.

Destination Imagination, unlike a lot of student involvement activities, did not shut down during the pandemic. It looked at the pandemic as a challenge to meet. The national leadership team figured out a way to still do DI completely virtual. It was not easy and it was very different, but it worked and it gave kids a creative outlet during a difficult time in our world. This year, the organizers of the tournament were unsure if it was going to happen in person, but it did, with the option of still being virtual.



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

Smooth Speedy Smarties members are Monique Young Martinez, Alivia Clark, Shayda Valdez and David Morehouse. The team is competing virtually in the engineering challenge.



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

The Great Escape members are coach Kristin Morehouse, Vincent Lewis, Asaph Mecklenburg, Ruth Ann Morehouse, Maggie Su and Taren Bennet. They are competing virtually in the technical challenge.



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

Team Bombulum Draconis members and coaches are Kristin, Ruth Ann, David and Jesse Morehouse.

## School district stakeholder feedback survey now open

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The online survey to gather stakeholder feedback for the Archuleta School District Board of Education's superintendent search is now live.

The district is working with a consultant from McPherson and Jacobson, a national search firm, to help identify and select candidates.

As part of that process, the district and search firm have launched an online survey, available in both English and Spanish, which the district notes is "to gather stakeholder feedback on our schools, our community, and the desired characteristics we hope to see in our next superintendent. The information we gather this spring will serve as an updated supplement to the comprehensive stakeholder feedback we've received previously. All of this information will guide the Board of Education in the selection process, and will also be critical to helping our selected candidate smoothly transition into the role of our next superintendent."

The survey will be open through April 11.

To take the survey in English, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArchuletaCOEnglish>.

To take the survey in Spanish, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArchuletaCOSpanish>. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

## Pagosa Springs Elementary School Scholar of the Week



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Elijah Kruthaupt is a very kind student who loves to read to his classmates. Elijah is a great leader.

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# Reliving history

By Kristin Morehouse  
Pagosa Springs High School

Pagosa Springs High School history students recently captured the hearts and lives of deceased everyday war heroes.

Students in Holly Blackman's U.S. history classes brought their emotions and personal experiences to life through careful crafting of diaries and journals that accurately relayed historical events through the eyes of characters of their choosing.

Using the voices of underground railroad workers, battlefield nurses, women serving as soldiers and many others, they walked their readers through careful considerations that impacted strategic successes in the wars. Their stories shared the personal reflections of key figures along with historical artifacts that they interpreted for the readers. They used photographs, wedding rings, as well as charred and dyed pages, to add interest and authenticity to their characters. Students were impassioned by the historical synthesis of information as the war events were interpreted in light of the characters they actively created. With pride, they shared and enjoyed reading each other's journals.

Soft music, donuts and tears with and for the not-forgotten heroes of our country will not soon be lost or forgotten.

Room C23 offered a safe place to honor the sacrifices of those who came before us in creating our still great country. Students created meaning of our combined struggles and dove deeper into their family sacrifices, as well. Keigan Hughes found a newspaper article from the Rocky Mountain News that

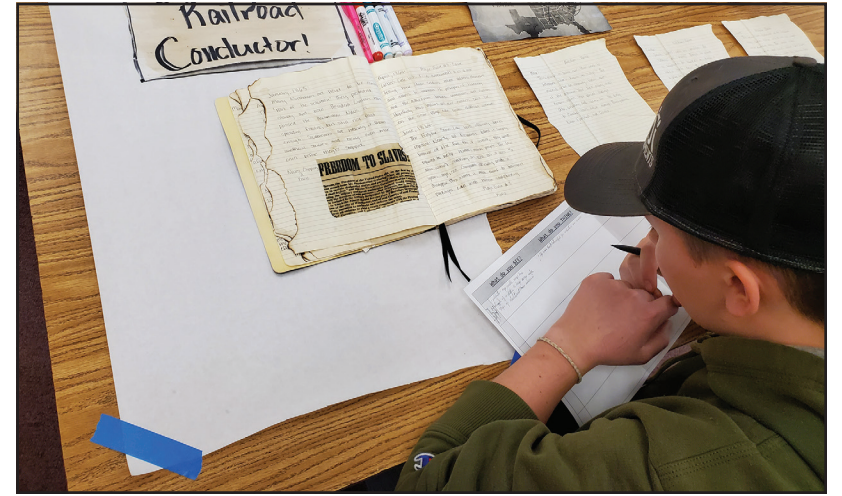
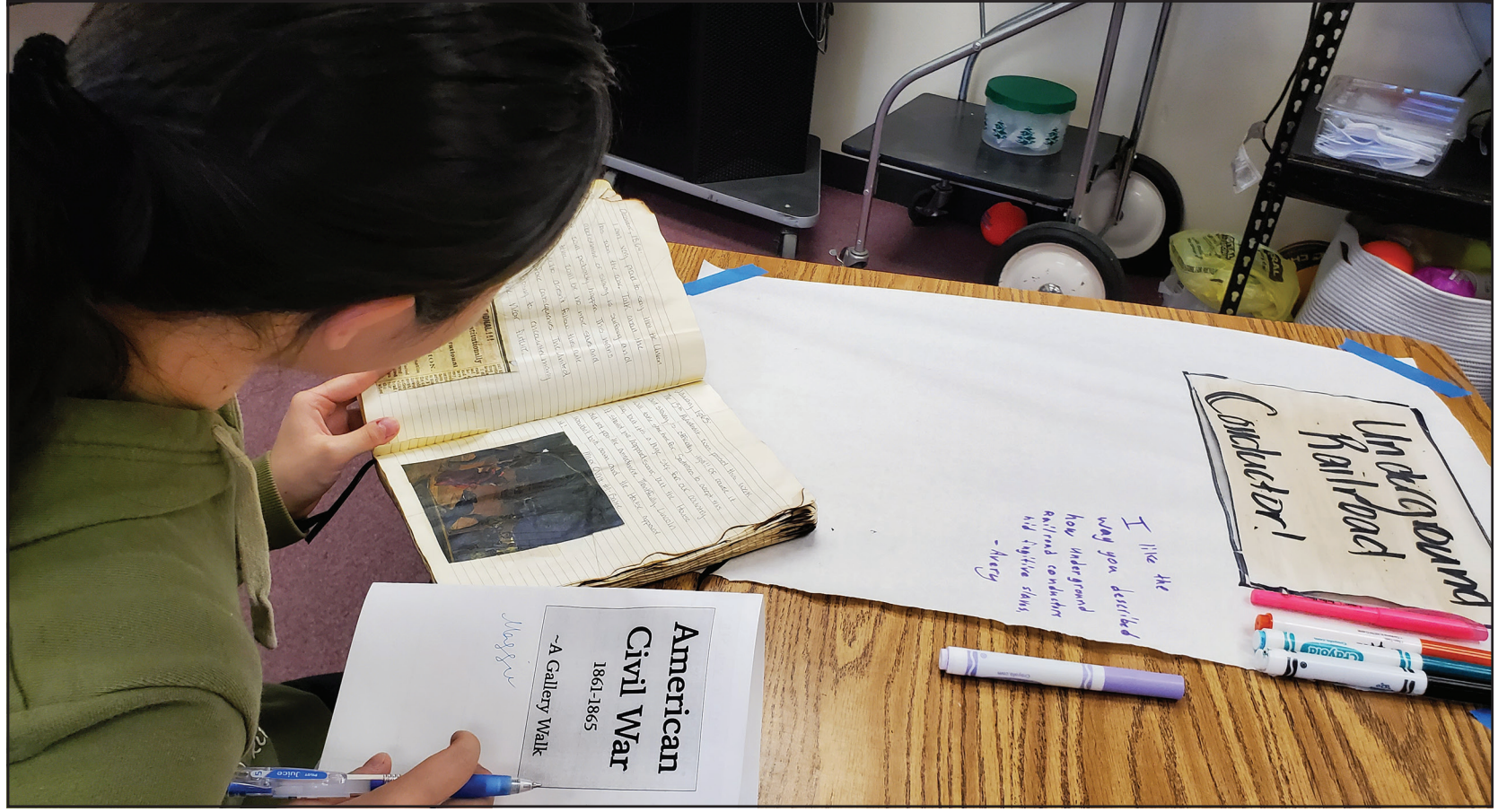
detailed the loss of his two great uncles, which was an example of a family losing all males who could carry on the family name. Jerry Nichols and Richard Nichols died in World War II; Hughes was able to understand which battles they died in, where they are buried and why they received certain service medals.

Jaylynn Ramsey shared the inside details of being a battle nurse and working with shortages of supplies and the threat of being captured while working around the clock to save lives. Jazmine Mendoza and Oryan Atole shared details of the Navajo Code Talkers and how their code was never broken. Kye Kelley shared how the Allied Forces used fake messages on the radio to redirect the enemy prior to D-Day.

Blackman's AP U.S. history class also created battlefield displays, made hardtack, built models of enslaved people's hiding crates and brought in replicas of uniforms. They used maps and imitation soiled bandage rolls to help the readers relate to their characters.

Blackman said, "Some students choose to work with partners while others do this project on their own. Many anticipate the scrapbook as they already know about this project from past students. I spend hours immersing myself in them, too, reading about their characters and life experiences. I'm so proud of their efforts in these projects and am humbled by the realism in each."

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# Archuleta County Food Summit

Saturday, April 9 • 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • CSU Extension building



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# Interested in local food issues? Archuleta County Food Summit slated for Saturday

By **Rose Chavez**  
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

The much-anticipated Archuleta County Food System Summit is coming up this weekend, on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CSU Extension building.

While early registration — which includes a locally prepared meal — has closed, the community is enthusiastically invited to attend this important event intended for anyone interested in local food issues.

During this community event, we look forward to defining and building connections throughout our food system by lifting up the stories and experiences of local food heroes, and identifying opportunities with community members and partners for priorities that will move us closer to our collective vision for a sustainable, equitable and health-promoting food system in Archuleta County.

Saturday's activities will also include a panel of county, town and community leaders who will share about the current state of the local food system in Archuleta County and will explore issues and needs/opportunities/challenges in our region.

The event will culminate in an early spring farmers market that includes a variety of local vendors and community-based organiza-



Photo courtesy Food System/Food Equity Coalition

**A raised bed at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association community garden. This Saturday, April 9, the Food System/Food Equity Coalition is hosting the Archuleta County Food System Summit.**

tions sharing samples, selling local food products and providing information on ways you can get involved to increase access to local fresh foods in our community.

For more information on the

Food Summit, please visit: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-food-summit.html>. Questions? Please email us at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) or call (401) 371-3227.



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# Food System Summit to highlight local food heroes

By Rose Chavez  
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Please join us for the upcoming Archuleta County Food System Summit on Saturday, April 9, at the CSU Extension building from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more about the event, please visit: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-food-summit.html>.

During this exciting event, we will feature local chefs, advocates, and local growers and producers who are key stakeholders in the local food system. Come join us on April 9 and meet some of these amazing people from Archuleta County and the surrounding region.

## Local food heroes: Kelle and Keith Bruno

Today, we would like to feature the story of Southern Roots Farm's Kelle and Keith Bruno in their own words:

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grow potatoes, onions, garlic, lettuce, spinach, radishes, sugar snap peas, carrots, beets, asparagus, winter squash and annual flowers for the pollinators. We also have a few dwarf apple trees and 13 laying hens.

"Kelle studied sustainable de-

velopment and agroecology in college and her first job was managing the field operations at the Seeds of Change Research Farm in New Mexico, where she worked for five years. During this time, she and Keith met and he proceeded to

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# Two Saturday events will feature Broadway actor Dan Hoy

Curtains Up Pagosa

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is proud to present two events featuring Broadway actor Dan Hoy this Saturday: The “Actors Studio Masterclass” at 2 p.m. and the “Evening with the Stars” concert at 7 p.m.

