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## March sales tax collections up 49.7 percent over 2020

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

March's sales tax revenues in Archuleta County were 49.7 percent higher than the same month in 2020, with the town and county jointly receiving more than \$1.3 million for the month, according to a recent county report.

Archuleta County Finance Director LeeAnn Martin recently released sales tax reports for October, November and December 2020, along with January, February and March for this year.

For month-to-month comparisons, March of this year compared to March 2020 saw the biggest increase out of the six reports.

In the report, Martin notes that March collections were 49.7 percent higher, or \$461,646.61 more than total collections for March 2020.

The total amount of sales tax collected for March was \$1,390,705.13, with \$694,530.10 of that going to

■ See Sales A8



Photo courtesy Mike Hodgson

Competing in Saturday's Pagosa Paddle head-to-head SUP competition was a Pagosa team named Fiesta Time made up of Andy Guinn, Dana Hayward, Ryan Beavers, Madeline Bergon, Isaac Moening-Swanson and Josh Kurz, who gave a team effort and managed to all stay on their paddleboard the whole route.

## ACSO seeks information after horses killed, injured in two incidents

By Joe Napolitan  
Staff Writer

*Editor's note: This story contains graphic information.*

Local officials are investigating multiple incidents of horses being injured and killed along County Road 500.

At approximately noon on Saturday, May 15, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputies received a radio call that three horses had been shot near County Road 500, according to an incident report provided by the agency.

The incident report states that when the deputies arrived on scene, the reporting party met them outside the corral where all three horses were located. The previous morning, the horses were sent to free-range pasture before returning that evening, when the reporting party noticed what appeared to be small entrance wounds with small trickles of dried blood.

"Based on the size of the wounds and the low volume of dried blood,

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## Parks and recreation advisory board approves sports complex concept for Yamaguchi South site

By Joe Napolitan  
Staff Writer

On May 6, the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreed upon a sports complex concept for a proposed recreation park south of the existing Yamaguchi Park — an area known as Yamaguchi South.

According to the agenda brief for the meeting, THK Associates and town staff conducted public outreach efforts in February to gather feedback from the community about desired use of the property.

Included in the brief is a highest-and-best-use analysis conducted by THK "to determine alternative development opportunities for a variety of land uses [for the approximate 26.5-acre Yamaguchi South site in Pagosa Springs]. Uses considered include additional affordable/workforce housing, recreational vehicle (RV) uses, recreation center and general recreational uses to serve the community and visitors."

The study concludes that "there are few advantages, if any, to develop non-recreational uses on the Yamaguchi Park property given the compatibility with the surrounding uses and physical challenges of the site."

The information gathered was used to create concept plans for the town's consideration. Included in the brief were visual layout samples of

■ See Complex A8



Illustration courtesy Town of Pagosa Springs

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## Urban Renewal Authority looking to hire consultant

By Joe Napolitan  
Staff Writer

During its meeting on Thursday, May 13, the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) commission voted unanimously to request that the Pagosa Springs Town Council fund a proposal for SEH Design and Engineering to assist the URA with its projects in an amount not to exceed \$4,968.

Andrew Arnold, a planner for SEH Design and Engineering's Durango branch, gave a presentation to the town council during a meeting on April 22 that outlined the company's experience in assisting the city of Durango in its renewal partnership.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips

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## Glamping application stirs controversy among neighbors

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

At an Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting held on April 28, a public hearing was held for a lodging conditional use permit for the Sombrilla Springs Ranch, located on Upper Blanco Road.

Development Director Pamela Flowers briefed the planning commission on the permit application.

She explained that the ranch is applying for a permit for its glamping tent lodging operation.

According to Flowers, the property is approximately 400 acres in size and is owned by RTN-LGN III LLC, represented

by Sandlin Niccum.

The staff report attached in the agenda's documentation indicates that the ranch is planning on establishing "5-7 non-permanent glamping tents ranging from 12' x 14' to 16' x 24' in size."

Additionally, the staff report notes that it is estimated that the tents will service up to 42 guests at a time.

According to the county's Land Use Regulations, the ranch is required to apply for a lodging conditional use permit instead of a vacation rental permit due to the fact that tents do not classify as dwellings and therefore can not be used as vacation rentals, but rather the tents fall into the category for a lodging conditional use permit.

Multiple residents along Upper Blanco Road spoke in opposition to the ranch's intended lodging operations.

The agenda documentation notes that "some neighbors have mentioned a Conservation Easement Agreement that is in place on the parcel with the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust as the Grantee."

However, it goes on to state, "It is important to think of this agreement in the same way you would Neighborhood Covenants. The Planning Commission does not have the authority to enforce the Conservation Easement Agreement. That authority rests with the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricul-

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## EDITORIAL

### Starting May 27, The SUN will cost \$1 at local newsstands

"Next Thursday's rate increases on newsstands and subscriptions will not be accompanied by an apology," reads an editorial penned by then SUN editor David Mitchell more than 20 years ago in January 2001.

Those words apply this week. Beginning next Thursday, May 27, a copy of The SUN will cost \$1 at local newsstands.

Annual subscription rates will also be increasing to \$35 in county and \$45 for out of county. Multiple price increases for paper, ink, postage and supplies over these past 20 years have been absorbed for far longer than they should have. Just about every week, we receive a notice from our suppliers about another price increase.

We are appreciative of our loyal readers and subscribers. We've had readers drop a dollar in the tin cup in the front office because they said our paper is worth it and we need to raise the rate. We had planned to do just that last year when the pandemic changed everything.

Twenty years ago, local Realtor Harold Kelley had two brand new three-bedroom, two-bath homes on adjoining lots for sale. One was priced at \$177,500 and the other priced at \$175,000.

Realtor Lee Riley advertised a home close the ski area with three bedrooms, two and a half baths and a two-car garage for \$213,000.

Realtor Pam Barsanti had a two-bedroom, two-bath home plus a loft and decks with views of Pagosa Peak priced at \$165,000.

A brand new GMC Sierra Sport Side

pickup was \$32,016, on sale for \$26,737. You won't find those prices anywhere these days.

Houses under \$400,000 are rare for this area. New truck prices start at about \$50,000.

Lumber prices have doubled due to soaring demand. The National Association of Home Builders reports that expense of lumber has added an average of \$24,000 to the cost of a new home.

The SUN, with its print and online formats, plays a critical role in documenting the activities of our community.

While we won't be apologetic for this necessary price increase, we will commit to some important objectives, which are similar to those from 20 years ago.

Here at The SUN, we will continue to print obituaries about local citizens at no charge. We are one of the few newspapers that still doesn't charge for obituaries. We still believe that no family should have to go without having an obituary printed for their loved one if they do not have the ability to pay.

Celebrations of engagements, weddings, anniversaries, major milestones and births of Pagosans will continue to be documented free of cost.

We will still print photos of pets who need loving homes from the local humane society.

We will keep on supporting area non-profits by printing news releases and advertising regarding community events and area activities. We will inform of church happenings, social events, fundraising efforts, civic organizations and more.

Our reporters will continue to cover education, arts, local government meetings and hometown high school sports.

We will remain an effective vehicle for local business advertising by offering both print and digital options. Our digital and online components provide 24/7 access to our readers for breaking news and updates. We have over 13,964 followers on Facebook.

SUN staff will continue to fulfill our responsibility of providing accurate and timely news coverage of our community. The newspaper is a venue for public opinions through Letters to the Editor.

We will remain vigilant in fulfilling our role as government watchdogs and holding local governmental officials accountable.

Our award-winning staff will continue to strive for accuracy and objectivity and we will cover the news of Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs like no one else can.

We believe The SUN is worth buying and reading. In an effort to better serve our readers, we welcome your input and suggestions for improvement. Feel free to email any ideas to editor@pagosasun.com or mail to Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

In the words of the former editor and owner of this newspaper: "Standards: Sometimes, a newspaper must raise its prices. At all times, a newspaper must strive to maintain its standards and to preserve its integrity."

Thank you for investing in local journalism.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 20, 1921

Notice is hereby given to property owners that hereafter the town of Pagosa Springs will cease to furnish lumber for the repair of sidewalks. In the future property owners will make all repairs at their own expense. Sol Thayer, Street Commissioner.

The 1921 graduates from the Pagosa Springs high school are as follows. Fred Bonnell, Geo. Hatcher, Charles Hatcher and Henrietta Hatcher. The last two named were not present at the exercises, having removed from this city a short time ago. However, they had completed their required work and are on the official roster of graduates.

Last evening at the Liberty theatre the graduation exercises proper were held, Fred Bonnell delivering the class history and George Hatcher the class prophecy. Dr. E.B. House of the state agricultural college delivered the commencement address, which was well received by the assemblage. Lofty purpose of thought and action, the building of character and the maintenance of high ideals regardless of the many obstacles presented, express the keynote of his address.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 24, 1946

Prospects that officials of the town and county may urge Pagosa's participation in a new post-war health program were considered here after a visit Wednesday by leading state officials of the health department. Members of the Town Board, the Board of County Commissioners and Mayor R.C. Connelley conferred with Dr. Florence R. Sabin, head of the Governor's post-war organization. With Dr. Sabin and the local officials was Dr. Roy C. Cleere, head of the Colorado health department. Sanitation in communities and general education for promoting the public health were discussed with the state officials.

The Mary Harmon ranch of 160 acres, north of Pagosa on Highway 160, was sold this week to Dorothy Anderson and Lucie Carley, both of Fort Worth, Tex. Plans are being completed by Miss Anderson and Miss Carley to construct additional cabins as soon as possible and the place will be developed as a dude ranch.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 20, 1971

Officials of Warner Brothers Studios were in Pagosa Springs and vicinity this week and confirmed that the area had been selected as a location for scenes in a major movie. Robert "Buzz" Henry, a one-time resident of the county and second unit director for the film, was instrumental in getting the company to consider this area. Mr. Henry told the SUN that the final decision on whether or not the filming would take place here was contingent upon obtaining approval of various landowners in the area involved, the upper Piedra. If this approval is obtained crews will start arriving next week to begin work. Much of the movie, "The Cowboys," is being filmed in the Santa Fe area. Crews have been working here for about 10 weeks and approximately four weeks of filming will be required here. John Wayne is the star in the major production and it is, naturally, a western movie.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 23, 1996

Members of the Class of 1996 — the 86th class to graduate from Pagosa Springs High School — will receive diplomas at their graduation ceremony on May 25. There will be 75 diplomas awarded on Saturday.

They had the booze, they had the cigarettes, they had a couple bags full of winning lottery tickets ... they had problems. Two Pagosa residents were arrested at Durango on May 19 as they attempted to cash a fistful of winning lottery tickets at a supermarket. The tickets were part of a stash of items the two suspects allegedly stole during the burglary early Sunday morning of the Plaza Liquor store, on San Juan Street, in downtown Pagosa Springs. Apparently the Colorado Lottery has quite an effective system in place. People at the store here called Colorado Lottery when the theft was discovered and information about the tickets was entered into a computer. When the tickets were scanned at Durango, it was discovered they were stolen in Pagosa Springs.

## LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 22, 1983,  
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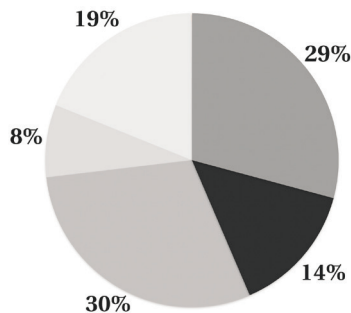
HOME EC 101 — High school principal Ron Shaw is careful with the shells as he prepares the fried eggs for the annual faculty and staff breakfast last Friday morning. In the background junior high school principal Larry Lister is cooking pancakes.

## WHADDYA THINK?

### What type of housing does Archuleta County need more of?

#### Poll results (248 votes)

Single-family homes. — 29 percent  
Multifamily housing (townhouses/condos). — 14 percent  
Apartments. — 30 percent  
Tiny homes. — 8 percent  
No more is needed. — 19 percent



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5/15	74	37	-	-	-
5/16	73	44	-	-	-
5/17	66	42	-	-	-

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# Letters

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## Wolves and good decisions

Dear Editor:

The interest in wolves is really great right now. Recently we have had three letters in this paper expressing interest in the wolf introduction issue. John Farley discussed the benefits of an established wolf population in Yellowstone and how our commissioners effectively dismissed the initiative. John also noted that although we have agriculture here, the economic base is moving to tourism. Dick Ray looked at the issue from the standpoint of the well-being of the wolf being relocated from its home range. Finally, Dave Blake showed much insight regarding the ecology of our area and made some good points for bringing the wolf back.

These all have been really good insights. I am personally still conflicted about wolves coming into the Weminuche and South San Juan

Wilderness Areas, especially since the Trump administration delisted the wolf from the endangered species list which removed the protections it afforded. The Yellowstone population is protected because it is in a national park. But now, with the delisting, each state has the responsibility to control the wolf population, and in the case of Idaho and other western states, have chosen to destroy most of the recovering populations. Each state has its own techniques for this purpose. The wolves, in the past, have suffered brutal, inhumane treatment and deaths: leg hold traps and snares, poison bait, bounties for hunters with a year-round open season, wolves shot in their dens and even tracking dogs are used depending on the practice each state approves. My hopes are the most humane practices will be utilized.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission is working on the details of the reintroduction. This is the conflict: to see the wild back into the wilds would be a nice step for our ecology here in Pagosa, but are we willing to make the effort and pay for the resources for a really strict wolf management program to make this happen in a way both people and animals feel good about? Think about that. How will tourism and population growth here effect our wildlife? Will our ranch community receive compensation for livestock killed by wolves? Will we develop the understanding of wolf ecology enough to adequately manage the packs that develop in our area? What effect will the predation of wolves have on our elk and deer herds? Let this discussion continue in the future as we all have a lot to learn. The well being of the wolves depend on good decisions. The CPW will have their 2nd meeting on May 20th at 6PM on Zoom to discuss the reintroduction for the public. For more information go to the link on their website. Thanks.

Bob LeCour

## Cancel CenturyLink

Dear Editor:

When can we expect reliable internet? When might our County Commissioners cancel whatever license it has given Century Link and grant a new license to a reliable provider? We are in the midst of the worst pandemic of our lifetime when everyone has to work at home yet the internet routinely goes down. I've now been without for two days running. It's almost a weekly occurrence. It's time for something new.

Note, I've always been impressed with the individuals I've contacted at Century Link. They truly try to help given the mess they're stuck with and I appreciate their efforts. Hopefully they'll find a good landing spot if Century Link is booted.

By the way, plan for lots of time if you try to get through to Century

Link to report a problem. In one recent attempt, after numerous responses to the robot I was told to click on a link to speak to a live agent. I clicked on the link and the call was immediately dropped.

Best of luck.

Albert Northrop

## Water group

Dear Editor:

While floating down the Upper San Juan last week, I was amazed to see the many uses that are occurring and have previously occurred, and still a wonderful trip with awe-some scenery and riparian habitat along the way. A truly insightful and thought provoking afternoon.

In an effort to understand how we can continue these various uses in a warming and drying climate and maintain the health of the river, the Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP) has been studying the various environmental, recreational and agricultural infrastructure water needs along the river's course. As part of implementing the State's Water Plan, the WEP initiated our investigations three years ago under the guidance of a steering committee comprised of eight representatives from the agricultural, environmental, municipal, recreational and private landowner communities.

The WEP has spent the past year plus working with Lotic Hydrological, LLC (Lotic) — led by a former Pagosa native — to evaluate environmental and recreational water needs and information gaps in our project area — the Upper San Juan, Blanco and Navajo Rivers. Data were collected to inform models that look at current and future stream conditions, while considering factors like forest health and changes with climate and their influence on water availability.

Concurrently, the WEP has also been working with the San Juan Water Conservation District (SJWCD) to evaluate potential improvement of structures used for agricultural irrigation. As discussed in last week's SUN, the SJCD has and will be working with ditch representatives, water right holders and agricultural water users to assess current conditions of their irriga-

■ See Letters A4

## Letters

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be 500 words or less

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 tion delivery system and identify opportunities to improve system efficiency. SJWCD efforts to date have focused on the Upper San Juan, with efforts now expanding to the Blanco.

Preliminary results of these efforts were presented in a public meeting on March 31 via Zoom. Lots of good information was presented, with good questions and involvement from the public. Those presentations are available for viewing at [www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp](http://www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp). We are compiling a survey to obtain feedback from the meeting attendees, or those who view the presentations, on information that may have been missed, or suggestions for future projects or efforts.

Over the coming months and as Phase III of our efforts begins, we hope to provide additional articles summarizing past and future activities. If you can't wait, more specifics on previous phases and Phase III can be found at [www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp](http://www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp). Or, if you, your group or organization have questions, project/priority ideas or would like to discuss these results more, contact Mandy Eskelson ([mandy@mountainstudies.org](mailto:mandy@mountainstudies.org)) or Al Pfister ([westernwildscapes@gmail.com](mailto:westernwildscapes@gmail.com)) to schedule a call, meeting or group presentation.

Al Pfister

## LPEA election

Dear Editor:  
 I hope you all have received your mail-in ballots for the LPEA director election.

How fortunate we have been as LPEA members to have Kirsten Skeehan representing us these past three years.

Kirsten cares  
 She cares what you have to say.  
 She cares about our community.  
 She makes wise, thoughtful decisions for all of us.

Now she needs our vote.  
 Please keep Kirsten working for us. Return your ballot today.

Jann C. Pitcher

## Green promise

Dear Editor:  
 Today it is not hard to find at least one distortion, exaggeration, or outright lie in every popular business advertisement.

An HVAC business promises service "within ninety minutes." Yeah, and I promise never to take another bite of chocolate too. One company in the cosmetic surgery industry says it will "permanently remove stubborn fat." Hmm, not unless you can keep your patients' mouths shut.

A health care insurer lists a myriad of "free" services. Not so, slicksters. Ancillary services may vary from company to company, but their costs are rolled into the overall price.

A car company reminds folks, "When you do good, you feel good." So now used car dealers, and maybe loan sharks too, are totally zen?

It's nice to see huge companies promising to move toward carbon neutrality. But what good is zero carbon out the front door when lying-in-advertising is exploding through the back door?

## Charity golf tournament to benefit veterans

By **Ted Eckerson**  
 Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County

The Veterans 4 Veterans Charity Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 29. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m.

We still have room for 24 golfers. The format is a four-person scramble. The cost is \$85 per person, which includes a Texas-style barbecue and music by the San Juan Mountain Boys. The weather forecast is calling for 78 degrees with no chance of rain.

Support your veterans and have a great time. Call the Pagosa Springs Golf Club or Ted Eckerson at (970) 238-6323 for reservations. Many prizes will be provided by local merchants.

But even the corporate green promise is a magic trick. After all, who is going to remember a carbon promise made in 2021 when the target year 2035 rolls around and the company is still burning coal?

Kimball Shinkoskey  
 Woods Cross, Utah

## Vaccines

Dear Editor:  
 It appears that many Americans are missing some key facts that would assist in making healthcare decisions regarding the Covid-19 shots:

Fact 1: The FDA did not approve any of the mRNA gene therapeutics they call "vaccines". It simply authorized them before they were tested for efficacy or safety.

Fact 2: By International law, no one can be coerced or forced into taking an experimental treatment by an employer, business or agency.

Fact 3: The PREP act from last year does not shield employers and businesses from liability should they "mandate" the injections. The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act passed in 1986 protects only pharmaceutical companies from liability for injuries and deaths from vaccines.

Fact 4: Not all health and life insurance policies cover illness and death from the shots. One might want to investigate their personal coverage.

Fact 5: The CDC says, "In public spaces, fully vaccinated people should continue to follow guidance to protect themselves and others, including wearing a well-fitted mask, physical distancing (at least 6 feet), avoiding crowds...etc and should still watch for symptoms". One might consider what benefits can be gained after taking the experimental shot.

Fact 6: The VAERS website shows more people have died from this shot since it was offered than from all vaccines for the last 15 years. One might consider the increased risk..

The primary consideration is whether an experimental injection is warranted for a disease with a 99.9% survival rate particularly in children.

Think it through.  
 Thanks for publishing this for me.

Marybeth Snyder

## Racist history

Dear Editor:  
 In last week's paper, there were two letters expressing great alarm over our country's current attempt to come to grips with our racist history. In one letter (Critical Race Theory) the writer deplores critical race theory and the NYT's 1619 Project/ Curriculum. In what I think is a blatant attempt to make both of these sound very scary, the writer insists that they are Marxist. Anytime someone wants to scare Americans, they drag out Karl Marx as some sort of boogeyman. CRT has been around for decades and is an attempt to describe our culture as it actually is, not what we claim it to be in all our patriotic fervor. Our nation actually is racist and sexist and we will not be able to make progress in repairing that if we don't acknowledge the problem. George Floyd's murder

by a cop recorded for all to see during a pandemic in which the entire world was shut down so that everyone had the time and head space to really see what happens to black humans in our country was a huge turning point. Reinforced by the nauseatingly regular report of more black people shot to death by police since Mr. Floyd. Thus the reemergence of CRT and beginning of the 1619 Project, the latter being a historical review of our nation through the lens of our original sin, slavery, and its enduring twin, racism. Trying to move on from that deadly and horrific legacy does not make one a communist. The assertion is nonsensical and is intended to dissuade people from thinking deeply about the problem and a way to maintain the racist status quo.

The other concerned writer is appalled by "woke" culture, especially the protests of professional athletes by taking a knee during the national anthem. Once again, the protest is being described as disrespect towards our flag when the protesters have clearly stated that they are protesting police violence against people of color. Their method is to draw attention to the problem and it clearly makes many people uncomfortable. Those uncomfortable people try to blame the protesters and claim they are being disrespectful but this line of talk is so obviously a distraction from the real issue — endemic and continuing racism in our society. This poor writer can't even enjoy his sporting events anymore without being reminded that we have problems in America. I suspect he is not that big of a sports fan and is very content with the status quo.

I think that many (white) people in our country feel resentful about our current reckoning because deep inside they think they are being blamed. No one alive today bears responsibility for the institution of American slavery. Or for the implementation of (original) Jim Crow. But we do have a problem with racism in this country and those of us alive today have the responsibility for looking at our own attitudes and assumptions and working to make the American dream available to all citizens.