If you plan on being in a CUP show soon, you may want to check out the master class. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to better your audition and performance. With auditions for CUP’s summer show, “All Shook Up,” just around the corner, this is a great time to start preparing. What better way than attending the master class to get some tips and insight on how to help grow your talent?

Tickets for the master class are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and can be purchased at: <https://our.show/curtains-up-pagosa/masterclass>.

The concert tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door and can be purchased at: <https://our.show/curtains-up-pagosa/stars>. The concert is a fundraiser for CUP and will be about two hours long. The concert will feature Hoy, as well as some of our local talent that he will clinic during the master

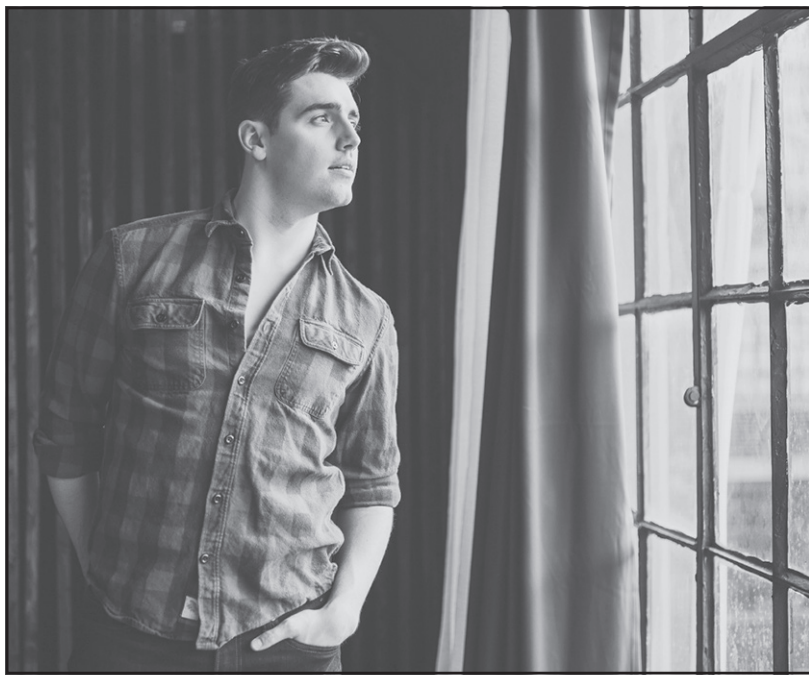


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This leads us then to “All Shook Up.” Auditions will take place April 23 and 24 by appointment. Video submissions are also welcome

for the auditions. Please contact Artistic Director Dale Scrivener at [curtainsuppagosa@gmail.com](mailto:curtainsuppagosa@gmail.com) for more information on the auditions and any other upcoming events.

## Food

■ **continued from previous page** catch the farming bug. We eventually began our own veggie production farm in Bayfield (Southern Roots Farm) and sold organic vegetables to the Durango Farmers Market, ran a 20-member CSA and sold wholesale to restaurants in Durango for three years. Keith also ran a wholesale potato and onion operation with a friend for two seasons and Kelle worked as a landscaper in Durango for multiple seasons.

“After trying hard to turn a farm into a sustainable business venture, both Keith and Kelle de-

cidated to go back to school to find more lucrative career opportunities. Kelle became an elementary school teacher and Keith received his master’s in natural resources and environmental education. We eventually settled in Pagosa Springs and bought our property in 2017. Our goal was to grow food for our family and link our garden to educational opportunities at Pagosa Peak Open School, where Kelle teaches first/second grade. We enjoy the work it takes to supplement our food supply with organic vegetables and our passion is sharing our knowledge with

others, especially our 6-year-old daughter.

“Our biggest challenge is finding the time to work in the garden. We both have full-time jobs and are raising a young daughter. We enjoy getting outside and camping in the summer, so we have to balance our work time on the farm with our adventures on the weekends. Our farm is located in Meadows, so we are on city water, which can be pricey. We began our farm operation in the summer of 2018 and have sold veggies through a CSA, at the Pagosa Farmer’s Mar-

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By Sally Neel  
 Ruby M. Sisson Memorial  
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The evening will take place this Saturday evening beginning at 6 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased online at <https://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/the-library-affair/> or at the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library (cash or check only).

Finger foods for the event will be supplied by the Pagosa Springs High School's culinary class, taught by chef Todd Stevens. The class was initiated three years ago, though as with many other things, COVID made it difficult to get the program fully underway. This year, the students are finally enjoying the full benefit of Stevens' expertise. Using the school's kitchen facilities, students are learning the primary lessons of food preparation and

kitchen etiquette.

"In addition to actual food prep, the students are learning important basic kitchen techniques, such as the proper way to carry a knife in the kitchen, how to avoid running into each other or causing accidents in a crowded space, the importance of keeping a clean kitchen, etc.," Stevens said. "They also are learning catering techniques such as how to set up trays and how to keep track of the amount of food being served.

"I don't know which or if any of the students will go on to make a career in the food service business, but they are learning useful lessons that can be applied to any number of their future endeavors. For this event, they will put their skills to work by helping me with the food preparation. I welcome these opportunities for them to learn by doing."

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## Food

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 ket, to Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) for their food program and wholesale to the local food pantry network. Our ultimate hope is to get more people involved to share the workload and the produce. This summer, Kelle will be running two two-week long gardening sessions for the students of PPOS with the hope that the vegetables will supplement more of their food

program (PPOS will be building a certified kitchen in the school building this summer)."

For additional information, please contact us at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) or call (401)371-3227. To donate to support the work of Healthy Archuleta, doing business as the FSFE-Food Coalition, please visit our website: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/donate.html>.



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# Thingamajig's Wine and Cheese Meet the Cast event set for April 15

By Amy Wolfe

Thingamajig Theatre Company

Thingamajig Theatre Company will open its doors on Friday, April 15, at 5 p.m. for our Wine and Cheese Meet the Cast event. This social and informative event will mark the first chance to purchase your season tickets to the summer musicals, "Bright Star," "Guys and Dolls" and family-friendly "The SpongeBob Musical."

Great benefits go along with being a season ticket holder including discounted tickets, no ticketing fees, reserved seats, complimentary exchanges and "come again" tickets to see a show a second time when bringing new friends. Thingamajig Theatre also invites all season ticket

holders to attend our wine and cheese open rehearsals for each musical.

The evening will begin with purchasing your season tickets while enjoying complimentary wine and cheese and mingling with friends and new acquaintances. After the ticket purchase social, join our artistic director, Tim Moore, in the theater, where he will share audition videos and his insights about the actors cast for the summer season crew. Moore's presentation is a fun way to get a sneak peak of the talent coming to Pagosa Springs this summer and to build excitement for Broadway in the Mountains returning to Thingamajig.

We look forward to welcoming

you to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and Thingamajig Theatre on Friday, April 15, to enjoy complimentary wine and cheese, purchase season tickets and get a first glimpse of the exciting shows and talented actors coming our way.

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## Calling instrumental musicians: Pagosa Springs Community Band preparing for Band-O-Rama

By Susy Mekeal

Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society

One of the hidden gems in Pagosa Springs is the Pagosa Springs Community Band. It is a wonderful opportunity to dust off your instrument and get your chops in shape. The band gathers three times a year for a concert.

The first concert for 2022 is the Band-O-Rama Concert and will be May 14. This is a special concert done in conjunction with the Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pagosa Springs High School bands. Each band plays a couple of pieces and the final piece is a joint piece with all of the bands playing together. It is a fun night to see the musical talent in our community and support the school music programs.

The first rehearsal for the Com-

munity Band's Band-O-Rama concert was Sunday, April 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room, but it is not too late—you can still join us. The next rehearsal will be Sunday, April 10. We welcome newcomers and those who have played with us in the past for a fun time of making music.

The Community Band is a part of the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society. The purpose of this group is to support student musicians in Pagosa Springs through music opportunities, scholarships and financial support to the schools. The Community Band also demonstrates that playing a musical instrument is a lifelong skill that lifts the spirit, enhances the community and brings people together. This is why our motto is "Music for Life!" Come join us. If you have any questions, call Susy at (970) 270-2674.

## Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD)

### Board of Directors Election – May 3

USJHSD is the municipal entity that governs and operates Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC)

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### Martin "Marty" Rose



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**RESIDENCE:** Pagosa Springs

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- Independent/Impartial decision-making and objectivity
- Knowledge of hospital business model and experience advising healthcare businesses.

I would be honored to serve the community on the USJHSD Board of Directors to preserve and improve this valuable community asset.

**PLEASE VOTE**

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on April 11, due back Tuesday, May 3. Or a voter can pickup a ballot at PSMC and return to same.

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Local vegetable production appears to be a growing movement. This community garden occupies a roof. Guests of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Environmental Film Festival on April 16 will view "In My Backyard" and share more creative ideas about local food.

## Environmental Film Festival will celebrate citizens thinking globally and acting locally

By Sally High  
Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) invites you to the 2022 Environmental Film Festival at the Tennyson Event Center Saturday, April 16, from 2 to 8 pm.

Come early. Stay late. The doors open at 1 p.m. so that wristband holders can get comfortable before films begin at 2 p.m. Buy your wristbands at [Pagosagreen.org](http://Pagosagreen.org) soon, as seating is limited. Each \$20 wristband sold benefits the GGP's operations. Reviving educational programming and landscaping are the GGP's priorities in 2022.

Truly a partnership, the GGP collaborates with Colorado Environmental Film Festival to organize our "Caravan" event, which begins Pagosa Springs' Earth Day

celebrations. The GGP's environmental films are known to be high-quality, first-run documentaries. The 2022 Film Festival is the eighth Caravan brought to Pagosa Springs by the GGP, the dynamic educational nonprofit that manages the three dome greenhouses in Centennial Park.

The GGP's community collaborators include environmental education organizations at the forefront of defining Pagosa Springs' future, with citizen input, of course. Come to the film fest and join the conversation about the conservation of water, increasing locally grown food and preservation of biodiversity in Archuleta County.

The schedule of films provides plenty of break time for conversations.

- 2 p.m.: "Reflection: A Walk with Water."
- 3:30 p.m.: "In My Backyard."
- 5 p.m.: "12th Hour."
- 5:55 p.m.: "Soil Care is Climate Repair."
- 6 p.m.: "Supper!"
- 6:45 p.m.: "Lynx: Shadows of the Forest."

■ See Film on next page

## Pagosa Catholic Community Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 14, Mass 7:00 p.m. at JP II  
 Good Friday, April 15, JP II to Prayer Garden 3:30 p.m.  
 Stations of the Cross, JP II Prayer Garden, 4:00 p.m.  
 Good Friday Liturgy 5:00 p.m. at JP II  
 Holy Saturday, April 16, Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. at JP II  
 Easter Sunday, April 17, Easter Mass 9:00 a.m. at JP II

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## 2022 Environmental Film Festival

**2022 Films**

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Soil Care is Climate Repair

Lynx: Shadows of the Forest

Nature's Big Year

**Saturday, April 16**

**2-8 pm**

**Tennyson Event Center**

(Wristbands \$20, seating is limited)

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# Potatoes for the community: Pagosa Springs Community Garden launches new project

By Leslie Wustrack  
Pagosa Springs Community Garden

The 2022 project of the volunteers that manage the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, the 30-year old space located downtown at the end of 5th Street on the river, will be to grow potatoes free of charge for the benefit of community members.

Decades old, the garden is on land owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs, and plots are granted to the town's citizens free of charge. With pride and respect to the beautiful space, each member of the volunteer group takes on tasks to prepare the garden for the growing season. Thanks to the generosity of Pagosa Springs merchants, goods (soil, compost, fertilizer, bird seed, tools, etc.) are donated annually to ensure the garden's perpetuity. This year, as in the preceding six years,

all plots are full.

Every year, a relevant component is added to the gardening program. Last year, with the assistance of local donors and the Town of Pagosa Springs, the garden has been designated a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Located on the river, the space inherently held all the natural elements needed. All gardeners agreed to an organic environment to ensure the survival and prolific thriving of bees, birds and insects. A bird bath and bird feeders were added, as were pollinating plants. The town generously provided certification and a plaque.

This year, heritage farmer LeRoy Salazar is donating an enormous amount of certified seed potatoes to enable the volunteer gardeners to continue their community contributions. The seed potatoes will be planted and nurtured; as the

potatoes mature, they will be picked and donated to an organization that provides free food for the town's citizens.

To join our educational email list or to be added to the garden's

■ See Project on next page

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## Film

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• 7 p.m.: "Nature's Big Year."

A stand-up gourmet menu features locally grown foods prepared by locals will offer sweet after-supper treats. We'll spread out in the Tennyson Center and, weather permitting, the patio will be open. A cash bar will offer locally brewed beer, wines or champagne cocktails. Nonalcoholic beverages will be available. Bring your own water bottles.

Weminuche Audubon Society, Audubon Rockies and Southwest Colorado Environmental Educators will host the biodiversity exhibit table. We, local folks, treasure our open spaces, parks, forests and wetlands here in Pagosa Country. These volunteer groups work tirelessly to educate all ages, locals and visitors alike, and to conserve our flora, fauna and natural wildlife habitats.

The GGP will also welcome the Pagosa Farmers Market, Food Coalition/Healthy Archuleta and

the CSU Grow and Give Project to the food exhibit table. After the preceding weekend's Food Summit, folks will already be talking about growing more, buying more and consuming more local food. The film fest is a chance to connect with the local organizations, folks like you and me, who are making this happen.

The water exhibit should be a busy table, because our community's water future is a popular topic of discussion these days. Representing the active volunteer water organizations will be San Juan Water Conservancy District, Growing Water Smart, Friends of the Upper San Juan and the Watershed Enhancement Partnership.

The GGP sincerely appreciates our 2022 event sponsors and our amazing volunteer growers. Join us to view and discuss our films and our shared future. Buy wristbands at Pagosagreen.org so that the GGP can continue to "grow food and community with local energy."

**To: Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County Communities,**

A message from Michael Caponnetto, founder of Stop The Rocks and candidate for Archuleta County Commissioner District 3.

Thanks to all the people who joined with the community in stopping the mine on Piedra Road and to those who signed my petition to place me in the Primary for the county commissioner's job. After speaking with several community leaders, I have decided to put my efforts behind Veronica Medina for Archuleta County Commissioner District 3 to insure a solid opposition to the current regime.

Veronica has strong community bonds as a resident for the last 8 years with family roots going back as far as 25 years. She is the president of Archuleta County Republican Women, Secretary for Archuleta County Republican Central Committee, Chairwoman for House District #59, Secretary for Colorado Federal Republican Women as well as on the Board for Archuleta Housing. Veronica lives the life of an involved community member attending Board of County Commissioners meetings for more than 3 years. A master's degree in business and Director of Human Resources for 15 years and eventually becoming a real estate professional here in Archuleta County. Veronica has a skill set and value system no other commissioner has had in the past. She will always evaluate and choose the most qualified candidates to work alongside her. No more friends and family.

Veronica Medina stands for structured growth which our community desperately needs as well as holding our elected officials to a higher standard, accountable to the community, a clear voice for the people and logical well thought out plans for County infra-structure.

Veronica Medina has the experience of leadership and the guts to fight for our community. That's why I'm backing Veronica Medina for Archuleta County Commissioner for District 3. Please join Veronica in taking back our community with a vote for her in the June primary.

Paid for by Michael Caponnetto founder Stop The Rocks

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# Joline LeftHandBull selected for the Colorado Collective Leadership Initiative

By **Rose Chavez**  
Food System/Food Equity Coalition

Community leaders and changemakers across Colorado, including Archuleta County resident Joline LeftHandBull, were recently selected to receive competitive high-quality training from the Colorado Collective Leadership Initiative while connecting with other community leaders to tackle real challenges within Colorado during this upcoming year.

The program is sponsored by the Colorado Health Foundation and lifts up underrepresented or historically excluded community members in Colorado who are involved in informal leadership roles across industries/sectors and who are passionate about improving health equity.

LeftHandBull is an indigenous

leader who has been instrumental in the vision and implementation of a participatory budgeted and funded “Snack in a Pack” program to provide healthy snacks to Archuleta School District students who have long commutes home to Dulce, N.M.

She also currently serves as a key member of the Healthy Archuleta Community Learning and Leadership Circle that is guiding the Nutrition Security and Health Equity Assessment being conducted between December 2021 and 2024 in Archuleta County.

She shared, “I am grateful for the opportunity to be picked for this leadership journey. It is a window of opportunity for me that will provide me with experiences to polish my skills and be of service to my community to advance nutrition security and health equity for all in our community.”



Photo courtesy Food System/Food Equity Coalition

**Healthy Archuleta community leader Joline LeftHandBull.**

## Project

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plot waiting list for next year, send an email to PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com.

### More about the garden

In 2017, the garden was rejuvenated by community volunteers with the assistance of local Pagosa Springs businesses. Raised beds and deer-out fencing were constructed with donated lumber. Soil amendments, fertilizers, seeds, plant starts, native plants, tools, hoses and other necessary items are all provided through the continuing support and generosity of Pagosa Springs businesses. The Town of Pagosa Springs provides free water for the Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

The Pagosa Springs Community

Garden is free and open to all. All of the beds are taken for the 2022 gardening season.

Residents and town visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy the beautiful space; the practices of face-mask wearing and social distancing are observed.

To add your name to the bed list for next year or to stay informed about the potato project, please send an email to PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com.

Facebook users, please follow the garden at facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden.

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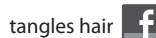


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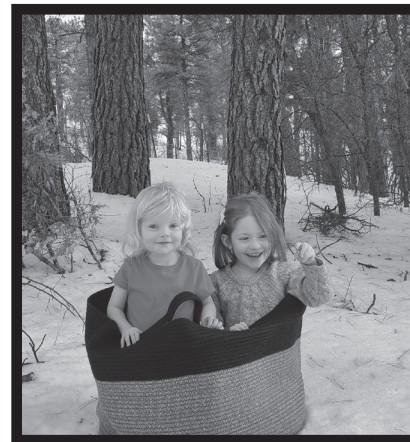
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# Become part of Thingamajig Theatre Company's creative family

By Amy Wolfe

Thingamajig Theatre Company

Join the behind-the-scenes team at Thingamajig Theatre Company by signing up as a volunteer. Be part of our creative process alongside the performers, designers and technical crew as we get ready for our summer season opening June 3.

Opportunities are available in our costume shop, scenic shop, bar and gift shop as well as other tasks needing attention throughout the season.

The costume shop opportunities range from sewing to organizing to laundry and many tasks in between to outfit the performers for their various roles.

The scenic shop, responsible for building and detailing the sets for our summer shows, will provide many projects to make the stage

come to life. From "Guys and Dolls" set in the heart of New York in the 1920s, "Bright Star" and the American south of the '20s and '40s to the underwater world of "Sponge-Bob's" Bikini Bottom, imagine the visuals to take us there.

Examples of miscellaneous projects may include poster hanging around town, snow making or leaf bending for the shows. We will have tasks of varying skill levels so everyone can get involved.

The bar and gift shop volunteers assist with providing our attendees with friendly, helpful service at each performance.

To become a volunteer, simply email your name, contact information and what type of projects you might be interested to thingamajigbox@gmail.com. As our projects are scheduled, we will send out an email to recruit interested parties and build our teams.

Be a part of our Thingamajig family and get a glimpse of life behind the curtain while lending a hand in our fun and creative environment.



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

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Photo courtesy Americana Project

After a three-year hiatus from performing with a professional artist, the Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School will host Bo DePena and his band for a concert on April 20. Students from the class will play an opening set, and DePena will be joined by Americana Project alumna Allora Leonard.

## Americana Project announces Bo DePena concert on April 20

By Bob Hemenger  
Americana Project

The Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School will be holding a very special concert Wednesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. They are especially excited for this show after a three-

year hiatus from performing with a professional artist.

This year's special guest artist is Bo DePena and his band. He was originally scheduled for 2020. DePena will be joined by Americana Project alumna Allora Leonard for several songs, as well as the students will be

opening the show with a 45-minute set.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, 12 and under are free. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with general seating. Tickets are only available at the door. Cash or check. Donations for the program will also be accepted.

## Sunday devotionals offered by the Baha'i Faith

By Paulette Heber  
Baha'i Community of Archuleta County

The Baha'i Community of Archuleta County hosts weekly devotionals every Sunday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/884668836?pwd=bkdEeVlaSWN0bFRMdFhidXpzWjV5Zz09>, call-in number: (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 884 668 836.

A weekly theme is reflected in the prayers, music, poetry and selections from world religions and various sources. All are encouraged to contribute inspirational pieces. This Sunday, April 10, our theme is "Remembrance of God."

"My remembrance of Thee, O my God, quencheth my thirst, and quieteth my heart. My soul delighteth in its communion with Thee ... I give thanks to Thee, O my God, that Thou hast suffered me to remember Thee." — Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith is an all-embracing world religion founded on the principle of unity. It recognizes humanity's spiritual nature and the innate nobility of every hu-

man soul. Among the teachings of the Baha'i Faith are the investigation of truth; the oneness of God; the oneness of mankind; justice; universal peace; the conformity between science and divine revelation; the equality of women and men; and the abandonment of racial, religious, worldly and political prejudices. It is in this spirit of community that we cordially invite

you to our devotionals.

To learn more about the Baha'i Faith, please visit the official international website of the Baha'i Faith at [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org). Our local contact is [archuletabahais@gmail.com](mailto:archuletabahais@gmail.com).

To obtain the passcode for our Sunday devotionals, call Paulette Heber at (970) 731-8610 or email to the above email address.

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# New Thought topic: ‘Outwitting The Devil’

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

Sunday service is at 10 a.m. on April 10 with Shayla White Eagle McClure: “Outwitting The Devil.” “Practically the whole human race is hypnotized because it thinks what somebody else told it to think.” — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

## Upcoming events

Meditation Mondays are at 11 a.m. with Madison Humes.  
Spirit Heart Band practice is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. We welcome musicians and singers to join our band. Please text McClure at (970) 510-0309 for band information.  
Thursday, April 7, 6 p.m.: “Basic Healing Techniques 101,” 6 p.m., with McClure: angels and flower essences.  
Friday, April 8: Channel Circle — “Messages From The Angels.”  
April 22, 6-9 p.m.: Earth Day Spring Fling fundraiser: Bruce Wayne Rock and Country Band.

## Library

The New Thought Center has a large library of inspirational and spiritual books. To borrow or

donate a book, please come to the New Thought Center prior to Sunday service or Meditation Circle.

## About us

The New Thought Center promotes living a spiritually centered life, and promotes philosophies similar to Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. We honor all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine. The vision of the New Thought Center is to empower possibility through revelation of spiritual truth and to have our members experience self-empowerment, inner peace and feeling part of a community. Our mission is to create a world that works for all and to create a joyful life through awareness of a higher power. We are a “Good Vibe Tribe” that connects a collective spiritual journey.