Lee Stophor

## Maga hat

Dear Editor:  
 In the letter from the Kostin's on 4-15-21 they said that I failed to mention that Blumenthal did correct his lie. He corrected his lie by lying again using the typical Democratic response, I mispoke. A lie is a lie backed up by a lie.

The Kostins also called me a cold-hearted critic for saying that the DSCP (democratic socialist communist party) wanted open borders for votes. That is true, they do want open borders for votes. For several years there have many in the DSCP saying that the illegal aliens will vote democrat.

As for me being cold-hearted, the Kostin's have no idea. Here's cold-hearted, some will throw babies into the Rio Grand so that the border patrol will go to save the baby instead of after them. Our dear leader said during the first democratic debate to immigrants, to come here, the border is open, surge the border. Yes I know, that was not a quote, but what he meant is there.

Who knows how much misery, rape, violence that these soon to be illegal immigrants went thru to get here thanks to our cold-hearted dear leader. That Mr and Mrs Kostin is cold-hearted.

There is nothing decent or moral about our dear leader. We have 1/2 million homeless people in this country and our dear leader is using 86 million of taxpayer money to pay for hotel rooms for illegal aliens. Remember the national guard troops that were housed in a parking garage in D.C. a hotel room

for illegal aliens and a concrete floor for our troops to sleep on.

Our dear leader stopped the border wall on our southern border from being finished, now an open border for illegal immigration yet a wall was put up around the U.S. capital, the peoples house, to keep Americans out. Most of the homeless in this country are in democratic run states. If dems. can't fix the homeless crisis in their states, how can they fix the border crisis?

Our V.P. is awol on the border crisis that she was put in charge of. Harris compares I.C.E. to the KKK. If she is asked a question about the border but will be going to the northern triangle countries to give them 100's of billions to help stop the flow of illegal immigrants. What do you think these corrupt countries will do with those American taxpayer dollars, build a wall to keep their citizens in. Yea right.

It has been 3 years since Mollie Tibbetts was murdered, and who knows what else before the murder, by an illegal alien in Iowa. He confessed and led authorities to the body. Who knows how many of the illegal aliens crossing our border are criminals other than being here illegally. The DSCP needs to close our border. I will continue to wear my maga hat.

Wynn S. Sutton

## Internet connection

Dear Editor:  
 How is your internet connection? If you live in Archuleta (or La Plata) County it's probably not very good. If there is one thing that the pandemic has taught us, it's that internet access is no longer a luxury, it's a necessity.

Why is it so difficult to get decent broadband? It turns out that the incumbent providers, mostly Comcast and CenturyLink around here, make good profits charging high prices for mediocre service. Why would they want to spend large amounts of money to provide better service? That doesn't fit their short-term profit model. If I lived in Montrose, I could get a super high-speed connection from DMEA Elevate (1GB down by 1GB up) for the same amount I currently pay for a very mediocre 15MB/3MB. That's because Delta Montrose Electric Association responded to their members by setting up their Elevate subsidiary to provide great broadband service to their members at a reasonable price.

Could our local rural electric co-op, LPEA, do something similar? It certainly seems like they could. Or perhaps they can take a strong leadership role working in another way. I have created an online petition asking LPEA to do this. If you agree, please sign the petition and include comments on why broadband is important to you. Here is the link to the petition. As LPEA members, we can make a difference.




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# Obituaries

## Anthony Lawrence Astorga

On May 12, we lost our most beloved son, Anthony Lawrence Astorga, who was everything to us and loved by so many friends and family. He was born on Jan. 2, 1986, in California and moved to Colorado when he was 10 years old.



He is survived by his mother and

father: Laura and Anthony Astorga. He is also survived by his grandmother and grandfather, Sheryn and Grady Young; and his uncle, Grady Lee Young and family, Lisa Ann Young, Aleisha, Drew and Jarrah Portnell, Christie Marie Brubaker and family; and second cousin Trish Lytle and Uncle Larkin Kelsey, Uncle Bill, Brandi, Joey and Carmine Kish, and Mitchell Longfellow.

He will be so greatly missed and we will all miss his smile and wonderful laugh.

## Charles 'Frank' Franklin Hutchins

March 1934-April 30

Charles Franklin Hutchins, known to friends as "Frank," was born in Pasadena, Calif., in March 1934, and passed away at his home in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on April 30 with sons Dale and Mark at his side.



The Hutchins lived in Carpinteria from 1974 to 1987. Frank retired from Southern California Edison after almost 40 years of dedicated service. His passions in life were sky diving, piloting, building planes, hunting, fishing and golf.

Frank built a 1930s vintage Waco bi-plane that is still flying today in Southern California. He built two Vans RV-4 aircrafts, one for him and one for his wife, Marilyn. He built one Vans RV-8, which won awards at Oshkosh, Wis., and helped many others build their own Vans aircrafts. Frank and Marilyn shared their passion of flying and sky diving together. In the late 1950s, they started a civilian sky diving school in Arenal, Calif., called "The Condors."

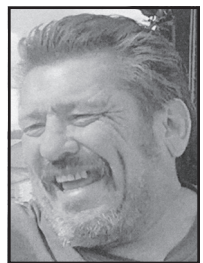
Frank was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years and is survived by three sons, Dale (Shanna), Mark (Linda) and Mike (Dottie), and grandchildren Brandon, Brittany, Dana and Dillon.

Frank's ashes will grace the same Colorado mountains as did Marilyn's in 2007.

## Marino Talamante

Sept. 6, 1963-March 25

Marino was born on Sept. 6, 1963, in Ogden, Utah, to Andres and Della Talamante.



Marino attended schools in Ogden, Utah; Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and graduated from Dulce High School in 1982.

On Feb. 4, 1982, he was joined in marriage to Audrey Castleberry in Lumberton,

N.M.

Marino is survived by his wife, Audrey; children Enriquez and family, Esperanza and family, Marino Jr. and family, and Dionicia and family. He is survived by his parents, Andres and Della Talamante; sister Carol T. Mestas; brother Adam Talamante and family; and 21 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Andy and Ben Talamante; grandson Lucas Talamante; and brother-in-law Adolph Mestas.

Burial was in Lumberton, N.M., in the family plot, with services done by Christian and co-pastor.

# Annual worn flag collection underway

By Richard Walker  
American Legion Post 108

June 14 annually marks Flag Day in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the stars and stripes by the Second Continental Congress on that date in 1777.

Flag Day is also a reminder to fly our flags proudly and to replace any that are so faded, worn or frayed as to no longer be respectful of the great country or state they represent.

Once again, American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108 will be collecting unserviceable American and Colorado state flags for proper retirement and disposal in accordance with public law as embodied in Title 36, U.S. Code Chapter 10, Sections 173-178, known as the Flag Code, and in particular with Section 176(k), on disposal of unserviceable

flags: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108 provides this dignified retirement ceremony and worn flags may be turned in to any Legionnaire or left at any of the following locations: Pagosa Springs Town Hall, Pagosa Fire Protection District Station No. 1 on North Pagosa Boulevard, the Archuleta County Veterans Services Office in the Ross Aragon Community Center, or Vega Insurance and Financial Services office at 818 Rosita St. (across the highway from the Ruby Sisson Library).

Flags will be collected now until the Fourth of July. The post will then announce a date for when the flag retirement and disposal ceremony will take place.

## Card of Thanks

### Mestas family

Words cannot express our sincere "thank you" to everyone who took the time to be with us in person, a phone call, the many beautiful cards we received, the beautiful flowers. Thank you to the Mestas family for all your love and support.

To James Martinez for the beautiful eulogy for Uncle Adolph, it was very beautiful. Thank you to all the pall bearers and honor pall bearers for Samuel Auta. Many thanks to you all.

Thank you, Mom, Kathy and

Roy, Louie, Frankie and Christine, Micheal and Rosie, Trish, Greg. Thank you, Adam and Angelene. To my family for your support at this time and always. Thank you.

Mestas family

### Talamante family

The family of Marino Talamante would like to thank you all for your thoughtfulness, prayers, calls, food and monetary gifts.

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The family of Marino Talamante

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# Archuleta Housing Corporation seeking funds for unit upgrades

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta Housing Corporation (AHC) has approached the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for a request of funds to make improvements to its units.

At a work session held by the BoCC on May 11, AHC Executive Director Nicole Holt explained that multiple units are in need of upgrades.

AHC has 52 units, Holt explained in a later interview, with all of the units needing upgrades. She explained that the furnaces in the units have not been replaced since 1985 and are leaking.

"This is a huge issue that needs to be addressed immediately," Holt said.

She explained that the AHC is in the process of developing a capital needs campaign in order to make sure that all of its units are safe for the residents and that this is the first step of that process.

Holt mentioned that the AHC is hoping to replace water heaters in its units as well.

She explained that energy-

efficient models could be purchased and installed, which can save money in the long run.

Holt explained that the water heaters do not necessarily need to be replaced right away, but it would be better to replace them before any serious issues arise.

She added that the AHC pays for the utilities for all of its residents and that if AHC is able to save money on utilities with upgraded, energy-efficient equipment, that would free up more funds to potentially help reduce rental rates for residents.

In a letter sent to the BoCC, Holt states, "In helping Archuleta Housing Corporation raise needed funds for capital improvements, you can have an important impact in our community and support the affordable housing sector at this critical time."

Holt went on to explain during the work session that the county has been awarded approximately \$2.7 million from the federal government through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

She noted that under the specifications put forward by the federal government, the county is allowed

to use part of these funds for affordable-housing projects like this.

She added that she has approached the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) about receiving funds for this project.

The total amount needed to replace the water heaters and furnaces is \$565,000, Holt indicated.

She explained that DOLA is willing to match any funds put forward from the local community, whether it comes from the county or the town.

Commissioner Warren Brown spoke in favor of the project, saying, "I would definitely like to help the housing corporation with this."

Brown clarified that in order to make this project happen, the town and the county would need to come up with at least \$289,000, collectively.

Those funds would then be matched by other entities like DOLA.

Holt added that the residents in the AHC units are crucial to the community.

She explained that many of the residents are service workers at various businesses around town and that they contribute directly to the local economy.

Holt states in her letter, "Therefore, it is crucial that we continue

to provide housing to the workforce and address capital needs issues that are affecting the health and safety of our residents."

AHC board member Guiseppe Margiotta was also in attendance at the work session.

He explained that, over the years, AHC has had some "interesting transitions," and that has caused for some regular maintenance to be overlooked.

"We really are catching up," Margiotta said.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez also spoke in support of the project.

"In my opinion, I don't have a problem with probably seeing what we can do or see what monies we can come up to help you guys with this situation," Maez said.

Maez also explained the AHC has played a vital role for many in the community over the past 50 years by providing safe and affordable homes for members of the community.

"We need more efficient equipment in there. I think we just need to do our diligence and stretch these dollars out as much we can," he said, noting more energy-efficient equipment will save money in the long run.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, May 20

**Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting.** Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular board meeting.** 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

**Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

### Tuesday, May 25

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Join Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.

**Upper San Juan Health Service District regular meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Zoom meeting. To join, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85395501309>, meeting ID: 853 9550 1309 or call (346) 248-7799.

### Wednesday, May 26

**Archuleta County Planning Commission meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. and Zoom online.

### Thursday, May 27

**Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

**Pagosa Springs Town Council work session.** 5 p.m. See town website for participation information.

### Tuesday, June 1

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 8:30 a.m. Join Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners — elected officials work session.** 11:30 a.m. Join Zoom meeting at: <https://>

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**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners meeting.** 1:30 p.m. Join Zoom meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/91609048375?pwd=d1FFV0J1cGVKa1NHWHFsa2taeGxtZz09>, meeting ID: 916 0904 8375, passcode: 4141885.

### Thursday, June 3

**Dispatch Executive Management Board meeting.** 9:30 a.m. Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186713647>, meeting ID: 718-671-3647.

### Tuesday, June 8

**Archuleta School District Board of Education regular meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

### Wednesday, June 9

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation meeting.** 5:30 p.m. Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd., or join Zoom meeting. Visit [www.pagosapagscd.org](http://www.pagosapagscd.org) for the link.

**Archuleta County Fair Board meeting.** 6 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84 and via Zoom.

### Thursday, June 10

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular board meeting.** 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

### Monday, June 14

**CSU Advisory Board meeting.** 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84 and via Zoom.

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting.** 5 p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9656099136?pwd=Z3Job2R1eXl0SE8RZzNpL0FucGpKZz09>, meeting ID: 965 609 9136, passcode: 00001.

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## Pagosa Country experiences driest April in 127 years

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

This year, Archuleta County experienced its driest April in 127 years, according to the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS).

The NIDIS also indicates that the driest year-to-date for January through April in the past 127 years occurred this year.

According to the NIDIS website, as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19 100 percent of the county is abnormally dry and is in a moderate drought stage.

The website also indicates that 99.36 percent of the county is in a severe drought stage and 50.06 percent of the county is in an extreme drought stage.

Additionally, 6.4 percent of the

county is in an exceptional drought stage.

The NIDIS website indicates that the western portion of the county is in an extreme and exceptional drought stage, while the eastern portion is in a severe drought stage.

According to the NIDIS, under the severe drought stage, the fire season is extended and the snowpack is low, along with a reduced river flow.

The NIDIS also notes that under the extreme drought stage, pasture conditions worsen and large fires can develop.

Under the exceptional drought stage, dust storms and topsoil removal is widespread, and agricultural and recreational losses are large.

As of 1 p.m. on Wednesday,

May 19, the National Weather Service had issued a Fire Weather Watch for today, May 20.

The National Weather Service also forecasts a 60 percent chance of rain on Friday and a 40 percent chance of rain on Saturday.

### River report

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the San Juan River was flowing at a rate of 775 cfs in Pagosa Springs as of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19.

Based on 85 years of water records at this site, the average flow rate for this date is 1,390 cfs.

The highest recorded rate for this date was in 1948 at 3,860 cfs. The lowest recorded rate was 170 cfs, recorded in 1977.

As of 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, the Piedra River near

Arboles was flowing at a rate of 536 cfs.

Based on 58 years of water records at this site, the average flow rate for this date is 601 cfs.

The highest recorded rate was 4,000 cfs in 1973. The lowest recorded rate was 110 cfs in 2002.

### Snow report

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Water and Climate Center's snowpack report, the Wolf Creek summit, at 11,000 feet of elevation, had 16.3 inches of snow water equivalent as of 1 p.m. on May 12.

That amount is 54 percent of the May 19 median for this site.

The average snow water equivalent for this date at the Wolf Creek summit is 30.4 inches.

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## County awarded \$2.7 million through coronavirus relief fund

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County has been awarded \$2,724,969 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

At a regular meeting held by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on May 18,

the board approved the authorization of the chairman's signature to accept the funds.

The item was approved as part of the meeting's consent agenda, and no discussion was held on the matter.

County Attorney Todd Weaver stated in previous work sessions that the funds will be distributed through two payments over the

next two years.

It is noted in the documentation attached in the meeting's agenda that the county "may use awarded funds to cover eligible costs incurred during the period that begins on March 3, 2021, and ends on December 31, 2024."

Weaver explained in a later interview that the funds can be used for projects that support

public health expenditures; address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency; replace lost public-sector revenue; provide premium pay for essential workers; and invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

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## Trooper's Tips: Motorcycle riding season is upon us again

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler  
Colorado State Patrol

Motorcycle season is upon us again. Dust off the motorcycle seat and check it out to see if your bike and you are ready to hit the open roads again.

As fun as it is to ride a motorcycle, I wanted to let you know that the Colorado State Patrol is seeing an increase in motorcycle crashes and fatalities, and we really want to curb that problem. Contrary to what a lot of people may think, a lot of these crashes haven't included other vehicles. They are single motorcycles going down. This issue seems mostly to be with riders that don't have a lot of training or as much experience as they should have to ride. Their skills may not be the best because they don't ride every day. This is not meant to be demeaning to these riders, but to have them realize steps may be needed to increase their riding abilities.

Consider researching a motorcycle operator skills course. As Brian Tracy stated, "Continuous learning is the minimum requirement for success in any field."

I believe that wholeheartedly when it comes to strengthening your

riding skills. You can never know too much about riding techniques. The courses have different levels of skill training for all riders. Usually they teach for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. So, even if you've been riding for years, a training course can be for you. Maybe try an advanced riders' course and see how it can improve your skills.

So, let's delve into some of the problems we see when it comes to motorcycle riders crashing.

1. Dirt and rocks on the roadway. Some riders are not looking out for it. You see a lot of it especially in early spring from snow plow operations.

2. Going into blind curves too fast and going off the road or into oncoming traffic. Know the area you're riding. If it's an area you're unfamiliar with, don't out-ride your skills. Take your time and enjoy the ride.

3. Having passengers on the bike that are unfamiliar with leaning or who don't have confidence in the operator and counterbalance, causing the bike to go off the roadway. It also goes the other way with motorcycle operators who don't know how to ride with a passenger on the back of the bike. Have that conversation prior to riding with someone on the bike.

4. Not knowing how to use the front brake in tandem with the back brake. It is imperative to be able to stop quickly when needed. Learn how to use your brakes correctly.

5. Watching for vehicles coming into your path. Have an escape plan to stay out of the vehicle's way. You can always be in the right and still be injured.

6. Leaning into curves that place your upper body over the center line and in the path of oncoming traffic. Don't hug the center line so closely.

7. Not having the proper safety equipment to prevent injury in the event of a crash. This includes a helmet, eye protection, gloves, boots, padded jacket and pants.

8. Absolutely no alcohol when riding. It happens more often than you think.

One last item: Make sure you have that motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license. We do check for those on a traffic stop. So, if you don't ride, but know someone who does, talk to them about some of the things I hit in this article. You may save the life of a friend or loved one. These are very basic concepts of riding, but they are so often overlooked.

As always, safe travels.

## The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 206.

May 10 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

May 10 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, driving under restraint for drug/alcohol-related offense, U.S. 160.

May 10 — Crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-neglect, Pebble Circle.

May 10 — Under investigation, no location listed.

May 11 — First-degree criminal trespass-theft from vehicle, all other thefts, 14th Street.

May 12 — State warrant, Harman Park Drive.

May 13 — Warrant arrest, Colo. 151.

May 13 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

May 13 — Information only, East Golf Place.

May 14 — Fraud by check-other method, all other thefts, Piper Place.

May 14 — Warrant arrest, USFS 923/JUSFS 629.

May 15 — Under investigation, no location listed.

May 16 — Fourth-degree arson-misdemeanor, Frontier Avenue.

### Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 119.

May 13 — Theft, Country Center Drive.

May 14 — Theft, Country Center Drive.

May 14 — Assault, Durango Street.

May 14 — Marijuana prohibited, Eagle Drive.

May 14 — Drove vehicle when license canceled, South 7th Street.

May 15 — Animal at large, Back-swing Court.

### 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

### Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 5 — James Lee Sanchez Jr., violation of protective order, total fines and costs — \$258.50.

May 5 — Lance Ulery, disorderly conduct-offensive gesture, total fines and costs — \$36.00.

May 5 — Shane O'Neil, violation of bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, total fines and costs — \$844.50.

May 5 — Leslie A. Barnes, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.

### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

May 11 — Daniel Ross, animal running at large, total fines and costs — \$65.

May 11 — Edward Abreu, obscene conduct, total fines and costs — \$85.

May 11 — Edward Abreu, failure to appear, total fines and costs — \$50.

May 11 — David Collins, disorderly conduct, total fines and costs — \$100.

May 11 — Jim Grogan, disorderly conduct — \$100.

## Welcome Back!



Bea Douglass, 99 years old, with visitor Margaret Batty. Both were so happy to be able to visit together March 30, 2021.

Pine Ridge Extended Care Center/Nursing Home is happy to welcome families back. Some COVID restrictions have been lifted, allowing visitors in-room visits with residents who have been vaccinated. Hugging and hand holding has made our residents very happy! We no longer have to quarantine newly admitted vaccinated residents for 14 days upon admission when our older adult and disabled community need our help. Our outdoor visits (weather permitting) and indoor visits will also continue in designated areas for those who are not vaccinated.

While these restrictions being lifted by CDPHE are a step in the right direction, we are hopeful we see more changes in the coming weeks as vaccination distribution continues. We continue to celebrate our staff and infection control program for excellence. We remain COVID free!

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## Horses

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finding evidential trace blood on the ground would be nearly impossible," the incident report states.

According to the report, one horse had a wound high on its neck, beneath the jaw bone. Both of the other horses had wounds on their left sides, in front of the rear legs. One survived, with a wound higher up and nearer to its spine. The deceased horse's wound was lower in the back, near its rib cage.

The incident report states that, at the time, the reporting party did not suspect bullets caused the wounds as the horses frequently rub up against and are sometimes injured by objects while pasturing. However, the reporting party found it unusual that one horse did not eat once corralled and again the following morning at 10 a.m. At approximately noon, the horse was discovered deceased.

A supplemental narrative included with the report states that

during the necropsy performed on the deceased horse, a veterinarian was skeptical that the wound was caused by a bullet. The entry wound was small, around 3 millimeters in size, and no projectile was found. The low volume of apparent bleeding indicated either a very small caliber projectile or puncture wound as the cause of injury.

The narrative states that the cause of death was toxic peritoneal sepsis from a gut wound that pierced the peritoneum.

A similar incident on County Road 500 occurred on Jan. 1. A separate report states that, at approximately 6:50 p.m., deputies responded to a dispatch call of two dead horses in the area and were advised that they appeared shot.

That reporting party stated that he discovered the two horses on the night of Dec. 31, 2020, and returned to look at them the next day.

The reporting party, per the

report, stated that they were wild horses that he had seen walking around before and that they did not have a brand on them. The reporting party thought that one of the two horses, a mare, had been shot because she had a hole in her neck and was also possibly hit by a car.

The deputies arrived and discovered the mare three-quarters of a mile past mile marker 32 on the right side of the road. The foal was 50 yards further on the left side of the road. The mare was found with a large hole in her neck, bloated and with bird droppings on her side. The other horse, a foal, had a small hole around its neck with possible blood around it. The deputies rolled both horses over and confirmed that the animals did not have a brand.

The ACSO has requested that anyone with information that might assist in the ongoing investigations call (970) 264-8430.

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## Glamping

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tural Land Trust alone."

Some of the other complaints mentioned included strains on water use in the area, increased vehicular traffic in the area and fire danger.