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 [pagosacomunitynewthought@gmail.com](mailto:pagosacomunitynewthought@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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# Unitarian Universalist service from Durango: ‘Responding to the Call’

**By Joan Ward**  
Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

While the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship is having our own services on the first and third Sundays of the month, we have the opportunity to join the UU Fellowship of Durango service on Zoom this next Sunday, April 10, at 10 a.m. to hear Portia Sykes, pulpit guest.

We will be watching it at the Pagosa Fellowship or you can watch it at home on Zoom — the website link is below and you click on “click here.” If you are attending

in person, please plan on arriving by 9:45 a.m. so we are ready to join promptly at 10 a.m.

The Durango UU Fellowship website states about the sermon by Sykes, “Responding to the Call”: “People today, young and old, face profound challenges like climate change and inequality. Many, if not all of us, are feeling called to action, to change, to grow. Sometimes, this ‘growth’ stretches us into uncomfortable positions. But, what if the solutions to address our problems could be easy, fun, and effective?”

If you are watching from home, **■ See Service on next page**

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## 10 SECRETS TO LIVING 10 TIMES BETTER

### INTRODUCTION

Can you keep a secret? This is impossible for those who have found THE NEW LIFE and are living it to the fullest. By discovering ten simple principles, people have gained a new lease on a life that is truly worth living. The effects on those who have embraced these life-giving principles are obvious. Health and vigor radiate from their faces and affect their homes, jobs, and personal relationships. We desire this experience for you. We have outlined these 10 secrets, founded on the most up-to-date research, in this easy-to-follow series. If you have read this far, then you too will want to be in on the secret.

### NOT A SECRET

Before revealing this mystery, it is important to establish what is not secret. Good health is available to just about everyone. Perhaps short of having a birth defect, physical trauma due to an accident, or a rare disease, health is available to all who want to be healthy. It is no secret that people, rather than being healthier, seem to be getting sicker. Despite having more drugs at our disposal than ever before and a multitude of state-of-the-art health care facilities, diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes continue to rise exponentially. Again, this is not a secret. Finally people have chronic lifestyle diseases because they made poor choices. These diseases do not happen by chance. This has not been hidden from our understanding, either. Nearly every week, new reports connect common diseases experiences throughout the world to lifestyle decisions.

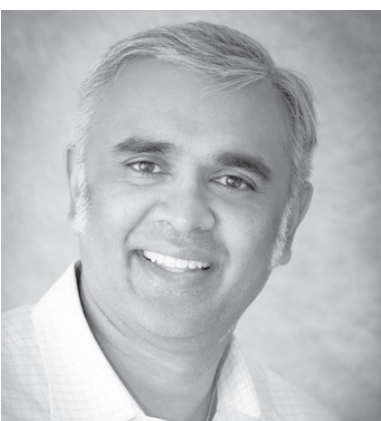
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# Countywide Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings

By Stan Counsell  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Countywide Women's Bible Study has been studying the Book of Galatians. Within that book, the ladies saw how false doctrines were adding to or subtracting from the teachings of the apostle Paul. But, this soiling of God's ways had its start back in the Garden of Eden.

The Lord created a life of loving fellowship with the first man and woman. The ways of such blessings and boundaries of protection were clearly set. Yet, it didn't take long for Adam and Eve to stretch those boundaries, bringing forever hardship to all of creation and humankind. There is something hardwired into all of us to "help" God because He obviously forgot our input, right?

Cain thought a "get-by" offering of lesser quality fruit would be acceptable to the Lord that loved him. The Hebrew word "min-ha," used for Cain's offering, meant "to present a gift, to honor, a sacrifice that is usually bloodless and voluntary." In contrast, Abel gave his best from his flock. One, from his heart, showed great love for the Lord. The other offered a token gift of ease, seen so often even today.

Our sin nature wants pleasure, not something that may "interfere" with our lives. So, ta-da, our marring of His Word is alive and well on planet Earth. There are those who acknowledge the Bible but pick and choose what they want to believe. Many, with good intentions, see a difficult passage but fail to seek clarity from their Bible teachers. A few, desiring their own recognition, want to add to His spoken Word, boasting that such

is "God-inspired." Many cults have their foundation in the before-mentioned. Still others, wanting God's Word to support their changing society, take the "socially accepted" route of ignoring it, being far too cerebral to bother with such a trivial book.

Yet, within the Lord's boundaries, there are the intimate feelings of true family, like a child calling out, "Daddy!" to Almighty God. They learn, by the Holy Spirit, to be unselfish and bathed in His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. So, in Galatians, when the maligning of God's gospel started to muddy the waters, Paul passionately tackled such with every fiber of his being.

Bert (Roberta) Counsell is a women's pastor, gifted bible teacher, worship composer and a former chaplain with The American Red Cross, U.S. Border Patrol and an AIDS hospice ministry for over 35 years. She knows that all need Jesus Christ's love, forgiveness and salvation. She is known for her humor and simplicity, a non-lecturing guide of the Lord's Word. She loves a casual atmosphere with continual laughing feedback from the ladies. She has been a pastoral team with her husband of 37 years.

The difficult is easily addressed each Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship in the spacious confines of its fellowship hall. The address is 1044 Park Avenue, right across the street from the Recreation Center. For more information, or questions, please call Counsell at (970) 264-9931. She'll be happy to take your call. Remember to bring your Bible.

## Service

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the address is: <https://durangouu.org/worship/upcoming-worship-services/>.

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Our fellowship, based on its seven principles, offers each individual support in their unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is located in Greenbrier Plaza, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-15, which is on the north side of the building. It faces Greenbrier Drive.

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ANSWER:



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# The power in an apology

By Helene Smith  
PREVIEW Columnist

The doctor waved a handful of forms at me and shouted, “Why aren’t these processed! You are holding up my department’s work. Patient care is at stake.”

Our small admitting office in the new community hospital supported the emergency department. Local physician offices dropped off patient specimens for testing at the clinical laboratory. Lab staff completed forms for the samples and placed them in a slot in our office. Admitting employees created a computer record to store and communicate test results.

“May I see those forms?” I checked the time stamps. “You’re absolutely right. These should have been completed already. I’m very sorry, Dr. Lester. We will get them done immediately. I apologize for the delay.” I handed half the stack to an admitting rep and kept half myself.

Dr. Lester looked surprised. Maybe he expected excuses from me. Instead, he started making them on my behalf. “I know you are busy in this office with ER patients. I realize my forms aren’t all you have to deal with.” His voice softened. “I’m sorry I shouted at you. Thank you for getting them done.”

I marveled at the sudden 180-degree turnaround from red-faced anger to a “thank you.” There is power in a sincere apology and acceptance of responsibility.

First Samuel 25 tells the story of David and Nabal, a very rich man. King Saul, with evil intent, pursued David, the anointed king to be.

Out in the desert, David and his men protected Nabal’s servants and property — sheep and goats. David later sent men to Nabal requesting food. Nabal refused. When David’s men relayed the rude reply, he

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commanded them to strap on their swords and repay evil with evil.

Abigail, Nabal’s wife, heard that David was headed toward her husband with 400 men. She quickly loaded donkeys with provisions and led the caravan to meet him. When she saw David, she bowed before the future king and apologized. Her quick action stopped David in his tracks.

David praised God for sending Abigail to him and thanked her for keeping him from bloodshed.

This is the power of an apology. The situation was not Abigail’s fault, yet she took responsibility and saved many lives that day. Abigail later became King David’s wife.

We can respond like Abigail. Be sincere. Consider the upset person’s perspective. Don’t be defensive. Take responsibility.

And when we’ve missed the mark ourselves, it may be difficult to be humble and apologize, but oh so powerful.

“All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.” — 1 Peter 5:5b-6.

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# Bird of the Week



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

Melting ice on area lakes signals that it's time to be on the lookout for osprey. Open water is essential for these hungry migrants that return from winter grounds as distant as South America and which feed almost exclusively on live fish.

Osprey hunt by gliding and hovering over water while watching for fish near the surface. Waterproof feathers and the abilities to protect their eyes with a third, translucent eyelid and to close their nostrils allow osprey to plunge into the water feet first, sometimes becoming completely submerged. Barbed pads on their feet and the ability to position two toes forward and two back allow them to hang onto slippery fish, which they position aerodynamically head first for flight back to the nest or perch.

Osprey require an open, elevated nest site like those provided by snags, tree tops or platforms built for them. A reliable source of fish within 12 miles must be available. Pairs may use the same nest and add to it for several years, ending up with one large enough to hold a person. From egg to fledgling takes 14 weeks and young may stay with parents two to three months after leaving the nest before becoming independent.

Osprey are large hawks with slender bodies; long, narrow wings; and long legs. They are colored a rich brown on the back and wings and white underneath. A broad, dark stripe goes through their eyes. Females are larger than males and show a mottled brown band across the breast.

You can follow the development of osprey from egg to fledgling on the webcam pointed at the nest platform at Lake Capote on lakecapote.com.

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

## Spiritual Experiences Group to discuss the secret of all relationships

By Laurah Brock Young

Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom

What is the secret of all relationships? Could it be something simple? I used to ask myself that question often as I traversed life and had many types of experiences with those I met and interacted with, including loved ones. Why do we have problems with some and not with others?

Everyone has some experience with love — even a child who has a pet kitten or a dog. We are trying to give back or respond to God's love that is coming through. In some way, the child learns lessons about caring for the pet. If he neglects the pet and it runs away, the child learns lessons about love. If you love something, you have to nurture it.

Over the years, I found answers to this question. It takes many

forms that all lead back to one secret. It may surprise you.

During this in-person discussion offered by the Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, we will discover the true secret of all relationships, learn how past lives can affect our relationships today, and experience a technique that can help bring understanding, peace and love into your life.

You are warmly invited to join us for a very creative and lively discussion on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. The location is the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This event is sponsored by Eckankar. People of all faiths and beliefs are welcome.

Use this link to find other in-person and online events offered by the group in Pagosa Springs: <https://www.meetup.com/pagosa-springs-spiritual-experiences-group/events/>.

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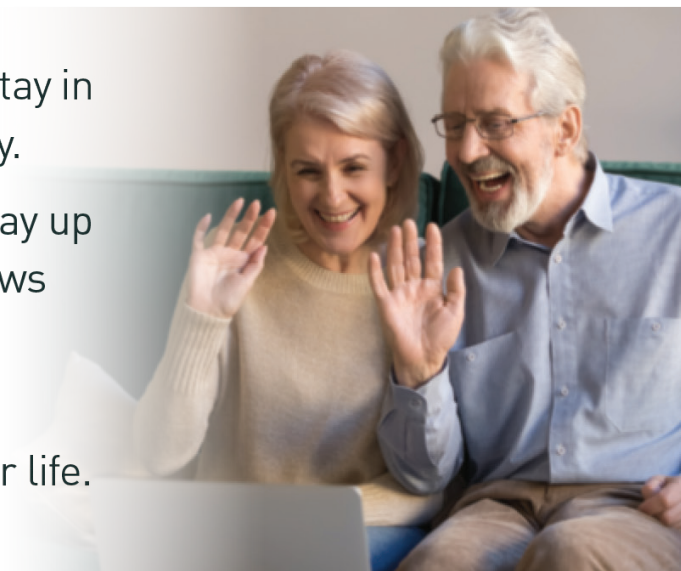
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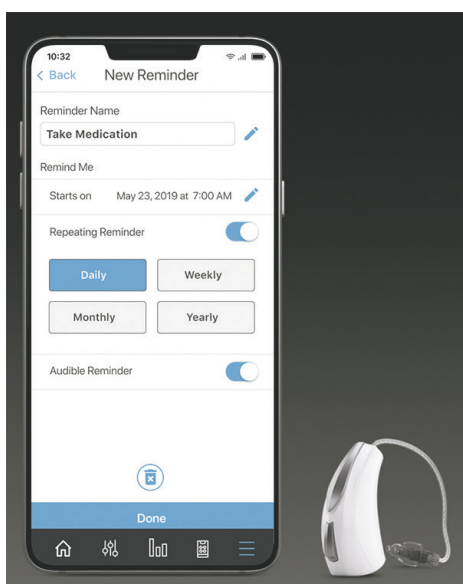


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# Noxious Weed of the Month: Russian olive



Russian olive

By Ethan Proud  
PREVIEW Columnist

Russian olives are a perennial shrub or tree which can grow to a height of 40 feet tall. It was initially introduced as an ornamental planting and for windbreaks.

Russian olive is a major problem along riparian corridors, where it out-competes native trees and consumes water at a higher rate — which is a serious concern in our drought-stricken state. It has grayish-green leaves paired with reddish-brown thorns. It has small yellow flowers that produce olives. Russian olive may be used as forage for wildlife or nesting for birds, but to a lesser degree than native vegetation. Seeds survive ingestion by animals, which can be a vector for spread.

This plant is common in Archuleta County on private property and may escape along our river cor-

## Extension Viewpoints

ridors. Small plants can be treated with foliar herbicides or manually removed and monitored for suckering from the root system. Larger trees should be treated via a cut-stump method.

Russian olive should not be removed before proper identification as it has a native look-alike, the silvery buffaloberry plant. Buffaloberry has red fruits and opposite thorns, while the thorns of Russian olive are arranged in an alternating pattern.

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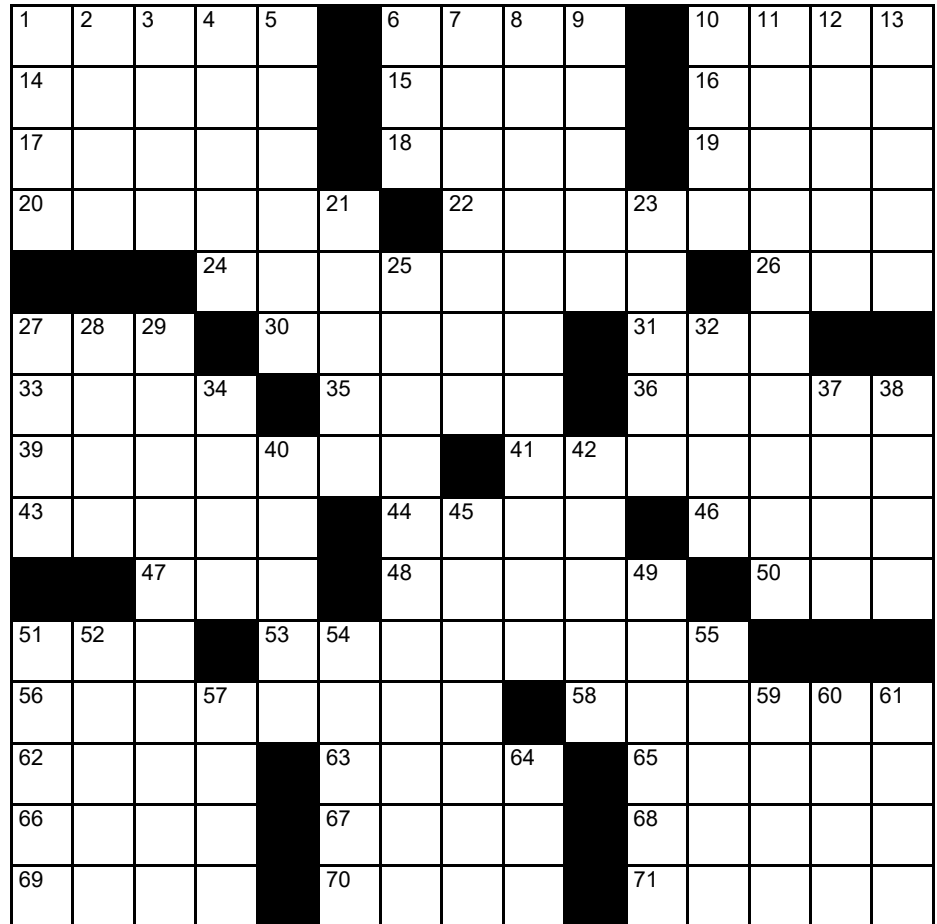
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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Cut a rug
- 6 Otologist's concern
- 10 Tolkien creatures
- 14 Squirrel's stash
- 15 Bird feeder fill
- 16 Brazilian soccer legend
- 17 Sci-fi extra
- 18 Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- 19 Declare
- 20 Has a hunch
- 22 Juliet, to Romeo
- 24 Scenic view
- 26 Headed up
- 27 Trail the pack
- 30 Like some heartbeats
- 31 African grazer
- 33 Not theirs
- 35 Pack of paper
- 36 Water lily
- 39 Speeder stopper
- 41 Skater's hangout
- 43 Hot spot
- 44 Bushy coif
- 46 Pie à la \_\_\_
- 47 Big Apple paper, briefly
- 48 Pacers and Pistons
- 50 "\_\_\_ what?"
- 51 Former slugger Carew
- 53 Type of fracture
- 56 Forefather
- 58 Short snooze
- 62 Magpie or macaw
- 63 Load to bear
- 65 Decided
- 66 Frosted a cake
- 67 Pipe thread type
- 68 TV host Couric
- 69 Like grass at dawn
- 70 Whole lot
- 71 \_\_\_ preview



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### DOWN

- 1 June honorees
- 2 Farmland unit
- 3 Palindromic time
- 4 Fresh, as lettuce
- 5 Win the favor of
- 6 VA time zone
- 7 "The Sound of Music" setting
- 8 Naval officer
- 9 Pull strings?
- 10 Australian gem
- 11 Prince's backing band
- 12 Section of garlic
- 13 Used a Singer
- 21 Trapper's device
- 23 Top scout
- 25 In working order
- 27 Quite a few
- 28 Distinctive air
- 29 Airport workers
- 32 Vera's husband on "Cheers"
- 34 PlayStation maker

- 37 Edit menu option
- 38 Distort, in a way
- 40 Maze choices
- 42 Funny fellow
- 45 Metal cap on a stick
- 49 Pretzels and such
- 51 Overzealous
- 52 Chilling, say
- 54 Physics particles
- 55 Hawke of Hollywood
- 57 Circular current
- 59 Score unit
- 60 Kyrgyzstan's continent
- 61 Sneaky look
- 64 Clinch, with "up"

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Solve the code to discover words related to diabetes.  
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(Hint: 22 = E)

A. 4 22 12 13 10 4

Clue: Well-being

B. 1 13 3 26 9 15 22

Clue: Sugar

C. 24 5 15 3 13 24 5

Clue: Regulates sugar in blood

D. 10 22 15 10 24 5 1

Clue: Monitoring

Answers: A. health B. glucose C. insulin D. testing

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# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, April 7

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving pepper steak with salad and dessert to go at the front doors of the Parish Hall. In addition, frozen prepared meals, meat and other staples are available for those in need. Masks and social distancing are required.

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

**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.

**Dungeons and Dragons** 3-5 p.m. Discord. Ongoing game free for teens and young adults every other Thursday on Discord. Go on an adventure from the comfort of your couch. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how 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 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.

**Vista Lake Community Garden Reveal.** 5:30-7:30 p.m., behind the PLPOA administrative building, 230 Port Ave. Members of the Vista Lake Park and community garden, alongside Healthy Archuleta, invite the greater community to come see the progress that has been made in preparation for the growing season ahead. Fun and family-friendly event to learn more about the opportunities to get involved with the community garden programming and upcoming events. Activities will include seed planting, rock painting, a scavenger hunt, drawings and healthy refreshments. Call (401) 371-3227 for more information.

## Friday, April 8

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

**Therapy Dog Visit.** 1:30-2:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Stop by and visit with a certified therapy dog; it's a great way to relax or boost your day. Visits with the therapy dog should be limited to 10-15 minutes. In that time, you can pet the dog, read to the dog or just say "Hi."

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom at the library or by phone to ask questions about all areas of civil law. Visit <https://checkerboard.co/> anytime to access many legal forms and other useful legal information. To schedule an appointment with the volunteer attorney, please contact the library at (970) 264-2209 or send an email at the beginning of the month to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org). The clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month, but available appointments are limited,

so please contact the library early in the month to reserve your spot.

**Gaming.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry.** 4:30-6:30 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Take out, drive through and indoor dining available. The meal includes the tasty catfish, hand-cut french fries, coleslaw and hush puppies for \$14. The proceeds support community programs.

## Saturday, April 9

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**Archuleta County Food System Summit.** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84. Everyone is welcome. Join us as we define and build connections throughout our region's food system and plan for our engagement in the Colorado State Food Summit in November. The day's activities will also include a free lunch, live music and opportunities to connect with local vendors who will share about their locally grown/produced foods. Please register by visiting the Healthy Archuleta website event

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page before March 24: <https://www.foodcoalition4archuleta.org/archuleta-food-summit.html>. For additional information, please contact us at [fsfearchuleta@gmail.com](mailto:fsfearchuleta@gmail.com) or call (401) 371-3227.

**Pagosa Springs Girls' Varsity Soccer.** 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Lake County.

**The Library Affair.** 6-8:30 p.m., Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A gala event to help raise funding for the exciting future library expansion. The event will feature 17 table settings based on book themes. The contents of the tables will be silent auctioned to the highest bidders. Tickets are \$50 each and will go on sale March 15 both online and at the library (cash or check only). You may also go online to get a peek at the table designs and, for \$1, vote for your favorite tables. The table that wins the most votes by April 8 will receive the prestigious Pagosa Pulitzer Prize, with permanent recognition displayed at the library. You may vote, buy tickets and learn more about the upcoming library expansion at: [pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/campaign](http://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/campaign).

**Chimney Rock National Monument Open House.** 6:30 p.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. A host of CRIA volunteers will be on hand, eager to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support this unique program and the flexibility in level of commitment. Some of the volunteer positions include: mesa host, interpretive guide, gift shop retail and special program assistant. For more information, see [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (970) 731-7133.

**Monday, April 11**

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

**Tuesday, April 12**

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson 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.

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**Dungeons and Dragons.** 4-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens and young adults. Join us for our ongoing game. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) for details on how 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.

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Monte Vista.

**Wednesday, April 13**

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

**Family Storytime: Books with Bently.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all

ages. Books with Bently is a special event when you can share your favorite book with a therapy dog who loves stories. 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. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. 6th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**San Juan Basin Archaeological Society Meeting and Presentation.** 7 p.m. Zoom. After a brief business meeting, Dr. Lexi O'Donnell will present "Our Teeth Tell Tales: Living and Moving during the AD 1000-1200s in New Mexico." This talk will be recorded. For login information, go to [SJBAS.org](http://SJBAS.org).