Another topic of discussion was that the ranch has had a lodging operation ongoing for the past two years without a permit.

Chris Burrow, who described himself as a resident of the Blanco Basin for more than 40 years, stated that "everything changed when Sombrilla showed up."

He added that the lodging operation has been going on for two years.

Todd Starr, who previously served as the county's attorney, represented the ranch during the hearing.

Starr explained that the ranch owners previously attempted to obtain a permit for the operation.

However, Starr explained that the former development director

for the county, Brad Callendar, advised the ranch that a permit was not necessary.

Starr also addressed the concerns of increased water use on the property and noted that the ranch will be hauling water into its property to be used for its lodging operation, therefore having no effect on other residents' water along Upper Blanco Road.

Other Blanco Basin residents mentioned the county could withhold a permit from the ranch as it has been operating without a permit.

Starr's response was that, due to Callendar's direction of advising the ranch that a permit was not necessary, the county is unable to issue any penalties or withhold a permit.

Flowers explained that it is always the county's goal to bring properties into compliance rather than to deny any permits.

Planning commissioner Richard Vihel responded to Starr's argu-

ment, saying, "I've read the response and I think you are in a weaker position, legally."

The planning commission approved the application with two conditions: The ranch must have a traffic study conducted to see what the impact of increased vehicular traffic in the area is. The ranch is also required to have all of its roads and parking lots on the property meet the standards of the county's Road and Bridge Department.

The planning commission approved the application 2-1, with Vihel voting against it.

The application will go before the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

Flowers explained that, if the BoCC approves the application, a permit would not be issued until the traffic study is completed and the roads and parking lots on the property are brought up to the county's standards.

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## LEAP heating assistance extended to May 31

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Colorado Department of Human Services Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) has extended its application period through May 31.

"We know low-income families, individuals, older adults on limited incomes and those with disabilities have faced inordinate challenges during the pandemic," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. "The extension of LEAP's services will hopefully help to alleviate some of the burden and allow our program to help even more Colorado residents."

The program normally runs Nov. 1 through April 30, but the current

state of affairs has created unusual circumstances, resulting in the extended application period.

Individuals and families are encouraged to submit applications through the end of the month, as applications will be processed as long as funding is available.

To access the LEAP application, visit [www.colorado.gov/cdhs/LEAP](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/LEAP) or call the HEAT HELP Hotline at (866) HEAT HELP [(866) 432-8435]. Resources are consolidated through the CO PEAK system for online application submissions.

Nearly 103,000 applications have been processed during the regular LEAP season throughout Colorado's 64 counties, with an average benefit of \$350.

LEAP, which is federally funded, provides onetime heating assis-

tance to individuals, families and older adults to help cover the cost of utility bills. Residents with an annual income up to 60 percent of the state median income and an individual household monthly income not exceeding \$2,619/month or \$5,038/month for a family of four may be eligible for benefits.

For program eligibility, candidates must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent, meet the gross income limits, be residents of Colorado and contain at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S. in the household.

For more information, visit the website [www.colorado.gov/cdhs/LEAP](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/LEAP) or call (866) HEAT HELP [(866) 432-8435].

## URA

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expressed she believes that experience could be valuable to the Pagosa Springs community.

"After that meeting, I was thinking that it might be of the URA board to consider engaging the services of a consultant who could help engage the public more and do some better planning," said Phillips during the meeting on May 13. "I reached out to SEH because I felt that their experience with Durango's planning process could help us over here. I think Andrew really exhibited an understanding of our needs here which includes workforce housing."

The agenda brief states that the scope of work requested will not be a full conditions survey, but enough to help move the URA forward with identifying project areas and a more well-rounded assessment of the potential for them. It will also focus on increasing public and stakeholder awareness and participation.

## Sales

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the town and \$696,175.03 going to the county.

According to Martin, for the month of March, the categories that are up in comparison to March 2020 include:

- Retail Trade at 37.8 percent, or \$209,449.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 242.2 percent, or \$194,284.
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 853.4 percent, or \$27,908.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 89.8 percent, or \$19,667.
- Other Services (except Public Administration) at 58.5 percent, or \$8,077.

• Manufacturing at 16 percent, or \$5,345.

• Information at 26.5 percent, or \$4,473.

• Construction at 3.9 percent, or \$690.

• Finance and Insurance at 49.7 percent, or \$312.

Only one category was down for March in the month-to-month comparison, which was Miscellaneous at 4.6 percent, or \$8,558.

Martin also provided a year-to-date comparison for each month's report. For January through March, sales tax revenues are 39.4 percent higher, or \$1,056,676.12 more, in 2021 than in 2020.

The categories that are up in the year-to-date comparison for March include:

- Retail Trade at 34.9 percent, or \$532,457.
- Accommodation and Food Services at 97.7 percent, or \$349,041.
- Manufacturing at 61 percent, or

"I think it's a good idea to try to engage the public and also to do education," said board member Greg Schulte. "I hope that this will also provide a road map for us. I think it's personally a wise investment into the future of the URA."

In its response to the town manager's letter, SEH stated that Nancy Dossdall and Arnold will work with town staff and the URA commission to organize a public outreach campaign. This campaign will feature two meetings with the public, key stakeholders and appropriate organizations.

The scope and cost estimate goes on to outline that the team will identify potential renewal project areas that align with historic community input before arranging a public meeting summit. At the summit, the SEH team will present strategies the community can use to effectively create a renewal project. Information interpreted from discussions held by the attendees

will then allow SEH to produce a map of potential renewal "districts" and the feasibility of a renewal project in each district.

The estimate states that after receiving input from the appropriate stakeholders, organizations and taxing entities, a final meeting will be organized to present the SEH team's findings and analysis.

"I think that having an outside perspective that's objective is really going to garner a little more support rather than having a developer approach us initially," said board member Madeline Bergon. "I'm in full support of us hiring a consultant."

The SEH proposal for planning assistance for the URA was subsequently added to the agenda for the town council's meeting for this evening, Thursday, May 20. The agenda can be viewed at: <https://pagosasprings.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=680>.  
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• Miscellaneous at 10.9 percent, or \$50,556.

• Professional, Scientific and Technical Services at 257.8 percent, or \$38,948.

• Real Estate and Rental and Leasing at 35.8 percent, or \$23,326.

• Other Services (except Public Administration) at 18.8 percent, or \$7,527.

• Construction at 2.1 percent, or \$1,110.

• Finance and Insurance at 1.1 percent, or \$28.

The only category that is down in the year-to-date comparison for March was Information at 4.7 percent, or \$3,201 down.

All six monthly reports indicated that sales tax collections increased by 16 percent or more compared to the previous year.

For February, sales tax collections totaled at \$1,118,790.25, with \$558,933.79 of that going to the town and \$559,856.46 going to the county.

In the reports, Martin notes that February collections were 29.9 percent, or \$257,403.48, higher than February 2020 collections.

The total amount of sales tax collections for January was \$1,230,885.63, with \$614,945.77 of that going to the town and \$615,939.86 going to the county.

According to Martin, collections for the month of January were 37.8 percent, or \$337,626.03, higher than total collections in January 2020.

The total amount of sales tax collections for December 2020 was \$1,487,562.53, with \$743,271.43 of that going to the town and \$744,291.10 going to the county.

In the reports, Martin notes that December 2020 collections were up 25.9 percent in comparison to December 2019 collections.

The total amount of sales tax collected in the county for November 2020 was \$1,210,111.01, with \$604,601.17 going to the town and \$605,509.84 going to the county.

In the report, Martin notes that November 2020 collections were up 25.2 percent compared to collections from November 2020, or \$243,526.40 higher.

According to Martin's report for October 2020, the total amount of sales tax collected in the county was \$1,351,716.49. Of that, \$674,882.78 went to the town and \$676,833.71 went to the county.

The collections for October 2020 were 16.5 percent, or \$191,388.26, higher than October 2019.

According to the reports, categories that were up for each of the past six months in the month-to-month comparisons, included both Retail Trade, and Accommodation and Food Services.

Construction was up for October, November and December 2020 in the month-to-month comparison. Construction was also up in February and March.

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing was up in October and November 2020 and again up in January and March in the month-to-month comparison.

According to the year-to-date comparison for January through December 2020, sales tax collections were 21.6 percent, or \$2,677,342.98, higher overall than in 2019.

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## Complex

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the four concepts, two of which were sports complex designs with the other two intended for open space.

The brief notes that "there is just not enough room for every recreational facility that the community expressed interest in at Yamaguchi South."

"The big difference between the two open space concepts is one includes pickleball courts and the other does not," explained Julie Gamec, senior project manager and landscape architect with THK Associates.

Pickleball courts were the meeting's most heavily discussed topic in regard to constructing Yamaguchi South.

"Regardless of the design that is chosen and the incremental development of Yamaguchi South, the pickleball community has shown a presence and a consistency and a willingness to work with town to the point that I think they deserve pickleball courts sooner instead of later," said Sally High, board member.

Board chair Amanda Gadomski pointed out that the pickleball group has formed its own nonprofit and has been raising funds to work with the town to get pickleball into parks, posing an opportunity for a partnership that could allow quicker implementation of courts.

She outlined advantages to collaborating with the pickleball community, such as hosting tournaments and bringing tourism dollars into the community if there were an official place that they can play.

"Most of our pickleball people go to other communities and play in tournaments," Gadomski explained.

Town Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis emphasized the importance of settling on a location for the courts, stating, "I think one of the struggles for the pickleball group

is they have raised a substantial amount of money so far towards this project but there hasn't been a dedicated spot. It's hard for any group to go and ask for money for a project and they [don't have a location]."

"We are definitely recognizing the need and we definitely realize that there is a huge demand for it," Gamec said. "There are other locations in already owned town facilities that pickle ball courts and tennis courts may be more appropriate. One of the questions [we ask] is, 'Is Yamaguchi really the best facility to provide those operations when we have other opportunities?'"

"We certainly don't have a budget for it yet, and it's going to have to be a phased project," Lewis said. "I have been looking at different areas of how we can get some of these amenities that are very popular to the public, how we can get them done quicker. One thing I came up with is possibly trying to locate the pickleball and tennis courts at another location."

Gamec mentioned that the current front-runner for potential locations to build pickleball courts more immediately is the existing soccer field in Yamaguchi Park.

"Staff's identified the current Yamaguchi Park; there's room there to kind of tuck that in over there by the skate park on the soccer fields," Lewis confirmed.

Lewis mentioned that in the likely event that building Yamaguchi South was a phased project, this would allow for pickleball courts to be implemented much faster without interfering with other programs.

"There would still be enough room left [for] rec soccer," Lewis said. "Say the first phase was to add the multipurpose field and the dog park. Until that phase was completed, it wouldn't interrupt the rec programs."

The motion expressed that the board was in agreement that the sports complex concept was preferred, so long as pickleball courts were included somewhere in the master plan, whether they be located at Yamaguchi South or another location.

The motion passed with four votes in favor and one against, with board member Larry Lynch voting against it.

### Other business

In other business at the meeting: • Lewis announced that "the Hermosa trail construction through Cotton Hole will start in the middle of May. Hopefully completion will be roughly in the middle of October for that. That's that 10-foot-wide trail that will start there at Town Park and run down Hermosa Street through Cotton Hole Park and up to the 1st Street Bridge."

• The board voted to approve of the construction of one Little Free Library at South Pagosa Park to assess whether or not installations at additional locations should be considered.

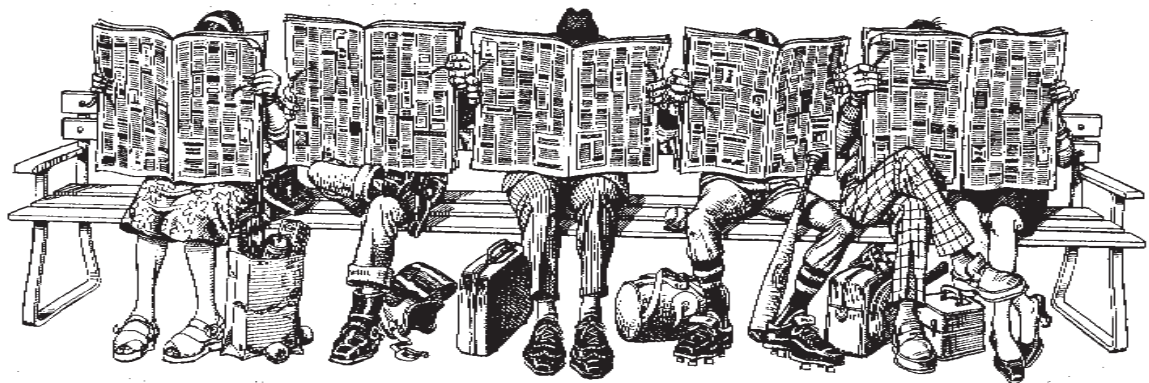
• The board voted to table plans for the Elysian Fields Wind Harp Proposal, requesting that a different location be found for the project due to concerns that the memorial might disturb local wildlife.

• The board voted to recommend that the town council approves of the Pagosa Springs Public Arts Plan.

The Public Arts Plan, according to agenda documentation, aims to "provide the structure necessary for a planned and coordinated approach to public art and ensure that the community clearly understand the Town Council's, the Public Arts Committee's and Pagosa Arts Initiative's respective roles in facilitating more public art."

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# COVID-19: Local public health orders expire, advisory issued

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Following changes in recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and in the state's mask order late last week, as well as increasing vaccination rates, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) allowed its public health orders related to COVID-19 to expire, instead issuing a public health advisory for Archuleta and La Plata counties.

On May 13, the CDC issued new guidance that states, in part, "Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."

SJBPH's public health advisory, issued on May 14, includes, according to a press release, "strong recommendations" that residents should follow "to protect themselves and limit the spread of COVID-19," including face coverings in indoor public spaces and maintaining 6 feet of physical distance between individuals from different households.

Also on May 14, Gov. Jared Polis announced the state's new executive order on masks, which, as summarized in a press release from the state, "encourages any individual aged 11 and older, who is not fully vaccinated, to continue wearing a mask indoors where members of different households are present. Fully vaccinated individuals can go without masks in almost all settings. Masks are still required in certain settings, including in schools for unvaccinated students, teachers, and staff, as well as other settings which are laid out in the Executive Order."

"If you have been fully vaccinated, the pandemic is largely over for you, and you can now resume your activities without a mask," Polis said in announcing the changes. "This is the day we have been waiting for. If you haven't yet been vaccinated, you should continue to wear a mask in public indoor spaces. I hope the fun of an unmasked future incentivizes those who have yet to get the vaccine to do so."

In its press release announcing the new advisory, SJBPH notes "a federal requirement for mask wearing still applies to all individuals across transportation networks throughout the country, including on trains and buses, at airports, and onboard commercial aircraft. ... Residents should be aware that although some COVID protocols are easing, masks may still be required in businesses complying with public health advisories and in other situations."

SJBPH's full advisory can be found at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/advisories-and-orders/>.

The state's mask order can be found at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GM14jMZqEzz2ZxqRyNehuHCfm2eXl-M/view>.

## Vaccines 'strongly' urged

According to SJBPH's recent press release, "With local public health orders moving to advisories, SJBPH strongly urges residents who have not yet been vaccinated to do so immediately."

SJBPH's press release further states, "Local mask orders have recently helped protect unvaccinated individuals who are at high risk of getting COVID. The virus continues to spread, primarily within the unvaccinated population. The shift of most public health orders to advisories and the continued spread of the virus presents a clear choice to unvaccinated residents: Receive protection through vaccination or put yourself and your family at high risk for catching the severe variants of COVID-19 circulating in our community."

As of Wednesday, SJBPH reported 969 cumulative cases of confirmed COVID-19 among permanent Archuleta County residents and 147 cases among non-permanent residents.

Wednesday's one-week positivity rate was 4 percent for Archuleta County.

Archuleta County's one-week cumulative incidence rate was listed on Wednesday as 128.6 cases per 100,000 people, compared to La Plata County's 53.30.

SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon noted that La Plata County is a little bit ahead of Archuleta County in terms of rates of fully vaccinated people, and case rates

there are tracking with the increase in fully immunized individuals.

"Archuleta, unfortunately, with a lagging uptake of vaccines," she said, "is not seeing the case rate drop as quickly as other parts of the state and other parts of the country."

As of Wednesday's data posted by SJBPH, 53 percent of Archuleta County's 12-and-over population (the currently eligible population, is considered fully vaccinated (two weeks after the final vaccine dose), while 48 percent has had at least one dose of a vaccine course.

SJBPH's press release also indicates that, according to data collected by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and SJBPH between April 25 and May 1, "an unvaccinated resident was 20.7 times more likely to get COVID-19 than a vaccinated person in Archuleta County and 11.5 times more likely in La Plata County."

According to CDC data, this week Colorado became the state with the highest one-week cumulative incidence rate in the country at 142.4 cases per 100,000 people.

Jollon also pointed out that three-quarters of Colorado cases are the more-transmissible and potentially more-severe UK variant.

"We're really hoping that while the CDC is changing recommendations, that we remain vigilant here in Southwest Colorado until we bring our local rates down more in line with the rest of the country rather than this kind of outlier position that we've been in in Colorado for the last couple of weeks," Jollon said, adding later that areas with higher case rates need to "absorb" the changes more slowly.

SJBPH has announced that it, with its state contractor Jogan Health, will be administering both the Johnson and Johnson and Pfizer vaccines today at the Ross Aragon Community Center, located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Today, Thursday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be administered.

Walk-ins are welcome, or appointments can be made at: <https://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/6085129780>.

From noon until 5 p.m. today, the Pfizer vaccine will be available to those 12 years of age or older at the same location (those 17 and younger must have consent from a parent or guardian).

Walk-ins are welcome, or appointments can be made at: <https://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/2650784109>.

Those with questions about vaccine types, safety and eligibility can call (877) 268-2926. To speak to SJBPH call handlers, call (970) 247-5702.

Additional information about the COVID vaccine, and links to make appointments with other vaccine providers offering Moderna, Johnson and Johnson, and Pfizer clinics, can be found at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

## Testing available

Rapid testing and PCR testing continue to be available in the community.

The Archuleta County community testing site (operated by COVIDCheck Colorado) offers both rapid Cue testing and lab-based PCR testing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at a drive-through structure behind the Pagosa Springs Medical Center building at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Residents are strongly encouraged (but not required) to preregister online for a Cue test: <https://www.primarybio.com/#!/cdphe>.

Some individuals may be asked to complete both a rapid test and a PCR test since PCR testing allows for variant testing.

SJBPH encourages residents to get tested if they are symptomatic, think they've been exposed, or work in a high-contact position. There is no fee for testing.

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# Sports

## TRACK

### Pirates log first-place finishes, personal records in pair of meets

By Joe Napolitan  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track team returned home from its second meet of the week and its third of the season with a handful of achievements.

The Pirates tied for fifth with Buena Vista on the girls' side and placed fifth on the boys' side, just six points behind Alamosa, at the High Altitude Challenge in Alamosa on May 8.

The boys' 4x800-meter relay team — Gabe Heraty, David Morehouse, Andrew Bowles and Geoffrey Munoz — knocked over a minute off its previous time, finishing in fourth at nine minutes, 51.86 seconds.

"It's because of the competition, they were running against people," coach Connie O'Donnell said, mentioning that, during the previous meet, they were the only entry for the event.

The coach indicated that many teams have fewer athletes.

"It's just such a weird year because there's not a lot of entries in anything besides your basic 100 and 200 [meter races]," O'Donnell said, explaining that every school seems to have smaller teams than usual.

Cam Hinger placed second with a time of 17.85 in the 110-meter hurdles and third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 46.58. Tommy Barker also placed in the 300 hurdles, coming in fourth right behind Hinger in 47.63.

The boys' 4x200 relay team placed third with a time of 1:43:31.

Evan Raymond placed second in boys' discus with a distance of 115 feet, 5 inches and second in shot put with a distance of 38-7.

Lexie Valdez took eighth in the girls' 100-meter dash with a time of 14.19 and sixth in the 200 with a time of 29.71.

Aidan O'Donnell took ninth in boys' triple jump at 35-02.

Nell Taylor completed the girls' 1,600-meter run almost 20 seconds faster than she had previously, placing ninth with a time of 6:21.41, as well as eighth in the 3,200 in 14:25.60.

The girls' team took second in the 4x100 relay with a time of 56.18, and third in the 4x200 with a time of 1:56.90.

Jordan Lindstrom placed sixth in the girls' long jump at 13-10.

Molly Graham placed eighth in the girls' shot put at 28-3.25.

Then, on Tuesday, May 18, the Pirates headed to Cortez for the Panther Twilight, where the boys' team placed second behind Durango and the girls placed third behind Montezuma-Cortez.

"At the High Altitude Challenge there were so many teams and it was such a long meet and a night meet, so it was late. That was fun just because there were so many different teams from so many different places," the coach said. "It seemed like a really broad area of representation."

Even with the abundance of competition, the Pirates made their way home late Tuesday night with several first-place victories.

Lindstrom took first in both girls' long jump and high jump, with heights of 14-10.5 and 4-10, respectively — both personal records for the freshman.

Taylor took first in the girls' 3,200 with a time of 14:04.41, as well as fourth in the 1,600 meter race with 6:48.53.

The Pirates swept the top spots in the boys' 110-meter hurdles, with Hinger placing first with a time of 17.42, Vinicio Carranza in second in 19.48, and Aidan O'Donnell in third in 19.58.

The girls' 4x100-meter relay team took first as Valdez, Chantelle Caldwell, Reece Peterson and Lindstrom finished with a time of 55.41.

In the boys' 300 hurdles, Hinger placed first at 46.33, Tommy Barker finished third in 47.29, and Breck Wilson finished fifth in 50.90.

In addition to their first-place finishes, the Pirates nabbed points in many other events throughout the evening, including:

Molly Graham placed third in the girls' shot put with a distance of 29-6.

Andrew Bowles took second in



Photo courtesy Gerry Lindstrom

Freshman Jordan Lindstrom clears the bar, placing fifth in high jump in Alamosa Saturday with a height of 4 feet, 6 inches.

the boys' 3,200 with a time of 12:29.93.

Annie O'Donnell placed second in girls' triple jump with a jump of 28-2.25.

Aidan O'Donnell placed third in the boys' triple jump with 35-6.5 and fourth in high jump with 5-4.