**Thursday, April 14**

**Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Serving taco salad and dessert to go at the front doors

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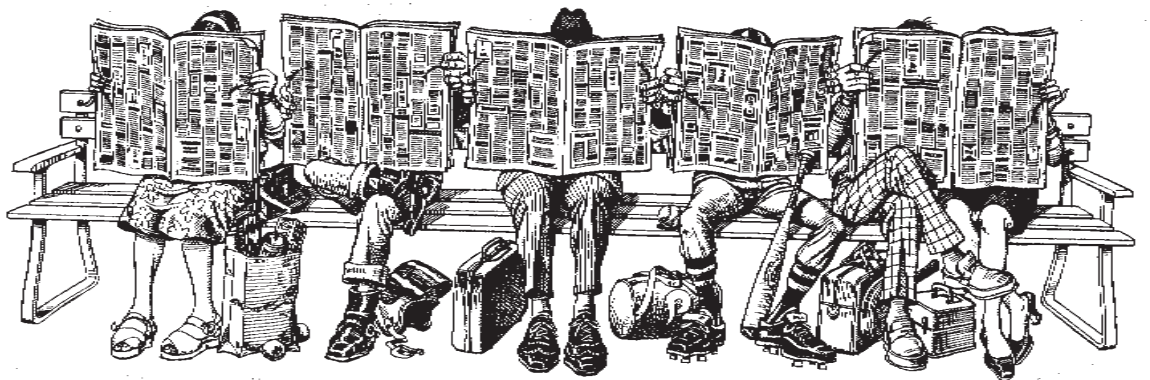
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**Pagosa Springs Girls' Varsity Soccer.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Del Norte.

**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.

**Calling all Creatives: Creative District Meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., 7 Parelli Way. By creating a Creative District in Pagosa Springs, we hope to help boost the creative economy and promote unification among cre-

atives from multiple backgrounds. It will provide more resources to the creative community, including increased access to funding and large grants, increased promotion for our local creative industries, increased promotion for our regional creative districts in southwest Colorado and other public benefit programs to get involved with as a local creative. Please join us for snacks and conversation. Email [director@pagosaartsinitiative.org](mailto:director@pagosaartsinitiative.org) for more information.

**Friday, April 15**

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

**Gaming.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Saturday, April 16**

**Pagosa Springs Varsity Baseball.** 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doubleheader. Pagosa vs. Bayfield.

**Environmental Film Festival.** 2-8 p.m., Tennyson Event Center, 197

Navajo Trail Drive. Four first-run, cutting-edge feature films from Colorado Environmental Film Festival's 2022 lineup will entertain and inspire conversation. The four feature-length films to be viewed and discussed are "Reflections: A Walk with Water," "In My Backyard," "12th Hour" and "Nature's Big Year." Guests will enjoy a locally-grown gourmet supper, catered by local favorite Chef Kathy Keyes. Visit [www.pagosagreen.org](http://www.pagosagreen.org) and link from the home page to purchase your wristbands.

**Discovery Time.** 2:30 p.m., Facebook. For all ages. Join us every first and third Saturday for new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more.

**Monday, April 18**

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

Submit your calendar items to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com); mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

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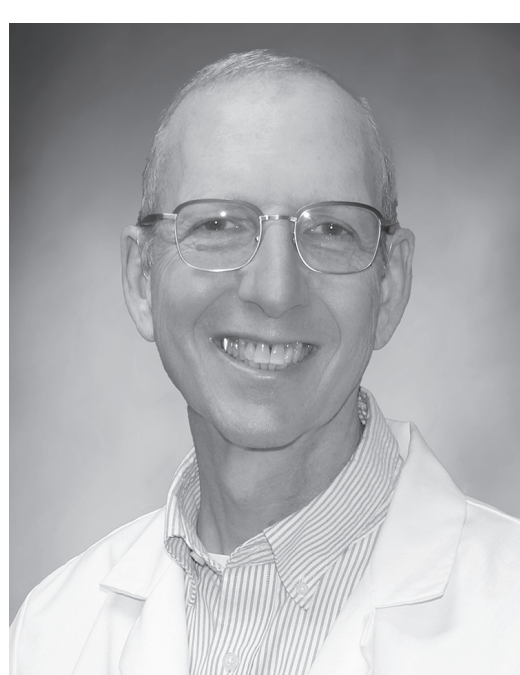


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# Tax help for seniors available in Durango

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

Due to COVID-19, the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will not be coming to Pagosa Springs to prepare federal and state income tax returns this year.

VITA will be preparing 2021 tax returns at no charge as part of the VITA program in Durango. Please register at: DurangoVITA.org.

## Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to homebound Archuleta County residents to help them stay healthy and independent in their own homes.

This program is vitally important because many seniors have little to no access to nutritious meals. They are often too frail or have health complications that prevent them from preparing meals for themselves or from using the Senior Center's Community Café drive-thru meals pick-up site Monday through Friday.

The Senior Center needs volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers for one day a week (or become part of our substitute driver team). Please join us as part of our driver team and build wonderful relationships with the seniors in our community. Call (970) 264-2167.

## Take-out meals continue at Senior Center

In order to continue providing meals, the Senior Center is offering take-out hot meals and a salad with a drive-up option under the portico at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

## Senior News

These meals will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is a \$4 suggested donation for lunch for those age 60 and better. If you need to have your meal delivered, please call (970) 264-2167 to see if this option is available in your area.

The cost per meal for the public age 59 and under is \$8.50. The meals include a salad, hot meal, drink and dessert or bread.

Please call (970) 264-2167 to make a reservation for pickup. We are also continuing our Meals on Wheels program.

## Community Café menu

Thursday, April 7 — Beef with snow peas with rice, stir-fried vegetables, milk, salad and almond croissant.

Friday, April 8 — Clam chowder, broccoli, milk, salad and biscuit with butter.

Monday, April 11 — Sliced ham with cherry sauce, scalloped potatoes, whole-wheat roll with butter, milk and salad.

Tuesday, April 12 — Orange chicken with rice, broccoli, milk, salad and dessert croissant.

Wednesday, April 13 — Beef Frito pie, coleslaw, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

Thursday, April 14 — Vegetarian beet salad with fig vinaigrette, white bean salad, grapes, milk and chocolate éclair.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always pick up. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation

days. We want to thank everyone for their support by observing our reservation policy. This helps ensure that everyone with reservations receives a meal and enables us to provide additional and healthier meals.

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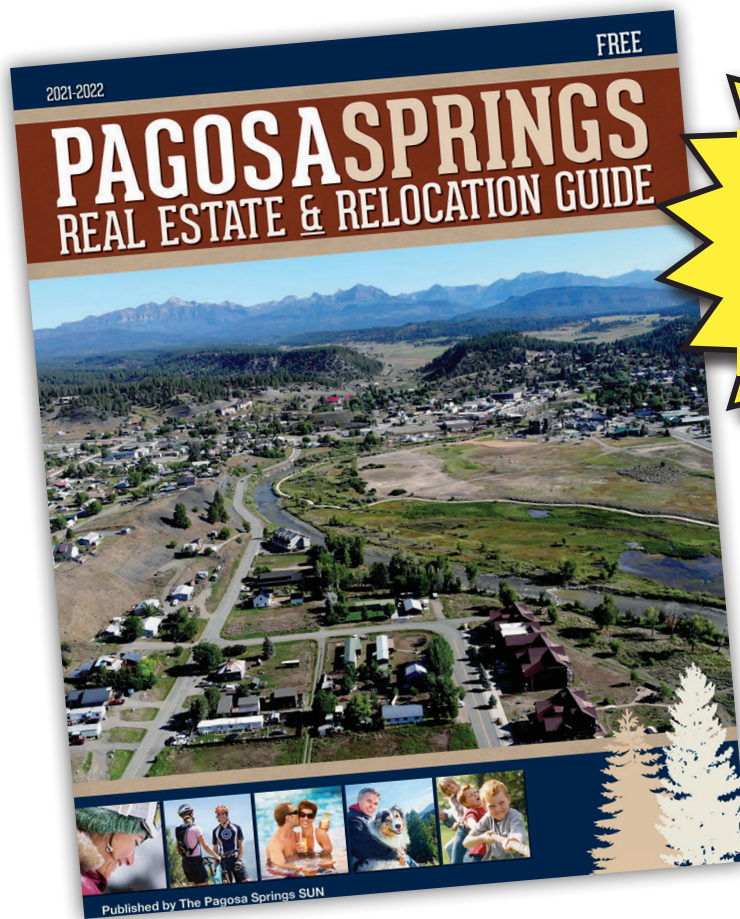
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15,000 copies of the Relocation Guide will be printed for distribution by area businesses, on newsstands and in one edition of The Pagosa Springs SUN. Distribution will begin mid June.

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# Library fundraiser tickets selling quickly to benefit building expansion

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Tickets are selling quickly for a special fundraiser this Saturday, April 9, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owner Association clubhouse to raise funds for the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation's campaign to expand and renovate your library.

This elegant event will feature a silent auction of 17 different table settings, each for up to eight people, designed by some of Pagosa's most creative artists. The settings are based on popular books including "Like Water for Chocolate," "Pride and Prejudice," "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," "Foods of the Southwest Indian Nations," "Under the Tuscan Sun," "Where the Wild Things Are," "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar."

You'll also enjoy food, a cash bar and beautiful music by guitarist Steve Blechschmidt, who is donating his time and talents.

Only a limited number of tickets still are available because of space limitations and the popularity of this event. Purchase tickets at \$50 per person at your library (cash or check only) or at: <https://pagosalibrary.org/library-foundation/the-library-affair>. On that website, you also can get an advance look at the beautiful table settings and vote online for your favorites with a \$1 donation per vote.

The library's current building opened in 1989 and underwent its first expansion in 2005. As the needs of our community evolve and grow, your library now is preparing to expand by 50 percent to 11,300 square feet. The addition will offer community meeting space, a dedicated area for children's literacy programs, a room exclusively for teens and tweens, private study rooms, an intergenerational hands-on learning space, easy access to self-checkout and drop-off, and a beautiful outdoor reading garden.

Nearly \$1.5 million already has been raised toward the \$4 million expansion project. Numerous generous sponsors are underwriting this event so that the auction proceeds and other donations can go directly to the expansion campaign. If you are unable to attend, we hope you will consider contributing to this effort.

## Therapy dog visit tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, April 8, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m., you are invited to come to the library for a free visit with a certified therapy dog. The visits will be limited to 10-15 minutes — just the right amount of time to pet the dog, read to the

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dog or just say "Hi." This activity is for all ages.

The dog's next visit will be April 19 from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

## Legal clinic tomorrow

The free legal clinic this month is happening by appointment tomorrow, Friday, April 8, from 2 to 3 p.m. Please come into the library to meet privately via Zoom with our volunteer attorney who will answer your questions, show you legal documents and help you fill out the necessary forms. To schedule an appointment, at the beginning of the month send an email titled "Sign-up for Free Legal Clinic," with your first name and phone number, to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org), or phone or stop by the library. The volunteer attorney's time is limited so it's first-come, first-served. This clinic takes place on the second Friday of every month.

Another option: Visit <http://checkerboard.co/> anytime to find many legal forms and other legal information.

## LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6 and up are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club. LEGO challenges also are posted on Facebook if you can't make it to the library.

## Ruby's Book Club next Tuesday

Ruby's Book Club meets in person from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday,

April 12, to discuss "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. Copies are available at your library. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between fiction and nonfiction titles.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 4 to 6 p.m. for our in-person Dungeons and Dragons game free for teens and young adults. The next one will be Tuesday, April 12.

## Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Wednesday, April 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the 6th through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

## Special family storytimes

Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m., join us for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Books with Bently is a special event on Wednesday, April 13, when you can share your favorite book with a therapy dog who loves stories.

The next Discovery Time takes place Saturday, April 16, on Facebook at 2:30 p.m.

## 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.

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## In-person gaming

Enjoy free all-ages video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Fridays from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

## Writing challenge

A new all-ages writing challenge will be posted April 11 on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

## Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free library activities available to you and your family, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — children, teens and adults.

## Nonfiction

"Black Ops" by Ric Prado is the memoir of a Cuban American who worked for the CIA for 50 years, through the Cold War and Age of Terrorism. "Lessons from the Edge" by Marie Yovanovitch is the memoir of the highly respected American ambassador to Ukraine. "There is Nothing for You Here" by Fiona Hill is the memoir of a coal miner's daughter who became an American citizen and served three presidents as a foreign policy expert.

## Large print

"The Summer Getaway" by

Susan Mallery is a story about the threads that hold a family together. "The Berlin Exchange" by Joseph Kanon is a Cold War mystery. "This Might Hurt" by Stephanie Wrobel is set on a mysterious private island off the coast of Maine.

## Mysteries and thrillers

"Nine Lives" by Peter Swanson focuses on nine strangers whose names are on a list of people to die. "The Book of Cold Cases" by Simone St. James features a true-crime blogger who interviews a woman acquitted of two cold-case slayings. "The Match" by Harlan Coben is a thriller that begins with a match on a DNA database. "2 Sisters Detective Agency" by James Patterson and Candice Fox is a book about half-sisters who inherit a detective agency.

## Other novels

"Phantom Game" by Christine Feehan is the latest in the Ghost Walker paranormal romance series. "A Sunlit Weapon" by Jacqueline Winspear features investigator Maisie Dobbs in a story set in World War II. "French Braid" by Pulitzer Prize-winner Anne Tyler is a journey into one family's foibles from the 1950s to our pandemic present. "Better Luck Next Year" by Julia Claiborne Johnson centers on women awaiting their divorces at a dude ranch in Reno. "The Kingdoms" by Natasha Pulley is a time-twisting alternative history story.

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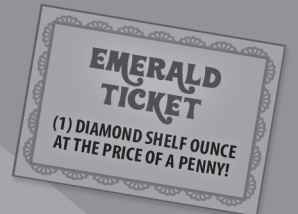
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**JOIN OUR HOUSEKEEPING TEAM!** We are looking for someone with a friendly attitude and an eye for detail. Position requires weekends and holidays. If you're ready to work, pick up an application at Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 317 Hot Springs Blvd. or go to [www.pshotsprings.com](http://www.pshotsprings.com) to download an application. We look forward to talking with you!

**MASSAGE THERAPIST WANTED** at Overlook Hot Springs. Minimum pay- \$37.50/ hour, tips- 17-18%. Full-time, part-time or on call positions available. Apply in person.

**CABE'S COLLISION AND CUSTOMS LLC** now hiring all positions including automotive refinish painter, painter's helper/ body shop helper, front office positions. Pay depending on experience, willing to train the right motivated, hard working team member. (970)731-4600.

**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).

**PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE-** No experience necessary. Competitive pay/ benefits. Energetic, dependable, multi-tasker a must. Submit resumes to Rocky Mountain PT, 35 Mary Fisher Cir.

**PMAB + MOVEMENT IS LOOKING** for vinyasa yoga instructors! Come by the studio uptown or call us (970)903-9278.

**LOOKING FOR VERSATILE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:** primary machines dozer, excavator and blade. \$30 plus per hour. Call Mike with Summit Transport Inc. (970)749-4797.

**PART TIME AND FULL TIME** with Ross Enterprises landscape company. Working outside entire time maintaining planters, trash pickup, weed control, trimming and some flower care. Good eye for overall general appearance and upkeep to established landscapes. Company will supply work truck and tools. Call Karen Ross (970)946-1647.

**EQUIPMENT RENTAL SHOP SEEKING** reliable, self starting person of all trades, all wrenching, small engines, diesel engines, electrical, hydraulics and welding a plus. Valid driver's license is a must. Apply in person at Pine Valley Rental, 305 Bastille Drive.

**LANDSCAPE SEASON IS ALMOST HERE.** Landscape team needed. Full season of work. Minimum starting wage \$18/ hour. Wilson Enterprises, 69 Park Avenue, (970)946-6651.

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 in the lobby of the  
 Pagosa Lodge 3505 W. Hwy. 160





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

**MOUNTAIN SPIRITS IS SEEKING** customer service associates. Must be available nights and weekends. We offer \$16 p/h to start, accrued vacation/ personal time, performance-based bonuses twice a year, and employee discounts. Please apply in person.

**ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER** needed at Del Norte Elementary School. We are seeking an experienced, hard-working and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal, at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at (719)657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co.

**WAYNE'S WILD WEST GUNS-** part time. Contact Lorenzo (970)731-4869 Wednesday through Saturday.

**DEDICATED CLEANERS, UP TO \$17/** hour. Must be detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable and committed. Text Pagosa Sparkles, LLC, (970)946-6446.

**HOUSEKEEPING/ INSPECTORS.** VIP Vacation Services is hiring more Housekeepers. Employee or Contractors. Will train with some experience. \$20/ hour plus drive pay. If you have a good eye for details, we are hiring inspectors to inspect our vacation homes before and after our guests. \$20/ hour plus drive pay. Call or text Stuart at (818)963-0836.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOUSEKEEPERS** in Pagosa Springs, CO for our property management rental. \$18/ hour. We provide all supplies. (970)507-3119.

**FRONT OFFICE RECEPTIONIST** needed at The Pagosa Springs SUN. Must type a minimum of 40 words per minute, be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time. Good work ethic, accuracy and ability to meet deadlines important. Excellent customer service skills necessary. Newspaper experience not required. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com. Successful applicants will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a customer oriented person for a full-time cashier position. Knowledge of hardware and building materials is a plus. We offer competitive wages with Holiday pay. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

**HELP WANTED**

**NOW HIRING:**  
**Terry's Colorado Home Supply & Ace Hardware**  
 is currently making additions to our team in  
**Management, Garden, Delivery**  
 We are looking for reliable, motivated, team-oriented applicants that enjoy a fast-paced environment.  
**Full time includes paid time-off, healthcare, profit share, discounts, competitive pay and more!**  
 Must be able to work weekends and holidays.  
 Please apply in person; applications available on www.terrysace.com.  
**525 Navajo Trail Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 • (970) 731-4022**

**PRESS OPERATOR ASSISTANT — WILL TRAIN** – Position open immediately to assist operating newspaper press. Must be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods. 30 hours a week. Must have a clear driving record and driver's license. Email resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com, drop resume to, or fill out application at, The Pagosa Springs SUN, 457 Lewis Street. Qualified applicants will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

**FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER.** We are looking to add to our front of the house management team. We are seeking an experienced and dedicated hospitality professional. Prior experience of oversight of a team in a fine dining establishment is a must. Ideal candidate will uphold service expectations, quality standards, and company policies. Organize schedules, reservations, and lead service team with integrity and positivity. Perform opening and closing duties. Strong wine knowledge preferred. This is a full-time position and pay will be based on prior experience. Meander Riverside Eatery is a new farm to table restaurant in Pagosa Springs dedicated to local ingredients, seasonally changing menus, and integrity in all things food and service. Please send resume to info@meandereatery.com.

**CDL DRIVERS NEEDED:** Vacation pay, 401k, PTO for birthdays, flexible hours, competitive pay rates, year round work. Drivers needed for material and equipment hauling. (970)585-1021, ext. 2 or apply in person at 172 Goldmine Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO.

**PART-TIME MASSAGE THERAPIST-** Healing Waters Resort & Spa is looking for a licensed therapist who would like to work Saturday & Sunday and possibly some late afternoon/evening hours. We are a small but busy resort with a friendly team of therapists and staff in place. We are looking for someone who enjoys their work, is genuinely interested in the health and well-being of their clients and who is looking for a place that is the right fit for them. Medical or sports therapy background is a plus. If this sounds like you, let's talk! Email Kanaka at sales@pshotsprings.com or drop your resume by Healing Waters Resort & Spa at 317 Hot Springs Blvd.

**CITY HALL CAFE LOOKING** for experienced line cook, servers. Apply within or call (970)398-0355.

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 22-23 school year include: Middle School Special Education Teacher, MS English Language Arts Teacher, MS PE Teacher, High School Social Studies, HS Head Girls' Basketball Coach, HS Asst. Volleyball Coach, HS Asst. Cheer Coach, Part-time Assistant Cook, Bus Driver, Substitutes all positions. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

**HELP WANTED**

**CERTIFIED FLAGGERS & LABORERS** needed for Wolf Creek and Pagosa Springs projects starting in mid-April. \$17/ hour Flaggers; \$18/ hour Laborers. Must have transportation. We can certify. EOE. Alert Traffic Control Inc. (970)884-0578.

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

**ASSISTANT BREWER.** Opportunity of a lifetime! Will train. Must be 21+ years old. Applications on Facebook and at Pagosa Brewing, 118 North Pagosa Blvd. No phone calls.

**ROADRUNNER HEALTH SERVICES** is looking for EMT/ Paramedic/ LPN for FT, PT and PRN positions at Rio Arriba County Detention Center in Tierra Amarilla. Housing is offered with no fee. Wages: Basic EMT \$22-\$23 per hour, Intermediate EMT \$24-\$25 per hour, Paramedic EMT \$26-\$27 per hour, and LPN \$35-\$40 per hour. Apply at roadrunnerhealthservices.com website. Call Lindy, Office Manager, at (575)588-7350 or email l.dugar@roadrunnerhealthservicesnm.com for more information.

**HICKORY RIDGE APARTMENTS** in downtown Pagosa is looking for a full-time maintenance person. Must have basic skills in all areas of home repair, painting, drywall, water issues, etc. Starts at \$20/ hour. Onsite housing may be an option down the road. It is not guaranteed or immediate. Call Robin at (970)749-3040 for information and to submit application/ resume. EOE.

**RG BANK** is now accepting applications for the position of **FULL-TIME TELLER.** The job will be in our Pagosa Springs Office. RG BANK is growing and we are evolving to better meet the needs of our customers and the communities we serve. Pay range is \$15 to \$15.50 per hour, depending on skills and experience. **PLUS,** bonus opportunities, matching 401k contributions and health insurance! Come work with a great team at RG BANK! Download an application at: [www.rgbank.bank](http://www.rgbank.bank).


**DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED.** SAN JUAN DENTAL is seeking a Dental Assistant to join our lovely practice. Are you kind, caring, compassionate and friendly? Come join our team. Competitive benefits and a great place to spend your working hours, Monday- Thursday. Email resume to [dreircsmithdhs@aol.com](mailto:dreircsmithdhs@aol.com).

**PMAB + MOVEMENT IS LOOKING** for CO licensed and insured massage therapists for afternoon shifts 2-7p.m.! Competitive pay and perks! Come by the studio uptown, email resume to [pagosamassageandbodywork@gmail.com](mailto:pagosamassageandbodywork@gmail.com), or call us (970)903-9278.

**COLORADO ROCK & DIRT EXCAVATION** is gearing up for the season. We are looking for equipment operators and laborers to join our team. Competitive pay and PTO. Please forward your resume to [coloradorockanddirty@gmail.com](mailto:coloradorockanddirty@gmail.com) or contact the office at (970)264-3478.

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 We are looking for a Dental Assistant to join our fun and growing team. No experience? We will train the right person.  
 Full and part-time positions. Great hours, competitive pay, and benefits available.  
 Please contact  
 "hello@pagosapeakfamilydentistry.com"  
 with inquiries, resumes, and favorite ice cream flavor.

**HELP WANTED- EVERYDAY STORE.** \$14/ hour. Apply 300 E. Pagosa St. and 360 E. Pagosa St.

**COLORADO DREAM HOMES IS HIRING** a drafts person for full-time work with weekly pay. Job requires proficiency with Autocad 2020, a familiarity with residential building code. Experience with Bim, Revit and BeamChek, a huge plus. Job responsibilities will include: drafting full sets of residential single and multi family structures. Custom homes created from the ground up and modifying our 13 standard home plans. Position includes paid holiday, accrued time off and annual bonuses. Starting wage of \$25 per hour. Please call for information or to schedule an interview: (970)731-3071, M-F, 8a.m.-5p.m. daily, or email your resume to [coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com](mailto:coloradodreamhomesinc@gmail.com).