Caldwell placed fourth in the girls' 100 hurdles with 20.18.

Raymond placed fourth in both boys' discus and shot put with respective distances of 121-0 and 41-11, setting a new personal record in the latter.

"Evan Raymond gained 2 feet on his shot, that's a huge personal record to add 2 feet," said the coach.

The Tracky of the Week for the girls' was Graham, who the coach said was a volleyball player arriving at the track for the first time last week.

"She works really hard at practice and she's new to throwing and really just trying to figure it out. She's doing such a good job," said Connie O'Donnell. "It's just really nice to have her around. She's a really positive person who cheers on everyone else."

For the boys' squad, Hinger garnered Tracky of the Week after strong performances in both meets, including first place in the 300-meter hurdles on Tuesday.

"He's a senior leader and our car-

■ See Track A11



Photo courtesy Gerry Lindstrom

Gabe Heraty carries the baton in the 4x800-meter relay. The Pirate relay team placed first with a time of nine minutes, 51.86 seconds at High Altitude Challenge in Alamosa.



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Evan Raymond tosses the disc, placing fourth at Saturday's meet with a distance of 142 feet, 2 inches.

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## BASEBALL

### Pirates go 1-2 at tournament, looking to rebound this week

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team suffered its first two losses of the season at last week's Salida tournament, but ended tournament play with a win, leaving Pagosa with a 4-2 record on the season.

Coach Mike Remlinger said there was "really one inning each game where things just kind of fell apart."

He added the team "definitely made some progress in two losses, but we definitely have some work to do to compete with Alamosa this weekend."

The Pirates opened tournament play Friday with a nonleague affair against the Alamosa Mean Moose, but fell prey to the Moose 14-4.

Alamosa broke the game open early, putting up 12 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Pagosa brought around four runs in the top of the second. Alamosa added another run in the third and one in the fourth.

Pagosa logged no hits in the game, but drew 11 walks.

Those coming around to score in the game were Kaison Clifford, Carson Young-Martinez, Rhead Kay and Timmy Hittle.

Two Pirates had one RBI each: Clifford and Tyler Bowdrige.

Young-Martinez and Kay each had a stolen base in the game.

Taylor Cotts and Luke Wortman combined to allow 14 runs, 11 of which were earned, on 10 hits and five walks while striking out four.

"I felt like for Taylor to stick with it and get through that first inning, then to pitch well after that, that was a huge step," Remlinger pointed out.

A trio of Alamosa pitchers combined to allow four runs, one of which was earned, on 11 walks while striking out seven.

Pagosa committed four errors in the game, while Alamosa committed two.

Later that day, the Pirates took on the Salida Spartans, but again fell 14-4.

Salida opened the game with a pair of runs in the top of the first, which was countered by a Pirate run in the bottom of the inning.

The Spartans added another two in the second, which Pagosa countered with two in the bottom of the inning.

**"Rhead Kay pitched outstanding and Timmy Hittle did an amazing job behind home plate."**

Coach Mike Remlinger

Pagosa held Salida scoreless in the third while scoring one to tie the game, but gave up 10 runs in the top of the fourth.

Remlinger noted the team had "one inning where we just, we made several mistakes and gave away outs and threw the ball around and just made mistakes."

Pagosa's four runs came on five hits: doubles from Braylon Cotts and Bowdrige, and singles from Brodie Norton, Hunter Pouyer and Kay.

The four Pirates scoring in the game were Pouyer, Hittle, Young-Martinez and Kay.

Three Pirates logged an RBI each: Pouyer, Bowdrige and Gavin Hart.

Pouyer stole two bases in the game, while Taylor Cotts stole one.

On the mound, Clifford, Pouyer and Bowdrige combined to allow 14 runs, two of which were earned, on 10 hits and six walks while striking out nine.

Remlinger pointed out he was happy with the way Clifford pitched in the game.

Salida had one pitcher atop the mound for the entire game, who allowed four runs, all earned, on five hits and five walks while striking out four.

Pagosa erred five times in the game compared to Salida's two.

"We really didn't swing the bat well at all on Saturday," Remlinger said, noting that should be one of the team's strengths and something that can help make up for mistakes.

The next day, Pagosa took on Platte Canyon and broke its losing streak with an 8-5 win.

"Saturday we came out and played a much better game," the coach said.

The Platte Canyon Huskies took an early lead in the game, scoring two in the top of the first, but Pagosa responded with four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Pagosa went on to add another two in the second and two in the third to take an 8-2 lead.

Platte Canyon brought around three runs in the top of the fifth, but it was too little, too late for the Huskies, with the Pirates taking the win.

A trio of Pirates tallied two hits each: Pouyer, Cooper Evans and Bowdrige (including a triple). Britain Peterson and Taylor Cotts each had one hit.

Pouyer, Evans and Bowdrige also each scored two runs. Summett Abrell and Braylon Cotts each scored once.

Those logging RBIs in the game were Bowdrige, Taylor Cotts and Braylon Cotts.

On the mound, Kay and Young-Martinez combined to allow five runs on six hits and three walks while striking out eight.

"Rhead Kay pitched outstanding and Timmy Hittle did an amazing job behind home plate," Remlinger highlighted.

The Huskies saw two pitchers take the mound, combining to allow eight runs, six earned, on eight hits and three walks while striking out six.

Pagosa committed one error in the game and Salida committed three.

Overall, the coach noted, one of his highlights for the tournament were the strides the pitching staff as a whole took.

This Saturday, the Pirates will get a rematch with the Mean Moose, this time as a league game. That game will be at 11 a.m. in Alamosa.

"This weekend will be a good show for how we bounce back," Remlinger said, noting the Salida tournament was "kind of an off weekend for everybody at the wrong times."

But, he added, "That's baseball sometimes."

Remlinger noted the team needs more work situationally on defense and continues to have multiple injured players.

The biggest key against Alamosa, he outlined, will be the team's offense.

He added that the Pirates will also need to play solid defense and pitch well.

"And they're a good-hitting team, so pitching well is going to take an effort," Remlinger said.

Alamosa is 5-2 on the season and 1-0 in league action.

Then, at 1 p.m., the Pirates will take on the Lamar Savages, also in Alamosa.

Lamar is 3-1 on the season.

Tuesday, the team will hit the road for a 1 p.m. game against the 1A Dove Creek Bulldogs.

Dove Creek is 2-5 on the season. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

## RECREATION NEWS

### Register your softball team now

By Darren Lewis  
SUN Columnist

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Community Center. Anyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to participate in the leagues.

Team registration fees are \$250, plus a \$20 fee per player. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Town of Pagosa Springs.

The leagues are tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-June. For more information, call 264-4151, ext. 232.

## Track

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rying equipment and helping his younger relay teammates organize," said the coach. "He's just a really good leader, leads by example and we're trying to get him qualified in those hurdle races in state."

The Pirates head to Bayfield on Saturday, May 22, for an event that

Connie O'Donnell noted the team is excited for.

"We always look forward to that meet just because it's close to home," she said. "We always like to compete against Bayfield, and it'll be nice not to have a night meet and get back late."

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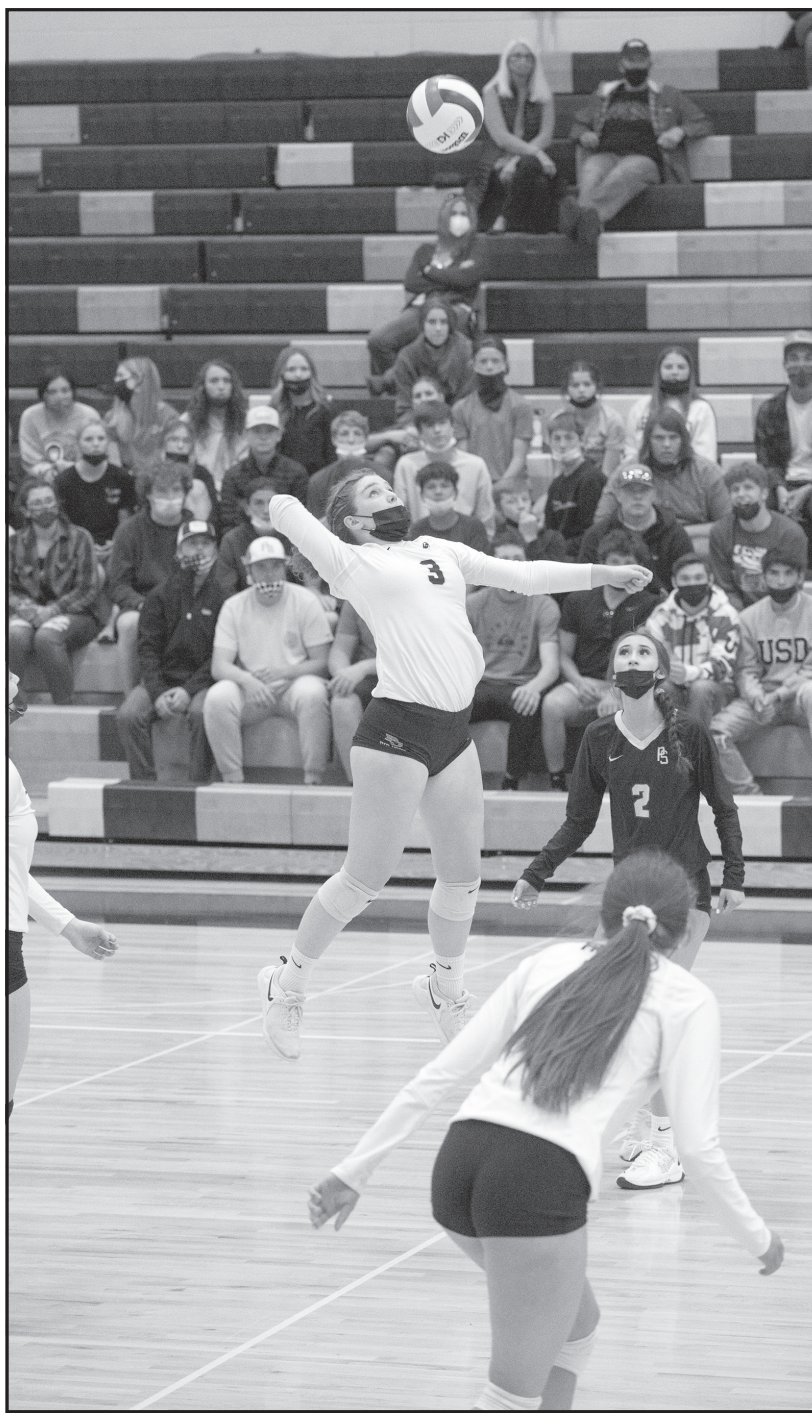
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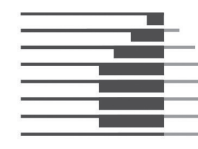


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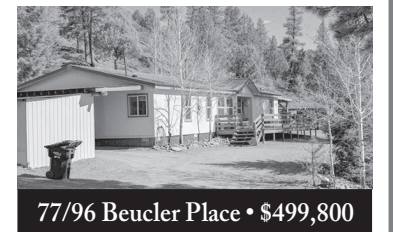


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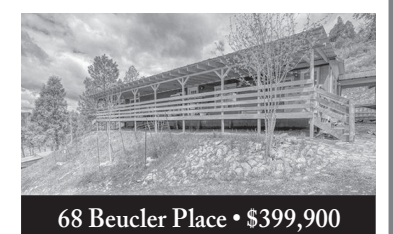
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# SOCCER

## Lady Pirates sit at 1-1 after first week of season

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates girls' soccer team went 1-1 over the past week, losing its first game at home against the Alamosa Mean Moose and then defeating the Bayfield Wolverines in Bayfield.

The Pirates hosted the Mean Moose on Thursday, May 13, losing 1-0 in overtime.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason described the loss as "devastating."

"We certainly had a better passing game," Kurt-Mason said.

He explained that the Pirates were able to maintain possession of the ball for majority of the game, but were simply unable to break the deadlock to get on the scoreboard.

"We took too long with the ball," Kurt-Mason added.

He noted that the Pirates were "dominating possession play" and that the team "played a really good passing game."

Kurt-Mason praised his goalie, Trista Tully, who made 13 saves on the day, noting that she was "very dominant in the back" and that it was "a marvelous display of her talent."

He added that Tully was making great saves from "point-blank" range.

The Pirates fired off a total of 15 shots on the day.

Nicole Bartz took seven shots, Sofia Haymaker had one shot, Lauren Monterroso took two shots, Camilla Gostynski took one shot and Samaya Dunn de Pulido took four shots.

The Pirates earned seven corner kicks throughout the game, compared to Alamosa's five.

Kurt-Mason explained that Alamosa's goal came about six minutes into the first period of overtime from a mistake in the back that gave a Mean Moose attacker an open shot on goal.

Kurt-Mason also praised his entire team for the effort, noting how they only had 12 players available for the game.

"They really held their heads up. They didn't give up," he added.

He went on to mention the team bounced back very quickly and did not dwell on the loss for too long.

"It hurts really bad when you lose like that, they got over it though," Kurt-Mason added.

He explained that the team showed up the next day for practice ready to work on its shooting.

"They want to work, they like the game," Kurt-Mason said.

He added that the Lady Pirates' focus going into the game against Bayfield was to work on shooting and maintaining their shape from the defensive third into the offensive third.

The Pirates took on the Wolverines on Tuesday, May 18, winning by a score of 1-0.

The Pirates' goal came in the first half, in the 28th minute, with a shot from Monterroso.

Kurt-Mason explained that it was a quality "build-up" play.

He explained that Bartz crossed the ball into the center to Dunn de Pulido, which drew the Wolverines' goalie to the side of the goal and then dished the ball off to Monterroso, who had a better angle to rifle the ball past the Wolverine goalie.

"It was a well-executed offensive play," Kurt-Mason added.

Kurt-Mason noted Bartz was Player of the Game.

"She was everywhere and did everything. She had some beautiful cut crosses and great defense," Kurt-Mason said.

The Pirates took 20 shots on the day.

Bartz had seven shots, Dunn de

Pulido took six shots, Monterroso took five shots and Sorcha Sweeny took two shots.

Tully made 15 saves and Kurt-Mason commended her performance again, noting how she distributed the ball from the back very well.

Kurt-Mason also noted the whole team played with intensity.

"It was pretty amazing, everybody took it up a notch," Kurt-Mason added.

He explained that the Pirates only had 12 players available for the game and that Bri Linzalone was unable to play in the second half, leaving the Pirates with no subs.

He noted that Chloe Dawson came on in place of Linzalone and played a "very physical game."

He explained that the Wolverines put a lot of pressure on in the second

half, but the Pirates' defense was able to hold them off.

"It's a great team. They have a lot of good chemistry. They pull for each other and they celebrate with each other," Kurt-Mason added.

He also described the Pirates' performances over the past week as an excellent example of "true grit."

He noted the team stuck together and battled hard for the entirety of both matches.

Kurt-Mason went on to mention that the focus going into next week's competitions is for the team to stay healthy and keep improving its shooting.

Next up, the Pirates will host the 4A Durango Demons at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, at Golden Peaks Stadium.

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Samaya Dunn de Pulido outpaces an Alamosa defender with the ball. Dunn de Pulido had four shots on the day.



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Sophomore Ava Pargin controls the ball as she looks for a way around multiple Alamosa defenders on May 13. The Pirates lost 1-0 to Alamosa in overtime.



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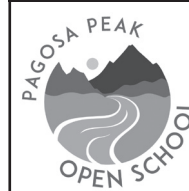
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# Education

## Charter school receives clean audits

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) received a clean, unmodified audit for 2020.

The audit, performed by Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc., was presented to the PPOS Board of Directors by the school's CPA, Uli Keeley, at the board's meeting on May 10.

In presenting the audit, Keeley explained some of the new things included in the 2020 audit, including the PPOS Building Corporation's purchase of the building that houses the school.

She also noted PPOS's cash position is "pretty good."

The audit report's schedule of findings also shows that there were no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies or noncompliance identified.

Keeley expounded upon that, stating that PPOS is a new school, but has managed its funds well and there were not many audit adjustments.

Wall, Smith, Bateman also performed a single audit relating to the school's federal awards, which include a \$2.9 million U.S. Department of Agriculture loan to

purchase the school building and a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant for which the Town of Pagosa Springs acted as a fiscal pass-through.

That audit also came back with an unmodified opinion and no findings.

Board member Mark Weiler suggested the school's audit outcome was "quite remarkable for a young school," adding that PPOS had a lot going on in one year, but was ready for the audit.

### Financial highlights

Financial highlights presented in the audit document, which are provided by the school's management, include:

- At the close of PPOS's third year of operation, "the assets and deferred outflows of the School exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows by \$518,409 (net position) — an increase of \$1,506,087.

- "The School's unrestricted net position shows a deficit of \$992,846 and is primarily the result of GASB [Governmental Accounting Standards Board] Statements 68 and 75, which require the School to report its proportionate share of the PERA [Public Employees' Retirement

Association] School Division State-wide Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Post Employment Benefit Plan Other Than Pensions ("OPEB") net pension liabilities and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources. Over time, PERA is expected to eliminate its unfunded pension obligation through increased contribution rates and additional funding from the State of Colorado."

- At the close of the fiscal year, PPOS's "governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$319,885, an increase of \$183,004."

### Other business

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Extended School Director Angela Reali-Crossland's contract by one year.

Reali-Crossland's contract now ends in June 2022 and includes compensation of \$81,375 with an additional benefits package worth \$8,000.

Board president Ursula Hudson also noted Reali-Crossland will receive a \$10,000 stipend for her work on programming stemming from the RISE, or Relevant Information

to Support Education, grant the school received as part of a charter school collaborative.

- Weiler agreed to extend his time on the board by another three-year term, with that term slated to end in May 2024.

- Heard a report from first-grade advisor Kelle Bruno about her students' growth on the NWEA test and how she uses test data to adjust what goes on in the classroom to better serve the students.

- Heard a financial report from Business Manager Chenni Hammon in which she explained PPOS is on track to add about \$14,000 to the school's reserve balance.

According to Hammon, The PPOS Board of Directors is anticipated to hear next fiscal year's projected budget at its June 14 meeting.

- Heard reports from Reali-Crossland and Grant/Communications Manager Alison Beach about the school's grant and fundraising efforts.

- Gave consensus to Reali-Crossland for the school to discontinue its distance-learning-only option for next school year unless the situation with COVID-19 changes.

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Photo courtesy Amanda Schweizer

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) junior Priscilla Howard earned her Career and Technical Education (CTE) certificate mid-year after successfully completing all three classes in the PSHS Business CTE Program (hospitality and tourism, business computer applications, and intro to business). She is the first completer of this new program. Howard demonstrated knowledge of the necessary basic business skills to successfully enter our local workforce with confidence. Howard, left, is pictured with business teacher Amanda Schweizer.

## GOAL High School graduation set for June 2

By Gunnison Pagnotta  
GOAL High School

GOAL High School's graduation will be held at Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd., June 2 at 4 p.m.

The ceremony is one of 23 statewide ceremonies for the online school.

GOAL's CEO Dr. Constance Jones

relayed her thoughts of the past 14 months and the upcoming celebration: "We are so proud of our graduating seniors and their perseverance this school year. The fact that they have gone through this historic pandemic and did not let it become an excuse; nor did they allow it to prevent them from finishing their coursework to graduate. It makes their graduation even more special."

## April Safe2Tell report shows increase in tips when compared to April 2020

Attorney General  
Phil Weiser's office

Safe2Tell tip volume increased last month when compared to April 2020, according to the monthly report released recently.

In April, the program received 1,371 tips, a 41 percent increase in monthly tip volume compared to April 2020. This is the first increase in monthly tip volume over the previous school year since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on Colorado schools.

To date for the 2020-2021 school year, Safe2Tell has received 9,157 tips, a 51 percent decrease from the 2019-2020 school year, which is likely due to delayed school openings and distance learning practices that are a result of the pandemic.

Suicide threats (247), welfare checks (122) and drugs (79) were the top categories of tips reported to the program in April.

"As we approach summer, we are continuing to remind students that Safe2Tell is available throughout the year, including during the pandemic and in the summer when school is not in session," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. "As this month's tip examples demonstrate,

reports about both in-person and virtual threats have the potential to protect Colorado's youth from harm."

False tips are down to 1.6 percent from the previous school year's 2.5 percent of all tips submitted to Safe2Tell, which is also likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

■ See Report A14

## Pagosa Springs Elementary School Scholar of the Week



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Elementary School

Congratulations to Casey Book for his selection as Pagosa Springs Elementary School's Scholar of the Week. Casey works to improve every day, is an excellent learner and is always excited to participate in class.

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# Outdoors

## Prescribed fires successfully accomplished

By Esther Godson  
Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest accomplished successful implementation of all planned prescribed fires this spring.

Fire and fuels management staff from the Columbine, Dolores and Pagosa ranger districts implemented prescribed fires while conditions allowed throughout April, completing operations the first week of May. Forest-wide, a total of 3,131 acres were treated with prescribed fire to meet defined ecological objectives. These lower-

intensity fires reduce hazardous ground fuels and lessen the risk of unplanned large wildfires while improving vegetative conditions for wildlife habitat and forest health in ponderosa pine stands.

The Pagosa Ranger District's Brockover prescribed fire in the Turkey Springs area treated approximately 400 acres adjacent to the wildland-urban interface. The use of prescribed fire in this project reduced the risk and intensity of a large unplanned wildfire near values at risk.

Prescribed fire is used to meet resource-management objectives,

such as maintaining habitat or improving forest health. It is also a key land-management tool used to reduce the risk, severity and spread of unplanned wildfire.

Compared to wildfires, prescribed fires are shorter in duration and are conducted under weather conditions to minimize smoke impacts. Forest program specialists first identify areas for prescribed fire implementation, then follow weather, fuel and smoke parameters in the prescribed fire plan to meet stated desired conditions.

Wildfire danger is on the rise as southwest Colorado moves into a

hot and dry late spring. Stay informed of current and predicted environmental conditions such as weather and drying vegetation. Take extra precaution before venturing out and be careful with anything that could start a fire. Visit the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center fire restrictions page for fire restriction information across the state's many agencies and jurisdictions.

For information on current fire restrictions, conditions, and recreation opportunities on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874.