**LANTERN DANCER IS NOW HIRING.** We're looking for a talented, passionate person to join our small sales team. Must be willing to work Saturdays. Please send your resume to [lantern-dancergallery@gmail.com](mailto:lantern-dancergallery@gmail.com) or pop by.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a person for a yard associate/ driver position. Lumber experience and/or CDL license is a plus, but not necessary. Duties may include delivering loads to job sites, as well as helping customers in the yard, loading/ unloading trucks and providing inventory support. We offer competitive wages based on experience and a benefit package that includes Holiday Pay, Paid Time Off, 401(k) and Medical/Dental insurance for full-time employees. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

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**ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE**  
 Seeks experienced  
**Line Cooks**  
 \$18 per hour to start.  
 \$300 signing bonus.  
 Contingent on 6 months of work  
 Please send resume to  
 Contact@alleyhousegrille.com  
 Or see Chef Beau after 1pm  
 Tuesday – Friday

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.** The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a part-time Animal Control Officer. This position is part time at about 20 hours per week with some weekend work. For more information or to apply, please go to the Town's website at [www.pagosaprago.org](http://www.pagosaprago.org) and select Employment.

**SEEKING PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** to join excavation company. Pay based on experience. Call (970)946-3966 to enquire.

**THE SOUTHWEST COLORADO COUNCIL** of Governments is seeking a Project Manager to oversee a wide variety of key SWCCOG projects including broadband, transportation, and housing. The successful candidate will ensure effective coordination, development, and implementation of assigned projects. Must have strong communication and computer skills. The position is full time with a salary range of \$65,000-\$80,000 based on experience. Work is generally performed in a typical office environment with the option for remote work. Please see job description at [www.swccog.org](http://www.swccog.org) for more details. Email cover letter, resume, and references to [info@swccog.org](mailto:info@swccog.org). Applications must be received by close of business on Friday, April 22, 2022. The SWCCOG is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**SAWMILL HELP. GENERAL LABORER** needed for local sawmill. Please call (970)264-5000 for more information.

**ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER** needed at Del Norte Elementary School. We are seeking an experienced, hard-working and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal, at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co) or contact Amy at (719)657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co).

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## HELP WANTED

### Are you looking for a Career, a Job with Benefits, a Part-Time Job, a Seasonal Job, or Contract Work?

*The Town of Pagosa currently has employment opportunities that meet all these criteria with the added bonus of your work contributing to make our community better!*

#### Full-Time Employment Opportunities with benefits:

Police Officer                      Police Officer Recruit  
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#### Part-Time and Seasonal Employment Opportunities:

Animal Control Officer  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Digital Evidence Technician  
Parks Maintenance (seasonal)  
Summer Youth Program Staff (seasonal)  
Visitor Center Staff

For more information on our open employment opportunities and to apply, please visit the Town's Website at [www.pagosasprings.co.gov](http://www.pagosasprings.co.gov) and select Employment.

- Or -

Join us for a Town Job Fair to find out more about the positions open with the Town, what we do, ask questions, and to apply.

#### Town Job Fairs

South Conference Room at the Community Center  
Thursday, April 7th and Thursday, April 14th  
3:30 pm to 6:00 pm



**CNA CLASS STARTING SOON.** Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

**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.

**BEST JOB / SCHEDULE IN PAGOSA.** Pagosa Adventure Rentals is searching for a seasonal (May-Sept) 1 full (7:30a.m.- 5:30p.m.) and 2 part-time (2p.m.-6p.m.) team members. Great schedule with 7 days on and 7 days off. Duties to include, operation of ATVs and UTVs, pressure washing, hooking up / towing trailers, answering customer questions, taking reservations / use of reservation booking software, explaining local trail conditions and USFS OHV rules and regs. Experience in any of these areas is a plus, but ability to learn is mandatory. Willing to train. Being polite, respectful, sober and on time a must. All positions starting at \$18/ hour and up DOE. Send inquiries to [Mike@PagosaAdventureRentals.com](mailto:Mike@PagosaAdventureRentals.com) or call (970)398-0088.

**PAGOSA ROOTER IS HIRING** a full-time Service Tech/ Laborer. Will do a wide variety of skills, jetter/ camera/ excavation, etc. Will train. Call/ text (970)946-3692.

**ALPINE PORTABLE TOILETS** hiring a full-time Service Tech needed to service portable restrooms. Call/ text (970)946-3692.

**PIEDRA AUTOMOTIVE NEEDS** a Service Assistant. Includes parts, returns, inventory, warranty claims, and assisting the service advisors. Monday- Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m., PTO, paid holidays. Email [PiedraAuto@gmail.com](mailto:PiedraAuto@gmail.com) or call (970)731-3335.

**HOUSE CLEANERS, \$20/ HOUR** start pay. Experience preferred. (970)946-1742.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED** for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. Starting pay \$15 an hour. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to [mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com](mailto:mountainsiderhonda@gmail.com).

**MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM** is a fast growing, successful Pizza Brand. Are you looking for a career opportunity and not just a job? We are looking for full- and part-time people. Amazing opportunity for career progression. Wonderful teams- ain't no Family like a Pizza Family. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa Street. Pagosa Springs, CO.

**BOULDER COFFEE CAFE** now hiring all positions as well as an opportunity for independent restaurant entrepreneur to open a small evening venue. Apply in person or call (970)585-1019.

**MOUNTAIN MAMA MASSAGE** is looking for a caring therapist ready to share your healing gifts! TOP PAY: \$45-\$50/ hour plus tip. Bonus! Garage studio apartment available for housing, \$900/ month. Includes laundry area, all utilities, WiFi. Email Rachel: [racheldevloo@gmail.com](mailto:racheldevloo@gmail.com).

**PAGOSA SPRINGS GOLF CLUB** is accepting applications for all staff positions: Short Order Cook, Retail Pro Shop, Bar/ Snack Bar, Beverage Cart, Golf Carts, Groundskeeping and Housekeeping. We are seeking outgoing, reliable and responsible applicants with excellent customer service skills for our 2022 team. Full- and part-time positions available with golf benefits. Training available for all positions. Apply in person.

**FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION** at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

## HELP WANTED



### Quarterly Bonuses

We are looking for hard-working individuals who want to join a fast-growing team. Strong work ethic, attention to detail, positive attitude, team-player, ability to read and follow work instructions and learn new processes.

### Now Hiring!

Full time includes paid sick/vacation/holidays, 401(k) match, quarterly bonus plan.

- **HR Generalist-Office Admin:** Full Time position to ensure compliance with State and Federal labor laws, lead talent acquisition and manage both our safety and workers' compensation programs. Also ensure that the office is running smoothly by managing contractors and office supplies. \$18+ based on experience.
- **Installation & Maintenance Crew:** Install and perform maintenance on Growing Dome Greenhouses in the field, under the direction of a supervisor. Experience on ladders, using hand tools and light construction. Travel required, mostly within Colorado with some out-of-state jobs. Seasonal position from April through November, perfect for Wolf Creek employees! Year-round positions may also be available. \$20+ based on experience.
- **Production Crew:** Perform light fabrication of Growing Dome components, fabricate lumber, assemble crates and package Growing Dome kits. Experience using saws, drills, presses and hand tools preferred. \$17+ based on experience.

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

**THE GEORGE T. SANDERS COMPANY** is looking for a dedicated and passionate Counter Associate to join our team. Do you have plumbing knowledge or previous plumbing experience? Do you have a passion for being a team player and willingness to do what it takes to succeed? Are you a go-getter looking for your next opportunity? Then come work for us. \$17-\$19/ hour. Go to <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/459799af-dd77-40f9-9c86-48c9bd7f2f1b/George-T-Sanders> to apply.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED** for established construction company. QuickBooks, multi-layered scheduling, sales. Please call (970)403-5119 and submit resumes to [info@fullertonworks.com](mailto:info@fullertonworks.com).

**BWD CONSTRUCTION IS LOOKING** for project managers, construction/ excavation laborers and equipment operators. Competitive pay, great benefits (including health insurance, PTO and 401K) and a positive work environment. Come join our growing team! Apply today at: [www.bwdconstruction.com/apply](http://www.bwdconstruction.com/apply).

**GOODMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE** is looking for a part-time sales associate. Sale associate must be friendly, self-motivated, and willing to work weekends and holidays. Come pick up an application at 402 Pagosa Street.

## HELP WANTED

## LIVESTOCK

**PRIVATE HOME HAS ROOM** for up to 4 boarded horses. Shelters with turnout plus pastures for rotational grazing. 10 acres. Full care, sand arena, trailer parking, ride into green space and wilderness from property. \$400 month per horse. (503)701-5984.

**HARMONY MEADOWS STABLE** has horse boarding available. Stall, paddock and pasture for every horse. On paved road in Meadows just 2 miles from City Market. Established here for 18 years. Full care. \$600/ month. Call (970)903-0329.

## PERSONALS

**NO MAS! DEJA QUE TE AYUDEMOS.** 24-horas violencia domestica o/y asalto sexual Linea directa. Confidencial. (970)264-9075.

## YARD SALES

**OFFICE FURNITURE FOR SALE:** Desks, filing cabinets, storage cabinet, chairs, printers, computers, miscellaneous office items, etc. 9 Solomon Dr., #2, across from Rio Grande Savings 9a.m. to 5p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 8th and 9th. (970)731-0863.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**MOVING SALE, EVERYTHING GOES.** Friday and Saturday, 8a.m. sharp. Household, furniture, file cabinets, horse tack, gardening items, tools, recreational equipment, etc. Worth the drive. 2021 CR 509, between Bayfield and Ignacio. 1/2 price Saturday. Sale by The Organizers.

**FUN FUNDRAISER! INDOOR SALE.** Friday and Saturday, 4/8-9, 9a.m.-12:30p.m. Westwind 1, Talisman, #20 (on end). Park at center greenbelt area. Really good stuff, good, fair prices! Collectibles priced below Ebay. Help a local nonprofit for kids.

**ROOT DESIGN AND ROOT HOUSE** are hosting a WAREHOUSE SALE for brand new and gently staged items at near wholesale pricing! Items available include dining tables and chairs, counter stools, lamps, rugs, pillow covers and inserts as well as various other furnishings and home decor. The sale will be at 286 Hermosa Alley West (Powerhouse) on Saturday, April 23, from 10a.m. to 2p.m. Cash and Credit Cards accepted. No checks please.

**SATURDAY 4/9, 8A.M.-NOON.** No early birds. Power tools, sports gear, Osprey packs, ski clothes, ski helmets, ski racks, landscaping tools, Smart Wool clothes- women's extra small, Ruffwear dog gear, life vests, lamps, kitchen things and much more. Everything must go. 130 Hills Circle.

## FOR SALE

**FIREWOOD SALE!** The end of the season dump truck special is back. Get a HUGE load split and delivered for \$375! Pine/ Aspen mix. Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

**FARM FRESH, ORGANIC EGGS** for sale. Call Leah: (970)264-0421.

**2004/ 2007 9HP 28"** Craftsman snow blower. Good condition. New friction disc, scraper bar and HD skid shoes. \$350. Pagosa Highlands. (281)923-6204.

## WANTED

**LOCAL ARTIST SEEKING** to rent industrial or private space for a small art workshop/ crafting studio/ garage for summer months. (623)243-0113.

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