## Forest officials ask visitors to practice responsible recreation

By Esther Godson  
Forest Service

San Juan National Forest recreation managers are planning for another busy season and exploring new strategies to help visitors have safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences while protecting our shared natural resources, wildlife, clean water and healthy forests.

Chimney Rock National Monument opened May 15 and most developed recreation sites across the San Juan National Forest will be open by May 28. Shared stewardship of the land ensures recreation opportunities can be enjoyed by everyone for years to come.

"For outdoor recreationists, the most important message this year is to 'Know Before You Go,'" said Dolores Ranger District Recreation Program Manager Tom Rice. "We are already seeing more visitation than we saw at the same time last year. Public lands visitors need to be prepared and use best recreation practices. If you don't know what the best practices are for the activity you have planned, ask us. We're here to help."

### Recreation on the rise

During 2020, the San Juan National Forest saw a tremendous increase in recreation, with many new forest visitors seeking outdoor experiences. This increase in visitation resulted in overflowing parking at trailheads and along

narrow National Forest System roads, often obstructing the roadway and damaging vegetation. Forest visitors created thousands of new dispersed campsites as they pulled off roads and damaged resources, again trampling vegetation and compacting soils with tents and vehicles. Visitors left new rock campfire rings at dispersed sites and negatively impacted municipal water supplies with human waste and trash. The forest reminds visitors of the importance of knowing and following best practices while recreating to help these trampled places heal and ensure we all enjoy our shared natural resources.

### Information roundup

#### Camping:

Visitors can find developed and dispersed camping information on our camping Web page: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/sanjuan/recreation/camping-cabins>. Many developed recreation sites and group campsites can be reserved through Recreation.gov.

To help keep wildlife wild and reduce unwanted encounters, campers must properly store food at campsites and follow Living with Wildlife guidance from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlife.aspx>.

Visitors looking for approved areas to dispersed camp must review the motor vehicle use map,

which identifies where vehicles can legally pull up to 300 feet off road if it does not damage soil or vegetation. Visitors must follow rules for dispersed camping. Do not damage vegetation, do not level a site and dismantle all structures (including fire rings) when you leave. Utilize sites that have already been impacted to avoid further damage. Pack out trash, human and pet waste.

To reduce crowding at trailheads and parking areas this year, the forest has marked certain trailheads with "No Parking" signs. If there is not available parking within designated areas, please try a new location — do not park off road on vegetation. The forest encourages healthy, active outdoor fun that supports Leave No Trace on the land principles. This is critical for visitors to the Weminuche Wilderness. Remember to leave the wild places you visit the way you would like to find them.

For direction on recreating responsibly, visit the forest regulations Web page at: [https://origin-fs.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd754176.pdf](https://origin-fs.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd754176.pdf).

#### Roads and trails:

Variable conditions can be expected on several high-country roads and trails during the season. Anticipate conditions that could impact travel such as closed roads, washed-out or debris-blocked trails, trails that are difficult to find, and dead or fire-weakened trees

that may fall at any time. Please be patient with forest officials who will be busy assessing conditions to ensure safe roads/trails and working with partners to maintain public access.

Trail work is planned across the Pagosa District trail system this field season. Visitors should know before they go, check route conditions, stay on designated routes and follow all signs. Visit the forest road status Web page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/> or call the local district for current route conditions.

#### Closures and law enforcement:

The forest is also working closely with local county officials to identify areas for increased visitor information specialists and patrol efforts. Forest recreation staff are exploring more sustainable options for managing these places into the future. Most notably, the Ice Lake Trail, outside of Silverton, Colo., saw tremendous visitation and burned in the Ice Fire. This area is under a forest closure order until critical life-safety trail and road work is complete, including the removal of fire-weakened trees, to ensure public safety.

#### Fire restrictions and preparedness:

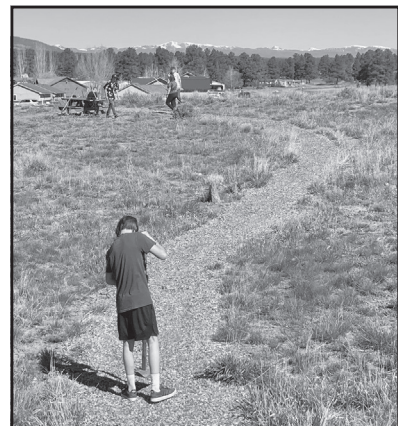
Unfortunately, the San Juan National Forest is still in extreme drought with an above-normal fire year predicted. Due to this danger and compounded by the increase in visitors, the forest is working closely with its state and local partners to determine when to implement fire restrictions. Regardless of when fire restrictions go into effect, the public is urged to be extremely cautious and follow best practices to prevent fires. Visitors are reminded to check current fire danger and restrictions before their visit.

#### Know before you go:

Visitors can get the most accurate recreation information by checking the San Juan National Forest Know Before You Go resources at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sanjuan/alerts-notices/?cid=fseprd608296>. In addition to weather forecasts and route conditions for the area, visitors should research how to make reservations on Recreation.gov, how to find campsites and whether campfires are allowed. Make your visit a safe and positive one. Know what you are doing, how to do it right and how to do it safely.

For more information, contact Pagosa Ranger District at (970) 264-2268.

For information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874.



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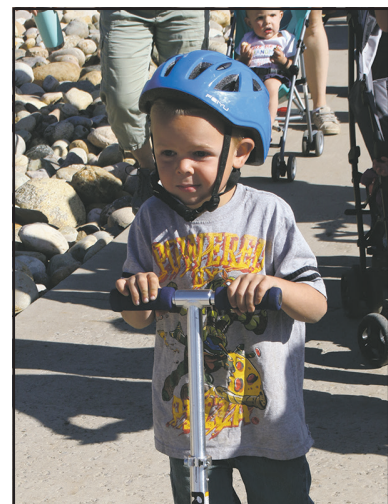
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## Walk for Moms

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As an extension of Mother's Day, Aspire celebrates motherhood at the annual Walk for Moms event at Yamaguchi Park on Saturday. Proceeds from the event provide free parenting classes and help offset prenatal care costs for patients as well as provide baby supplies and resources. Prizes were awarded for best dressed team, top team fundraiser and top walker.



# Tourism board discusses helping museum reopen

By Joe Napolitan  
Staff Writer

According to the agenda brief shared during the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting on Tuesday, May 11, a board member of the Pagosa Springs History Museum reached out to Tourism Director Jennifer Green in search of funds for operational expenses to reopen this year.

"They're struggling with how to reopen the museum, especially after being closed last year with COVID," Green stated during the meeting. "What they are asking for at that time is not necessarily a funding mechanism that we have in place."

The museum's website states, "we are not supported by any governmental entity and rely on donations and sales from our gift shop to pay for our employees, insurance, supplies, and utilities."

The agenda brief outlines that the funding applications of the tourism board are limited to events or infrastructure only. As a non-profit, the museum is not eligible to receive funding for operational expenses from the tourism board and previous requests have been denied.

"I just wanted to bring this to the board," Green said. "If you guys want to get creative, maybe consider the museum as an event and have them apply for event funding the same way as you do the farmers market or if there's some other way you guys would be willing to help guide them."

Green goes on to point out that with the permanent closure of the Fred Harman Art Museum, the Pagosa Springs History Museum would be the only museum available in town if it were open.

Mayor Don Volger pointed out that the farmers market is treated as an event, and shares more functional similarities to the seasonal

museum than any other event. "Do we need to redefine [the museum] in some form or fashion for funding?" asked the mayor.

"I think that's hard to compare because does the museum have numbers? How many people go there?" asked board member Julian Caler. "I know it's an important thing to have in our town, but I see tons of people go to the farmers market. That's something that's very active every weekend and I don't think the museum can be compared to that."

"I would just encourage any of you who haven't been there, it is really worthwhile," board member Jon Johnson said. "I wish they had some greater funds and ability to market because I think that it's an underutilized resource that we have. I think it might be beneficial [to find out] what kind of ask there would be and what those funds would go to maybe at the next meeting."

Green indicated she plans to reach out to the museum board to arrange for a formal request so that further discussion can take place during the tourism board's June meeting.

### Board considers disc golf signage at Cloman

The tourism board also further discussed its April approval of funding for the Disc Golf Club.

The agenda brief states that, during the April meeting, \$5,300 was approved to complete tee boxes for Cloman Park.

"When I met with the disc golf club after [the meeting], they really wanted to prioritize signage out at Cloman over the tee boxes," Green said. "Given that you guys specified the tee boxes, I wanted to bring this back before you."

Green continued, "There are tee boxes; they're rustic, but they work. Signage is definitely a missing component — it's extremely easy to get

lost out there. That would make the course more usable and perhaps in a future request they can focus on upgrading the tee boxes."

Green explained that the proposed signage will likely be arranged using wood and concrete. The proposed designs are detailed watercolor renderings similar to the style of signs seen at ski areas and would include the disc golf and Leave No Trace logos.

"I would like to see one get done. Let's get signs and tee boxes in at one location and then move on rather than separating it out," Caler said, referring to splitting the improvements between both courses at Cloman Park and Reservoir Hill.

"The disc golf club wants to prioritize Cloman over Reservoir Hill," Green clarified.

"The only thing that makes a system a system is consistent signage and branding because otherwise it's just a pile of trails that you've built and tee boxes," board member Michael Whiting said. "Signage is critical, shifting the look and feel towards alignment with the rest of our sign program, I think that's a given."

Green went on to say that she will make sure the county is on board before any funds are dispensed.

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# 'P.S. It's Okay'

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# Mental Health Awareness Walk this Saturday, May 22

By John Finefrock  
Rise Above Violence

The Mental Health Awareness Walk is this Saturday, May 22, and you are invited to this free event.

The walk was started in 2019 by Sarah Ross and Diana Scott, who were seniors at Pagosa Springs High School at the time.

In her speech at the walk in 2019, Ross explained the meaning behind the event's tagline: "P.S. It's Okay," which is also being used this year.

"Today I want to be the first to say to all of you at once: P.S. It's Okay. Pagosa Springs — it's OK to talk about mental health and I hope after today you pass on that message to yourself, the people around you and it spreads further than this town," Ross said.

This year, the seventh- through 12th-grade students of YouthRise are planning the event. They wished to continue the vision set forth by Ross and Scott two years ago, citing that mental health among young people has not been great amid the struggles and lack of in-person social interaction during the COVID-19 pandemic — and that mental health is not talked about openly in their lives.

They wanted to tell our community: People with

mental health issues are not alone — and there is help.

The walk will start at 10 a.m. at Town Park on Saturday and meander up main street, eventually ending at Yamaguchi Park, where informational booths will be set up with mental health resources and our guest speaker, Ethan Fisher, will speak around 11 a.m.

Fisher grew up in a family that didn't talk about mental health. He self-medicated throughout his teenage years, and developed a years-long battle with alcoholism and substance abuse that ultimately landed him in jail with a three-year prison sentence. Fisher has been sober since 2004 and was the first athlete in Colorado to play college basketball on "inmate status" during his sentence, where he earned all-conference and Most Valuable Player awards.

The first 50 people to register for the walk will receive a free event T-shirt and some are still available. You can register by sending an email to [john@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:john@riseaboveviolence.org) or by calling or texting (970) 403-5461.

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# Lunar eclipse, Stargazers meeting, free Life At Chimney Rock coming this month

By Joan Mieritz  
San Juan Stargazers

Our first public Night Sky Program will be Friday, May 21. The gate opens at 7:15 p.m., with the program "Our Solar System" starting in the Chimney Rock amphitheater at 8 p.m. This is a perfect time for locals to come, no reservations needed, but there is a program fee.

We will be completing our Night Sky programs this year with what

we are calling "Tour of the Night Sky." Haven't you always wanted to look up at the sky and know exactly what you are seeing? This month, Judith Jubb is preparing the tour that will include the brightest stars, constellations, visible planets and whatever else there is.

She is fantastic at knowing the night sky, but she will be preparing to make sure that nothing will be missed. This is something you can then start doing yourself.

There will be a total lunar

eclipse on the morning of Wednesday, May 26. Because it is a lunar eclipse, eye protection is not needed. It will be a super moon, meaning the moon is closer to Earth than it normally is because its orbit is not a circle, but an oval. The moon is at the narrowest part of the oval and appears larger. The eclipse will cause it to become a deep red blood moon and the color is expected to be exceptional. The eclipse begins at 2:47 a.m. The

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# Stargazers

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 full eclipse, the most dramatic part, begins at 5:11 a.m., with the maximum being at 5:18 a.m., and the full eclipse is over by 5:25 a.m. The end of the eclipse will not be visible from Pagosa because it will be below the horizon.

Our next Stargazer club meeting will be on Thursday, May 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center on Hot Springs Boulevard along the San Juan River. We will be sharing and critiquing all of the presentations that will be given at Chimney Rock National Monument Night Sky programs. We will show presentations on the ancient people of Chimney Rock, our solar system, and stars and galaxies, with people leaving brief written comments and suggestions.

Friday, May 28, will be our first members-only telescope viewing and training at Chimney Rock. The gate will open at 7 p.m. This will be our only opportunity to prepare for our important training session given by astronomer and observatory owner Steve McAllister on June 4. He will provide the best training for telescope use. He will be available for training starting at 1 p.m., but we are asking that members sign up and commit for the daytime hours. Because telescopes can pass coronavirus on the eyepiece, this is for members only. There will be strict rules on sharing of telescopes. If you have your COVID immunization card, please bring it. If you don't have a telescope, we have several extra available requiring prearrangements.

May 29 and 30 will be Life at Chimney Rock, which is a free event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be all kinds of activities for children and adults; and Native artists, some having ancestors from Chimney Rock, with beautiful jewelry, pottery and other artwork available. We are expecting to have the makers of the wonderful Navajo tacos. We are hoping to have a solar telescope to check on our favorite star, which is starting to have an increase in activity on its 11-year cycle. The reason we have

astronomy activities is that Chimney Rock was basically an ancient astronomy site for the Chacoan culture. We are happily continuing their legacy.

At all of our events, we will follow the COVID regulations for Archuleta County and Colorado for that date. Wear a mask if not vaccinated or in case it is again needed.

If you would like to join the San Juan Stargazers, you will also receive Reflector Magazine, which is the publication of the National

Astronomical League of which you automatically become a member. To join both groups and get an excellent astronomy magazine, annual membership is only \$25 per family. You can join at our events or by following the directions on our website.

The San Juan Stargazers Club is part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a website, [www.sanjuanstargazers.org](http://www.sanjuanstargazers.org). Hope to see you at an event.

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# Thingamajig sponsoring photo contest searching for a dog like ‘Sylvia’

By Carole Howard  
Thingamajig Theatre Company

The crown jewel of Thingamajig Theatre Company’s forthcoming 2021 summer season is the return of “Sylvia,” the touching canine comedy about a dog and her new owner, a middle-aged man who brings her home to live in his apartment in New York City, much to his wife’s distress.

Back by popular demand, “Sylvia” was the highlight of Thingamajig’s first season back in 2011, when Laura Moore played the part of “Sylvia” to huge acclaim. Now she will reprise the role from June 25 through Aug. 29 in honor of the theater’s 10th anniversary. Tim Moore, the theater’s producing artistic director, will direct the production.

In advance of the “Sylvia” opening, the Moores are holding a photo contest to find the perfect canine that best represents the character of the show’s star dog.

“We’re looking for a photo that’s cute, hilarious, sassy or heart-melting, one that pulls on the heart strings,” said Laura Moore. “Send us a picture of your beloved pooch and you’ll have a chance to win two free tickets to see ‘Sylvia.’ As well, the winning photo will be featured on the set of the play.”

## Tickets available now

You can find the dates and times of “Sylvia” and order tickets for the show on the theater’s website at [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or by phoning (970) 731-SHOW (7469). Tickets are \$35.

Also available are tickets for Dennis Elkins’ two one-man shows in a special limited engagement on July 7 and July 9 at 7 p.m. Tickets for the two Elkins evenings are \$35 each, available at [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or by phoning (970) 731-SHOW (7469).

Thingamajig is celebrating its 10th anniversary with this summer season.

“We can’t imagine a better way to commemorate this milestone than being able to reopen the theater with inspiring productions and fun events after the long COVID closure,” said Tim Moore.

Restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic required Thingamajig — like theaters around the world — to go dark on March 15, 2020. That resulted in a 15-month closure.

## Elkins to be featured in special engagement

Elkins, one of Thingamajig’s most admired artists, will return to Pagosa to perform in the first two plays of the autobiographical trilogy he wrote, produced and performs as a one-man show.

The first is “box.,” originally



Photo courtesy Carole Howard

In advance of Thingamajig Theatre Company’s summer season production of “Sylvia” (opening June 25), the theater is holding a photo contest to find the dog that best represents the character of the show’s star dog. The first entry featuring Doc and Noori and their toys has been submitted by Ginger and John Baxt, family of these English black labs.

performed in Pagosa to standing ovations and rave reviews by audiences at Thingamajig’s Playwrights Festival in 2018. Among the reactions: “Brilliant.” “Deeply incisive.” “Alternating very funny and hugely sad.” “A special treat to see such first-class acting in our

little mountain town.”

It focuses on the psychological trials in our lives associated with packing and unpacking boxes — literally and figuratively. We follow Elkins through major events in his adult life including his mother’s

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 death, his son's overdose, coming out of the closet and leaving academia at Fort Lewis College. It is an intensely moving and intimate portrayal, even comedic at times.

*His insightful storytelling offers wonderment and humor balanced against cynicism and fear of being the "other" while sharing tips for travelers that will reshape your own expectations for the changing world around us.*

After intermission, the audience will be treated to "bag—," the second installment of Elkins' personal trilogy. Pronounced "bag dash," the play had readings in Ireland, workshops in various American cities, and a virtual debut at the famed Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2020 under COVID conditions. This will be its second in-person U.S. production after its debut at the Denver Fringe a week before it comes to Pagosa.

"bag—" is based on Elkins' trip to India in the winter of 2017 as he approached his 60th birthday. In this poignant comedy of travel and identity, Elkins crisscrosses India via buses, tuk-tuks and taxis in hopes of uncovering the mysteries of life and middle-age, bringing along a three-item to-do list: seek guidance and wisdom from some appropriate spirit, scatter some of

his son's ashes in some appropriate place and see the Taj Mahal—not necessarily in that order.

The story showcases Elkins' writing and acting skills as well as his naïve world view as he attempts to find his future through a culture so different from his own. His insightful storytelling offers wonderment and humor balanced against cynicism and fear of being the "other" while sharing tips for travelers that will reshape your own expectations for the changing world around us.

### More on 'Sylvia' and the photo contest

The winner of the dog photo contest will be chosen by the cast of "Sylvia." Photos must be high resolution so they are suitable to be printed, meaning your smartphone should be set for the largest file size available. Email your entry to thingamajigbox@gmail.com.

"We have produced hundreds of shows for thousands of patrons over the past decade," said Tim Moore. "It is 'Sylvia' that is brought up more often than any other show with the request that we stage an encore run."

A multiple Drama Desk Award-nominated comedy, A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia" has been produced thousands of times on Broadway and in regional theaters.

"And for good reason," said Laura Moore. "It's comedy gold with a canine touch. I am thrilled to be playing Sylvia again for our Pagosa audiences."

### Two fundraising galas

Thingamajig's annual fundraising galas have become must-attend events on our community's festive summer social calendar because of exciting live performances and auctions for unique follow-up private events with the actors. This year's gala concerts will

be even more special because there are two of them and they will bring back some of the most popular cast members who have performed at Thingamajig over the past decade.

The theme of the first gala concert on July 31 is "The last 10 years," when the audience will be treated to the best numbers from previous

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# Four nonprofits selected to benefit from 19th Hole Concerts

By Tracy Pope

Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is excited to announce the 19th Hole Concerts benefiting local nonprofits are returning this July to the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

The four Archuleta County nonprofits selected as grant recipients through the Community Foundation are: Archuleta Housing, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Pagosa Pickleball Club and Thingamajig Theatre Company.

The 19th Hole Concerts are philanthropic community events that showcase an Archuleta County nonprofit and a local music talent on Thursday evenings in July, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The cover charge is a \$10 donation that supports the four nonprofits selected for the

2021 concerts. Corporate sponsors cover event expenses, allowing all proceeds at the end of the series to be pooled and distributed equally to the featured organizations. The collaborative promotion of the concerts is a key to their success. The goal for the events is to raise more than \$1,000 for each nonprofit.

New this year, patrons can purchase a four-punch pass online for \$40 throughout the month of June. Visit <http://bit.ly/19thHoleConcerts> to learn more about this convenient option.

“Our digital punch passes can be used by one person at four concerts, by two people at two concerts, or by four people at one concert — and anything in between,” said Bethany Bieth, chair of the Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation. “We are thrilled to be able to gather again in support of our local musicians and our local nonprofits.”

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to increase resiliency and success for nonprofits while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists to make southwest Colorado a better place to live. The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties.

Here is the concert schedule, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays in July:

July 8: Chimney Rock Interpretive Association — Bob Hemenger, Dixieland, jazz, blues, soul and pop.

July 15: Thingamajig Theatre Company — San Juan Mountain Boys, country, folk, pop and old rock.

July 22: Pagosa Pickleball Club — Zia Chicks, coffeehouse-style favorites.

July 29: Archuleta Housing, Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release, acoustic blues and more.

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Thingamajig musicals. The theme of the second on Aug. 5 is “The next 10 years,” which will feature musical performances from some great Broadway shows the Moores hope to produce in the future — “sort of our wish list or our bucket list,” as Tim Moore put it.

Past season ticket holders were given the first opportunity to purchase gala tickets and only a very limited number still are available as part of the season ticket package. To purchase that package, which also includes a ticket to “Sylvia” and other benefits, please phone (970) 731-SHOW (7469). They are not available on the theater website.

### COVID guidelines in Black Box

All of the summer events will take place in the theater’s Black Box under whatever COVID health

guidelines are in effect at the time — for example, relating to masks, social distancing and audience size. Because the logistics are likely to be subject to change, the Moores will remain flexible and nimble regarding various seating configurations and other requirements, given the ever-changing COVID environment. The actors will not be wearing masks, but they all will

be vaccinated.

Thingamajig Theatre Company is an award-winning professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Its talented actors, directors and designers come from across the U.S. and around the world to produce musicals, comedies and dramas year-round — COVID permitting, of course.

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# Taking back the reins

It is interesting to see how others respond when we choose to take control and stay in our own lane. This can be a change in direction for some, undesired territory for others. You know, when the pretty pony acts more like a stubborn mule, just because we need to stand our ground.

Al's brother has grown old as Al and I have grown older. It's true. While we get up and make our bed together, Al's brother wants my Sweet Al to find him a new housekeeper that will tuck him in. She can't be over a certain age and must have visual appeal. While we are more concerned with ensuring pots and pans are scrubbed before going to bed, Al's brother wants a dish who won't stay the night.

At 86, he still depends on Al, who is 83. From their earliest of days, Al has always been his brother's keeper. No matter the task or ask, he prides himself for "always" being there.

I said to my Sweet Al, "You've got to say no to your brother's demands."

Al quipped back, "It doesn't hurt anyone for me to do what he asks."

I don't know why I even say anything. Where we are today has been their mode of operation since the day the two learned to walk. Why change now? Well, probably because some things in life need a new track to run on.

Al's brother called from Albuquerque and demanded he crawl under his house to check on the water pipes. Not so long ago, he called and asked him to climb on the roof to remove ice. Neither of these are places that my Sweet Al needs to be.

A recent call, "My ex-wife is coming up for the weekend. Open the gate, turn on the heat and make sure everything is ready for her in the house."

That was the Friday in March when we received over 2 feet of snow from a single storm.

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



Al told his brother it wasn't a good idea for his ex-wife to travel. The conditions were bad and her car was not equipped to handle anything more than a light dusting of snow.

If I were a betting woman, I could have told you verbatim what would have followed. That evening, the phone rang. It was the pretty pony. "Why didn't you plow out the driveway? She's stuck. Who's going to pull her out?"

Nothing in me wants to relive all that followed, when my Sweet Al told his brother in short, "I told you she shouldn't have come."

I would ask why the family drama from the south continues to invade my peaceful home, but I already know the answer. With that, there are times I just want to knock Al's brother off his high horse.

I realize how that sounds, but all of us have to change our narrative at some point. Don't we owe it to ourselves to recognize our own boundaries, defining a threshold by saying "no"?

In fairness, my Sweet Al is getting better control of his own bridle. And, with that, knowing when to pull back when leading demands become nonsensical. It's the only way to manage these types of situations less we enable those around us to trot all over us.

The blue ribbon? My Sweet Al has a servant's heart. There is no one he wouldn't want to help or please, even an old and feeble brother who thinks of himself as an 86-year-old stud.

Final brushstroke: There comes a point when we need to spit out the bit and let others do their

own bidding. Yes, sometimes the growth of change is painful, especially when you are the recipient of hollow words that cause you to retreat more than parade ahead. But, eventually the stallion has to be put to pasture so the rest of us can focus on our own barn.

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## Mental Health Awareness Walk



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**MAY 22**

Register 9-10 a.m.

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Resource booths will be set up with information.

First 50 to register receive a t-shirt.

Guest speaker  
**Ethan Fisher**

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

## Thursday, May 20

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an achievable plan to complete your goals. Earning your GED is possible at any stage in life, and we can help. Call (970) 264-2209 or email [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org) for more information.

**Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.** 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at (970) 903-9690, or Nate at (970) 507-1004.

## Friday, May 21

**Take and Make DIY: Book Tote.** 2-3 p.m., Facebook. Join us on Facebook as Brad will demonstrate how easy it is to create a long-lasting tote made from a hardcover book. Supplies and instructions will be available for pickup beginning May 17, and a video tutorial will appear on Facebook and the library's website. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Peak Open School presents Car Hop Movie Nights.** Dusk, Pagosa Peak Open School, 7 Parelli Way. Entrance is by donation; \$20 per vehicle is the suggested donation. Concessions will be available for purchase for the first 30 minutes of each movie. For movie titles, showtimes and to reserve your spot, email [movies@ppos.co](mailto:movies@ppos.co).

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**Open House.** 3-5 p.m. 147 Kelsey Circle. For more information, contact Pam Eaton-Scott (970) 946-9959.

**DUST2: High School Girls' After-School Program.** 3:30-5:30 p.m.,

Dakota Springs Trailhead. A program for any girl in the 8th through 12th grade who wants to bike after school. Loaner bikes are available for anyone who does not have one. If you want to participate, you must register and fill out a waiver form, which can be found on the website [www.dustx2.org](http://www.dustx2.org).

**Night Sky: Our Solar System.** 8-10 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Guests will proceed to the amphitheater for the first part of the program, an introductory talk such as how the ancient people used the unique landscape of the area to view the sky. This program is designed to include telescope viewing, which might be omitted for the safety of all. If permitted, we will drive to the High Mesa parking lot, where volunteers await with telescopes. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

## Saturday, May 22

**Mysteries of Chimney Rock Tour.** 7:30-9:45 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This engaging early-morning tour is led by a trained tour guide. The tour will spotlight a number of general topics aimed at interpreting the history and significance of Chimney Rock and the ancestral Puebloans who inhabited the area over a thousand

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years ago. You will learn about the connection of Chimney Rock to the greater Chacoan culture, the significance of the mesa top Great House, and the day-to-day lives of the inhabitants. Bring your curiosity, cameras, sturdy shoes and water. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

**Birding at Chimney Rock.** 8-10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program in partnership with the local Audubon Society is a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn about birds native to the area. Experienced Audubon birders will lead and assist the group, walking nature trails in the lower area. This program takes place off trail, on uneven ground, with some mild up and down walking. Exact location will vary. Bring your own binoculars if you have them. Tickets are \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

**LEGO Challenge.** 10 a.m. Facebook. Break out your LEGO bricks and join the challenge. A new challenge will be presented each month. Check the specifications to see what you can create. No LEGOs? No problem. Stop by the library to pick up a grab bag that will help you complete the challenge. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

**Mental Health Awareness Walk.** 10 a.m.-noon, Yamaguchi Park. Hosted by the 7th-through 12th-grade students of YouthRise. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Town Park, and the first 50 people to register get a free T-shirt. We will walk from Town Park up main street down Hot Springs Boulevard and the walk will end at Yamaguchi Park,

where there will be mental health resources, booths and a guest speaker. For more information, visit <http://www.riseaboveviolence.org/april---sexual-assault-awareness-month.html>.

**GriefShare Support Group.** 10-11:30 a.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. A grief support group for those grieving the death of a spouse, parent, child or other family member or friend. The program consists of a video session, discussion and workbook for participants. A warm and safe place. We know it hurts and we want to help. For more information, call (970) 946-9379 or (970) 731-2205.

**Open House.** 1-3 p.m. 147 Kelsey Circle. For more information, contact Pam Eaton-Scott (970) 946-9959.

**Discovery Time.** 2:30 p.m. Facebook. For all ages. New videos are posted to Facebook each Saturday. View to explore new games, art ideas, science experiments, history, activities and more. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

## Monday, May 24

**Medicare Counseling by Appointment.** Are you turning 65 or confused about Medicare? The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging offers counseling through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Kay at (970) 403-2165 or send an email to [kkaylor@sjbaaa.org](mailto:kkaylor@sjbaaa.org).

**Line Dancing.** 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Line dancing is back. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. Face masks/face shields are required. For more information, call Beverly at (970) 264-2064.

**Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs.** 7 p.m. Online.

A discussion on “Coping with Tensions of Living.” Are you searching for balance in today’s world? Go to Meetup.com and find “Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, Colorado.” Click on the red attend online link provided.

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**HER Story.** 8:30-9:30 a.m., PMAB + Movement, 140 Country Center Drive, Unit 2. A women's group providing a safe, supportive space to grow and heal as you share your story. An opportunity to meet other women in your community in a peer-supported group focused on healing from trauma, abuse or violence. Email us with any questions at [contactus@riseaboveviolence.org](mailto:contactus@riseaboveviolence.org).

**Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.** 10 a.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Veterans and associated members are invited. Social distancing is required at this time. Contact (970) 799-8387 for more details.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, 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.

**WHIPS Women Helping in Pagosa Springs.** 11:30 a.m., Ole Miner's

Steakhouse. Luncheon is \$15 and all women are welcome. Please RSVP to (970) 946-1895.

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

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Zoom. For youth in the 6th-12th grades. Join us on Zoom to help plan library events. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89176442784> to join the meeting, and let us know what you think the library should be doing for you. Contact the library at (970) 264-2209 for further information.

**English as a Second Language.** 4-8 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 4-6 p.m. and intermediate students are encouraged to attend from 6-8 p.m.

**Community in Conversation.** 5:30-7 p.m., Zoom. Join us for a Zoom discussion group on topics of importance to our town. This discussion book will be "Small Town America: Finding Community, Shaping the Future" by Robert Wuthnow. If you'd like to attend, send your email address to [sarah.riehm@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.riehm@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom invitation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Principles Before Personalities Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.** 7 p.m., Tennyson Building Event Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Contact Charlotte or Ken at (970) 903-9690, or Nate at (970) 507-1004.

**Full Moon Program.** 8:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This

program occurs against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site, such as the Ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories or area geology. Then, guests watch the full moon rise to the music of Charles Martinez's Native American flute. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. There is a \$20 fee for attending or \$25 to attend the Full Moon Program with an early tour. Guests attending the early tour can check in at the Visitor Cabin by 6:30 p.m. Guests who plan to attend the Full Moon Program only, check in at the Visitors Cabin between 7 and 7:15 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.chimney-rockco.org](http://www.chimney-rockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

## Wednesday, May 26

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**Kids Kare.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. COVID mandates will be followed, including social distancing and masks. For more information or to register, go to [coloradocef.org/GNC](http://coloradocef.org/GNC).

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**San Juan Stargazers.** 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center. Come early for coffee and tea. We will be sharing and critiquing all of the presentations that will be given at the Chimney Rock National Monument Night Sky Programs. For more information, visit [www.sanjuanstargazers.org](http://www.sanjuanstargazers.org).

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**Literary Ladies Book Club.** 10:15 a.m.- noon, Zoom. They will be discussing "The Giver of Stars" by JoJo Moyes. Contact the library if you need help accessing the meeting or if you need a copy of the book. Contact Marilyn at [bakestroud@aol.com](mailto:bakestroud@aol.com) if you have questions about the club. Send Brad an email to [brad@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:brad@pagosalibrary.org), and he will send you the Zoom invitation. Zoom meeting ID: 859 2949 6860, passcode: 81147.

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All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, May 23, at 10 a.m. for our presentation, “Opening Gateways To The Intentional Heart.” Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

Our sanctuary is sanitized and set up for social distancing.

We will have spirited live music.

## Upcoming events

Meditation Circle is now every Monday at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

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

Friday, May 28: Honoring Veterans Dance Concert, time to be determined.

June 17, 5:30 p.m.: Summer Con-

cert to benefit local nonprofit agencies.

Please call/text (970) 510-0309 or (970) 309-6067 for information on upcoming events.

## 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 the philosophies of Centers for Spiritual Living and Agape Centers. New Thought honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine.

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 the Pagosa Lodge (elevator available).

Request prayer treatment or obtain information by joining

us; emailing [pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com](mailto:pagosacommunitynewthought@gmail.com); mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or calling (970) 309-6067. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or YouTube (Pagosa New Thought Channel).

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# 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, May 23, our theme is consultation.

“The Great Being saith: The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with the two luminaries

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# Free Colorado Talking Book Library ideal for those with difficulty reading

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

The Colorado Talking Book Library (CTBL) is a free service from your library that lends talking (audio) and Braille books and magazines, as well as large-print books, for people who have eye issues, or have physical or learning disabilities that make it difficult to read regular books. All of the audio books and most Braille books are also available for on-demand downloads.

The CTBL wants you to know that talking books are not just for blind people — although they are a godsend for people unable to see. The service is also available to people who experience physical disabilities or illnesses that prevent them from holding a book, sitting up for longer periods of time, have a learning disability or difficulty turning the pages of a book.

Importantly, talking books are completely free — there is no charge for the books, no charge for the talking book player and no charge for the postage to mail the books back to the library. Your books come through the U.S. Postal Service with all postage paid.

The CTBL, located in Denver, serves people of all ages. Their

## Library News

youngest user is 3 years old and the oldest is 104. The library has more than 6,500 talking (audio) books, 23,000 Braille books and 24,000 large-print books, with new books added each month. You can even tell your preferences to CTBL.

To sign up, go to <https://myctbl.cde.state.co.us/> and click on Getting Started/Application.

### Hours back to pre-COVID levels

We are delighted that the robust local vaccination program for our community and your library staff means that our hours have returned to pre-COVID levels — and even more on weekdays:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday the library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. That's one additional hour on Fridays.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays the library is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. That's one additional hour each day.

- Saturdays the library is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. That's two hours fewer this day — but a total of 55 hours open each week, as compared to 54 in pre-COVID times.

Masks are encouraged in the library, but are no longer required.

For those uncomfortable with coming into the building, curbside service continues. Phone (970) 264-2209 when you are in the parking lot so staff can bring the items out for you. If you put a hold on something, please wait for your usual alert (email, phone call or text) before coming to pick it up.

### Activities calendars

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

### LEGO challenge Saturday

Join us on May 22 at 10 a.m. for  
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## Devotionals

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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 human 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 at the above email address.



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 a free all-ages LEGO challenge via an image posted on Facebook and the library website. Use your own pieces to create something that will fit the challenge. If you don't have LEGOs, we have a few grab bags available at the library.

## Teen advisory board

Next Tuesday, May 25, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. on Zoom. Sixth- through 12th-graders are invited to bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs.

## New writing challenge

On Monday, May 17, we posted a new writing challenge on the library's Facebook page. We hope you will challenge your creativity by participating in this free all-ages activity.

## Storywalk for kids

Every other Thursday, Josie posts signs outside the library that follow the sidewalk up toward the elementary school detailing a new free Storywalk for kids. The May 21-June 2 theme is hiking. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

## Knitting takeaways

Pick up free knitting takeaways at the library entrance during open hours to take for your in-home enjoyment. We'll have patterns, craft ideas, instructions and some limited supplies available.

## After-school program

In response to COVID, we have revamped our free after-school program into STEAM enrichment kits, STEAM standing for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, for ages 5 and up. Registration is required at (970) 264-2209. Pick up your kit and then bring your completed projects back to the library to be displayed in the last week of the month.

## DIY crafts takeaway for kids

Drop by during open hours to pick up free DIY crafts takeaways for youngsters age 10 and older outside the building.

## Tech Time — no appointment needed

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Appointments are no longer required, but we will honor any appointments that were previously made. Brad will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

## ESL — no appointment needed

Free in-person classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. (note the new

hours). Appointments are no longer required, but we will honor any appointments that were previously made.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Join us Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. for Dungeons and Dragons free for teens and young adults on Google Meet. Contact [claire@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:claire@pagosalibrary.org) to learn how to join. If you don't have Internet access, contact us anyway — we may be able to accommodate you in the library. We are beginning a new adventure this month, so it's the perfect time for new players to begin.

## Children's programs on Facebook

Thursdays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., join us on the library's Facebook page for free children's programs. Thursday storytimes are on Facebook Live, so you can interact with Josie. Saturday's Discovery Times — with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more — are prerecorded.

## Adult education — no appointment needed

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) session takes place in person Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. (note the new time), where Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Appointments are no longer required, but we will honor any appointments that were previously made.

## Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"Olympus, Texas" by Stacey

Swann combines classical mythology and psychological complexity with a modern family saga. "Hour of the Witch" by Chris Bohjalian is a historical thriller set in Boston in 1662. "Basil's War" by Stephen Hunter features an undercover British spy searching for an ecclesiastic manuscript. "21st Birthday" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro is the latest in the Women's Murder Club series.

## Other novels

"Thrawn Ascendancy" by Timothy Zahn is the second book in this Star Wars sci-fi/fantasy trilogy. "The Last Green Valley" by Mark Sullivan follows a Ukrainian family of German heritage who must decide between following the Nazis or the Soviets. "Family Reunion" by Nancy Thayer is a multigenerational story set on Nantucket. "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir features a man who faces an impossible task in space. "A Dog's Courage" by W. Bruce Cameron tells of a brave dog caught in a raging wildfire. "Great Circle" by Maggie Shipstead is the tale of two women whose fates collide across geographies and centuries.

## Large print

"How to Age Without Getting Old" by Joyce Meyer offers advice on how to embrace God's grace for the changing seasons in our lives.

## Nonfiction

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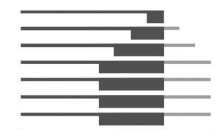


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# ‘Wristband, my man ...’

By Sharee Grazda  
PREVIEW Columnist

## A Matter of Faith

Driving to town for errands, I switched on the radio, heard a couple so-so tunes, then was caught up in the lyrics and beat of a song.

“Wristband, my man, you’ve got to have a wristband, if you don’t have a wristband, you don’t get through the door,” Paul Simon crooned. Repeatedly, he urged the hearer to understand—if you don’t have a wristband, you are not going in the concert door.

The lyrics made me realize I’ve never been to a public event where I was issued a wristband beforehand for my entry. My familiarity is with the days of showing up to a venue, buying a ticket, saying hello to friends and finding a seat.

With ticket outlets online, many concerts, sporting events and other major attractions often sell out in minutes, with attendance in the tens of thousands.

Then came 2020 and the world-

wide pandemic.

The modern way suddenly became the old way, and concerts, church services, sporting events, business meetings, even funerals and weddings are watched online.

Young and older, we are all adapting to yet another new way of attending an event.

More recently, the allure of soaking in steamy geothermal springs with cobalt blue skies overhead, snow-capped mountains on the horizon, and Canada Geese honking and cruising overhead was more than I could resist.

Grabbing my bag of essentials (towel, check; water shoes, check; floppy hat, check), I headed out, stopping for a flavored drink at a

drive-through shop on my way.

The friendly young lady at the counter took my credit card payment and handed me a wristband to wear during my stay in the pools.

Since I entered on a Tuesday, my wristband was bright yellow and sported “TUESDAY” in bold black letters in various fonts along its length. The lady advised me there were 19 pools I could enter, others I could not and my entry was good for that day only.

Peeling off the adhesive tab and wrapping the band around my wrist, I was reminded of my thoughts when I heard the Simon song.

The mantra of the song, as well as my spa wristband, brought to mind that as in the material world, there are specific ways of doing things, rules and guidelines, so too there are specific ways, rules and guidelines, in our spiritual life.

Slowly relaxing into the warm, soothing waters, I began to mull

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## Library

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thing Is Fine” by Vince Granata explores the tragedy of the author’s mother’s violent death in the hands of his brother who has schizophrenia.

### Books on CD

“Reunion Beach” is an anthology of short stories, letters, poems and essays in tribute to Dorothea Benton Frank by bestselling authors and writers. “A Gambling Man” by David Baldacci is a thriller featuring Aloysius Archer, the straight-talking World War II veteran.

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### Quotable quote

“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.” — Saint Francis of Assisi.

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# ‘That moment made it all worth it’

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

Grant and Emma had just seen the last of their children married. Ed was almost 60, and Emma was only a couple of years younger. They now talked about all the wonderful things they would do together during their retirement years. Then the COVID virus came.

It was only a couple of months after everything started shutting down when Emma came down with a cough. Grant was concerned, but Emma assured him it was probably nothing more than a cold. But as her cough and complications became worse, Grant pressed her to go to the

hospital. She resisted as long as possible, but eventually her condition worsened until she relented.

Grant got Emma to the hospital, and shortly after they arrived, she slipped into a coma. He wanted to be with her, but the head nurse wouldn't let him.

“I'm afraid that COVID restrictions don't allow anyone in except hospital workers.”

Grant fell into a chair in the waiting room. He didn't know what to do. Emma was his whole life. He wanted to be with her, to help her, to take care of her. Suddenly, the head nurse's words came back to him. He stood and walked to the hospital administrative office and asked

to speak to the human resource director.

“May I help you?” the director asked.

“Am I right in assuming you're looking for additional help?” Grant asked.

“Yes,” the director said. “We have been shorthanded since the COVID hit.”

“I would like to apply to work here,” Grant said.

“What nursing experience do you have?” the director asked.

“I have taken care of my wife and our six children when they've been sick.”

The director looked at Grant  
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## Faith

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over those scriptures about the sudden return of Christ to save this planet and its inhabitants from complete destruction by human hands, and to establish His rule.

Everything that was written and preserved in the Bible is to teach us, to encourage us, to invite us, so that we might through endurance retain our hope for such a time and event.

How, when and where all this will transpire is not given to us in detail; much is left to our imagination, as well as our understanding of major events in history and prophecy.

What we are told is that Jesus will welcome to His kingdom those He knows. He knows them because they know Him and have been in a relationship leading to this moment.

All will be astonished at His appearing — how could they not be? It will be a “once” in “ever” event!

Some will be pleased to see Him, others will not. We are told there will be distress as well as disbelief by many.

Joyful tears and utter amazement will overcome the hearts and minds of those who have longed for His appearing.

At His word those who appear before Him will be sent to His right or His left, welcomed or denied entry to His kingdom.

Why will some be sent right and some left?

Like a fan's decision to decide if, when and where to attend an event, and my determination to enjoy the springs on locals' Tuesday, it goes back to choices made by the individual in relation to guidelines set out by the One in Charge.

Did he or she choose to walk the straight and narrow path, with a desire to live in accordance with God's good plan? Even when they failed, did they try again and again? Did they choose personal freedom and their rights — or to be willingly tied with cords of love and submission to the God of Israel and His “right hand man,” Jesus the Christ?

There will be a onetime event, unlike any other before it, and never to be repeated. This banquet, to usher in the reign of the new king of the world, headquartered in Jerusalem, will not require a wristband for admission.

Sadly, many will not have accepted the invitation and made proper preparation.

Most who appear before Jesus will be clothed in the filthy rags bought by the wages of unrepented sins; told they are not suitably dressed for the occasion, their entrance will be denied.

A small faithful remnant, long dead or recently dead, as well as those alive at the occurrence, will be dressed in clean and fresh white garments, paid for by the precious life of Jesus — and invited in.

“It is I who made the earth, and I who created mankind upon it,” God says of Himself, and declares His plan to prosper us and not to harm us, to give us hope and a future.

He is the God of Hope, from the very beginning He spoke of His plan and purpose: to fill the earth, meaning the people, with His glory. The glory of the Lord is His character — His goodness, His mercy, His steadfast love.

We are told His word will not return to Him unfulfilled, but will accomplish what He desires and achieve the purpose for which it was given.

What an encouragement — that God keeps His promises.

That purpose — to fill the earth with His glory — involves people. Ordinary people. Young people, old people, people of all parts of the earth and from all ages. People like you and me.

People found worthy, not of their own perfection, but because they believed and claimed the promises of forgiveness, grace and mercy, will hear their name spoken out loud by Jesus and be welcomed to join Him.

That's what it takes — belief, trust, desire, fellowship, steadfastness — to be extended the greatest

of invitations.

Please, the choice is yours: pursue a better life now and life eternal in the kingdom of God will await you.

“Garment of white, my man, you've got to have a garment of white ...”

*This column includes both fiction and nonfiction, and views expressed do not necessarily represent those of The SUN. Submissions can be sent to editor@pagosasun.com.*



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skeptically, so Grant explained that his wife was in the hospital, and he wanted the job so he could be near her.

“I’m a good worker,” he added. “You realize it doesn’t pay well and could be dangerous?” the director asked. “You could get COVID and die.”

Grant said he was aware of the risks. The director considered it briefly, then nodded. He had the secretary help Grant through the paperwork, and Grant started his new job the next evening.

Being a professor, Grant taught college classes on Zoom during the day and then worked the evening shift at the hospital. Soon he was well-known for his diligent work ethic and his attentiveness to patients. One nurse said she felt their losses would have been higher without his help.

Each evening after his shift ended, he would sit by Emma’s bedside and read to her as he held her hand. Sometimes he felt like there were small signs she knew he was there, a slight smile or the tiniest movement

of her hand.

Months went by, and many patients came and went. But Emma’s condition never changed. But then, after four months, it did. But not for the better. Her blood clots worsened, and she struggled to breathe, even with the help of machines.

Then the night came that she opened her eyes for just a brief moment and smiled at Grant as he read to her. He pulled her into his arms, and she spoke briefly to him, then she was gone.

Grant was the only family member at the funeral, though their children and grandchildren connected in with hundreds of others on Zoom. Grant spoke, sharing his love for Emma. But as he did, he struggled to control his cough.

Grant soon was in the hospital himself, struggling to breathe. For a couple of weeks, no one was sure he would live, but then he started to get better. When he had sufficiently healed, he came back to work to help all he could. One day, the human resources director stopped to visit with him.

“Grant, you’ve worked here for

months, and I understand you only got to speak briefly to your wife. You struggled with COVID and nearly died. Has it all been worth it?”

Granted nodded. “That moment made it all worth it. As Emma was leaving, she told me she loved me. But then she said, ‘I knew you were here for me. Now it’s my turn to be there for you.’”

“But she’s gone,” the director said.

“Yes,” Grant replied. “But at times, I sense she is with me and always will be. Not even death can separate our love.”

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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 semipalmated plover.

At first glance, this bird might be mistaken for a killdeer, a bird commonly seen in our area and at all times of year. However, if you spot the two together, the physical differences are apparent.

The semipalmated plover, stopping here in migration, is a small shorebird, brown on top and white underneath. It has a rounded head and short, stubby bill colored orange at the base, a white collar around its short neck and a single black breast band. The larger adult killdeer has a black bill and two black chest bands.

Unlike other shorebirds that use long, sensitive bills to probe in the mud for food, plovers use their small, powerful bills to snatch food from the surface. Equipped with large eyes for spotting prey, the semipalmated plover feeds by running along the shoreline for several steps, stopping and staring at the ground, and pecking at the insects, crustaceans or worms that it sees. It may startle prey into moving by rapidly stirring one foot over the sand or mud ahead of it. Semipalmated is a reference to the partial webbing between its toes.

This is one of the most common small plovers seen across North America in migration. It travels to the subarctic for breeding, where it nests in open sites on gravel bars, and on shale or sandy areas near lakes, marshes or rivers. It spends winters in marine habitats along both coasts of the United States to as far south as South America. It is one of the few plover species whose numbers are increasing due to its widespread winter distribution.

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

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# Malnutrition among adults 60 and better is an underfunded and ongoing problem

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

As our community has grown, ASI has been working hard to keep up with the demand for meals and supplemental food in our area. Funding and staffing levels do not always match need, here or elsewhere in the country. The New York Times reported on April 10 that “in Charlotte, N.C., and nine surrounding counties, for example, the waiting list for Meals on Wheels averaged about 1,200 people.”

In our county, so far we have been able to keep up and have not wait-listed Meals on Wheels requests. But this is not a given — funding always lags behind demand. The demand for meals in our service area has nearly doubled in the last year, with little sign of letting up. Program funding directly supports our neighbors, co-workers and our community as a whole.

COVID relief packages send nutrition program funds into our area. These funds are not “extra” monies. Instead, they make up for funding shortfalls that have been growing year-on-year since 2014 here in Pagosa and Archuleta County. Even with foundation funding and private donors, without the emergency COVID funding, we would not have been able to meet area need last year or this year.

To ensure that we’re serving as many people as possible, ASI works in close cooperation with local and regional services agencies, funding partners and community advisors.

## Senior News

These partners help us to identify underserved areas. We then adjust our outreach and work to secure funding, staff, volunteers and delivery options to expand into those areas.

Our SIMPLE Nutrition is an example of expansion to meet need. SIMPLE Nutrition was piloted in 2015-2016. It provides targeted, supplemental nutrition, support and counseling — key support that eligible adults 60 and better in our community can receive in addition to Meals on Wheels and congregate meals. This program has been very successful, providing good nutrition beyond the mid-day meal and through the weekends for eligible adults 60 and better.

Our website provides information about ASI programs here in Pagosa Springs, as well as resources for wellness and aging. You can also use our website to make reservations with The Community Café for take-out and Meals on Wheels at: <http://www.psseniors.org/>.

### Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to boating.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 24 = A)

A. 4 24 12 17 5 24

Clue: Place to store boats

B. 3 22 10 24 5

Clue: Body of water

C. 7 12 24 9 10 13

Clue: Make a journey

D. 8 24 9 10 6

Clue: Curling water

Answers: A. marina B. ocean C. travel D. waves

# BOATING BASICS WORD SEARCH

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- ADRIFT
- ANCHOR
- BEAM
- BELOW
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- BUOY
- CABIN
- CHART
- CLEAT
- CUDDY
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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.

## Dishes and china

Have old dishes or china that you no longer want to use or store? The Community Café is accepting donations of old dishes or china. Please call (970) 264-2167 for more information or to donate.

## 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.

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.

There will be no games, classes or presentations during this time. The staff will be available by phone. If you need to speak to a staff member, please call (970) 264-2167.

## The Community Café menu

Thursday, May 20 — Pork ribs, black beans, milk, salad and banana pudding.

Friday, May 21 — Carrot soup, yellow squash casserole, milk, salad and coconut cake.

Monday May 24 — Chicken piccata, orzo, hot artichoke dip with pita chips, milk, salad and lemon bars.

Tuesday, May 25 — Stir-fried pork, glazed carrots, milk, salad and tapioca pudding.

Wednesday, May 26 — Mediter-

ranean tuna salad sandwich, broccoli salad, milk, salad and chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday, May 27 — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at (970) 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to drive through and pick up a meal.

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.

Due to COVID-19, food supplies have been affected. Substitutions will be made accordingly.

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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Playground staple
- 6 Give a hand?
- 10 G.I. offense
- 14 Solitary sort
- 15 Colombian crop
- 16 Post-WWII alliance
- 17 Deduce
- 18 Alternative to steps
- 19 Choral voice
- 20 Chick's chirp
- 21 Luau servings
- 23 Domain
- 25 Stick together
- 26 Sometimes it's hidden
- 28 Approval power
- 30 Wayside stop
- 31 High spirits
- 33 Talk bad about
- 37 Like barcodes
- 40 State under oath
- 41 Latin dance
- 42 "Yes, \_\_\_!"
- 43 Sharply dressed
- 45 Where charity begins
- 47 Something wicked?
- 50 Danielle of romance novels
- 51 Lump in one's throat
- 54 Dennis the Menace's dog
- 57 Bread for a gyro
- 58 Indian garment
- 59 Pull strings?
- 60 Line on a map
- 61 Grander than grand
- 62 Kitchen strainer
- 63 Beach site
- 64 Latest thing
- 65 Art studio item

## DOWN

- 1 Lose traction
- 2 Famous Ranger
- 3 Logical conclusion
- 4 Intensify, as feelings
- 5 Slip up
- 6 Theater curtain offering
- 7 Pawn shop
- 8 Top spot
- 9 Vatican rule
- 10 Literary repetition
- 11 Pixar title robot
- 12 Riverbank romper
- 13 Baggy
- 21 Not fancy at all
- 22 Write a check for later
- 24 Navy bigwigs
- 26 Draws a bead on
- 27 Nibble on
- 28 Dogcatcher's quarry
- 29 "Excuse me..."
- 32 Take a breather
- 34 Givens
- 35 Kind of chance
- 36 Now's partner
- 38 Like craft fair goods
- 39 Slack off
- 44 Promo
- 46 Weightlifter's worry
- 47 Pants style
- 48 "So long", in Sonora
- 49 Brazilian port
- 50 Cake serving
- 52 One of a bear trio
- 53 Stuffed shirt
- 55 Prime number
- 56 Have a hunch
- 59 "What's the \_\_\_?"

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### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# It all began with pizza

By Laura Roberts McHenry  
PREVIEW Columnist

In the mid-1960s, my dad served on the school board in Cortez, in rural southern Colorado. He recalled that at one meeting, he said something a little too liberal because a fellow board member invited him to “step outside.”

Fast forward some 55 years and not much has changed in this town of 8,500 in Montezuma County. Cortez still has its Old West traditions of doing things as they’ve always been done for decades, though more than one quarter of residents are now Hispanic or Native American. It’s a gun rights stronghold and to say residents are mostly conservative is putting it mildly.

But what surprised me this year was a painful public example of outright intolerance.

I don’t know Lance McDaniel, 64, well, but I’ve learned that he went to high school here, then left to grow a career and a family elsewhere in Arizona and California. When he moved back, he felt a need to serve his community, so stepped up in 2018 to fill a vacancy on the school board. He said he soon realized he wasn’t fitting in, but things came to a head a few months ago.

It all began with pizza. McDaniel and others from a local church had been reading about how difficult it was for LBGTQ+ students to fit into middle school. So, the group decided to show the kids that there were friendly people around by delivering free pizzas to three Rainbow Clubs established for LBGTQ+ students in the schools.

The group figured the kids needed community support, having read that several national surveys showed that “four out of five gay and lesbian students say they don’t know one supportive adult at school.”

As for the students, their reaction to the outside support for their get-togethers combined gratitude and relief: “It’s nice to have a place (to eat pizza) where we can hang out with no judgment,” said one student. “It’s nice to be able to talk with people my own age,” said another. McDaniel said it was clear that the kids liked the attention, “always thanking everyone involved” when the pizza showed up.

Somehow, though, as social media began telling the story, “pizza parties” of gender-fluid students were repeatedly mentioned in a negative way. It all came to a head when a virtual school board meeting was interrupted by people complaining loudly about these odd “pizza parties.” Worse, McDaniel and his family became the targets of threats and denuncia-

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tions on social media.

Then last July, a petition to oust McDaniel from the school board began to circulate, with a recall election slated for Feb. 16, 2021, if passed.

The petition charged that in several of his posts on social media about social justice, McDaniel had “... proven to be a poor role model for our children.” The petition added, “We need school board members that understand leadership and the power of mentoring, and know not to voice their personal, political, or social opinions that could influence children.”

McDaniel told the local press that he stood by his social media posts.

“My personal opinion is that (conservatives) have bullied us long enough, and that we don’t need to be quiet. If I see racism, I’ll point it out; if I see someone being oppressed, I’ll say something about it,” he said to local radio station KSJD.

McDaniel lost the recall by a two-to-one vote in an election that cost the school district \$21,000. He could have been voted out for free, as his appointed seat was up in November.

Still, this punitive recall failed to silence McDaniel’s voice. On social media he still sticks up for the underdog and likes to share a quote from Charles Dickens: “Never ... be mean in anything; never be false; never be cruel. Avoid those three vices ... and (we) can always be hopeful.” And McDaniel and his church friends continue to drop off pizzas for kids at their Rainbow Clubs.

But there’s a new problem: Stories are circulating that the school board wants to close down the Rainbow Clubs. To head that off, some community members presented a petition to the board on May 11, asking for support of the clubs and the students who enjoy getting together.

Let’s let them eat pizza in peace. *Laura Roberts McHenry is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about Western issues. She said she wrote this column because “prejudice is hurting children and nothing could be worse than that.”*



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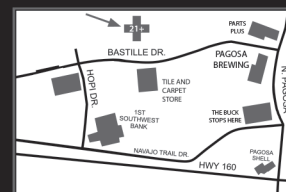


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# Information on rabbit ownership

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

Domestic rabbits can be raised for a variety of uses, including wool production, fur production, meat production and show animals.

With over 49 recognized breeds in the U.S., there are an assortment of rabbits for every use. Some of the more common breeds include angora (used for wool production), New Zealand whites (used for meat production) and American chin-chilla (used for fur production).

Raising rabbits is a good option for small acreages because it doesn't take much space. Typical weights range from small (3-4 pounds), medium (9-12 pounds) and large (14-16 pounds). Each doe can produce 25-50 rabbits per year.

If you are new to rabbit ownership, it is important to keep in mind that your rabbit is not the same as wild cottontails or hares in your area. Much like a coyote and a Dachshund have different needs, so do domestic and wild rabbits. Domestic rabbits have not had thousands of years to adapt their genetics to the climate they live in. Unlike wild rabbits, domestic rabbits do not have the ability to seek out cooler places in the summer and warmer shelters in the winter.

Regardless of the intended use of domesticated rabbits, it is critical to understand what rabbits need to be healthy and safe. While rabbits can be relatively easy to care for, be sure to provide proper housing, feeding and maintenance to avoid major problems.

**Housing** — To prevent fighting and cannibalism, rabbits must be caged separately, unless both rabbits are spayed/neutered. This absolutely includes siblings over 12 weeks old. A rabbit's home should be at least four to six times the size of the rabbit, and bigger is always better if it is possible. The animal should be able to stand up. Rabbit housing should provide protection from elements (sun and cold) and have good ventilation. Rabbits do not tolerate extreme hot or cold. If a hutch is outside, be mindful of extreme hot and cold. Also provide a place for the rabbit to hide from predators looking in the cage.

**Feeding** — Rabbits like to chew on things to keep their teeth healthy. Provide untreated wood blocks for this purpose. If cages have all-wire flooring, prevent sore hocks on the rabbit's feet by providing a board for the animal to sit and lay on. A nest box should be placed in the hutch prior to birthing to provide seclusion for the doe and protection for the litter. Feeding rabbits need a diet high in fiber to keep their gut bacteria healthy. They are naturally extreme browsers and would choose to munch on a variety of plants and roots if given the opportunity. Pelleted rabbit food contains a blend

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of the needed vitamins and minerals to keep rabbits healthy. Some things to add to the pelleted diet could be: mineral/salt licks, Timothy hay, and fresh fruits and veggies in moderation. Research any treats you want to give to make sure they are safe for rabbits. Avoid treats that are high in calories, especially sugars and fats, and avoid those that causes gas such as broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower. Give treats in moderation. Fresh water should always be available.

**Lifespan** — It is not unheard of for a domestic rabbit to live 10 years or more, especially if kept as a pet.

**Grooming** — Unless the rabbit is a wool breed, they will not need regular brushing. Nails will need trimming a few times a year.

**Breeding** — Breeding rabbits can be rewarding, heartbreaking and frustrating. Research the process well and have a plan for the baby rabbits, called kits. Before you breed, have a market identified.

**Marketing** — Have a plan. Housing extra rabbits you couldn't find homes for will consume time, space and money. Raise rabbits for meat, breeding stock, angora wool, skins or youth programs (4-H and Future Farmers of America). Look for buyers such as restaurants, wholesalers, custom meat stores and individuals. Consider availability of slaughter facilities and packaging requirements for meat.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture regulates the slaughter and sale of meat. Direct-to-consumer sales differ from retail sale requirements. More details can be found at: <https://cofarmtomarket.com/valueadded-products/meat-2/>.

**Biosecurity** — Rabbits are susceptible to several diseases such as pasteurized multocida, a respiratory

disease, and the more recent rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus serotype 2 or RHDV-2. It is a highly contagious and fatal disease of domestic rabbits and wild rabbits. This is a foreign animal disease and is of high concern at the state and federal levels. The recent involvement of wild cottontails and hares is of particular concern.

**Clinical signs** — Often the only signs of the disease are sudden death and possibly blood-stained noses caused by internal bleeding. Infected rabbits may also develop a fever, be hesitant to eat, or show respiratory or nervous signs. Many of the rabbits confirmed with RHDV2 recently in Arizona and New Mexico have shown no clinical signs or gross pathology other than sudden death.

**Transmission** — RHDV2 can be spread through contact with infected rabbits, their meat or their fur, or materials coming in contact with them. Scavengers and birds may play an important role in indirect transmission of the RHD virus.

**Prevention** — Vaccines are only available in Colorado through private veterinarians who have applied for and been granted permission by the USDA to import and distribute the vaccine. Rabbit owners should practice good biosecurity measures to protect their animals from this disease, such as washing your hands before and after working with rabbits and not sharing equipment with other owners. Rabbit owners should also avoid contact with wild or feral rabbits. RHDV2 is not infectious to people or domestic animals other than rabbits. However, multiple dead or sick rabbits can also be a sign of tularemia or plague, diseases that can cause serious illness in people. Do not handle or consume sick or dead wildlife, and do not allow pets to contact or consume wildlife carcasses (<https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/livestock-health/rabbit-hemorrhagic-disease-virus-rhdv2>).

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# First live, in-person performance on the Community Concert Hall stage since March 2020 set for June 10

By Denise Leslie  
Fort Lewis College

The Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College will reopen with a live, in-person concert at 7 p.m. June 10, featuring three internationally renowned songwriters — Thom Chacon, Anthony D’Amato and Daniel Rodriguez — swapping stories and sharing songs throughout the evening to a limited, socially distanced audience and streamed live from the Concert Hall stage.

With an acoustic guitar and a weathered voice, Chacon, the Durango balladeer, breathes life into the characters he creates on paper. Chacon’s delivery, along with his harmonica, is reminiscent of Bob Dylan’s earlier cutting-edge poetry and he readily acknowledges the influence of that legendary musician. He spent his early years in California, arriving in Durango in 2006 and has been a fly-fishing guide almost since the day he set foot on the shores of the Animas River. Chacon has traveled around the world, touring and

opening for artists as diverse as Los Lonely Boys, John Hiatt and Robert Cray, playing shows in Thailand and India and Italy.

New York singer-songwriter, D’Amato emerged to international acclaim in 2014 after release of “The Shipwreck from The Shore,” inspired by time spent studying with the Pulitzer Prize-winning Irish poet Paul Muldoon. His album received rave reviews with NPR, inviting D’Amato for a Tiny Desk Concert and lauding that “He writes in the tradition of Bruce Springsteen or Josh Ritter,” and Uncut proclaiming that his songwriting “echoes with early Bob Dylan.” Rolling Stone magazine hailed his writing as “folk music raised on New Jersey grit.” D’Amato has toured throughout the U.S., Europe and Australia, including dates with Ben Folds, Valerie June, Shovels and Rope, The Old 97’s, American Aquarium.

Colorado singer-songwriter and Elephant Revival founding member Rodriguez turns to his acoustic guitar for memorable, melodic

hooks to accompany his poetic and contemplative folk songs. Boulder Weekly refers to Rodriguez’s voice as “timeless voice, deep and hearty, weathered but comforting.” With over a decade under his belt as one of the founding members and lead songwriters of the transcendental folk band Elephant Revival, Rodriguez is well-versed in the Americana tour circuit. Rodriguez tours as a solo artist and has shared stages with such acts as Jim James, Gregory Alan Isakov, Mandolin Orange, Josh Ritter, Fruition and John Craigie, and numerous festivals.

Charles Leslie, director of the Community Concert Hall, said he is “incredibly excited to welcome these musicians to the stage and the audience back in to the Concert Hall for a live music experience. During this past year as performing arts centers all over the world are shuttered, we would like thank you [sic] and Fort Lewis College for making this concert possible.”

Tickets went on sale Monday, **See Performance on next page**

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Resources — For further information: ARBA.net (American Rabbit Breeders Association) Rabbit Production, Penn State Extension — general production, breeds, budget and other considerations: <https://extension.psu.edu/rabbit-production>; Backyard Production of Meat Rabbits in Maine, University of Maine Extension <https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/1044e/>; Rabbit Industry Profile, USDA-APHIS — it is extensive and from 2002, but could provide some good insight if you are seriously consider-

ing getting into rabbit production: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/emergingissues/downloads/RabbitReport1.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/emergingissues/downloads/RabbitReport1.pdf); Bennett, B. (2018). Storey’s Guide to Raising Rabbits (5th ed.).

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# Creede Repertory Theatre announces 56th season

By **Kate Berry**  
Creede Repertory Theatre

The Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) has announced its 56th season, which will consist of CRT in the Park, CRT at the Creede Hotel and Restaurant, and robust offerings for young audiences and students. It will also be the company's first entirely outdoor season.

"The past year at CRT has been about reframing the limitations of a pandemic into opportunities for innovation and joyful renewal," said Producing Artistic Director John DiAntonio. "Piloted beautifully by 2020's innovative outdoor KID Show, CRT is taking our whole season to the great outdoors for the very first time."

CRT in the Park will be performed in beautiful Seime Park, overlooking the town of Creede, and will feature three plays in rotating repertory: Ken Ludwig's "Dear Jack, Dear Louise," a romantic comedy about love across great distance during WWII, directed by Michael Perلمان, starring Caitlin Wise and Graham Ward; "Red Riding Hood" by Allison Gregory, a family-friendly modern spin on a classic fairytale, directed by DiAntonio; and "An Iliad" by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare, a modern retelling of Homer's classic tale of the Trojan War, directed by Betty Hart, starring Lavour Addison. Performances begin June 25 and run through Sept. 4, with six shows per week — see all three shows in just two days.

CRT will partner with The Creede Hotel and Restaurant to present "Cabaret" at The Creede Hotel and the 15th season of Boomtown Improv comedy from July 1 through Sept. 4 in its newly renovated outdoor venue. Enjoy your CRT favorites Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m., and a belly laugh at Boomtown Friday nights at 9 p.m.

Education at CRT is ready for another amazing season. Every year, The KID Show offers a professional theatrical experience for students ages 10 and older through the creation of an original show; this year, CRT will carry on this 19-year tradition with "The Tree Watcher," a magical conservation journey devised and directed by Bethany Eilean Talley, performing July 8-10.

The 38th season of CRT's flagship program, The Young Audience Outreach Tour, will offer "The Guava Tree/El Guayabo," a tale of displacement and resilience with an anti-bullying message performed in English and Spanish. "The Guava Tree" will have two performances at the Virginia Christensen Multi-Use Facility in Creede on Aug. 27 and 28 before traveling to rural and underserved communities across the southwest through November. Day Camps run from July 12 through 30, exploring design, stage combat, theatre creation and literacy for students ages 3 and older. If you have a student who wants to join in on the fun, visit our website to learn more about CRT's summer programming and register.

In August, CRT will present its 9th annual Headwaters New Play Festival in a digital format. Get a front-row seat (in your own living room) to the process of bringing new plays to life, including readings of brand-new work and an interactive talk back with festival playwrights and directors. The two festival readings will take place on Aug. 27 and 28 and will include a stream of the in-person world premiere of our Young Audience Outreach Tour, "The Guava Tree/El Guayabo."

"CRT's 56th season is a whole-community effort made possible by the partnership and generosity of Silver Thread Public Health, the city

of Creede, Mineral County, Shelly Dee and John Arp at The Creede Hotel and Restaurant, Creede America, and too many more to name," said Morgan Manfredi, managing director. "We are overwhelmed, though unsurprised, by the unwavering support this community has for CRT and its commitment to keeping the arts alive in our mountain town."

For more information, visit [www.creederep.com](http://www.creederep.com) or call (719) 658-2540.

## COVID-19 safety

To learn about CRT's response to COVID-19 and what will be required of patrons at performances, visit [www.creederep.com/covid19safety](http://www.creederep.com/covid19safety).

## Tickets

CRT in the Park — Boxes start at \$60 and can seat one to four people.

CRT Cabaret at the Creede Hotel — \$20.

Boomtown at the Creede Hotel — \$10.

The KID Show — Free.

Headwaters New Play Festival Pass — \$25.

For tickets, visit [www.creederep.org](http://www.creederep.org), call the box office at (719) 658-2540, option 1, or email [boxoffice@creederep.com](mailto:boxoffice@creederep.com).



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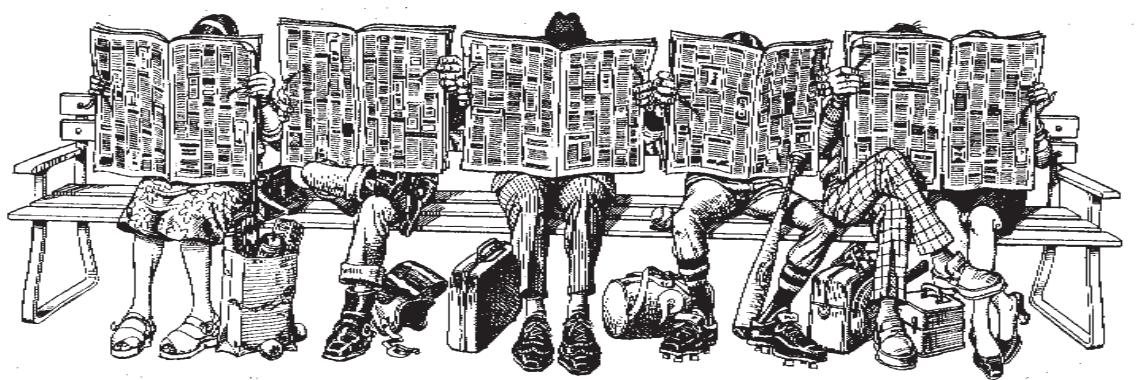
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May 3. They are available at [DurangoConcerts.com](http://DurangoConcerts.com) or by calling (970) 247-7657. Tickets are \$25 per person and sold in groups of two or four for in-person seating with livestream

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**THE PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP** of Alcoholics Anonymous is now meeting every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30p.m. and Sunday at 10a.m. at 315 N. 2nd Street, County Road 200 (.2 miles off 160). In accordance with State, County and SJBH, masks must be worn and social distancing is observed. Online meetings are Sunday at 10a.m.: Zoom ID is 858-319-763, password 754-234; Tuesday noon: Zoom meeting, Zoom ID 818-8028-1690 password 168-828. Thursday noon: Women's meeting Zoom meeting 850-3870-3788 password 036-106. Friday at 7p.m.: ID 899 6048 4578, password 532-306. For meeting schedules call Marcia (970)946-8475, Ranza (970)731-9774, Kathi (970)946-1482, Val (970)946-6086, or central office 24 hours (888)333-9649.

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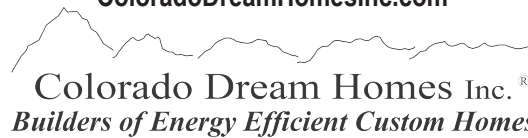
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**ELEVATION HEADSHOP. 21+ PART-TIME** summer help. Looking for charismatic, reliable retail help. Resumes only. Apply in person.

**DISHWASHING GURUS!** Make up to \$25/ hour with our shared tips! If you like a clean and organized environment, join the team at Pagosa Brewing & Grill. All Team Members share tips! Apply on FB, or email [info@pagosabrewing.com](mailto:info@pagosabrewing.com), or in-person at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Cheers!

**ARCHULETA COUNTY FAIR BOARD** is seeking bids for photography services and janitorial services to be provided during Archuleta County Fair, August 5th- 8th, 2021. Deadline is June 4th, 2021. Submit bid at [archuletacountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:archuletacountyfair@gmail.com).

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website [www.mypagosaschools.com](http://www.mypagosaschools.com) under the "Job Postings" icon. Current opening is Elementary Paraprofessional. Openings for the 21-22 school year include: Elementary School Crossing Guard, Bus Driver, HS Asst. Cheer Coach, Middle School Library Aide, Middle School Language Arts, Middle School Asst. Principal, Substitutes all positions. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at [lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us).

**CERTIFIED FLAGGERS/ LABORERS NEEDED** immediately. \$14.50-\$15.59/ hour. Projects in Pagosa Springs. Must be 18 years old and have transportation. We can certify. EOE. Call Alert Traffic Control Inc. at (970)884-0578 or [jennyw@alertraffic.com](mailto:jennyw@alertraffic.com).

**HICKORY RIDGE APARTMENTS** is looking for a maintenance person. Must have basic knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and home repair. Will need to perform all areas of general grounds upkeep and unit maintenance. Must be self motivated. Starting pay about \$17/ hour, depending on experience. Background check. Call Robin at (970)749-3040 for more information or to pick up an application.

**SAN JUAN BOCES** is looking for Teachers and Paraprofessionals for Summer Programs 2021. Please apply online at: [www.sjboces.org](http://www.sjboces.org).

**LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED** equipment operator. If interested, call Mike at (970)749-4797.

**CONSTRUCTION HELP NEEDED.** Many different phases of work. Equipment operator/ labor needed. Must have driver's license. Please call UCAL, Inc. at (970)946-1169 and leave a message or email at [donaldford51@hotmail.com](mailto:donaldford51@hotmail.com).

**FAST GROWING MEDICAL OFFICE** is looking to fill open positions for two full- time front office receptionists and one part- time/ full- time radiology tech. Must be a multi- tasker, detail oriented, people person. Hours and days may be flexible. If interested, please email resume or letter of interest to [info@pagosamedicalgroup.org](mailto:info@pagosamedicalgroup.org).

## Business Development & Advertising Specialist

Our multimedia organization has an opening for a business development specialist. Willingness to learn various multimedia platforms and a desire for growth in this position are a must.

We are taking applications for a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) business development position.

Successful applicant will have computer experience, creativity, organizational skills and demonstrate proficiency with spelling and grammar.

Position offers salary, plus commission. Work hours will be split between office and being in the field. Applicant must have reliable transportation.

Following local health department guidelines is required.

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



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**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS SEEKING** a yard associate. Lumber experience is a plus but not necessary. Duties include 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 Dr. in Pagosa Springs.

**FULL- AND PART-TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE** at San Juan Lifestyle. Apply in person at our uptown location, 100 Country Center Dr., next to Rosie's Pizzeria, or email resume to [sjlifellc@gmail.com](mailto:sjlifellc@gmail.com).

**SAN JUAN TRADING POST** part- time or full- time seasonal help wanted. \$14 starting pay. computer skills and retail experience a plus. Apply in person, 635 San Juan St. (Hwy 160).

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a full-time **Pre-Certification Specialist**. The Pre-Certification Specialist is responsible for obtaining authorizations for ordered services, timely and accurately, to ensure reimbursement for outpatient services. The specialist is responsible for providing complete documentation of clinical information to payers in support of healthcare services to be authorized. PSMC's full-time positions include the following benefits: paid time off; health insurance plans with medical, dental and vision; options for Health Savings account (HSA) or Flexible Health Saving account (FSA); and a 401A retirement plan and optional 457 plan. Compensation range for this position is \$16 to \$20 an hour. Applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at: [mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has an opening for a per diem **Respiratory Practitioner**. The Respiratory Practitioner assists with implementing the overall respiratory care policies, procedures, and services. Ensures efficient and effective departmental operations. Familiar with a variety of the field's concepts, practices and procedures. Minimum of 5 years of technical respiratory experience in an ED/Acute care environment. Must have working knowledge of respiratory/ hospital operations and must have experience working with ventilators and the ability to work independently. Position includes the following benefits: 401A retirement plan and optional 457 plan. Compensation range for this position is \$26 to \$32 an hour. Full job description and applications may be downloaded at [www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org](http://www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org) or may be picked up at PSMC's front registration desk. Please email applications, resumes or questions to PSMC's HR Director at: [mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org](mailto:mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org) or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**DESIGN A SIGN- HELP WANTED.** Apply in person, 57 Majestic Dr.

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

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

**RG BANK IS SEEKING** a Full-Time Teller to join our team in the Pagosa Springs office. Applications and additional information regarding the position can be found at [www.rgbank.bank/contact-us/#employment](http://www.rgbank.bank/contact-us/#employment); deadline is May 7, 2021.

**CHOW DOWN IS HIRING** a manager. Full time, pay will depend on experience. 2 years management experience required. Drop off resume at the store, 100 Country Center Drive.



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We will Train you to be a Care Specialist!  
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Email [Jim@alleyhousegrille.com](mailto:Jim@alleyhousegrille.com).

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Weekends • Evenings • Daytime

**Full Time Office Help**  
5 days a week • 11am to 8pm  
Paid vacation & IRA match after 1 year.

Apply in person at  
**WJP/PRO**  
in the lobby of the  
Pagosa Lodge 3505 W. Hwy. 160



**PART TIME, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,** Groomer wanted. Must have 1-2 years experience. Please drop off resume at Chow Down, 100 County Center Drive.

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**PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS AND GREENHOUSE PAGOSA** are looking for happy, enthusiastic people to join our budding business. We are willing to train the right candidate if you're committed to being a part of this continually growing industry. Please send a copy of your resume to [employment@jandjinc.net](mailto:employment@jandjinc.net) along with a copy of your **Colorado M.E.D. Badge**.

**KIP'S GRILL AND CANTINA** is hiring kitchen staff for our busy summer season. Experience preferred. Please apply in person.

**SAN JUAN BOCES** is looking for Teachers and Paraprofessionals for Summer Programs 2021. Please apply online at: [www.sjboeces.org](http://www.sjbooces.org).

**OFFICE MANAGER. YOU ARE LOOKING** for a full-time job that will keep you challenged, year after year, with a wide variety of administrative duties for an established Pagosa technology firm. You have a "servant's heart," as you work closely with like-minded co-workers, and engage with interesting clients. Requirements: Exceptional verbal, written and interpersonal skills; minimum 5 years employment in customer service and office administration; extensive knowledge of MS Office and QuickBooks. Finally, a good sense of humor and a sincere, innate desire to help others are required! Position offers a competitive hourly rate based on experience, paid time off, and profit sharing plan. (970)585-1235. Or email resume to [it4corners@protonmail.com](mailto:it4corners@protonmail.com).

**FULL TIME- GENERAL LABOR.** Please fill out application with Forest Health Timber Products, LLC, 452 Pagosa Street, Ste. 2A, Pagosa Springs, (970)264-5000.

**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).

**PART-TIME FRONT DESK.** Busy hot springs resort looking to add one more excellent member to our team! If you have strong hospitality skills, smile regularly, and multitasking is your super power, we'd love to talk with you. Comfort with computers important. Position may include mornings, days, nights and weekends. Includes soaking privileges for you and your family! Download application at [www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/](http://www.pshotsprings.com/contact-spa-motel/employment-opportunities/) or pick one up at Healing Waters Resort & Spa, 317 Hot Springs Blvd. Apply soon, we are looking to hire quickly!

**SPECTRUM CONSTRUCTION- QUALITY FRAMERS OR CREW NEEDED.** Full-time/year-round position. Excellent pay. 25-year custom home builder in Pagosa. Must have transportation. Contact: (970)731-9168 [spectrumpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:spectrumpagosa@gmail.com), 2035 Eagle Dr. #111.

**PEAK DELI IS LOOKING** for a skilled multi-tasking line/ prep cook with good attitude and aptitude to join our team. Send resume to [peakdeli@gmail.com](mailto:peakdeli@gmail.com) or stop by for an application. Job starts in May.

**ADMIN ASSISTANT NEEDED** at BootJack Ranch. Must be proficient in Excel, detail oriented with strong organizational skills. Duties to include shipping, receiving and tracking. General office assistance as needed. Backup accounting assistance as needed. Please send resume with Letter of Intent. [admin@bootjack-ranch.com](mailto:admin@bootjack-ranch.com).

**PAGOSA LIQUOR HIRING** part-time cashier. Please apply in person at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**GENERAL LABORERS NEEDED,** Pagosa Rooter is hiring full time for excavation help, excavation experience a plus, and jetting laborers. Call 946-3692.

## HELP WANTED

**START SOMETHING NEW** and become a teammate. Now hiring all positions at Boulder Coffee Cafe. Apply today. 643 San Juan St.

**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.

**PRESCHOOL TEACHER APPLICATIONS** now being accepted at Seeds of Learning. This is a year round, full-time position. Must have a minimum of an associates degree in early childhood or like degree. CPR and First Aid is required. Pay is determined by education and experience. Please contact Lynne or Dee for more information, (970)264-5513.

**NEXT GEN EXCAVATION** is looking for a well-rounded, experienced equipment operator/laborer/ truck driver all rolled into one! Class A CDL license needed. Pay dependent on experience. If you're ready to work, call Michael at (970)946-7303.

**JOURNALIST - THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN** is seeking qualified candidates for a reporter position. Must demonstrate aptitude for, and commitment to community newspaper journalism. Candidates must be prepared to handle deadlines, cover breaking news, report on sports and government and write features. Position is up to 30 hours a week. Send cover letter including salary expectations, resume, references and clips to Reporter Position, The Pagosa Springs SUN, PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-deliver them to the paper at 457 Lewis St. Emailed submissions are acceptable ([helpwanted@pagosason.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosason.com)). The Pagosa Springs SUN, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

## YARD SALES

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK YARD SALE,** 126 Butte Drive, May 21 and 22, 9a.m. to 2p.m. Desk, lawn equipment, tools, camping equipment, motorcycle helmets, computer joystick, lots of miscellaneous stuff. Please, no early birds.

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

**YARD SALE. EVERYTHING GOES.** \$2 or less except for a few items. 689 Midiron Ave. Saturday, May 22, 8a.m.-noon.

**104 BUTTE DRIVE,** Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, 9a.m. to 2p.m. 2 bikes, furniture, BBQ, household goods, toys, 3 outboard motors, some boat parts, miscellaneous stuff. No early birds, please.

**ESTATE SALE! IRRISISTABLE SELECTIONS!** Be ready to buy treasures, spend time finding fun, useful, old and new, valuables and bargains! Worth a visit. May 28th, 29th and 30th. 9a.m.-3p.m. 27 Croton Ct.

**MULTI FAMILY ESTATE** and yard sale. Tools, baby things, toys, furniture, antiques, appliances, kitchen things, hitches, shelving, deck railing, crafts, motorcycle things, washers, dryers, heaters, wood burning fireplace and chimney, twin and queen beds. Something for everyone. Saturday 5/22, 7:30a.m.-5p.m. 419 4th St.

## YARD SALES

**MOVING, FRIDAY-SATURDAY (21-22),** 9a.m.-1p.m. Snowblower, mower, furniture, household, yard, collectibles, camping, sporting goods, Christmas decorations. 62 Red Ryder Circle.

**SUPER BIG ESTATE SALE.** Friday and Saturday, May 21st and 22nd, 8a.m. sharp. Lots and lots and lots of stuff. Furniture, piano, kitchen items, decorative items, household fun, trundle bed, dining room table, beds, dressers, gun safe, yard tools galore, snow blower, fiberglass greenhouse, sporting goods, fishing, garage cabinets, patio furniture and more. Highway 160 west, right on Piedra Rd., right on Majestic, left on Oren, right on J.J. Junction, house #110. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

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## PETS

**ADOPT FROM THE** Humane Society. Stop by or call 731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. [www.humanesociety.biz](http://www.humanesociety.biz).

**ALASKAN HUSKY MALE,** 8 years old, looking for the right active person to adopt him. He would be a great camping, hiking, biking, skijoring companion. (970)819-5022.

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**DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM.** Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa. Call (970)264-9111.

## LIVESTOCK

**RODEO GROUND HOST** wanted in Pagosa Springs, CO. Summer and Fall. Monitor use, collect fees, some work around grounds. RV hookup, access to indoor restrooms, horse okay. Potential bonus at finish. Contact Pennie at (970)903-3242.

**IS YOUR HORSE HAVING** trouble eating? Are you having riding problems? Call Tammie Turner, certified equine dentist. (719)285-3584.

## FOR SALE

**FIRST MODEL MARLIN 336,** 1952. 32 win. spl. 2 plus boxes of cartridges, brass and reloading dies. \$600. (970)946-3685.

**FIREWOOD SALE!** End of the season dump truck special is back. Get the full load split and delivered for \$350! One cord loads split and delivered for \$200. Only while supplies last. Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

**BEAUTIFUL HONEY COLORED WROUGHT** iron and wood queen bedroom set. Includes headboard, footboard, dresser, mirror, side chest, wooden side rails and hardware. \$800. Southwest hall table with granite top 6' \$150. (970)946-3904.

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**1995 18' SUNDANCER PONTOON** boat with trailer. \$7,250 OBO. (970)946-3856.

**KING SLEIGH BED FRAME,** dresser, large mirror. Contemporary style, rich espresso finish, very good condition. \$295. (970)507-0796.

**M1 GARAND 308 TARGET RIFLE** with extras, \$2,000. (970)946-3685.

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**TERESA FOSTER DBA BRIGHT** Earth Jewelry. Offering customized gold and silver jewelry. Ring sizing, jewelry repair and restoration. Pagosa Springs. Call (620)339-5726.

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**ATTENTION CONTRACTORS AND HOMEOWNERS.** Are you remodeling or tearing down? Call Durango Salvage, we buy and sell building materials. Tom, (970)749-2271, Mark, 749-8235.

**MASSIVE 12 POINT ELK** wall mount. \$500 firm. (512)618-2933.

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**SCREENED DIRT** for top dressing and leveling your uneven yard. Call the Mulch Guy (970)946-0653.

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**1997 HOLIDAY RAMBLER VACATIONER** motor home. Self contained, low mileage. \$14,800 OBO. (970)731-4585 (970)946-1275.

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## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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**2017 HARLEY DAVIDSON ROAD KING.** Milwaukee Eight 107 ci engine, vivid black with factory pinstripe, 25,400 miles, 25K service Aug 2020, new tires at 17K. All dealer maintenance, excellent condition, \$16,750. (970)946-1606.

**2009 5TH WHEEL. BIGHORN** by Harlan. 36', three slides, fireplace, electric awning, central vac. 4, 100 watt solar panels and 3, 6 volt batteries. \$24,900. (970)749-4769.

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**1997 SUBARU OUTBACK.** 165,000 miles. Engine, AWD, air condition, all good. Needs new clutch. \$800. (970)398-0923.

**GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL!** 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

**1999 DODGE 2500 CUMMINS** diesel 59 with 5 speed manual, \$16,000. 2014 Ford F150 1500, automatic, \$17,000. (719)285-3584.

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To receive an application, please visit our office located at 503 South 8th Street, or visit our website at [achousingauthority.org](http://achousingauthority.org). Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. All applications must be hand delivered to our office at 503 South 8th Street.

All applicants must provide their birth certificate, social security card, and a valid state ID. All persons 18 years or older must fill out an application.

A \$40 application fee will be charged to each applicant and is due at the time the application is submitted. Application fees must be paid in the form of a check, money order, or a cashiers check, we DO NOT accept cash.



For questions or additional information please call 970-264-4828 or visit [achousingauthority.org](http://achousingauthority.org).

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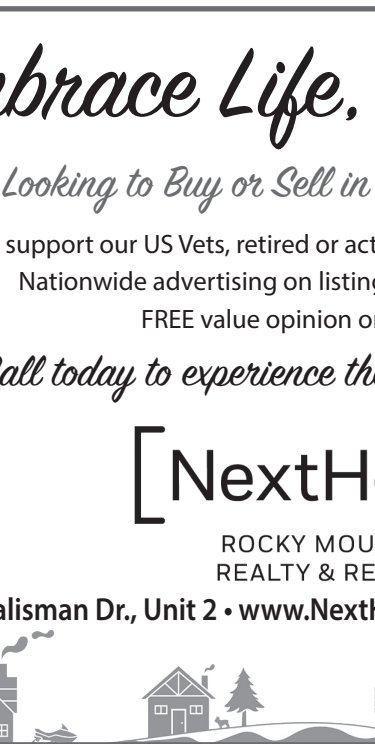
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